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3 will be elected to school board

Not only will Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election guarantee the appearance of at least two new faces on the board, but the election also will cap the most profound sequence of changes in the district in a generation.

The election comes closely on the heels of the hiring — and only

weeks before the arrival — of the first new school superintendent in 23 years, and involves almost half of the policy-making body.

On Monday, voters will elect two people to four-year seats on the board — seats being vacated by Trustees Carl Battishill and Les Walker, who did not seek re-election.

Running for the two four-year seats are Carol Bollman, Susan Davis, Please see pg. 3

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Motorcyclist killed in traffic crash

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> The East Middle School Bands will perform their last concert of the year tomorrow at 7 p.m. Paul Reeves, former director, will be the guest conductor. The outdoor concert and ice cream social is free; tomorrow will also see the dedication and grand opening of the historic Sheldon School at 5 p.m.

THE WEEKEND

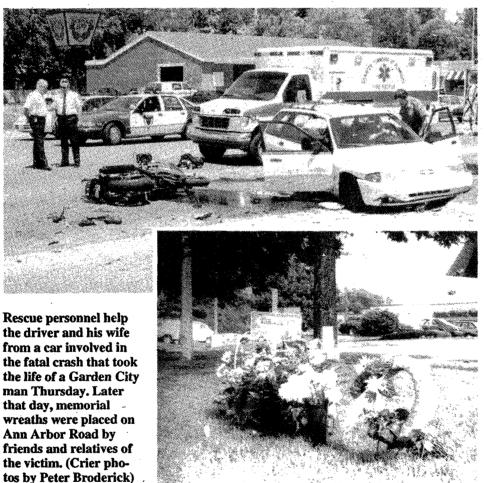
 Canton and Salem's graduating class of 1994 will be honored during respective commencement ceremonies at U of M Hill Auditorium.

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The real estate market appears to be holding its own — find out more in today's special PLUS section, beginning on pg. 10.



23-year-old man thought to be speeding in Twp.

BY JOHN HORN A 23-year-old Garden City man was killed Thursday afternoon when his motorcycle slammed into a car on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Harry James Franklin's bike struck the car as the vehicle attempted to turn left into Arby's Restaurant parking lot.

Eyewitnesses said Franklin was traveling east a high rate of speed on Ann Arbor Road when it struck the car, driven by two Northville Township residents.

One witness, Chris Chiado, said thought the cyclist was well in excess of the posted 45 mph speed limit on the road.

"It looked like he had to have been doing 80 or 90," said Chiado, an employee at Dick Scott Dodge used vehicle lot. "He was passing cars like they were standing still. He was really flying."

Chiado said the noise from the impact of the crash was astounding.

"It sounded like an explosion," he said. "It did not sound like a motorcyclecar accident, it sounded like two cars."

Chiado and other Dick Scott co-work-

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George Lawton: 1927-1994 Retired general manager of CFCU, dead at the age of 67

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER "Mr. Credit Union" has died.

George Lawton, the 29-year general manager of Community Federal Credit Union (CFCU) died May 27 at his Northville home. He was 67.

During his tenure at the helm of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville chartered community-wide financial institution, Lawton shepherded the operations from a small office as the former Daisy Manufacturing Employees Credit Union into a multi-branched, modern financial force here.

He was honored, nationally, for his work with CFCU.

By the time of his retirement in 1987, CFCU had grown from one office to seven branches in Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Gaylord, Atlanta, Hillman and Lewiston. (He led a rescue of the former Montsego Community Credit Union in Montmorency and Otsego Counties Please see pg. 8



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Voters will elect 3 to school board Monday

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Mark Horvath, Peggy Kalis and Stephen Kilijanczyk.

In addition, one person will be elected to serve out the remaining year of a four-year term — the last six months of which have been served by Trustee Susan Feiten, who was appointed last winter to fill the vacancy

Two 4-year seats

5 candidates see change as key issue in race for 2 seats

- BY CRAIG FARRAND

A change in the way the Plymouth-Canton school board does business.

That seems to be the common thread running through the campaigns of the five people seeking the two open seats on the school Vote

board.

Almost to a person, the five Carol Bollman, Susan Davis, Mark Horvath, Peggy Kalis and Stephen Kilijanczyk — have said it's time for the board to become more responsive to the public in general, and better listeners to those who speak at specific board meetings.

"The people don't like the way they're treated at board meetings," Kalis said, "and that needs to be changed.

"This is the place they should be able to go and say what they want and be heard; it's supposed to be give and take.

"But that doesn't happen," she said.

Kalis was joined in her criticism by Horvath, who said the board needed "to show a lot more respect to the people."

"There's been a break with the larger community," Horvath said, "and we need to improve our communications.'

Likewise, Davis said that the board needed to "listen more."

"It's been a big criticism of the board, and that's nothing new," she said, "but that the new direction we need to go.

"I think that (after the election) we may see some changes in how people will be listened to at meetings."

In terms of specifics, Davis, Horvath and Kilijanczyk all offered suggestions to improve communications and board operations.

Davis: "I think one thing would be the way you have to fill a card out before you speak (at a meeting).

"How do you know if you have something to say until you hear what's being discussed?

"The process is too cumbersome; it's a little intimidating, too.

created by the resignation of Dean Swartzwelter.

Running for the one-year seat against Feiten is Carolyn Bradley and Valerie Green.

Polling sites open Monday at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

One 1-year seat

3 candidates share view of board operation in race

BY CRAIG FARRAND

For the first time in recent memory, nearly half the Plymouth-Canton school board will change hands at the same time — although part of that change could well be merely a continuation of

Vote

for one

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change that came months earlier. On Monday, voters will elect one of three people - Carolyn Bradley, Susan Feiten or Valerie Greene — to fill the remaining year of a four-year term that already has been served by two others:

•Former Trustee Dean Swartzwelter, who stepped down for medical reasons in November, and

•Feiten, who was herself appointed in December to complete the third year of Swartzwelter's term.

Even should Feiten be elected to that seat, that means that three of the seven P-C seats will have had new faces in a six-month period,

And that sense of change especially in light of the hiring of the first new school superintendent in 23 years — is not lost on the candidates.

"This is a crucial election," Feiten said, "and yet because there's no millage on the ballot, it's a less controversial election - but it's a more critical time for this district.

"We are working with a new

to have a new superintendent and we're going to take a new look at housing.

"We need to reach the people in the community

A point shared by Greene: "The relationship between the board and the community needs vast improvement.

"Somehow we seem to forget who owns the schools.

of seeing our district's children being held hostage for money.

Bradley also talks about children when she talks about her campaign: "I didn't join the race to be the opposition to someone, but to be for kids.

Specifically, Bradley said she got into the race after attending a public forum on area gang activity.

to keep our children out of gangs was to do it through prevention; let's keep the kids busy.

City budget includes slight increase in millage rate

BY JOHN HORN

After a series of budget study sessions, the Plymouth City Commission Monday approved a 1994-95 budget of \$4.6 million.

But the new balanced budget is not without cost to city taxpayers

According to City Manager Steve Walters, the 1994 tax rate for City operating millage is to be 11.43 mills, which is an increase of 1.5 per cent from 1993.

That proposed millage rate will result in an increase of 3.6 per cent in the average residential property's City taxes. Walters said the increase is no reason for alarm.

"That is in line with the 3.5 per cent, per year increase," Walters said. "That will be about the usual \$18 per bill."

Walters stressed the City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 12.11 mills.

The upshot to that is a 12 per cent decrease in the tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage.

Commission approval was the final step in a process which began on April 4, when Walters presented the budget to the commission and reviewed through a series of study sessions.

Since then, Walters and the administration has been trying to balance expenditures versus revenues, five-year projections

and means for the City to bring in more money.

It is the latter that Walters hopes will eliminate, in the future, aspects of the general fund budget where spending is more than revenue.

Walters pointed to the Cemetery Board as one aspect of the budget where there is more money going out than going in.

The Cemetery Board is operating at about \$50,000 under budget," Walters said.

In having a series of budget sessions over the last two

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Canton police, fire fund balances fall due to insurance and arbitratrion

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

While Canton Township is generally in very fine financial shape, recent hits to the police and fire funds due to labor arbitration and insurance has dropped their fund balances far below those of other township departments.

