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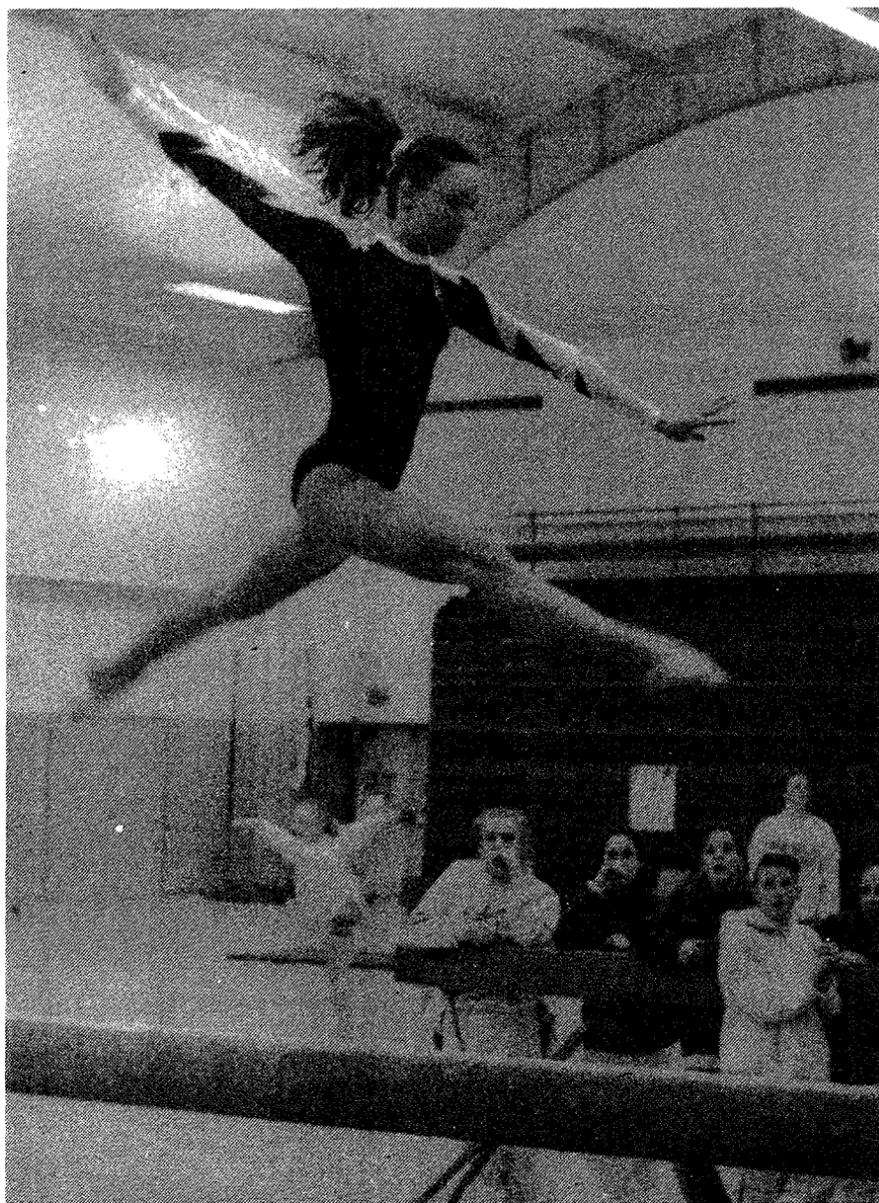
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Leaping for victory



Melissa Hopson of Salem High School soars above the balance beam during a performance at Thursday's conference meet. Hopson took third place in the event, which helped the team take the conference title. Canton finished second. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

State clears City election postcard of law violations

BY GARY GOSSELIN and W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Robert Mundt has been cleared.

He's been cleared in sending a mailing to citizens before the City Commission election last fall — the subject of a complaint filed with the Secretary of State.

The complaint, filed by Commissioner William McAninch involved an oversized postcard which urged citizens to vote and listed Mundt's address. McAninch told the state the postcard helped sway the election.

His complaint stated that the postcard didn't say who paid for the mailing and didn't identify a treasurer or candidate authorization.

The Secretary of State has now ruled that the postcard's message "is not only protected by the First Amendment... but also performs an important public service — that is urging citizens to participate in an upcoming election."

The Secretary of State's letter to Mundt's attorney John Vos III (who is also a City Commissioner) said that the matter was summarily dismissed without prejudice.

Violations of this type are usually handled informally by the Secretary of State's office, and are geared towards preventing further violations of state election law.

The penalties would likely be minimal as was the case with Jane Bird, owner of Country Charm gift shop in Plymouth.

Bird was cited for sending a letter on Country Charm letterhead that endorsed four candidates in last fall's City elections which, she explained in her letter, she felt were best suited to serve Plymouth residents.

The complaint said that the Bird letter

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Bida bids Fall Fest goodbye; suggests change for the future

"Thanks for the memories..."

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After nine years and several hectic Labor Day weekends, Joe Bida is officially quitting the Plymouth Fall Festival.

While he has been planning to quit the Festival for months, he formally announced his retirement to the Fall Fest Board at their last meeting.

"I told the board members and met with the president," Bida said. "I've turned over all the information.

"I'm done."

Bida said that while he will no longer be part of the festival's organization, he'll probably be seen around the booths this year.

"I'll be there to help; maybe I'll cook with the Rotary," Bida said. "But I'm not

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Skinhead problems?

Canton students complain about neo-Nazis terrorizing school

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A group of students involved in the Feb. 8 walkout at Canton High School have accused Principal Thomas MacKenzie, and the school's administration of turning a blind eye to racially-motivated hate crimes perpetrated by so-called "skinheads" at the school.

Because of concerns by the students over possible reprisals for speaking out, they have asked that their names not be used.

The students said that the five protesters that were arrested at the walkout were invited to attend.

"They were members of the National Women's Rights Organization Coalition," they said. "They were asked to take part in the walkout."

The students claim that skinheads and other "fascist" groups on the school campus have been carrying out attacks against minority and minority sympathetic students.

They also say that the school administration has done nothing to deter the students carrying out the attacks.

"One student got attacked and the skinhead who did it got suspended," the students said. "When the suspension was over the skinhead attacked the student again."

"We know that they can't kick them out," they said. "We just want them to admit that the problem exists."

One of the students' concerns is that there is a double standard concerning so-called "gang clothing" and skinhead/Nazi regalia.

"They don't allow gang beads and gang symbols, but the skinheads walk around with swastikas and other

Nazi/white power insignias (red and white laces in their combat boots and confederate flags)," one student said.

While the Plymouth-Canton schools, in conjunction with the police departments of Canton and the two Plymouths, have mounted a coordinated assault against the proliferation of gangs, the students charge that the same administration has been lax toward who they call "skinheads, Nazis and other fascists."

"They don't allow gang beads and gang symbols, but the skinheads walk around with swastikas and other Nazi/white power insignias."

— Canton student

One case in point, they said, is the school's handling of student-distributed flyers.

"They put out a flyer called 'Aryans Awake,' that circulated around the school for a while," one student said. "(but) the administration took no notice of them."

"But when we put out our flyer, there was immediate action."

"They were all over us for speaking out."

According to MacKenzie, the "Aryans Awake" flyer was confiscated as soon as it came to his attention.

"I never saw that flyer until a student brought it to my

"If we identify someone as being a skinhead and he does something, we're going to be on him hard and fast."

—Canton Principal Tom MacKenzie

attention," MacKenzie said. "We don't tolerate that."

Ken Jacobs, Canton high's administrator responsible for discipline, further illustrated the school's position.

"We don't tolerate violence and intimidation," Jacobs said. "If I had seen that flyer earlier there would have been immediate action."

Both Jacobs and MacKenzie said that the problem with skinhead and gang regalia is that it changes constantly.

Also confusing the issue is the attire itself: Are short hair and boots synonymous with Skinhead?

"We haven't come out with any real bans (on clothing)," Jacobs said. "Research says that they're no help."

"The type of clothing can't really be traced to gangs," MacKenzie said. "Swimmers and basketball players shave their heads."

Both Jacobs and MacKenzie said that once a student at the school engages in violent or intimidating actions their response would be swift.

"If we identify someone as being a skinhead and he does something, we're going to be on him hard and fast," MacKenzie said.

In response to charges of inaction, MacKenzie said every incident of racial intimidation brought to his attention has been dealt with.

"We have seen swastikas and graffiti in the bathrooms," MacKenzie said. "If we can't wash it off right there we lock until the night crews can come in and scrape it off."

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School board president defends P-C bus purchase

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Plymouth-Canton school board's recent approval to buy eight new school buses was defended Monday night when a clearly agitated Roland Thomas not only gave a blow-by-blow account of the bid process, but also leveled a harsh attack on the resident who originally questioned the purchase.

Thomas, president of the school board, gave a 15-minute presentation on the bid process that resulted in the awarding of the purchase contract to Hoekstra Truck.

In December, the board approved purchasing eight 78-passenger buses from Hoekstra for \$65,276 a piece.

At issue was the fact that the Hoekstra bid came in \$13,000 higher per bus than that submitted by Tri-County International Trucks — a point that became the crux of a

Thomas says OK of higher bid was completely justified by comparing specifications

series of questions raised by resident Ted Bohlen in late January.

According to the complete report given Monday night, Tri-County was eliminated from the bid process when its vehicles failed to meet the specifications of the contract.

In a point-by-point explanation of those specifications — using an overhead projector to illustrate the two companies' bids side by side — Thomas showed that in nearly every specification category, Tri-County failed to meet

the district's requirements.

At first puzzling, however, was the fact that in many instances, neither did Hoekstra — the difference, according to Thomas, being that Tri-County misled the district into believing it did meet those specifications, whereas Hoekstra stated up front where it failed to meet requirements.

"At the least (Tri-County's bid) was deceptive," Thomas said. "And it may even have been fraudulent."

But the brunt of Thomas' anger was directed at Bohlen, who he said had failed to approach the district's Transportation director, Dale Goby, with his questions until after coming directly to the board.

"I feel demeaned by the innuendo and allegations (by Bohlen)." Please see pg. 9

Strike up the band

Tonight's concert will feature new Middle School Orchestra debut

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Seven months ago, no one would have expected tonight's performance to take place.

Surely, with the defeat of two consecutive millage increase requests last year — and the subsequent elimination of extracurricular activities — any hope for such a performance must have seemed remote, at the least.

But tonight's concert by the Plymouth-Canton Middle School Orchestra will fulfill a year-long dream by 13 young musicians to play their music in public.

It will also be the culmination of months of weekend practices, juggled schedules and makeshift lessons.

And for Leslie Capozzoli — the young conductor of the orchestra — it will be a homecoming of very personal proportions: A Class of '89 graduate of Canton High School, she has been the emotional leader of the group, splitting her time between practices in the district and her own studies at the University of Michigan.

"While many of my colleagues from the U of M Music School have set their sights on the big symphonies across the country," she said, "my goal has always been to come back to Plymouth and teach young musicians here."

"I was very fortunate to have been able to study music in the public schools while it was still offered at the elementary level."

"That's where I had my start," she said.

In an almost reciprocal move, Capozzoli now finds herself returning the favor; to prepare for tonight's performance, she has been meeting every other Saturday for an hour and a half rehearsal with the young musicians, and helped coordinate individual lessons with private instructors.

The remaining support — financial — came from H. Michael Endres, director of the PCEP High School Orchestra.

It was Endres who contacted and Please see pg. 10



Steve Goto plays cello for the Middle School Orchestra. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

PCEP Symphony Orchestra will use concert as state competition tune-up

Tonight's performance by the PCEP Symphony Orchestra will be tune-up of sorts for the group as it prepares to compete in district and state competition in March.

The orchestra will compete in the District No. 12 orchestra festival on March 19, followed by the state Solo and Ensemble Festival March 26.

The orchestra already earned the highest rating at the District No. 12 solo and ensemble festival held last month in Livonia.

In addition, four students earned first divisional ratings at the festival for individual performance: Christian Hebel, Piyush Bharti, Leslie

DeShazor and Damien James.

The district orchestra festival will be held at Ypsilanti High School; the state solo and ensemble festival will be held at Eastern Michigan University.

At the District No. 12 solo and ensemble competition, Director H. Michael Endres led the group in the performance of the "Concerto in D Major" by G.P. Telemann.

Members of the high school orchestra are:

*Violin: Amy Andrysiak, Piyush Bharti, Steve Chang, Jim Bennett, Jennifer Ferrell, Tiffany Fritz and

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P-C schools get \$535,000 grant from Ameritech

Money will build center for info superhighway

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Plymouth-Canton School District just got its phone bill paid for the next century, thanks to a \$535,000 grant from Ameritech.

The grant, part of more than \$27 million that Ameritech has committed to the five Midwest states it services, will be used to build research and learning centers at Canton and Salem high schools.

The centers, in turn, will then be able to connect directly with similar centers across the country — an entrance ramp, so to speak, on the new information superhighway.

In particular, the money will capitalize on the long-term high-tech bond investment already being made by district taxpayers. It will construct a new video conferencing studio at Salem and computer centers at both high schools.

Because the school district already is wired with optical fiber cabling, officials said it will be easy someday to network the entire system into the national and international information grid.

First, however, the new centers will be used to network with the national "Close Up" program, based in Washington, D.C.

