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Members of the Westland Tree Service use a crane and a cherry picker to lop off the tallest branch of this elm - stricken with Dutch Elm Disease - on Penniman Avenue last week. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

70-year-old elm meets the chipper on Earth Day

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Earth Day 1993, recognized across the country as a time to reflect on the balance between man and nature, marked the tipping of that balance against one tree in Plymouth last week.

On Thursday, workers from Westland Tree Service set up their cherry picker, wood chipper, and chainsaws and began to cut and pull down a barely-alive towering elm on Penniman Avenue near Sheldon.

According to foreman Scott Racer, the tree was as good as dead.

"It has Dutch Elm Disease and is dying now," Racer said. "We're pulling it down to keep it from spreading."

But there's litte chance it would have spread to other elms: Leo Crane, whose front yard was the scene of the action, said it's the last of its kind on the street.

And that tree had been there since he moved to the street in

"When we moved into the house the tree was this big – (Crane made a box with his thumbs and index fingers) – back then there were elm trees all along Penniman Avenue."

"That was the last one," Crane said.

When asked if he had any plans to put a new tree in the old elm's place, Crane grimaced.

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99 teachers, administrators get layoff notification

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has given the pink slip to 83 teachers and 16 administrators in the district, hedging its bet should the June 14 millage increase proposal fail at the polls.

The 83 teachers is almost four times the number originally thought necessary as part of planned cutbacks should the 4-mill increase be rejected. And board members said that under normal circumstances, even double that number would have given the district enough flexibility.

But two developments changed that

- 1. The uncertainty surrounding the June 2 statewide vote on Gov. John Engler's own education and property tax reform measure.
- 2. The possibility that the state will begin shifting the cost of FICA and retirement to local school districts this year.

If the second possibility becomes a reality, board members said, the new budget deficit projection for next year would total \$4.9 million.

The 4-mill tax increase proposal appearing on the June 14 ballot would raise about \$8 million, covering not only the deficit, but also allowing for restoration of previously cut programs.

Also appearing on the June 14 ballot is a 17.74-mill tax renewal. Both tax questions are for two years.

In a related development, the board ended further discussion on placing an alternative proposal on the June ballot – a 2.5-mill increase that, according to some, would have maintained existing levels.

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Friday meeting set to discuss new 810 area code with Bell

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Officials from local and state government will be converging on Northville Township's hall Friday to meet with Michigan Bell representatives to discuss the creation of a new 810 area code next year.

Current plans call for the existing 313 area code to be split "roughly down Eight Mile Road" to create new 810 area code north of that dividing line.

The split was necessitated by the tremendous growth in telephone usage in southeastern Michigan, according to Bell officials.

A preliminary plan deviated from Eight Mile Road in

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Oakland County, keeping Northville Township intact within the 313 area. In plans finalized last summer, how-

ever, this split shifted south of Eight Mile, sending all but 420 exchange customers in Northville Township into the new area code.

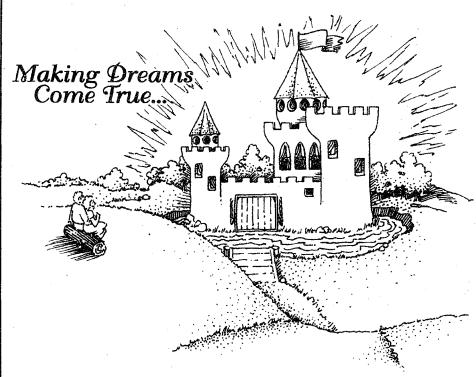
In addition, the northern half of Salem Township in neighboring Washtenaw County will also join the new area code.

Although Bell representatives insist that prior notice was given to all communities affected by the change, several local officials have complained that they were never made aware of the shift.

In at least two cases - Northville Township and Plymouth Township - entire administrations changed



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One files, 3 pull petitions for City Commission race

Dr. Jim Prose, a Plymouth resident who has been active with the planning commission since 1990, is the only person who has filed for City Commission, according to Linda Langmesser, the city's clerk.

Three other people - including Michael Caffery, who ran for Wayne have pulled petitions and have until May 18 to file.

"I've been active with the city for many years. It (running for city commission) is a natural evolution," said Prose who serves on numerous boards and committees.

Another who has pulled petititons is Army Lt. Col. David McDonald.

"I've been a resident since 1988, and I've seen my taxes go up and my services go down," said McDonald adding that he is concerned about the Mayflower Hotel,

Highland Appliance and a commission that is "all show and no go." McDonald will retire from the Army in May and says he feels obligated to make Plymouth a better place to live.

Prior to his residency in Plymouth, McDonald serve the chairman to Canton's study committee and as vice chairman of the Community Relations Commission for Romulus in the early

Prose lives in Plymouth with his wife, Maria, and two sons, Robert and Alex.

McDonald lives in Plymouth with his wife, Linda, and children, Sheena, Stephen and Jason.

Langmesser said she did not know the name of the fourth person who has pulled a petition and could not look it up because her office is in the process of being moved.

Residency rule may appear in Nov.

Once again, voters in the city may be asked to change the residency requirement for department heads.

At its last meeting, the City Commission approved the charter committee's recommendation of changing the requirement to include

Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships and the city of Northville.

There was no proposal to change the residency requirement for the city manager.

The committee's reasons for changing the requirement included, "The pool of talent and the availability of housing in surrounding communities dwarfs those in the city...a small, fully developed city like ours with no expandable boundaries is becoming more at risk for less than superior city management if a residency requirement continues."

Once the proposal goes through county and state approval, it will be put on the November ballot for the 1993.



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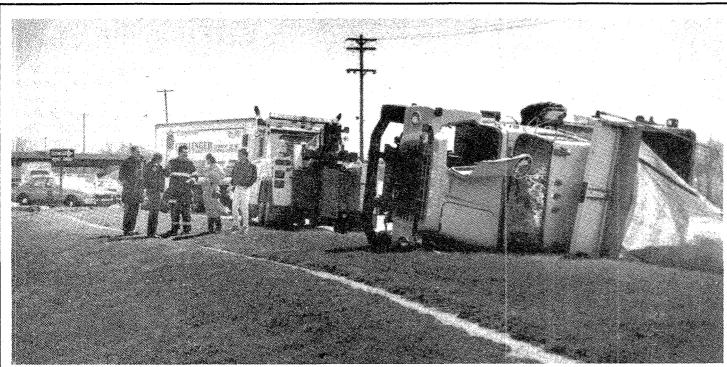


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Bad brake

Bad brakes and oncoming traffic set the stage for a rollover accident last Wednesday on the Ford Road off-ramp on I-275. The driver, upon losing braking power, swerved off the ramp to avoid traffic. After jumping the embankment, knocking over a utility pole, and bringing down a traffic light, the dump truck rolled over on its side-partially blocking westbound Ford Road (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin).

Ray Buckman, district booster, dead at 85

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The "father" of The Plymouth-Canton School District's "I Care" Committee is dead: Raymond Buckman of Plymouth, a longtime booster of the school district, died Friday at the age of 85.

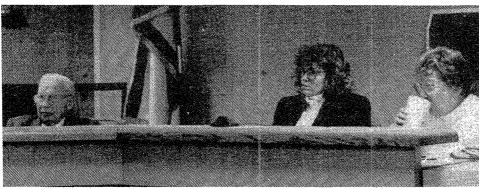
Known by children throughout the district as "gramps," Mr. Buckman helped found the "I Care" committee five years ago, and was heavily involved in numerous district activities, according to Supt. John Hoben.

"He was a kind of treasured citizen," Hoben said. "This is a deep loss to the district.

"What struck you most about Ray was the fact that he was so very interested, for a man of his age, in young people.

"A person like him comes along once in a lifetime; he was an outstanding gentleman," Hoben said.

A person who worked with Mr.



In one of his last public activities, Ray Buckman (left) took part in this legislative roundtable with state Rep. Deborah Whyman and Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Barbara Graham. (Crier photo by Craig Farrand)

Buckman at the inception of the "I Care" committee is Larry Miller, principal of Field Elementary School.

"I met Ray about five years ago when he came to talk to the staff about this idea he had for 'I Care.' "I not only liked what he had to say, but I liked the man himself; part of me just couldn't believe that this kind of idea was coming from the mouth of a senior

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Possibility of shared fire services extinguished

Two Plymouths, unions can't agree on process for coordinating efforts

BY AMY KIDWELL

There will be no sharing of fire services between Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

That decision came last week when officials of the two communities and their fire unions declared that joint sevices discussions had come to an impasse.