According to Canton Financial Services Manager Susan Kopinski, the fund balances for police and fire for 1992 and '93 were drastically lower than they had been for years.

She said that there were three main reasons for that decline.

"The first reason was the state-mandated assessment freeze," Kopinski said. "That was something that we had no control over.'

The second, according to Kopinski, was the result of contract talks with the firefighters' union.

"We had gone to an arbitrator over contract talks with the firefighters under P.A. 312 arbitration," she said. "That didn't go the township's way."

Because police and firefighters cannot strike, P.A. 312 is the method through which communities and law enforcement cut through labor disputes.

If labor and management go into a stalemate at the bargaining table, the talks go to mediation. If the mediation does not

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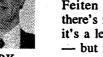
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MARK HORVATH

GREENE state funding (plan), we're going

– even those without kids in schools."

"That's why I got involved," she said. "I was tired

"After listening to everybody, I said that the way

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Eastern Michigan University has released a list of students who have earned advanced degrees as a result of studies completed in December 1993. The following area students have

earned advanced degrees.

Susan Bawden, Susan Carney, Jean Condron, Barbara Courtney, John Cox, Mark Debeau, Thomas Dylenski, David Flack, Laura Flack, Beth Gryniewicz, John Hayden, Ming-Hwa Hung, Kay Jones, Annette Kenny, Daniel Kerber, Jeannie Koh, Lisa Lutz, Miller, Kenneth Andrea Oquist, Sandra Paldan, Virginia Parker, Jeffrey Pitak, Veronica Preblich, Catherine Shapero, Kimberly Smith, Joette Thomas, Wendy Thompson and Sherry Westlund.

The Michigan Guild Gallery is once again celebrating Michigan Glass Month with a gallery exhibition presented by it's members.

Glass artists include Plymouth's Judy Shellhass.

Kathleen R. McDonald of Plymouth has been named to Michigan Technological University's Deans List

To qualify for the honor, students must carry 3.5 grade point.

McDonald is studying Metallurgical Engineering.

Mike Rafail of Plymouth is one of 14 students from Western Michigan University who participated recently in the national "Rube Goldberg Machine Contest" at Purdue University.

Rafail graduated from Salem in 1990. He is the son of Evelyn Devlin of Plymouth and Paul Rafail of Plymouth.

Rafail is planning on a career in mechanical engineering.

Joy McClendon Lee, daughter of E.J. and Ruby McClendon of Plymouth, and graduate of Salem, has received the 1994 Business school "Student of the Year Award."

Lee was honored at a special ceremony conducted at the Western Michigan University Business School Auditorium.

Lee is completing her Master of Business Administration degree from Western in June. Lee will graduate with honors.

Ready to go Bigger program planned for '94 Canton Liberty Fest

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With the construction of the Pheasant Run golf course residential community and the Summit on the Park community center as a backdrop, Canton Township is revving up for their summer event, the third annual Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park June 25 and 26.

Last year, the Liberty Fest drew a crowd of 40,000 people, with 25,000 showing up for the fireworks alone.

According to Liberty Fest Coordinator Bob Dates, of the Parks and Recreation Department, preparations for the fest are in their final stages.

"Everything is going great," Dates said. "All we're doing now is getting the final entertainment nailed down.

Dates also said that the official logo of the 1994 Fest will be released by the township soon. That logo, along with the logos of the previous two Liberty Fests, will be put on display in the soon-to-bebuilt Summit on the Park community center.

Aside from that, the fund-raising for the Fest is going well. Community Federal Credit Union (CFCU) has signed on to help sponsor the fireworks display at the Fest.

According to Dates, making the fireworks more and more of a spectacle has been a Liberty Fest tradition. This year, the bill for the fireworks alone is \$10,000.

"This year's show will be much larger than last year, and every year since the first year we've tried to make the show a little better," Dates said.

"CFCU has agreed to join with Burda Brothers and sponsor \$4,000 of the bill for the fireworks."

Dates said that this year, the amount of money in sponsorships has risen dramati-

cally. "We've currently generated \$4,000 more in donations in the form of sponsorships for the Fest than last year," Dates said. "\$10,000 of that was from Waste Management, and we've still got almost a month left.'

He said that some of the donations from Waste Management would be going towards the Thursday night concert series that will also be held in Heritage Park in July and August.

The kickoff event of the Liberty Fest will be a free concert by Steve King and the Dittilies at 7:30 p.m. in the Ampitheatre,

Along with the fireworks, other portions of the Liberty Fest are also shaping up.

"The arts and crafts section already has over 85 confirmed vendors, and they are only going to take 90 in all," Dates said. "The fine arts booths have 65 confirmed vendors."

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Making a return to the Fest is the classic car show, put on this year by the America's Most Wanted Car Club. There is still time to register a car for the event.

One of the new parts of the Liberty Fest is the "Taste of Canton" from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday. Dates said that six Canton restaurants will be displaying their wares.

"We're having McDonald's, Mountain Jack's, Rose's, Papa Romano's, T.C. Gator's and the Buck Jones Deli," Dates said. "They're finalizing their menus right now.'

Dates said that all of the restaurants would be pricing all of their food on even dollars, so that Festgoers can buy tickets and exchange them directly for food at the booths.

Another treat at this year's Liberty Fest is a fife and drum muster. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will be hosting five other bands from Michigan and Ohio for a combination competition and performance.

The competition will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, the performance will be later that evening at the ampitheatre in Heritage Park.

Right now, the major work going on in preparation for the Fest is physical.

The work is now on the ground crew," Dates said. "They're getting the park ready for the electricity that it will need and getting the ground ready for the tents to be set up."

Dates said that the township is also looking for volunteers to help run the Fest.

As an enticement, all Liberty Fest volunteers will receive an official t-shirt for free.

Plymouth baby is cutest in state

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Everyone says that they've got the cutest baby in the state, but David and Dena Pierce of Plymouth have been told by an expert panel that their's is the cutest in all of Michigan.

Kali Pierce, 13 months old, was named Pee-Wee Miss Michigan in the Baby of America contest held in Warren on May

She and 36 other contestants were judged on their personality and photogenetic charm.

Kali's parents are currently soliciting sponsorships so that she can compete in the finals in Hollywood on Aug. 11.

The three-day pageant will judge the contestants on formal wear, beauty, casual wear, swimsuits and western wear.

The pageant will be judged by actors, talent scouts and television officials for



KALI PIERCE

possible television and commercial possibilities.



Margaret 'Vicky' Saxton: founder of popular garden shop

With the passing of Margaret "Vicky" Saxton, the Plymouth Community loses not only a valuable person, but one with a philosophy which gets lost in today's society.

"So many people get caught up in keeping up with Joneses, status, position and how much they can acquire," said Vicky's son, Bill.

"Those things did not matter to her. She got pleasure out of the little things in life and that made her a great lady.

Margaret Saxton died at the age of 97 Friday.

With her husband Dean, they founded Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth.

Bill said his parents opened shop in 1928 after selling feed on the three-acre family farm in Southfield.

The Saxtons raised and bred Black Australorpe chickens. Dean began purchasing feed in 1928.

"At that time the Depression made it difficult. He sold some out of the home and decided to go into business," Bill said

The first Saxtons store was in downtown Northville. Bill added it was during that era, Vicky came through for the family.

"Dad had to fight so hard just to stay alive during the Depression, we learned everything from her," Bill said. "She taught me how to paint, how to

hammer a nail." One of Vicky Saxton's great pleasures

was folk dancing.

Not only was it for her own personal enjoyment, but she also spread that feeling onto others in the community and other states.

She volunteered her talents to the Plymouth Girl Scouts and other local schools.

When vacationing in Florida, Bill said the taught the kids down there how to folk dance as well

Bill said his mother not only brought dance and culture to people, but something much more in some cases.

"There has to be at least a half dozen people out there who have meet through the dance sessions we would have the house, and ended up getting married," Bill said.

Vicky was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Mayflower Society, Palette and Brush Club and Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Dean; children, Molly (Donald), Dean (Lucille), Bill (Valerie) and Margaret.

She leaves 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at St. John's with arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL

Hoben disputes story about bonds

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Plymouth-Canton school Supt. John Hoben said there was no connection between a June 1991 golf outing on Mackinac Island with a representative of Kemper Securities and the subsequent approval of Kemper as the district's bonding agent.