In fact, as part of the grant announcement on Monday, the president of Close Up gave his congratulations via a pre-recorded message from the nation's capital.

The official announcement of the grant was made during a special press briefing Monday afternoon.

In making the award, Ameritech Vice President Steve Economy said he first wanted to "welcome you to the first ride on the information superhighway."

"This is part of the technology revolution sweeping America," he said, "a revolution that is changing the way we work, learn and spend our leisure time."

"And we're at the beginning of that Please see pg. 10

Two more enter race for 35th District Court judge

Two more candidates have announced that they will seek the judgeship of the 35th District Court.

Jacqueline George, 49, of Plymouth Township, and Maria Petito, 42, of Northville, have joined six other lawyers already in the race.

Ten years ago George ran third in the judicial race held to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Dunbar Davis.

Petito is currently an assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County working in the out-county branch.

George and Petito join Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe, attorney Michael Gerou, Wayne County Prosecutors Thomas Hartnett, Kevin Simowski, Karen

House hearing set

The state House Judiciary Committee will begin holding special hearings tomorrow on legislation that would create a third permanent judgeship in the 35th District Court.

According to state Rep. Jerry Vorva, the hearings will begin at the end of tomorrow's House session. Expected to appear at the hearings is Court Administrator Marion Belding.

Woodside, and Plymouth Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury.

In a related development, legislation that would create

a third permanent judge for the court has been sent to the state House Judiciary Committee for hearings.

According to state Rep. Jerry Vorva, those hearings will begin tomorrow.

Should the third judge be approved, both seats would be up for election this year, but would have staggered terms:

The seat currently held by Judge James Garber would have a six-year term; the new judgeship would have a four year term.

The filing deadline for candidates is May 10; the state primary will be held Aug. 2; the general will be held Nov. 8; and the new judge(s) would take office Jan. 1.



Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1994

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 15, 1994, from 7:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on:

PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6% LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE 3/4 VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
4. Require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes No

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI., phone number 453-1234 X 234, for City of Plymouth electors; and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI., phone number 453-3840 X 224, for Plymouth Township electors.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at both Clerk's offices from 8:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. On Monday, March 14, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City and Township are accessible to the handicapped.

Polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

Precincts 1,4 & 5 - Cultural Center 525 Farmer Street
Precinct 2 - Starkweather School, 550 N. Holbrook
Precinct 3 - Central School, 650 W. Church Street

Polling places in the Township of Plymouth are as follows:

Precinct 1 Farrand School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane
Precinct 2 & 8 Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road
Precinct 3 Allen School, 11100 Haggerty Road
Precinct 4 Clerk's Annex, 42350 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 5 Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon Road
Precinct 6 West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7 United Assembly of God Church, 46500 N. Territorial Rd.
Precinct 9 Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10 Fiegel School, 39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11 First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 12 Pioneer Middle School, 46081 W. Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 13 & 16 Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 15 First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd.

Please note that the City and Township Precinct locations may NOT coincide with your school precinct location.

Linda Langmesser, Clerk
City of Plymouth

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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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 Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 15, 1994 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the purpose of voting on a proposal to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan:

PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATE FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST 3/4 VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
4. Require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax emption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes

No

CANTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

| Precinct No. | Name of Facility | Address |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 & 23 | First Baptist Church | 44500 Cherry Hill Rd. |
| 2 & 20 | Canton Recreation Center | 44237 Michigan Ave. |
| 3, 10, 21 | 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 | Resurrection Catholic Church | 46001 Warren Rd. |
| 9 | Eriksson Elementary School | 1275 N. Haggerty Rd. |
| 11 & 24 | Plymouth Canton High School | 8415 N. Canton Center |
| 12 & 14 | Hulsing Elementary School | 8055 Fleet Street |
| 15 | Walker Elementary School | 39932 Michigan Ave. |
| 16 & 17 | Canton Administration Bldg. | 1150 S. Canton Center |
| 22 | Hoben Elementary School | 44680 Saltz Road |

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road until the close of voting at 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 1994. On Tuesday, March 14, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 PM.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at 397-5452.

Loren N. Bennett
Clerk

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Canton creates another logo: same tree, different look

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

As another step toward redefining the image of Canton Township, the township board has approved a new municipal logo.

The new logo, as with its predecessor, features a tree inside a landscape — but this one also reads: "Canton Community" across the bottom.

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the new logo was commissioned

almost as an afterthought.

"When we were discussing signage for Pheasant Run we realized that our current logo (the "Rorschach tree") wasn't going to work," Yack said. "There were problems with it physically."

The problem with the old Canton logo is that it doesn't have a border, and the company handling Pheasant Run's signage, Worthington Signs, brought up the fact that not having a border on the logo

created a problem in actually hanging the sign.

Yack said that, rather than just make a sign that looked like the Pheasant Run complex signs, the township decided to look into a design that would fit in with the township as a whole.

"It had happened the last time the logo was changed.

"I got a nice letter from the man who designed the last logo (the "bare branch tree")," Yack said. "He said that it was good that the tree was changed, it reflected that the community was growing and changing as well."

The best part of the new logo, according to Yack, is that the change will not cost anything to put into effect.

"(Board members) came up with the

idea for the logo between ourselves, and Worthington Signs included it as part of the deal for the signs for Pheasant Run," Yack said. "There will be no cost to implement the logo."

Part of the no-cost benefit is that Canton will not make the change everywhere right away.

The old stationery and everything else with the old Canton logo will be used up instead of being thrown away in favor of the new logo.

"It will take years to implement totally," Yack said. "But the sign in front of the administration building is up for replacement within the year."

The new Canton logo will appear on all township letterhead, vehicles, billing notices, maps and all publications.

High speed chase suspect arraigned on four counts

Percy Lee Frame, 23, of Ypsilanti was arraigned in 35th District Court before Judge James Garber on Feb. 22 on four charges stemming from a high-speed chase involving Township police Feb. 20.

Frame was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, malicious destruction of police property, felonious assault and assault with a deadly weapon (felony firearm).

He pleaded not guilty to the charges and bond was set at \$5,000, 10 per cent cash bond. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Friday.

According to police reports, the vehicle, a Pontiac Grand Am was being pursued by Novi police for speeding at about 3:30 a.m. Feb 20. The chase was taken up by Township police at 5 Mile and I-275.

Novi and Plymouth Township followed the vehicle as it turned onto M-14 westbound hitting speeds estimated at 135 to 140 m.p.h. Another Township car picked the chase up on M-14 and taped much of the chase on video.

The vehicle exited at Gottfredson Road, at which point Novi broke-off its pursuit and allowed Township police full reign.

The Grand Am then re-entered M-14

eastbound with lights out. Police were in close pursuit.

Police followed the vehicle to I-275, at which point, the vehicle plowed into the ditch and stopped.

Township officers ordered the man to surrender, but he gunned the gas and sped toward the officer at which point the officer shot out the rear tire of the Grand Am.

Riding on three tires didn't deter Frame as he continued eastbound on M-14 to I-96 and exited at Newburgh in Livonia.

He then proceeded westbound on the eastbound lanes of Schoolcraft Road at speeds in excess of 100 mph according to police.

The chase continued to Wilcox Road in Plymouth where the suspect hit a guardrail and finally came to a stop.

Frame then ran about 50 yards before being tackled by Livonia police and taken into custody. The suspect was processed at Livonia, then turned over to Township police.

Township Police Chief Berry said that his officers advised him that Frame was firing from a handgun while being pursued, but said that no bullet holes or weapon was found.



Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Eriksson, Field and Hulsing Elementary School Additions and Renovation work. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after February 28, 1994:

Barton-Malow Company
c/o Plymouth-Canton Schools
987 S. Mill Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(313) 451-6611

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m., local time, March 16, 1994 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Raymond K. Hoedel
Associate Superintendent of Business Operations
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

John F. Farrow
Secretary Board of Education

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LEGAL NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC TEST OF EL-PAC VOTING SYSTEM

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public test of the El-Pac Voting System will take place at 3:00 p.m., in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on Thursday, March 10, 1994, for the Special Election scheduled for March 15, 1994. Phone number 453-3840 X 224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn, Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Scholarship auction raises nearly \$4,000

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
A \$300 Slinky?

The famous top item at the annual Symonds-Bakewell Scholarship Auction on Feb. 20 set a new record in helping the annual event raise \$3,840 for scholarships for Plymouth-Canton youths who have participated in the community's junior sports programs.

At this year's — the seventh annual — auction, Dave Pugh spent \$68.50 compared to last year's \$26. Ted Boloven bought a Charlotte's Web clock. Lisa Filar bid \$25 for a Killian's Red Mirror. Scott Gerych bought a Donald Duck stocking for \$13 (will it hang in the Sidestreet Pub kitchen?).

Joy Hollen, who serves as hostess and head auctioneer thanked the auction donors and the 120 patrons who attended.

"We raised almost \$4,000 and we had a really good time doing it — I think," Hollen said.

Canton Chiefettes fall at competition

BY JEANETTE PORTER

Short but sweet, the reign of the Canton Chiefettes has come to an end. It was a great year for the state champs; however their time is up and no longer can the pom pon squad be called the state champs.

Sunday, Feb. 27, Saginaw Valley State University hosted the Pom Pon State Competition sponsored by Mid-American Pom Pon Inc.

To qualify for states, each squad must have competed at regionals and received 80 per cent of the total points possible. Unlike states, at regionals each squad competes against a score sheet as opposed to competing against one another.

In addition to competing against one another, both Canton and Salem competed against eight other squads in the Class A Division.

The two squads flip flopped their ranking in the State competition. Canton, former Class A champs, placed 5th at this years competition while Salem came up from behind, moving from 7th place to 4th.

Career choice

Larry Groth always wanted to be a fireman...and he's been one for 25 years

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth recently celebrated his silver anniversary...

With the township Fire Department.

Groth has been a fireman — in some capacity — since graduating high school in 1960.

When he graduated high school, he immediately went to the City of Plymouth's Fire Department, and joined his father in a part-time capacity.

Groth was discouraged from joining the city department because his dad was already a member, so after five years, he left to join the township department as a part-paid volunteer.

He stayed on in a part-time capacity for three years while working at Beyers Drugs to pay the bills.

By Dec. 1, 1968, Groth was offered a full-time position with the department, and jumped at it. An opportunity that wife Sandy said was his dream come true.

"(It's) all he ever wanted to do," she said. "It's still all he wants to do."

"His job is No. 1, and the wife and kids are No. 2."

Groth was promoted to sergeant in February 1978, and shortly afterwards, May 1979, Groth made chief.

Sandy, Groth's wife of 12 years, said his move to the top of the department hasn't come without its ups and downs, but she said that because her father was a state cop, she knew what to expect.

"He's on call 24 hours a day," she said. "We have (police band) radios all over the house, and when there's a call, he gets this far away look in his eyes and I know that's all he's paying attention to."

The fire business runs in the family, Sandy said: Not only was Groth's dad a firefighter, but also his son, Larry, Jr., 30.

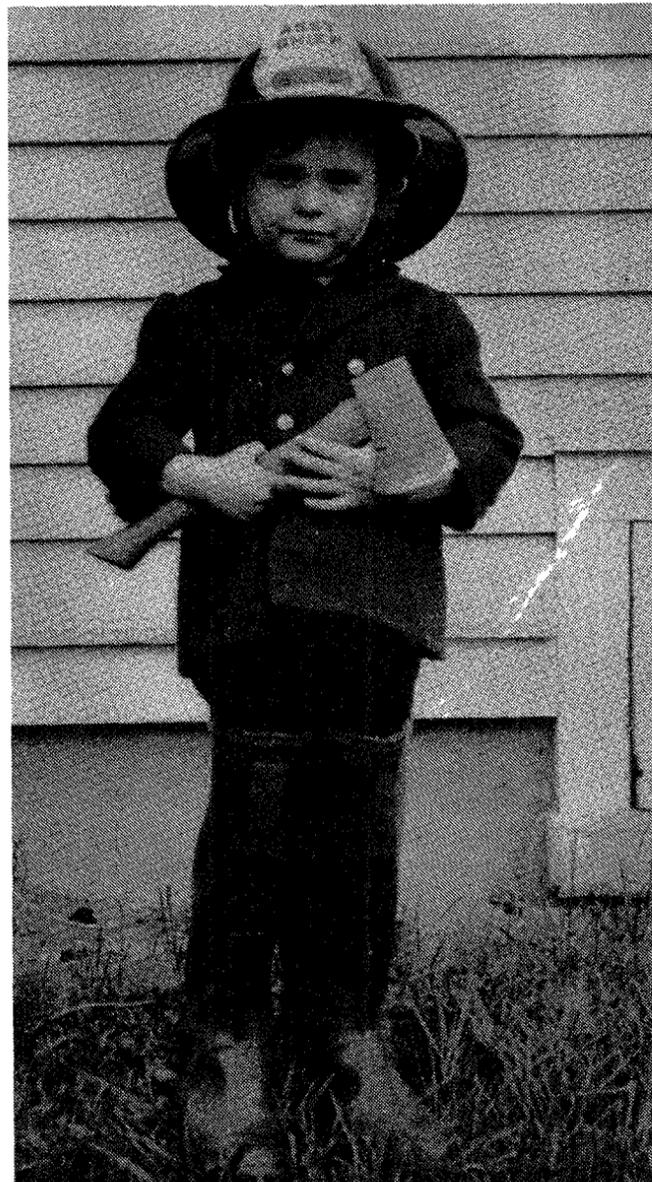
His other son Tim, 26 is a builder.