"We're all dissapointed," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, "Everyone worked real hard on it and we thought we would be able to do it this time."

Keen-McCarthy said that talks are on an "indefinate hold" but that she hopes "we may be able to look at it in the future."

The two Plymouths, the two Northvilles and Canton continue, however, to discuss possibilities of sharing police services. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday in Plymouth.

Not being able to reach a consensus about the balance of improved fire services and the cost saving potential was the reason for the end of discussions, according to officials.

Specifically, Keen-McCarthy said, the questions revolved around staffing levels and what constitutes improvements.

"Each municipality will have to go back and independently look at providing service," she added.

As to the status of fire station No. 3 in Plymouth Township, she said that "with the (current) level of revenue, we cannot staff that fire station."

Talks of shared services had been going on for several months in hopes of reducing costs and improving services.



Woodland walkin'

These Friends of Miller Woods - President Emily Kemnitz (left), Dot Balogh, Doris Chatterly, Beverly McAninch and Joyce Holmes - get ready to greet area residents who arrived Sunday to take part in a "wildflower" walk through the woods. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Is raise next?

Walters gets an 'A-plus' in review

BY AMY KIDWELL

On the heels of last week's evaluation of City Manager Steve Walters, the City Commission is now reviewing the process for considering a pay increase for the executive.

Walters received high praise from some city commissioners, with John Vos saying that "overall, it was an A-plus."

"We had very good comments," Vos said. "He's done a tremendous job. I wish we had him a long time ago."

"Everybody had high praise for the good work that he has done," said Mayor Robert Jones.

Jones said that the city commissioners went through each point of Walters' contract and then through five to six principles of management expected of individuals

in Walters' position.

Jones said that commission subcommitte would now look into a possible pay increase for Walters

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, however, said the committee — of which he is a member — was only looking at the "process" of granting a pay raise.

Shrewsbury did say that some "negative comments" were aired about how Walters interacts with employes and how it effects morale.

"But," Shrewsbury said, "he's aware of that now.

"He's done a good job; he's good at accounting and can put together a good budget."

Walters was not present for his performance evaluation.

"He felt we could speak more openly" in his absence, Shrewsbury said.



Public notices

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of April 26, 1993

The meeting began with an "Extra Miler Award" presentation to Carol Riggs, a kindergarten teacher at Fiegel Elementary School. The "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools Award" was presented to Sally Welch, who was honored as an outstanding volunteer from Bird Elementary School, West Middle School and Salem High School.

A resolution in recognition of National Teacher Day, May 4, was passed by the Board. The Salem High School Gymnastics Team was honored by the Board for winning the 1993 State Championship. Board Trustee Jack Farrow presented the resolution and congratulated the team and the coach, Johanna Anderson.

Sergeant Edward Ochal of the Plymouth Police Department and Paul Sincock of the Plymouth City administration, were honored for assisting the Nellermoes family of Mt. Pleasant, who was stranded when their car broke down after the recent Winter Guard Invitational. When presenting the award, President Thomas noted that Paul Sincock was unable to be present to accept his award. To show their appreciation, the Nellermoes donated \$200 to the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Jim Vassallo, Music Boosters president, and Salem student Olivia Welch accepted the check.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Charles Ofera-Mensa and John LaFond of the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Advisory Council reported on the TAG program. They discussed the benefits of the program and stated that the program has a minimal cost to the District. They asked the Board to take these facts into consideration when making any decisions concerning the TAG program.

Richard Egli, associate director of community relations, updated the Board on activities of the Citizens' Election Committee. Board President Roland Thomas discussed proposed budget cuts for the District. Potential cuts for the 1993-94 school year are expected to be finalized at the May 10 meeting.

Under Citizens' Comments, Mack Gaut asked the Board to review a request for his nephew to attend the Plymouth-Canton Schools. Charles Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, presented Board members with items which will be distributed to teachers on National Teacher

Ted Bohlen asked the Board to put in writing how Proposal "A" will effect the District. Earl Harrington stated that Jim Hatcher, one of 15 pink slipped administrators, is a valuable employee and that without him, there will be no one to repair the District's computers.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$3,939,520.17.
- issuing layoff notices to 83 certified staff members in accordance with the Michigan Teacher Tenure Act, the School Code Laws, and the Master Agreement with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.
- issuing 60-day non-renewal of contract notices to 15 administrators.
- the leaves of absence for Carol Bachmann of Gallimore and Joanne Kokoszka of Isbister.

The Board approved:

- awarding a contract for mechanical work for construction and renovations at Allen, Bird and Smith Elementary Schools, as a part of the 1991 Bond Project.
- a request from the Kiwanis Club to construct a storage building for joint use by the Kiwanis Club on school district property, which is located on the northeast corner of Central Middle School, adjacent to the Cultural Center. Harold Fischer of the Kiwanis Club stated that Kiwanis will be responsible for the maintenance of the building.
- the second posting of Policy No. 8453.01 on blood-borne pathogens.
- the expulsion of a student.

Under Discussion, Dr. Hoben presented the administration's recommended changes to the proposed elementary school boundary changes. These changes will be presented to the public at the May 24 meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

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.

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83 teachers, 16 administrators get layoff notice; deficit may be \$4.9M

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According to several board members, the consensus was that the 4 mills was ultimately what the district needs to "provide quality education," as President Roland Thomas put it.

In addition, Trustees David Artley and Dean Swartzwelter argued that placing a millage alternative on the ballot "would confuse voters" and "weaken the message" of the district's millage committee.

That committee, according to Richard Egli, the district's associate director for community relations, has already raised \$6,500 - and is trying to raise another \$9,000 - and is preparing its literature for distribution throughout the district.

In other district news, the board agreed to look at a revision of the elementary school boundary changes that would affect two areas in the district: The area west of Napier and north of North Territorial; and the "Old Village" area.

In addition, a proposal has been made to allow for a one-year transition in the district for fourth-graders who also have siblings in the lower grades.

Under this proposal, these fourthgraders could remain in their current school with a sister or brother for one additional year, easing the transition for

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Canton Business and Professional Women's Organization's monthly dinner meeting on May 10 will feature author Ellyce Field, who will speak on the topic of "Writing as a career, book publishing and the challenges of working at home."

The meeting, which begins with networking at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:15, will be held at the Roman Forum Restaurant in Canton.

Dinner tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling Kelly Baldrica at 737-7300 or 489-4257.

Rick Birdsall, an employee of Quality Real Estate, Inc. has received The President's Council National Award from Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Service.

The national award recognizes the top sales performance for Better Homes and Garden's Network in sales and listings sold volume.

Country Charm, located at 322 S. Main in Plymouth, will host an open house and print signing by Atlanta artist D. Morgan Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

Canton resident Barbara A. Socie, R.N., has been promoted to Director of Patient Care Services at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Prior to her promotion, Socie was nurse-manager of the Medical-Surgical Unit at Beyer.

Socie earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Madonna University, and her master's degree in health care management at Eastern Michigan University.

'We all scream . . .

When the weather gets better, it's off to the ice cream parlor we go

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The shutters are gone, the machines are dusted off, high school and college kids have another job option and the cows are working overtime.

Ice cream shops are now open for the season. It's time to take the chill out of the air and put it into your mouth.

April is the month - warm or cold in which ice cream shops begin the ritual of summer enjoyment and employment.

Dairy King, located at 232 S. Main in Plymouth, opened for the year recently, and is already drawing a crowd. The shop was mostly filled Sunday afternoon, and although the weather was less than agreeable, many took advantage of the leisure time to grab a cone.

"We do a good business even on rainy days," Manager Robin Breed said. "People come in because we have an indoor dining area."

Breed is a pre-med student at U of M, and has been working at Dairy King for three years now. The shop has about 15 to 20 part-time employees, mostly students. Breed said.

"An entire family can come in and everyone can get what they want," Breed said. "We have a large enough variety to please all tastes."

Another parlor offering a large variety is Dairy-Go-Round, located at 1226 S. Main in Plymouth.

Manager Donna Baumgartner has been working at the Dairy-Go-Round for four years, and is a junior at Eastern Michigan University.

"This job is ideal for students," she said, "we have mostly high school and college kids working here. I work here summers to earn money for school."

Baumgartner said that people are fascinated with the merry-go-round horse "chairs" that surround the building, adding that some children wait for them to start moving "like the ones at Meijer."

