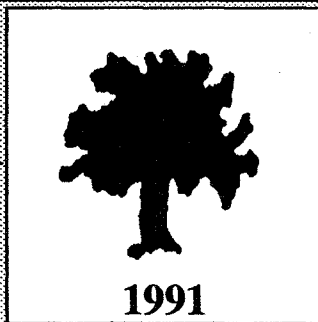


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Plymouth's streetscape plan may be on again

BY JOHN HORN

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority has taken yet another step to resurrect its on-again, off-again streetscape plan for the downtown area.

Last Thursday, the DDA finalized and approved a measure which will start the process of selling bonds to finance the \$2.4 million project. The resolution will be forwarded to the City Commission for action on Tuesday.

The selling of bonds, according to DDA Director Steve Guile, will kickstart the funding and could prove to be an effective way of paying for such a large project.

"With bonds, you can spread out the development cost over a long period of time," he said. "Plus, the city general fund will have no financial obligation and we will not be drawing any money from the schools."

Guile has lauded the downtown streetscape since its inception. A refurbished downtown, he said, will increase property values and increase retail revenues.

That refurbishment includes the addition of islands to ease traffic flow that would hopefully appeal to shoppers. Those islands would be located on Main, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, and Ann Arbor Trail by Forest Avenue.

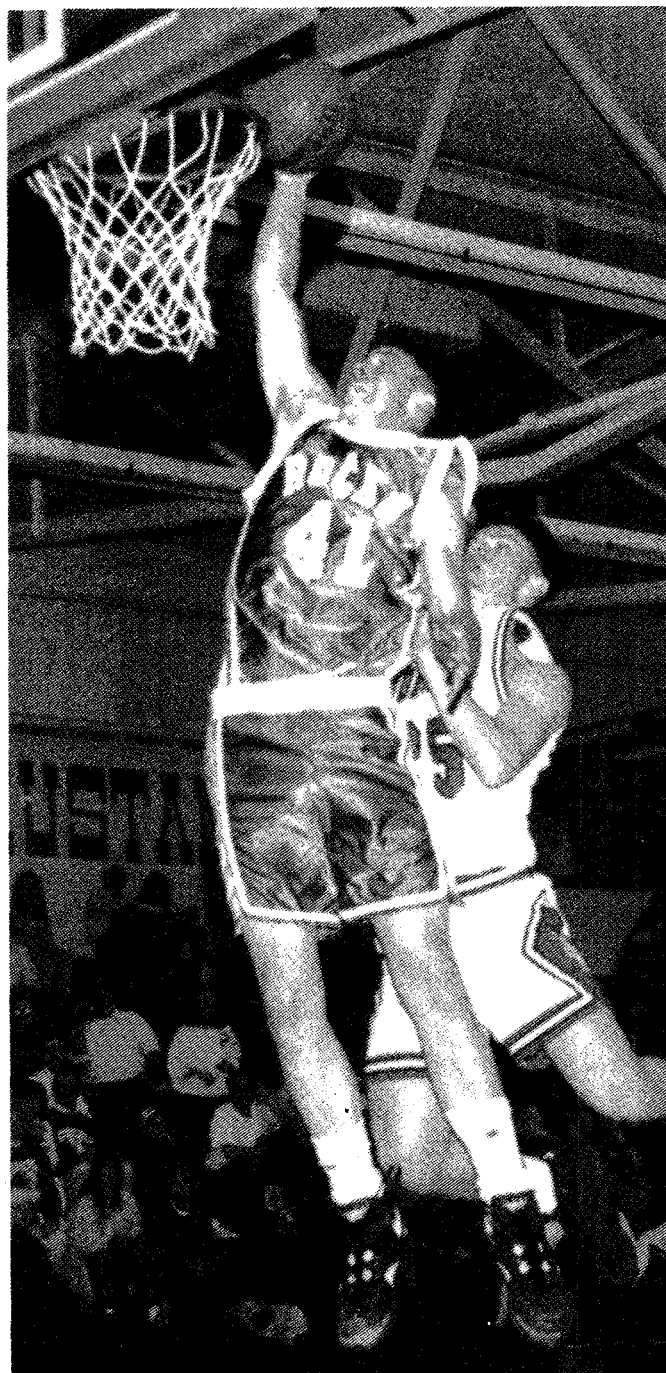
There is also a proposal to move the clock from its current location to an island on Main Street.

Guile said Plymouth is averaging \$21.5 million yearly in downtown retail sales with more than 1,000 employees.

With all the elements in place, Guile hopes the measure will be approved by the commission. He feels Plymouth's busi-

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Slamming it home



Salem moved to the next round of the state high school basketball playoffs, with a 60-38 win over Churchill Friday. The Rocks faced Pershing last night at the Highland Park Regional. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Engler to reject bid for third judge in 35th District Court

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The creation of a third judgeship for the 35th District Court is dead for this year.

That was the word yesterday from John Truscott, a spokesman for Gov. John Engler.

Truscott told The Crier that Engler would reject any call for additional district judges because of a failure by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to present "in a timely manner" its findings on the need for new judges across the state.

"(A new judge) at the district court level is not going to happen this year," Truscott said. "But we are discussing the possibility of (adding more) circuit judges."

Besides the SCAO not making its report in time, Truscott said the agency also failed to "deal with the issue of excess judges in district courts."

"We have no way of knowing whether we could shift our resources around; have judges from one court come into another as a visiting judge to help with caseloads."

In fact, the 35th District Court already uses retired Circuit Court Judge Charles Kaufman in that capacity, joining full-time Judges James Garber and John MacDonald on the bench.

Legislation creating a permanent third judge for the 35th District Court bench has already made it through a second reading in the Michigan House.

A third and final reading of HB 5328 is expected next week, after which time it will be sent to the Senate for action.

Although data submitted by the SCAO — and testimony given by 35th District Court Administrator Marion Belding two weeks ago — support the need for a third judge, the SCAO report did not deal with moving judge seats from one court to another.

The full House action on HB 5328 came days after special hearings were held in Lansing by the Judiciary Committee.

According to state Rep. Jerry Vorva, quick action is expected in the Senate.

Had the third judgeship been approved, a separate election would have been held for that seat this year. Already, names are piling up to fill the seat of Garber, who will step down at the end of this term.

The terms of the two seats would have been staggered, how-

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It's leaving me dry. That monthly mortgage payment. I mean, just where in the world is all that money going? If only...



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Is streetscape on track again?

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ness track record should speak for itself.

"In the last two years, we have had 20 new businesses.

"Granted, we've lost 11, but that is still an increase," he said. "We'll have three new businesses in Westchester Square by the end of April alone."