Sandy said that the couple also have a daughter Stephanie, 13, who thinks her dad's profession is just the greatest.

"She worries about him," Sandy said, "but she thinks what he



It was clear from the time he was 7 years old (right) that Larry Groth wanted to be a fireman someday. And now, 25 years later, he's fire chief of Plymouth Township.



does is wonderful."

She said that people often ask her when Groth might retire — after all it's been 25-plus years.

Her response to that is "I tell them he'll stay in as long as he can."

"This isn't a job for him, It's really his life."

A little night music

Michigan Opera Theatre to present fund-raising performance March 12

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

For those craving a little music of the night, but don't have the money to see the "Phantom of the Opera" in Toronto or New York, Canton Project Arts has the solution.

On March 12, Canton Project Arts will host the Michigan Opera Theatre for "An Evening of Broadway Music," featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Leonard Bernstein at the Little Theatre in Plymouth Canton High School.

According to a press release from Project Arts, the show will have medleys from "Evita," "Cats," "Phantom of the

Opera" and "West Side Story."

According to Canton Project Arts President Maryanne Nasiatka, the production will be the first of its kind in Canton.

"This will be the first time that Project Arts has brought a performance like this to the area," Nasiatka said.

She said that the Michigan Opera Theatre, the 10th largest of its kind in the country, is made up of professional performers and has been touring the Greater Detroit area since 1971.

"There will be three musicians accompanying the singers," Nasiatka said. "A

piano and two others."

Nasiatka said that the two composers, Webber and Bernstein, will each get a 45 minute act in the performance.

The proceeds from ticket sales will go to sponsor other cultural activities that Project Arts offers, including another Juried Fine Arts Show.

Between the two intermissions the Canton high school sophomore class will be running a refreshments booth.

Sales from the booth will go towards the sophomore class' student council.

Fiegel pupils to study bats as a five-year class project

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Don't call Ron Myers "batty" to his face — unless you mean it.

Because *he* does.

Myers, a teacher at Fiegel Elementary School, is literally "batty" about bats — and that interest has earned him a \$350 grant from Detroit Edison to pursue a classroom project that will study the habits of the much-maligned mammal.

Already Myers and his pupils are in the process of building about 60 bat houses for distribution around the neighborhood.

But the project doesn't end there; it only begins: Myers said he hopes the project turns into a five-year study of the flying mammals.

"I'm really committed to a five-year project," Myers said, adding that he's already developed a booklet outlining general bat facts, and is filming a video called "This Old Bathouse" (with apologies to Bob Villa).

The grant itself will not be used for this work nor for the actual construction of the houses, however.

Instead, Myers plans to use the money to develop a national electronic bulletin board to share information among elementary school-aged scientists.

"I think it would be great for one of these pupils to show up in high school someday," Myers said, "and be able to

pull out their work with the bats and say 'would you like to see my five years of research?'"

That, he said, would truly make the entire project worthwhile.

In the meantime, though, Myers and his pupils are building the bat houses in the classroom; pine boxes in which bats can feel comfortable enough to call home.

But, Myers said, the building of the boxes doesn't guarantee anything: "You can't get disappointed right away; it could take two years to get a bat to settle in."

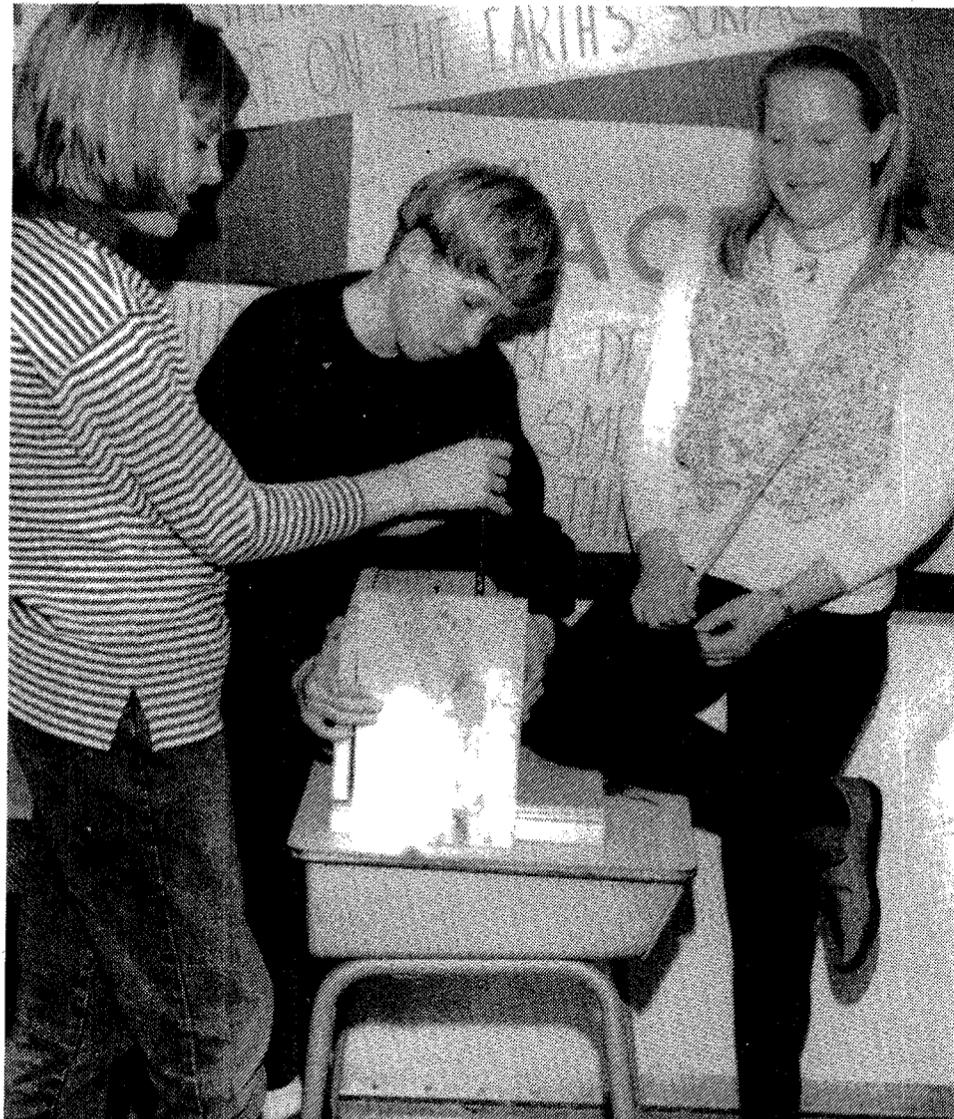
One of the particular pieces of research Myers hopes to conduct with his pupils is whether bats will follow the heat of the sun during the day.

Being nocturnal creatures — only foraging for food at night (they make the best natural insecticides) — Myers suspects that if two bat houses are set up in an area, one facing east and one west, the bat will move from one to the other as the sun moves across the sky.

The reason: To use the sun's rays to keep warm.

"But we'll have to find out," he said, adding that he already has 30 children willing to put the houses up in their back yards.

Which means the whole neighborhood around Fiegel could get "batty" real soon.



Jennifer Fletcher (left), Keith Schenkel and Laura Kelm put together one of the five dozen bat houses being made by pupils in Ron Myers class at Fiegel Elementary School. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Northville cops injured in crash; neither was wearing a seat belt

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A car crash in Canton involving two of Northville Township's top cops resulted in one being sent to the hospital.

According to Canton Police reports, at approximately 11:50 a.m. on Feb. 17, Northville Township Police Chief Chip Snyder and Captain Phil Presnell were headed westbound on Ford Road near the Lotz Road intersection.

When the two officers attempted to turn left onto Lotz Road, the report stated, they were struck by a car driven by a Canton woman heading east on Ford Road.

Snyder and Presnell's car was spun

across the intersection.

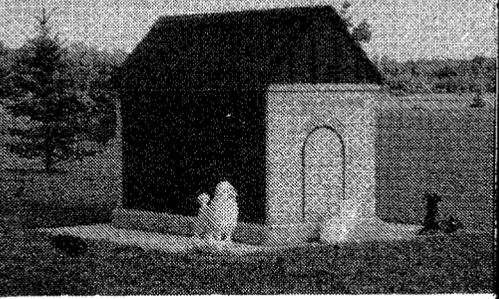
According to the report, neither Snyder or Presnell were wearing their seatbelts and were thrown from their car on impact.

Snyder and the Canton woman were treated at St. Mary's Hospital and released the same night. Presnell was held at the hospital and was released on Feb. 22.

According to the Northville Township police, Chief Snyder is back on the job and Presnell is recuperating at home.

Canton Police officials said that tickets will be issued pending an investigation of the accident.

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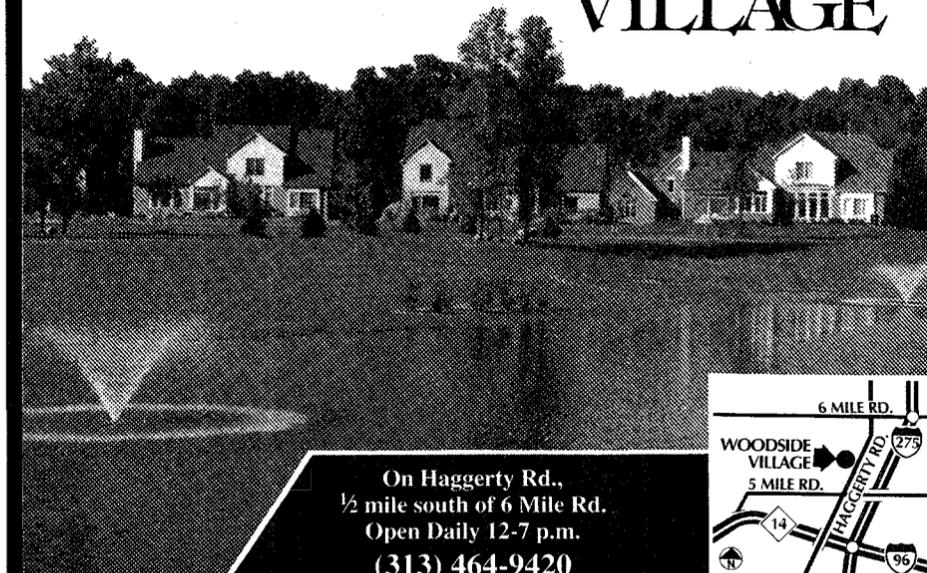
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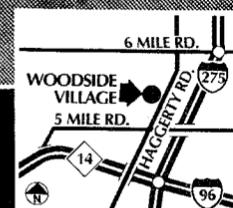
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Public forums on March vote continue today

Six different public forums are scheduled between now and the March 15 election to discuss the pros and cons of the ballot proposal.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding a forum at noon today at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton.

State Rep Deborah Whyman (R-21st District), will conduct her second informational meeting tomorrow at the Belleville High School cafeteria.

Canton will then host Gov. John Engler himself at a public meeting from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friday at Fellow Creek.

Another forum is being sponsored by United We Stand America, Ross Perot's grassroots political organization, and will be held at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Canton Library.

A forum being sponsored by the Kiwanis is set for noon on March 10 at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The last forum is set for 7:30 p.m. March 10 at the Canton High School Little Theater. It is being sponsored by the district's "I Care" committee.



ROBERT J. GORDON

Robert J. Gordon, DO of Plymouth, has been granted medical staff privileges at Catherine McAuley Health System as a specialist in family and sports medicine.

Gordon's office is located at 965 S. Main, Plymouth. For more information or an appointment call (313) 455-2970.

Sweet success *Pastries have become art at Beaubien's in Canton*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Many people know the name Beaubien as a street in downtown Detroit.

Gary Beaubien is an ancestor of the family that owned farm land in the area for which the street is named and he is also the owner of the recently opened Beaubien's Pastries in the Golden Gate shopping center at 8500 Lilley Road in Canton.

"In high school," he said, "I followed my ancestors back to 1640. There used to be strip farms up from the river. The Beaubien house is still downtown, but I've always lived on the West Side."

The pastry shop, which opened three weeks ago, specializes in Australian Lace Wedding Cakes.

Australian Lace refers to a style and technique of cake decorating that takes much more time and patience to create than the average wedding cake.

"This form of cake decorating is somewhat of a lost art in this day and age with very few people offering the service due to the enormous amount of time and patience involved," said Beaubien.

"I've developed my own style of lace over the years that has evolved into many abstract and free-form designs that give me a chance to express my imagination and create something unique with each cake."