The connection was suggested at the end of a Detroit Free Press story Thursday that reported on a \$29 million jury award to the Pontiac School District.

The damage award, brought against the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, resulted from allegations that the law firm had overcharged the district millions of dollars on a \$45 million bond sale. Among those overcharges, the Free

"Later that year, the Plymouth-Canton schools gave a bond deal to Kemper without seeking competitive bids.'

"That's not true," Hoben said Thursday morning. "We did do competitive bidding and we split the bond sale between Kemper and A.G. Edwards.

"We'd dealt with both of them before, but rather than give (the sale) to only one, we divided it."

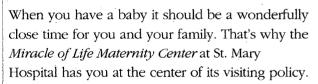


Wilbur Hamilton, Sr., 71, retired packager

Wilbur Hamilton, Sr. of Plymouth, died May 29, 1994, at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, Grace; son Wilbur (Diane), Jr.; daughter, Nancy (Ronny); grandchildren, Ronny, Jr., Ray (Debbie), Ken (Traci), Wendy, Cindy and Rachel; brothers, David (Marie), Orville and Donald (Reva); sisters, Laura (Jack) and Bertha (Walter). Services were last Wednesday with arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Giovanna Signorelli, 80, homemaker

Giovanna Signorelli of Plymouth Township, died May 25, 1994, at the age of 80. She is survived by her daugher, Ginnie (Robert); sons, Joseph (Betty), Peter (Lauren) and William; brother, Joseph; 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Services were Saturday with arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



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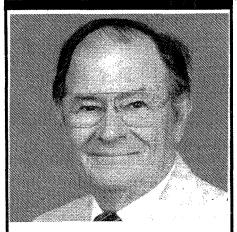
Hoben said his visit to Mackinac Island was to attend the Michigan Association of School Administrators' summer conference.

Press reported, was \$128.50 paid to Kemper representative — and former state superintendent --- Philip Runkel for the golf outing and lunches with Hoben. The Free Press then reported that



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



DR. JOHN BATTLE

John Battle, M.D., of Plymouth was recently appointed interim director of Medical Education and Continuing Education for Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

He also will retain his position as director of the Oakwood Family Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Battle, a family practice specialist, has been a member of Oakwood's Medical Staff for 37 years.

Community Federal Credit Union recently announced the appointment of **Janice Lyon** as its new assistant branch manager for the Northville office.

Lyon will be responsible for assisting the manager in coordinating and supervising branch operations to assure efficient and expedient delivery of service to the membership.

In addition, Lyon will also be responsible for scheduling and continued staff training. Superdog Thomp beagle

BY ALEX LUNDBERG There are bloodhounds that can track

animals and people for miles. There are drug-sniffing dogs that can find a gram of cocaine in a suitcase and others that can smell chemicals in fires suspected to be arsons.

That said, it should come as no surprise that there is now an ant-sniffing dog in Plymouth.

According to Tom Thompson, of Thompson's Pest Control, his ant and termite-sniffing beagle, Molly, has raised a few eyebrows.

"No one can believe that she can detect ants and termites," Thompson said. "But she can."

Thompson said that, like a bloodhound, a beagle has an incredibly acute olfactory system (sense of smell). The average beagle has 200 million olfactory cells. By way of comparison, the average human has only 20 million such cells.

According to Thompson, Molly doesn't miss a thing when she's on the job.

"She alerts to the particular odor of of ants and termites," Thompson said. "She also lets us know how many are there.

"Also, she can smell eggs and tell the difference between a live and a dead ant." Thompson said that he went to a class

in Maryland to learn to understand and control Molly. He said that the reaction of the dog is

an indicator of the amount of pests in the area.

"I had to learn the difference between the response to three termites as opposed to 200," Thompson said. "The more ants there are, the more bonkers she goes."

In a demonstration at Thompson's home/office, Molly went around the yard in search of five hidden "alerts" (canisters containing ants and termites).

She found them all with minimal effort. Each time she successfully found another canister (setting her tail wagging and her sniffing into high gear), Thompson's Pest Control employs beagle with a nose for ants, termites



Molly recieves a pre-work pep-talk from her owner, Tom Thompson. If Molly isn't told to go to work, Tom said, she wouldn't smell an ant if it was right in front of her (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

Thompson gave her a bit of food.

One of the other things that Thompson had to learn are the stimuli that Molly has been trained to react to: the apron, the pointer, the harness and specific keywords.

"She knows when she sees the apron, harness and pointer that it is time to work. She has also been taught 35 keywords that relate to her training," Thompson said.

"Part of the reason for that is it would make everything difficult if every time someone in the office said 'termite' or 'ants,' Molly went nuts."

Molly got her training at Beacon Dogs, Inc. in Annapolis, MD. The owner of Beacon Dogs, Dr. Andrew K. Solarz, Ph.D., used his knowledge of animal psychology to train beagles to sniff out pests using positive reinforcement.

At this time, there are only 20 other dogs in the country like Molly.

One of the Beacon Dogs' alumni went up against a pair of pest detecting machines in an experiment at Purdue University. Out of 20 possible alerts one of the machines found no alerts and the other machine found only two.

The Beacon Dogs subject found all of the alerts in the experiment.

According to Thompson, Molly gives his business an edge over the pest control giants, Terminix and Orkin.

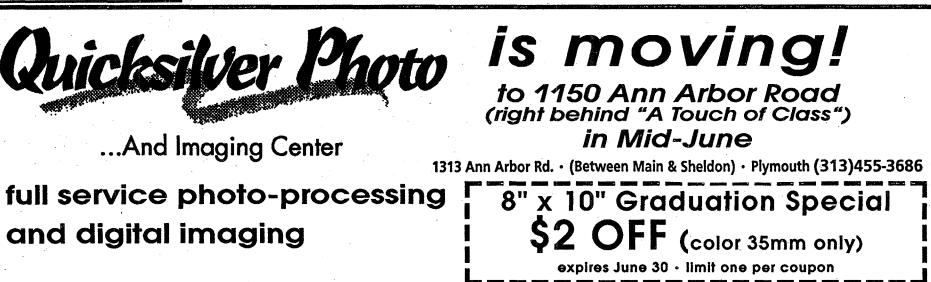
"When they come to a house, they make holes in the wall every 16 inches and spray chemicals in," Thompson said.

"By putting the chemicals only where they are needed there's no need to spray down the whole house," Thompson said.

"When Molly comes to a house, she finds out exactly where the nests are and we put the chemicals there."

Strangely, for all of Molly's natural charm and Thompson's knowledge of pest control, there's an embarrassing question that some people ask when they arrive at the door.

"I've had some people actually worry about letting Molly in their houses," Thompson said. "I run a pest control company and they ask me if the dog has fleas."

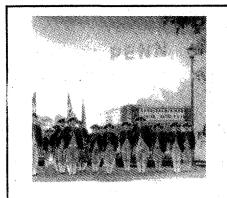


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Drum Corps performed for patrons entering the Penn Theatre Thursday for a premiere showing of "Renaissance Man," a film written by Plymouth resident Jim Burnstein. The special screening was a fund-raiser for the Plymouth **Community Arts Council, and raised** nearly \$12,000. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

Twp. residents file complaints

BY JOHN HORN

The residents group at Plymouth Hills Mobile Home facility in Plymouth Township has filed a complaint with the State, citing 18 violations there.

Harold Stein, president of Plymouth Mobilie and Manufactured Home Association, Inc. (PMMHA) is spearheading the group's complaint against owner Joe Ruggirello.

"The last thing we wanted to get into was a spitting contest," Stein said. "It would have never had to come to this.'

Among th 18 violations filed with the State's Manufactured Housing Division by PMMHA include lack of emergency phone lines, rent inequities and harassment by management.

Stein said in a March 11 meeting with PMMHA, Ruggirello agreed to remedy manyh of Stein's problems.

According to Stein, none of those have been met.

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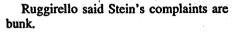
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"There is not one legitimate complaint on that list," Ruggirello. "He's trying to get everyone in an uproar.

"When it comes back from the state, we'll deal with it then.'

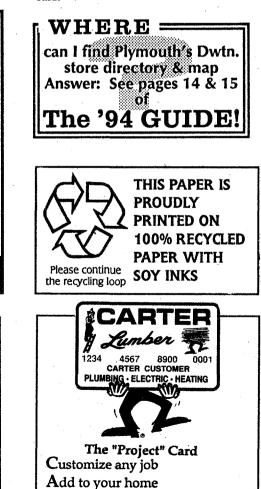
PMMHA formed last year and were recognized by the State in January.