Lines might be short some of the time, but they're beginning to grow at ice cream parlors like the Dairy-Go-Round in Plymouth as the weather gets better. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)

officially started."

Baumgartner said that ice cream can be a emotional boost to many, "people come in and say to me 'I don't care how cold it is, this is my first ice cream of the summer,' and for them the season has

For some, the season never ends. Baskin-Robbins at 985 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth offers the frozen treat year 'round.

"We have a steady business in the winter," Manager Debbie Magdevski said. "Business does pick up in the summer, but people come here for dessert

all year around."

The shop employs about six people during the winter, she said, but that number swells to 10 to 12 during the peak summer months.

Magdevski said that although the business name says 31 flavors, her store usually carries about 40 to 50 flavors and includes fat free for the weight conscious and sugar-free for diabetics.

"We have flavors for every taste, and different types for almost any diet," said Magdevski.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Heather Lynn Murley, the daughter of Plymouth residents Raymond and Tamara Murley, was one of students at Murray State University in Kentucky recently initiated into the Alpha Zeta fraternity.

Kristin K. Cooper of Northville, and Plymouth resident Barbara L. Hooper graduated from Grand Valley State University at the conclusion of the fall semester. Cooper graduated with a BA, and Hooper earned a MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)

Eastern Michigan University announced that 40 political science students were inducted into the Zeta Tau chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

One Plymouth Eagle was named to the society. Rachel A. Parisot, who is also the president of Alpha Xi Delta and a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Undergrads named to the chapter must have taken at least 12 semester hours in the curriculum with no less than a 3.0 in political science courses.

In further Eastern Michigan University news, their office of financial aid offered Regent's Scholarships to 297 students.

Canton scholarship winners were Ryan Anderson, Daryl Biallas, Laura Carbone, Penny Donaldson, Tamara Filas, Melissa Kieth, Carie Scanlon, and Fatin Zayed.

From Northville: Michele Deering, Allison Farmer, and Barbara White.

Plymouth winners of the scholarship were Colleen Baker, Geoffery Kandes, Heather Pastor, Jessica Troup, Justin Wainwright, and Bryant Wu.

The \$8,000 awards were handed out to those high school students who had a 3.5 grade point average and scored at least 25 on their American College Test (ACT) or a 1050 or higher on their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The University of Illinois of Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic honorary society for freshmen, pulled in 795 new members in the last year.

Plymouth resident Michael James-Quillan Duffy was named to the society.

Initiates to the society must have earned a minimum of a 4.5 grade point average out of 5.0 points at U. of I.

A bird in the hand...

But these pets have worn out their welcome

AMY KIDWELL

A hobby: It's described in the dictionary as a pastime, an activity carried on primarily for pleaure.

Everybody has a hobby, whether it be watching TV, reading, biking, baseball card collecting, model building, sky diving or bungy jumping.

But what happens when your hobby makes you sick?

Such is the problem facing Bill Heiney: Part of his hobby — a very important part — is making his nose itch, his eyes water and generally making his life miserable.

Heiney's hobby, you see, is magic—and his hobby involves trained doves. And, you guessed it: He's allergic to the trained birds.

Heiney has taken his act to audiences of all ages and sizes, including two performances at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

And a big part of his performances includes tricks that he does with five silk white, trained doves, part of the performance that is always an audience pleaser.

For the past several years, though, he's been fighting off an allergy from the birds. His symptoms are progressively getting worse, and his doctors have told him that the birds must go.

Losing a major part of his act is a frustrating thought for Heiney, but as he says, "figuring out frustrating things is an important part of being a magician."

As a result, Heiney is trying to find a good family to adopt his doves.

"For the right family, this is quite an opportunity," he said, explaining that he will provide a beautiful custom-designed

Bill Heiney, magician extraordinaire, has one problem with his act: He's allergic to his trained doves — and is now looking for homes for them.

cage and other necessary supplies.

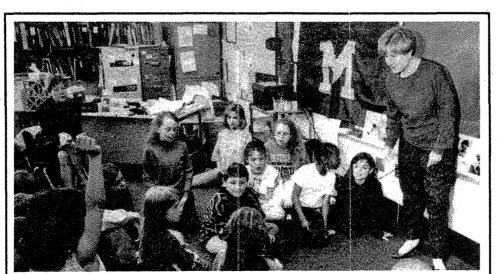
The cage, he says, looks like furniture and is very easy to clean.

"The only two things that the family must agree to," said Heiney, "is that they will take good care of the doves, treat them like regular pets and allow me to pick them up whenever I need them to do a show (which averages about four times

a month)."

One important thing to remember, he added, is that the birds are extremely gentle and would be safe for any age child to handle.

Anyone interested in adopting the five doves should call Heiney at (313) 981-1995. To the right family, he may even provide a lesson showing tricks that are done with the doves.



Nursing know-how

Cyndi Bower, nursing manager of the University of Michigan Health Center, explains the various roles played in a typical doctor's office to pupils in Kyle Stinar's fifth-grade class in Fiegel Elementary School. Bower's appearance was part of the Business-Education Partnership Program between U of M and Fiegel. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Chamber looking for nominations of eligible students

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with its May 13 "Positively Plymouth Expo," is looking for candidates for its student-citizen award program.

The deadline for nominations is May 7.

The chamber will be making three awards — to high school juniors or seniors — based upon the individual's citizenship and academic performance.

Nominations, which can be made by teachers, counselors or other community residents, should be mailed or delivered to the chamber office on Main Street. The awards will be presented during the Expo.

For more information, call 453-1540, or Randy Redmond at 353-5600.



Gary Quesada of
Westside Tree Service
tosses another dead
elm branch into his
company's chipper
machine. The entire
process of cutting
down the 70-year-old
tree took a little more
than a day. (Crier
photo by Craig
Farrand)

Dying elm meets the chipper

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"I'm 94 years old," he said. "I wish someone would replant me."

Racer believes that the tree was somewhere in the vicinity of 65 to 70 years old.

Later in the day some people took advantage of the situation, stopping by to pick up the free lumber. One man who owned a woodburning furnace was making plans to heat his home for some time with the day's haul.

"I save a lot of money in the winter." he said.

Racer, who was overseeing the removal of the tree, said that it would be only the first on their current job schedule.

"We're going to be moving to Kellogg Park next," he said. "There are a few more trees that have the disease."

Meeting set with Bell officials

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personnel in last fall's general election, and several newly elected officials openly blame their predecessors for failing to protect geopolitical boundaries.

Bell officials said, however, that telephone exchanges used to create area codes seldom follow geopolitical lines. Instead, the exchanges are group by dialing patterns within a given area.

As to recent local reaction to the change, Marcia Buhl, Bell Telephone's director of public relations, said Monday that she regretted the issue was being politicized.

She added, however, that residents in all the communities involved had been invited to various public hearings and that separate meetings had been held with officials from affected communities.

In 1991 a citizens committee was created by Bell to help formulate the planned addition of the new area code. Chairman of that committee is Joseph O'Connor, president of Consumer Market Analysts — who acknowledged that political considerations may have been overlooked following last fall's elections.

"Where we did err," O'Connor said Monday, "was in not realizing that the administration in Northville Township had changed.

"But I think it's to the (telephone) company's credit that no company went to the lengths Michigan Bell did to seek public input.

"It could have arbitrarily set the new boundaries without any public comment," he said.

In fact, according to William Celio of the Michigan Public Service Commission – who also served on the advisory committee – even state approval was not required for Bell to introduce the new area code and boundaries.

Still, he said, the final plan did make

provisions for those communities "cut" by the new boundaries.

"We ran into the same thing in Southfield," he said, "and I sent out hundreds of letters to people explaining that they could still dial on a seven-digit basis (to the same local areas they were accustomed to).

"When you look at it closely, the (new area code) is transparent in terms of dialing patterns because of the seven-digit (capability."

Concered about local politicians' use of the term "done deal," Celio said that there were "hundreds and thousands of hours put into these meetings, and calling it a 'done deal' makes it sound like something done in a smoke-filled back room.

"And that was never the case; the fact is that no other (telephone) company took the steps we did to ensure public input."

Buhl and O'Connor were interviewed in The Crier office Monday morning; Celio was reached in his office in Lansing Monday afternoon.

Since the elections, Buhl said she has had ongoing meetings with officials in the several communities, and said she looked forward to Friday's session in Northville Township.

Concerning last week's story in The Crier about local reaction to the change, Buhl said the only advisory committee reviewing the process was that chaired by O'Connor.

