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Foundation a success in raising, spending \$\$

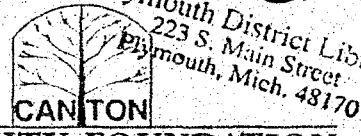
BY CRAIG FARRAND

Responding to questions concerning his organization's legal "standing" with the state of Michigan, an official of the Canton Community Foundation opened its books to The Community Crier and showed that the agency meets all state and federal requirements for its non-profit status.

According to federal IRS reports, the foundation has a 501(c)3 status, which not only exempts it from paying income tax, but allows federal tax deductions for its contributors.

At the state level, however, the foundation does not possess a "certified" status, which prevents contributors from applying for a Michigan tax credit on their returns.

According to foundation Executive Director R.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION First in a series of reports

William Joyner, that non-certified status was a deliberate decision by the board from the foundation's incorporation in 1989:

"Because certified foundations have to have endowment funds," he said, "which limits the amount of money they can distribute to the interest they collect on the principal -- we decided to make a bigger impact by

using all the money we collect"

And that money has now entered the six-digit category, thanks to the success of a recent fund drive that raised more than \$104,000 in 100 days.

Copies of various IRS reports and appendices were supplied to The Crier for \$1 per page, although Joyner said he was only required by federal law to make them available "for review."

In addition to copies of the reports, The Crier reviewed the foundation's 1992 state License to Solicit Charitable Contributions, its application for a 1993 license (dated Nov. 22, 1992) and its 1992 Michigan Annual Report for Non-profit Organizations.

Amy Karcis, a research attorney in the state Treasury

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My kingdom for a parking spot



Parking at peak times in downtown Plymouth has become a problem needing a solution. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)

City eyes plans to solve problems

BY AMY KIDWELL

Parking in Plymouth.

Is this the classic oxymoron? And is help on the way?

Some city official hope so. And are looking at the city's parking committee to come up with the answers to a two-fold problem:

First, there are many business owners and leaders who believe that the current system of parking credits deters business development within the city.

And, secondly, there are customers who get frustrated when spaces are unavailable during peak business hours.

Say hello to the city's parking committee, which has been meeting since July to make recommendations on what can be done to solve not only the current

problem of providing adequate parking at a reasonable cost to business owners, but also to find a way to provide parking for future development.

And Wednesday night the first step may have been taken to implementing a solution: The City Commission first agreed to the concept of eliminating parking credits in the city and then agreed to the concept of not buying back the credits from current business owners.

No formal action was taken, however, and in January a committee will look closely at the related problem of paying for public parking in the future without credits.

Wednesday's meeting gave the parking committee a direction to solving the problem.

According to Steve Guile, director of the Downtown Development Authority, the problem with the current parking

situation is that it deters businesses from opening in Plymouth.

Under the current system, a new business must buy parking credits based on its size and type of operation -- which could easily add up to thousands of dollars before the doors even open.

Because of this, many businesses hesitate to settle in Plymouth, according to Guile.

To provide adequate parking now and to meet projected needs in the future, the committee suggested that the city buy existing private lots and develop new public parking spaces.

There are two advantages to buying lots now to prepare for future development, according to the committee. The first is that the lots will be less expensive now than in the future. Also, private lots that exist now may not exist in the future.

A disadvantage to buying lots

Twp. gives bonus; draws fire from residents

BY AMY KIDWELL

A mere 2 percent may not seem like a lot to most people, but in these economic times some Plymouth Township residents think a 2 percent bonus for non-represented employees is 2 percent too much.

Non-represented employees include clerical workers and department heads.

The bonus, approved by the township board Tuesday night, calls for the bonus to be based solely on an employee's annual wage, excluding overtime, and has a cap of \$1,000.

According to township officials, this type of discretionary bonus has been given to employees in nine of the past 11 years.

Rosemary Harvey, the township's finance director, said the cost of giving the bonus will be \$18,590 to the general fund, \$3,300 to the water and sewer fund and \$400 to the solid waste fund.

Such explanations didn't suit everyone, though, with township resident Tom Kalis quick to point out that the bonus money was not in the budget for 1992 and that the township is currently operating in a deficit.

Kalis then suggested that with supervisory salaries up 76 percent, the gap could be narrowed by dropping top salaries while raising lower levels.

"We debated these issues," said Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, "and decided that certain expectations needed to be met. We have to try to, at least, not leave them totally short."

She added that included with the bonus

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Concept of shared services moves another step closer

BY AMY KIDWELL

Shared Services.

The five communities which make up Plymouth, Canton and Northville area now a step closer to that reality.

By Tuesday, all five communities had formally agreed on a position statement supporting the concept.

Each community wants to join forces for the same reasons: reduced operating cost, more efficient service, reduced taxes and reduced capital expenses.

The communities already share several operations. All share 35th district court, jail transportation, mutual fire aid, the Conference of Western Wayne.

Some also share cable, Western Townships Utilities Authority, accident investigation, the D.A.R.E. program and Western Wayne narcotics.

Some of the areas that will be considered are fire service, police service, grants administration, computer services, training, group insurance, ordinance enforcement, recycling, towing, purchasing and personnel hiring.

However, there are a few points that need to be studied.

One of them is how the system will be organized. How will the financial responsibilities be shared? How will the different labor contracts be negotiated?

Who will be listed as owners of the assets? How will those assets be divided if the agreement is terminated? Are there any state laws that limit the possibilities?

These questions and other fine tuning will need to be answered before any action takes place.

The next step is for leaders of the five communities to meet and form a sub-committee to look into the process and find out what needs to be done first.

Plymouth Township supervisor said that Plymouth Township's statement was slightly different because it listed fire protection as the first priority.

Twp. grants bonuses

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check will be a statement informing employees that the bonus will not be given next year.

Trustee Charles Curmi called the move a "gesture of goodwill to our employees," with Trustee K.C. Mueller adding that the bonus is needed for morale and teamwork.

Trustee Ron Griffith said that non-represented employees "don't have contracts to ensure them bonuses."

"The board has to make those judgments and everyone has to be treated fairly whether they are union or not," he said.

Township resident Patty Schmidt then read a quote from Keen-McCarthy's campaign literature which said her first priority was to "control the out-of-control spending."



Jamie - 5 yrs., Zan - 6 yrs., Jenna - 5 yrs.

Holiday Greetings
from the
James Jabara Family



Mike, Gundy, Jenna, Jamie



Shery, Marty, Zan



Zan



Jim



Jamie



Jenna

Deck the halls with...

City worker Joe Files gets a bird's-eye view of downtown Plymouth as he and his partner, Bill Ash, decorate city trees for Christmas. (Crier photo by Craig Farrand)



Canton takes first step toward new golf course

BY CHERYL VATCHER

Today, plans for Canton's proposed Pheasant Run Golf Course are about as certain as a birdie on a 30-foot putt.

But within weeks, those plans should become a lot clearer, thanks to the efforts of the design firm hired by the township.

A master site plan for Pheasant Run Golf Course is currently being prepared by Greiner Inc., which will pinpoint not only the location of the golf course, but the planned community center and maintenance facility, as well.

The preliminary steps involve little more than setting down general ideas of where the golf course, putting range and the parking lot will be located.

Then, according to Parks and Recreation director Mike Gouin, "the architect will fine tune the plans we have so that we don't have any site problems."

"We want them to be able to tell us, 'yes this plan is going to work.'"

"Right now we don't know exactly what it will look like," Gouin said, adding that soon "we'll have a 'bubble diagram' that will show the setup of the buildings by the square footage

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Police continue search in rape



Composite drawing of suspect

Township police are still looking for the man wanted in the Dec. 9 rape of a 16-year-old girl.

According to police, the girl said she was walking on Ann Arbor Trail near Chestnut Drive to a school bus stop at 6:45 a.m.

She said a man approached her with a knife, forced her into the nearby woods, assaulted her and then left the scene.

After the incident, the girl went home and she and her mother reported the assault to police. She was then taken to St. Mary Hospital for treatment and examination.

She described the man as a white male, about 25 years old, 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds.

She was also able to give enough description for police to make a composite drawing of her assailant.

Police are asking that anyone who was in that area the morning of Dec. 9 to call 453-3869.

Middle school offers help...

When it comes to people from all walks of life reaching out to help other in need, count the pupils from Central Middle School among them.

Not only did the school's Student Council organize a fund-raiser dance and other efforts for Mott Children's Hospital,

but it also spearheaded a food collection drive for the Plus and Head Start programs and for distribution to area soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

The money for the hospital came from a dance held Dec. 11 and from the school's bookstore operations,

... and marching band seeks help

The Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Marching Band, a two time national champion, is still looking for people and businesses to help sponsor its trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

Anyone willing to donate money can call 476-2000.

The band has done a great deal of fund-raising in the past several months, including hosting a band competition.

Band members and parents also sold almost 125,000 raffle tickets and the grand-prize winner will be drawn Monday night.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1992 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:35 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the November 24, 1992 meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda of the December 15, 1992 meeting as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

At 7:37 p.m., Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda. It was asked if the Township Attorney is paid per meeting or in his annual fee. Mr. Bob Zaetta asked why the Township writes check to themselves as listed on the Accounts Payable Check Register. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce passed out new brochures. Mr. Tom Kalis expressed the need for recreation (playground equipment, etc.) in the Township and asked that the Board consider this a primary goal. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy closed the public comment section at 7:44 p.m.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 92-12-15-42 which approves the request of Prime-Tube, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on their property at 13101 Eckles Road, Plymouth Industrial Center. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the request for a land-fill permit for Application No. 1189 for the Walnut Creek Homeowners Association. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Andover Pointe of Plymouth located on the south side of North Territorial, northeast of M-14, west of Ridge and east of Napier. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Amendments to the 1992 General Fund Budget as presented by the Finance Director. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

1992 General Fund Budget Amendments December 15, 1992

Department	Description	Budget	Approved Change	Amtd Budget
Clerk	Clerical Salary	46,738	20,562	67,300
Clerk	Election Workers	20,000	7,000	27,000
Clerk	Equipment	8,261	10,239	18,500
Treasurer	Tax Refunds	10,000	6,000	16,000
Treasurer	Equipment	23,500	(6,000)	17,500
Hall & Grds	Maintenance	50,000	(25,000)	25,000
General Oper	Misc Revenue	(100,000)	(96,000)	(196,000)
General Oper	Pension	0	(5,000)	(5,000)
General Oper	Pension	0	(1,000)	(1,000)
General Oper	Pension	0	(1,000)	(1,000)
General Oper	Pension	0	(2,000)	(2,000)
General Oper	Legal	135,000	(40,000)	95,000
Police	District Court	(400,000)	60,000	(340,000)
Police	Contractual	32,000	46,000	78,000
Police	Legal	30,000	40,000	70,000
Police	Training	50,000	15,000	65,000
Building	Plumbing Permits	(30,000)	(10,000)	(40,000)
Building	Contractual	55,000	25,000	80,000
Capital	Capital Outlay	157,103	(50,000)	107,103
Capital	Equipment	25,000	(10,239)	14,761

Impact on Fund Bal. (Favorable)/Unfavorable (16,438)

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve Resolution No. 92-12-15-43 which approves the depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth for the Calendar Year January 1, through December 31, 1993. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mr. Griffith and Ms. Arnold abstaining. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office. Mrs. Brooks moved to approve Change Order No. 1 extending the project completion date to March 1, 1993 with no changes to the project cost and further authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute same. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the reappointments of John Los, Michael Holmes and Jack Dempsey for a position on the Plymouth Township Personnel Committee with terms expiring December 31, 1993. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the appointment of Chester Budzynski, delegate, and William McNamara, alternate, for a position on the Plymouth Township Senior Alliance Committee with term expiring December 31, 1993. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the appointment of Charles Curmi for a position on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission to serve the remaining term of Smith Horton. Term expires June 30, 1994. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi abstaining.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the reappointment of Ron Griffith for a position on the Plymouth Township Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 1995. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mr. Griffith abstaining.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the 1993 Board of Trustees meeting dates as submitted. Supported by

Mrs. Griffith. Ayes all.

Regular Board of Trustee Meetings for 1993:

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23
April 13 & 27
May 11 & 25
June 8 & 22

Work Session Meetings for 1993:

January 5 & 19
February 2 & 16
March 2 & 16
April 6 & 20
May 4 & 18
June 1 & 15

*July 20

*August 17
September 14 & 28
October 12 & 26
November 9 & 23
*December 21

*July 13

*August 10
September 7 & 21
October 5 & 19
November 2 & 16
*December 7

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Curmi to adopt Resolution No. 92-12-15-44 Position Statement - Inter-governmental Services as follows:

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES POSITION STATEMENT DECEMBER 15, 1992

The Charter Township of Plymouth is prepared to discuss and is committed to the pursuit of inter-governmental services agreements that will result in improved delivery of service to the greater community, and the most effective use of taxpayer dollars.

EXPECTATIONS

Inter-governmental service agreements should provide the following benefits:

1. Improved service delivery.
2. The reduction of operating costs over the long term when compared with non-cooperation.
3. Reduction of capital costs by eliminating the need for duplication of equipment and facilities.
4. Employment stability for those engaged in joint operations.