Plymouth Hills is the largest residential district in the township, with 644 lots accounting for approximately 10 per cent of the township's population.

Manufactured Housing Division case analysts have begun reviewing the complaint.

Ruggirello said he will play the complaints out until the state is ready.

"When it comes time. I'll tell them to come on down here and see for themselves, talk to the people themselves," he said.



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Police, fire fund balances fall

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work, then the negotiators take their cases to a state-appointed arbitrator.

According to Kopinski, the arbitrator sided with the firefighters. And there is no appealing the arbitrator's decision.

'The arbitrator gave the union a lot," Kopinski said. "Not only did we have to abide by the decision, but we also had to pay the new terms retroactively."

Kopinski said that the arbiter made the township accept the raises that the firefighters wanted (pay raises of 5, 6, and 5 per cent over three years), they also had to raise the amount of money funneled into pension payments.

'Canton operates under 'defined contribution,' where we match a certain amount of what the full-time employee pays for their pension," Kopinski said.

'Under the old agreement, the employee paid 5 per cent of their base pay and we matched that with 10 per cent of their base pay.

"The arbitrator said that the township's percentage should rise to 15 per cent.'

City budget includes millage hike

Continued from pg. 3 months, Walters and the administrations have been able to discuss and generate ideas to alleviate these problems in the

future. "They will have to increase mausoleum sales cash flow over the five-year period to help defray some of those expenditures." Walter said.

While the Cemetery revenue suggestion could take place in the future, the City has worked to reduce costs in other departments in previous years.

Since 1989-90, the administration made what Walters called "organizational changes and computerized operations too

Kopinski said that, since the police and firefighters are at parity on such issues, police and later all full-time township employees were covered under the same contract agreements.

Kopinski said that the third major draw on the police and fire funds was the township's connection with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA).

"Canton is self-insured through MMRMA, a group plan which is composed of several communities," Kopinski said. "We had been keeping up with the premiums but had not been approached about liabilities."

Kopinski said that the MMRMA board approached Canton about the outstanding fees, saying that it was not fair for other communities to be paying for those bills while Canton was not.

According to Kopinski, the bill for that year was in the vicinity of \$600,000.

Kopinski said that part of the problem rises out of the fact that Canton has not asked for a millage increase for the last eight years. She said that cutting back the budget is not necessarily the answer.

allow a reduction in the total number of City employees."

Over the four years, Plymouth has reduced its number of employes from 81 to 71

Those cuts came from the police and fire departments, Public Works and administrative departments.

"The Commission worked with the administration to contain and reduce these costs," Walter said. "I think it did well to hold the line the way we did."

Monday's meeting included a public hearing in which residents were given an opportunity to review and question aspects of the budget.

George Lawton dead at age 67

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which was eventually merged into CFCU.)

His quiet ways, his flannel shirts and his mocassins were the characteristic that many young workers, farmers and small and large businessfolk got to know when they went to the credit union for help "starting out."

Lawton was somewhat of a philosopher about things as he lent out money or served in varied political-civic positions. "It's amazing how much you can accomplish if you just let others take the credit for it," he often said.

Lawton served as a member of the Plymouth City Commission, the Canton Planning Commission and the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Even when he disagreed on an issue, Lawton worked towards a concensus. The night the conservatives gained a majority of the school board, Lawton lost on the 4-3 vote for president.

The next motion was his and stunned his colleagues and the audience — he nominated one of the conservative members for vice president.

"The credit union prospered and grew from practically zero to one of the larger credit unions under his guidance," said Jim Cantrell, the current CFCU general manager.

Lawton's son Bill (who also works at the CFCU) said, "It was fun working with him; he was very forward thinking.

'If you gave 100 per cent and it didn't work, he said, 'It'll work next time.' If you didn't give 100 per cent, he said, 'You were wasting time.'

Since his retirement, Lawton worked as a financial adviser and tended both his 1850-vintage home and his Leelanau Penninsula Douglas fir tree farm.

Lawton was also a sheep fancier. The family's longtime sheep farm in Canton graced the cover of the 1984 GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville in a painting made by his wife, Doreen.

Besides his wife, he is survived by: daughter, Sue Holway; sons, William and Colton; four grandchildren; a brother and three sisters. A family memorial service will be held later.

Meanwhile, a scholarship fund is being established in Lawton's memory by the family and CFCU. Donations may be sent to: George Lawton Scholarship Fund, c/o CFCU, 500 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Motorcyclist killed in crash

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ers said that strip of Ann Arbor Road, between Main and Lilley, is a hotbed for accidents.

The day before Franklin's death, two cars were involved in a non-fatal head-on accident in the same area.

"We see accidents out here, it seems like every day," Chiado said. "This should not be 45 (miles per hour), they should lower it.'

Franklin was riding a 1994 Honda CBR 600 FZ motorcycle. That bike capable of reaching top speeds in excess of 115 miles per hour.

Where the accident location was once cluttered with debris, sits a flowered memorial to Franklin.

Friends and family members began

placing flowers near the curb where Franklin fell Thursday night.

Sunday night saw a candlelight vigil

with members of Franklin's family, girlfriend Dawn Jackson, friend Lynn Palmer and others.

"You couldn't say a bad thing about him," Jackson said. "Even at the funeral, someone said 'that's not Harry, he's not smiling.' That's how he was,'' she said.

Man dies month after crash in Plymouth Twp.

An 88-year-old Livonia man died Tuesday from complications suffered in an April 22 accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Francis.

Jessie Bennett was driving the vehicle as it turned on to Ann Arbor Trail and hit another car head-on.

His passenger, 95-year-old Vernell Nyman was pronounced dead at St. Mary's Hospital after the accident.



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

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

calendar (space permitting).

The Northville Genealogical Society will hold their Annual potluck tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village in Northville. Please bring a plate to pass. Stanley Brescoll will speak on European geneaology. For more information, call 348-1857.

FATHER'S DAY RUN

The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding their 15th annual run on Father's Day. There will be a one mile, 5 k and 10 k run. For more information about the run, call the YMCA at 453-2904. **CAMP TONQUISH**

The Plymouth YMCA will be holding Camp Tonquish at McClumpha Park for children ages 6-12. There will be trips and events from June 20 through Aug. 22. For more information, call the YMCA. ROCK AND BOWL

The Canton Police Department is sponsoring and supporting the Super Bowl in a "For Kids only-Rock-N-Bowl," at the Superbowl off of Ford Road. The bowling will continue throughout the summer from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 and all children ages 9-15 are welcome.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Christ the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Canton will be sponsoring a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale today and tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 981-0286. PCEP SENIOR CLASS PARTY

The graduating classes of both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools will be holding their annual Senior Class Party on June 12, after commencements. The party will begin at 9 p.m. and conclude at 4 a.m., but no one will be admitted after 11 p.m. It is a closed party for the graduating classes only. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets include a T-shirt.

SWIFT KIDS SCOUT DETROIT AREA, PLYMOUTH

Swift Kids, a New York based division of Plus Models Management, will be holding screenings for prospec-tive young models today and tomorrow. Today Swift Kids will be at John Casablanca's Modeling & Career Center in Plymouth. For an appointment to be screened, call collect 455-0700.

Obituaries

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

GEORGE LAWTON

Long Active in Credit Union Affairs, Mr. Lawton died at his Northville home on May 27, 1994.

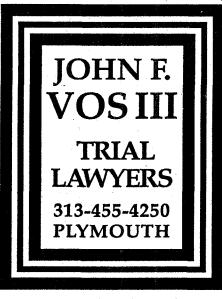
He was the first General Manager of the Plymouth Community Credit Union when it was first organized in 1958. Before retiring as Treasurer and General Manager in 1987, he saw the name changed to Community Federal Credit Union and guided its expansion with the opening of branches in Northville and Canton and its merger with the Montsego Community Credit Union where four other Michigan branches are now established.

Since his retirement, he has devoted himself to his family, his home which was built in 1850 with its grape arbor, raspberry patch and flowers, and his Douglas Fir tree farm on the Leelanau Peninsula.