The DDA's original estimate for the project was \$5 million. In 1992, the amount of revenue the DDA could capture was reduced. That move cut the estimate in half.

Guile believes any previous funding glitches and interferences could be behind the DDA.

"With funding operating at such a stop-and-start pace, bond sales could be the answer," he said.

Because the city will have no obligation to pay anything from its budget, Guile said the DDA would be able to approach the state for any additional funds that may be needed.

Judgeship doomed

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ever: the third seat would have been for a four-year term; Garber's seat will be for a six-year term.

Already announced in the race are: Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe, attorneys Michael Gerou and Jacqueline George, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutors Thomas Hartnett, Kevin Simowski, Karen Woodside and Maria Petito, and Plymouth Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury.

The timetable for the judicial elections are:

- May 10: Challengers must file.
- Aug. 2: Primary election.
- Nov. 8: General election.
- Jan. 1, 1995: New judge takes office.

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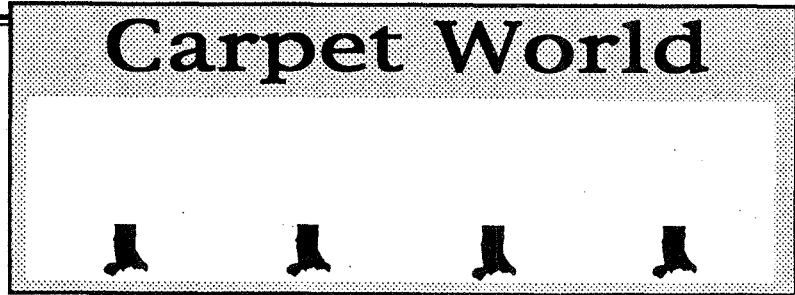
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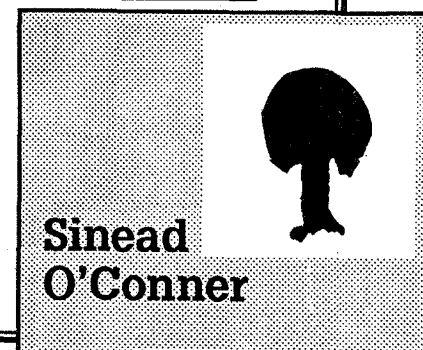
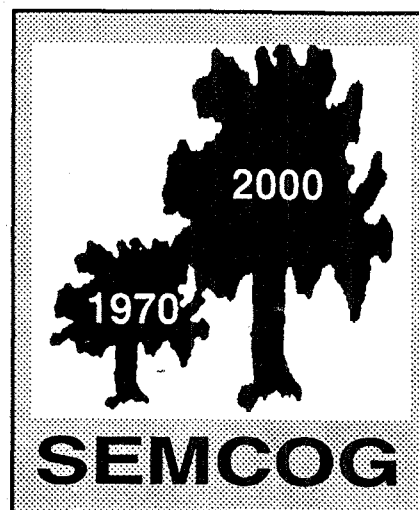
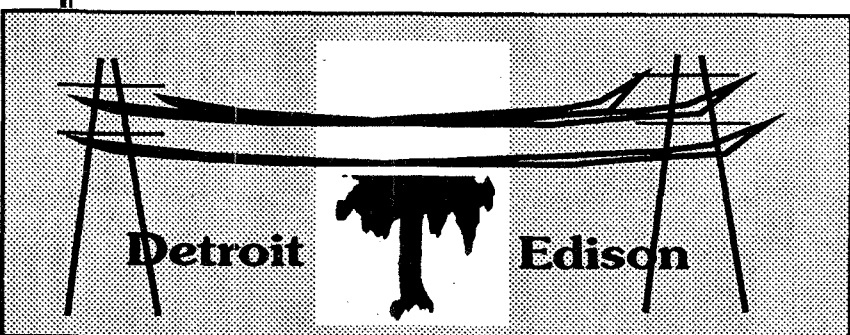
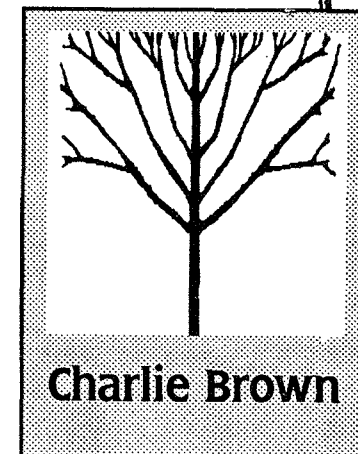
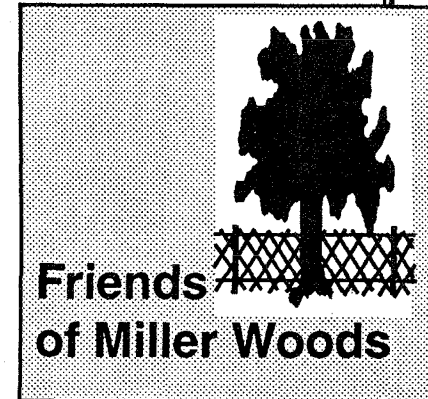
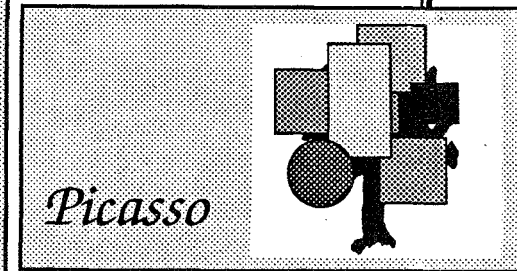
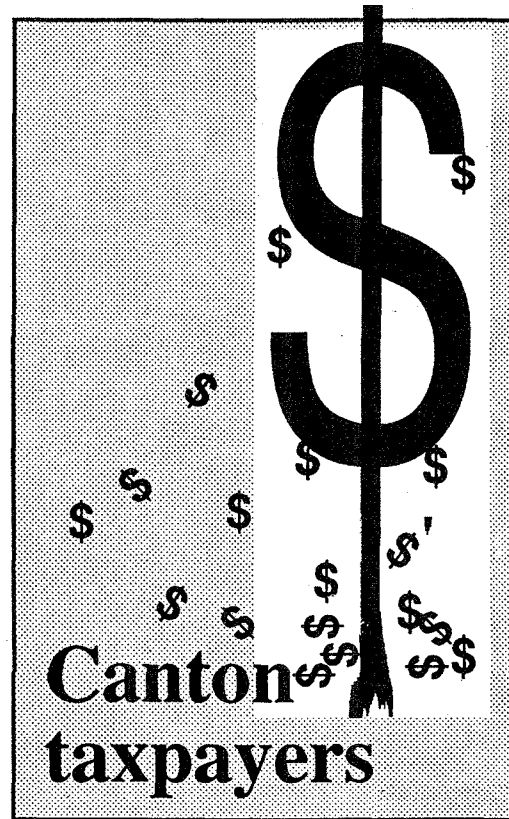
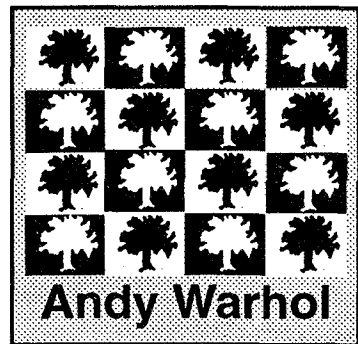
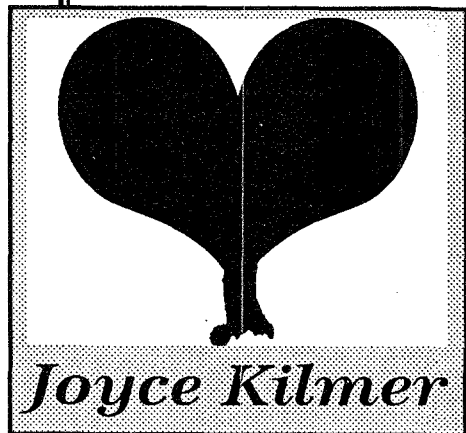


