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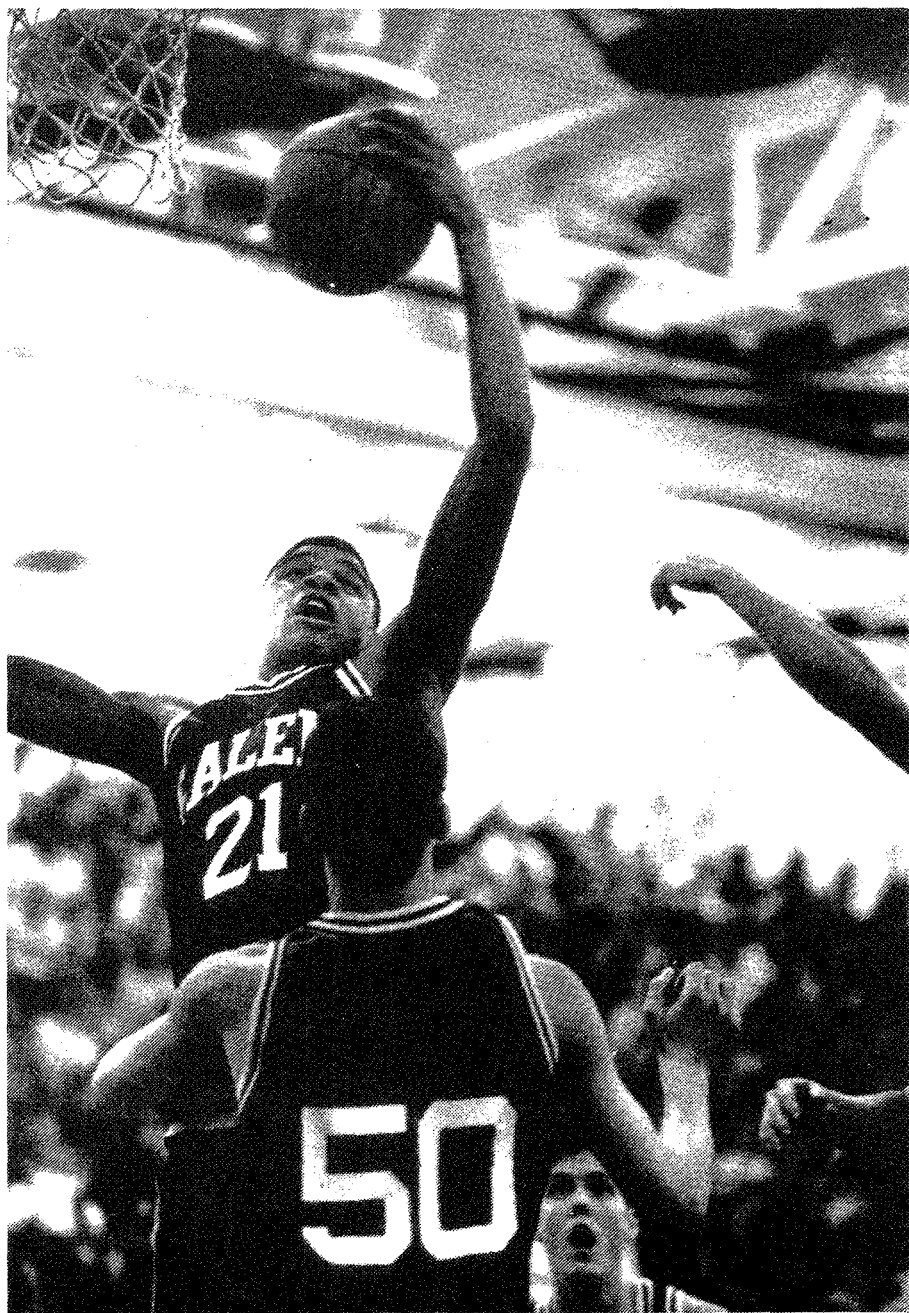
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Leapin' to round 2



Salem's James Head goes to the basket for two of his 28 points against Canton as teammates Brandon Slone (50) and Mike Slone look on. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Salem sneaks by Canton; enters second round of district playoffs tonight against Stevenson

BY DAVE KARNAFEL

The Salem Rocks made it past the first hurdle in state tournament play Monday night, beating arch-rival Canton in a squeaker 89-86 and moving on to the second round of districts tonight.

But jumping that hurdle was no easy thing — and even though

Salem's Mike Slone scored a team high 30 points, the word "team" was key to the outcome.

"This is a team game," he said. "We really showed up tonight."

"It's a mark of a good team to bounce back after a tough loss; we hung in together and made it."

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Keeping new schools closed tops cutback list

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The boarding up of two new, already-built elementary schools tops the list of potential areas of cutbacks in the Plymouth-Canton School District should an expected 4-mill tax increase question fail at the June polls.

Ironically, however, the board also received a detailed presentation of how existing elementary school boundaries would be altered if the schools do open. Maps detailing those changes are expected to be available by the end of the week.

The school board was nearly unanimous in putting the shuttering of the two schools — which now have names (see related story) — No. 1, followed by the elimination of all middle school extracurricular activities.

The goal of the board is to trim nearly \$5 million from the 1993-94 budget. A 4-mill tax increase would raise \$8.3 million and not only eliminate the deficit, but also allow the restoration of nearly \$4 million in programs already reduced. (See related story.)

According to board President Roland Thomas, a 4-mill tax increase would erase the deficit, restore programs and leave the district only \$77,000 in the hole; a figure he felt would be easy for the district to absorb.

The elimination of transportation services ranked fifth on the board's laundry list, but following nearly a half-hour of debate, the board decided to reconsider that option.

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Deficit is covered in plan to raise 4 new mills and restore programs

News that any attempt to raise another 4 mills in property taxes would not offset the projected school district deficit is wrong — but no one in attendance at last week's school board meeting was ever told of that conclusion.

Instead, those listening to the final remarks made during the open meeting heard only that several members of the school board were concerned that the figures being cited left out the deficit.

The board then adjourned to closed session.

It was during that session — and

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Canton to pay for memorial, await group's reimbursement

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In an effort to make sure that the proposed Canton veteran's memorial is ready for the 1993 Liberty Fest, the Canton Veteran's Memorial Association (CVMA) will ask the township board to assume the remaining cost of the project.

And although board approval was expected last night, Ken Voyles, assistant to the township supervisor, said the money will not be a gift.

"The township will pick up the bill, with the understanding that the memorial association will pay it back through its donations," Voyles said.

The veteran's association, which has raised more than \$20,000 for the project, is still taking donations for the granite memorial.

According to the CMVA's accounting, the total cost of the memorial is estimated

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at \$65,000.

According to Canton Chief Financial Officer John Spencer, the request for monies from the township is not the first attempt to keep the building of the memorial on schedule.

"The township had already been planning to landscape that part of the park," Spencer said. "So we attached the memorial's landscaping to the existing plans."

"We wanted to make sure that the memorial would be ready for the Liberty Fest in June," Spencer said.

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Salem beats Canton, moves to 2nd round

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Slone's 30 were matched by James Head's 28 — and so were his comments.

Head: "What a team effort; it just felt good helping the team win."

The level of play was obvious from the beginning, as Salem barely made it out of a turnover filled first quarter up 16-12.

At the half, Salem maintained a 38-30 lead — but that was only because of a 15-5 spurt to finish the quarter. As it was, Canton's Matt Paupore kept the Chiefs in the game throughout, scoring 18 of his

career high 34 points in the first half.

Still, Paupore said, "we just couldn't get over the hump."

Again, the Rocks jumped ahead in the second half, leading at one point by 15 in the fourth quarter — but Canton refused to give up, coming within four with 26 seconds left to play.

Slone led the way with 12 crucial points in the final quarter.

"This soothes all scores from Saturday," Salem coach Bob Brodie said after the win. "I told my assistant coaches that even when we had a 14- to 15-point lead, that this was going down to the

wire.

"This was a total team effort."

For Canton coach Charlie Payne, the ending produced mixed emotions.

"They deserved to win," he said. "It was a learning experience for the kids, along with myself.

"It was a fun game and our kids played hard."

Salem takes on Livonia Stevenson in district finals tonight at 7:30 at the Canton gym. The winner of that game moves on to regional play Tuesday at Southfield Lathrup.

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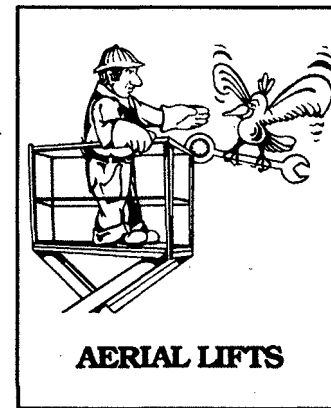
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Living history: *Students embark on compiling oral narrative of Plymouth*

Students enrolled in an advanced composition class at Canton High School are embarking on a unique writing adventure this spring as they prepare to write a narrative history of Plymouth.

According to students and instructors, the plan is for class members to conduct personal interviews and obtain a living history of the region.

Plans call for the book to be published in the spring.

Class instructor Matt Watroba, who is also the advisor

to the high school student newspaper, said the book will include information about the five institutions in a civilized society: business, family, schools, religion and government.

Watroba said that although he is directing the project, all of the work it being done by the students. Already, he said, the students have practiced interviewing techniques in the classroom, and some already have begun tape recording interviews with Plymouth residents.

To complete the project, the students are looking for two kinds of help: monetary and informational. Persons interested in helping defray a part of the cost of publishing the book — or those who have information that would be of value in such a book — are asked to call or write to Watroba.

His office number is 451-6600; the Canton High School address is 8415 Canton Center Road., 48187.

Tappin' Mother Nature

These hardy souls were among several dozen that made a special trip to Miller Woods Sunday to tap the maple trees and make their own syrup. (Crier photos by Rick Sperry)



'Disoriented' man arraigned after stealing patrol car

BY AMY KIDWELL

A 41-year-old Westland resident faces a forensic examination after being charged with stealing a Canton police car.

Larry Grossman stood mute at his arraignment Thursday afternoon and 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthurst entered a plea of not guilty. He was given a \$5,000 cash bond and is still in custody.

The alleged incident took place after Canton dispatch received a 911 call just after 4 a.m. Thursday.

An officer was sent to Meijers on Ford Road to assist a man who was "disoriented," according to Officer Tammie Colling, the department's spokesperson.

The officer was going to wait with the man until a cab could pick him up, said Colling, and the officer had gone inside the store to tell the management what was happening.

"When he came out, the car was gone," Colling said.

The man was picked up a short while later at Atchinson Ford in Bellville.

Colling said the man did attempt to make a traffic stop in Washtenaw while he had the car.

Arbitrator: *Canton firemen get 17 per cent for three years*

BY AMY KIDWELL

Canton firefighters will receive a significant wage increase following an arbitration case that was settled Thursday.

Firefighters were awarded a 6 per cent wage increase retroactive to 1991, 5 per cent retroactive to 1992 and another 6 per cent for 1993.

"We're still under the average compared to other comparable towns," said John Bartle, secretary for the union.

Canton will also have to increase its contribution to the employe pension plan by 5 per cent, a 50 per cent increase.

Another major change is the firefighters health insurance. In June,

they will switch from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to a P.P.O. It will mean \$3 more for prescription co-pays, higher deductibles and limited doctors.

"We thought it was pretty fair," said Bartle.

The arbitration started in 1991 when contract negotiations were unresolved.

Parking hearing tonight

The Plymouth Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 o'clock tonight in the Commission Chambers at City Hall to discuss, among other things, proposed changes in the city's parking ordinances.

The ordinance would become effective 10 days publications.

Sexual assault charges reduced in nursing home case

BY AMY KIDWELL

Sexual assault charges filed against a Plymouth resident in connection with an incident at the West Trail Nursing Home involving an 87-year-old resident were reduced Friday at her preliminary exam.

Barbara Lance, who was originally charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct, now faces a third-degree charge. The new charge is also a felony.