He is survived by his wife, Doreen Davies Lawton, an art teacher in the Livonia Public Schools; children, Sue (Bruce) Holoway, William (Carole), and Colton (Debbie); grandchildren, Christopher, Mollie, Colton and Jacob; a brother, Thomas S.; and three sisters, Bessie Weatherston, Louie Lawton and Diana Aldridge.

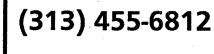
A family memorial will be held at a later date.

In cooperation with the Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth, a memorial scholarship fund is being established. Information about it can be furnished by the Credit Union or a family member.





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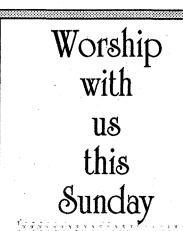
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Rate stability?

Home sales up 10 per cent for the first quarter of '94; rates appear to have settled around 8% for 30 years

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

The American of dream of owning a home is becoming a reality for many people this year.

Existing home sales from January to April are up 11.9 percent (15,794) from the same period last year (14,106) according to a report released last week by the Michigan Realtors Association.

The survey reports the sales of existing home sales from a representative sampling of 20 areas from around the state that vary from report to report but always include metropolitan areas.

Besides total sales, the report discloses monthly numbers. The month of April showed an 8 percent increase in average

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Interest rates appear to have stabilized; sales solid

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price for single-family home — from \$79,738 to \$86,397.

The April figures also show an 18 percent increase from 4,329 sales in 1993 to 5,103 this year.

K.C. Mueller, associate Realtor for Remerica at 1115 S. Main, said the first quarter was phenomenal.

"We are have all phases in the market going well," she said. "(These customers) range from first time buyers to people making their third or fourth move."

Even so, Mueller expects a slowdown for this month.

"In June many people are involved in graduations and weddings and put off selling because they are busy with other things," she said. "However, the rest of the summer business will be big."

Dan Gilbert, executive vice president of Rock Financial Mortgage Bank, based in Bingham Farms, credits the economy for the improvement in existing home sales.

"(The economy) is the main thing," he said. "More importantly it's the perception of the economy which has improved."

Besides consumer confidence, interest rates, which are between 8 and 9 percent for a 30-year-fixed loan, have slowly been rising the last month are an important factor in determining a transaction.

But Mueller said not to worry about the rising percentages.

"The federal interest rates are bumped up about this time every year to some extent," Mueller said.

"As the interest rates rise, it caps prices from asking for more in the mind, but prices are guided by appraisals which run six months behind."

Chuck Gorris, associate broker of Help-U-Sell, 1176 S. Main, said sales

Canton No. 2 in SEMCOG rank; Twp. values rise

BY PETER BRODERICK

With new housing developments popping up left and right, The Plymouth-Canton Community has been one of the fastest growing Southeast Michigan communities for years, and the trek to the west does not look like its going to stop anytime soon.

According to the results of a survey released by the Southeast

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Michigan Council of Govenments (SEMCOG), Canton Township was the second fastest growing community in the seven county SEMCOG region in 1993.

Clinton Township beat out Canton's total of 699 new housing starts with 703. The 699 figure moved Canton up from fifth place in 1992.

With expansion into new areas of Canton, new subdivisions are being built and old ones are being expanded.

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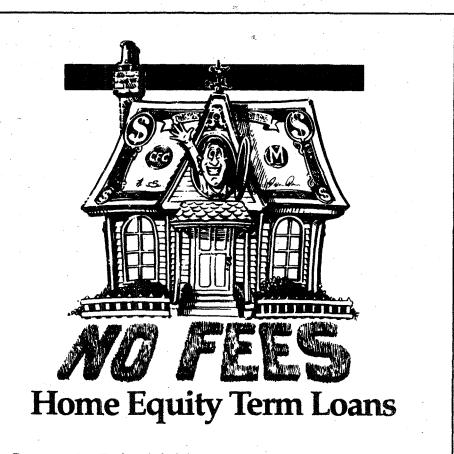
will level off because of rising interest rates, but still be better than last year.

"People were getting spoiled on those lower rates during January, February and March," he said. "The rates will stabilize as well as the sales over the rest of the summer."

Besides great business, the lower rates did make available new financial options for first-time buyers, he said.

Gibert said the trend here is that even though interest rates are higher than last year they are still lower from what they were the four years before.

Mueller said another trend is more people are setting prices realistically which allows for a quicker sale and less bargaining.



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When people finally get to buy their dream house, whether one that they found or one that they had built, they need to look past the initial rush of home ownership.

What they need to do is get their new house insured, and know what kind of coverage that insurance provides.

According to State Farm Agent Frank McMurray, there isn't a difference between insuring a new home and a pre-existing house.

"There's really no difference between the coverage on an old home as opposed to a new one," McMurray said. "The best kind to get is Homeowner 5."

McMurray said that Homeowner 5 insurance will cover the replacement of the house and its contents. He said that the premiums and content value are based on the replacement value of the home.

"Homeowner 5 is based on 100 per cent of the replacement cost of the home," McMurray said. "In the event of a total loss, 75 per cent of the replacement cost of the home goes to replacing the contents of the home."

If those premiums are too steep, there is another policy that is similar in coverage, just a step down from Homeowner 5.

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per cent of the) replacement cost of the home." McMurray said.

McMurray said that the main difference between the two policies is that Homeowner 3 would require the homeowner to cover 20 per cent of the replacement cost of the home.

According to McMurray, apartment and townhouse renters should look into insurance as well.



"For renters, it's good to look into contents insurance for their belongings," McMurray said. "The management of the building will take care of building insurance."

According to McMurray, it is important for holders of any policy to make the insurer aware of any improvements made to the home.

"If the value of the house goes up the homeowner should make their insurer aware," McMurray said. "If the house is valued and insured at \$200,000 and a \$5,000 garage is added to the house, the homeowner should make contact with the company to update the contract."

McMurray said that it was always a good idea for policy holders to become familiar with the procedures for dealing with the company, especially those concerning the when, how and where to file claims.

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Residential units in Canton jumped from 16,656 in 1984 to 21,724 this year.

The 10-year span also saw Canton's overall valuation of property climb from just under \$500 million to over \$1.1 billion.

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Deb is bigger but Amy is catching up fast.

Congratulations AL HOMES -- his first HOLE IN ONE. Vital statistics. Friday night couples league -- FOX HILLS - #2 hole on the lakes course 150 yards -- Al used a 7 iron. The rest of the league said "so what!" He didn't buy a round.

Kristin "only in pictures" quote from Vickey

The Crier welcomes Pam & Betty to the Porterhouse crew. Stop in and say hi.

Thanks Gerry the game was great.

Who is that lady on the sports page

Jack T. would make a great personal director NOT!

Mariah made a perfect flower girl and she didn't get in trouble for throwing things on the floor

Jimmy caught himself a big one - plus a bunch of perch.



Kevin cleans up real nice. I wonder if his mystery lady has anything to do with it.

Congratulations Brent & Lisa McVevi Beautiful wedding, great dinner, fantastic cheese cake. 37.38

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Jimmy, thanks for a wonderful weekend and a delicious dinner.

A GRANDMA ATTENDED A

NORTHVILLE DANCE RECITAL on Saturday evening last. Tell me, are these no more Shirley Temples, only small Barbie Dolls who will grow into big Barbie Dolls? Fifty four acts of little girls and some boys dancing. And all I can remember is a five or six year old girl who "froze" on the stage when her group performed. Where were all the helpers in the wings? Why didn't someone have enough empathy to see her need and got out and take her hand, even sit on the floor with her and watch the others? Shame!

FIFTY YEARS AGO MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1994, JACK WILCOX was on leave in Plymouth when Japan attacked.

FIFTY YEARS AGO BUD MARTIN was wounded severly, in the third wave that landed on the beach under General Patton.

"WHO CAN BE DULL IN FLEET STREET." No, Ed, did not write it, Chas Lamb did (1775-1834)

Thanks, Bob Cameron

Curiosities

DENVER MCCORD – Your "Memorial" at St. John's Episcopal Church was so heartwarming it made us all happy to have known you.

TWO GENTLEMEN FROM PLYMOUTH are driving on holiday to the east coast. Young maidens or old --watch your step

SHERADA ERDELYI COLLINS, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Erdelyi of Plymouth can't possible be old enough to have received her master of Social Welfare from the University of Kansas on May 15, 1994. Congratulations to a dear little girl who has grown up to be charming lady.