*The Canton Township logo...
...as others might see it:*

For the second time this decade, Canton officials have seen fit to alter the township's logo — a tree standing in the midst of... growth.

But how might others view this emblem?

Here's a sampling of a few ideas.



State accepts plan to eliminate P-C deficit few knew about

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The state Department of Education has accepted a plan by Plymouth-Canton school officials to eliminate a \$998,000 deficit; a deficit many people didn't know even existed in the first place.

In fact, the deficit is already gone.

The approval from the state came on Feb. 24, but the so-called "deficit" had existed for years, according to Ray Hoedel, P-C's associate superintendent of business and operations.

In essence, the deficit has existed on paper ever since the district began applying annual Section 17 funds to its own fund balance.

This move was made when district officials defined such money as an "asset" — a definition, Hoedel said, that was agreed to by the district's own auditors.

The state, however, decided this year that such money can not be defined as an asset and must be freely added and subtracted from a district's annual operating budget.

"This Section 17 money showed up every year as an asset," Hoedel said, "but the Department of Education wanted us to treat it as nothing."

That meant, Hoedel said, that the figure had to be subtracted from the district's fund balance — leaving the entire operating budget in a paper deficit.

"As long as we had a fund balance over \$1 million, it would have been OK.

But when it fell to \$300,000 last year," he said, "and took out the \$900,000, we were now in deficit."

Section 17 money is handed out by the state each October — allocated to improve early school year cash flow for Michigan districts — and taken back each

August.

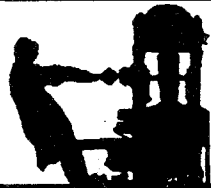
As a result, districts include this amount in their current year budget and subtract it in the following year from their fund balances.

All along, officials knew that if Section 17 money were ever reclassified, it would have to be recorded as a net loss in revenue.

And that means deficit; a deficit that already has been written off the books in Plymouth-Canton.

GOP meets next Wednesday

The Plymouth Republican Club is holding its monthly meeting next Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Ernesto's.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1994

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the minutes of the February 15, 1994 Regular Meeting on page 3 under Item H.2 so that the motion reads as follows: "Following additional comments from the public, the Board of Trustees, and research by the Community Development Director, it was determined that the required public notification was not proper, therefore Mrs. Mueller moved to table the request from Thomas A. Casari to rezone property located on the east side of Ridge Road between Powell Road and North Territorial Road and referred the application back to the Planning Commission." With this change, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 1994 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 1994 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mr. Griffith abstaining due to his absence.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 1994 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by removing Item J.1 Hilltop Golf Course Fees for 1994 and adding Items J.8 Confirmation of Contract Payment for Southworth Street Sanitary Sewer Repair and J.9 Bid Advertisement for Southworth Street Sanitary Sewer Repair. With those changes, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as amended for the March 8, 1994, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to establish April 12, 1994, for Public Hearing for an Industrial Development District, as requested by the R.A. DeMattia Company, for property located on the west side of Eckles Road, between Schoolcraft Road and the C&O Railroad tracks. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to award the contract for the purchase of 50,000 paper refuse bags to Set Point Paper Company, Inc. of Mansfield, MA. in the amount of \$11,850.00 Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the purchase of liquid calcium chloride from Bay Dust Control in an amount not to exceed \$29,54.85. The product will be applied by the vendor at the direction of DPW personnel. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Change Order No. 1 extending the completion date of the contract until May 1, 1994 without modification to contract price or other elements of the contract. Further move to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to execute said change order. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to award the painting and repair contract for the Lakepoint Water Tank to Kountoupes Painting of Lincoln Park, MI in the amount of \$244,000 which deletes the electrical work and hazardous waste. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 94-03-08-05 authorizing Wayne County to issue bonds in order to reduce Plymouth Township's outstanding debt obligations for Sewer Bonds issued in 1978 and further moved that the Supervisor be authorized to complete and sign the Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Bonds. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Brooks, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Brooks moved to confirm payment to D.O.C. Contracting, Inc. for work performed on the Southworth Street Sanitary Sewer repair. The final amount to be negotiated by the Township Supervisor. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to authorize advertisement for bids for Sanitary Sewer repairs on Southworth Street with the bids to be brought back to the Board with recommendation on April 12, 1994. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy informed the Board that a contract has been drafted for the merging of fire departments between the City of Plymouth and the Township of Plymouth. A Joint Public Hearing will be held at the Cultural Center on April 6, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this draft. Copies of the drafted contract and presentation materials are available at both Clerk's Offices.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the Firefighters and officer Robert Antal for their letters of appreciation.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications as listed. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on March 8, 1994. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 22, 1994.

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Playing hardball

Canton gets tough with retailer's landlord; site plan on hold again

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The fate of New York Carpet World's Canton location is still up in the air after the Canton Planning Commission tabled a reworked site plan for the property.

After being charged with cutting down two 22-inch diameter trees on the property — violating Canton's tree preservation ordinance — developer Carmen Nacaratto had his site plan revoked.

That action should have prevented New York Carpet World from doing business — but the store has remained open.