In addition, she said the phrase "hurridly announced" misrepresented Bell's efforts to keep the public informed since the plan was originally presented in 1991.

Among others expected to be at the Friday meeting in Northville Township are Northville Township Supervisor Karen Baja, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones, state Rep. Jerry Vorva and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.



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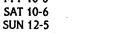


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CHAMBER CONCERT

The Newburgh United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Chamber Concert to be held at 4 p.m. May 2 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia. The concert will feature works by Weil, Albaniz, Harvey and Gershwin, and there will be a reception following the performance

GRIEF SEMINAR

Macabe Funeral Home will sponsor a free seminar to ease the pain of grief. "Surviving: Living with the Loss of a Loved One" will be offered April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library. For information, call 553-0120. PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES

The Plymouth YMCA is offering several classes for local residents. "Half Pints in the Kitchen," "Supersitters," "Driver's Education," "Bumper Bowl," "Pillo Polo," and "Arts and Crafts" are just some of the classes available at the YMCA. For further information, call 453-2904 during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday GOLF LEAGUE FOR WOMEN

Women who would like to play nine holes of early morning golf without rigid league rules are invited to join The Thursday Group. An informational meeting will be held at Hilltop Golf Course at 9:30 a.m. on April 22. Play begins on April 29. For further details, call 451-0575 or 455-9496.

FINE ARTS AUCTION

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees is sponsoring a Fine Arts Auction to be held at 1 p.m. on May 2 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. Admission is \$5 and proceeds will benefit Fourth of July activities. Stephens Fine Art Auction Co. will handle the sale. For tickets call 453-8407.

SPRING CONCERT

The Adult Music Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel will perform "The Glory of Spring," a spring concert with a blend of religious, popular and folk music, at 4 p.m. on May 2 at the church located at 1160 Penniman Avenue. There is no charge to attend. Call 453-0326 for details.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Women's Club of Plymouth will host a luncheon and book review for its members at noon on May 7 at the First United Church, 45201 N. Territorial.

After the salad potluck luncheon, Rabbi Sherwin Wine will give a book review of Gloria Steinem's "Revolution From Within."

AAUW BOOK SALE

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host its annual book sale May 6 through May 8 at the Starkweather Center Gym, 550 Holbrook, in Old Village. On May 6 and May 7, the book sale will be open from 9

a.m. to 9 p.m., and on May 8, it will be open 9 a.m. to noon.

In addition to the hundreds of books, records will available for sale. All proceeds from the sale go to support scholarships to women in The Community. Donations of books can be dropped off at the Starkweather Gym entrance or the Dunning-Hough Library.

"NOISES OFF"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is preparing for "Noises Off," a comedy production. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on May 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. A Sunday performance will be held at 6 p.m. on May 16. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for youth and seniors. Advance tickets are sold for \$1 less.

Each performance will be held at the Water Tower Theatre on Seven Mile Road, west of 1275. Call 349-7110 for information and reservations.

ASTRONOMY SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

"The Inner Solar System" will be presented at the Plymouth District Library from 7 to 8 p.m. on May 4. Children ages 8-13 should register by calling 453-0750 starting at 9:30 a.m. on April 27.

PANEL DISCUSSION FOR NURSES

The Washtenaw and Jackson Nurse's Associations are presenting a program called, "Lessons form the Past and Directions for the Future. This panel discussion about he old and new problems with the use of unlicensed assistant personnel will be held between 7 and p.m. on April 29 at the Catherine McAuley Education Center Auditorium. All registered nurses are invited for this free session. Call 454-1111 for more information.

DANCE CLASSES

Plymouth Fitness Studio is offering dance classes. "Romantic Night Club Slow Dance" and "Sweat with the Swing" will be offered April 29 and May 6 respectively. Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Call 451-1165 for information.

DONATE BLOOD

The American Red Cross will be setting up a mobile blood donations units in the area during May. On May 1, a truck will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A truck will be set up in Canton at St. Michael Lutheran Church on May 24 between 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. And on May 25, a truck will be set at Woodland

On May 8, there will be a bake sale at the church at Fairground and Ann Arbor Trail between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Delicious pastries and bread will be on sale just in time for Mother's Day

ROCKETTE VARIETY SHOW

The Salem High School Varsity Pompon squad will put on its annual Rockette Variety show April 30 and May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The show will be performed at the school's auditorium on Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road, in

Tickets are \$4 at the door or \$3 in advance. Advance tickets can be purchases from any Rockette or at the Plymouth Trading Post.

HEAD START PROGRAM RECRUITING

The Plymouth-Canton Head Start program is recruiting children for its 1993-94 season. The program, sponsored by the school district and federal government, provides education to parents and 3 to 4-year-old's. The program is free to those who qualify. For information, call 451-6656.

ARTIST TO SIGN WORKS

Corinne Layton will be signing her art work May 8 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Pictures Plus Gallery in Northville, 117 E. Main Street.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

The Canton Historical Society will host a DeMouchelle Antique Appraisal clinic on May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canton Township Building. Appraisals are \$4 for verbal, \$6 for written and \$10 for for items over \$1,000. Hand carried items only. All proceeds benefit the society. For information, call 397-0088.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Family Home Care in conjunction with Beyer Drugs will offer free blood pressure screening May 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Beyer Drugs.

BOOKS NEEDED

The Canton Public Library is collecting used books for its Big Book Sale to be held May 13 - 16. Bring donations to the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road of call 397-0999 for more information.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR "TREASURE MART":

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is preparing for its second annual "Treasure Mart" garage sale. The immediate needs is for community members to set aside items as you spring clean. Donations are being accepted at the Wilcox Mill on May 1 and 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Items should be pre-priced and you will receive a receipt for

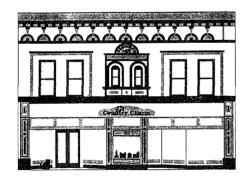
The sale begins at 6:30 p.m. May 12. For more information, call 455-5260 between 9 a.m. and noon.



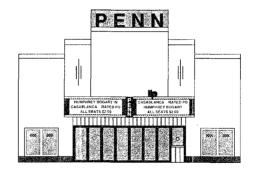
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D. MORGAN TO SIGN PRINTS AT OPEN HOUSE

D. Morgan, a noted and popular Atlanta artist will be the main attraction at an Open House at Country Charm on Saturday, May 1, from 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Collectors and others interested in her work are invited to meet the artist and view her paintings. Over 200 matted and framed pieces and over 700 prints will be available to choose from. Please feel free to bring one of her prints from home. The artist will sign her framed prints on the glass and will personalize the backs of her prints with messages to collectors.

"I am so looking forward to meeting the people who purchase my work," said Morgan. If you are unable to attend, we will be more than happy to have your personal selections signed for you. D. Morgan, as in Doris Whitten Morgan, is a native Georgian. Her father was a poultry farmer by profession, an artist by preference. It was from him that she inherited her love of painting and the encouragement to practice it.

At 16, D. Morgan began receiving formal training at what is now the Atlanta College of Arts. Later, she shelved her budding career in art in favor of a family; but after her children were grown, she resumed painting with a passion. Today, it's both her hobby and her job.

D. Morgan's work reflects her great versatility, but a favorite with collectors are the nostalgic flashbacks to childhood that are enlivened by her own original verse.

Her work can be found in galleries and fine shops internationally.

Readers rate public safety

A clarification on last week's results

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

Public safety — two words that can evoke concern in everyone, and words that everyone seems to exhibit an opinion on in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

With this being the case, public safety is the topic and target in this week's review of The Crier's unscientific first annual Reader's Rate survey.

When reading, note that the grade point averages are based on a 4-point scale, and that the total number of responses to questions ranged from 70 to

Overall, 89 per cent of respondents said they felt safe in The Community.

Plymouth's police chief, Robert Scoggins, was pleased with that figure as well as his department's grade (2.9).

"It's a good grade. One must take into account that the survey is community wide, not city."

Other area departments fared the same with the exception of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department which received a

Scoggins offered an explanation: "They have a different area of visibility than the other departments. They are just as professional as any other force but The Community only sees their presence in

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

clarification of the survey results that

Survey, the people were decidedly

against a Plymouth-Canton Schools

Seventy-four per cent of respondents

were against a millage increase for

improvements to the schools, while 68

per cent were against tax measures to

cent of respondents said that it should be

services between The Communities, Crier

readers gave their blessing, with statistics

ranging between 72 and 80 per cent.