We have a problem, the boat's sinking!! And my tennis shoes are ruined!!

JIM ROBINSON - Twenty-seven fish in half an hour? A likely story! Or did you have special bait on board?

NINETY YEARS AGO ESTHER GIBEAU ARRIVED JUNE 5, 1904, an only child of her delighted parents. Friends neighbors and relatives celebrated Esther's birth on Sunday with a bang-up cook-out. A good time was had by all, and especially by Esther. Happy Birthday. Esther Gibeau and many more.

JOHNNIE CROSBY is presently exhibiting at the Ann Arbor Public Library in Ann Arbor "Woman Painters' Spring Show through June 16. She is also at the Ann Arbor Art Association in "Best of Show" exhibit through June 18.

Curiosities

How many fish did we catch??!! ALI & SCOTT GRIMM - We shall miss you.

Good luck in your new venture in Grand Haven.

DEE & LEROY and they lived "Happily ever after."

EVELYN CURTIS there is a wonderful network in Plymouth going back years and years when half the town was related and all your friends and relatives attended school together. There have been many calls mourning your passing. Plymouth won't be the same without you. Geneva Guenther

DUNBAR & MARTHA – Sort of hard, but you can do it! And this is good old Boston, the home of the bean and the cod. Just finish the quotation. I don't think even you will know the author, Dunbar.

FLORENCE POHL- HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE. Your encouraging words follow, and you and they were just what I needed.

Bullwinkle & Rocky- Thanx for much fun. Photos in store! P.S. the bones still smell!

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Curiosities

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doubt about it, We scarcely could survive without it. A hug delights and warms and charms, it must be why God gave us arms. Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, Sweet

for sisters, swell for brothers, and chances are some favorite aunts love them more than potted plants. Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.Reads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier, and make the dullest day seem merrier. No need to fret about the store of 'em. The more you give, the more there are of 'em. So stretch

give, the more there are of 'em. So stretch those arms without delay and give someone a hug today. Author unkown.

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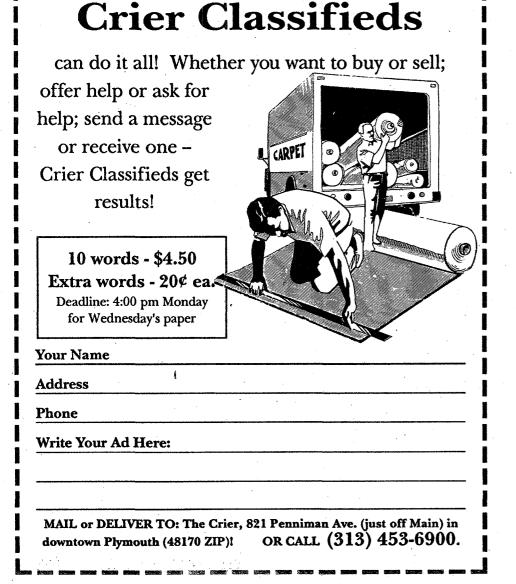
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Two, 4-year terms

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"We need to make it more user friendly," she said.

For Horvath and Kilijanczyk, the issue was a little broader.

Horvath: "One of the reasons I got involved in this was because the board just seemed to be meeting from Monday night to Monday night."

Similarly, Kilijanczyk said he would "push for changes in the way the board operates."

"Too often the administration recommend and the board just rubber stamps it; I'd like to see more options before a decision is made."

In the end, Kilijanczyk said, "there needs to be more open dialogue and communications with the people during meetings."

When that doesn't happen, he said,

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"people go away thinking nothing was accomplished."

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A point echoed by Kalis: "Parents need to feel that their concerns are being addressed.

One aspect of the board's complexion only occasionally touched on, however, is the gender split: The board currently has only two female members - Barbara Graham and Susan Feiten - but the election could seat three women, making the board 4-3 female.

And that, according to Bollman, is a key factor in assessing the board's future performance: "I think the dynamics will change a great deal if other women are elected.

"I think we'll start seeing a lot more support for what Barbara has to say ---where the current board would never support her motion for discussion."

One, 1-year term

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"But you know what? I got no response."

Of the three women, Feiten speaks most directly about the various issues facing the district - not surprising given the fact she's been a working member of the board for six months.

"There are so many issues, and sometimes people get (bogged down) by the minutiae," she said. But one of her issues has clearly been to reduce the studentteacher class-size ratio: As former cochair of the Class size Action Partnership committee, Feiten has not lost sight of her goal.

Feiten is joined in her view by Greene, who says simply that "we need more teachers."

"I want all children to have the opportunity to learn," she said, adding that "we have enough money; we just need to spend it wisely."

Along those lines, Greene has suggested bidding out teachers health insurance and otherwise treating the district like a business.'

Clearly the mystery candidate in this part of Monday's race has been Bradley.

After weeks of missed phone calls and little word about her campaign, Bradley spoke to The Crier Monday about the race, but said little about her own views on the issues.

"I am a person of action, not of words, she said" - adding at one point: "I don't even know what the problems are... but I'm willing to find out."

Editor's note: Last week it was incorrectly reported that Bradley was an attorney. Although she has a law degree, she does not practice law.

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Sports

Sports shorts

All middle school, and Canton-Salem high school athletes can get a pre-participation physical today at the Salem High School balcony.

Sponsored by the athletic department, pre-physical forms may be picked up at the athletic director's office in Canton and Salem High Schools.

Middle school athletes may pick up forms at the principal's office.

The forms need to be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian.

The physicals will be given by Orthopedic Surgery Associates, P.C., Dr. Robert Gordon and Dr. Donald Wild.

Cost for the physical is \$12.

Any student unable to afford the cost should contact Sue Heinzman for assistance.

The schedule for the evening calls for middle school students to receive their physicals at 6:30 p.m., Canton students to receive their physicals at 7 p.m., and Salem students to receive their physicals at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Sue Heinzman at 416-7751.

On June 10, the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council will host the 1994 Juliette Low Golf Open at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

There are still tee times available, and interested golfers should call the Council at 483-2370 (or 800-552-4929 ext. 224 for information.

Sponsorship and program advertising opportunities are also available.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its 14th Annual Father's Day 3-person "scrambles" golf tournament at Fellows Creek on Sunday, June 19.

Teams will compete for prizes including awards for the long drive, closest-to-the-pin and top three teams. The cost of the tournament is \$78

per team, which includes all greens fees and awards.

Electric carts are extra.

Tee times are from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Registration is open to all golfers. Deadline for registration is June 16 at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Men's and Women's Golf Outing at Fellows Creek Golf Course on Tuesday, August 9.

The foursome scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Off track

Casinos may make a day at the race track a thing of the past

PART I OF II

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE Casino Windsor may be dealing local horse racing tracks a death-blow.

Michigan Racing Commissioner Nelson Westrin said that under current Michigan law, race tracks cannot compete with the casinos.

"We're not exactly sure what this (Casino Windsor) will do to us," he said.

"All we know is that in other places where tracks and casinos go head-tohead, the track suffers."

Local tracks have definitely suffered since the opening of Casino Windsor on May 17.

Westrin said attendance has dropped 10 percent at Hazel Park and 18 percent at Ladbroke DRC since the casino opened across the border.

Margaret Zayti, the executive manager at Northville Downs said that although Northville's racing season is done until October, they are expecting a drop in attendance as well.

"Something has to be done to help the race tracks," she said. "When you take 10 to 15 percent off the bottom line, you're hurting."

Zayti and Westrin agree that the Michigan Legislature needs to loosen rules concerning betting at the race tracks.

Legislation is expected to be introduced in Michigan to expand the betting options at the race courses to make the tracks more competitive.

The Racing and Gaming Act of 1994, when introduced, will include certain elements designed to allow racing in Michigan to survive and compete.

These elements include video gaming terminals (VGTs), liberalized simulcasting and telephone betting.

Revenue from these elements is expected to raise the amount of tax revenue generated for the state from its current level of about \$20 million per year to an estimated \$75 to \$100 million per year.

The proposed legislation also will include the following provisions:

Live Racing - Tracks will only be eligible for VGTs if they preserve at least the same amount of race dates and live races as in 1993.