Last week, however, Naccarato got the bad news that the site plan would not be restored just yet.

Nacaratto's representatives came to the meeting with a plan to replace the felled trees with nine trees, some as large as 4 inches in diameter.

They reassured the board, repeatedly, that they would do whatever the township wanted to correct the problem.

At the meeting, though, members of the planning board made it clear that the cutting of the trees was no small matter.

"There is almost no greenery along Ford Road," Melissa McLaughlin said.

School district will borrow \$19 M against '94-'95 state aid

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Because the final results of yesterday's vote on Proposal A won't be known until sometime today, Plymouth-Canton school officials had to hedge their bets Monday night — approving up to \$19 million in new borrowing to offset the annual delay in state aid payments.

According to Ray Hoedel, the district's associate superintendent for business and operations, the entire \$19 million will only be necessary if Proposal A passes.

"It really depends on the outcome of Proposal A," he said Monday, "because under Proposal A, there will be only 6 mills in (homestead) property tax revenue."

The statutory fallback plan, which takes effect if Proposal A was defeated yesterday, carries a 12-mill homestead property tax levy.

Should Proposal A have passed, then, the reduced property tax collections would prompt higher borrowing until the state released aid money in the fall.

As a point of comparison, the district borrowed only \$8 million last year, and paid a little more than \$200,000 in interest.

Although no one knows for certain, Hoedel expects this year's interest rate to be 3 per cent — or about \$570,000, if all \$19 million is borrowed.

On Monday, the board authorized borrowing up to the full amount, which will be negotiated by the Municipal Bond Authority. That negotiation is expected by May.

"It will be a long time before the replacements take their place."

Board member Thomas Sullivan asked that as long as the petitioner wanted to fix the land, why not bring in larger trees?

Robert Gordon, of American Realty, said that Carpet World threatened to pull out if the trees were not removed, citing visibility as an issue.

Gordon said that they agreed to do what was necessary to make sure that the retailer would not back out of the deal.

"You're saying that you planned to cut

those trees from the beginning," Sullivan said.

"That's unconscionable."

McLaughlin said that visibility of the store would have no effect on the retailer's ability to do business.

"Businesses can succeed with no visibility," McLaughlin said. "New York Carpet World spends millions on advertising."

"Cutting down the trees was unnecessary."

According to Canton Planning

Director Jeff Goulet, the township's landscape architect has reviewed the plan for the facility.

"She'll have a plan for the March 21 meeting," Goulet said. "The 4-inch trees that (the developer) wanted aren't big enough."

"She was looking for the largest viable trees to plant there," Goulet said.

"A 6-inch diameter tree is the largest nursery-grown tree that we can get — short of going out into the woods and spading a bigger one."

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Western Michigan University recently announced a total of 1,878 persons receiving degrees at the end of the fall semester of the 1993-94 school year, including these students from the Plymouth-Canton Community:

Joseph Bonnett, Daniel Cifaldi, Jennifer Houser, Gordon Scudder, Michelle Tinik, Brad Vladu, Lee Anne Zelek, Leslie Boughton, Jennifer Fleming, Jennifer Johnson, Elizabeth Saelzler, Amy Sallow and Stephen Wells.

Piyush Bharti of Canton High School, **Vivek Mohta** of Northville High School, and **Michael McClain** of Salem High School were among the top 102 finishers of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Schoolcraft College is in search of outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their chosen field of study, the community, and the College. Nominations are due April 1, and the reception of the award will be May 7. For more information, call 462-4417.

Sasha Engle of Plymouth, a senior biology major at Carleton College, is currently studying on Carleton's off-campus program in Australia and New Zealand. While abroad, Engle will study at four Universities and participate in extended field excursion to the subtropical forests on the Lamington Plateau, Australia.

Barbara Pearson and Robert Sylvester, both of Plymouth, have been named to Hillsdale College's Dean's List for the first semester of the 1993-94 school year.

Lee Anne Zelek, daughter of Greg and Nancy Zelek of Canton, graduated from Western Michigan University Dec. 18, with a degree in graphic design.

Zelek is a graduate of Salem High School where she was a member of the track team and the Rockettes Pom Pon Squad.

Zelek has joined the staff of Trade Graphics in Plymouth as a graphic designer.

To the King...

Once a cop, a private eye and a nightclub singer, Don Baker now praises the King...and he doesn't mean Elvis

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

"I've been singing all of my life, I've given up a few good paying careers to do my music."

After a 10-year career in law enforcement, a stint as a private investigator and appearances on the nightclub circuit, Don Baker has worn a few hats in his time.

He's still in the music business, but this time he's following the direction of a higher conductor. He's a Christian inspirational singer, and his music is now his full-time job.

According to Baker, he left the police to give his music more attention. He said that he had always been involved in music.

"I was a police officer in Southgate for 10 years and became a private investigator in 1983," Baker said. "Being an investigator gave me more leeway to move around and play my music."

After working in nightclubs with an Las Vegas-style act that encompassed everything "from Sinatra to Elvis," Baker went to Nashville to further his career.

"I was working in the same bars as Billy Ray Cyrus," Baker laughed.

It was when he was in Nashville that he decided to change his musical direction and perform inspirational music.

"I had never done inspirational music before," Baker said. "The feeling came over me and I couldn't shake it."

Now, Baker is a full-time musician and performs for all kinds of church audiences. He described his act as a blend of traditional and non-traditional Christian music.

According to Baker, the denomination of the crowds he plays for is irrelevant. He wants to take his musical message to as many groups as possible.

"Denomination has nothing to do with the message, the message is universal," he said. "The problems that we face can only be solved by sticking together."

He said that his performances are based around the testimony of his life. He said that he would like to show young people some



Don Baker, who's advice to young inspirational singers is to "sing from the heart and to the Lord," will be appearing at the Church Street Baptist Church on March 27 at 6 p.m.

of the shortcuts that they can make using his life as an example.

"There's some humor too," Baker said. "I have had a good reaction and I'm looking forward to continuing on."

Baker said that inspirational music has been a rewarding part of his life.

"I get a real fulfillment that I didn't get from doing secular music," he said, "I feel inspired to do it."

As if trying to launch a musical career wasn't enough to deal with, Baker also produces and hosts his own cable television show.

"It's a Christian variety show called 'Rainbow of Promise,'" Baker said. "We've been really lucky, we've had some good guests."

Baker said that he took a four-week break from taping the show to work on his album. The show can be seen on Metrovision Cable on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Baker will be at the Church Street Baptist Church on March 27 at 6 p.m. and will be making appearances in the Downriver area, Ohio and Nashville in the near future.