Lance now faces a new arraignment

March 19 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Charges against Lance were dropped from first degree third degree by 35th District Court Judge James Garber, after hearing testimony from key witnesses, including the complainant.

Third degree CSC is punishable by a maximum of 15 years in prison.

The incident allegedly occurred the night of Feb. 22 when, according to the

complainant, Lance sexually assaulted her while she was undressing and putting her to bed. The woman, who is blind, said she tried to yell for help but could not be heard.

Plymouth Police Sgt. Wayne Carroll, who is in charge of the case, took the stand and testified that he had interviewed Lance prior to her arrest.

He said she came to the police station of her own free will and was free to leave at any time during the interview.

According to his testimony, no Miranda rights were read to Lance prior to the interview. During the interview, she gave police a written statement admitting to the act. In the statement, she said she was frustrated with work and the complainant.

"I touched her private area so the state would have to come and investigate," she said in the statement.

She also said that the actual penetration was an accident.

The Board Report
A brief review of actions at the regular
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Board of Education meeting of
March 8, 1993

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 1. Highlights of the meeting included changing the name of the "Plymouth Centennial Educational Park" to the "Plymouth-Canton Educational Park." Board members indicated this change was made to more accurately reflect the community and the student body at the two high schools.

The Superintendent reported the state MEAP results. Plymouth-Canton exceeded the state average in all nine categories. A variety of bids were approved for construction at Fiegel and Isbister Elementary Schools, as a part of the 1991 Bond Project. The Board also approved extending the time for the sale of school site number ten, which is 49.63 acres south of Cherry Hill Road on the east side of Lilley in Canton.

At the regular meeting held on Monday, March 8, the elementary attendance boundary proposal was discussed by David Rodwell, associate director for research and technology. This proposed plan is based on the opening of the two new elementary schools. Public forums on these boundary proposals will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Middle School and on Monday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Other items under the Superintendent's Report included a presentation by Kirk Delzer and Paul Andriese of Giffels Hoyem Basso, Inc. on the site work plan for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Later in the meeting, the Board tabled the vote on this plan until various details are finalized. Board Trustee Jack Farrow presented a resolution in support of National Middle School Week, which is March 14 to 22, 1993.

Under Board Reports, the Board discussed possible budget reductions for the 1993-94 school year. Considerations include not opening the two new elementary schools, eliminating all transportation not required by law, and reducing the school day to five hours. Possible restorations for next year also were reviewed. The Board will hold a workshop on Monday, March 15 to further consider budget cuts for next year.

Under Citizens' Comments, Teresa Pietraz expressed her opposition to the proposed redistricting of students in the Ridgewood subdivision from Bird to Isbister. Carolyn Dzialo also expressed her concern about moving students from Bird to Isbister. Dave Ivers, representing the bus drivers, stated that he is concerned about the safety of children if transportation is cut from next year's budget. Dorothy and Tiv Balogh discussed Miller Woods. Jodi Peace expressed her concern over procedures for dealing with crisis situations. Jaclyn Conklin updated the Board on activities of the Salem Executive Forum, which included raising \$1,000 for the Salvation Army.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included payment of bills in the amount of \$2,893,494.65.

The Board approved:

- a resolution calling the annual school election for Monday, June 14. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The last day to register to vote is May 17.
- an extension for the potential disposition of school site no. 2 (17.11 acres located in section 28 of Plymouth) until May 14.
- assigning the names for the two new elementary schools in Canton. The "ABC" school on Warren between Beck Road and Canton Center is named the "Flossie B. Tonda Elementary School." Tonda was a long-time Board member, an active citizen and founder of the District's Clothing Bank. The "XYZ" school on Sheldon Road in Canton is named the "Carvel M. Bentley Elementary School." Bentley was a teacher, a principal and the superintendent of the District for many years.
- the refinancing of a portion of the 1991 Series B School Building and Site Bonds, due to decreased interest rates. Depending on final rates, the refinancing will save the District between \$1,419,825 to \$3,385,135.
- the expulsion of a student.

A workshop meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth. The agenda for this meeting includes budget reductions. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating the actions of your Board of Education. For more information, please call Community Relations at 451-3188.

Lynch, 73, former Redford official

Joseph A. Lynch of Plymouth Township, former superintendent of the Redford Township Water and Sewer Department, died March 4, 1993, at the age of 73.

Mr. Lynch was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Ottawa, Canada, and lived in Detroit. He had an interest in aviation and owned his own plane before the age of 20. After serving in the U.S. Air Force during WWII, he was named superintendent of the Redford department.

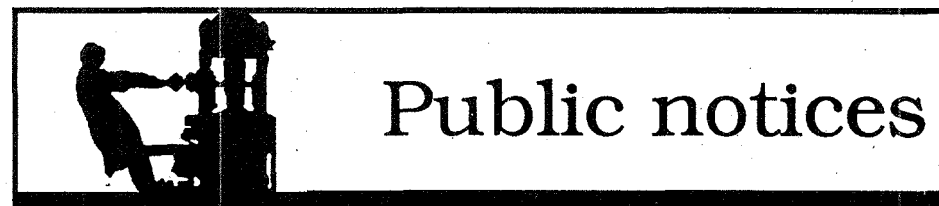
Joseph Lynch



From there, he went on to work in construction and eventually started his own company with his son. In 1981, he was presented the "Operation Breadbasket" award by Jesse Jackson for hiring black minorities in the construction industry.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; son, Austin "Woody," former president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; grandsons, Joseph and David; granddaughters, Debra and Venessa and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held March 8 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Plymouth Canton High School Additions and Renovations. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after February 23, 1993:

Barton-Malow Company
 c/o Plymouth-Canton Schools
 987 S. Mill Street
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 313-451-6611

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 P.M., local time, March 16, 1993 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

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

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

David P. Artley
 Secretary Board of Education

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NOTICE 1993 CITY OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSION

Additional 1993 Board of Review Meetings have been scheduled:
 MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1993 from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
 TUESDAY, March 16, 1993 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM

A WRITTEN PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ASSESSMENT OFFICE before an appointment can be made to appear to protest your property assessment. Petition forms can be obtained at the Assessment Office located on the first floor of the City Hall.

Persons wishing to APPEAR IN PERSON before the Board of Review must file a petition with the Assessment Office by 9:00 PM on Wednesday, March 3, 1993.

THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A PETITION TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE IS 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1993. After March 3rd, if there are no available meeting times remaining, written petitions received by March 15th will still be reviewed by the Board of Review and a judgment made determining valuation, even though a personal appointment is not available.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition to the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative.

At this time, only the dates listed above have been set aside for the 1993 Board of Review appeals in compliance with the City of Plymouth Charter. Other meeting dates will be scheduled, if the number of appeals received by March 3rd requires it.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of additional meeting of the Board of Review will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the city as soon as the additional meeting are scheduled, and also in the local newspapers. The city bulletin boards are: City Hall, Kellogg Park, Central Parking Lot and Starkweather at the corner of Liberty Street.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act." All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review. For further information regarding appeals, please call 453-1234 extension 226.

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce are co-hosting a business-to-business mixer on March 16 at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 41980 Ford Road.

There will be a 50/50 drawing, a cash bar and door prizes. Cost is \$6 for members and \$12 for non-members. Call 453-4040.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is searching for nominees for Small Business Person of the Year.

Candidates must own or manage a business in Canton and have contributed to the community.

An awards banquet will be held May 12, at the Fellows Creek Golf Club. For more information, call 453-4040.

This teaching process aims at learning

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Walk into the Learning For Everyone office at 7672 Canton Center Road and you'll notice a huge aloe vera plant by the door.

The plant, said owner John Tenbusch, is more than a decoration, it's a symbol of his efforts to help his students grow to their full potential.

"Every year I get about 20 new plants from that aloe vera plant," said Tenbusch, "and I give them to students as a symbol that if you take care and nurture something, it will grow and prosper."

"Much like the students: if you try hard enough and add the right ingredients, they too will grow."

The ingredients that Tenbusch adds are nearly 40 years of teaching experience, the Wherli Performance Program, dedication and personal attention.

The Wherli program involves first testing students for reading levels, then setting goals and getting to work — in three one-hour sessions a week that uses taped lessons which require verbal and written responses.



JOHN TENBUSCH

Tenbusch said that with this program, a student can usually raise his reading level by one year in 10 weeks.

"The system has proven itself over and over again," he said, "we help students learn how to learn, and also build confidence with the written and verbal exercises."

The program, said Tenbusch, helps students enhance reading comprehension,

retain more information, follow directions, develop better listening skills and increase problem-solving capacity.

"These lessons really require that students pay attention," said Tenbusch, "and the verbal exercises especially help build self confidence."

"They see that they *can* succeed here and they carry this into their everyday studies."

Tenbusch always has a smile on his face, and jokes with the students good-naturedly. He said his demeanor is no put-on.

"I enjoy what I do, and I'm sincere," he said, "If I wasn't, the kids would see right through it."

Tenbusch joined the Learning For Everyone franchise two years ago, and said that although he usually works at least 11 hours a day, he's grateful to have gotten into a business so closely related to his chosen field.

"I really enjoy teaching," he said. "This is a great natural extension for me. And like my prized aloe vera plant, I am elated to see these young people grow and know that I'm a part of that."

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Linette Lao of Canton is one of five recipients of the Eastern Michigan University Women's Association \$400 merit scholarships.

Lao is pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design with a minor in writing. She hopes to pursue a graduate degree in design.

Kathy Cornell, daughter of Gerry and Rosemary Cornell of Plymouth, was recently recognized as one of the 18 favorite teachers in the Cleveland School District.

Cornell, a third-grade teacher, was one of more than 1,000 teachers who were nominated for the award.

Steve Rea, a physics teacher at Canton High School and adjunct instructor at University of Michigan-Dearborn, has been chosen to join a four-person team presenting a two-day workshop at the American Association of Physics Teachers national conference.

Among other things, Rea will teach participants how to build electronic circuits that will allow them to send their voices and music across the room and then convert the signals back into sound.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has announced its winners of the 1993 Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards:

Visual Art: Kerry Iaconelli, first; Emily Fiegenschuh and Brad Sandberg, tied for second; Trevor Denham, third; and Kara Raney, honorable mention.

Dance: Brienne Hesse, first; Julie Furr, second; and Julie Siegel, third.

Instrumental music: Stephen Goto, first; Geoffrey Rahie, second; and Jenny Climer, third.

Piano: Nancy Kindraka; Wendell Scott Richardson, second; Betsy Oatley, third; and Anna LaBelle and Matthew Folland, honorable mention.

Vocal Music: Nicole Reitz, first; Cindy Wittrock, second; Britney Lorenz, third; and Missy Willman, honorable mention.

Carl Pursell, a regent at Eastern Michigan University, has been named chairman of EMU's faculty affairs committee and as a member of the education policies committee.

Happy 100th

Plymouth Women's Club celebrates century mark of accomplishment

BY AMY KIDWELL

Any organization that lives to be 100 has accomplished something special.

Just ask the members of the Woman's Club of Plymouth (WCP) — who have done that and more.

To help observe the special birthday and talk about their accomplishments, members and leaders of the group, both current and past, met Thursday at Plymouth Manor.

The group was founded on March 4, 1893, when eight women met and organized the Plymouth Ladies Literary Society. At that time, meeting dues were a nickel. In 1920, the name was changed to the Woman's Club of Plymouth.

Throughout the past 100 years, the WCP has continued to meet on a regular basis to start and assist with community programs and fight for particular issues.

Some of those issues included prohibition and woman's suffrage.

Several local programs have felt the support of the WCP, such as the building of the library, Kellogg Park, First Step, Straight, Growth Works and Head Start.

The group is also known for its scholarship program which has helped support the education of at least 150 local residents, both men and women.

On hand to help celebrate the event were some of the group's past presidents: Maxine Willoughby, 1939-1941; Esther Hulsing, 1950-1952; Nancy Tanger, 1968-1969; Cris Witwer, 1969-1971; Betty Childs, 1973-1975; Kay Wood, 1975-1977; K.C. Mueller, 1984-1986; Joyce Roebuck, 1989-1991; and Grace Rix, 1991-1993.