ISSUES

Inter-governmental agreements must address the following issues:

1. Organizational structure.
2. Coordination of local policies relating to services.
3. Financial responsibilities of each local unit.
4. Budgetary responsibility.
5. Labor agreements and contract negotiations.
6. Fairness to existing employees of each unit.
7. Ownership of existing assets and ownership of assets purchased while under any agreement.
8. Procedure for possible termination of agreement.
9. Applicable State Law.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will consider all viable shared service options, including but not limited to: purchased services between governments, joint purchase of services from a vendor, coordination of services operated by different units of government, and regionalization of services under a separate governmental entity.

The Charter Township of Plymouth believes that time is of the essence with regard to making decisions affecting the delivery of services to our residents, therefore, we strongly support the setting of goals and specific time lines for inter-governmental service discussions. Ayes all. Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the 1992 Lump Sum Wage Adjustment for nonrepresented full-time and part-time employees excluding elected officials) equal to 2% of each employee's 1992 year end gross (excluding premium time) with a cap per employee of \$1,000.00 and further moved to authorize the Human Resource Director to prepare a written communication informing the affected employees that a lump sum wage adjustment will not be budgeted for 1993. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

Tim Cronin, Township Attorney.

RE: To discuss Keller vs. Charter Township of Plymouth et al Case No. 92-202345CH

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Griffith at 9:30 p.m. that a Closed Session be called to discuss Keller vs. Charter Township of Plymouth et al Case No. 92-202345CH.

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph c.

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The Board of Trustees reconvened in the Meeting Room at 10:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting of December 15, 1992 back into Open Session. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on December 15, 1992. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for personal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on January 12, 1993.

PUBLISH: December 19, 1992

Hoben paints dreary picture of district's fiscal future

BY CRAIG FARRAND

"Am I painting a bleak picture?"

In an subtle display of understatement, Plymouth-Canton School Supt. John Hoben actually got a chuckle of sorts from the 75-plus in attendance at Wednesday's Canton Economic Club meeting.

But, because of the grim numbers he reported, it was the only chuckle heard.

As the guest speaker at the luncheon, sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, Hoben spent 40 minutes laying out the financial health of the school district.

And the prognosis was indeed bleak: According to Hoben, the district has been bled dry by state property tax recapture -- to the tune of \$11 million in two years -- and could run the risk of losing another \$500,000 this fiscal year if the state budget runs into problems.

In addition to these factors, Hoben alluded to possibilities that the state may mandate local absorption of FICA and retirement benefits that could help run the district into a \$3 to \$5 million deficit by next year.

And although the district already has trimmed about \$7.3 million from this year's budget, such additional red ink could severely cripple the district's flexibility -- especially when it comes to upcoming contract talks.

"Once you take out salaries, benefits and mandatory programs," he said, "only 5 percent, or about \$3.7 million in the budget is discretionary."

To give these numbers a context, Hoben broke the district's \$80 million budget into \$445,000 a day throughout a 180-day school year.

Further adding to the uncertainty of the district's finances, he said, is the expiration of a 17.74-mill property tax levy next year, which represents 50 percent of the district's operating budget.

But the troubles don't end there, Hoben said:

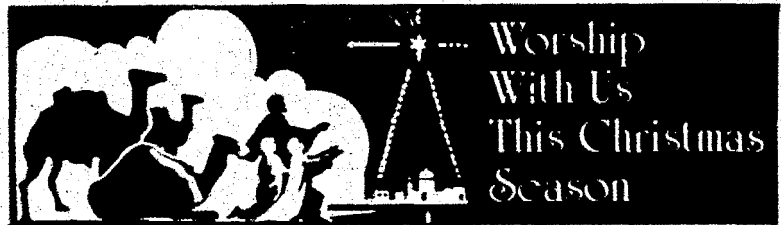
"Every year we have to prepare a balanced budget without knowing what the SEV (state equalized valuation) will be, what our student population will be, what our state aid will be or what our contracts might be."

Not surprisingly, Plymouth-Canton officials, like school officials across the state, spend much of the school year juggling figures as these elements become known.

And even apparent silver linings had dark clouds, according to the superintendent.

"In 1993, the SEV freeze will be lifted -- and I hate to tell you, but assessments could rise 14 to 27 percent in Wayne County," Hoben said.

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Resurrection Catholic Church

981-6600
Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor
Pioneer Middle School
(Ann Arbor Rd. between Canton Center & McClumpha)

- Dec. 24... 4:30pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass
- Dec. 25... 10:00am Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 31... 4:30pm New Years Eve Mass

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

1343 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
453-3393
Reverend Dan Helwig

- Dec. 20... 8 & 10:30am Worship Service
- Dec. 24... 7pm Christmas Eve Children's Service
- ... 11pm Christmas Eve Song Service
- Dec. 25... 10am Christmas Day Worship Service
- Dec. 31... 7pm New Year's Eve Worship Service

Trinity Presbyterian Church

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
459-9550

- Dec. 24... *5:00 Family Service
 - ... *7:00pm Praise Worship Service
 - ... 11:00pm Candlelight Service
- *(Nursery Provided)

St. Johns Episcopal Church

574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
453-0190

- Christmas Eve:**
- ... 4:00 Family Holy Eucharist with Nativity Pageant
 - ... 6:30 Christmas Musical
 - ... 7:00 Festival Holy Eucharist of the Nativity
 - ... 10:30 Christmas Cantata
 - ... 11:00 Solemn Holy Eucharist of the Nativity
- Christmas Day:**
- ... 10:30am Holy Eucharist
- *(Nursery Care Available)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)
46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
453-5252

- Dec. 24... 4:30 & 7:30pm Christmas Eve Celebration
- Dec. 25... 10:00am Christmas "Festival of Carols"
- Dec. 31... 7:00pm New Year's Eve

St. Michael Lutheran Church

7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Township
(just south of Warren Rd.)
459-3333

- Dec. 20... 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Worship
 - Dec. 24... 7:00pm Family Service
 - ... 9:00pm Communion Service
 - ... 11:00pm Candlelight & Communion
 - Dec. 25... 10:00am Communion Service
 - Dec. 26... 5:30pm Worship
- (Nursery provided at all Services)

Plymouth Baptist Church

42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
453-5534

- Sunday, Dec. 20
... 11:00am CHRISTMAS CONCERT "The Word"
- ... 6:00pm CHRISTMAS VESPERS
- Thursday, Dec. 24
... 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Main and Church, Downtown Plymouth
483-8484

- Dec. 20... 9:00 & 11:00am Worship
- Dec. 24... 5:00pm Family Service
- ... 8:00pm Candlelight Communion Service
- ... 11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight
- Dec. 27... 10:00am Worship

Pastors: David E. Keshbel, Interim Minister
Leland L. Seese, Jr., Associate Minister
Philip Rodgers Magas, Minister Emeritus



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

One Plymouth resident was recently elected as vice president to a student organization at Madonna University.

Laura Hanis is one of the four students elected, by their fellow prospective teachers, as officers of the University's section of the Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA).

The group is a pre-professional organization which seeks to improve teacher education, protect and promote student rights, supplement student teacher education and work toward human rights.

Air National Guard Senior Airman David S. Warunek graduated from the aircrew egress systems mechanic course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

He learned to repair and maintain emergency ejection systems in an aircraft and related aerospace equipment.

Included in the training were technical publications, maintenance data collection management and the identification and use of special tools.

Warunek is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Canton resident Virginia Ahland, a retired library secretary from Schoolcraft College, has been awarded "Honoraire" status, the highest honor for a retired employe, by the College and the Board of Trustees.

She started her career with Schoolcraft in 1969 and retired in 1991.

She served on the Association of Office Personnel, Grievance and Budget & Finance Committees, contributed to the By Laws Committee and worked on the College's millage campaigns and Social and Remembrance Committee.

Elizabeth R. Bain has been appointed to the board of directors of Collegian, Inc., the board that oversees the production at Pennsylvania State University. Bain recently designed a dance faculty showcase and in October, appeared with the Italian National Opera Company in Rigoletto.

She will also be serving on the Morale Committee for the 1993 Inter-Fraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon.

Local firm helps Utley foundation

The last time Detroit Lion Mike Utley was in town, he made an appearance at Blackwell Ford and gave his autograph to Peter Coka. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)



BY CHERYL VATCHER

What does a local company have in common with professional football?

Mike Utley.

The Detroit Lion, who was paralyzed in a freak accident on the playing field a year ago, and the Wauldron Corp. have teamed up in that time to help promote numerous charity events throughout the area.

Most recently, Utley was in the Plymouth-Canton area to sign autographs, with donations going to his Mike Utley Foundation.

In business for 10 years, the corporation got involved with the Utley foundation by establishing a T-shirt fundraising project, according to Wauldron Vice President Tony McDonnell.

The company received its NFL franchise rights in August 1992, McDonnell said, using Utley's now-famous "Thumbs Up" slogan on the outerwear.

Lions fans will remember that Utley gave the sign as he was being carted off the field the day he was injured.

Royalties from the sale of this merchandise across the country are donated to the foundation, which in turn funds research on spinal cord injuries.

Wauldron Corp. -- with president and founder Jim Wauldron leading the way -- was the only local promotion in the state of Michigan.

Since its original involvement, the firm has helped bring the athlete to the area on several occasions, including his most recent appearance during the Thanksgiving week -- which was bracketed around his appearance at the Lions' annual Thanksgiving Day game.

"(When) Mike was in town for the Thanksgiving holiday," McDonnell said, "he spoke to the children at West Middle School. He brings such a positive message.

"When he was at the school you could

hear a pin drop," McDonnell said. "The kids appreciate his message."

As part of his week-long visit, Utley was also featured in a 15-minute NBC special that showed the progress that he's been making.

He also was named honorary captain of the Lions and took the coin toss.

For McDonnell, it's Utley's attitude that makes all the difference in his promotion activities.

"A half million Americans come down with spinal cord injuries every year," McDonnell said, and "he's helping others by being a spokesman for spinal cord injuries; he's been battling and beating the odds."

In a short period of time, the corporation has developed a client list of 1,200 retail stores that buy from Wauldron nationwide.

"There's a lot of interest here," McDonnell said, "where, in other instances, a person could get injured and the awareness would only last for two weeks and then disappear.

"With Mike, he's been highlighted for the last year and it's partly because he's such a good spokesperson for spinal cord injuries."

Two Plymouth residents honored

Two Plymouth residents -- Carey Rinke and Mary Smith -- were among 22 individuals honored earlier this month by Brighton Hospital officials for their volunteer efforts at the facility.

The hospital, which specializes in treating and preventing substance abuse and has become nationally recognized for its programs after more than 40 years of work in the field, honored its volunteers at a special dinner on Nov. 5.

"Volunteers have played an extremely important role in our work for almost four decades," said hospital President Ivan Hamer. "We depend on them in almost

McDonnell estimates that more than \$200,000 has been raised for research through Mike's foundation.

But besides the monetary relationship, McDonnell said his boss and Utley "have become friends through this."

"Jim's also a regular guy who is real positive, and inspirational. He keeps going and going."

McDonnell, who has been with the corporation for six months, said he's Wauldron for 20 years, and that they went to high school together.

Prior to joining Wauldron, McDonnell worked 13 years on the West Coast, including a stint at Oregon State University's athletic department as a marketing and fund-raising expert for college athletes.

Which gives him the perfect background to work with Utley.

And while McDonnell said that Utley doesn't like to stay away from his rehabilitation schedule for too long, he said the athlete plans on being back in the area in March.

In the meantime, and just in time for Christmas, the tee-shirts, caps and sweatshirts can be purchased at Crowley's, Footlocker and Kmart.

every aspect of our work and truly appreciate their interest, enthusiasm and commitment"

While praising its current volunteers, hospital officials said there are many more opportunities for others to help at the site.

According to a hospital spokesperson, volunteers help out in operating the facility's bookstore, helping with its Family and Friends Program and Children's Support Group.

Individuals interested in volunteering their time to the hospital can call 227-1211, ext. 323.



Morning Mishap...

This car accident, at Ridge and N. Territorial roads, occurred Monday morning when one of the vehicle misjudged a left hand turn. One person was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Gale hearing delayed until Monday

A motion hearing for Farrand Elementary School Teacher Robert Gale is scheduled for Monday.

Gale was scheduled to appear for an evidentiary hearing Dec. 10, but it was postponed.

The Dec. 21 hearing will be an "evidentiary hearing regarding similar acts," according to court documents.

Gale is accused of striking a third-grade

pupil on the back with his hand on Oct. 1. He was arraigned on the assault and battery charge -- which is a misdemeanor -- on Oct. 20, at which time he stood mute on the charge.

According to the mother of the child, Gale was the only adult present in the room when the alleged incident took place.

Neither Gale nor his attorney have commented on the case.

Hoben paints dreary picture

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"But if you think this is going to be a windfall for the district, remember that the Headlee Amendment will require us to roll back our millage rate to offset much of this increase."