Canton skips Liberty Fest bidding this year

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Canton Township Board of Trustees decided last month to cut through the red tape and award contracts for the 1994 Canton Liberty Fest.

All Parties Concerned (tents and chairs), Liberty Fireworks and Impact Graphics (signage) will be providing services for the June festival.

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the move is within Canton policy.

"This way we can cut through the hassle," Yack said.

"The rule is that anything over \$5,000 and under \$10,000 has to be open to bid-

ding. But this isn't one item, it's three separate items."

He said that the other reason that the bidding was waived is the accessibility of the contractors.

"In the case of All Parties Concerned is a Canton business and they fit our needs," Yack said.

"They can work with what we need and can arrange things so that they are flexible."

This year, Liberty Fireworks will be putting on a bigger and better show than they have at the two previous Liberty Fests.

"It will be a \$10,000 show," Yack said. Last year's fireworks show cost \$8,000.

"Burda Brothers will be putting up \$4,000 and the rest will come out of the Liberty Fest budget."

Yack said that, considering Canton's situation, \$10,000 is not a lot to pay for a fireworks display.

"It's a big community activity," Yack said. "We feel justified."

"Plymouth does a parade and we can't really hold one on Ford Road," Yack explained. "Besides, why duplicate events?"

Process begins on City's 1994-95 municipal budget

BY JOHN HORN

Study sessions begin in earnest next month for the Plymouth City Commission as it begins developing a new city budget for 1994-95.

The first meeting on April 11 will be an overview session.

"It gives us a chance to view the budget as a whole," said City Manager Steven Walters.

"We can see where we'll be at the end of year, as well as next year's projections of expenditures and revenue."

The 1993-94 operating budget was nearly \$6.55 million; Walters said it would be up to commissioners to speculate on any early figures for the new fiscal year.

The work sessions, Walters said, provides the commission with a suitable timetable for commissioners to make necessary adjustments to the budget.

"This gives us an entire month," Walters said.

Copies of the preliminary budget will be available at Dunning-Hough Library for residents to view.

Walters said the copies will be updated following the revisions of each meeting.

While the sessions are helpful to the commission in trouble-shooting and analyzing the budget, Walters said he thinks residents can benefit as well.

"If a citizen really wanted to follow the budget, he should attend some of the meetings," said Walters.

"And it also provides residents with an opportunity for input."

All meetings are open to the public.

The commission has allotted time for four meetings with the possibility of a fifth, if needed.

A May 16 meeting will be a public hearing with the

proposed tax millage figures factored in to the budget.

The final session will be June 6, at which time the final budget will be approved.

1994-95 City Budget Study Sessions

April 4: Budget transmitted to City Commission.

April 11: First study session (overview).

April 25: Second study session.

April 28: Third study session.

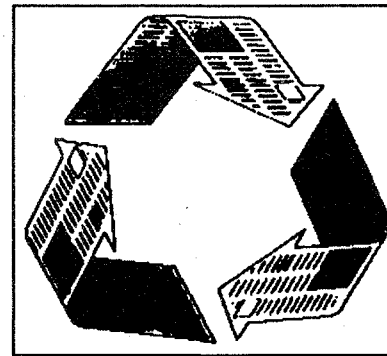
May 9: Fourth study session.

May 12: Fifth study session (if needed)

May 16: Call budget public hearing with proposed millage

June 6: Public hearing and adoption of budget

It works!



City posts impressive recycling numbers

BY JOHN HORN

City of Plymouth residents have posted impressive recycling numbers for 1993.

And if last year was any indicator, citizens have proven their concern and commitment to helping save the environment.

Mr. Rubbish, Plymouth's recycler, reports that nearly 50 percent of the town's household waste was recycled last year.

Of all Mr. Rubbish's contracts, that percentage was the highest, said Alan Rabinowitz, sales manager with the recycling agency that serves Washtenaw, Livingston and parts of Wayne and Oakland Counties.

Department of Public Works Director Paul Sincock said those numbers speak highly of Plymouth residents.

"I think it says the community is

environmentally aware and conscious of what they need to do," Sincock said.

Rabinowitz pointed to the importance of recycling, showing what the yearly numbers actually equate to when it comes to making a difference.

For example, Rabinowitz said that due to the recycling efforts of Plymouth residents, there was a 23 percent reduction in the waste stream. Curbside yard waste recycling created an additional 14.5 percent decrease in the stream.

In addition to saving landfill space, heavy recycling helps residents with long-term pricing on city services. Rabinowitz said the more residents recycle, the less they will end up spending on garbage collection.

"In the long run, a strong recycling community like Plymouth will have better long term pricing for their collection services," he said. "A community

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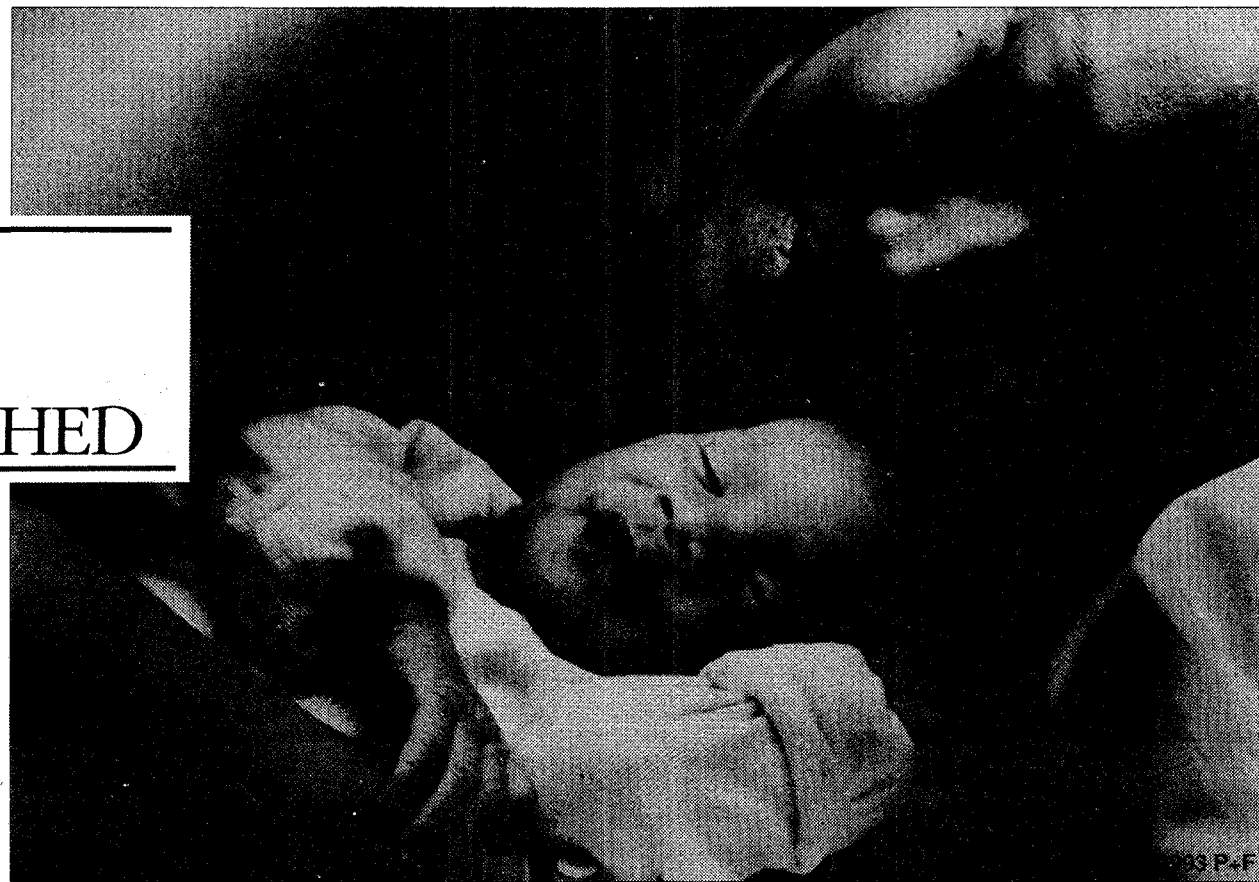
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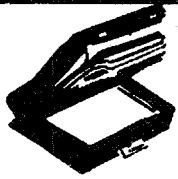
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