Mary Childs, another past president, was in the hospital for open heart surgery and was unable to make it to the event.

Also celebrating a birthday is the Woman's Club of Northville — and Mary Cutler, president of the Northville club was present Friday to extend an invitation to its 100th birthday which will be celebrated March 19.

Mary Louise Cutler (left), president of the Women's Club of Northville, and **Grace Rix**, president of the Plymouth Women's Club, take a moment to exchange stories about their clubs, both of which are celebrating 100-year-old birthdays this year. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell)



Nearly 100 members, friends and civic leaders — about one for every year — help celebrate the 100th birthday of the Plymouth Women's Club, which also saw Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy address the gathering. (Crier photos by Amy Kidwell)



Canton senior is 'Maid of Erin' for St. Patrick's Day festivities

Canton High School senior Kathleen Brigid O'Rourke has been selected to lead this year's Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade, set for March 14, as this year's "Maid of Erin."

The 17-year-old, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ellen Daly

Canton High School senior Kathleen Brigid O'Rourke is this year's "Maid of Erin."

O'Rourke of Plymouth, also will preside over the 35th annual pageant held at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club.

O'Rourke, who competed against 11 other women for the honor, is president of her graduating class and student council representative.

A five-member panel of Irish-American judges selected O'Rourke based upon her oral presentation as well as her appearance and poise.

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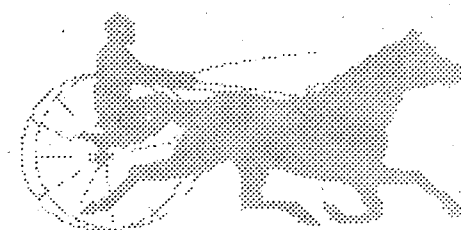
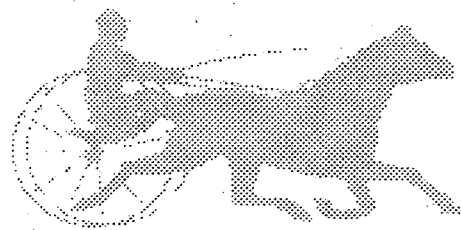
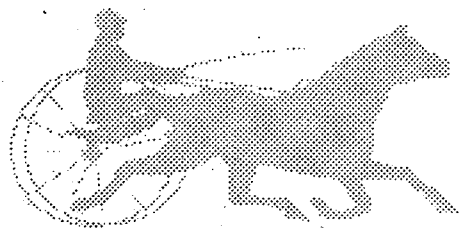
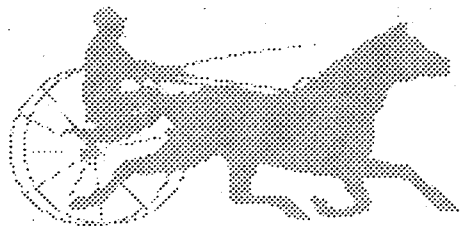


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Sports

Sports shorts

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball league will be held from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, at the Canton High School cafeteria.

The program is open to boys 7-15 years and girls 7-18.

Registration fees range from \$35-\$45 per player. A family plan available.

For more information, call John Lukina, 455-8538 or Rich Madsen, 420-0223.

Canton Softball Center begins its 1993 first season on April 18. The 14-game spring season entry fee is \$495 per team.

Men, women and coed teams are welcome.

For further information call the taped line at 483-2913 or the office lines, 4-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends at 483-5600, ext. 102 or 103.

Registration began Monday.

Canton Softball Center is hosting its annual "Early Bird" tournament April 16-18. It's open to all teams. Registration fee is \$100 plus \$7 per game umpire fee.

For further information, call 483-5600, ext. 102.

CSC Umpires Association is offering slo-pitch umpiring clinics to potential umpires, experienced umpires, players and managers. Call Bob at 483-5600 ext. 102 or 104.

Canton Parks and Recreation is accepting adult softball team registration for men, women and coed leagues. The women's and coed league are run jointly with the city of Plymouth.

Registration for men's returning teams is March 2-12, and March 15-26 for new men's teams. Men's team fee is \$250.

Women's teams register March 2-31. Women's team fee is \$340.

Coed returning teams register March 2-12 and new coed teams register March 15-31. Coed team fee is \$315.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering both Men's and Women's Slow Pitch Softball League.

For the men's league, the 18 game schedule has a \$430 entry fee, plus \$15 for nonresidents. The women's league charges \$340 for a 14 game schedule.

League games will be played
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Movin' on: Salem, Canton 1-2 in gymnastics regional; move on to state tournament this weekend

BY KRISTIN HONECKER

CEP gymnastics are tops: As is 1-2 in regional competition over the weekend.

Out of 17 schools, finishing at the Michigan High School Athletics Association Gymnastics Regionals on March 6, were the Salem Rocks with a final score of 145.85. Not far behind were the Canton Chiefs. They finished second with a score of 137.00.

Salem managed to place in many of the events, but their point showed through on the floor.

In Division I for floor, Courtney Gonyea took second with a score of 9.5. Alisia Sofias was third with 9.35, Melissa Hopson was fourth with 9.25, Kim Miller was fifth with 9.20, Sarah Makin was sixth with 8.95 and Zoe Yockey was eighth with 8.75.

For division II on floor, Stephanie Angiulo placed third with 8.95 and Dana Driscoll was eighth with 8.7.

"I was pleased said," said Salem Coach Johanna Anderson. "Eight girls qualified for floor. I don't think that has ever happened before," she added.

The Rocks also gave a strong performance on the beam. In Division I, Hopson took first with 9.15, Gonyea was second with 9.1, Miller was fourth with 8.75, Sofias was fifth with 8.65 and Makin took seventh with 8.45.

Gonyea scored a 9.15 and took first on the vault, Division I. Miller was a close second with 9.15 followed by Hopson with 8.9, Makin with 8.75 and Sofias with 8.7.

On the bars, the first five places went

Salem's Stephanie Angiulo dazzles the crowd on the balance beam, helping lead her lady Rocks to first place in Saturday's regional gymnastics meet. Canton finished less than nine points behind in second place. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



to the Rocks.

Miller grabbed first with a 9.7, a new regional and team record. Then came

Sofias with a 9.15, Hopson with a 9.1, Makin with 9.05 and Gonyea with 9.0.

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Rocks sweep volleyball districts; move on to regionals at Northville

BY KATHY WEAVER

For the first time since 1977, the Salem Rocks have taken the first round of volleyball district playoffs, by winning three straight contests Saturday afternoon in Novi.

Salem did so by defeating Churchill, 13-15, 16-14 and 16-14; Canton, 15-7 and 15-5; and then Novi, 15-6 and 15-8.

In fact, by the time they faced Novi, the Rocks had set the tone for the day.

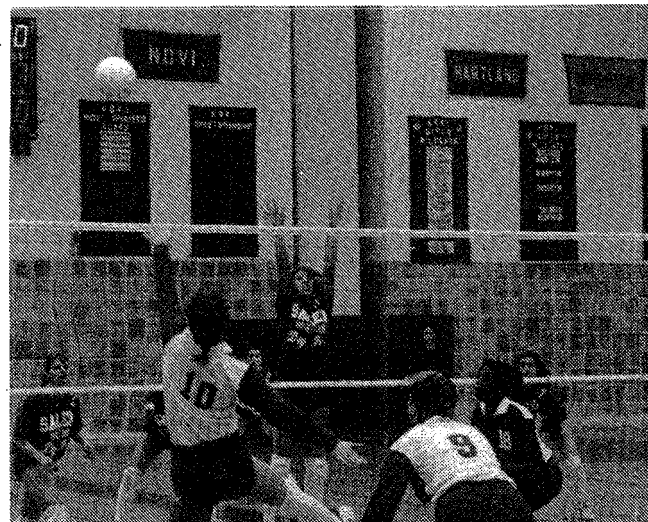
"This was a great win for our program," said coach Allie Suffety after taking the districts.

"Brian (Gillis, coach) and I have been coaching for the past four years and have never won a district match, so this was just great for us and for the girls."

"Everyone played in these matches," Suffety said.

"Plus, our four seniors just didn't want to give up. I don't think they want the season to end."

Salem was just too much for arch-rival Canton in Saturday volleyball action, beating the Chiefs 15-7 and 15-5. Salem then went on to defeat Novi and move into regional play. (Crier photo by Rick Sperry)



The team now stands at 36-12-4 for the season.

Although the victory against Novi moved the Rocks into regional play at 11 a.m. Saturday at Northville, it was the

first series of games against Churchill that set the stage for an exciting afternoon of volleyball.

The Rocks had already lost to the
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Rocks, Chiefs end regular season on losing notes

BY DAVE KARNAFEL

It certainly wasn't the kind tuneup they wanted for their meeting in the district opener Monday night: Canton and Salem both lost their final games of conference play Saturday.

Salem lost by five in overtime to Walled Lake Central, 73-68, and finished second in the Western Lakes League. Central remained undefeated.

In its earlier game, Canton lost by four to Northville, 62-58, and finished sixth in the conference.

In the championship game, Salem used an 8-0 run in the first quarter to push to a 17-14 lead, and followed with a 7-2 run to close out the half leading 34-26.

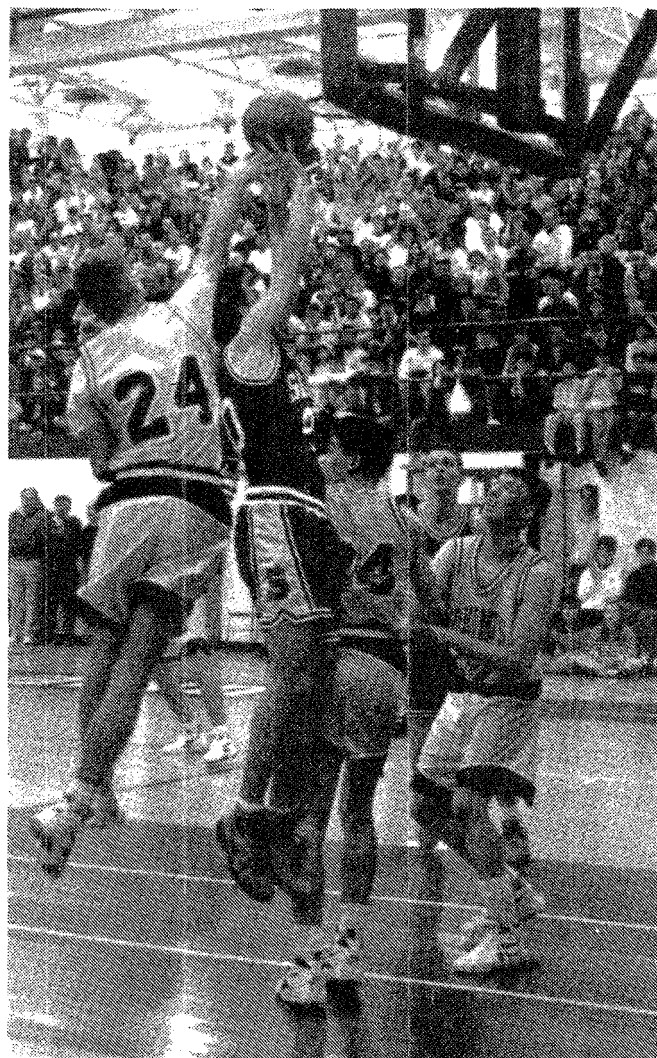
That excitement continued in the second half, with Brandon Slone hitting a triple to give the Rocks their biggest lead of the night, 47-36, with 3:50 to play in the third. Over the next three minutes, however, Central toughened on defense, forced a few turnovers and scored 10 unanswered points to cut the Rocks' lead to one.

Before the quarter ended, though, Slone hit one of two on a bench technical against Central, and the third ended all knotted up at 50.

Illustrating the swing in, Central scored only 26 points in the first half, but 24 in only the third quarter.