As to the Mettetal Airport issue, 61 per

When questioned about shared

The closest issue was whether or not

keep school services at the status quo.

millage increase for any reason.

appeared last week:

preserved.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a

In the unscientific Readers' Rate

Hines Park."

Plymouth Township and Canton Township both received a 2.9, and the State Police got a 3.1.

Of those who responded, 78 per cent said they have called the police at least

The fire departments as a whole did better statistically. Plymouth's Fire and Rescue received a 3.1. Canton a 3.3, and Plymouth Township Fire and Rescue a

Plymouth Fire Chief Alan Matthews said he was "pleased with the results and not worried about any low grades we received. One must figure that about five of those surveyed gave a bad grade due to a bad experience."

In the survey, 45 per cent of the respondents stated that they called fire and rescue at least once.

Matthews said these numbers are high compared to overall operations: "Last year we had 767 emergency calls. Out of a population of 9,500 that's 8 per cent."

Also in the jurisdiction of public safety the reader's rated the court system. Wayne County Circuit Court received a 2.4 and 35th District Court scored higher with nearly a solid 3.0.

As for public confidence in local

governments' distribution of funds, 25

per cent said they got their money's

worth in school taxes, 39 per cent said

they got their money's worth from

Plymouth Township, while the city and

Canton rated 40 and 42 per cent,

Readers voiced their support for

recreation programs in Plymouth

Township (64 per cent to 36 per cent)

and that downtown Plymouth should

change its parking requirements (68 per

construction of a Community Center in

Canton (39 per cent to 61 per cent), a new

library in Plymouth (39 per cent to 61 per

cent) and the proposed downtown

Plymouth streetscape (43 per cent to 57

Respondents were not in favor of the

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Sports

Canton, Salem strong 'D'

Rock kickers battle to 0-0 tie, will meet to do it all over again

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Soggy clay and puddles on the field may have slowed the play a little when Canton and Salem faced off at PCEP stadium. But that was all that was hampered as both teams put forth a lot of effort defensively and battled it out to a 0-0 tie Monday night.

The two teams will most likely meet again in the state run later this season and it should be under better conditions.

Canton coach Don Smith and Salem coach Ken Johnson both felt that the next time these two teams meet the match-up will be even sweeter.

"This was a good game," said Johnson. "It will be an excellent game (if the next time the field conditions are more condusive to the game.)."

Canton is now 5-0-1 overall, 2-0-1 in the conference. Salem is 2-1-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the conference.

An intense game can always be expected when two top 10 teams face off. Canton is ranked number two in the state and Salem is number seven.

It was a defensive battle from the onset and both coaches thought their players gave 100 percent in spite of the field conditions. And both coaches credit the team's defense for preventing a loss.

Most shots on goal Monday night were long. Canton had six and Salem had 10.

"They beat us to some things out there," said Canton coach Don Smith. "But we hung in there and we weren't beat. We're always a tough team to beat."

Although the soggy field my have slowed the play somewhat, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm or drive of any player.

Canton's Kelly Reeves, Beth Ostach and Stacy Miller all gave excellent defensive performances according to Smith.

On the other side of the field, Salem coach Ken Johnson said senior Kris Goff and Michelle Cronan gave excellent performances.

"It was a good game," said Johnson.
"Canton is a good team. Both defenses played well. I'm happy. The kids gave 100 percent."

Monday night's game was not an exception where conditions are concerned. This season has been especially rough on the soccer teams with snow, rain and a muddy home field.

And some signs of the difficult conditions have shown this year for Salem.

It isn't typical for the Salem kickers not to win a game until their match of the season as this year started out.

The Rocks have bounced back but still only have two wins.



Salem Senior Kris Goff dribbles away from Canton's Melissa Tomei in competition Monday. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Last week Salem racked up its two wins, defeating Harrison 10-0 Wednesday and Franklin 9-0 Friday.

Freshman Mari Hoff started her varsity career and has been busy. With a little more than a week on the fields, she has kicked in six goals and has two assists.

Last Tuesday she kicked in her first

varsity goal in the 3-3 tie with Grosse Pointe South.

For Canton, it has been a powerful season opener as the Chiefs remain undefeated.

Saturday the Chiefs faced Adrian and beat them 8-0, coming off a tough, come from behind, 2-1 division win over

Livonia Churchill the night before, and a 5-1 win over Livonia Franklin last Wednesday.

Canton plays Walled Lake Western today at home.

Salem plays Walled Lake Central Thursday in Walled Lake and faces Troy Athens Saturday at home.

Neighbors in sports

WSDP radio station is now broadcasting Canton and Salem baseball and softball games live. Tune in on Monday, May 3 to the Salem vs. John Glenn.

Jeff Paluk of Plymouth, a junior at Saginaw Valley State University has earned two letters in baseball. Paluk, a Salem grad, pitches for Saginaw Valley.



JEFF PALUK

Mike Stafford has excellent game, tourney

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a day to remember for Canton's Mike Stafford Saturday as the Chiefs finished second in the Monroe Tournament.

Stafford hit two home runs, the first sailed 410 feet-and would have been a home run in Tiger Stadium-in Canton's first game of the tournament when the Chiefs defeated Taylor Center 12-1 in five innings.

His second home run came in the second game of the day and was a 325-footer. The second home run was doubly sweet for Stafford as he was on the mound in the second game and pitched a no hitter. He now hosts a 2-0 pitching record

Canton mercied Allen Park in the sec-

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Laura Ciatar's diving catch saves perfect game for Canton's

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton's softball season opener against Farmington Thursday afternoon is going to be tough act to follow.

Catcher Laura Ciantar made a diving catch, grabbing an attempted bunt in front of the plate to preserve Kelly Holmes first ever no-hitter.

The Chiefs mercied Farmington 13-0 in five innings at home.

Holmes threw 10 strikeouts to 15 Falcon batters.

"Laura made a diving catch and saved the perfect game," said coach Jim Arnold. "She had an outstanding game behind the plate."

Sophomore Sarah Rowe set the pace for the game as the lead-off hitter with a

Salem softball squad struggles after 12-2 loss to WL Central

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It's a tough one for Salem softball coach Al Campbell to figure as his team was defeated Monday afternoon 12-2 by Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks took to the field prepared to play, committed three fielding errors which unfortunately set the pace for the game Monday. Salem is now 1-4 overall.

Jenny Garvey returned to the mound for Salem after recovering from an illness she picked up on spring break. But even with Garvey on the mound, the Rocks performance was disappointing.

The team was scoreless until the fifth inning when Michelle Gibson and Kristin Stackpoole crossed the plate for the Rocks. But by that time Central was too far ahead. When the inning was over, the Rocks were mercied.

The Rocks play Farmington Thursday at home.

Mike Stafford has excellent game, tourney

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ond game 10-0.

In the championship game against Taylor Kennedy, Canton made several pitching changes, fell 9-6 to Kennedy, but brought home a second place trophy.

They also defeated Farmington Thursday. Craig Benedict was the winning pitcher.

Canton faces Harrison Thursday at

double and the rest fell into place for the Chiefs.

Canton headed to the Monroe Tournament Saturday, where the Chiefs lost their first game 2-1 to Taylor Center. Colleen Baker was on the mound against Center.

Rowe hit a solo home run to put the Chiefs on the board.

In the first conciliation game, Holmes was on the mound and Canton beat Allen Park 6-0.

Jamie Sikora took to the mound in the third game against Taylor Truman. Canton won in five innings, 23-2.

The Chiefs face Harrison on Thursday in Farmington.



Canton's Kelly Holmes at bat against Farmington. She pitched a no-hitter Thursday. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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Rocks' ballteam looks for some on the diamond

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It's been a frustrating week for the Salem baseball team as coach John Gravlin has been searching for consistency and intensity from his squad this season.

In the Rocks last four games they were mercied once and lost twice by one run.

Monday night Salem fell 4-3 to Walled Lake Central and started their conference season with a loss.

"It was a great game," said Salem coach John Gravlin. But he admits it tough to start your conference season with a loss.

Going into the eighth inning, the game was tied 3-3.

With one out, Central doubled, the next batter singled. The man on second tried to score and Eric Stryker threw him out at the plate.

With two outs, Brian Zarosley made a diving catch in the outfield, but when he hit the ground, the ball bounced out of his mit and Central scored.

Two errors at crucial moments Thursday afternoon really cost the Rocks. They were mercied 10-0 in five innings by Churchill.