Beaubien said a dense cake is required

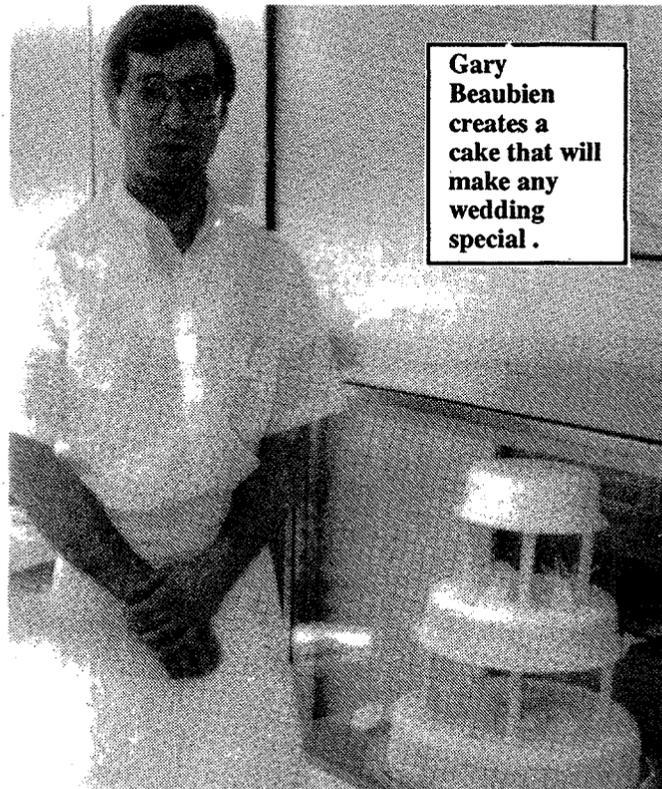
for this type of cake decorating, which is why a sponge cake cannot be used.

The only cake offered in the Australian lace is a chocolate-hazelnut, made with real butter, that is split in two layers and filled with raspberry preserves and buttercream.

"I went to Oakland Community College to study cooking," Beaubien said, "and I gravitated toward pastries. I was more interested in pastries than cooking."

"I learned (Australian) lace on my own. We only touched on it at school."

Beaubien also specializes in European tortes, which are made with sponge cake and flavored with different types of syrup. They are called Genoise in France.



Gary Beaubien creates a cake that will make any wedding special.

The shop also has a wide selection of croissants and Danishes made with real butter and whipped cream.

"I decided to open the business in this area because there is nothing of this quality in the area," he said.

Large chain hardware stores are a mixed blessing

The days of "mom and pop" hardware stores are over in Canton and Northville.

Over the last several years, there has been an influx of huge, discount do-it-yourself stores in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville areas that has changed the way we shop for building supplies.

Don't look now, because here comes another giant.

The Home Depot is building two mammoth stores in the area that will open this year.

One is in Canton on Ford Road between Lotz and Newberg, and the other is in Northville between 7 Mile and Haggerty.

Home Depot stores typically carry 30,000 items including building materials, home improvement supplies, and lawn and garden products.

The national average for annual sales at a Home Depot store is \$40 million. Within the next five years the company could build approximately 20 stores in the metro-Detroit area. The company also plans an additional 10 stores elsewhere in Michigan for a grand total of 30 new stores by 1997.

The company will invest from \$8 million to \$10 million for each of the stores.

Obviously, there are advantages to having these large chains expand in the area.

An estimated 1,000 new jobs will be created in the metro-Detroit area in 1994 alone and approximately 4,000 total within the next five years.

Home Depot seems to be committed to the community. They are planning to work with Habitat for Humanity in the Detroit area to build low cost housing for the poor. The consumer will also benefit from the stores. These warehouse stores can typically keep prices extremely low for the shopper.

But what are we sacrificing?

Hardware stores were typically the hub of the "old" community. We are losing the intimacy of personal service in exchange for cheaper prices.

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



The first family businesses to fall in a community are the grocery stores. There are still some around, but most are large chain stores.

Next to go are the family clothing retailers. We scurry off to the mall to buy our clothing from stores like the Gap and the Limited, each store set up exactly the same as thousands of others in similar malls across the country.

Now we are seeing the death of the family owned hardware store.

I'm not saying all family-owned hardware stores are doomed. I will do my part to keep them open and I'm sure many others will too.

But it will change the way the average do-it-yourselfer will shop. I enjoy shopping at family-owned hardware stores because of the personal service I receive in exchange for slightly higher prices.

I can fix most things that break around the house, but I'm not very confident with electrical wiring. The nice thing about a family-owned store is that after a while, they will make it a point to know that I am not good at wiring and help me in any way they can.

Ask an employee at any one of the new do-it-yourself centers in the area what pipe dope is used for. Chances are they won't know.

There is no denying, we need more jobs in the area and we all like to get a bargain when we shop.

But is it worth losing personal service?

Bida bids farewell to Fall Fest; says party needs to change

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going to be on the payroll."

While he cited his age and an impending surgery as reason for leaving his post with the board, Bida said that he also was not pleased with the way that the Fall Festival is being run.

"After so many years nothing has changed," Bida said. "There is going to be nothing done for the younger people; they're still going to let people break the rules and apply (for booths) as late as they want."

He said that the inconsistent application of the Festival's rules has him frustrated. He said that, while the deadline for application is hardly observed, the rule about not leaving the downtown area is inviolate.

"The Fall Fest won't change," Bida said. "If we could run a fairway there would be something for the younger people to do."

Board president defends bus buy

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Bohlen) in this issue," Thomas said.

"From here on out I'd like to propose that in the future we redirect people like this to the administration first."

When Bohlen, who was in the audience, asked to respond to Thomas' reacted quickly: "no, you may not!"

"You had your chance to comment during the public comment part of this meeting and you declined," Thomas added, walking away.

To which Bohlen said, "but I didn't have this report until now, Roland."

Bohlen then turned to the audience and said, "there you go, folks."

Hoedel awarded 'Extra Miler'

Ray Hoedel couldn't have been more surprised Monday night:

After being among those school district officials who usually congratulate recipients of the district's "Extra Miler" award, Hoedel was on the receiving end for the first time in his 21-year career.

Hoedel, the district's assistant superintendent for business and operations, came to the district in 1973.

As the top business officials, Hoedel is responsible for overseeing the district's \$80 million annual operating budget, plus all bond issues.

The award was made by board Treasurer David Artley. On hand for the presentation was Hoedel's wife, Beverley, and his oldest daughter, Karen.

Bida said that at 72, the job of running the Fall Fest's publicity is more job than the money is worth, and that he is interested in his health.

According to Fall Festival President George Thompson, the search for Bida's replacement hasn't begun yet.

"We're just getting into the procedural issues for the Festival," Thompson said. "We haven't discussed Joe's replacement at this point."

Thompson said that he would wait until Bida comes home from the hospital to talk about the position with him.

"Once he comes back home we'll talk about his position with the Fall Festival," Thompson said.

Bida said that he is leaving in good graces, and that he'll be there to help and advise, but won't work any more than a token job at the 1994 Fall Fest.

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Middle School Orchestra will strut its stuff tonight

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received financial backing for the middle school venture from the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Canton Community Foundation and the Michigan Unit of the American String Teachers Association.

Between Endres' backing and Capozzoli's direction, the orchestra came back to life; a life that music-lovers will discover for themselves at 7:30 tonight at the Salem auditorium.

For the student-musicians themselves, the selections will be from the classic end of their performance scale: Capozzoli



Leslie Capozzoli, a Canton High School graduate, is conductor of the Middle School Orchestra. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

said that the group's repertoire ranges from popular Broadway composer

Andrew Lloyd Webber to Mozart. Members of the Middle School

Orchestra are:

•First violins: Vicki Holyoak (principal), Annie Radcliffe, Phillip Shedd, Michael Roberson and Anuradha Bhama.

•Second violins: Teddy Abesamis (principal), Mark Albers and Shannon Sproule.

•Third violins: Becky Noricks (principal), Natalie Cooper and Audrey Harrison.

•Cello: Steve Goto (principal).

•Bass: Cathie Kowalski (principal).

And what about the future of the group?

"These students love music," Capozzoli said "In fact, when asked if they thought they would pursue a career in music, 10 out of 12 said yes.

"This is why it's so important that we keep up the momentum.

"We are very grateful for the funding," she added, "(but) these grants will not be available to us again for next year."

Which means that this could be the last concert by the Middle School Orchestra — unless.

Unless the program is restored in next year's curriculum.

"It's important that we get the Middle School Orchestra back in the school day," Capozzoli said, "so that these students can continue to pursue their love of music."

PCEP gets ready

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Mai Lam; Viola: Leslie DeShazor and Damien James; Cello: Diane Kowalski.; Bass: Janie Egan; and Piano: Julie Noricks.

Ameritech grant will build center

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revolution."

Clearly gratified by the awarding of the grant was school Supt. John Hoben, who has been at the forefront of efforts to upgrade the technology in the school district for nearly two decades.

"I would be remiss," he said, "if I didn't applaud the taxpayers and voters of this district who had the foresight to give us the money to bring this technology to Plymouth-Canton.

"And now we're going to enhance that technology even further."

As part of the announcement, a brief demonstration of the systems' capabilities was given using former and current students in the "Close Up" program — each sitting in different parts of the school.

By using video cameras in each location, the two groups were able to ask and answer questions — a limited version of the site-to-site teleconferencing officials expect to have in place by September.

Specifically, the grant — part of Great Lakes Governors'/Ameritech Partnership program — will pay for the installation of personal computers, projection TV sets, laser disk players, CD ROM players and printers.

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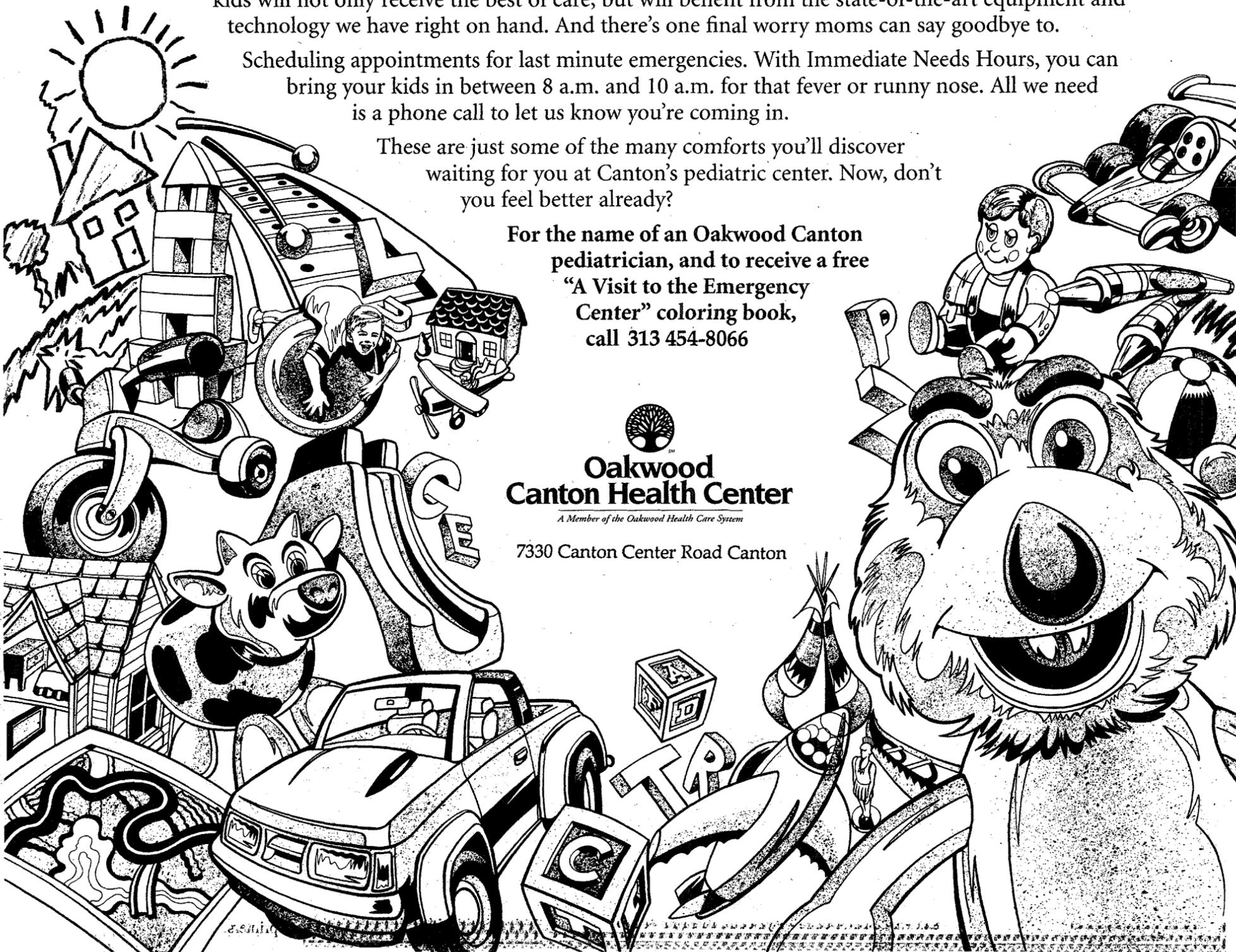
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CANTON CAN!

The Canton Historical District Commission will be holding a fundraiser for their ongoing projects. Canton Can! will be collecting returnable plastic bottles and cans between May 15 through May 21. For more information, call Canton's Resource Development department at 397-1000.

MOM'S THERAPY GROUP

The Canton Community Foundation will be hosting a Mom's Therapy Group through April 9. Fee for the group will be based on an ability to pay. For more information, call the Canton Community Foundation at 981-3002.

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The Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post #6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will give four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in the Plymouth-Canton schools. Applications for the scholarships should be sent to Kenneth Fisher, Chairman at Post #6695 V.F.W., 1426 S.Mill St, Plymouth, MI, 48170 no later than March 15. For more information, call Archie Bunch at 453-8771.