At the start of the fourth, both teams traded hoops for the first 2:30, with James Head bringing the packed gym to its feet with a breakaway jam to give Salem a 54-52 lead.

Salem played tough against Walled Lake Central in their Western Lakes League conference championship — but came up just short, losing 73-68. That didn't seem to deter the Rocks, however, as they went on to beat Canton in the first round of district play Monday night. (For more on that game, see pg. 1. (Crier photo by Rick Sperry)



And once again Mike Slone was their in the clutch, hitting one of two at the

free-throw line to secure a tie and send the game into overtime.

In overtime, however, two runs by Central sealed the game: Controlling the opening tip, Central scored the first four

points, but Salem came back to tie the score at 65 with 50 seconds left.

But then Central closed out the game with an 8-3 run, making the final score 73-68.

"We did not play well down the stretch," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We missed some crucial free throws and their offensive rebounding hurt us."

"Their experience showed tonight. Give Walled Lake credit; we had a nice lead and they came back."

In the earlier game for fifth and sixth place in the conference, Canton spent most of the first quarter playing without starting forward Owen Crosby who got into foul trouble.

Nevertheless, the Chiefs were able to build up a 15-11 lead heading into the second. Picking up the slack for Crosby was Brad Paskievitch, who scored all nine of his points in the first quarter.

From late in the first half through the early part of the second, however, it was Northville on a tear, taking the lead with 2:16 left in the half and then starting the third quarter with a 10-0 run to lead 21.

Enter Bryan Whittle, who came off the bench and scored 10 straight — coming on a breakaway jam — to cut the lead to 34-31, with 3:40 left in the third.

Finally, midway through the fourth, the Chiefs took the lead 52-51 thanks in part to Matt Paupore, who scored seven straight, including a clutch three-pointer.

Down by a point with 13.5 seconds left, Canton was called for an intentional foul and Northville iced the game by making both free throws. They added one more to close out the scoring, 62-58.

Salem, Canton 1-2 in regionals; move on to state gymnastics meet

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Hopson, Sofias, Makin, Gonyea and Miller qualified for All-American.

"I was really pleased with the performances," said Anderson, "I think the nerves about qualifying for States got to the girls, however, we're going to have to stay on the beam to win States."

The Canton Chiefs had a performance to be proud of too.

Finishing first on the floor was Kim Rennolds with a 9.55, a new record. In Division II, Kim Nowak took fourth with 8.9, Jenny Tedesco finished tenth with 8.65 and Adrienne Brenner was eleventh with 8.35.

On the beam, Rennolds took third with 9.1. In Division II, Kim Lewke was first with 8.7 and Tedesco was second with 8.65.

Placing fourth on the vault was Rennolds with a 8.55. Lewke took sixth in Division II.

Rennolds placed again on the bars. A

9.0 earned her a sixth spot. Tedesco scored 8.65 and placed seventh in Division II.

All-American representatives for Canton will be Brenner and Nowak.

"I didn't feel the girls had their best meet. It seems as though the girls regarded it as a meet against just Canton and Salem. They weren't in to it as much as I would've liked, said John Cunningham, Canton's coach.

For next week's state competition, the girls will need an adrenalin pump said Cunningham.

"At States, there will be a battle for first between Muskegon, Mona Shores and Salem which leaves third for us. We've been third for the past two years. It's going to be a dog fight," he added.

Next week, Salem and Canton will travel to Trenton to compete for State Championship. The event is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday.

Rocks enter volleyball regionals

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Churchill Chargers in conference competition last Saturday, leaving them fourth in the Western Lakes Conference.

The first round, then, which lasted for more than two hours, was some of the most intense play of the day, with neither team letting up or giving in.

After a 10-7 lead for Salem in the first game, Churchill took over and won 15-13. But that wouldn't stop the rumble of the Rocks, as they served up an 8-0 lead to begin game two, tying the series at one game each, 16-14.

The third game gave way to even longer volleys, leaving the crowd breathless. With the score 14-13, an illegal time-out was taken by Salem which gave Churchill a free point bringing the score to 14-all

By this time, the crowd was sitting on the edge of its seat, but the Rocks were

able to pull out an identical 16-14.

"The kids played really well," said coach Allie Suffety. "They were very focused."

The second round brought Salem and Canton nose to nose. In the first game the Chiefs came out swinging with some great serves, but the Rocks were not to be stopped, coming up with a 15-7 win when Jenny Garvey served up 11 straight points that included two service aces.

In the second game the Rocks dominated with a 15-5 win.

For Canton — which had drawn a bye in the first round of competition — the loss was a tough one.

Yet while the Chiefs hoped to defeat Salem, they were happy to see their friends go on to claim the district title.

This was the fourth game of the season that brought the two rivals together on the court — and the fourth time that Salem walked away with the win.

Sports shorts

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Monday and Wednesday nights for women; men have a choice of Monday and Wednesday nights or Tuesday and

Thursday nights. For further information, contact Tom Willette at 455-6620.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Mens Golf League will begin play on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. beginning

April 14 at Fellow's Creek Golf Course.

The 20-week league has a limit of 35 golfers, and will pair players for league play. The \$386 fee will cover all green fees, prize money, the final golf outing, and awards.

Registration for new members begins, for Canton residents only, on March 8 at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. If the league fails to fill by March 29, registration will be opened up to non-residents.

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RADIO COMEDIAN COMING TO LOCAL CHURCH

The First United Methodist Church is proud to bring stand up comic Gene Taylor to their stage on March 14 at 7 p.m. Taylor is the executive producer and a writer for the WKQI Dick Purtan morning radio program. The church, located on North Territorial 1/4 mile west of Sheldon, can seat 600 and is handicap accessible.

"SHARE AND CARE" FOR CANCER PATIENTS

McAuley Cancer Care presents "Share and Care," a free cancer support group for patients and their significant others. The group will meet Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting March 24 and ending May 12. The meetings will be held at the Reichert Health Building Room 1014, on the East Huron River Drive campus of the Catherine McAuley Health System in Ann Arbor. For further information or to register, call Linda Eidelman at 572-3958.

AAUW MEETING

The Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 on March 18. The meeting, to be held at Ernestos on Plymouth Road, will feature guest speaker Dr. Gail Griffin. For more information, please call 455-3662.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County will hold small group discussions at their monthly meeting on March 14. The meeting will be held at the Catherine McAuley Health System 5305 Building at 1:30 p.m. More information is available at 930-6335.

GETTING THE DRAGON OUT

The Friends of the Plymouth Library are offering a stress-free program at 7:30 on March 18. Health educator and author Lisa Johnson will speak on the topic "Stress: Get the Dragon Out!" There is no charge, but please preregister at 453-0750.

ACTIVITIES GROUP GOLF LEAGUES

The Activities Group is forming Golf Leagues for Friday evenings and Saturdays. Tee times vary by course. Sign-up party at 8:30 p.m. on March 19 at Oasis Indoor Golf Dome on 5 Mile Road in Plymouth. Golf clinic before the party at 7:30 p.m. The Activities Group is a non profit organization for single adults, for more information call 624-7777.

FREE VOCAL CABARET

Schoolcraft College's Music Club will present a free Vocal Cabaret concert from noon to 1 p.m. on March 17. The concert will feature Deanna Relyea, mezzo soprano, and Julia Brozholm, soprano, accompanied on the piano by Jerry DuPuit. A "Meet the Artists" reception will follow. For more information, call the Schoolcraft Department of Music at 462-4400 ext 5225.

SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department's Spring Arts & Crafts Show will be held on March 12-14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission and parking are free. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

St. Aidan's Church in Livonia is hosting a St. Patrick's Memorial Dinner Dance to benefit Hospice Services of Western Wayne. The dinner dance will be held on March 13 at St. Aidan's Activity Center on Farmington Road, and will feature a traditional Irish dinner, entertainment, dancing, and door prizes. A Sponsor / Patron / Benefactor Reception will start at 5:30 p.m.; cocktails will be served at 6:30, and dinner at 7:30. Tickets are available through Hospice at a cost of \$30 per person, \$50 for a Sponsor, \$100 for a Patron, and \$200 for a Benefactor. For tickets, call 459-0548 or 522-4244.

BE A JAZZERBUDDY

The Plymouth Fitness Studio is offering a "Jazzerbuddies" class for parents and their 3-5 year olds to jazzercise together. The class will be from 10:45 to 11:20 p.m. For more information, call Julie Huddleston at 426-9096.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S MEETING

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their meeting at 6 p.m. on March 15 at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. The meeting will focus on financial issues, discussion topics such as Social Security, Real Estate, Financial Planning, and Current Tax Laws. For reservations, please contact Liz Johnson at 455-9000 or Marcia Rapnicki at 437-7408.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT THE PENN

The Plymouth Community Arts Council welcomes singer / guitarist / puppeteer Marc Thomas to the Penn Theater as the second in a series of programs for children and parents. The show will start at 10:30 a.m. on March 13. \$4 admission tickets are available at the door or from The Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the Pied Piper and the Rainbow Shop in Plymouth, Frameworks in Canton, and Gitfiddler Music in Northville. Call 455-5260 for more information

CLASSES WITH RUSSIAN BALLET MASTERS

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company is hosting a workshop with two Russian Ballet Masters on March 20 and 21. Igor Iakovlev Polunin of Leningrad and Maxim Prokofief Evguenievich of St. Petersburg will be instructing classes on technique and variation at Joanne's Dance Extension on General Drive in Plymouth. March 20 classes are for PCBC Members only, classes on March 21 are open to serious ballet students ages 12 and up, and teachers.


Cost for students is \$15 for one class, and \$22 for both. Teachers can observe all Sunday classes for \$35. Since space is limited, preregistration and prepayment are required by March 13, classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Class times vary with skill level, and proper ballet attire must be worn. For more information, contact Dawn Greene at 397-8828.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

St. Michal Christian School and Pre-School in Canton will begin accepting registrations for the 93-94 school year on March 15. Registration is open to youngsters aged 2-1/2 years to third grade, with a Latchkey program available from 7-9 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. for all students. For more information call 459-9720 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.


CHURCH RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Five Mile Road in Livonia is holding their annual Rummage and Bake sale on March 19 and 20. On the 19th, the sale will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on the 20th. \$1 bag sale on Saturday at 9:30. Ten percent of the proceeds of the sale go to charity.