Canton had five hits, and only gave up seven hits to the Chargers. Only three of those hits were out of the infield.

The game was enough to convince coach John Gravlin to have a practice immediately following the game.

"We lack intensity," said Gravlin.
"That happens with a young team." So he had his squad work on their hitting. The practice paid off in the first game of the Monroe Tournament Saturday.

Salem faced Taylor Truman and beat them 34-6 in five innings, racking up 28 base hits. Everyone on the team had two hits.

Mike Marcel had a home run and four

RBIs. Brandon Los also had four RBIs.

In the second game Salem fell to Taylor Kennedy 14-13 in eight innings. Kennedy went on to win the tournament.

Salem is now 4-6 overall, 0-1 in their conference.

The Rocks travel to Farmington tomorrow





Community deaths

Verran, 85, Salem inspector

Frederick C. Verran, 85, died April 23, 1993, in Ann Arbor. Born April 4, 1908 in Devoran Cornwall, England, Verran came to the U.S. at the age of 18.

After serving an apprenticeship with the Lipton Tea Co. in England, Mr. Verran came to the U.S. and started work for A&P and in 1938 started work at C.F. Smith. He moved to Salem in 1947 and bought the store in 1952. Mr. Verran retired in 1968. He was also a past president of the Great Lakes Morgan Horse Club.

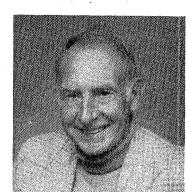
Mr. Verran was known by almost all residents and business people in Salem Township where he served as the chief zoning inspector and ordinance enforcer.

His gentle, "Englishman-like" way won over many during controversies like the Holloway Landfill (now BFI). Despite high emotions on issues, Mr. Verran's smile came easily to people on both sides of the issue.

Mr. Verran was preceded by his wife, Laura, who was a former Salem Township clerk.

Mr. Verran is survived by his sons Dale and Tom of Salem, sister Rose and brother Jack, grandsons John and Dale, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Casterline Funeral Home with the Rev.Charles N.Davidson officiating. Interment was at the Salem-Walker Cemetery in Salem Township.



FREDERICK C. VERRAN

Smeader, 87, homemaker

Mary Cecilia Smeader of Canton died April 18, 1993, at the age of 87.

Mrs. Smeader was born Jan. 11, 1906, in Fontanet, IN. She was a homemaker and is survived by her son, Eugene Gulledge of South Lyon; three grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland, with the Rev. Aelxander Kuran officiating. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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Smith, 74, homemaker

Dorothy M. Smith of Canton, died April 10, 1993, at the age of 74. She was born in Sagola, MI, on Oct. 18, 1918.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and is survived by sons, Claude of Westland, Charles of Garden City and Perrance of Inkster; sister, Evelyn Waltman, of Wisconsin; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Vermuelen Funeral Home.

Bacon, 86, real estate agent

Helen Mabel Bacon, a longtime real estate agent in The Plymouth-Canton Community, died April 4, 1993, at the age of 86.

Before her career as a real estate agent, Mrs. Bacon worked as a nurse, was a member if the Three Cities Art Club and was an accomplished artist.

Her husband preceded her in death. Funeral services were held in Coldwater.

Buckman, 85, district booster

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citizen.
"But," Miller said, "I soon found out through him that seniors think just like those of us who are 57, 47 and 37.

"He became an inspiration to me."

Among other activities, the "I Care" program makes the "VIPS" - Volunteers in Public Schools - award before every school board meeting to residents who have volunteered their time to district events and efforts.

In addition to his "I Care" involvement, Mr. Buckman also used his extensive government contacts to help the district deal with state and national issues, according to Hoben.

In early March, for example, he took part in a legislative roundtable at the board offices, which examined various state educational funding proposals under consideration.

Ironically, it was 11 days after that meeting that Mr. Buckman became ill and

was eventually hospitalized.

His busy schedule became somewhat of a family joke, according to his daughter, Shirley McLaughlin.

"He was always so busy, that we used to say if you didn't catch him a 8 in the morning, you wouldn't be able to again until 10 at night.

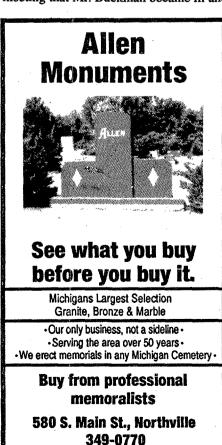
"He loved working with the district; he was just a very, very active person."

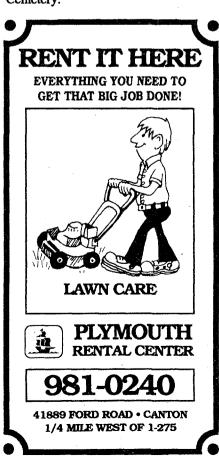
Mr. Buckman was born Dec. 19, 1907, in Mount Clemens. Until his retirement, he worked for Masco Corp. as a purchasing agent.

Preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1989, Mr. Buckman is survived by his son, Dr. Robert; his daughter; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Norbert Kendzierski officiating.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.





Stroud: Kids are dropping 'through the cracks'

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

"We have a special duty and obligation to kids — and we've been letting them drop out and through the cracks."

That was the message delivered Wednesday by Detroit Free Press Editor Joe Stroud to those in attendance at the monthly luncheon of the Canton Economic Club.

"We're allowing them to die in the streets in third world numbers."

Stroud, who spoke to the crowd of business people and high school students about the importance of putting children first, said that changes in the character of the area has played some part in the creation of a situation that "doesn't value

"Detroit used to be a place of hope for those who were willing to work hard," he said. "Not a lot of education was needed.

"Things are different now; the door to opportunity is closing."

Winners for the first annual Reader

The winners are: Marshall Orcher

Rate survey have been picked

of Canton, and Mary Stevens, Jim

Jury and Roseanne Kosik of

randomly by The Crier staff.

Stroud outlined three points that needed to be worked on if the trend is to be reversed.

"There must be an appeal to U.S. selfinterest as well as compassion," he said. "Retaliation against the rising level of violence is not the only way, the causes of this violence must be stopped."

According to Stroud, the causes are poor health, poor schools, and poor opportunity. He also said that maximizing the individual is another

"The system of welfare in this country doesn't work and people have lost faith in that system," he said. "Systems don't help people, people do."

Finally, Stroud said that the way to make sure that the job would get done was to keep vocal about those things yet to be accomplished.

You've got to be willing to sound the alarm about these problems," he said. "Without outrage and demands for order,

Winners selected in 'Readers Rate' survey Plymouth. Each winner will receive a dinner-for-two pass at restaurants in

The Community.

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who participated in this year's Reader's Rate.

nothing will happen."

"Even if society can't solve these problems, we can ameliorate the problems.'

After the speech, Stroud accepted some questions from the audience. One person asked about the media's role in motivating the changes he spoke about.

We (the media) must be objective

and honest but we are also responsible for providing leadership.'

Another person asked about the effect of partisan politics on the process of change.

"There is a good chance if there can be a removal of ideology," Stroud said. "There is a value crisis in this country, and it's fragmenting."

Summit was 'learning experience'

Canton resident Victoria Kallay said she had "a great time" at the first Youth Environmental Summit held two weeks ago in Loveland, CO.

As was reported in last week's Crier, she was chosen to attend the summit because of her sincere concern for the environment. The summit was organized by high school students in Colorado and pulled together hundreds of students and many environmental experts.

"It was great...We learned a lot of statistics...A couple of organizations were formed while we were there," said Kallay, a 14-year-old at Canton High

One of those organizations is called "Forest of Knowledge," a organization that will set up an international environmental library in the Northeast corner of Mexico.

As a regional founder of the

organization, Kallay's job is to make people aware and set up drop boxes for people to donate books (about the environment).

'For every book that is donated, a tree will be planted around the library, hence the name," explained Kallay.

She said she has already contacted a Target store and the Canton Library about the project.

Kallay will be working with Paul Coleman, one of the speakers at the summit. He is most famous for his twoyear walk to the international Earth Summit in Rio.

According to Kallay, Coleman will be going after big businesses for donations.

In January, Kallay will take the donated books to Mexico for the organization's first tree planting ceremony.

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Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

COUNTRY CHARM has its Spring sale! I'll meet you there.

GENEVA IS FULL OF "IT" -- WHAT'S "IT"? --"KNOWLEDGE" SHE SAYS.

DOROTHY BURKE gets her Curiosities in the mail (Hi, MOM!)