(The state equalized value of property in Michigan is defined as half the market value. Any local millages are then multiplied against this figure. For example, a \$100,000 home would have an SEV of \$50,000. A millage rate of 20 mills -- or \$20 per thousand SEV -- would then be multiplied by 50 to equal a tax bill of \$1,000.)

Concerning the overall direction of state funding of public education, Hoben

labeled the ill-fated twin proposals that appeared on the fall ballot as "poor efforts to address (property) tax relief," but expected them to return eventually in a different form.

Specifically, Hoben said he expects Gov. John Engler to return with a revisionist copy of his defeated Proposal C, "cut and cap" plan.

In the next breath, however, the superintendent called for a moratorium on any further "quick fix solutions."

Finally, Hoben said he foresaw some type of class-action lawsuit in the not-to-distant future -- along the lines of a similar suit in Texas -- that would force a fundamental change to the method of funding public education.



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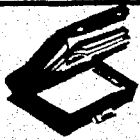
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women will hold their Christmas party -- A Hawaiian Celebration -- a 6 p.m. Monday at the Mayflower Hotel.

Guests are encouraged to bring a wrapped toy or donation to support the First Step Program and the Salvation Army.

For reservations, call Liz Johnson, 455-9000, or Marcia Rapnicki, 437-7408.

The Wellness Plan has promoted Northville resident Ashok Parikh to assistant vice president of Management Services.

Parikh's previous position was director of the Management Services Division. He's been with The Wellness Plan since 1981.

Cardiac Alliance Inc., has recently joined the Plymouth business community.

The company, headquartered in

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New partnership is helping moms

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Watch out mothers and mothers-in-law of women with newborn children.

After The Stork, Inc. is moving in.

No, they're not here to replace you or your time-honored wisdom, rather to supplement and update it.

Canton residents Ellen M. Doenitz and Michelle R. Hicks created After The Stork earlier this year to provide up-to-date information to families of newborns—a task formerly reserved for Dr. Spock and well-meaning relatives.

Both women hold R.N., B.S.N. (registered nurse, Bachelor of Science and Nursing) degrees and work in the pediatric field.

Doenitz works at a pediatrician's office, and Hicks at a local children's hospital. If that weren't qualification enough, both women are mothers as well.

The women offer three- and five-visit versions of their program, which involves visiting the home of the newborn to explain and demonstrate proper infant care and education.

The program can also be tailored to individual families as needed, the women said, citing different needs for different people.



Michelle Hicks (left) and Ellen Doenitz

Doenitz and Hicks said their training is different because one of the consultants visit the home of the newborn.

"When people are at home, they're relaxed and can devote their full attention to our program," Doenitz said, adding that in a hospital or office, there are too many distractions to focus on instruction completely.

The program, Hicks said, covers most of what a new parent should know about baby. Areas of training include: bathing, feeding, health care, family adjustment, poison control and even how to make the home baby-safe.

Hicks said training doesn't stop there:

"With many mothers having to go back to work, we saw a need to help them prepare," she said.

This aspect of the service includes "helpful hints for returning to work," and "daycare selection tips."

The women say that their service is especially useful nowadays, and cite shorter hospital stays and busy staff at both the hospital and the pediatrician's

office.

"People learn the basics there, but we go through the actual procedures with (new parents) right in their home," Doenitz said.

Hicks added that in today's mobile society, many families live far apart, and can't give "in person" support.

"We're like an extended family," Hicks said. "We're available to answer questions and discuss problems."

Part of that extended family concept is the 24-hour assistance offered, she said, adding that she received a call one recent evening, and helped resolved a problem for a client.

"It wasn't an emergency," Hicks said, "but it was important to the mother, and we were here."

Doenitz and Hicks both feel that they can help many families with post-pregnancy anxieties by explaining certain processes and walking the family through others. These exercises, they say, help the parent get used to the actions and

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Grand re-opening

May or Bob Jones joins Andy's Hallmark manager Nadine Killian (background), owner Maru Niru (2nd from right) and Plymouth Chamber President Pat Fulkowak at the ribbon-cutting of Niru's new, larger store. (Photo provided by Plymouth Downtown Development Authority)



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

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Chicago is a home-care patient agency that handles case management for cardiac patients. This is their first satellite office in Michigan, and is located at 44752 Helm St. in the Spinnaker Center.

Robert A. DeMattia, President and CEO of the Plymouth-based R.A. DeMattia Company has been elected to a three-year term to the Michigan Biotechnology Institute (MBI) board of trustees.

MBI President Dr. J. Gregory Zeikus said DeMattia is a valuable addition to the institute. "He is recognized for his involvement in government and educational groups, and his widespread knowledge in these areas will be helpful in linking MBI's business-focused approach to applied research and development."

Arnoldt Williams marks 30 years

BY GARY GOSSELIN

What started as a basement enterprise of rebuilding and selling old pianos has become what is now Arnoldt Williams Music, an 11,000 square-foot, 17-employee store celebrating 30 years in business.

This family business, located at 5701 Canton Center in Canton Township, is run by President John Williams with assistance from his wife Mary, son Paul, mother Janice and sister Yvonne Guy.

Arnoldt Williams, founder of the store, learned the piano repair trade from his father-in-law more than 30 years ago.

After a brief stint with Grinnell Piano Company, he decided to rebuild pianos and sell them from his basement.

In 1962, Williams converted the family's three-car garage and built an addition for a 3,000-square-foot store. In 1970, son (and now president) John, joined the business.

By 1972, business was booming. Williams added an additional 8,000 square feet to achieve the present store size.

John Williams said that the men each worked in their own area of interest: Arnoldt with pianos and John with professional instruments and equipment.



Celebrating 30 years in business for Arnoldt Williams Music is John Arnoldt(left), Mickey Bryan, Jennifer Kielszewski, Mary Williams, Nick Nowak and Chris Romney.

"We complemented each other," Williams said. "We worked together and built the clientele that has helped make Arnoldt Williams Music a success."

Janice has had a hand in the business all along, and John's sister, Yvonne, has participated since she was in high school.

John's wife, Mary, works part-time in customer service, and son, Paul, 14, is starting to show an interest, too.

Along with the five family members, the store employs 12 full-time people and eight music teachers.

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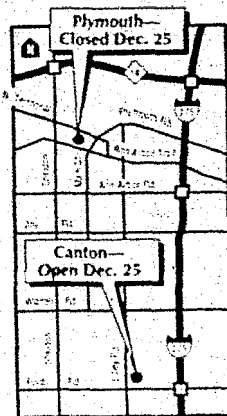
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Picking up the chips

By Randy Eaton



Try to create your own memories living each day

Leave it to an old friend like Bob Bake to think of the ideal "remembrance question." What's your earliest memory of Plymouth, Randy?

Bob's remembrance is this: "Must have been in the early '40s during V-J Day, here in Plymouth, I can quite clearly remember a local 'gutter man' named Fred Ballen driving along Plymouth's few streets in his pickup truck with a huge bell propped up in the back...some fellow residents climbing on board clanging the old thing, many others climbing on sharing the excitement all the way through town. I must have been 4 or 5 at the time."

One of mine, sparked by my visit with Bob, is from an early birthday party of mine...maybe 1946-49. I can clearly see a white, closely cropped head of 8-year-old hair coming up out of a metal tub of water filled with apples, apple in mouth.

The kid was Carl Berry. I can't attest to the color of his hair anymore, because when I saw him the other week his police chief's hat remained firmly in place.

Carl Glassford, Denny Campbell, Ronnie Essex, Don Carney, Staton Lorenz, Cynthia Balfour, Don Alsboro, Carl Williams, Bruce Curtis and Bob Isbister were bobbing for the same apples.

Most of us stuck together growing up. Who'd want to move away from Paradise? No wars, no gangs, no violence, little-to-no disharmony in our little farm town. We became quite close with each other. Especially on the night of a crisp, fall hayride out of the Spigarelli farm in Canton.

As an event sponsored by the Rev. Henry Walsh's Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, 20 of us had been delivered there by our parents...all of us about 12-13 innocent years young.

Ralph Spigarelli donated a big, old

wagon filled with hay, pulled by his tractor. Janet's mom warned us with hot chocolate after the ride along Canton's bumpy farm roads. Even lanterns hanging off the wagon's sides. Deeply romantic for us early adolescents.

During the hour-long hay ride, Brenda Jewel rested her head on my shoulder, while Denny Campbell and Pat Bowby lay next to us...all 20 of us freezing while watching the Canton stars above, wondrous and innocent romance in our hearts.

I was holding Brenda's hand, Denny holding Pat's. The intensity of Brenda's grip translated into pure excitement on my youthful soul...squeezing, massaging and holding my hand in sincere affection. My heart turned flip over flip.

Then, as the hay ride ended, we unfolded from the wagon...Denny and I realizing that we had been holding each other hands!!!

Embarrassed laughter.

Unknown, yet endearing caresses had been between two little boys who couldn't know they would be close friends for another 40 years to come.

Who would have dreamt 40 years ago that the Korte, Birch, Schmidt, Palmer, Hauk, Schultz, Jorgenson, Bunyea and Wilkins families, after having settled in Canton in the late 1700s, were plowing, furrowing, caressing, pleading and hard-working a new generation of residents into existence who would see their cherished farms reformed into subdivisions.

Do you newcomers now feel the youth, romance, dream and love that preceded you? Go for a walk tonight along your paved road, and look up...settle on one star...allow it to shine some old fashioned, innocent love right back at you. Grab it as an early memory of your own.

Canton moves closer to course

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This diagram will identify the sizes of all of the buildings, the parking needs, pedestrian needs, and traffic setup, Gouin said.

The contractor for the actual development of the golf course site is Arthur Hills and Associates, who will take over once the site plan is finished.

"They were chosen because we felt that they were by far the best firm in the region," Gouin said.

"These contractors are taking flat terrain, and from this they are developing a fun challenging place to play golf."

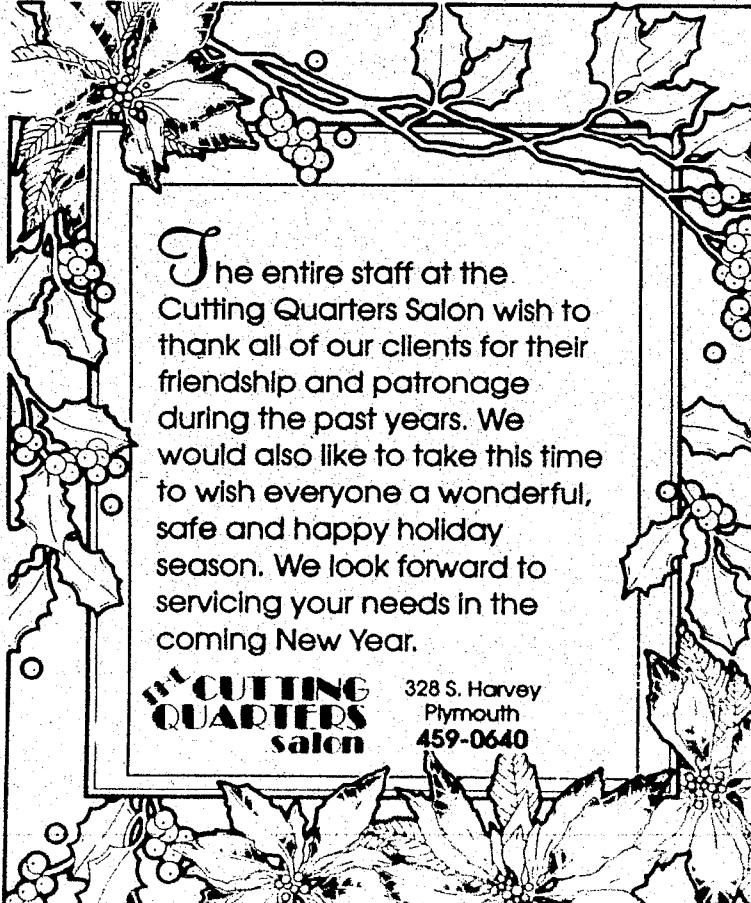
Concerning their selection, Gouin said the township had knowledge of what Arthur Hill had done before:

"We looked at some of their projects, too, (and) Arthur Hill came out on top compared to others.

"Based on the quality of their work as well as their prices (they were right for the job), and they will work within the budget that we have," he said.

According to Gouin, Arthur Hill has been nationally recognized as a leader in golf course design:

"They were recognized for developing a new No. 1 public golf course in 1991 (and) were also recognized for developing a new No. 1 private golf club in 1991."



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Arts Council makes scholarships available

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has announced that it will once again be giving away \$1,000 in scholarships to middle school students willing to compete in several areas of the fine and performing arts.

The competition is open to students and residents of the Plymouth-Canton School District, including public and private schools.

Applications will be available at the schools and at area libraries and the arts council office.

Applications will be accepted by mail or in person during the second week of January. The deadline is Jan. 15.