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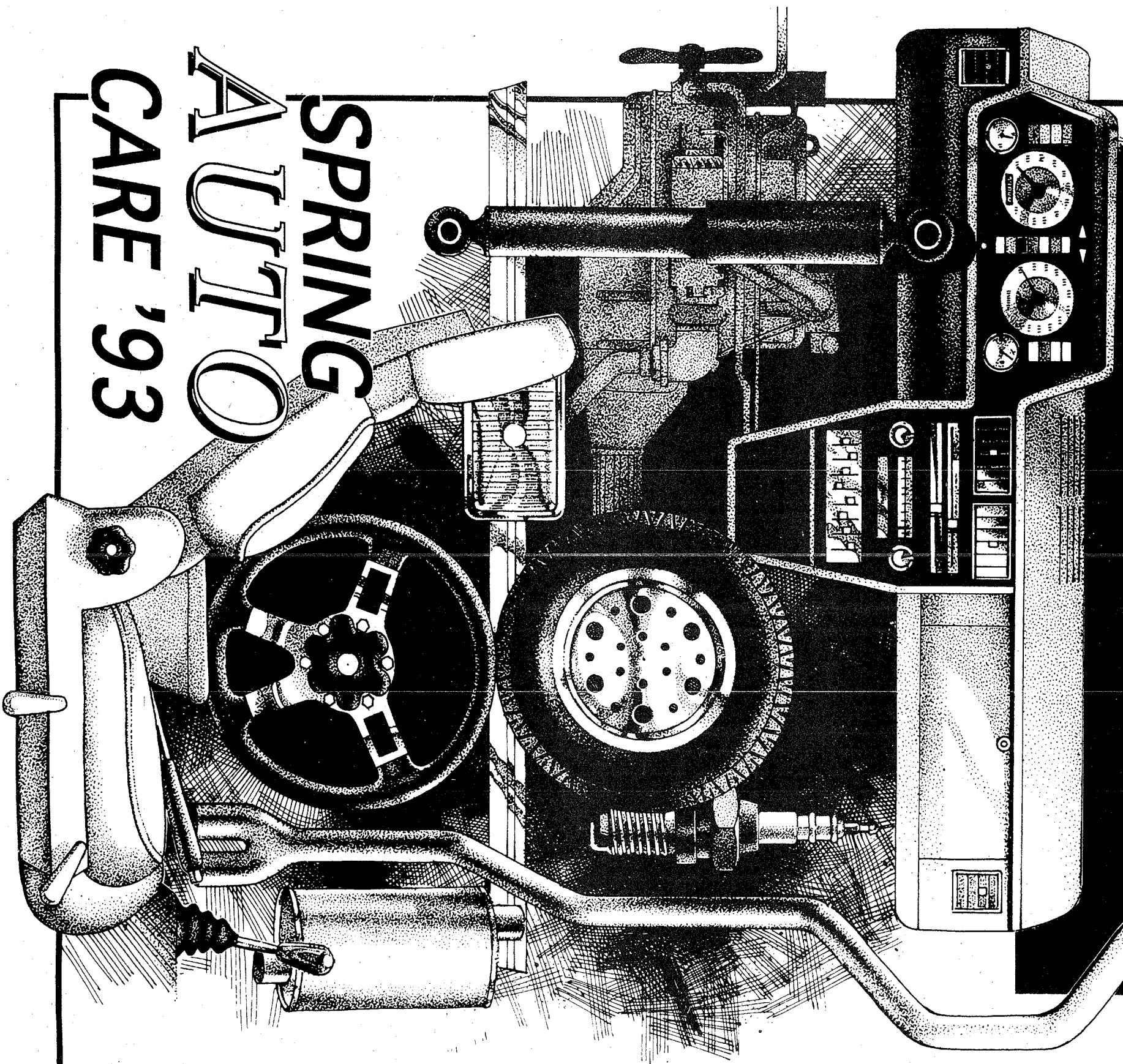
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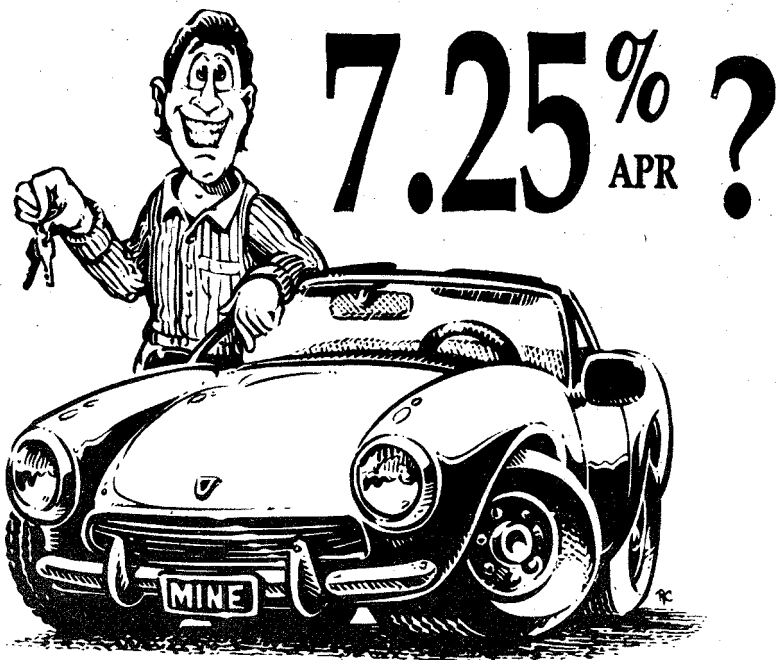
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Spring is here

It's time to fix your car

While it may not seem like it — especially with a layer of fresh snow having fallen last Thursday — winter is almost over in Michigan.

And as the cold weather moves out, it's time to think about the warm months and spring cleaning ahead.

But spring cleaning and maintenance doesn't end at the front door of your house: It also applies to that trusty automobile that got you through the snow and cold of January and February.

This "spring cleaning" for your car can include everything from summerizing the engine to combating the ravages of road salt; from synthetic oils to engine treatments; from diagnosing a dying car to hunting for a new one.

Yes, spring really is just around the corner.

The dying car

How to tell when to call it quits

BY NANCY ROBINSON

Snap. Crackle. Pop.

No, it's not your breakfast cereal, it's your car.

So what do you do when your car makes more noise than your cereal?

Is it time to haul the old beast out and shoot her — or is there still hope for your precious investment?

There is no set formula for determining when a car is really and truly dying.

"A lot of symptoms people think are important have very simple solutions," says Steve Clement of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet Geo in Plymouth.

High mileage, for example, is one that many consider a telling sign; but if a car is well-maintained, it is not uncommon for the odometer to turn 200,000 miles.

But there are certain key things to watch for; little signals that your car is trying to tell you something.

One of the major telltale signs is cost: how much money is being poured into the car. If overall expenses are jumping and major parts are needing more and more repairs, you could be looking at a car on its last legs.

The engine, for example, is an element that mechanics frequently see as a problem sign. When a car's engine light is constantly on, and even a trip to the garage can't locate the problem, it could be time to start shopping for a new car.

Or, if it is suddenly getting less gas mileage, or no acceleration after a light, these could also be little hints from your vehicle to you.

Past history is also important in deciding how serious a particular repair situation really is. A car that has always been reliable might be worth keeping while a trouble-plagued car with the same problem may have kicked the bucket.

Of course, every part on a car is fixable, according to Rob Novak of American Auto Repair in Plymouth, but after a while, it isn't worth fixing.

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The dying car

How to tell when to call it quits

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It all depends on "how much you like your car and how much you want to spend on it," he said.

Novak defines a truly dying car as "when you don't even want to buy new tires for it!"

Still, at some point, every car will reach that stage when it's lived through its last visit to the mechanics, and used up its final tank of gas.

And when that happens, it's time for people like Ryan Johnson, with E&M Auto Parts in Canton. Like other area centers, they pay up to \$200 for the parts and scrap metal in dead cars.

"We tow 'em away in any condition!" Johnson said.

Not surprisingly, many car dealerships will sit down with prospective customers and help them to evaluate whether or not their old car is worth putting more money into before they buy a new car.

People who are committed to their "baby" will keep fixing it again and again. But it all comes down to you, your car, and your money.

Winter damage

How to minimize winter's rage

BY MELANIE JONES

Spring's on the way, and the last thing you are probably thinking about is your car.

But there *are* steps you should take to minimize winter damage and prepare for the summer.

Both extremes of these two seasons are hard on cars, and because spring is between them, now is the time to take care of it.

The snow-filled streets of winter, as well as freezing temperatures and salt can cause havoc with cars' suspension, brakes, and tires.

The mechanics at Goodyear Tire of Canton recommend that people have basic maintenance done all year long, but it is a good idea to check out these particular parts of your automobile in the spring.

The temperatures of winter and summer also cause most radiator problems to surface. It is a good idea to visually check you car's radiator for leaks and rust.

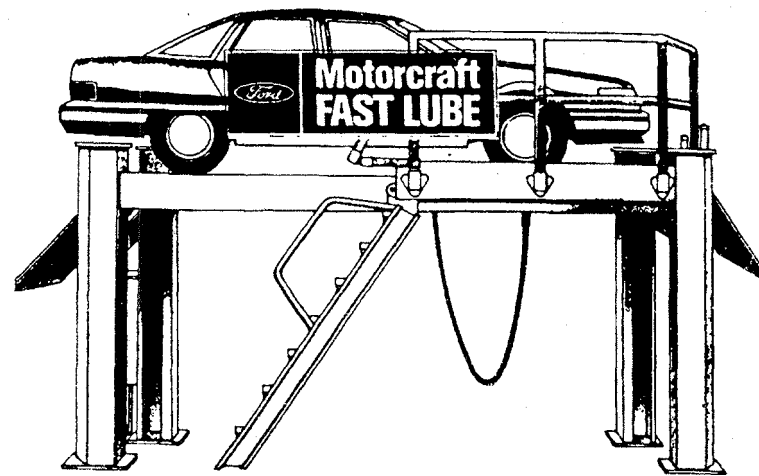
Also, experts warn car owners to have the radiator hoses checked every couple of years because they are the most neglected items on a car.

Moving from under the hood to the outside, the best way to protect your car from rust is prevention. Even if you car has not been rust-proofed, you can prevent rust by washing your car as often as possible.

Also, by running water through the seams of your car doors, trunk, and roof, you will get rid of salt in these areas.

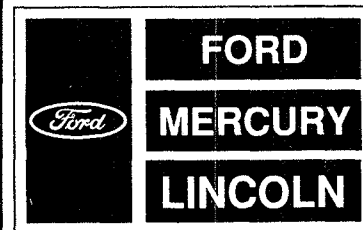
Another problem which can cause rust is if moisture gets trapped in the seams and freezes. When the water freezes in these areas, it causes the metal to expand, leaving it exposed to the elements.

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Winter damage

How to minimize winter's rage

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If you already have rust damage, and it is not too bad, using rust eliminator can help. This can be bought in stores, and is applied to the corroded area overnight. After the area has hardened, it is a good idea to rust proof the area to prevent it from recurring.

While salt is the enemy of winter, the enemy of the summer is bird and insect droppings, the sun, and acid rain.

The best way to protect your paint is to have a paint protector bonded to your car. The people at Ziebart of Canton recommend that if you do not have this on your car, then wash and wax your car often to prevent damage.

Prevention is definitely the best way to keep your car looking and driving great.

Summer is near

How to get your car ready too

BY NANCY ROBINSON

Ahh, spring time! At last you can dig your car out from underneath the pile of melting snow and think about how to get it ready for the warmer

seasons of the year. Not to mention discovering what damage the colder weather left. There are several things you can do to make sure your car is ready for all your spring and summer plans.

Tim DeHority, assistant service manager at Blackwell Ford in Plymouth, suggests a 28 point inspection of your car to determine how the various internal parts have survived the winter.

All major components of your vehicle, as well as most minor ones, should at least be checked. This would include tires, shock absorbers, the brakes and hydraulic system, clutch, muffler, radiator, heater, windshield wipers, battery and battery cables, spark plugs, air filter, and emergency brake. Fluid levels are also important, and no inspection would be complete without making sure your oil, engine coolant, transmission fluid, brake fluid, clutch hydraulic fluid, and wiper fluid are all up to par.

"Both exterior and interior of the car" must be maintained, stresses Dean Martin of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth. So, while fixing up everything under the hood, don't neglect your car's outside. A good car wash and wax is important in keeping a car's exterior in good condition.

Of course, if your car was recently checked or already in good condition, you may not want to go through the hassle of inspecting every part. But there are still some important things that every car owner should look out for as they "summerize" their vehicle.

Besides assessing salt damage, the most important is an oil change. Both regular and synthetic oil are available at most service centers.

Synthetic oil is recommended for most newer model cars because it coats the engine better, resulting in longer engine life. Regular oil should be changed every three thousand miles or three months, at cost of around

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How to get your car ready too

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\$20-\$30. Synthetic oil, while costing slightly more, lasts for six thousand miles between changes.

One part of your car which will be seeing a lot more use in the coming months is the air conditioner. Unless you've been vacationing outside Michigan, it probably hasn't been turned on for quite a while, so it's a good idea to get your air conditioning system checked. Freon levels should

be properly maintained to ensure that your car will be able to keep it's cool in the hot summer months.

No car can keep going unless its tires do, so good tire care is important in any season. After removing the snow tires, rotate your car's tires so that they wear evenly and last longer.

The snow is melting, the birds are returning, and spring is just around the corner. Steering your car safely out of winter and into spring requires proper care and good maintenance, but is well worth the effort.