Geneva - you always look great!

MOM IN ST. PETE: GOTCHAI Arrival May 6 -OK! Delta Down -- Love, Limo Driver for belated birthday

There was one peasant among the guests who learned more than she really cared to know about gardening.

ZAC HAAR came to visit The Crier. He sat on Grandma G's lap and ate all her crackers. He was hungry, that's why.

ANNE FEATHERSTONE called and was full of family news. With buttons bursting she mentioned her nephew MATTHEW O'BRIEN organist, who appeared on television playing mass, church in Florida, then, even more proud, she mentioned that her niece AMY had appeared as a model on channel 56. Nice, eh?

MARY BLANEY is moving to WESTWOOD. Just wait until the staff and all the clients discover how beautifully you play the piano, Mary. You'll be the most popular kid on the

> Again - Chu-Chu-Chi A Chow Chow Not a train!

Craig is counting down the days!

Curiosities

NEED TO FIND A BUSINESS in Plymouth-Canton or Northville?

They're listed in your '93 GUIDE! (See pages 131-145 to find all Chamber of Commerce members and other major businesses serving

CAROL DONNELLY - thank you for the beautiful flowers. How nice of you to remember me! I miss you!

JILL LOCKHART WAS HERE. How sorry we were to learn of the loss of her brother. Nobody said life was easy, but no one said it was this hard!

713... calling 713 (not 712): PR is tough isn't

MIKE WATTS is back in town.

"FAST" BRUCE'S quick oil change and insurance

BEAUREGARD eats what's left.

JESSICA eats Mr. Vacation's marinated

DIANE: the hummingbird keeps falling down.

Pete Poulos - Happy Birthday - Mom, Dad &

Elaine - Did you have fun Friday? More fun

EMMA ROSE has a "rose" in her name and also on her hat. A real "show stopper!"

COPLEY MODRACK runs her Grandma ragged.

Curiosities

40! DIANE HERBRUCK April 28

Your message could be here. Place your curiosity today!

VINCENT goes bowling for his fifth birthday.

JESS scores big on DIVA in Scrabble!

BOFORS? All please call in.

A PALM TREE GROWS on Union Street.

"LEAVE ME ALONE! I HAVE FOUR VOWELS AND THREE AWKWARD CONSONANTS' (Never play Scrabble on an empty stomach)

Liz - Yes, the dogwood are in bloom in Tennessee. Where did you go?

"CHICKEN LITTLE" GALLAGHER. We miss

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A REAL LADY. Sorry to make her nameless but her friends are going to surprise her and take her out to

PETER POULOS and his MOTHER are both celebrating! Happy Birthday to you both.

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Rita A. - did you get your paper late last

Debbie - nice fishing nets

Curiosities

"I'm not old, I'm a classic", quote from C.

MIKE OF VIDEO THEATER - thank you for the special dimension you give my life and also for simplifying my returns. Making Friday my special day should keep me on the straight and narrow. We'll see!

I WANT EVERYTHING THE SAME SIZE

Amy: Congrats on the new purchase. How

Stop the world - not to get off but so many of you can get on! Sunday is the big day! HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANDREA MINTON AND MANY

So who's puzzling over the puzzle now?

Sure! I finally hit the baseball pool & 8 teams hit 15 or more and Billey gets half of them.

The "Real" Michael Watts just moved back to

Mickey eats finger food (ouch!)

The One-year Palm Tree Project is nearly finished.

Wendy - thanks for the good work while I was boating!

JOHNNIE CROSBY had a picture accepted by the art and flower festival at the Detroit Institute of Arts and there it was on the wall of the DIA along with other painters of note.

Judy Lewis was there (at the DIA) giving her all as a Docen.

Wendy now has a legal beagle.

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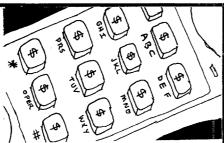
Be sure & check out the weekend entertainment at Riffles. A good time is had by

Curiosities

Karen still wears her shoes to work.

"Rocky Top"

Train Chronicles



EDITOR'S NOTE: Every so often, a mysterious document signed by "The Train Chronicler" appears in The Community Crier's mail slot. It's author is unknown, although certain clues (the article smells of scotch and fish and is written on the back of a horse-racing form) lead The Crier staff closer to discerning "The Chronicler" identity with each new entry.

Phone Train Chronicles

Recently, your Train Chronicler was, once again — for the umpty-nine thousandth time — studying the side of a box car blocking Main Street while the ol' Timex registered another way-over-five-minutes blockage of traffic, commerce, joggers and emergency vehicles by our favorite railroad company.

Scrabbling amongst the front seat library, TC grasped a recent Crier. It opened to the editorial/opinion section, metaphorically located in the rear of each issue, and what to these wondering eyes did appear, but a righteously, bilious piece raging about one of the few things easier to dislike than a dead diesel—THE PHONE COMPANY!!

Another quick scrabble came up with a more recent issue with a front page reaction story, headline screeching - "Anger grows over Ma Bell's plans to split towns with new 810 area code."

TC almost missed the fact that the gates were up and the three mile line of cars was about to move 20 feet, until someone started to make that inevitable left turn into DANNY'S. Here was something almost better to moan, groan and complain about than the trains... the phone company. TC, maybe PC?, or maybe T/PC gets steamed at the phone company as much as the C&O — maybe more. There are definite similarities. They're both big, powerful, unavoidable and almost impossible to get around. But, if The Crier and its faithful readers think the 810 boundary zig - zag is a problem, just wait...

A recently obtained copy of 'Tie Lines,' the Mich Bell employee newsletter, also in T/PC's front seat library, has some info that makes the area code boundary line tempest look very tea pottish. An article headlined "Customers call Ameritech plan "bold, industry-leading" hyped an Ameritech plan called (ominously) Customers First. Gosh, wonder what lucky us could be in line

A local chap, who's requested anonymity to protect his dial tone, was interviewed for the piece. This wag did sorta think the plan was "bold" but only in the way it might end up hosing Ameritech customers. He blabbed about what he saw as the effects of the Ameritech plan to "unbundle" local phone service. This means local phone service would be opened up to competition for companies other than Michigan Bell — remember how great that worked out on a national level??!! Now we get to see ads with Candice Bergen and don't know who to call to have a phone problem solved. Anyway, he thinks that "unbundling" would eventually lead to all calls, including local calls, being charged by length of time.

Opposition views are rare in company newsletters. The anonymous writer (good idea) had a lot of guts just talking to someone who's not on the payroll or even a regular company lunch guest, let alone actually publishing what they said. So its no surprise that in the same article a Bell spokesman is quoted to defuse the negative comments and said local calls wouldn't be time-charged "...unless consumers wanted it..." !!!!!!

Big mistake. Just like their customers, especially those of us with teenage phonaholics, wanted unlimited local calling eliminated, right? Which is exactly what happened after Bell got their Michigan legislation, doubtlessly designed to put "Customers First," passed!!! Or, the soon-to-come increase in pay phone charges from 20 to 25 cents per call. Yeah, TC's sure a lot of callers want that so you don't have to carry all those dimes and can just use one, little quarter instead. It's only a 25% increase. Hey remember its 'Customers First' for Ameritech.

According to a front page story in the same "Customers First" newsletter, is a plan Ameritech filed in March with the Federal Communications Commission. This plan is supposed to help phone companies give customers better, cheaper and more service by freeing them (Ameritech) up from outdated regulation and giving them regulatory relief. Phone companies will be free to compete by offering local phone and other services, like cable to to their...wait a minute! Didn't the cable companies have their long term 'regulatory relief' jerked recently by the FCC because they were relieving their customers from more money for less service? But, don't worry, this could never happen with good of Ameritech. Could it?????

Well, phone and train fans, the gates are up and, on the rare chance that a certain teenage daughter isn't trying to break her 730-local-calls-in-one-month-record, TC's gotta go call the tollfree Michigan Bell 810/313 info line at 1-800-831-8989 and ask 'em if they know what 'unbundling' means and what the boundaries on THAT will be!!!! And, if there's an 800 number, TC'll have to call the Governor too. He may want to consult with Ameritech on marketing his 50% sales tax increase. How's "Taxpayers First" sound?

Curiosities

A NUMBER OF LEADING LIGHTS FROM PLYMOUTH ATTENDED THE THREE DAY FESTIVAL. Wilma N., Jo H., Bunnie M., Mary Elizabeth S., Nan C. and please excuse me but I can't remember the names of the other two. It must be my age!