...angels sing

Members of the CEP choral groups kick off the holiday season with a special Christmas concert held Wednesday night. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)



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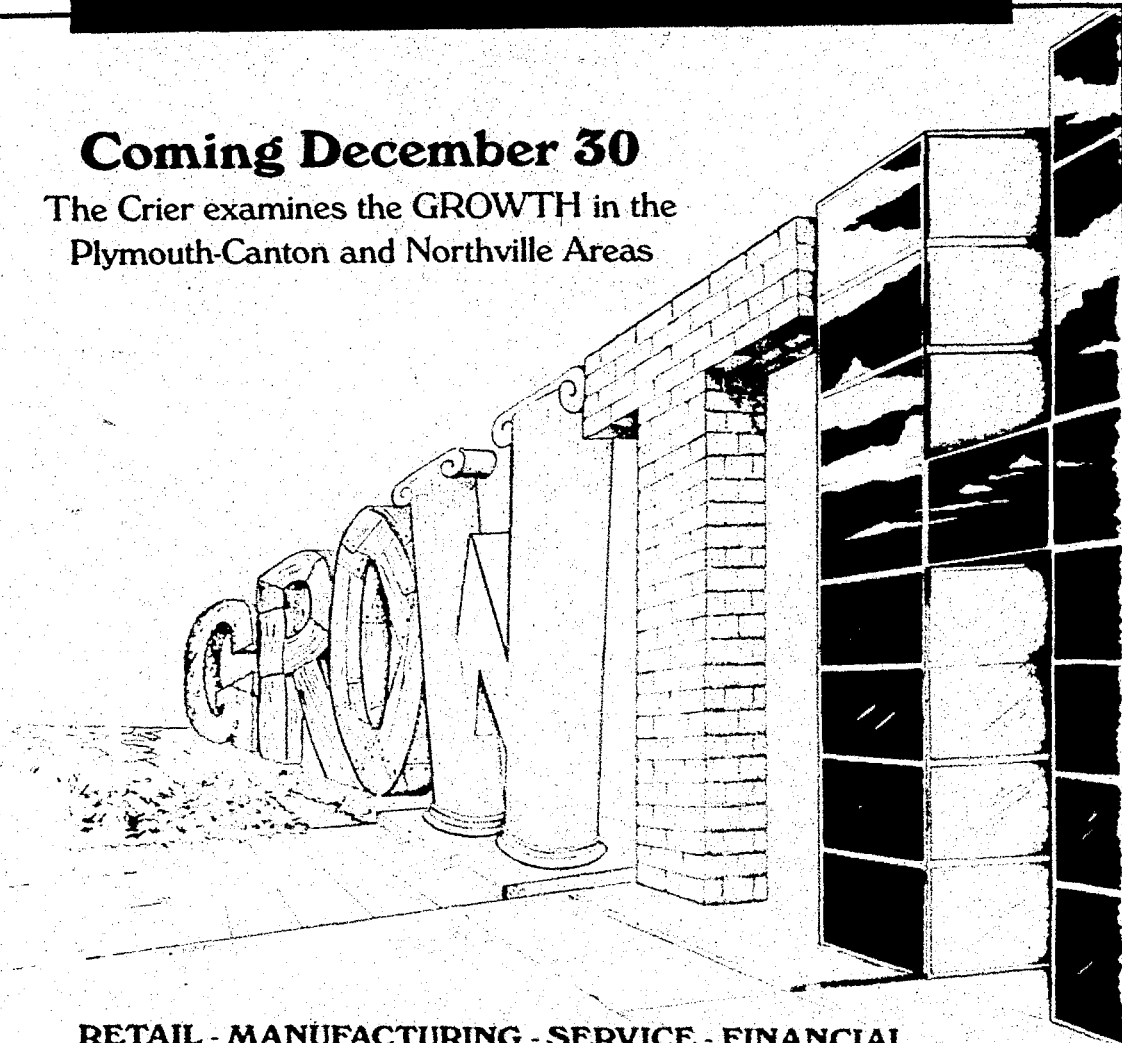
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Auction preview

Fran DiDario shows off real gems that were donated to Canton's Chamber of Commerce for its annual auction. DiDario is a member of the committee to plan the auction, which takes place Jan. 30 at Fellow Creek Golf Course. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell)

Partners begin helping new moms

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lements of parenthood, and feel more at ease.

After The Stork gets most business by word of mouth, and some professional referrals, the women said, but the concept is so new that it is difficult to become "mainstream."

Doenitz says that their service isn't covered by insurance, but adds that both programs are relatively inexpensive.

"For many people it's worth the money for the peace of mind you get knowing how to handle most any situation."

The women also said that their service also makes a great shower or holiday gift, and add that two mothers recently purchased their services for their

daughters.

Hicks and Doenitz said they are trying to build the business up, but are trying to look ahead as well. They say they'd like to conduct group CPR seminars and possibly deal with some of the medical aspects of raising children.

They also feel that their service would be an excellent part of a benefits package for employers to offer.

"If employees are secure about their role as a parent," Doenitz said, "they would be more secure overall, and very likely more productive for the employer as well."

After The Stork is no threat to relatives say Doenitz and Hicks.

They can still make funny faces and retain bragging rights.

Arnoldt Williams celebrates

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"They're all like part of the family," Williams said, "and I think that shows in the service we provide to our customers."

Williams said that the store is unique in that it employs a piano technician and an electronic repair person. Two jobs usually contracted out by most other music shops.

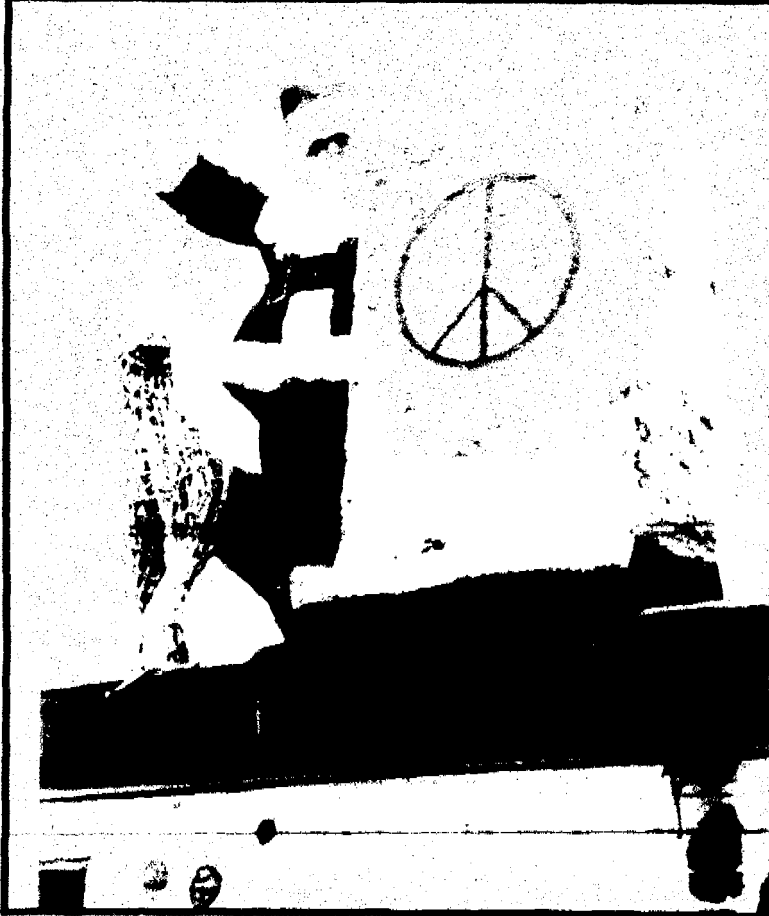
"We're carrying on a tradition that my father started," Williams said. "We know our equipment and can service and repair it right on the premises."

The store also teaches 350 music students weekly on such instruments as

keyboards, woodwinds, guitar and piano. Williams also helps support music programs in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Ann Arbor with a rental and rent-to-own program.

On deck for next year are additional music lessons to include organ, jazz piano and vocal training. Williams said he's even hired a music professor to teach music theory.

Williams looks ahead with optimism, and said that if the next 30 years are anything like the last 30, he'll be able to turn a thriving music business over to his own son.



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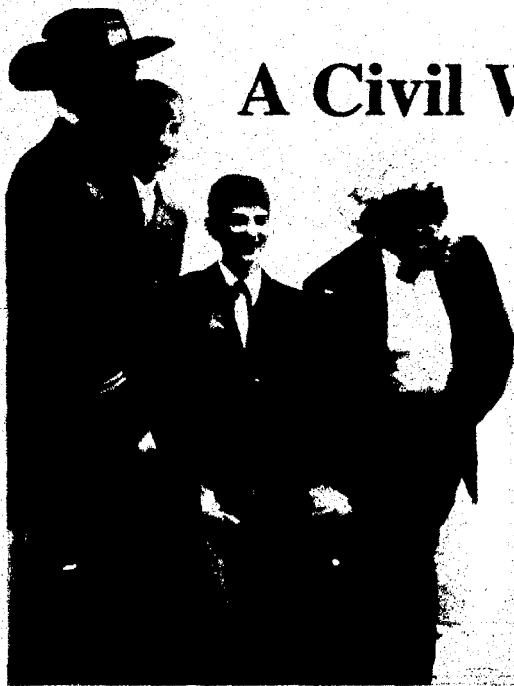
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A Civil War Christmas



(Above) These four students are winners in the male Civil War costume contest. They are, from left to right, Greg Franson, Mark Dettling, Kevin Clarke and Ben Stone.

Civil War in Plymouth Township?
For student at Pioneer Middle School, playing characters from the Civil War is a simple and fun history assignment.

For more than three hours Thursday morning, students enjoyed activities like arm wrestling, baseball, marbles, a cake walk, a civil war feast and entertainment.

Maureen Murphy, the assistant principal, said that about 20 girls participated in a Can-Can dance, a dance that was popular in the South during the Civil War.

Mary Bailey, one of the organizers said, "The games and activities were based on things that originated during the Civil War time period."

Bailey explained that each student studied a character from that time period and then played that character. Some were famous and some were ordinary people.

The event was organized by Sally Yentz, Richard Gray, Susan Van Halemont and Mary Bailey, four American History teachers.



(Left) Baseball is one of many activities that Pioneer Middle School students participated in while learning about Civil War times. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell)

(Far right) In the girl's costume contest Kim Pasko, left, and Leslie Erikson took the prize. (Crier photos by Amy Kidwell)

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Foundation successful in raising, spending \$\$

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Department's Hearings and Tax Research Division, said that a foundation's lack of certification "has no bearing on the existence of the organization, only on whether it met the criteria for certification."

In addition, Karcis said, this lack of certification may in no way affect a contributor's ability to take a federal deduction for his donation, but would prohibit a state credit writeoff.

Only 36 foundations in Michigan are certified this tax year, according to a Treasury Department report.

With a 1992 budget of \$178,000, the Canton Foundation distributes funds in

five primary areas: the Canton Arts Council, a community outreach program, a student scholarship program, human services and local organization underwriting.

Although the figures vary each year, in the past two years the foundation has paid out nearly \$90,000 to groups, individuals and service workers.

At the same time, Joyner said, the foundation has created two endowment funds -- the Harold Rosin Scholarship fund (with a seed base of \$10,000) and the Robert Paciocco fund (with an initial amount of \$1,000 and the anticipated addition of another \$1,000 in January).

The goal with the second fund, Joyner

said, is to have a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 in place "so we can build up the endowment."

This "endowment" concept is central to the organization's lack of state certification -- although this status in no way diminishes the foundation's identity nor its tax-exempt status. Instead, the state certifies only those Michigan foundations that make distributions solely from interest earned on larger sums of money either on deposit or invested.

As Joyner explained Thursday, the foundation never intended to apply for certification nor does it make any claims that it qualifies contributors for a Michigan tax credit.

"We never tell anyone that they qualify for it; there's nothing we've ever put out that says we are; we never intended to."

To Joyner, in fact, by declining to pursue the certification status, he feels the foundation can make an even bigger impact in the community than it could otherwise.

"I mean, let's say we had \$50,000 in the bank earning 10 percent interest. That would give us only \$5,000 to spend.

"And with interest rates where they are, at 3 percent or so," he said, "it wouldn't give us anything to work with."

Instead, except for about 25 percent of the money raised that goes to administrative costs, the rest is parceled out among dozens of worthy recipients, ranging from high school scholarship winners to recently evicted tenants needing temporary shelter to funding a women's support center.

What Joyner is most proud of, however, is not simply the direct disbursement of funds, but his concept of "leveraging" the foundation's original contribution to a specific program in order to create spinoff contributions and a snowball effect on the overall impact.

"For example," Joyner said, "we raised \$5,000 from one of our fund-raisers and donated it to the district's Close-up program.

"In turn, the 400 or so students were required to give back nearly 16,000 total work hours to community projects.

"The next thing that happened is that the Jaycees came to us and said they needed help running their haunted house -- so we had some of the students go over and lend a hand, and the Jaycees in turn donated another \$2,000," Joyner said.

Simultaneously, other students went to work for local lawmakers, including state Rep. James Kosteva, who donated a total of \$1,200.

In the end, Joyner said, a total of \$8,200 was raised for Close-up from an original foundation grant of \$5,000.

"That's the way we like to work," he said.

Another case in point was the involvement of the foundation and the township in helping the community's veterans group fund a proposed memorial: Originally, the group projected a total cost of \$50,000 for the granite memorial and related landscaping.