Trading in a car

How to get a good deal

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

What do you do when the car of your dreams has become more of an albatross around your neck than the light of your life?

You trade it in for another model of course, that is if you listen to the advice of local car dealers.

Once a person decides to eliminate the old auto and purchase a new one, there are some easy steps to keep in mind that can provide a better chance of obtaining the highest trade in value, providing your car is more than a dumpster on wheels.

"The eye appeal of a car is very important, it's just like a first impression," said Steve Hines, manager of Sunshine Honda.

Hines suggests taking your car through the car wash and cleaning the interior on the way to the dealer to give off a better first impression.

When two cars are equal in all other respects, the cleaner one will be selected nine times out of ten, he said.

Another factor to consider is any exterior damage such as chips of paint or scratches to the paint job. The dealer must consider what the price will be to repair the damage.

Even if the damage is minor, the dealer must make the car seem appealing to a future buyer, this is something that is often overlooked by people who think they are being undercut by the dealer, Hines said.

"To us, buying a trade in vehicle is like an investment and to warrant top dollar, a car must be maintained well and kept in good shape," Hines said.

One of the important features of a car is its color. According to Hines, white, black and red cars have always been popular and always will be.

Some colors are popular now, but may turn out to be duds in the future. Colors such as aqua and purple are in vogue right now, but may turn out to be detrimental when it is time to sell a car or trade it in, Hines said.

"We try to direct the customer in the way to go when they are buying the car, but usually they have their mind set on a particular color," said Hines.

The best way to determine the value of a car is by driving it, according to Hines and Jim McKenzie, manager of Tyme Auto Sales.

"You can pretty much tell any problems a car has by driving it around," McKenzie said.

By keeping in mind the typical problems or flaws of various models, the dealer knows what to look for before he steps into the vehicle, Hines said.

One problem with trade ins is that many people do not realize the

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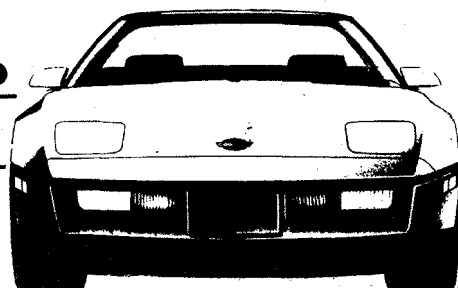
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difference between wholesale and retail prices of cars.

"They don't realize that we have to recondition the car and make it road ready. When a price is in the paper, it is not what someone should expect to get in a trade in," McKenzie said.

McKenzie suggests correcting any minor problems with a car before trading it in.

"If all the little things are fixed up, it makes the car worth more. There is no way you should look at improvements to a car as throwing your money away. Whatever you put into it will be returned in the increased value you get in trade in," said McKenzie.

Winter's wear

How to make repairs to save \$

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

The treacherous roads and icy conditions of Michigan winters make spring maintenance for vehicles necessary, although many people overlook repairs that can save money down the road.

Potholes and ice patches often lead to poorly aligned front ends and strangely worn tires, two of the most common problems with vehicles

after a Michigan weather, according to Mark Glazer, manager of Belle Tire Distributors in Plymouth Township.

"We find the two things neglected too much are the front end alignment and the tire wear due to not rotating properly," Glazer said.

Glazer explained that improper alignment can cause tires to wear much more rapidly than would otherwise occur.

"With Michigan roads as bad as they are, we find that tire rotation can really make a difference in the length of time (a tire will last)," said Glazer.

"By not rotating, a lot of choppiness and cupping can happen on the tires. A lot of places will tell you to replace your shocks and struts, when it could be solved by rotation," Glazer added.

The advent of front-wheel drive vehicles makes for a different type of stress on tires, and they require more attention than tires did in the days when rear-wheel drive cars dominated the roadways, according to Glazer.

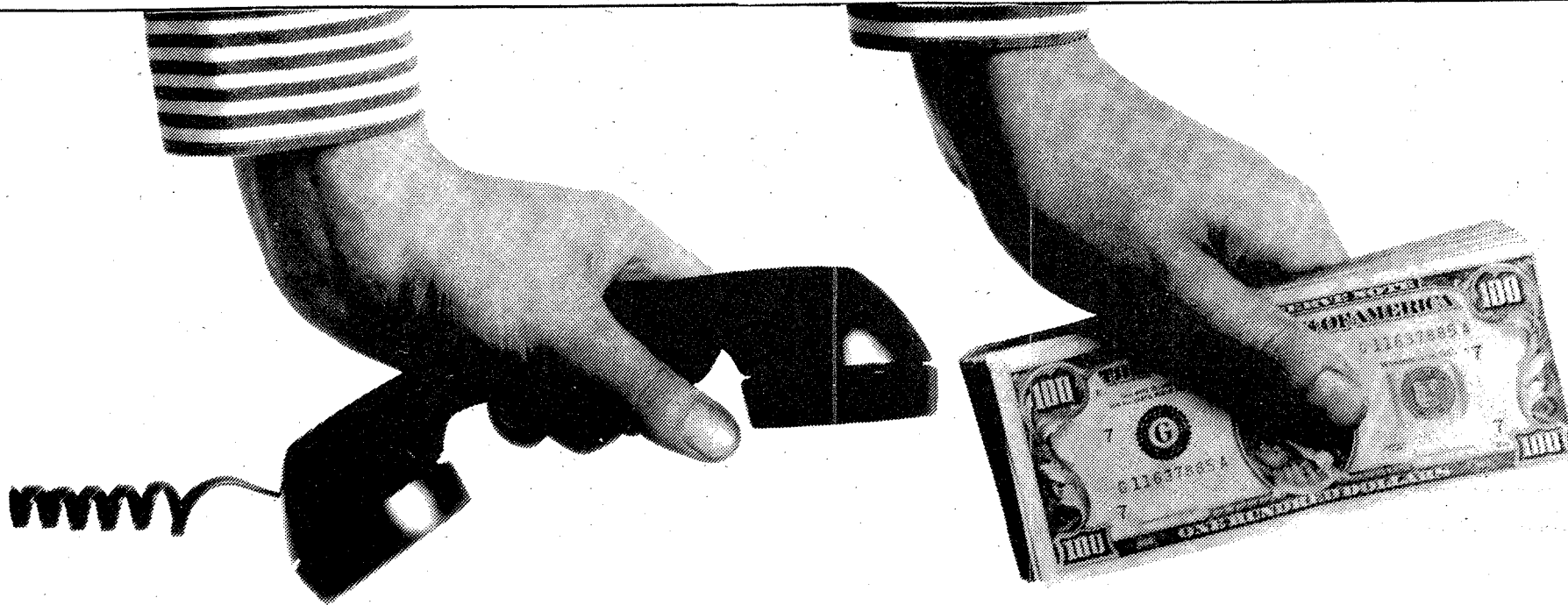
"A lot of dealers don't stress the importance of rotation the way they should. Front wheel drive cars require rotating the tires more often," Glazer said.

Besides the minor damage that most cars have sustained throughout the winter, there is also an increase in bent rims and minor structural damage to vehicles whenever there is a major winter storm.

"There are definitely more bent rims and bent control arms due to potholes and sliding into curbs. These are usually minor, but one car recently had a bent frame rail from running into a curb," Glazer said.

The lighter weight vehicles on the road are not strong enough to take a battering like cars of the 60's and 70's said Glazer.

Motorists of the future will have to contend with these winter time problems well into the future.



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Finally: Canton awards community center contract to Southfield architectural firm

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Canton Board of Trustees has chosen Neumann, Smith and Associates, a Southfield-based architectural firm, to design the proposed Canton Community Center.

The firm was awarded \$900,000 for the project. According to Ken Voyles, assistant to the township supervisor, work has already begun. He added that the preliminary work should be done by May and bidding should open between December 1993 and March 1994.

The firm will be teaming up with Barker, Rinker, Seacat and Partners, Inc. out of Denver, CD.

According to provisional plans, Barker, Rinker, Seacat will do the design work and Neumann Smith will be in

Buy a brick for vets' memorial walkway

Although the dedication of Canton's Veterans Memorial isn't until June 25, people have less than a month to get personally involved in the event.

The memorial's design includes a special brick-paved walkway leading to the site — and residents can have a brick engraved with their name if they meet the April 1 deadline.

Organizers of the dedication are offering two sizes of bricks for two

different prices, which will then become part of the walkway in time for the dedication ceremonies.

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charge of overseeing the operation during the building phase.

In his presentation to the board, Ken

Neumann said "a building like this is generated by its use. The design has to be appropriate to its use.

"Form must follow function; the facility has to be convenient and easy to use."

He showed the board previous work that included buildings with large, open spaces with viewing areas and places to rest as well as exercise.

The ideas and previous work met Supervisor Tom Yack's expectation: "We're looking for a place that will be more than just a health club.

Yack said the township has budgeted \$13 million for the project, "and we want to keep below that number."

Membership fees for whomever uses the facility is being considered as one way to supplement funds.

Canton to pay for vet memorial

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According to Spencer, the red granite slabs that will make up the memorial are in Vermont, where they are being cut and

polished.

"We are hoping to begin pouring the foundation for the memorial this month," Spencer said.

Board takes closer look at cutbacks

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The list included 13 different areas of district services, ranging from ending busing to closing swimming pools.

The board forwarded their preferences to the district's newly formed Citizens Millage Committee, which meets for the first time tomorrow night.

Under the proposed plan for changing elementary school boundaries, the new schools would get a total of 928 pupils shifted from existing schools. In addition,

other pupils would be shifted among the existing schools to make the boundaries more contiguous.

Pupils proposed to be moved to the new school on Warren would come from Isbister, Gallimore, Hulsing and Miller; moving to the new school on Sheldon Road would be pupils from Isbister, Eriksson, Hoben and Fiel.

The board has set two public hearings on the plan: March 24 at Lowell and March 29 at Pioneer — both at 7:30 p.m.

Schools named for Tonda, Bentley

Although it's still a possibility they may never open their doors in the fall, the two newly-built elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District at least have names.

Monday night, the board approved naming the so-called "ABC" school on Warren Road in Canton, the Flossie B. Tonda Elementary School; and the "XYZ" school on Sheldon Road in Canton, the Carvel M. Bentley Elementary School.

Tonda served in numerous capacities within the district: board trustee from 1976-1984; president of the district's PTO from 1974-76; president of the Wayne County Association of School Boards; and served as president of Canton's Country Festival board in 1981-82.

Bentley, who spent 43 years in the

school district began his career as a science teacher at Plymouth High School in 1929. Bentley highlighted his career by serving as principal of Plymouth High School from 1951-1969.

Deficit explained

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a subsequent meeting by administration officials the following morning — however, that the situation was straightened out: The deficit is erased if a 4-mill increase were to be approved by voters in June.

In fact, on Monday night board President Roland Thomas made a special presentation explaining precisely how the deficit is erased under the millage increase plan.

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Rita A. I'm thinking what you're thinking about that cake. Cut it out!

WHITNEY & LAURA — two little Brownies who not only sell Girl Scout cookies but eat them as well.

ANDREA & MATT — thank you for my Christmas present. Is it Frodo from the Middle Earth people or someone else? Lovely!

Sue who is 54 today. But she measures 73 at The Street.

Ed, I am not getting married. I will pay my tax for my freedom. Dusty.

NO DAVE REKUC
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THEY LET Sally out!

BEAUREGARD eats dinner with Jeanine and Ron. Thanks!

Brother Dear: Did I find the phone # before you?

Answer to last weeks riddle! KEYA, the Indian maiden.

Curiosities

?, Thanks for the watch.

I wonder if Larry wants a poster made up out of page 5 in The 1993 GUIDE.

MARK HYLAND helps photographers in distress.

MARCH 10:
TED ROBY DAY

Not only does he have a birthday, but he retires (again) too! Many happy returns - Ryan and Janet Burke, Sally Repeck, Jessica and Ed Wendover.

KEVIN: will those pigeons you displaced move up Harvey Street to your garage?