Thomas Goebel (left), Robert Molenbeek and Michael Caffery.

Michigan Chapter #1 of the Relator Land Institute (RLI) took top honors nationally by winning the "Chapter of the Year" award at the institute's mid-winter meeting in San Diego, Calif.

Thomas E. Goebel is 1994 Chapter No. 1 president and owner of Tepee Realty in Plymouth; Robert Molenbeek is of Grand Rapids, and Michael Caffery is of Van Esley Realty in Plymouth.

United Home Health Services, Inc. of Canton announced the election of its president, Gloria Bruhowzki, RN as chairperson of the Finance Operations Committee for the Michigan Home Health Association (MHHA), a state trade association for providers of home health care.

Ronelle Kummer of Canton was promoted to consumer loan officer at First of America Bank-Ann Arbor. Kummer is the manager of the bank's consumer loan operations department and is responsible for overseeing the area's daily activities. She has been an employee of the bank since 1975 and has held positions in the branch, credit card and loan divisions.

Marshall Marketing & Graphic Design of Plymouth reports that the corporate logo they designed for Precision Color, Inc. (also of Plymouth) has been showcased in the 1994 American Corporate Identity Annual. The competition recognizes the best corporate identity in use today in the United States.

Royal Palace Homes, Inc. and Falcon Builders of Canton will be exhibitors at the 76th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show that opens March 19 at Detroit's Cobo Center.

Thai Bistro owner realizes dream

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Phrommet Phromthong came to the United States 10 years ago with a dream.

Phromthong wanted to start his own Thai restaurant.

Phromthong's dream has become a reality in Canton with the opening of the Thai Bistro, located at the corner of Ford and Canton Center.

"Plymouth-Canton is a nice area," Phromthong said, "and there has never been a Thai restaurant in the area before."

"I wanted an upscale Thai restaurant - to make it a standout."

With brother Panon "Noi" Phromthong, who is the restaurant's cook, that is exactly what Phrommet set out to do.

Phromthong worked as a newspaper editor in Thailand before moving to California to edit the Pacific News.

From California he moved to Royal Oak, where he was manager and part owner of the Royal Thai Cafe, before moving to Canton with Noi to start the Thai Bistro.

"Noi was a chef at a Thai restaurant in Chicago, which the Chicago Tribune gave a four-star rating," said Phromthong.

All the food is prepared according to original family recipes handed down from generation to generation in the



Phrommet and Noi Phromthong celebrated their grand opening Monday. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Phromthong family.

"In addition to our menu items," Phromthong said, "we can make any Thai dish. "We make any Thai recipe by request, including country style dishes."

Most people think of Thai food as being spicy, but Phromthong said it can be prepared hot or mild depending on the individual taste of the customer.

Most lunch dishes cost about \$5 and dinner entrees run from \$8 to \$10. Beer, wine and mixed drinks are available.

The Thai Bistro also has a children's

menu that includes dishes like burgers and fries and accepts all major credit cards.

Reservations are accepted and 70 percent of the restaurant is dedicated to non-smokers.

Although the restaurant has been open for business of the past several weeks, the Thai Bistro celebrated its grand opening Monday.

In celebration of the grand opening, Phromthong is offering 10 percent off meals now through the end of the month.

Gallery displays rain in Native American art

Native West in Plymouth is celebrating a force held sacred by many native Americans living in the Southwest United States: Rain.

The exhibition of art that depicts the importance of rain to native peoples of the Southwest begins on March 17 and runs through April 10.

Annette Horn, who owns Native West said rain is important to the livelihood of everyone in the Southwest.

"When you only get 10 inches of rain a year, you learn to cope," she said. "This also explains why rain is so often depicted in native craft."

Horn said rain is found in jewelry, pottery, kachina dolls, baskets, songs and poetry.

Kachina dolls are made by Hopi Indians for dance and prayer ceremonies.

Native West will also feature Navajo sand paintings. The paintings feature evergreen growth, which symbolizes life and continued growth and learning.

"Dance sticks were used by Native Americans to harness rain," said Horn. "Crazy Horse was the only chief who believed the power of lightning could be conveyed to him, that's why his art has a lightning bolt on it."

A personal appearance will be made by Native American speaker "Eagle Feather Boy", Edwin Poulin on March 19 and April 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Native West features southwestern art and will be holding an exhibit on the importance of rain to Native Americans (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



He will talk about Indian culture, symbols and the importance of rain in Native American lives.

For five years, Edwin Poulin studied in Milwaukee at St. Francis Seminary, and three years ago he was ordained a deacon.

He is known for his active involvement in ministry to Native Americans and is committed to educating the Catholic church about Native American culture.

Poulin brings symbols that are sacred to his Native American religion and melds them with the Catholic religion, showing how the two can work together.

Poulin's mother is Apache and his father is from the Seneca tribe. Being actively involved in his culture, he is a pipe-carrier and part of a group of Native American Sundancers.