UNITED WE STAND AMERICA

United We Stand America, Inc. will be holding a meeting at the Canton Public Library on March 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss ballot and statutory proposals and presentations by the MEA and chamber of commerce. For more information, call the library at 397-0999.

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The Plymouth Business and Professional Women is taking applications for their Elizabeth J. Szilagyi scholarship for women preparing to re-enter the business, educational, financial or technical fields. To apply, write to the EJS scholarship c/o Plymouth BPW, P.O. Box 5338, Plymouth, MI, 48170 by March 15. For more information, call 453-4845.

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6TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE CANTON DINNER DANCE

Canton Township and the Canton Community Foundation will host the 6th Annual Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance at the Fellows Creek Country Club on March 26, cocktails at 6 p.m.— dinner is at 7:15. Tickets will be \$35 per person. For more information and reservations call Darlean Francis at 981-3002.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club will sponsor a raffle each month of 1994 for \$1,000. Drawings will be on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information call 455-3340 or 454-9555.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

The New Morning School will be holding their 18th annual auction on March 26 to raise funds for the school's programs. There will be dinner and an open bar. For more information, call 420-3331.

DEMARIS FINE ARTS AWARD

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announced the 16th annual Demaris fine arts award for middle school students. Applications will be accepted at the PCAC office and at both Canton and Plymouth public libraries. For more information, call the PCAC office at 455-5260.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCUSSED

WSDS, 1480 AM will be holding a series of shows through Sunday featuring conversations about Christian Science. Sunday's broadcast will be "What Are These Reading Rooms All About?" The broadcasts will be on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science Churches.

SENIOR TRIPS

The City of Plymouth will be offering a group of trips for seniors through March. There will be coffee concerts, musicals, a tour of Alaska and a trip to historic Roscoe Village. For more information call Plymouth Parks and Rec at 455-6620.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County will be holding eight-week volunteer training sessions at their Plymouth location. The classes will meet weekly February through March. For more information, call 459-0548.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

New Morning school will be holding preschool and early primary classes, parent toddler classes and Lego Logo classes. For more information, call New Morning school at 420-3331.

LIBRARY RED CROSS BABYSITTING PROGRAM

The Plymouth District library will offer a babysitting program which will lead to a Red Cross babysitting certificate. Registration is limited and can be completed by phone. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Suburban Children's Co-op nursery has immediate openings in their toddler with parent (Wednesdays 12:30-2 p.m.), 3-year-olds (Mon. and Wed. 9:15-11:15 a.m.) and 4-year-olds classes (Tuesday and Friday morning and afternoon). For more information, call Nancy at 729-1495.



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).

AAU BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

The AAU will be holding basketball tryouts for girls 12 and under and 13 and under today and March 9 at the Plymouth Salvation Army Gym from 7:30 to 9 p.m.. For more information, call John Mathews at 455-8462.

SPRING MUSICAL

The Plymouth-Canton Park Players will present the musical "The 1940's Radio Hour" on March 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets, \$6 for reserved seating and \$5 for general seating, can be purchased at the Salem Auditorium. For more information, call Gloria Logan at 416-7723.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will continue open auditions for four women and four men for its upcoming production of "Isn't It Romantic" today at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville Regional Hospital. For more information, call Katie at 454-0056.

MARCH MURDER MADNESS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring a Mysterious Dinner Theatre Saturday at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center. Tickets will be \$40. For further information contact the PCAC office at 455-5360 or Randy Lee at 459-5572.

CONGREGATION BET CHAVARIM

Congregation Bet Chavarim of Western Wayne County, a Jewish group of individuals and families in and around Western Wayne, announces their schedule of events. For more information about the group and their events and meeting times call 630-8950 (Beeper, leave phone number after the tone).

AN EVENING OF COMEDY

The Plymouth Community Chorus will present "An Evening of Comedy" with Norm Stultz at Fox Hills Country Club on March 17 at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call 455-4080.

CANTON WOMEN'S FORUM

The Canton Women's Forum will be holding their spring fashion show with items from Winkleman's on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cherry Hill school. There will be a \$5 donation taken at the door. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING CLASS

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Club in cooperation with the Plymouth Township Department of Emergency Management will be offering an Amateur Radio Licensing Class leading to the novice class license. The class will run for 10 weeks starting March 31 on Thursday nights.

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB

At the next meeting of the Plymouth Woman's Club, the featured speaker will be Janet Repp, who will show slides of Australia and memorabilia on Friday at 12:30 p.m. Past presidents of the club will also be recognized. For more information, call Joyce Roebuck at 453-5925

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

The Michigan Opera Theatre will be bringing "An Evening of Broadway Music" at the Canton Little Theatre with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Leonard Bernstein on March 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 455-9009 or 459-4971.

BEGINNING CHEERLEADING

Canton Parks and Recreation will be offering beginning cheerleading classes for girls starting March 9. The fee for the class will be \$30. For more information about the class, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mellissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will be offering school's out activities for the Easter (April 4-8) break. For more information about the activities and fees involved, call the Plymouth YMCA at 453-2904.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1994/95 school year will be held March 7-11 for children five years old or older on Dec. 1, 1994. To register, parents must take the child's birth certificate, social security number and proof of immunization to the child's current attendance area. For registration information and questions about the process, call 451-3188.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be presenting its version of the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The play will run March 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12. Seats are \$10 for adults. For more information, call the Theatre Guild at 454-0056.

Open House Sunday, March 6 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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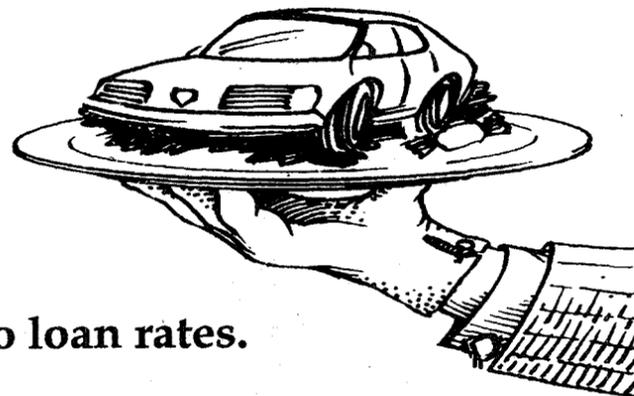
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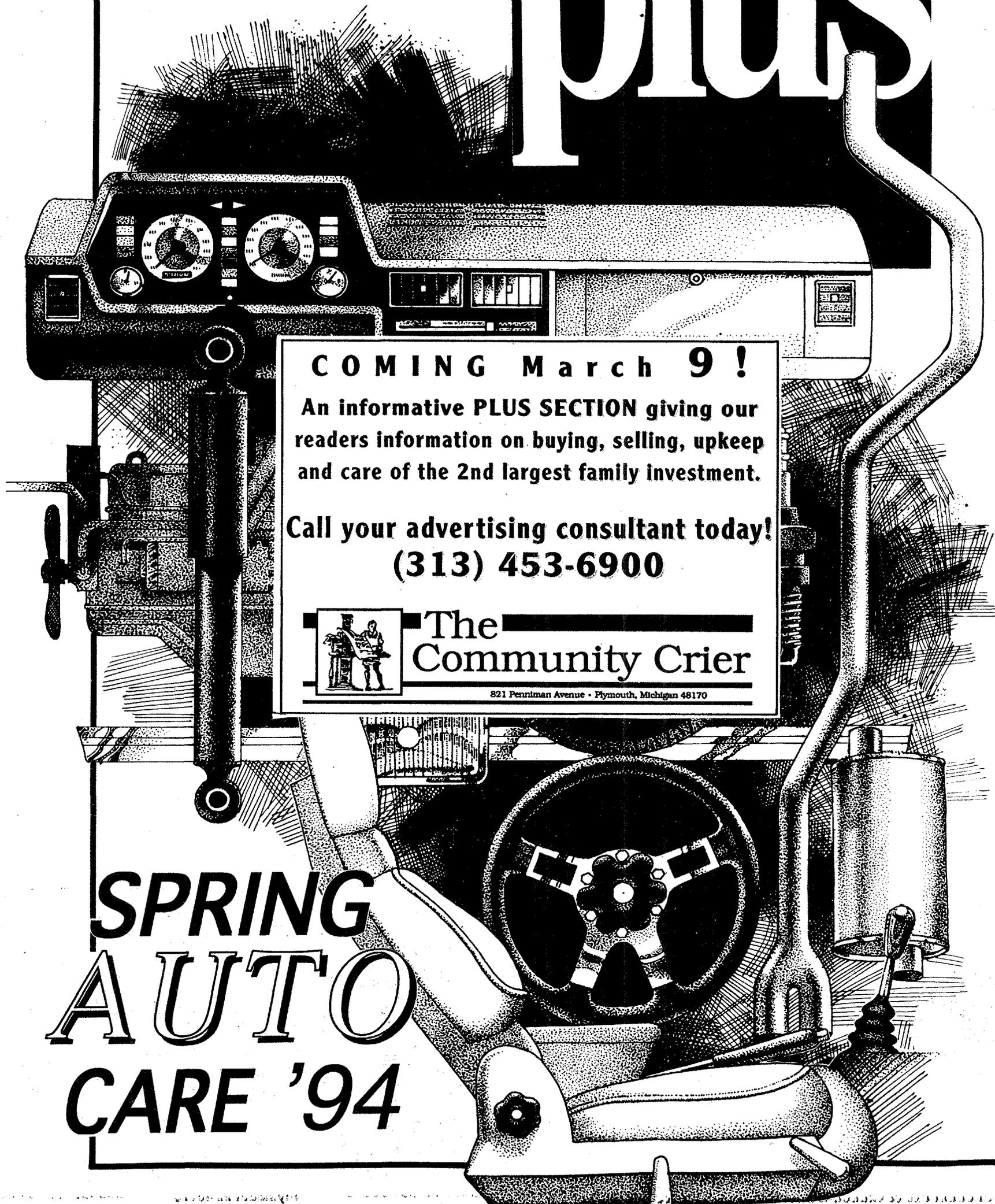
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Picking up the chips



By Randy Eaton

Dick Bennett had an ability for making friends for life

A true "chip from the rock" became pure spirit last week: Dick Bennett died gracefully in Atlanta, GA, on Feb. 23. We were lifelong friends.

Dick, formally Richard Virgil Bennett, Jr., was born and raised here in Plymouth-Canton in 1940, went through our entire school system and graduated from the University of Michigan, where he was a Sigma Chi.

His career was in sales, his passion was in helping others.

Dick had an effortless ability for making friends and an innate skill at remaining one himself.

After his family, he devoted his life to helping others, on an almost full-time basis, and it was never a surprise to have

a total stranger call in on us, wherever we were around the world, to say that "Dick" was sending his love.

My friend is survived by his brother, Carl; his sister, Barbara; his children, Courtney, Hollie, Rick; Rick's daughter, Caroline Amanda; his father, Richard Virgil Bennett, Sr.; and his fiance, Marsha Dearborn.

If you would like to communicate with Dick's family you might write them at: The Dick Bennett family, 3531 Brookview Drive, Atlanta, GA, 300968-3910.

If the old red barn were still there on Territorial, I'd go there and have a good, happy cry for Dick, his family and many friends.

Police probe weekend deaths of 2

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton police are looking into the weekend deaths of two township residents.

According to Canton police, a body was found in a van in the parking lot of Canton Commons at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

According to police reports, witnesses said that they had seen the man, a 54-year-old male, sitting in the car the night before. They also said that the man had been drinking and had waved to them.

Across town, a 2-month-old baby was pronounced dead at St. Mary's Hospital.

According to Canton Police reports,

the baby had been left at home with a babysitter in a house in Canton Crossings.

The report said that the sitter had given the baby a feeding and put him down to sleep. An hour later the sitter noticed that the baby was not breathing.

The baby had been staying in Canton in foster care.

After the sitter called 911, the Canton Fire Department took the infant to St. Mary's Hospital where it was pronounced dead.

Canton Police Department officials don't suspect foul play in either death. Investigations are still ongoing.

Man attempts suicide at I-275 rest stop

What began as a simple traffic run for the State Police ended in a desperate attempt to save a man's life.

According to State Police reports, officers were dispatched to an injury accident Feb. 14 on northbound I-275 in Canton. The report said that there was a car that had driven off the road.

Once on the scene, the report said, the officers found that the driver had attempt-

ed suicide.

According to the report, a Westland man had shot himself with a rifle at a rest stop along northbound I-275.

According to the report, he was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and later taken by Life Flight to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The man remains in stable condition and is improving.



Community deaths

Wilma Banks, 81, homemaker

Wilma Banks, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Feb. 27, 1994, at the age of 81. She is survived by her husband, Gordon; grandchild, Margot Daugherty; and great-grandchildren, Katie and Eric Daugherty. Services will be held tonight at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Peter Chick, 76, wood pattern maker

Peter Chick of Canton, who worked 46 years as a wood pattern maker, died Feb. 26, 1994, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, Tess; daughter, Kathleen Fry; son, Ronald; five grandchildren; and sister, Evelyn and Ann. Services were held Monday and Tuesday at St. Thomas A' Becket Church.