Cousin — you're missing a great party!

"I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork." — Peter De Vries

"Writing is the only thing that...when I'm doing it, I don't feel that I should be doing something else instead." — Gloria Steinem.

CHUCK SKENE and KEN WEST both got older eating cake and ice cream with Sharon and Fran. (But which one got older first? And which one is older longer?)

Curiosities

SHARON AND DAVE: great cartoon

WHOSE ON THE SALEM zoning Board of Appeals? You can ONLY find it in The '93 GUIDE (page 104).

ERICA MANSFIELD'S photography is so artsy, you have to stand on your head to understand it!

SEE YOU AT THE ST. PAT'S PARADE this Sunday, March 14 (led by Plymouth's Katie O'Rourke)

WORLD'S TALLEST snowman builders: with a town named that, it's no wonder.

WENDY: it is not necessary to send thank yous for thank yous

THANKS! to all for the flowers, the cards, the soup, the visits, the calls, the prayers and most of all for being there when we needed a friend.

SOME PEOPLE joke about Christmas decorations, others do something about them.

BEWARE THE SUMMONERS — Sting (borrowed from Chaucer)

Thanks for all the cookies.

Curiosities

Brian, Kris, Amy, Heather, and Dave the showcase looks great. Good job. — Liz

BROOK JABARA — thank you for our very favorite Girl Scout Cookies. Kim thanks you too. Grandma G.

If I had known that having an eightieth birthday would be this great I'd have started to celebrate a couple of years ago.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH ET AL — thank you so much for my birthday bouquet. The flowers are beautiful and so are you. You made my day. I needed that!

MARTHA DAVIS — We hear you are a regular Barney Oldfield cutting a swath in the Florida traffic. Fear not, Dunbar. Her Guardian Angel is watching. Tell Martha however, to watch the tailgating!

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Father like son - Jack's dad Harry at age 80 is taking line dance lessons. I guess the ladies just can't keep up with him.

Congratulations Blackwell Ford on 10 years in the community.

Is ? alright with you?

Does Sara really devour imitation bacon bits?

Ted Boloven is available to autograph page 49 of the '93 GUIDE.

NORMA - THE ELDER - You really are, you know.

DONNA G - Friends are people who will wrap a package for you when you don't know how. Thank you.

ETHEL BIRD - How nice to hear your voice on the telephone all the way from Fayetteville, N.C. Come back! - We miss you! Hope you got the "Crier" We sent it right out.

Curiosities

Joy, don't feel so bad at least your luggage is going to Vegas.

Hey guys! The fashion police say it is OK for us to take down our Christmas wreath now. (Is a certain Ypsilanti Sunday night DJ also listening?)

DID GENEVA AND ANDREA detour to Windsor during their limo ride?

WHO TOOK that photo on The '93 GUIDE cover? See pg. 128.

Expecting the best never improves your chances of getting what you want but it'll make waiting for it much more pleasant.

HAROLD G. - please come home for my birthday. You don't even have to bring a present.

NO, TIM, a light colored apron won't hide the fact the hair is turning white, thank you.

PAUL - thank you. Why don't you live here all time?

HELEN CLINANSMITH - what would we do without your T.L.C?

If you tear out page 7 of The '93 GUIDE and roll it into a cylinder you can put it in a vase & brighten up a room.

MARYANN says you have to be awake to be in Little Prof. books.

Curiosities

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BIRD - where did you learn how to get out of a car?

MICHAEL EDWARD DUNN II - Don't worry, I won't give out your address or phone number. This time!

FERDI - I can't help it if I have to plug my nose when I go under water.

TRACEY - where did your antenna go?

BIRD, never turn your back on a person with a snowball!

JOSH, winter isn't over yet! I still see snow.

ANG - next time I'll treat you to lunch.

Steve is 44! Congratulations - I couldn't believe it when I was told that - I thought you were 10 yrs older than Sue.

2 games (wins) for a #1 ranking for the NCAA tourney.

Sorry Diane, I didn't see you and almost ran over you - wear your high heels more often.

WHOSE FAX is 455-0686? See page 142 in The '93 GUIDE.

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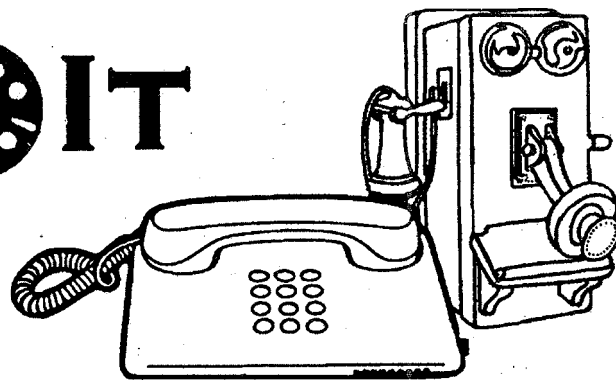
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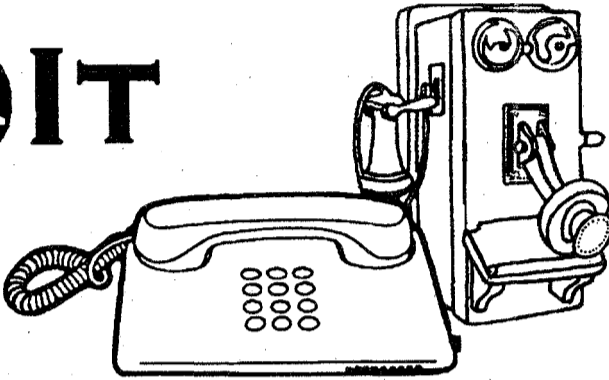
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Community opinions

City parking

Once again the issue is getting bogged down

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Every time the City of Plymouth attempts to solve "the parking issue" downtown, it bogs down into a morass of self-doubt, self-pity, scared-of-its-own-shadow, study sessions.

The current commission shouldn't feel alone.

Commissions for three decades have unsuccessfully grappled with the issue.

The latest development, however, is perhaps more ludicrous than past protracted parking procrastination. This time, the City Commission is looking to add 600 more parking spaces to municipal control, perhaps even buying them.

Never mind that it miserably failed at doing that before — remember the orange, green and blue parking areas?

This latest linkage of acquiring spaces before loosening parking requirements and eliminating parking credits will doom parking reform and therefore full utilization of the downtown.

At one point, the City Commission seemed headed towards action with its parking commission at the helm. Supported by the downtown landowners group, the move was to waive parking requirements and allow parking to seek its own level.

Now, the commission appears to have retreated to a position it believes will avoid lawsuits. But as attorneys will point out, the city's years of parking ordinances, credits, exceptions granted and not granted, have produced a parking policy that is indefensible legally.

Worse than that, however, it is harmful to downtown and encourages development towards residential areas on the downtown fringe where less expensive real estate gets paved for new office and retail uses.

Maybe the commissioners should be reminded that they are elected to solve problems and represent their constituents.

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EDITOR:

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The community truly benefits from having one of the finest choral groups in the Detroit metropolitan area. The membership of the Plymouth Community Chorus includes residents of Plymouth and Canton, as well as Farmington, Brighton, Westland, Mount Clemens, Livonia, Northville and South Lyon, to name a few.

Why would these members choose to sing with us when many of them have community choruses in their own towns? Because we offer such a wonderful product for our audiences. It is a group we are all very proud of.

Have you ever attended one of our concerts? Did you know that we entertain close to 5,000 concert-goers a year? Something that keeps bringing them back. Have you noticed the beautiful stage decorations that accompany the chorus? Are you aware that these are all made by volunteers of the chorus membership?

Each year we award \$1,600 in

scholarships to aspiring vocal musicians in junior and senior high school. The money we raise for our scholarships, our music, our accompanist, our director and our musicians is also raised by volunteers from our membership. Our governing board consists of volunteers from our membership as well.

As we prepare to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Plymouth Community Chorus in 1993-94, we would like to thank The Plymouth-Canton Community for supporting us in the past. We look forward to serving you for another 20 years and more.

Come and hear us. Our spring concert, entitled "Best seat in the house," will include favorites from "Phantom of the Opera," "Beauty and the Beast," "West Side Story" and "Les Miserables."

The dates are April 24-25 at the Salem High School auditorium. Join us; your seat is waiting for you. Please remember us when considering the many diverse cultural events that Plymouth and Canton have to offer.

EDIE WY SOCKI

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Not only has the 1st Annual Readers Rate survey been corrected to add the Community Chorus, but it also now includes the Plymouth Township Fire and Rescue and has converted the Plymouth Township "manager" into the supervisor. Please take the time to complete your survey and return it by 5 p.m. Friday, April 2.)

It's that time again: the politicians are coming!

It's that time again.

That time when usually sane folks start sounding like politicians.

With the annual Plymouth-Canton Schools election coming June 14, and the Plymouth City Commission elections this fall, things are already sounding lively.

Certainly the local school board is THE most thankless job of public service. Yet, someone always steps up to the challenge.

The first challenger to announce against school Incumbent Dave Artley (the only seat up this year), is Bill Myers, a Canton preacher.

Myers send a shot across the bow of 454 S. Harvey St. by suggesting that school Supt. John M. Hoben should retire, and hinting that the issue will be whether the school board runs the administration or whether it's the other way around.

Ironically, both Myers and Artley will be hoping to get the CEP Band vote — and that means a ticklish predicament in budget crunch times like these. The departing band director took shots at the district's music program in a letter he wrote to band parents, saying he would like to see a more educationally-based music program in the schools. That places that special interest squarely in the school board race with two Music Men hopefuls.

But while Myers is taking pot shots, he may draw some fire himself — this IS politics after all. His former presidency of and alignment with the Canton Foundation will likely, once again, bring criticism to that organization that it's too political. And just to be sure he truly sounds like a candidate, Myers says he doesn't really want to run and may not if such and such happens.

Robert Burger, of Plymouth Township, has also taken out petitions for the school seat.

And who else will jump in? Julia Hoglan, a wanna-be writer for a regional newspaper chain, says she's considering jumping in. She's been visible at many local governmental functions and could do well in a school campaign as the "mom" candidate.

Certainly there will be others.

With as much as a 4-mill increase and a huge renewal on the ballot, there'll be plenty of fodder for an anti-tax-and-spend campaign. (Artley and Myers are pro-millage hiking.)

City Hall will get its share of action too. Jim Jabara can't run again — the charter prohibits another term.

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Mayor Pro Tem Doug Miller and new appointee Stella Greene will surely be in the race.

What about Incumbent John Vos III? If the state's suggested timeline for a 35th District Court judgeship holds true, Vos might have to turn right around after winning re-election and file for that election.

The former Mayor Pro Tem and Mayoral Wanna-be Ron Loisel was defeated two years ago and may throw his hat back in.

Most certainly Rosita Smith will try one more time, and with the state announcing a Mettetal takeover, her friends are already on the streets.

Former City DPW Director Ken Vogras says he'll run, bringing to mind the Joe Bida leap from City DPW Head to Mayor.

Briefcase Drillmaster Fred Hill may try to get promoted from the Downtown Development Authority to the Commission Chamber. Car Wash Magnate Phil Pursell may run as the "business" candidate, having seen more than a couple political races in his life.

If all of those PLUS JUST ONE MORE CANDIDATE run, there'll be an August primary.

That would make for an exciting summer.

Add to those hopefuls a couple of issues — like City Hall's hand-sitting on parking, City Manager's Steve Walters' job review (particularly with Jabara leaving), the charter requirement for residency (those charter commission folks are talking again), and shared services (like police) — and there's the recipe for hot elections.

Maybe Sharon Pugh, Russ Webster, Dave Pugh, Bob Mundt, Mary Millington, Scott Lorenz, Bob Cameron, Jean Morrow, Lita Popke, Terry Bixler, or Judy Berry will get in the race.

Grab a bag of Penn Theatre popcorn and sit back to enjoy the show.

The Crier presents:

1st annual Readers Rate

What's your opinion?