Simulcasting of one race for each three live races, plus 25 races of special significance, will be permitted as part of a live program. Simulcasting during the dark portion of a live racing day is permitted subject to horsemen's veto. On other days, Michigan races can be simulcast (cross-breed simulcast subject to horseman's veto), as well as 12 samebreed races from out of state.

VGT and Simulcast Revenue - All money from interstate simulcast wagers



Empty parking lots at Northville Downs mean big business for Casino Windsor. Local racing tracks are losing 10 to 18 percent on attendance alone since the opening of the casino in May. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

or telephone bets is taxed and divided between tracks and horsemen exactly as if it was live race handle.

All money from VGTs, after expenses, a payment to cities and a few programs of benefit to the entire horse industry, is taxed 33 1/3 percent to the state (includes all state purposes such as replacing Indian gaming income), 33 1/3 percent to the race meet licensee and 33 1/3 percent to the horsemen.

Regulation - Authority to regulate video gaming and new forms of simulcasting is given to the Office of the Racing Commissioner. Race meeting licenses currently held by the tracks are expanded to include the right to intertrack (intrastate simulcasting), telephone betting and operate video gaming.

The ORC currently regulates all aspects of racing in Michigan, including number of dates of live races, conduct of live races, treatment of horses, and parimutuel\ wagering on live races and existing simulcasting.

Tax Revenue - One third of net terminal income from VGTs as described above goes to the state.

Revenue from simulcasting is treated as if it was live handle, and is taxed at the same percentage.

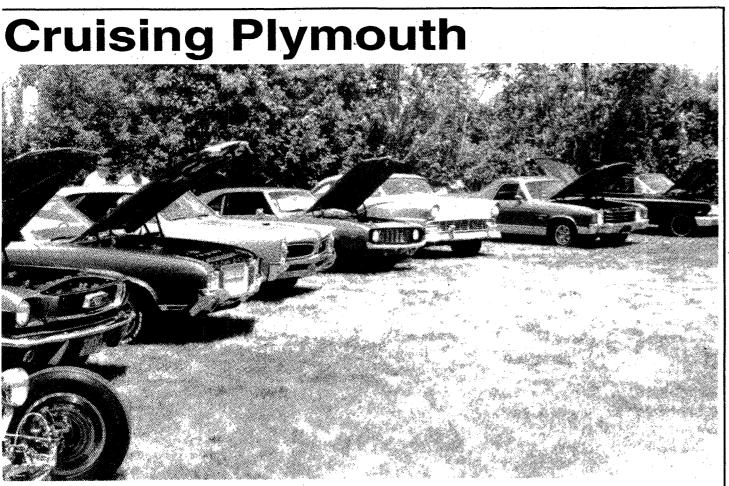
It is estimated that the state revenue generated from VGTs, simulcasting and live racing will be \$75 to \$100 per year.

Editor's note: Next week's continuation on this story will focus on the draw of Casino Windsor and the fall of horse racing in the state of Michigan over the last few decades.

Fore charity



Jean Wright, owner of Tri-Kor golf range sold 600 buckets of golf balls over Memorial Day weekend. 25 cents from each bucket went to the Special Olympics, The National Arthritis Foundation and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Wright plans to make it an annual event.



This is not your father's Oldsmobile. The Plymouth Knights of Columbus held their annual Cruise In Saturday. Auto enthusiasts had the chance to show off their slick wheels. From Cameros to Mustangs, the event drew cars from across the state of Michigan and cars from several other nearby states. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

Avoidable tragedy

More than quick reflexes and a heavy hand , a rider needs common sense to handle a motorcycle, too

In the short time I have been a reporter, I have covered a numer of fatal accidents. None of them are easy to stomach.

One of the worst I have ever seen happened Thursday on Ann arbor Road right in front of Arby's restaurant in Plymouth.

No one ever said sporting motorcycles are safe. Harry Franklin, a 23-year-old Garden City resident would be

he first to explain the dangers of riding a motorcycle...if he yould have lived through the accident.

According to witnesses, Franklin was traveling east on Ann Arbor Road at an extremely high rate of speed when a white Ford scort wagon turned into Arby's parking lot.

Franklin's 1994 Honda CBR 600 FZ is capable of reaching peeds of 115 miles per hour. But chances are one in a million hat a rider can survive an impact with the side of a car at even alf that speed.

When fellow reporter John Horn and I arrived at the scene of he accident, we knew it was a bad one.

Franklin's bike was still in the road, twisted from the impact. Most reporters are taught not to associate the accident with the person involved. It's just too difficult to become emotionally nvolved in every accident that occurs.

I don't feel that way. I have to be involved or I don't feel I can lo the story or the victims justice.

Harry died at the age of 23. I am 24. Harry was riding a motorycle. I grew up riding cycles. Harry had his whole life ahead of im. So do I.

One thing is certain. The people who where driving west down Ann Arbor Road and saw the accident scene won't soon forget what happened to Harry. It was in their eyes.

I don't know about Harry, but one thing I was always taught is o learn from my mistakes. It's too late for Harry. But we can all earn something from his death.

The first lesson we can all learn from this is motorcycle riders need to travel at safe speeds.

It is frightening to me that a 600 cc motorcycle can reach



speeds of 115 miles per hour.

Just imagine what speeds an 1100 cc motorcycle can reach.

On any Saturday night during the summer, countless "superbikes" as they are called, race up and down Main Street. These bikes are built for speed. And most of the owners are young men who are out for a thrill.

But the cycles are not toys. If the rider falls off a motorcycle at any speed, it usually results in a fatality or a serious injury.

Most cyclists are careful riders. Ninety-nine per cent know how dangerous motorcycles can be.

Not all the responsibility lies on the shoulders of the cyclist. Motorists also need to look out for motorcycles.

Many times cycles are difficult to see because of their size. Drivers need to look for the bikes to avoid accidents like the one that cost Harry Franklin his life.

There are many victims as a result of this terrible accident.

Harry's family and friends have to live with his death forever. So does the driver of the Escort. So do the people who drove by the accident scene. So do a couple of reporters.

Every night since the accident, Harry's friends have gathered at the spot where the accident occurred, laying flowers on the lawn to remember their friend.

The image of the accident will be hard to forget.

Let's not forget the important lessons we can all learn from Harry's death.

Cycling can be a great sport, but if we're all not careful, it can also be deadly.



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The Canton Softball Center is now accepting team registrations for its summer season, which begins on June 26.

The 14 game/10 week season fee is \$495 per team.

Men's (All evenings, Mon. a.m. and Sun. afternoon), women's (Wednesday evening) and Coed (Monday or Friday evening and Sunday afternoon) teams are welcome.

There is no residency requirement. Call (313) 483-5600, ext. 102, 3.

Upcoming Tournaments June 4-5: USSSA Men's E, (Two

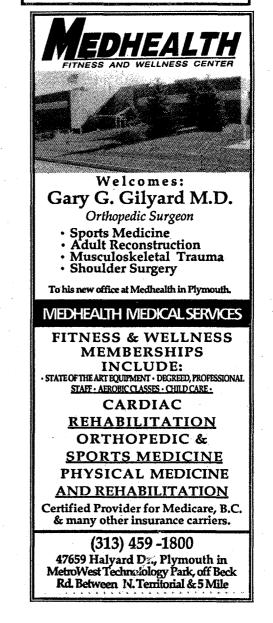
1-Dayers) and USSSA Black Qualifer, Superior Sports Men's and Women's Summer Classic.

June 11-12: The Strawberry Festival Classic USSSA Men's "C" and "D" Qualifiers.

June 25-26: USSSA Women's A,B,C Tournaments Youth Tournament (18, 16, 14, 12 & 10).

July 2-4: WCSX/Bud Light \$10,000 Travel Awards Men's B, C and E Divisions. Call now! Limited openings!

July 9-10: Men's 35/Over, Men's E & Women's C Canton Softball League Playoffs.



Community opinions

Our choices for the P-C school board

Susan Davis and Mark Horvath are excellent candidates for 4-year terms...

With apologies to Charles Dickens, what a refreshing situation, what a disturbing situation:

Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election offers one of the finest crop of candidates to appear in some time, there are no controversial issues to confuse the voter, the district is going through unprecedented change — and voter turnout is expected to be miserably low.

Such is the scenario expected in Monday's election as voters go to the polls to elect three people to the Board of Education — a replacement of almost half the sitting board in one fell swoop — by electing two people to four-year terms, and one person to a one-year term.