Lorraine Spiegel, 67, store manager

Lorraine Spiegel of Canton, died Feb. 24, 1994, at the age of 67. Funeral services will be held today at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Bill Zajac, 73, appliance store owner

Bill Zajac of Canton, owner of Ajax Appliance in Detroit for 35 years, died Feb. 23, 1994, at the age of 73. He is survived by daughters, Elaine Schoening and Denise Langlois; brothers, Mitchell, Chester and Walter; sister, Estelle Wilkie; and three grandchildren. Services were held Monday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Celestine Ash, 81, engineer

Celestine Ash of Plymouth, a retired engineer with Wayne County for 30 years, died Feb. 24, 1994, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, June; brothers, Frank, Stanley and Richard; sister, Thelma Church, Lucille Provine and Alice Thompson. Services were held Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Obituaries

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

Phyllis Salsinger

Phyllis C. Salsinger, 76, a homemaker from Plymouth died Feb. 14, 1994, at Courtyard Manor in Wixom.

Born on July 7, 1917, in Pittsburgh, PA, Mrs. Salsinger was a member of our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, a member of the Garden Club of Plymouth and a member of the Women's Association at Ward Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Salsinger was preceded in death

by her husband, Harry, a former education writer for the Detroit News.

She is survived by her daughters Mary M. Salsinger of Massachusetts and Carol A. (Keith) Brewer of Texas, and grandchildren Jeffrey Grajek and Maureen Gindler of Texas.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

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Sports

Salem, Canton gymnasts dominate conference

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Salem edged Canton 142.25 to 139.35 to win the conference meet Thursday at John Glenn, but Canton's Katey Gilles took all-around gymnast honors with a school-record score of 37.75.

Gilles showed her individual talent by winning all the events except the uneven bars, but Salem showed excellent depth and strong performances by all their gymnasts.

Salem coach Johanna Anderson said the team performed great at the conference meet. "It was a 100 percent turnaround from Monday's meet against Canton," she said.

The 142.25 points scored by Salem is the highest total posted in the state this year.

Canton coach John Cunningham was equally pleased with his team.

"This was our best meet of the year," he said. "If we repeat that performance two more times, we will have a very good season. I'll be very pleased."

Gilles won the vault competition for Canton with a score of 9.5. Gilles was followed by Michelle Tsai of North Farmington with a 9.0, Kristen Kosik of Salem with an 8.95, Alysia Sofios of Salem with an 8.85, Kari Jackson of Canton with an 8.7, Melissa Hopson and Sarah Makins of Salem, each with an 8.35.

Gilles was also tops in the balance beam event with a score of 9.4. She was followed by Hopson of Salem with a 9.35, Sofios of Salem with a 9.2, Makins of Salem with an 8.95, Brie Wall of

Canton with an 8.6, Sarah Coombs of John Glenn with an 8.5, Adrienne Brenner of Canton with an 8.4 and Shelly Underwood of John Glenn and Kari Smolinski of Farmington with 8.35.

Makins of Salem won the uneven bars event with a score of 9.3. Makins was followed by Gilles of Canton with a 9.25, Hopson of Salem with a 9.1, Tsai of North Farmington with a 9.0, Wall of Canton with an 8.7, Sofios of Salem with an 8.65, Kim Nowak of Canton with an 8.5 and Kosik of Salem with an 8.35.

Gilles won the floor exercise for Canton with a 9.6. She was followed by Hopson of Salem with a 9.5, Nowak of Canton with a 9.4, Tsai of North Farmington with a 9.25 and Kosik, Sofios and Makins of Salem and Underwood of John Glenn, each with a 9.2.

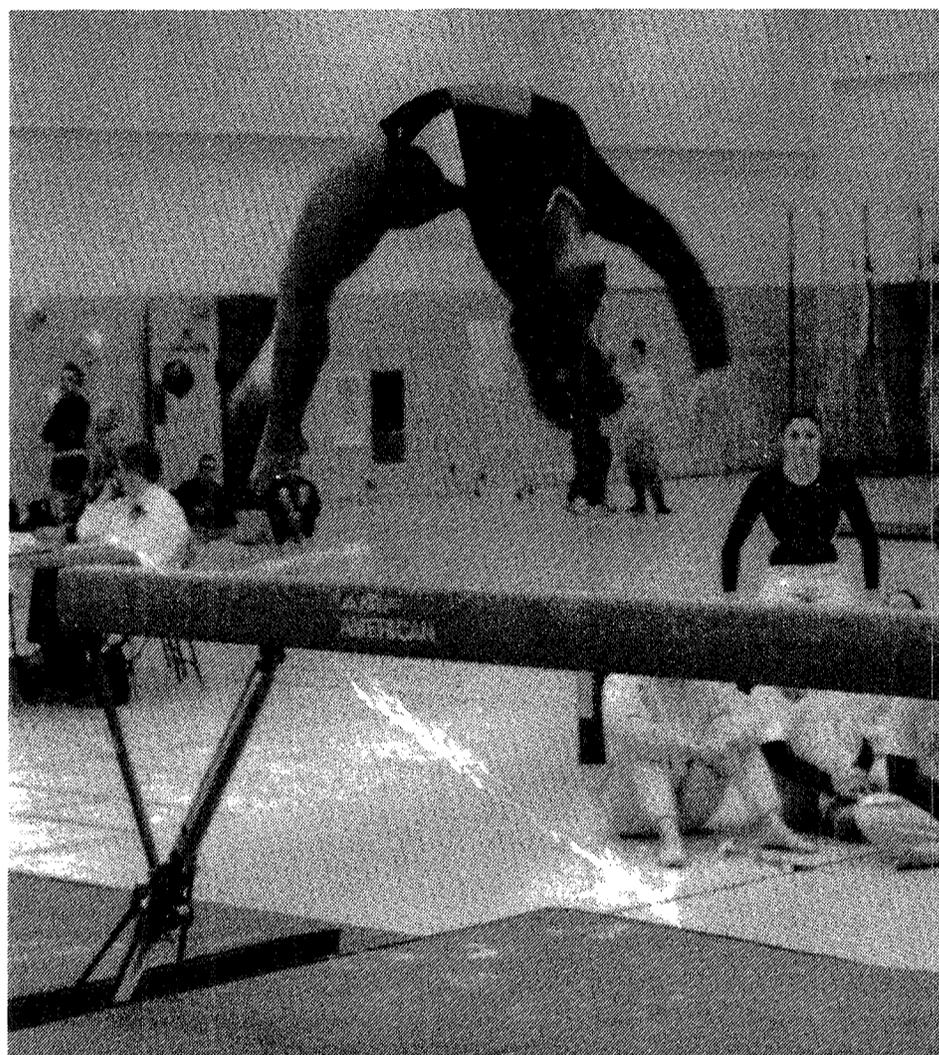
Gilles won the overall with a 37.75 for Canton. She was followed by Hopson of Salem with a 36.30, Sofios of Salem with a 35.95, Makins of Salem with a 35.85, Tsai of North Farmington with a 34.55, Kosik of Salem with a 34.35, Wall of Canton with a 34.25, Zoe Yockey of Salem with a 33.55 and Underwood of John Glenn.

Anderson said the regional meet on Saturday at Canton looks good for the Salem gymnasts.

"Our biggest competitor will probably be Canton again," she said.

Anderson said she would like to see five Salem gymnasts qualify for each event in the state meet.

"We had a lot more depth last year when we won the state meet," she said.



Canton's Katey Gilles displays her strength and skill on the balance beam which earned her a score of 9.4. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Canton loses three in conference volleyball tournament

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton did not win the conference meet held Saturday at Churchill, but Ndu Okwumabua was named to the All-Division Team.

Shawn Champlin and Janet Zabivnik were given honorable mention for the All-Division Team.

The Chiefs were in the pool with North Farmington, Churchill and

Chief cagers beat Franklin twice in one week, move up in playoffs

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Two is the charm for the Canton basketball team.

The Chiefs beat Franklin twice last week, the first on Tuesday to clinch a share of the league title and the second on Friday to advance in the league playoffs.

Canton beat Franklin 87-69 Friday and coach Dave VanWagoner said the team played a good game.

"It was one of our better games of the year," he said. "It was a good win."

"We'd like to win the league championship and that was the first step. The next step will be a little tougher."

Stevenson.

Canton lost to Stevenson 11-15 and 7-15. They lost to Churchill 1-15 and 7-15, but split a pair of games with North Farmington, winning the first 15-9 and losing the second 6-15.

When asked if the team played well, coach Melinda Cain said yes and no. "Against Stevenson the kids were really motivated and intense," she said. "They

Canton faced Salem last night. Results were not available by press time.

The Chiefs dominated Franklin on Friday.

They led 27-16 after the first quarter. In the second they kept up the pace by adding 22 while holding Franklin to 18.

Canton came out flat after the halftime break, scoring only 12 points to Franklin's 15 in the third. The Chiefs picked it up again the fourth scoring 26 points. Franklin managed 20.

Matt Paupore led Canton with 29 points, Ron Hunter pumped in 23, while grabbing 13 rebounds. Tadarius Rachal

played real hard, but just couldn't quite pull it out."

Cain said after the games against Stevenson, the team was emotionally tired and played flat.

"We had to play back-to-back against Stevenson and Churchill," she said, "and that really hurt us."

"We came back against North Farmington and Beth Ostach hit the ball

scored 14 points and Rob Radney had 12.

Ted Docks led the team with a great defensive effort. "Docks is our leader," said VanWagoner, "especially on defense. The whole team played tough 'D'."

VanWagoner said the team will keep playing hard during the playoffs.

"We are not going to change our style just because we are in the playoffs," he said. "We have won the last 10 of 12 games and changes at this point wouldn't work."

"We are looking forward to playing more games this season."

as well as I've seen this year."

The Chiefs head to Churchill again this weekend for district play. Canton drew Churchill in the first round.

Cain said she is confident the team will rebound from their disappointment at the conference meet.

"If these kids play well, they can give anyone a game," she said. "We will be ready for Churchill on Saturday."

The name of last Tuesday's game was hustle. Canton beat Franklin 68-59 because of determination and hard work.

Patience is the only thing that kept Franklin in the game.

Both teams played sloppy basketball in the first quarter, but Canton came out with a 16-8 lead.

Neither team could get their shots to fall. The game was still close at the end of the first half with Canton leading 28-23.

Rachal scored nine first half points for the Chiefs. But the biggest surprise of the half was the absence of Paupore from the

Salem wins swimming; Canton tops diving

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Salem won the battle of the swimmers, but Canton took the diving competition at the conference finals last weekend at Salem.

Salem took first place in swimming with a score of 496 points. Canton finished fifth in swimming with 294 points.

Canton won the diving competition, led by Jason Fowler who took first. Daryl Ballios was fifth for the Chiefs and Chris Anderzak took 13th.

Salem coach Chuck Olson said the team swam well to win the meet.

In the medley relay, the Rocks posted their fourth best time of the season with a time of 1:42.76. The medley team consisted of John McLenghan, Andy Detling, Aaron Berlin and David Bracht.

Salem scored four in the 200 freestyle race. Eric Seidelman took sixth with a time of 1:51.54, Joe Ervin took eighth with a 1:50.57, Pat Morgan took 11th with a 1:55.74 and Matt Martin took 15 with a 1:56.33.

The Rocks also scored four in the 200 individual medley race. Rodolfo Palma took ninth with a 2:07.07, Detling took 10th with a 2:09.37, Brian McMullen took 14th with a 2:12.30 and Mark Detling took 17th with a 2:17.02.

In the 50 freestyle race Salem scored three. Fred Locke took second with a 22.19, Bracht came in third with a 22.67 and Marc Levitt took 10th with a 23.45.

Berlin took second in the 100 butterfly with a 55.48, Tim Satwicz took eighth for the Rocks with a 58.76 and McMullen took 11th with a 1:00.79.

Salem scored five in the 100 freestyle. Locke took third with a 48.56, Bracht

took seventh with a 50.09, Morgan took 10th with a 51.76, McLenghan took 12th with a 52.91 and Ryan Petroskey took 16th with a time of 53.49.

In the 500 freestyle, Berlin took a sixth place with a time of 5:09.38, Seidelman took ninth with a 5:13.49, Satwicz took 10th with a 5:14.36 and Martin took 16th with a 5:17.75.

Salem took first in the 200 freestyle relay with a score of 1:30.23. Bracht, Ervin, Seidelman and Locke were on the relay team.

Ervin took fourth in the 100 backstroke race with a 58.00. McLenghan was sixth with a 59.62 and Detling was 14th with a 1:01.56.

Detling was ninth in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:05.39, Palma was 10th with a 1:06.12, Scott Allen was 13th with a 1:08.34.

The team of Berlin, Seidelman, Ervin and Locke took fourth in the 400 freestyle relay.

"It was a great team effort," said Olson. "We did well in every event."

"I am very pleased with the outcome."

Senior captain Jeff Clark swam an outstanding race for Canton in the 50 freestyle race, setting a conference record with a time of 21.71.

Clark was also second in the 100 freestyle.

Mike Orris was second in the 200 individual medley race with a time of 2:01.60, which was a varsity record.

"We swam great," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "We also had an exceptional diving meet."

"Both of our top divers are juniors, so they'll be back next year."

Canton JV uses size, speed to seal victory over Franklin, 64-44

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton JV basketball team towered over Franklin last Tuesday, beating the Patriots 64-44.

The Chiefs held a distinct height advantage over Franklin, which proved to be one of the keys to Canton's victory.

From the opening tip, the Chiefs proved to Franklin that they would be in for a tough night.

Paul Halstead took the opening tip in for two points, was fouled, and completed the three point play by making his foul shot.

Canton showed that even though they were bigger, they were by no means slow. A potent fast break and a good transition game resulted in easy baskets for the Chiefs.