In short order, however, the foundation and township incorporated the landscaping into the plan for a new community center

(which called for some type of landscaping anyway) and helped underwrite the granite purchase.

These steps eventually reduced the group's funding needs to only \$15,000.

Other projects have taken an equally creative approach, such as the foundation's work with nearby Plymouth Family Services to gain access to a qualified therapist, who eventually set up a local women's help center.

The cost: \$5,000 to start and \$3,000 a year for office space.

Because of the foundation's size -- until this year -- according to Joyner it was never required to undergo public auditing. But that will soon change: Joyner said the board contacted the accounting firm of Plante, Moran to conduct a free management audit of the organization in January.

Although angry about the questions raised concerning the foundation's operations, Joyner was open and accommodating in answering all but those pertaining to personalities.

"I don't know what he (Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover) is talking about; we've never yelled at our volunteers and or has any of the problems he talked about."

Concerning the perception of the foundation in the community, Joyner did admit that some may not like the way it's run, but blamed that on the fact that "we've rewritten the rules of the game."

"We set out to do what we could to create a sense of ownership of the community by the people -- and it's happening," he said.

"Ninety percent of the people in Canton know who we are and what we're doing."

As executive director of the foundation, Joyner's three-year contract -- which runs to June 1, 1994 -- pays him \$30,000 this year, with that figure spread between his administrative and "programming" duties:

"It works out to a percentage being applied to each of the major project areas, and only about \$4,000 for administrative work.

Joyner said his role as a programmer is primarily that of "idea man" when it comes to fund-raising projects, and then taking an active role in the fund-raising itself.

Of the foundation's \$100,000-plus annual budget, Joyner said that administrative costs fall well within federal guidelines for charitable organizations -- at about 22 to 25 percent.

The foundation was formed in 1989 as an incorporated outgrowth of a community association. Once the new foundation was incorporated on Dec. 14, 1989, slightly more than \$40,000 was transferred from the association to the foundation.

In 1990, the foundation reported more than \$63,000 in contributions.

In 1991, the foundation reported revenues of more than \$82,000, and expenses in excess of \$94,000.

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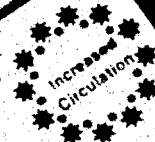
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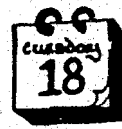
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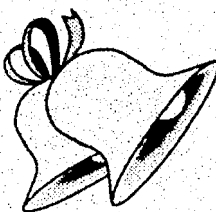


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TEA MEETING
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter D.A.R. will meet for tea Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. at 237 Sunsett in Plymouth.

The program will be "Christmas Herbs" with Mrs. Lester Robinson.

LUMINARIES FOR SALE
The Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club will once again join together in providing Luminaries for the community. This year, the Luminaries kits will be sold at Danny's, Kroger's on Ann Arbor Rd. and Westchester Mall.

Kits are \$3.50 and include 10 candles and 10 white paper bags.
For more information, call Barb at 453-7875 or Mary at 459-1999.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING
The Women's Club of Plymouth will host a meeting at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Jan. 8 at 12:30 p.m.

The program, "The Changing Roles of Women in the 19th Century," will be presented by Beth Stewart, the museum's director. A tour of the museum is part of the program, including a special display of inaugural ball gowns of the countries First Ladies.

There is no charge for admission and reservations are not necessary.

TEEN PAGEANT NEEDS PEOPLE
Applications are now being accepted for the 1993 Michigan Teen Pageant. The two-day event is scheduled to be held in the Royce Hotel on March 27 and 28.

Contestants will compete in poise and personality, sportswear, and evening gown competitions. To qualify, contestants must be between 13 and 19 years of age and never married.
Apply in writing to: Michigan Teen Pageant, Regional Headquarters Dept., N. 347 Locust Ave., Washington, PA 15301-3399 by Dec. 30.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The Plymouth Baptist Church invites the community to attend its annual Christmas concert on Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.

This one-hour concert features traditional and contemporary Christmas music and drama. Child care is provided.

The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. Call 453-5534 for additional information.

P.O.S. REHERSALS
Rehersals for the Plymouth Oratorio Society begins Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and continue every Monday through April. This year rehersals will be held at St. John Neuman Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd.

The society, which will be starting its seventh season, is open to all interested singers without audition. For additional information, contact Robert Pratt at 761-2991 or Mary Bozell at 455-6512.

TOYS FOR TOTS
All Metro Detroit Olive Garden Restaurants are participating in "Toys for Tots," a program that provides toys for needy children at Christmas.

To participate, drop off a new, unwrapped toy at any Olive Garden.

The Olive Garden in Canton is located at 41980 Ford Rd.

SANTA PAWS
For a \$5 donation to the Michigan Humane Society, you can get a polaroid of your pet with Santa Paws.

No appointments are necessary. Santa Paws will be in Plymouth on Dec. 20 at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1498 Sheldon Rd., from noon to 4 p.m.

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd. will present a Divorce Recovery Workshop starting Jan 18 and running through Jan 23.

The workshop will be run by Paul Clogh will help participant to forgive their former spouse, put the divorce on perspective and experience new growth.

The two hour session will run Monday through Friday and begin at 7 p.m. Saturdays session, which includes a potluck lunch runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Child care will be provided and pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Cost for the program is \$25.

For information, call 459-9550.

LEARN TO SKI
Canton Parks and Recreation is offering three sessions of the "Learn to Ski" program at Riverview Highlands. Each session consists of two lessons per week for beginners and/or intermediate skiers. Each session will last 45 minutes, with free skiing after the lessons. Skiers provide their own transportation to Riverview Highlands Ski Area.

Cost is \$45 and includes four lessons, two per week, four lift tickets and four equipment rentals. Cost is \$35 if you have your own equipment.

The first session will run the weeks of Jan. 4 and 11. Second session runs the weeks of Jan. 18 and 25, and the third session will run the weeks of Feb. 1 and 8.

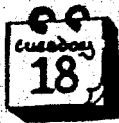
During each session, two classes will be offered. The first is for people ages 8 through 15 and will start at 5 p.m. The second class starts at 7 p.m. and people who are 16 or older.

There are no residency requirements. Call 397-5110 for details.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Red Cross is in need of blood. To encourage people to donate at the red Cross donor center in the Renaissance Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 14-30, Baja Beach Club and WXYT NewsTalk Radio AM 1270 will transport donors to an island paradise, complete with palm trees and tropical beaches. Anyone who tries to donate will receive a coupon for lunch at Baja Beach Club.

To kick off the event on Dec. 14, Denny McLain of WXYT-AM and Eli Zant of WJBK-TV 2 will sign autographs between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Baja Beach Club will also hold a drawing on Jan. 4. The prize is a free party at the club. Call 1-800-582-4383 to make an appointment at the Renaissance Center Donor Center.



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SAVE-A-LIFE SUNDAYS PROGRAM

The first 450 people present to donate blood at a Red Cross donor center on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 will receive a pair of vouchers to Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts. Each voucher is good for one ticket to any February performance except Saturday evenings. Eight donor centers, located throughout Metro Detroit and Ann Arbor, will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both Sundays.

This Save-A-Life Sundays program is co-sponsored by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and WQRS-FM 105.1. The program is necessary because of the drop in donations that is usually seen during the holidays.

To make an appointment at a donor center in Metro Detroit, call 1-800-582-4383. For an appointment in Ann Arbor, call 971-1500. Walk-ins are also welcome.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Young Artist Competition on Jan 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Madonna University's Kresge Hall.

The competition is open to all Michigan instrumental, piano and vocal students under the age of 25 who aspire toward a classical music career. Prior experience as a soloist is not required. Students will be judged on musicianship, technique and stature.

Instrumental and Vocal are the two main areas of competition. First place winners receive \$1,000 and second place winners receive \$500.

For further information, call a 24 hour hotline at 458-6575 or the Symphony office at 421-1111 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

OPEN SKATING

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering open skating at the Cultural Center during the holidays.

The center will be open Dec. 21, through Jan. 3 (excluding Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2) with hours in the mornings and afternoons.

Skate rental is \$1.25 and admission is \$2.75 for adults and \$2 for kids. Call 455-6620 for exact skating times.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

St. John Neuman Church is hosting a Christmas Sing-A-Long on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Children are invited to bring jingle bells, Fisher Price instruments, and pen flash-lights and join the Praise Choir Christmas Sing-a-long.

Following the sing-a-long, the SJN Players will perform, Destiny, the Children's Choice, and the SJN Chorale.

For more information, call 459-5515.

CHORUS AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will audition on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on North Territorial, west of Sheldon Rd.

Auditions will be held for all voice parts.

Call 455-4080 for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will celebrate Christmas with three services on Christmas Eve. There will be a family and children's service at 5 p.m., a candlelight service at 8 p.m. and a midlight service at 11 p.m.

The Sunday following Christmas, a guest soloist from from the University of Cincinnati will perform at a 10 a.m. service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist in Physical Therapy and in the Urgent Care Office at the Canton McAuley Health Building on Ford Road. One four shift a week is requested.

Please call Volunteer Services at 572-4159 for more information.

STORYTIME REGISTRATION

Registrations now open for "Storytime" at Plymouth District Library.

For toddlers, there are morning and afternoon times. Registration for the morning session, which runs on Thursdays Jan. 14 through Feb. 4, begins Jan. 7, 10 a.m. for in person registration or 10:30 a.m. to register by phone. Registration for the afternoon session, which runs every Tuesday Jan. 12 through Feb. 2, is Jan. 5, 7 p.m. in person or 7:30 p.m. by phone.

Preschool times are on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Jan. 12 through Feb. 2. Registration is Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. in person or 10:30 by phone.

COED VOLLEYBALL

Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, is sponsoring another session of recreational coed volleyball for adults starting Jan. 14.

Games will be played at West Middle School, from 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., and will run for six weeks.

Cost is \$22 per person and the program is open to anyone 18 and over.

Call 397-5110 for more information.

CONCERT

Schoolcraft Community College will be hosting the concert "Gloria" on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Admission is free and the choir accept donations during intermissions.

PLAY IN AUBURN HILLS

Athol Fugard's drama, "Master Harold...and the boys," opens Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. for a four-week run at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre. Performances will be given Tuesdays through Sundays until Jan. 31, at the theater on the university's campus in Auburn Hills.

For times and ticket information call 377-3300. Group sales may be arranged by calling 370-3316. Tickets may also be obtained through any Ticketmaster outlet or by phone at 645-6666.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The Class of 1958 from Detroit Cooley High School is having its 35 year reunion July 23-25.

The theme for the event, which will take place at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi, is "Lost in The Fifties."

For more information, call 887-3921.

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Monday, December 21st 7:30pm till end

Tuesday, December 22nd 8:00pm till end

Wednesday, December 23rd 7:30pm

Communal Penance

Christmas Masses

Thursday, December 24th 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

& Midnight

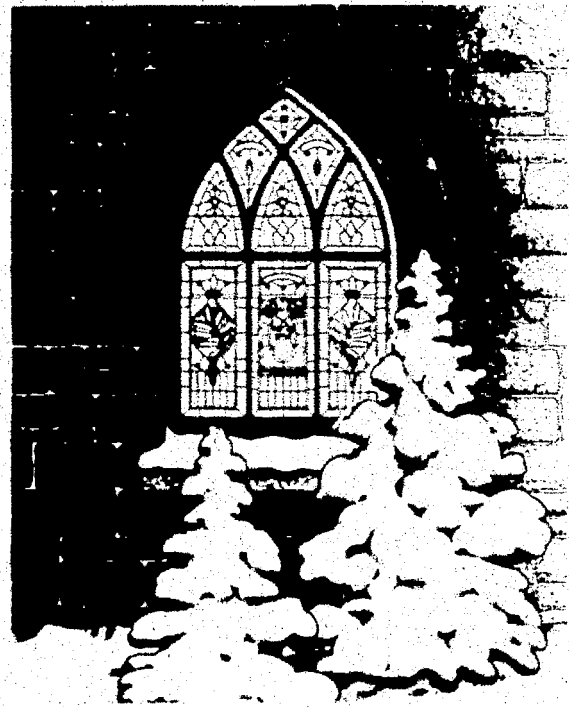
Friday, December 25th 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

& 12:00 noon

New Year's Masses

Thursday, December 31st 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1st 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon



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Community deaths

Car crash claims life of 28-year-old woman

Services were held last Saturday for a 22 year-old Canton resident who died Dec. 8, from injuries sustained in a car accident in Superior Township

Jennifer M. Julian was buried in Glen Eden Cemetery following services at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Miss Julian was born on July 2, 1964, in the Philippines and came to the United States with her family and in 1982 graduated from Plymouth Canton High School.

She entered the University of Michigan for a year and transferred to Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1984. She was active in several honor societies at Lawrence Tech.

In 1987, she was one of eight finalists for the Outstanding Student Engineer of the Year and served as the Senior Vice President.

Prior to graduation she was chosen to represent her school as a "Woman of Tomorrow" and was honored by being one of the covergirls of The Michigan Woman magazine's July/August issue.

While earning her electrical engineering degree, which she received in 1987, she was employed at General Motors Technical Center.