As *The Community Crier* begins its 20th year of publication, it seems an appropriate time to ask our readers their opinions on the whole host of services that you use - including ours.

We'd like to invite you to tell us what you think about your community and about *The Crier*.

GIVE A LETTER GRADE by

circling the answer on topics on this page and over with which you are familiar.

This survey gives you a chance to rate a number of community services you frequently read about in your newspaper. We'll publish the results once they've been tabulated and then those findings will be used to help our editors better serve your needs by focusing on the issues most affect-

ing you.

While obviously this survey won't produce a scientific sampling, it's still one way you can register your opinions. Of course, *The Community Crier* is always willing to hear your opinions - either by phone (453-6900) or by mail (821 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI 48170), but you can start by completing the survey.

To add some friendly encouragement, all completed surveys will be entered in a drawing for four "diners-for-two" at four different restaurants in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Please return your survey to: **The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI 48170** by:

5 p.m. Friday, April 2, 1993.

CIRCLE YOUR GRADE (X)

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS

City of Plymouth Commission	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Board	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Board	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth-Canton Schools Board	A	B	C	D	E

SERVICES PROVIDED BY

Plymouth-Canton Schools (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Elementary Schools	A	B	C	D	E
Middle Schools	A	B	C	D	E
High Schools	A	B	C	D	E
Community Continuing Education	A	B	C	D	E
School Superintendent	A	B	C	D	E
Central Administration	A	B	C	D	E
Building Principals	A	B	C	D	E
Teachers	A	B	C	D	E
Parent-Teacher Groups	A	B	C	D	E
Schoolcraft College	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Library	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Library	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Huron-Clinton Metroparks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Rink	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth City Manager	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Supervisor	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Supervisor	A	B	C	D	E

PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Plymouth Police	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Police	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Police	A	B	C	D	E
35th District Court	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Circuit Court	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Sheriff	A	B	C	D	E
State Police	A	B	C	D	E

City of Plymouth Fire-Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Fire & Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Fire & Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Have you ever called police?	Yes _____	No _____			
Have you ever called fire-rescue?	Yes _____	No _____			
Do you feel safe here?	Yes _____	No _____			

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Omnicom Cable	A	B	C	D	E
WSDP	A	B	C	D	E
The Community Crier	A	B	C	D	E
The GUIDE to P-C-N	A	B	C	D	E
Oakwood Hospital (Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
McAuley/Arbor Health (Plymouth, Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
St. Mary's Hospital (Livonia)	A	B	C	D	E
Henry Ford (Plymouth, Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
M-Care (Plymouth, Northville)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community United Way	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Foundation	A	B	C	D	E
GrowthWorks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Family Services	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Family Services	A	B	C	D	E
First Step	A	B	C	D	E
Salvation Army	A	B	C	D	E
Goodfellows	A	B	C	D	E
Service Clubs	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Senior Citizen programs	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Senior Citizen programs	A	B	C	D	E
D.A.R.E.	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Chamber of Commerce	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Chamber of Commerce	A	B	C	D	E
YMCA	A	B	C	D	E
Close-up	A	B	C	D	E
Community Literacy Council	A	B	C	D	E
Secretary of State (Canton office)	A	B	C	D	E
M.E.S.C. (Canton office)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Post Office/Delivery	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Post Office/Delivery	A	B	C	D	E

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EVENTS					
Plymouth Fall Festival	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Liberty Fest	A	B	C	D	E
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	A	B	C	D	E
Art-in-the-Park	A	B	C	D	E
July 4th Parade-Fireworks	A	B	C	D	E
Thanksgiving Celebration	A	B	C	D	E
Santa Comes to Canton	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	A	B	C	D	E
Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Small Businessperson of Year	A	B	C	D	E

CULTURAL					
Plymouth Community Arts Council	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Symphony	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Seniors' Kitchen Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Theatre Guild	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Chorus	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Park Players	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Marching Band	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Symphony	A	B	C	D	E



YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THESE – or other – ISSUES:
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: these may be quoted with the tabulated report on this survey.)

YOUR COMMENTS ON ISSUES:

Should Canton build and operate a Community Center? Yes _____ No _____

Should Plymouth build a new library? Yes _____ No _____

Should Mettetal Airport be preserved? Yes _____ No _____

Should Plymouth Township develop a recreation program? Yes _____ No _____

Should Plymouth-Canton Schools seek a millage increase to maintain programs? Yes _____ No _____

Should Plymouth-Canton Schools seek a millage increase to improve programs? Yes _____ No _____

Should Miller Woods be fenced? Yes _____ No _____

Should the 35th District Court add a third judge? Yes _____ No _____

Should downtown Plymouth change its parking requirements? Yes _____ No _____

Should downtown Plymouth add a new streetscape? Yes _____ No _____

Should local governments share

 police services Yes _____ No _____

 fire services Yes _____ No _____

 dispatch services Yes _____ No _____

 recreation Yes _____ No _____

 public works services Yes _____ No _____

Do you get your money's worth for local governmental taxes in

 City of Plymouth? Yes _____ No _____

 Canton? Yes _____ No _____

 Plymouth Township? Yes _____ No _____

Do you get your money's worth for Plymouth-Canton Schools taxes? Yes _____ No _____

If one road/intersection were to be improved in 1993, it should be _____

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)
 EDITOR'S NOTE: four survey respondents will be picked at random for "dinner-for-two" at Plymouth-Canton restaurants)

Name _____

Address _____

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Community opinions

NBC did injustice to funeral homes, too

EDITOR:

Perhaps you and your readers watched with interest, as we did, the program aired earlier (in February) on NBC Dateline having to do with "Funeral Rip-offs."

We were appalled at the horror stories the program highlighted and more than a little suspect of the one-sidedness of the presentation. Like General Motors, we wondered if NBC hadn't played a little fast and loose with the facts and truth in an effort to attract an audience.

Still, the program suggested to us the need for public information on the subject of funeral practices and costs, preplanning and prefinancing and legal requirements regarding burial, cremation and other cemetery-related issues.

At Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, we feel a personal obligation to the community to answer all questions related to these issues openly and honestly and welcome every opportunity to do so. Toward that end, we have for years made ourselves available to church, school and community groups as speakers on these and related topics.

We have also maintained an extensive library, open to the public on matters related to funerals, grief and bereavement. For the past six months we have participated in ads under the heading "Buyer Beware" in an effort to educate the public on the considerable difference in consumer protection between pre-need goods and services purchased from cemeteries and those purchased from licensed funeral homes.

We have always believed that the most informed decisions are the best decisions. Our reputation for quality funeral service at fair and understandable fees is our most valued asset and without proper information, that reputation is put at risk by programs like NBC Dateline.

MICHAEL V. HOWELL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home is offering a booklet explaining funerals, burial, cremation, prearrangements, cemeteries, costs and other related topics free of charge. Either stop by their offices, located at 280 S. Main Street in Plymouth, or call 453-3333.)

Teen questions future of developed area

EDITOR:

When I look at the hundreds of acres of land already being developed in our community, I wonder why is it that we want to develop the abandoned Wayne County Boy's Training School and the unused St. John's Seminary?

I agree that the Plymouth area should make way for the future, but is it condominiums and strip malls?

The buildings we've already built are not even 100 per cent filled. We must not be behind the times and not look forward, but if we do not have any forests for future generations to look at, how bright is our future?

I remember when my parents would take Sheldon Road to get to Twelve Oaks. There would be only a few houses and businesses on it; now there are many, many more. What is the effect? Deforestation.

I have not been on this Earth long, but in my 13 years I have learned that this is not a good thing. Do not get me wrong, though, I don't think that we should let all those buildings (some very beautiful) crumble and fall; we should use some for the benefit of the whole community.

Maybe a library, museum, park or specialty school? I don't have the answer or the full solution, but I think that the Plymouth Community should take into account saving some of the forests that lie on this land.

We should be saving not only some beauty of nature, but also some of the memories of days long since past.

My opinion might not count a lot with the big hot-shot developers, but I hope that at least some citizens in the community will take it into account and remember it.

MAUREEN McINERNEY

It happens to the best of us - I know...

Hello P-C,
It happens.

Usually it's just a momentary lapse or a missed communication.

And after it's over and done, reality invariably sets in and everybody involved feels pretty dumb about the whole thing.

Two cases in point: Last week's front-page article on the P-C school board's "surprise" at learning that the deficit had been left out of their budget deliberations; and my column saying that state income tax was not federally tax deductible.

Last things first: How stupid.

I mean, I've been doing my own tax returns since I needed to do tax returns, and I know Michigan income tax is deductible — just like I know that state tax refunds must be counted as income the following year.

How stupid. Still, this temporary lapse (probably brought on by the anxiety over doing this year's taxes) in no way alters my basic point that any attempt to shift taxes at the state level *does* have consequences at the federal level.

Except it only applies to sales tax.

Now for the first story last: It seems that the confusion and concern over the deficit not being part of the restoration calculations was remedied only moments later — just after I had approached the board with my own surprise at the "revelation."

The problem was that their "moment" occurred in closed session as the board was getting ready to discuss progress in negotiations with the teachers.

According to board President Roland Thomas and district officials Ray Hoedel and Dick Egli, within minutes after

Gatekeeping By Craig Farrand



adjourning to closed session, the confusion was cleared up: The deficit *is* taken into consideration and *is* eliminated if 4 mills in new taxes are approved by voters in June.

Unfortunately, nobody behind closed doors ever came out and told the rest of us about the clarification.

In fact, some administrators met again the next morning to review the same point and *still* no one from the outside was informed.

Coincidentally, I was on the phone with the district that same morning about something else, yet explicitly asked if anything new had come of the situation.

The person didn't think so — but that person hadn't been invited to the meeting.

As it is, this week's paper not only clarifies that point — that the 4-mill restoration plan *does* include the deficit — but also goes into some more detail about areas of potential reduction.

And in the long run, the taxpayers of P-C will know where they stand.

But give us a moment, and as sure as we're human, those missed communications, lapses of memory, brain fatigue and visions of sugarplums will doom our next best intention.

It happens.

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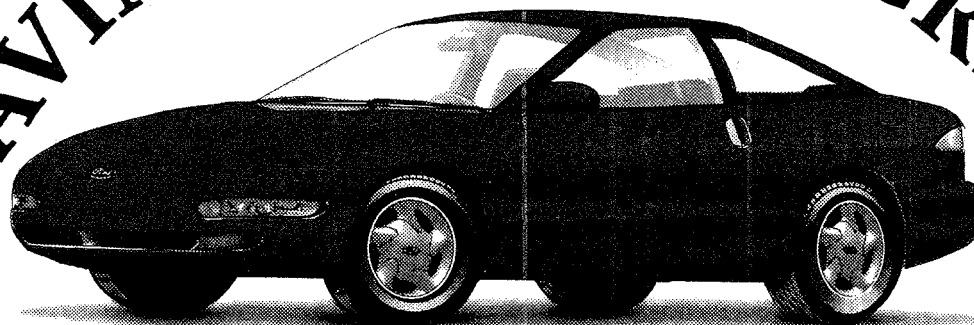
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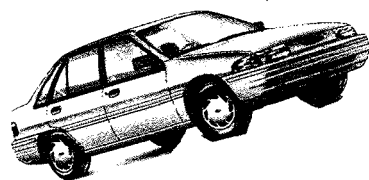
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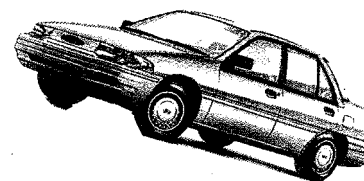
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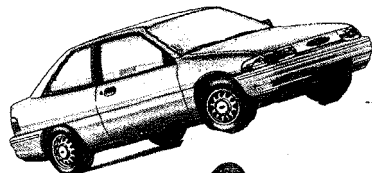


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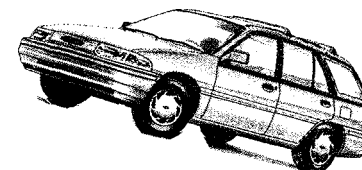
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