Quick reactions resulted in steals for Canton. The Chiefs quickly turned the

steals into easy baskets on the other end.

Canton led 22-10 at the end of the first quarter and 37-16 at the end of the half.

Halstead scored 16 points in the first half for the Chiefs. Rob Johnson started out fast with seven quick points in the game, but could not keep up the pace in the second quarter.

Sam McGrath picked up his game in the second half. A key three point play off a foul sealed Canton's victory. Most of his 11 points came in the second half of the game, before he left the game, hobbled by an injured knee.

Canton was up 49-30 at the end of the third quarter, which gave the Chiefs the chance to give their bench some game experience.

Mark Wolf played tough inside the entire game for Canton, grabbing rebounds and scoring off loose balls.

Canton takes Franklin for playoff

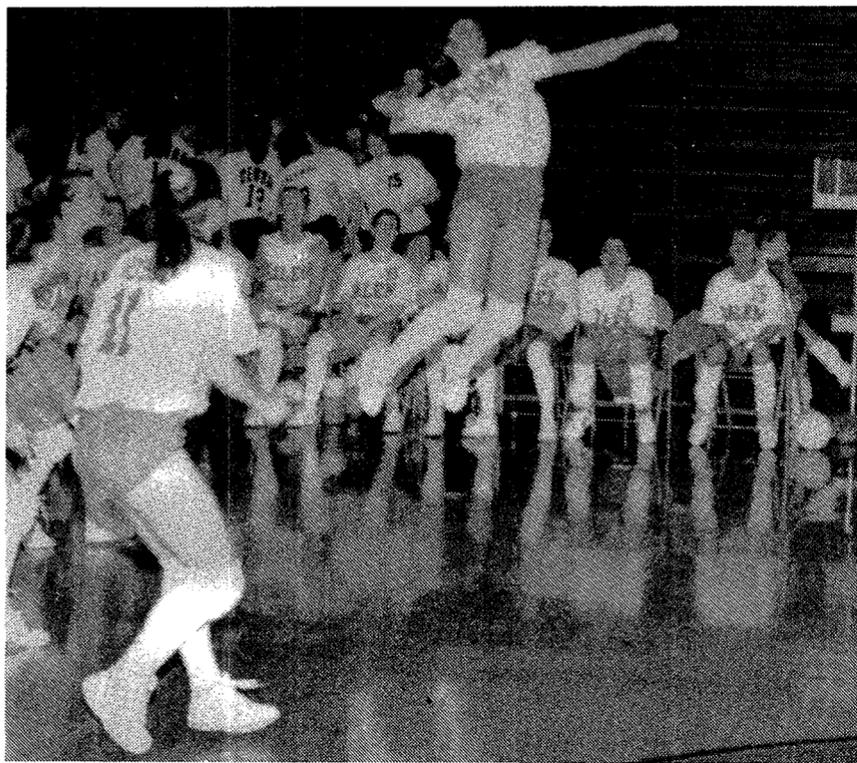
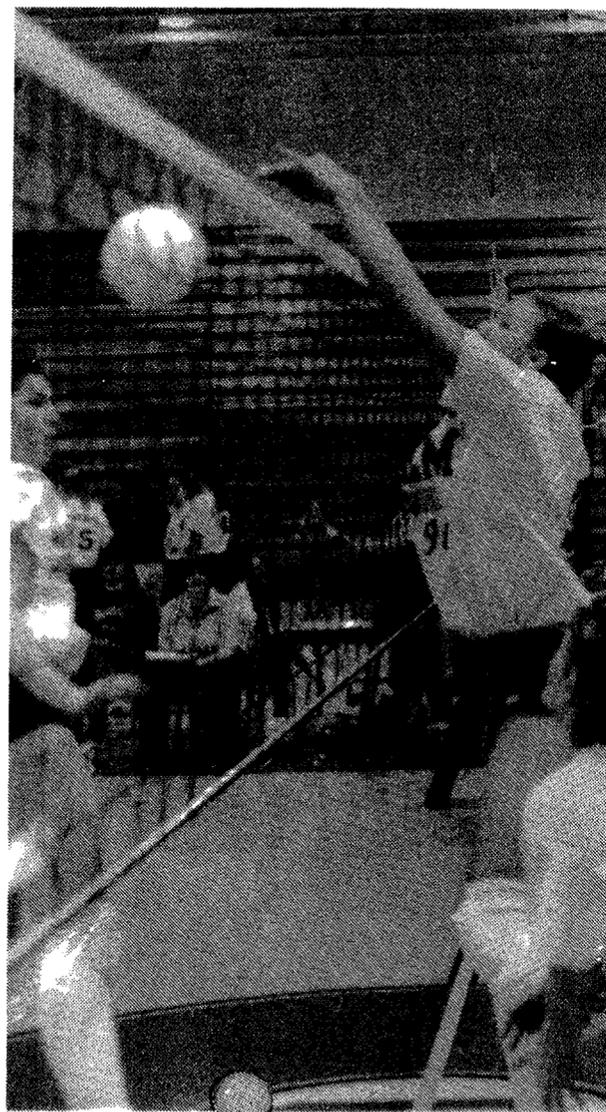
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Paupore scored his first two points with 3:25 left in the half on a lay up off a

steal. Paupore got things going in the second half with a 3-pointer and another basket. A tough full court press allowed Canton to take a 50-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

Minding the nets

Salem players showed their stuff during conference competition Saturday, with Paula Dumbrowski (right) blocking one back over the net, and her teammates (below) striking back with authority. (Crier photos by George Gentry)



Head nominated to McDonald's All-American high school team

James Head of Salem was recognized as one of the finest basketball players in the country through his selection as a candidate for the 1994 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team.

Head was one of 1,400 prep basketball standouts in the nation nominated by the McDonald's All American Basketball Team Selection Committee.

Although Head did not make the 20-player team, he was recognized as one of the top 100 players in the country.

player team announced on Feb. 27 during halftime of the St. John's vs. Syracuse game on CBS, the nomination is another honor Head will take into college.

The 6'6" forward is averaging 19.9 points per game for the Rocks and has signed with the University of Iowa.

Head is also a strong candidate for the "Mr. Basketball" award given to the outstanding player in the state.

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Curiosities

"give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties" - John Milton

Correction: I am the eggman, they are the eggman, I am the rooster, goo goo g' Joob. It's almost St. Patrick's Day - Party Boy

Note to area bar owners: don't repaint the walls or ceilings in the near future - Boots is throwing darts

Good luck Gary. Kick it down river!

GO KIMBALL KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL! 2 great victories last Thursday

JOE BIDA is getting a new part -- which one? Call him and wish him well.

SEEKING SUSAN = she left Riffle's for the job-hunt world.

KIM STILL HAS RED HAIR

Curiosities

FRAN AND BOB HENNING provide The Crier/Comma, staff with a bit of Florida sunshine - thanks for a break from the cold.

A SLOPPY MOE? It's great but not on the menu.

BOB PUCKETT passes up poker for boiler repair? Quick - take his temperature.

RICK: a beer would have been better - Ed

KAREN & DAVE: call us anytime to drum up Monday night business.

ROB KIRKBRIDE: thanks for a great weekend. The tub was fun! -- Beauregard.

ANNE FEATHERSTONE: we're glad "Aspidastras" bring back fond memories. Your personal note from Gracie Fields must be a treasure. Thanks for your kind words. -- Ed Wendover

CRAIG/MAVIS - The impossible frequently happens. BELIEVE

HELEN GARBER - We missed you. WELCOME HOME!

MARTHA/DUNBAR - Hold it - "Spring" changed her mind. Decided to come a little later. Know you hate waiting in that 70' weather. Today it is one below in your hometown. SPRING, SURELY, CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND, OR CAN SHE?

HELEN GILBERT - Forgive me. I meant it as an endearment because I LOVE YOU. G.G.

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BEAUTIFUL MEMORY, SASKATCHEWAN, WAGON, PRAIRIE, GRANDMOTHER, LITTLE GIRL, LADY SLIPPERS, GENEVA???. Ernie ANNE FEATHERSTONE - you mention attending a "Bundles for Britain" concert at the Masonic Temple (Detroit) in the early forties starring Gracie Fields. Would you believe that we were at that SAME CONCERT AT THE SAME TIME? The Guenther's

Boy was it nice around Porterhouse the last few days.

The ad staff did a great job on The Guide. Thanks Lisa, Karen, Rob & Michelle. Signed your trusting Guide Ad Director.

Russ is heavy but Nora is still carrying him all the time.

"Wait 'til nut cracking season starts." An anonymous OSU fan. "We will be good at some sport."

Lets party.

Debbie found a new perfume. You can't miss the aroma.

Amy Smith! Keeps a fire extinguisher next to her desk.

I wonder if that's because her nickname is The Flaming Nail Lady.

Why are Boots & Red always blushing.

I still haven't heard if Michelle has arrested anyone.

It's all over.

Every once in awhile Jenny thinks she's a nurse & wears those white hose - doesn't she know that they make patients sicker?

Jack, you're just lucky it was a long skirt. Just you wait - you'll be sicker yet.

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This is my brain, this is my brain on GUIDE time, any questions, Ed?

Watch out Jack!!

So what's new in Rob's life???

Stephanie: Most press checks are not that easy...

Curiosities

D. the broom lady does a great job, but she doesn't do windows.

Jacks car is cleaned out.

Janet, my vacation request has been turned in & I'm cleaning my golf clubs -

SWEETHEART this one's for you since you've started reading the curios by yourself!! (I love you.)

PENNY congratulations on your new job! Jen

PENNY & MATT: We had a great time Friday - Thanks. Jenny & Mike. P.S. thanks for the ice cream on Sunday!

DONNA thanks for the yummy cream puff, for letting me borrow lunch money . . . and for being so nice! Jenny

LYNN THORPE is a notebook borrower.

CHERYL REPECK is real close to 40! Happy Birthday -- Jess, S, E

KAY: don't fret; losing to M.S.U. isn't as bad as to U.M.! Woe - S.U.

BARB VAN PELT doesn't help do floors.

CHECK PAGE of your GUIDE!

DAMON IS A 9-year-old country music fan.

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JESS does press checks.

OK, I admit it. The part about hearing Da Yoopers play was for myself!

Wild Bill Corrigan provided fresh-caught trout for dinner. (But did he spoil the rump roast on the deer?)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY BURKE!

Original Mike Watts: No, I didn't put the Plymouth-Livonia subway route into the GUIDE maps. (Hint: the station is in Brigadoon)

Congratulations, staff & helpers on the best-ever issue of The GUIDE! -General Manager

If Goomba keeps eating monkey chow, will her tail become prehensile?

Curiosities

CANTON'S
TINA JONES

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50!

"YOU HAVE TO TAKE your shoes off to take your socks off." - Sally Repeck on turning 38.

NEWSPAPER TAXIS appear on the shore.

LOOK OUT D.C. We're baaack!

Curiosities

Thanks to the crews at Michigan Web and Janutol for a great job!

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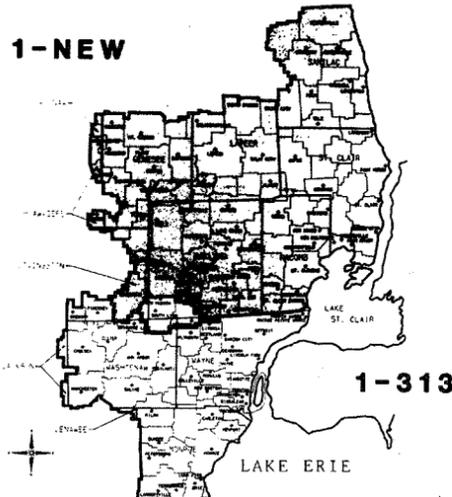
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Skinhead problems?

Canton High School students complain of neo-Nazi activity

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MacKenzie said that new records will now be kept at the school.

"We haven't ever made lists of who has been expelled," MacKenzie said. "We will now let the school community know what is going on."

MacKenzie described special meetings with the campus student newspaper to discuss violence and related issues on campus.

He also said that the student government would be setting up an issues forum.

"The students are concerned about this, the community is growing and people are coming in from other cities," MacKenzie said. "Talk starts and word gets around and suddenly that person is seen as a gang member."

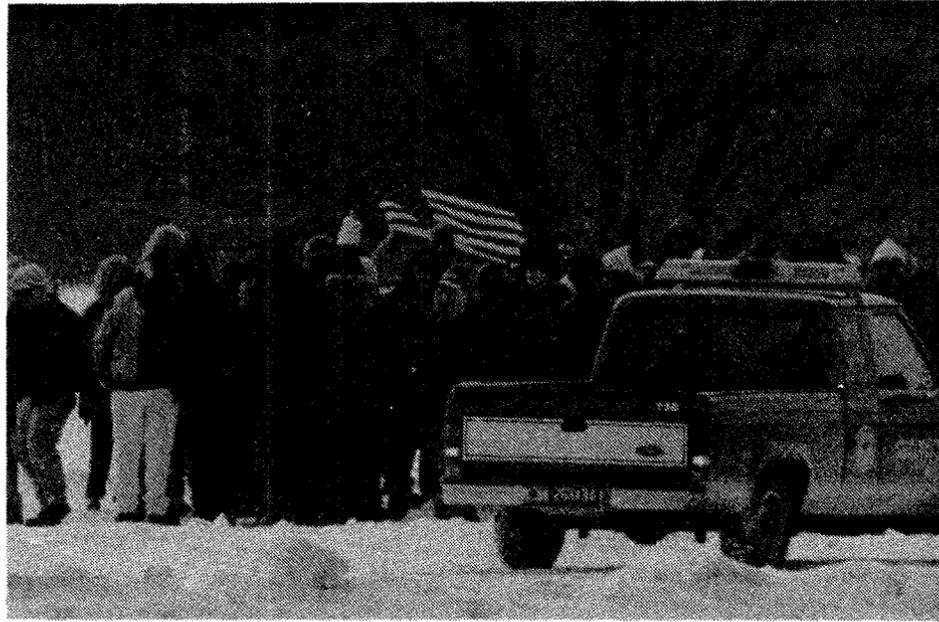
"At the meeting after the walkout, most of the attacks that they had seen or experienced were off campus, in their communities."