At the time of her death, she was employed by Ford Motor Company.

Julian had plans to marry John

Coleman, of Canton, in June 1993. She is survived by her parents, Pacifico and Herminia Peralta of Georgia;

brother, Chito Julian; sisters, Jocelyn Julian, Maylene Kourtakis and Maybelle LeMay and her fiancé.

Preston, homemaker

Esther H. Preston, 84, of South Lyon died Dec. 10, 1992, in Howell. Memorial services were held Dec. 15 at the Church of The Holy Cross.

Mrs. Preston was born in Plymouth on Feb. 7, 1908, and lived here for 60 years. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School and in 1929 received a teaching certificate from Michigan Normal School. She was a homemaker and for a short time taught at Wise Elementary.

Her survivors include her son, Preston of Plymouth; daughters, Anne Buie of Plymouth and Shirley Cargal of Riverside, California; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Link, WWII veteran

Edward R. Link, 69, of Plymouth died Dec. 11, 1992, in Ann Arbor. Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Link was born in Ohio on May 4, 1923, and came to Plymouth in 1970. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and was also a member of the Livonia Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; daughter, Deborah Cudney of Westland; son, Brian of Plymouth; brother, William of Delphos, Ohio and three grandchildren.

Vorbeck, motel owner

Alice B. Vorbeck, 66, of Cheboygan died Dec. 13, 1992. Local funeral arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Park View Cemetery, Livonia.

Born August 2, 1926, Mrs. Vorbeck came to Cheboygan in 1961 and purchased the Moon-E Motel with her late husband, Cleo.

She is survived by sons, Lowell, Keith and Kirk Vorbeck; daughters, Karen Dryer and Marie Drewno; brothers, Charles, Linwood, Earl and Elmer Harrison; sisters, Hazel Ellis, Juanita Stencil, Vivian Scheffer, Yvonne DeChamplain and Maxine Bidwell; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Curmi, homemaker

Bertha Curmi, 84, died Dec. 10, 1992, in Garden City. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Curmi was born in Lake Linden on Nov. 7, 1908. She came to Plymouth in 1934 from Pontiac. She was a homemaker and co-proprietor of Curmi Feed Store.

She is survived by her son, Edward of Detroit; daughter-in-law, Irene of Farmington Hills; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Caldwell, state worker

John F. Caldwell, 82, of Livonia died Dec. 12, 1992, in Southfield. Funeral services were held Dec. 16 at Ward Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Grandlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Caldwell worked for 23 years as a social worker for the State of Michigan. He was born in Detroit on April 13, 1910, and grew up in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; sister, Lois Dicks of Livonia; five nephews and one niece.



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Community births

Charles Allan Ashton was born on Dec. 4, 1992, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born at 6:59 p.m., weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

His parents are Steve and Christine Ashton of Plymouth.

His grandparents are Jack and Nancy Ashton of Plymouth, and Robert and Charlene Kirschbaum of Burr Ridge, IL.

Maura Canary Walkowski was born on June 25, 1992, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born at 6:32 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring just over 19 inches long.

Her parents are Richard and Jacqueline Walkowski of Plymouth.

The grandparents are Raymond and Halina Walkowski of Warren and James and Judith Canary of Millington.

Peter and Dolores Gwizdala of Springfield Grove, IL and Mrs. James Canary of Saginaw are her great grandparents.

To have the announcement of the birth of your child published in *The Crier*, simply drop off or mail the information to our office.

There's a lot happening in Canton

The Canton Police Department is inviting families who meet HUD income standards to apply for a free bicycle through the township's give-away program.

Each year, dozens of unregistered bikes are recovered by police after being stolen from someone's home.

Recently, the department decided to establish the give-away program in order to not only dispose of the property, but to help brighten another youngster's life.

To qualify, the family must meet the following HUD income standards:

Household size	Annual income
1	\$15,800
2	\$18,050
3	\$20,300
4	\$22,550
5	\$24,350

Any family interested in obtaining bicycles for their household can come to the police station and fill out an application.

Center may get help

Canton may receive help for the funding of its community center.

Canton's community center project has been placed on the Michigan DNR's final list of recommended "Protecting Michigan's Future" recreation bond projects.

The DNR's Natural Resources Commission recommended the project receive a \$450,000 Recreation Bond during its Dec. 3 meeting.

The list of state projects will be submitted to the Michigan Legislature in the near future. DNR officials said the project agreement may be available for the 1993 construction season when the bill is approved. The grant funds will be used for some of the construction costs of the \$12 to 13 million community center.

Planning panel has opening

Now is the time for residents in Canton to get involved in their community.

The Canton Planning Commission has an opening because Melissa McLaughlin has joined the Canton Board of Trustees.

Residents interested in sitting on the commission need to contact Supervisor Yack's office. The selection process will

Parking problems get close look

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now is that money, either from businesses or the city, or both, would have to be put up now.

And what if projected development doesn't grow as projected?

"It is difficult to levy an equitable assessment now for the cost of future parking needs," read a document from the parking committee.

There are two ways the city can levy an assessment to pay for the parking plan.

If the city looks at existing

likely include interviews with prospective candidates.

A few people are needed to fill seats for the Recreation Advisory Committee in Canton.

Hall applications ready

Applications are now available to nominate potential Canton Hall of Fame inductees to the hall of fame and 1992 Community Achievers.

The Canton Hall of Fame Committee is seeking help identifying possible 1993 inductees to the hall of fame and 1992 community achievers.

Applications are available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Public Library, Canton Administrative Building (Clerks Office), Roman Forum, Palermo's and Big Boy's.

development and demands, the assessment will be based on the floor space of each business.

If the city looks at future parking needs, the assessment would be based on the land area the business requires.

The next step according to Steve Walters, the city's manager, is for the committee to develop a plan to develop more public parking. The committee must decide what private lots should be purchased, how it should be funded and make tentative agreements with the owners.

We wish all our friends and neighbors a Blessed Holiday Season.

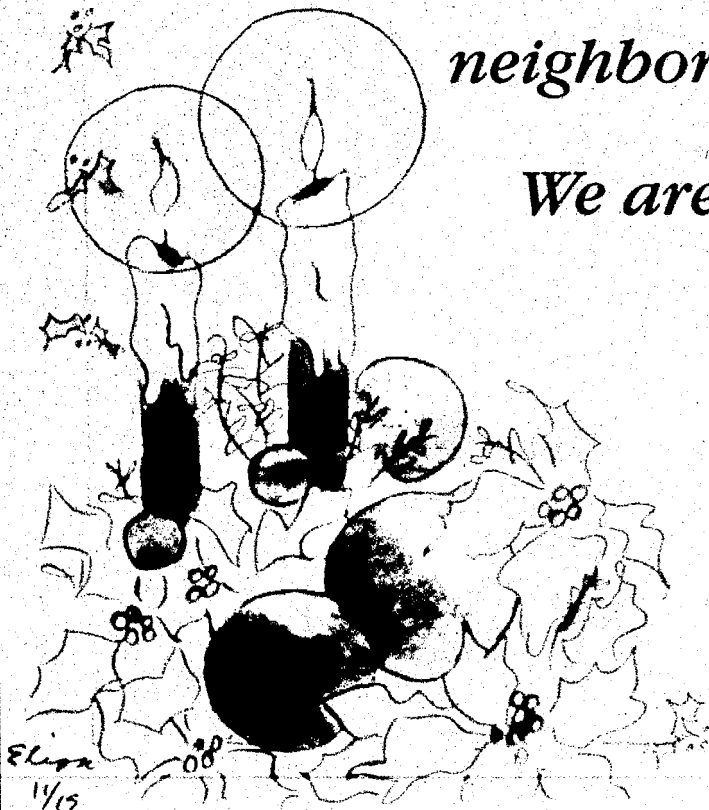
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Sports

Orlando bound

Rock cheerleaders head to nationals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It's a year of firsts for the Salem cheerleading squad: This is the first year for boys joining the team, and it's the first year the team will be competing in the National High School Cheerleading Championships.

The road to the championship competition started back in April when the team was formed. The squad went to the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp in August.

While at camp, the Salem squad was invited to compete in the regional competition earlier this month at Indiana University.

The squad made the cut for nationals, and will be heading to Sea World in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 19-23.

To qualify for the nationals, the squad of 15 had to prepare and perform a two and a half minute routine, which the students choreographed themselves.

The Salem team competed against 40 squads at Indiana University, and were judged on gymnastics, dancing, cheerleading and crowd appeal.

JoDee Dillon, a former cheerleader and Rockette, has coached the squad for three and a half years. At the competition, she said the goal was to get out of regionals and qualify for the nationals.

"The did a great job," said Dillon. "And they made it to the nationals too."

Salem had 15 cheerleaders competing at the regionals: eight seniors, four juniors, and three sophomores.

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Salem cheerleaders qualify for nationals. The squad will be competing in February at Sea World, Orlando, Florida. The squad is: Tom McDonald (back row left), Pete Tenbroeck, Brandon Dooley, Angie Scoggins (3rd row left), Denae Malinowski, Adrienne Auten, Kathy

Beale, Susan Croft (2nd row left), Jenny McKinn, Julie Larson, Liz Truckley (front row left), Kristen Honecker, Kelli Laskowski, Amy Loe. Not pictured are Katherine Saelzler and Jill Kotlarczyk.

Some holes to fill

Canton gymnasts hopeful this season

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It looks to be a promising season for the Canton gymnastics team as they welcome back many returning varsity letter winners and all-arounders to the squad.

Although there are many strong performers returning, Canton coach John Cunningham has some holes to fill this season.

He said it will be especially difficult to replace Dawn Clifford as an all-around performer and Laura Anderson on the bars.

"I'll have to do a prayer this season when it gets to bars," said Cunningham.

"I look at the bars to be an area where Kim Rennolds is good, Kim Lewke is good, Jenny Tedesco is excellent, and whoever I can throw on bars," he said.

"It'll take half the season to develop results where I'll be confident we are

good."

The Canton squad starts its competition today in the Freeland Invitational Tri-Meet.

Cunningham is confident the squad will perform well as he has many experienced gymnasts to lead the squad this year.

Returning this year are two seniors, co-captains Kim Rennolds and Jenny Tedesco.

Both girls are four year players and strong gymnasts. Last year they both performed as all-around gymnasts and earned All-American awards.

Rennolds holds school records for Canton in four of the five events.

Tedesco is the team's No. 1 performer on the bars and is right behind Rennolds as an all-around.

Juniors Kim Lewke and Adrienne Brenner returned to the squad this year.

Both are all-around gymnasts.

Lewke made All-American in four events last year.

Brenner qualified for the regionals last year in three events.

Cara Stillings is a junior who will be rejoining the team in February. She is working as a congressional page in Washington D.C., until February, but will rejoin the squad when her term is up.

All three juniors won varsity letters last year.

Junior Julie Bak performs on the vault, and her coach looks for improvement this year.

Michelle Cimeot and Mindy Sofen are two sophomores returning to the team. They earned varsity letters last year.

Both are good on the vault. Sofen is strong on the floor, and Cimeot is strong on the beam.

Sophomore Kari Jackson won a

varsity letter last year and is strong on the balance beam.

All three qualified for the regional meet as freshmen.

Three strong and hopeful freshmen joined the squad this year, Katie Demey, Jammie Sidley and Kim Nowak.

The trio has experience performing gymnastics in the past.

Demey has performed in club gymnastics and is now coming out for her school team.

Sidley has competed in recreational gymnastics and a little club gymnastics.

Nowak competed in club until the fifth grade when she stopped competing. Has a dance background and is strong on the floor.

"She does tricks my seniors can't do," Cunningham said.

Her coach expects she'll move up to

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Canton loses Thursday to Pioneer

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a tough and hard fought battle for the Canton basketball team Thursday evening as they were defeated 71-66 by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Many believed Pioneer would be more dominant on the court, but the Chiefs showed the young squad could hold their own against a tough Ann Arbor team.

"They handled the pressure well," said Charlie Paye, Canton assistant coach, after Thursday's game. "The kids played well against one of the better teams we'll see all year."

At the end of the first quarter, the game was tied at 23. In the second quarter, the Pioneers outscored the Chiefs by two, tossing in 21 points to Canton's 19. And Pioneer led 44-42 at halftime.

"We had excellent ball management early, and got the shots we're capable of," said Paye. "Bryan Whittle played up to his capabilities, as we thought he would."

When the squad returned to the court after halftime, Pioneer managed to stretch the lead to 10 points, but the Chiefs never gave up. Before the third quarter ended, Canton cut Pioneer's lead five. The Ann Arbor squad tossed in 13, and Canton added 10, to end the third trailing 57-52.