The refreshing aspect of Monday's election, in fact, can best be seen in the field of five candidates seeking one of the two open seats on the board: Carol Bollman, Susan Davis, Mark Horvath, Peggy Kalis and Stephen Kilijanczyk offer one of the finest cross-sections of interested, committed, involved and intelligent individuals ever to grace a Plymouth-Canton ballot. The sad story may be that more seats aren't available this time; the good story may be that whoever loses Monday will come back again next year and try again.

Of the five, four stand out for particular notice: Davis, Horvath, Kilijanczyk and Kalis have all demonstrated a unique understanding of the dynamics at work in the school district, and have offered ranging views and solutions on the issues and problems facing the district. Only one, Bollman, comes up slightly short — even though her fine credentials in the area of special education research paint the picture of a woman with much to offer... by remaining at the edges of the district and constantly nipping at the heels of those who would make policy.

Of the others, Kilijanczyk was on the ballot only yesterday, running a close second to incumbent Dave Artley last June, and showing the district how someone with a different perspective can lead the way in changing attitudes and approaches. But Kilijanczyk also falls slightly short: His lack of direct involvement in any district committees and reluctance to even attend board meetings raises questions of how he may perform in what must be often a cooperative, collaborative environment

That, however, is not the case for Kalis: Her involvement is well-documented and well-respected by all of those inside and out of district operations. It is, in fact, difficult to exclude from consideration.

However.

However, after reviewing the credentials, the backgrounds and those intangibles that comprise a person's life, livelihood and persona, two individuals — Davis and Horvath — stand slightly ahead of the rest: Davis, in part by virtue of her work with Growth Works plus her prior bid for the school board two years ago, brings with her a unique view of adolescent life and the needs of our youth. At the other end, Horvath brings an unexpected freshness and untapped perspective to the debate on the future of education in America.

The two of them would bring much-needed new blood to a board in dire need of an infusion. And it is for these reasons that voters should cast their ballots for Susan Davis and Mark Horvath for the four-year seats in Monday's election.

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Newly elected school board should pick Farrow as president

After the Plymouth-Canton school elections Monday, as many as three and at least two new faces will be sitting at the school board table. Add to that a new school superintendent starting soon.

Therefore it's vitally important that the school board elect new officers that blend leadership, vigor, fresh ideas and experience.

Jack Farrow, a current member of the school board is the obvious choice for board president regardless of which three candidates are elected Monday.

Farrow is a thoughtful, fair board member and would lead the board while providing all sides an opportunity to raise issues.

Both Roland Thomas and Dave Artley have led the board and Barbara Graham has served long. But the clear choice for leadership that all can live with is Farrow.

It is time for the Plymouth-Canton Schools to reassert itself as one of the top Michigan school districts that it is. Farrow is the best suited for that.

Elect Jack Farrow president of the Plymouth-Canton School Board. THE COMMUNITY CRIER

...Susan Feiten is the right choice to fill the 1-year seat

In the race for the single one-year seat on the Plymouth-Canton school board, one question stands out from all the rest: Is there anything that Susan Feiten has done to create distrust or doubt about her abilities, commitment and goals for the district?

The answer is clearly, nothing. In fact, as the past six months have rolled by, Feiten has demonstrated a growing sense of confidence and solid grasp of the facts before her. In addition, her growing comfort with the job has begun to show itself as she begins to assert a new view into old debates.

As for the other two candidates, Valerie Greene is to be applauded for her involvement in the process, and is encouraged to maintain a high visibility in the years to come; her perspective, as a member of United We Stand-America, is a much-valued view of government.

Likewise, Carolyn Bradley has indicated a sincere care for the children of the district, and one only hopes she will act on her views in the coming months and years. In the meantime, however, she has some learning to do about the electoral process.

But for now — and the next year — Feiten has earned the chance to continue fulfilling her agenda and helping the district cope with the challenges of change. On Monday, voters are encouraged to cast their ballot for Susan Feiten in the race for the one-year seat.

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Community opinions

4-year-old showed a lot of calm courage

Josh Elliott is one tough kid.

The 4-year-old Plymouth child avoided serious injury last week by having a solid head on his shoulders.

It was one of those things that makes one shudder.

Several colleagues with great concern asked me last week, "Did you hear about what happened to that little boy on Penniman yesterday?"

A plea of ignorance was entered on my behalf and was then informed that a young child had a trunk lid accidentally slammed shut on his head.

Trunk lid: Heavy, steel-lipped, like a dull, angled guillotine. 4-year-old child's head: soft, delicate, filled with magical imagination and wonderment. Not a good match.

It all started when Barb Elliott parked the car on Penniman and tried to corral three kids into a picture of normalcy.

As she was getting the stroller out of the trunk for Josh's younger brother Jared, Josh noticed an old Batman toy at the back of the trunk.

"It was old and dirty and I told him to get back," Barb said.

After temporarily obeying orders, Barb put Jared in the stroller and turned to shut the trunk. Little did she know Josh was bent on getting the toy and had his head in the way.

"I touched his head and there was blood all over," she said.

When Plymouth's Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance arrived on the scene, they put Josh in a cervical collar, to stabilize his head and neck area.

Paramedics responding to the scene must have been short of marveled at Josh's composure during the ordeal.

Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics said Josh was calm upon their arrival. Not kicking or screaming or writhing around like someone just yanked out all his teeth with corroded salad thongs.

Imagine that. Some people throw themselves into a psychotic fit if they so much as bump a hangnail. Not Josh, he kept his cool.

To make matters worse, Josh had to travel in the



ambulance without his mom. Barb said she was near hysterics at the time and thought Josh's ride without her would traumatize the little one.

Not so. Mom said Josh was very calm and collected.

He was then taken to St. Mary's Hospital. With some accidents, hospital officials have to go into a verbose, medicalese explanation of what happened after someone entered the premises.

"The victim was experiencing traumatic shock symptoms in response to a series of contusions on the vertebrae network located along the spinal cavity. We will run a series a tests to evaluate the patient's response and recovery capabilities."

The following is the entire conversation with hospital officials:

"What is Josh Elliott's condition?"

"He was released 45 minutes after he came in."

Amazing. He had a huge piece of metal slammed on his head and he's out in less than an hour.

This reporter is often clumsy. After my elbow sometimes greets the corner of the cupboards, the reaction is usually the same. Doors get slammed, profanity reigns and the child inside blasts his way out through a series of immature ranting.

Insignificant little pains like stubbing a toe or a stomach ache can put anyone (especially myself) into whiny, sissy mode.

Champion hypochondriacs and the general public should all be so fortunate to have such grace in times of frantic and painful physical moments.

The next time we pinch a digit in a door or whack a knee into immovable objects, we should look to Josh.

He can easily say, "Hey, you think that hurt? Try having your head beaned with a trunk lid. Now *that* hurts."

One tough kid, indeed.

Keen-McCarthy says her salary hasn't changed

EDITOR:

You can imagine my surprise to read the letter to the editor from Esther R. Anning in today's (June 1) paper.

I was amazed to see that I had increased my salary by 12 per cent from 1992 to 1993. I have no idea what source of information was used.

For the record, the Supervisor's salary when I took office in November, 1992, was \$64,000 per year.

No raises were given to any elected officials, department heads or non-union employees in 1993.

No raises were given to elected officials in 1994. My base salary is exactly the same as when I took office.

Also, prior to my term, Plymouth Township provided a car for the Supervisor and expense allowances for elected officials. This is no longer the I would be happy to examine the infomation that Ms. Anning reviewed to try to determine the source of the error. KATHLEEN KEEN-McCARTHY

PLYMOUTH TWP. SUPERVISOR

Community spirit applauded in Little choice

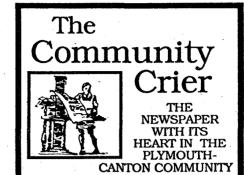
EDITOR:

We welcome Dr. Charles Little to the Plymouth-Canton school system and the community.

The Educational Excellence Foundation appreciates the work of those involved with the search for the new superintendent. The Plymouth-Canton school board, the Criteria Committee and the Search Committee have spent many hours dedicated to finding the right candidate.

Cooperation of citizens in school affairs often goes unnoticed. We applaud this community spirit.

JUDY MORGAN



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