The students who spoke to The Crier said that after the walkout and the creation of a student forum to address the issue, the school administration threatened some students involved in the walkout and suspended some of them for their involvement.

"That is absolutely not true," MacKenzie said. "One of the members of

the group was caught smoking by a member of the administration and got suspended."

This was the scene at Canton High School when students walked out to protest activities by neo-Nazi "skinheads" on the campus. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



City election postcard cleared of state violation

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did not contain a statement about who paid for the mailing, nor did it identify a treasurer or other authorization by any candidate, as state law requires.

The Secretary of State sent a conciliatory agreement to Bird's attorney which, in effect said she did nothing wrong, and won't do it again.

A further development, according to the Secretary of State, is that the oversized postcard with Mundt's address was printed by 20/20 Reproductions at a cost of \$629 and billed to Robert Bake Realtors.

Bake said that while the cost of the printing did go on his account, he was reimbursed by "other people" and that it wasn't actually his funds used. "This has nothing to do with Robert Bake Realtors," he emphasized.

The real estate broker said that he's not culpable as far as campaign finance goes, because the letter from the Secretary of State has already said that the mailing is protected under the First Amendment.

He added that the mailing, as far as he knew, wasn't connected with any candidate(s), and that the matter should be dropped.

In fact, Bake suggested that The Crier just drop the entire issue, and "focus on more constructive and less divisive issues."

Mundt said that now that he has been "vindicated" he expected a "full apology from McAninch."

Another part of McAninch's complaint involved an anonymous post card which identified the eight City Commission candidates by political party affiliation. The Commission is non-partisan.

The Secretary of State's ruling said that the source of that post card could not be determined.

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Community opinions

So long: *The Crier's Gary Gosselin says goodbye, see ya later, auf wiedersehen, adieu and rosebud as he rides into the sunset*

By the time you read this, I will be gone. That's right, I'm bidding adieu to The Crier and The Plymouth-Canton Community in search of — hopefully — greener pastures. My 18 months here have been eventful if nothing else. The saga began in September 1992, when I called The Crier from the phone book looking for a job. I got Ed Wendover (Crier publisher) on the phone. Having just graduated, I was receptive to anything that got my foot in the door. In this case it was selling ads and writing the business page. One sign that it would be an interesting position was during my first interview. Beauregard — the office dog — vomited on the floor at my feet! But despite that resounding endorsement, I was hired. I had to deal with writing a business page and selling ads for an entire year. A true ethics test I'd never had to encounter at school.

But with constant thought and second-guessing nearly every story decision, I feel that I did basically the right thing. Putting my sales interests behind editorial interests. Working in both departments has given me a unique perspective. A perspective which, I hope, has given you the reader a more rounded view of events and news, you've been my testing ground.

I've made my share of mistakes, and my views weren't always universally accepted — right, Chief Berry? — but when folks differed with my views, they weren't shy about letting me know. And that's the way it should be.

I've learned a lot since coming to The Plymouth-Canton Community. At first, I thought everyone was a stuffy Republican. I've since learned that you're not all stuffy.

When someone leaves a job, they inevitably say that it will be the people they will miss the most — who else would they miss anyhow?

Well, contrary to popular belief, I *am* a lot like other people, and I'll miss the people. From our receptionist Geneva Gunther to *Production Manager* Stephanie in the dungeon.

The Crier folks are some of the most unforgettable people I've ever worked with, and I hope all newspaper people are like them.

I've had the chance to watch — and report — some very interesting events. I saw the Mayflower Hotel go from financially troubled, to bankruptcy, to receivership. I won't be here to report the final — or next — chapter in that story, but I'll find out through my mail subscription to The Crier.

I've watched the railroad dispute go from writing tickets, a disagreement, a couple legal actions and finally legislative action. I don't think anyone has won this one and am

'Mean spirit' should come as no surprise to Miller woods friends...

EDITOR:
This is in response to the letter from Martha Suchanski bemoaning the "mean spirit" in the community.

The only mean spirit I am aware of is this Miller Woods group that ruined our lovely forest.

You suggest that we get together and plant bushes to hide your eyesore of a fence.

May I remind you that your group was the author of the nature preserve ordinance that forbids changing anything in the woods.

Your suggestion is illegal, lady!
Of course, that doesn't seem to mean much to your organization as you drag around logs and rocks as you please in the woods and destroy it with ugly fences.

You are apparently above the law.
It sounds like you are just around for the tea and cookies. Others of us are around to protect our neighborhood from people like you who are destroying our woods.

MAUREEN GARROW

...because residents hate the fence

EDITOR:
When are these Miller Woods people going to get it? We don't want that fence! I don't think any of them even live around the woods.

They don't have to look at it all day. It is so ugly! If they thought it was such a good idea they can keep fixing it.

Emily Kemnitz needs to get in touch

with reality. She wants the school district insurance to pay for her fence!

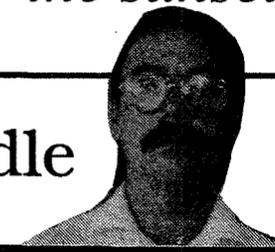
Not while I'm a taxpayer. My tax dollars pay for that insurance and I'd better not see a dime of it go to her fence.

Let her get her friends at the Kiwanis to pay for the upkeep. Take the fence down. We don't want it.

KIM DUFFY

Views from the middle

By Gary Gosselin



not sure that anyone will.

The Northville's have once again begun talks of combining governments, an interesting turn of events lately. Too bad I won't be around to see the eventual combination of the Plymouth's

I'm sure it'll happen — eventually.

I've chased sirens through the community, sometimes to a newsworthy event — often not.

I was at the scene where a woman died after plummeting 65 feet off of a bridge, not too close, mind you, but it still makes you think about what's important.

I've also done features about families working together, or milestones in young people's lives, and triumphs — however small they may seem — and *that* also makes me think about what's important as well.

Well I'm leaving all this to go do the same elsewhere — my career choice — willingly.

One last thing.

I'm really going to miss my cohorts in the newsroom. The camaraderie reminds me a lot of my military days — sometimes good and sometimes bad.

But in the infamous words of Arnold Swartzenegger in "Terminator" — "I'll be back!" — at least to visit.

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



It's amazing what you can learn by reading a paper!

It was 50 years ago that Elton R. Eaton wrote the piece in the Plymouth Mail about Plymouth's future. (Tim Yoe came across it last week and passed it on.)

Eaton was the owner of the Mail, a newspaper formerly published in Plymouth. (His son is now advertising director of the Ogemaw County Herald in West Branch and occasionally pens a history column for The Crier — see pg. 15.)

On March 24, 1944, Eaton The Elder penned an article based on Plymouth being featured in the architectural magazine, "Pencil Points." The Mail headline says, "Sees Plymouth City of 90,000 by 1990."

Actually, what the term "Plymouth" meant then is what is now known as "The Plymouth-Canton Community." And, guess what?

According to the population figures appearing in the '94 GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville inserted in today's Crier, the population of The Plymouth-Canton Community is 93,982. (That's the City, the two townships and Salem Township thrown in.)

What a prediction! That's 95.7 per cent accuracy on a half-a-century prediction!

History shows us many things about how we ended up where we are. And it also teaches us to read the newspaper.



Community opinions

Last call (*whew!*) on the March election

Hello P-C,
Another — and maybe my final — installment of my look at the March 15 sales tax vote:

As you've gathered by now, I'm opposed to Gov. John Engler's tax plan because it not only mixes problems with solutions, but also because the selling of the plan has included some deceptive marketing arguments.

•I've been troubled by the sales tax plan's reliance on tourism to help pay for Michigan education. The governor has gone so far as to mention the taxes of Illinois and Ontario as points of comparison.

And yet the comparison is laughable: I love this area, but who in their right mind would put Detroit in the same class as a Toronto or Chicago?

Sorry, but Detroit already has enough reasons to stay away; making the sales tax 50 per cent higher sure isn't going to lure anyone here.

•Oh, and I love the just-breaking news about the governor wanting to sweeten the pot in Detroit to garner Mayor Dennis Archer's support.

Excuse me, but when did John Engler ever care about Detroit?

Well, it just goes to show you what you'll do to get a vote.

•And what about property tax relief?

Wasn't that the original driving force behind the tax reform movement in Michigan?

Sure it was — but an important dynamic about property owners has been ignored by the governor: Property owners use their property taxes and mortgage interest rates as substantial deductions on their federal income taxes.

By shifting the entire tax burden to non-deductible areas (*we're still going to pay taxes to somebody!*) the governor in effect is asking Michiganians to send more money to Washington. By some estimates, as much as \$300 million a year.

Why not keep that tax money in Michigan?

I know, Engler and his phalanx of soldiers have said this is stupid (someone said as much Monday), but real stupidity is taking any of their arguments at face value.

Engler has resurrected his Proposal A and his credibility depends on its success; what else would you think his team would say?

•And what about fiscal stability?

Any economist worth his Laffer Curve will tell you that there are two stable forms of tax revenue: income and property.

Sales tax is not stable because of the discretionary nature of consumer spending, and therefore makes for a lousy basis on which to forecast tax revenues.

In fact, the governor himself has encouraged a "yes" vote on his proposal because it will give people the opportunity to control how much tax they pay.

Well, Mr. Engler, I hope you're wrong — or is it, I hope you're right? I can't remember. The fact is that if Michigan consumers *do* control their post-sales-tax-increase spending, as the governor hopes(?), then tax revenues will fall below expectations.

And guess what?

He'll be back by the end of the year reinstating the 0.2 percentage points on the income tax — and maybe even asking for more.

Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



Which makes this the biggest fib since Washington and a fruit tree.

•And what about the single business tax (SBT) vs. a property tax break for business?

According to the numbers, if the fallback proposal is approved, Michigan businesses *would* pay 17 per cent more in the SBT.

But on the other hand, they would be getting:

•A 16 per cent reduction in property taxes in Canton;

•a 15 per cent reduction in property taxes in Plymouth; and

•an 18 per cent reduction in property taxes in Plymouth Township.

Sounds like a wash to me — unless business somehow feels it deserves special treatment. (Hey, don't tell me about the tiered system of 6/24 mills under the sales tax plan or 12/24 mills under the fallback plan; I didn't write either!)

•And how about the latest on the DDA front: Word has it that the state is thinking about stepping in and assuming every outstanding DDA bond debt in Michigan — plus assume the debt for any project in the pipeline!

That would mean the state taking over Plymouth's parking deck payments and paying for the entire downtown streetscape!

Huh? Where is that money going to come from?

Oh, you guessed it — from people like me who *don't* live in Plymouth and *won't* reap the benefits of either project!

•And one final word about the constitutionality of the sales tax plan vs. the statutory elements of the fallback plan:

The gov has consistently said that the Legislature can change anything it wants about the fallback plan on March 16 — so you'd better not vote for that!

But the fact is that the same holds true for the sales tax plan — except for the sales tax itself: that will remain 50 per cent higher than it is today.

And Mr. Engler has proved that himself: He's already dropped the Keno idea from Proposal A in favor of the multi-state "powerball" lottery.

Forget the Legislature, what would *he* change on March 16?

•And therein lies my problem, my

friends: No matter how much you like the sales tax plan or the fallback plan, they both stink — because major portions of both can be changed the next day regardless of how you vote.

That makes the March 15 election one of the biggest frauds ever perpetrated on the Michigan electorate.

And as far as I'm concerned, everyone involved in this unconscionable scam should pay.

Does recall sound good to you, too?

All right, not a recall — just throw all the rascals out come November, OK?

In the meantime, vote your pocketbook, wallet or paycheck come March 15 and take your chances with the outcome. Because the results on March 16 will make Lotto look like a sure thing.

Local Republicans back Proposal A

EDITOR:

The Plymouth Republican Club salutes Gov. John Engler for his courageous battle to bring property tax relief to the citizens of Michigan.

He has charted a course that places the welfare of the citizens above the politically expedient.

Again, the State of Michigan, with forward thinking and decisive leadership, has blazed a path for the rest of the nation to follow.

Proposal A is fair. It spreads the tax burden evenly to all consumers, including tourists who enjoy our recreational facilities.

The opposition to Proposal A comes from outside our boundaries. It is choreographed by opulent special interest groups cloaked in their own self-serving agenda.

Their tactics are confusion and deception. However, the voters of Michigan will not be swayed by chicanery.

It is the Plymouth Republican Club's distinct honor to unanimously, wholehearted and enthusiastically endorse Proposal A.

We urge all citizens to vote for Proposal A in the March 15 election.

CARL BERRY,
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