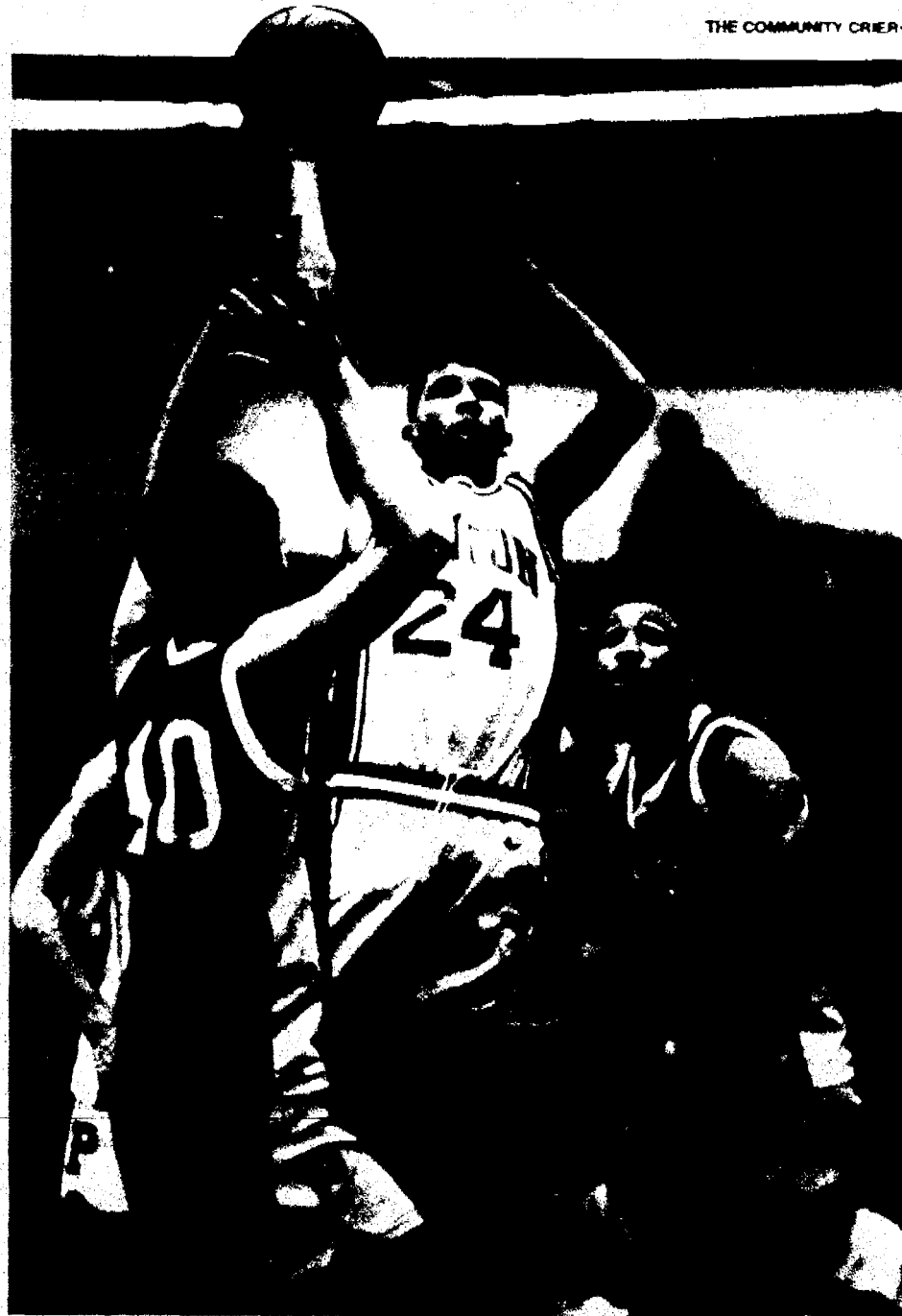
Canton kicked up its offensive play and defense in the fourth quarter, and took the lead midway through the quarter. But a one-point lead oscillated between the two teams, and when the Chiefs fouled Pioneer, it got the edge it needed.

Both teams tossed in 14 in the final quarter.

Whittle led the Chiefs in scoring with 14 points. Brad Paskievitch had 13.

Matt Paupore tossed in six three-pointers for the Chiefs, and Paskievitch added three three-pointers.

Canton's next game is Jan. 5, against Ypsilanti.



Canton basketball player, Owen Crosby, goes up for a shot. (Crier photo by EQ Lukasik.)

Salem's basketball team wins Thursday night, they remain undefeated this season

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

When the Salem basketball team fouled before they scored Thursday night against Ann Arbor Huron, it looked like it would be a long game.

Although Huron was in the bonus in the first quarter, the Rocks calmed down, played hard, took control, and claimed a 58-48 win.

Salem is now 4-0.

Huron dominated the glass in the first half, but the Rocks hung tough and kept the game within reach.

In the first quarter, the lead was never greater than three points, and when the quarter ended, the River Rats were ahead

by one, 17-16.

Huron outscored Salem by one again in the second quarter, taking a two-point lead at halftime. Huron tossed in 15 in the second. Salem added 14, to end the half 32-30.

But as the Salem hoopsters got their fouls under control, the tone of the game changed.

The Rocks came back from halftime strong, determined to win, and dominated the game.

"We took better care of the offensive end in the second half," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach. "In the second half we controlled the glass and only gave them one shot at the glass, not two or three."

The third quarter was the turning point in scoring. Salem tossed in 14 points and held Huron to five, taking a 44-37 lead.

In the final quarter of the game, Salem added 14 points and Huron tossed in 11.

Brandon Stone and James Head each scored 14 points for Salem. Mike Stone had 12.

Brandon Stone grabbed 13 rebounds. Brian Jensen and Head each snatched eight.

"I liked the way James Head stepped up when the game was on the line," said Brodie. "He took charge, which is what he needs to do a little more often."

Salem's next game is against Waterford Kettering on Jan. 5.

Cheerleaders move on to competition

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Seniors on the squad include captain Kristin Honecker, captain Jenny McKian, captain Peter Tenbroeck, Brandon Dooley, Julie Larson, Kelli Laskosky, Amy Loe, and Tom McDonald. Juniors Adrienne Auten, Kathy Beale, Angie Scoggins, and Katherine Saelzler. Sophomores Denae Malinowski, Liz Truckly and Jill Kodarczyk.

The squad will be conducting fundraisers to help finance the trip between now and February.

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The Salem gymnastics team practice on the balance beam. Members of the team have their eyes on the state title. The members in the picture are Leanne Savola, Kristen Atkinson, Stefanie Angliuko, Courtney Gonyea, captain, Sarah Makins and Nicole Teller. (Crier photo by EQ Lukasik.)



Second, last year, looking for first

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It looks to be a very promising season for the Salem gymnastics team this year.

First-year coach Johanna Anderson has a very strong squad coming back, and thinks she can improve on the second-place finish in the state the Rocks had last year.

Competition will be tough for the newcomers on the team, as Anderson has six strong performers returning, and only five positions at the invitationals.

Five seniors are coming back. Courtney Gonyea is an all-around

gymnast and made Elite All-American last year. She is in her fourth year on the squad, and is one of the captains.

Dana Driscoll is the other captain. She is in her fourth year on the squad and competes on vault, bars and the floor.

Kim Miller is a three-year gymnast for Salem. She was an Elite All-American last year and is an all-around gymnast.

Stefanie Angliuko competes on the floor and balance beam. She made All-American last year in both those events and is in her fourth year on the squad.

Vicki Buecks is in her second year on the team.

Two juniors are all around gymnasts returning to the squad.

Alysia Sofios is in her third year on the team. She was an Elite All-American last year.

Sarah Makins is an all-around performer in her third year on the squad. Last year she was All-American.

Mindy Andrews is in her third year and competes on the floor and bars.

Leanne Savola is in her third year and competes on the vault, beam and bars.

Sophomore Melissa Hopson was an Elite All-American last year. She is an all-around performer and is in her second season as a Rock.

Nicole Teller is in her second year and performs on the bars.

Kristen Atkinson was a state finalist last year on the vault. She is in her second year and also competes for the Rocks on the vault and floor.

Freshman Zoe Yockey is a very strong

performer on the bars and floor, according to Anderson, and may make a move into the varsity lineup this season.

Anderson competed for the Chiefs two years ago when she was a student at Canton. She competed against Gonyea and Miller and lost to them in competition.

Although she said it was a little strange last year when she was the assistant to Becky Martin, she doesn't have any problems in her role as coach to her former competitors.

"There is no problem with them listening and respecting me. I respect them. There is no reason for them not to respect me," Anderson said.

"I'm not critical of them, it's pointers I give them. I can see what they're doing, they can't."

Last year the Rocks were 12-0, undefeated until the state meet, where they placed second.

Anderson has her sights set on improving, and believes her squad can take the state title this year.

Salem starts its season Jan. 6, against Farmington, and has its first invitational Jan. 9, at Troy.

"I think we have the best squad Salem ever had," Anderson said, adding that she believes the team will surpass all school records to date this year.

Even with the changes in the vault scoring, she still expects to improve, and said the squad is working on heightening the difficulty in the vault routines to keep the scores high.

Canton gymnasts get ready

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varsity performances as the season progresses.

There are some changes in store for the sport this season. The scoring procedure for the vault was changed this year by the National High School Coaches Association, which lowered the regional qualifying levels from 7.7 to 7.4.

The change is an attempt to distinguish the difficult vault routines and broaden the spread between mediocre and exceptional vault routines, according to Cunningham.

Since the change is across the board,

he doesn't feel any school will be penalized more than another. However, he said, the students will be penalized a little as they try to compete or school records on the vault.

Cunningham sees a lot of potential on the team this year and expects when the season starts the team will be ranked in the top 5 in the state. He's not sure how long the squad will hold the rank, but after today's performance, he'll have a better idea.

"I'm looking forward to the season," said Cunningham. "I have a new group of kids in and I'm looking for the kids to do well. Hopefully they will."

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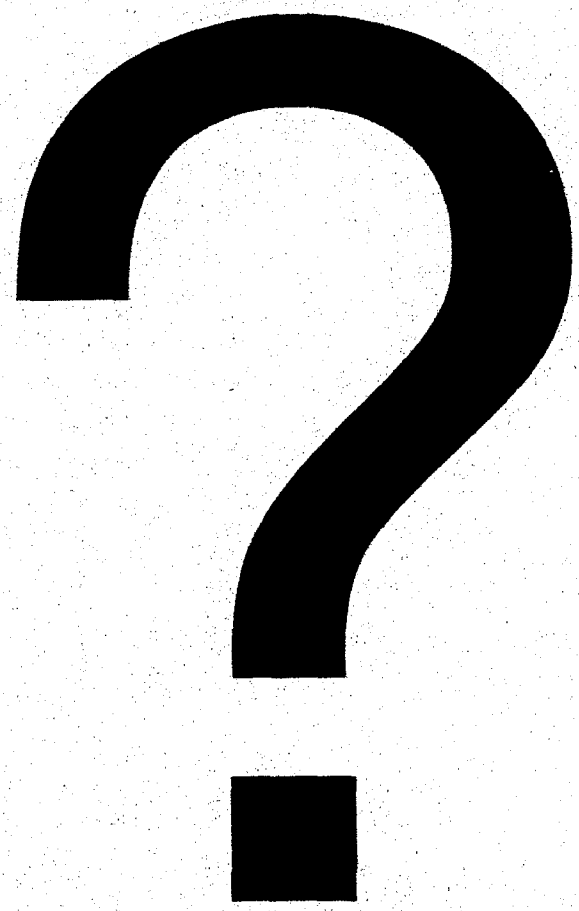
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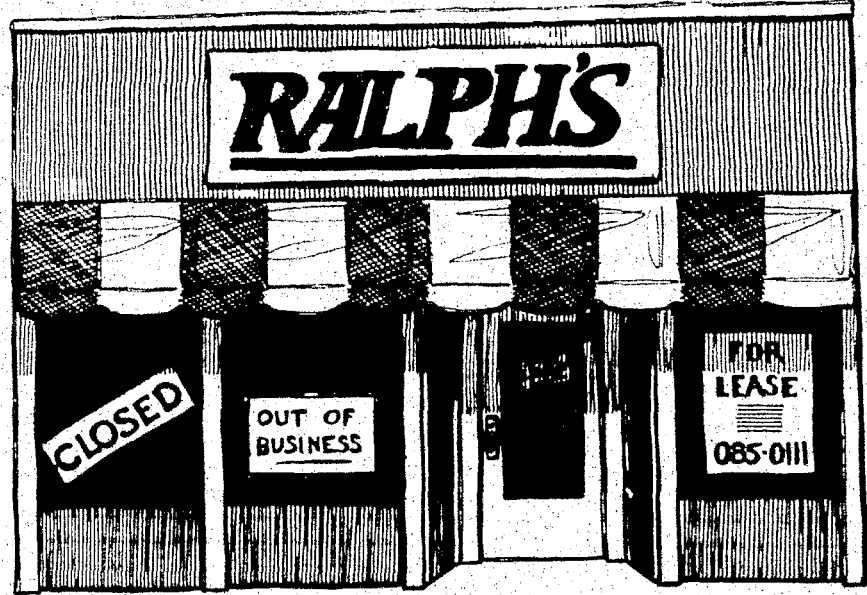
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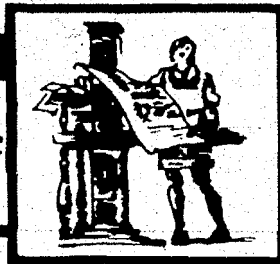
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Which one of these gentlemen is turning 56? Clue! He's wearing glasses.