Happy 50th Birthday (Wa Wa) from your "I'll always be younger than you" sister, Love, Judy

No never!

Yes Lisa, there is a dart god! You won didn't

It's time to play golf!

IMPORTANT NOTE: BARNEY'S correct AREA CODE IS "713".

Curiosities

Jacko knows how to take care of his "secretary"

MOM ON MELTON: We're back but we must switch days because of golf.

DOTTIE McCLAIN - Welcome home! Your dear friend ANNE FEATHERSTONE missed you along with your other friends!

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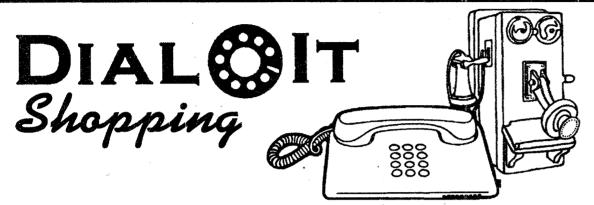
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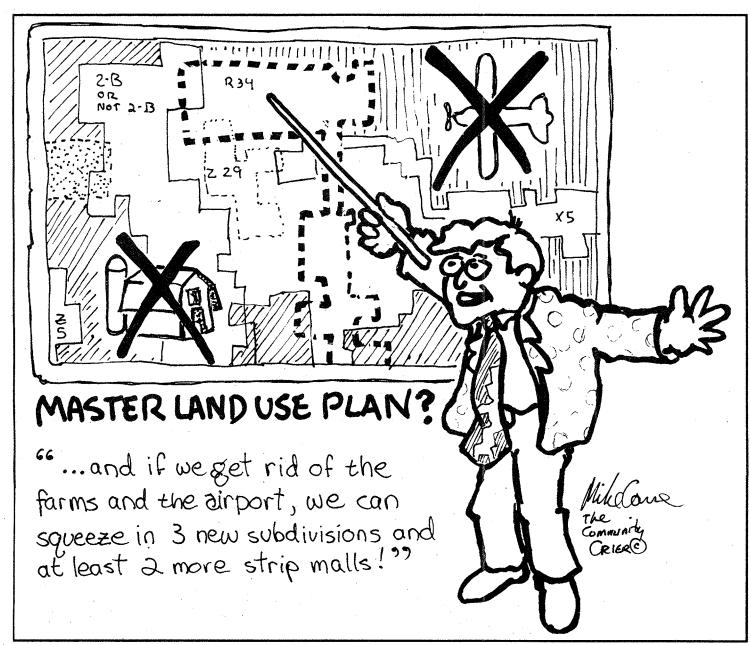
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Community opinions



Judge says columnist's attitude about jury duty correct

EDITOR:

As the Chief Judge of Wayne County, my name appears on over 100,000 jury summons a year.

Consequently, I read with interest the Op-Ed piece in your paper titled, "Sitting on the jury was special," by Gary Gosselin

I was pleased to see that his mock trial experience gave him a renewed sense of responsibility with respect to performing jury service. It is my hope that his comments will be taken to heart by all Wayne County citizens who are summoned for jury service.

The purpose of the jury system is to bring the wisdom of a cross section of our community to a particular case. This goal is compromised when large number of our citizens seek to evade their jury duty.

Far too many people summoned for jury service view it as a burden to be avoided as opposed to an opportunity to perform one's civic duty. Let's hope that more citizens will adopt the view of Mr. Gosselin and help improve the effectiveness of our jury system.

RICHARD C. KAUFMAN

This locally-backed film sums up all the lawyer jokes

Have you heard the latest lawyer jokes?

There's a slew of them about to hit the movie screen in Livonia.

"Let's Kill All the Lawyers" is a must-see movie for anyone who has ever wanted to sue, has been sued or even been intimidated by a lawyer. This good-natured romp through legal puns was produced and financed with lots of Plymouth-Canton help.

In fact, if the loud-plaid-jacketed lawyer in the TV ad or the cute coed in the law exam scene in the movie look familiar, you're right... you've seen them around your town.

Lighten Up Films, of Southfield, produced this made-in-Michigan classic written and produced by Ron Senkowski and Shannon Hamed. It stars Rick Frederick, James Vezina and Michelle DeVuono.

Without giving away the plot, (OK, it's a young Foster Merkul weighing whether to become a lawyer), just take this advice — see it!

An advance screening in Ann Arbor on March 27, 1992 delighted the largely Plymouth-Canton crowd and the movie went on to win awards at film festivals in Portugal, Houston, Spain and California.

The curtain goes up at the Laurel Park AMC Cinema this Friday. Check the ads for listings... and take your attorney.

With malice toward none





In this scene from the locally-backed film, "Let's kill all the lawyers," Rick Frederick struggles with becoming a lawyer while his secretary, Joanne Long, looks on.



Community opinions

Make a statement: plant a tree

Thursday morning we got a call from a concerned citizen who wanted us to check out the fact that a tree was being cut down on Penniman Avenue.

He didn't want to be named but felt that we should take a look.

We were interested. After all, it was kind of ironic that someone was cutting down a tree on Earth Day; generally regarded as be good to Mother Nature day.

When we got there, the foreman explained that the tree, a 65- to 70-year-old elm, had a bad case of Dutch Elm Disease. The tree was half dead and a potential

That made sense, cutting out the dead and diseased to ensure the well-being of the healthy. The only problem was that there had been no plans made for replacing it.

I used to work for a landscaping company in Walled Lake between semesters at college and I planted more than my fair share of trees over the course of two summers.

Planting a tree is easy. Dig a hole, drop in the tree of your choice, make sure the tree is straight, backfill the hole with some good topsoil, and water.

There are hundreds of different trees you can plant. Small cherry trees, maples in several colors, fir and spruce evergreens, Japanese maples that grow wider rather than taller, with delicate serrated leaves.

If you want to spend more money, you can buy a larger tree and have it installed. The options are almost endless; look at any forest.

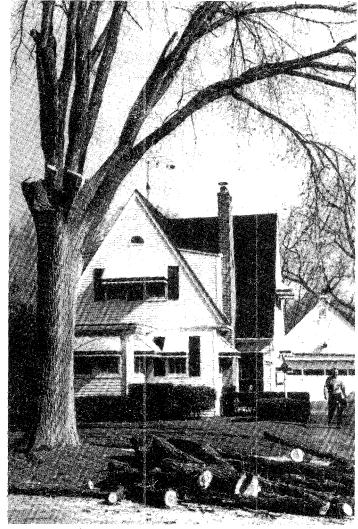
When everything works out, planting a tree can be very rewarding.

Most of the work that I had done for the landscaping company is still standing. I can name at least 10 major sites around southeast Michigan that I have worked on. It's nice to see them looking the way we had planned.

So, even though the tree on Penniman found the logger's ax — in a manner of speaking — and may not get replaced, you can get out to the local nursery and buy something you can drop into your own back yard.

Just follow the directions: Water it regularly and keep an eye out for bugs and disease. And let your





kids help you.

If nothing else, you'll be able to say, "I planted that

And one day, when that tree you planted towers high above your house, that statement will have grown into an impressive one, indeed.

Salem board needs to listen to the majority

After attending the Salem Township public hearing on March 16 I came away very disappointed. I spend a lot of my time attending nearly every board and planning commission meeting, and from what I have heard over the years, the main thing that the residents want is for the board to listen to and follow the advice of the majority.

Last year the big issue was the Rider House: the majority of the board wanted to have it demolished, (but) after many meetings of unhappy residents, the board finally decided to listen to the majority and voted to have it restored, and now at least one person on that board who wanted it torn down is on a committee to redecorate it.

After deciding to restore the Rider House, things started moving in as positive direction. The board heard the residents and took their advice on selecting committees such as sewers, roads, administration and fire administration, and things really began to move forward.

Now we get to March 16 and the public hearing for the proposed budget. The main thing the majority objected to was the pay raises for the treasurer, the clerk and their deputies. The Salem

residents had excellent reasons for not wanting these raises at this time.

- 1. The clerk is new and in training.
- 2. The clerk and the treasurer to not want to have designated hours; they wish to choose their own hours.
- 3. Both positions received pay raises

So here we go again: If the board listens to the majority, we will again start moving in a positive direction. Why have a public hearing if the board isn't hearing the public?

DIANE FERRIS

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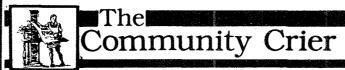


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