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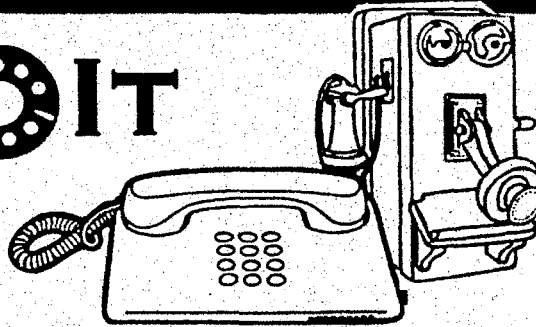
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Community opinions

Consider cable bidding

With five area communities considering strategy for negotiating with the region's sole cable TV operator, one strategy among all others should be kept square in the front of their minds: Putting all cable TV operations back up for bids.

Representatives from the five communities — Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township and Canton Township — met Monday night in a meeting closed to the public to discuss their options. And since no one's talking about what options they might try, maybe it's worth talking about it here.

For those who don't remember, nearly 15 years ago communities throughout southeastern Michigan were invaded by multi-channel locusts who promised the moon to get exclusive franchises in each town. These snake-oil salesmen told of the wonders of international programming, of hundreds of channels at a fingertip, of movies around the clock, of sports channels and music channels. (Few, of course, spoke of the rates they would charge for these services, or how they would deal with spiraling rates following deregulation.)

In some towns, cable operators spoke excitedly about two-way communications systems using the homeowner's own television, whereby they not only could talk to their TV, but could also use cable lines to send emergency messages to police and fire. It would be the next generation in global communications.

Alas, the only two-way communications that exist today in most areas is an ability to dial up (via the phone, not the television) pay-per-view movies or wrestling extravaganzas or, to the annoyance of some viewers, an up-to-date accounting of their bill.

Such is the scenario, then, that greets area officials as they contemplate negotiating with Omnicom Cable; that plus the fact that through congressional re-regulation of the cable industry and technological breakthroughs in the marketplace, the competition is poised to heat up dramatically.

And that's the reason for suggesting a re-bidding of the entire contract: Give this new, ever-changing market a chance to respond. This could mean garnering bids from the telephone company, or from other cable companies looking to solidify their market share in Michigan.

In either case, the key point is that for the first time in a long time, cable TV consumers are in the driver's seat — if they're given the wheel.

Of course, it would be expected for Omnicom to argue that it should keep its exclusive contract because it already has invested a great deal of money in the region, by cabling and hooking up one home after another.

But that ignores two important points — points that officials should not underestimate: The potential for residential growth in this area seems to increase exponentially, thereby guaranteeing Omnicom an ever-growing pie (of which it would have the only slice). And two, any new player would probably have no compunction whatsoever paying off Omnicom on its original investment — knowing it would reap the benefits of that same growth.

And then, of course, there is always the phone company — already hooked up to every home and business in the region: Given a chance, Ma Bell could be the biggest player of all.

The point is that while not every piece of new technology is in place (although channel bursting and fiber optic technology is slowly gaining footholds in the communications industry) and not every player has taken a seat in the game, area officials — for the good of their cable-watching constituency — had better make sure they keep an open mind to every possible idea.

Which might mean, at worst, a limited contract with Omnicom until others are ready to enter the fray. At best, however, it might even be wiser to consider the entire issue of cable television as a clean slate waiting to be written upon. Which means: let the bidding begin.

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A Christmas poem

White little webs fall
 from the Crystall Sky.
 little angels Circle me.
 girls in Lacey red Dresses
 Dance. ice skaters
 Skate on Snowy Ponds.
 it's Christmas!

Santa sends a note



(Editor's note: We received this letter earlier this week, postmarked the North Pole. We've decided to pass it on to you.)

Dear Plymouth-Canton Community,

It is awesome to be Santa Claus; there are millions and millions of boys and girls, moms and dads, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas and others who I try to visit every year.

All are deserving; all are special, but my trip to the area recently was very special. It is appropriate that I say why this is so.

Many years ago, a young girl wrote a letter asking if there was really a Santa Claus. The response to Virginia was a resounding yes and what happened here underscores that:

Many boys and girls asked for all kinds of toys or clothes, which is to be expected. However, one little boy asked for a job for his mom, and one little girl just wanted to see her dad. One youngster wanted to get an operation for his brother's health problem.

These are very unselfish requests and it makes Santa's heart smile. You see, that's what Christmas is all about — caring and sharing beyond one self.

The request of these special young ones fills me with the joy of the Christmas season. Such wisdom at this tender age is priceless.

Thus, in closing, I know your community is a special place where people care and children are selfless, where the true spirit of love is flourishing. The parents of these youngsters should be proud that they have done so well.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

He is not just one individual that gives out presents once a year. It is a spirit of caring about others and sharing whatever we have with them.

May the wishes of all children be granted, but especially those who show wisdom and compassion far beyond their ages. I'll visit your area and the rest of the world in a couple of weeks on Christmas Eve, but for Santa, Christmas came early this year.

It came recently from the mouths of children.

God Bless and Merry Christmas,

SANTA CLAUS



Community opinions

Don't forget handicaps in court

EDITOR,

The guidelines established by the American Bar Association for compliance with the July 26, 1992, Americans with Disabilities Act indicate, "To provide equal access to justice, state courts must ensure accessibility for litigants, jurors, victims, witnesses, attorneys, social services personnel, volunteers and members of the public with physical, sensory, communications or cognitive impairments. They must ensure access to each court program, provisional public information, pretrial services, jury service, courtroom hearings and trials."

In essence, the hearing impaired have a right to serve as attorneys, witnesses and jurors, and the courts must provide the services that will accommodate their disability.

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults estimates that 10 per cent — one in every 10 Americans — is hearing impaired.

Board member Marcia Simmons, in describing the effects of hearing loss says, "it is like looking in a bathroom mirror that's covered with steam. Speech is not clear. Mild hearing loss may be like having your face very close to the mirror so that you can see something through the steam. A very profound hearing loss is like standing back and seeing nothing. Real time reporting is like taking a towel and wiping the mirror clean."

Real time reporting is a process introduced in courts throughout the country where the record written by the court reporter is fed into a computer, transcribed and displayed in monitors.

The system allows the hearing impaired to read what is being said. Learning lip reading and sign language can be really difficult for the late-in-life hearing impaired. A written verbatim record of what is being said is a superior solution.

The 35th District Court has the opportunity to provide the hearing impaired the access demanded by The Americans with Disabilities Act. However, the Advisory Board is leaning toward video cameras in the courtroom with a price tag of \$58,000.

This system would give the judge and attorneys the ability to refer to the testimony of previous witnesses, deposition testimony and research cases. It would also allow the hearing impaired to read what is being said.

Video has malfunctioned and produces records where testimony is eliminated and the term "inaudible" inserted.

Does the installation of videos mean the loss of one court reporter or the loss to accessibility to one out of 10 citizens who are late deafened adults?

CAROLE GOODFELLOW
(Goodfellow works as a registered professional reporter in the 35th District Court.)

Is 2 percent too much?

A new notion

By Amy Kidwell



Non-union employees in Plymouth Township were recently given a 2 per cent discretionary bonus. Cost to the Township is more than \$20,000.

This optional bonus has been given nine of the past 11 years. One official remembered when the bonus was 7 per cent.

Many residents who were present at the meeting were upset by the board's decision because the township is currently operating in a deficit, and the new officials promised to "control the out of control spending" during their campaigns.

Is \$20,000 "out of control?"

On the one hand, I can see why the board made this unanimous decision. The employees have come to depend on the bonus and to deny them a bonus would start off their terms on a bad foot. It also might be

devastating to those who were depending on the bonus.

All of the board members cited fairness (with union employees, who are guaranteed raises and bonuses), employee morale and teamwork reasons for giving the bonus. Those are all very good reasons.

After all, \$20,000 is not much money to an organization that deals with millions, but it is still \$20,000 that the township does not have.

If the township is in hard financial times, then the budget should be cut wherever possible. A discretionary bonus is one of those possibilities.

While no one wants to see anyone take a cut in pay or bonuses, the fact remains that the township's books are in the red. Cuts have to be made somewhere, and the board is not starting off on the right foot.

Other parts of the budget will experience more serious cuts because of this decision. One can only hope that future cuts won't mean jobs.

Don't misunderstand my view. I don't think that \$20,000 is a great amount of money when everything is put in to perspective, especially considering that it's being spent on human resources, but it's step in the wrong direction. Some other part of the budget will suffer as a result.

Exercise your First Amendment rights — and let us and your neighbors know what you think and where you stand. Letters to the editor are easier than you think: Simply write down your thoughts, sign your name and mail it to (or drop it off at) our office. Unsigned letters won't be considered, but names may be withheld depending on circumstances.

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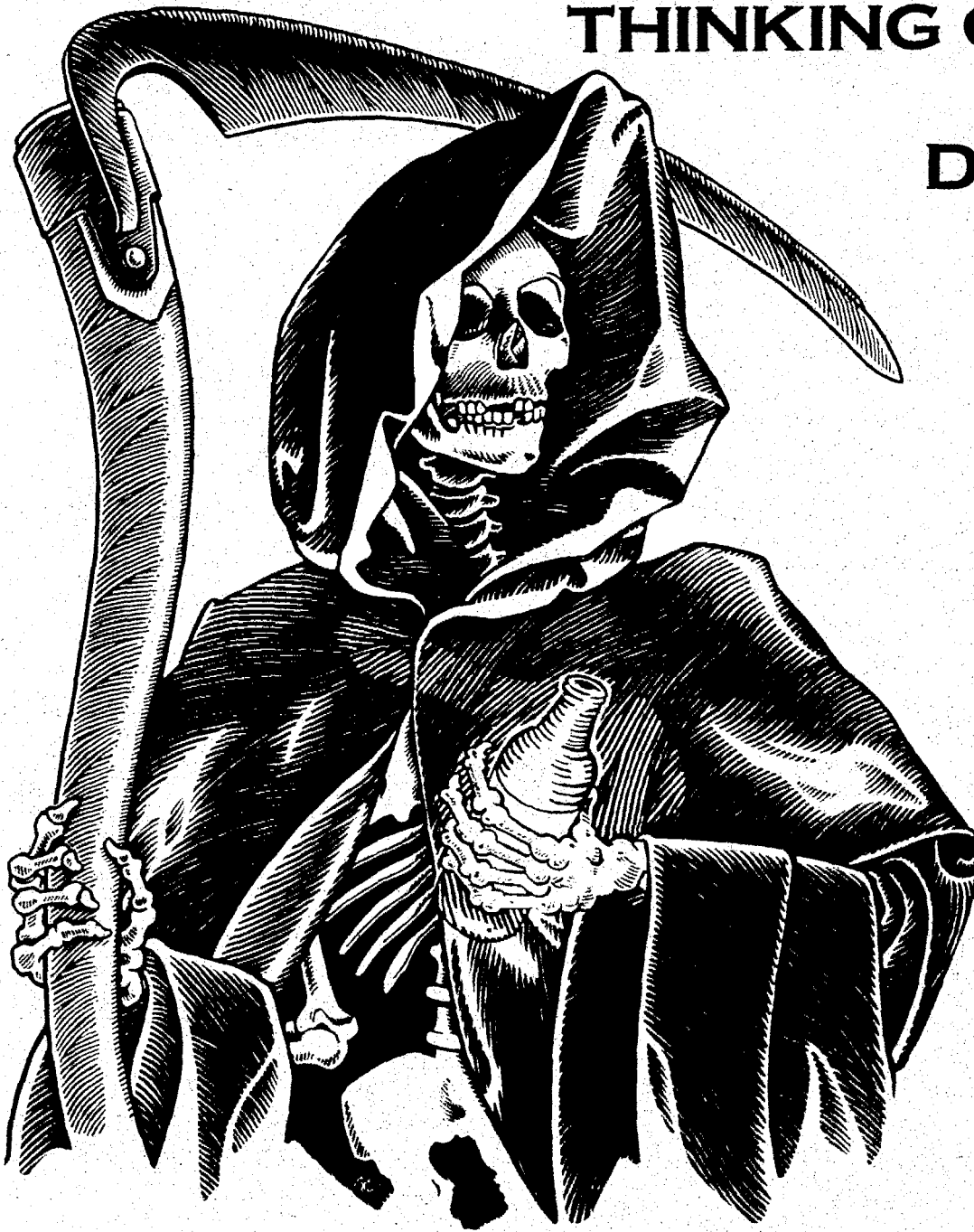
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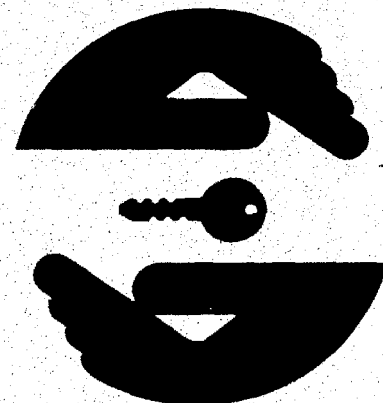
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