Horn said rain has deep meanings that reflect each culture's unique experience with the universe.

"Many expressions about rain and water focus on rain's connection to making life and growth possible," she said. "Expressions may be enduring, such as embroidered figures on a garment. Some are intended to be temporary, such as body paint on a ceremonial participant or the pigments of a sandpainting."

"Other expressions take the form of music, song, dance, oratory, poetry and prayer."

Horn said when rains come with thunder, lightning and wind, they are considered to be male rains. The steady, quiet rain is female rain. And within one storm, both kinds of rain may fall.

Late Apache medicine man, Philip Cassadore said, "When the rain drops on you, they (the dead) are touching you. So if you are standing in the rain and a dear one has recently passed on, they are touching you with the rain."

"Changing into rain while they are traveling to the other world."

Roadwork

Five Mile will get re-surfaced and widened to deal with new plant in Northville Twp.

The Wayne County Road Commission is set to receive \$1.5 million in state grants to repave a section of Five Mile Road in Northville Township.

Road modification will be done to make year-round truck travel possible to the site of a new manufacturing plant, Optical Imaging System.

The targeted section is on Five Mile, between Beck and Sheldon roads.

Alan Richardson, transportation planner for Wayne County, said no specific time line has been set for the project.

"Engineering will begin in 1994 and we expect construction to be finished in 1995," he said. "Right now, we do not have any particulars as to when construction will start."

The language of the repavement pro-

ject calls for the stretch of Five Mile to be changed from a bituminous, Class B to a concrete, all-weather Class A roadway.

Richardson added the change will create a two-lane road with certain widenings for easier accessibility.

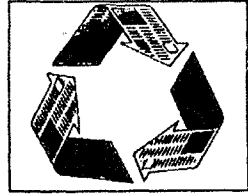
Access to the plant, Richardson said, was the basis for Wayne County's application for the grant. That grant, from the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) will cover 80 per cent of the \$1.8 million project.

"Wayne County will pay for the rest, including all engineering costs," Richardson said.

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Paper, not plastic

Twp. changes bags for recycling program



BY JOHN HORN
Beginning April 18, Plymouth Township will no longer accept plastic bags for composting with its curbside recycling program.

As a result, the Township Board of Trustees last week approved the purchase of 50,000 paper bags to replace the plastic.

Jim Anulewicz, director of Public Services, addressed the board stating plastic can no longer be used in composting as it impedes the process.

"A composting site must be working at top efficiency," he said. "(And) pieces of plastic are disruptive to the composting process."

The change stems from the request of BFI, the township's recycling contractor. BFI said that plastic remnants are damaging to the process and end up creating an offensive situation.

The plan, however, is not without cost. Resident will have to pay \$7.50 for a 25-pack of bags.

If residents feel the price, which equates to 30 cents per bag, is unreason-

able, officials say they should consider the alternative:

Plymouth Township's contract with BFI allows residents to compost at a rate of \$2.25 per yard. Anulewicz said the average rate ranges from \$4 to \$5 per yard.

"In order to capture that favorable price, we have to switch to paper," Anulewicz said.

Anulewicz and his department are working on a plan to secure locations where residents can pick up their bags at a convenient local business.

So far, Anulewicz said, Tommy's Hardware on Ann Arbor Trail has committed to being one of the first bag pickup sites.

Residents will now be asked to use plastic bags for household refuse only.

The new 30-gallon paper bag, complete with sturdy handles, will hold all composting materials.

The \$11,850 bid was awarded to Set Point Paper Company, Inc. of Mansfield, Mass. and distribution is scheduled to be completed no later than April 6.

City recycling posts impressive numbers

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that lets you dispose of as many garbage as you want tends to lose the incentive to recycle and residents will end up paying more for those services."

In 1993, 783,145 pounds of glass, metals, plastic and paper found their way to the recycling bin. Mr. Rubbish statistics show that more than 1,000,000 pounds of grass clippings and other yard waste was collected and composted.

Of all recyclable materials in Plymouth, newsprint was the most popular. More than 425,000 pounds of the

black and white print was processed to be reused.

Plymouth has become a leading recycling community due in part to the introduction of the Recycle Bag two years ago. In July 1992, the 30 gallon plastic bag in which residents place their recyclables and put to the curb, was introduced.

Mr. Rubbish accepts newspaper, cardboard, magazines, office paper and mail, tin, glass bottles (clear, green and brown) at the curb. Sincock said residents can now include catalogs and magazines.

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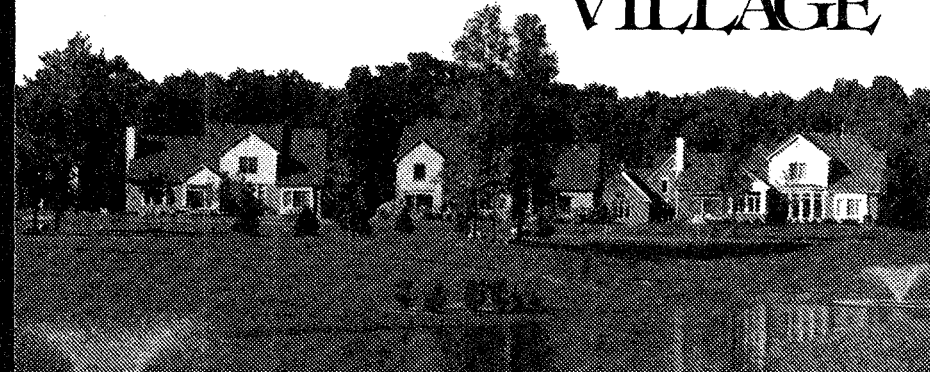
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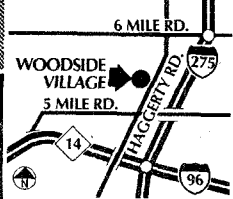
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6TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE CANTON DINNER DANCE

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Carriage Park Senior Community will host a St. Patrick's Day celebration with entertainment and food on March 18. For more information, call 397-8300.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST RAFFLE

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

ILLUSIONS AND BEYOND

Calvary Baptist Church will host Toby Travis on March 20 at 6 p.m. The show will have humor, music and illusions. For more information, call 455-0022.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

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

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

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

LIBRARY RED CROSS BABYSITTING PROGRAM

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

POSITIVE THINKING WORKSHOP

Child and Family Services will offer a workshop on positive thinking hosted by Amy Altaffer, from St. Mary's Hospital on April 14 at 3 p.m. For more information, call Krissy Todora at 397-8665.

CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

The AARP will be holding tax help sessions for seniors in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. There are also provisions for home visits for shut-ins and the handicapped. For more information, call 349-4140 in Northville, 397-5444 in Canton and 455-6620 in Plymouth.

LENT SERVICES

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding Lent suppers on Wednesdays at 5:30 with a service at 7 p.m. through March 23. For more information call 981-0286.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

ADULT DAY CARE

Child and Family Services will be opening an adult day care center in Canton. The center is designed for the victims of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders. The center will have recreational and therapeutic programs to build self-esteem, promote social interaction and maintain patient independence. Call Cindy Lockman or Kristin Witte at 397-8665.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to drive cancer patients living in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties to and from medical facilities. If you have a car and are willing to offer some of your time, please call the patient Services Department at 1-800-925-2271.

SCHOOLCRAFT DINNER THEATRE

Schoolcraft College's Winter Theatre will begin Friday at 8 p.m. with the musical "The Fantasticks" on March 18, 19, 25, 26 and April 2. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased at Schoolcraft or by calling 462-4409.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Vermeulen Funeral Home will host a grief recovery program which will meet from 7 to 9 p.m., April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5. Registration is required due to limited capacity. For further information call 459-2250.

BLOOD MOBILE HITS PLYMOUTH AREA

The American Red Cross will be in the Plymouth area Monday at Plymouth Baptist Church on Ann Arbor Trail. They will be there from 8 to 2 p.m. For further information contact Stephanie Sturgis at 422-1425.

NEW MORNING HOSTS ANNUAL AUCTION

The New Morning School will be hosting its annual auction Saturday, March 26 from 5 p.m. until Midnight Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased by calling 420-3331. The fee includes hors d'oeuvres, seated dinner, open bar, and late night snack.

POLISH CELEBRATION

The Polish Centennial Dancers will perform at Churchill High School on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. For more information contact Barb at 453-7161 or Linda at 427-2636.

FIRST BAPTIST RETREAT

First Baptist Church of Plymouth will host a retreat on April 6 from 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, special music, and a luncheon salad. The cost will be \$6. For reservations call 455-2300.

JAYCEE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 2 at 10 a.m. in Plymouth Township Park.

SYMPHONY LEAGUE GAME AND CARD PARTY

The Sonata group of the Plymouth Symphony League will host their third annual game and card party, March 30. The party will begin at 9 a.m. at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 by calling 416-9812 or 416-5596.

WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling department will present, "Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century," today at 7 p.m. at Canton High School in the cafeteria. For further information call June Swartz or Jan Kavulich at 416-2800.

BREAST AND SKIN CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a Breast and Skin Clinic from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 23, in the Marian Women's Center by appointment only. The cost for the physical exam will be \$10. For more information call 591-2600, Ext. 3171.

50-UP CLUB MEETING

St. John Neumann Seniors will host the 50-Up club meeting April 5, at 7 p.m. in the church. For further information contact Betty Gruchala at 459-4091.

MOTHER OF TWIN CLUB MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will be meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Shelly at 326-1466.



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SALEM BASEBALL CLINIC

The Dugout club will be offering a baseball clinic for boys 7 through 15 on March 19 and 26. Cost is \$15 per three-hour session. For more information, call Janet at 453-1679 or Sue at 451-0713.

TRIBUTE TO THE KING

The Church Street Church will host Christian inspirational singer Don Baker's "Tribute to the King" on March 27 at 6 p.m.. For more information and booking, call 459-1602.

BIBLE STUDY

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding a bible study series on the book of Hebrew running nine weeks starting April 12. For more information, call 981-0286.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet today at the Plymouth Historical Museum to discuss "Women in the Revolution." For more information, call 455-9472.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCUSSED

WSDS 1480 AM will host weekly discussions of Christian Science every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. through May 29. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan.

P-C JR. BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Plymouth-Canton Jr. Baseball league will be holding registration for boys 7 to 15 years and girls 7 to 16 on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria. For more information, call Milt at 453-2040 or John at 455-8538.

SCHOOLCRAFT CONCERT

Schoolcraft College will bring classical pianist Anton Nel to the stage today, from noon to 1 p.m. in the College's Forum Building Recital Hall, F 530. The concert is free. For further information contact Schoolcraft's Music Department at 462-4400, Ext. 5218.

SCHOOLCRAFT CULINARY CLASSES

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department is offering an Advanced Hands On Gourmet cooking class. The fee is \$760 respectively. In addition, students will be required to purchase their own professional knife kit and uniform. Call the Schoolcraft registration office at 462-4400 for more information.

PLYMOUTH ROTARY MEETING

At the April 1 meeting of the Plymouth Rotary, Patricia Roberts, U of M women's basketball coach, will be on hand at the Mayflower Meeting House from 12 to 1:30 p.m. To attend as a guest, call Jacki at 451-7650.

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET LENTEN MISSION

St. Thomas A' Becket Parish will be holding a Lenten Mission open to everyone on March 20 through 24, mornings 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., evenings 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., a special children's session will be on March 22 from 5 to 6 p.m. each session to be followed by a social. For more information, call 981-1333.

1940'S RADIO HOUR

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

CONGREGATION BET CHAVARIM

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

FISH OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON

FISH of Plymouth-Canton is in need of phone and driver volunteers. FISH provides transportation and other services to residents of the Plymouth-Canton Community. For more information, call 261-1011.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding holy week services starting March 31 through April 1. There will also be a Easter breakfast at 10:30 between services. For more information, call 981-0286.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

PLUS Preschool will be taking registrations for the 1994-95 school year for children in the attendance areas of Eriksson, Farrand, Field, Gallimore, Hoben and Smith Schools and will be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1994. For more information, call 416-6195.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council will hold their regular meeting today at the Tanger Center at 7 p.m. For more information, call 459-6258.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING CLASS

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

LITTLE LAMBS CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has opened enrollment for children ages 3 to kindergarten. Enrollment will be open between April 14 and 21. There will be morning and afternoon classes available. For more information, call 981-0286.

EASTER MUSICAL

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth will be holding an Easter musical on March 20 at 6 p.m. No tickets are required. For more information, call 453-5280.

CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Suburban Children's Co-op nursery will be holding an open house on March 30 at 6 p.m. to discuss openings in their three- and four-year old toddler programs. For more information, call Janet at 453-9018.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA

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

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

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

CANTON CAN!

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

MOM'S THERAPY GROUP

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

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Plymouth Rotary is currently seeking host families for international youth exchange students. Students are available immediately. For more information, call Marie Morrow at 453-6879.

Auction

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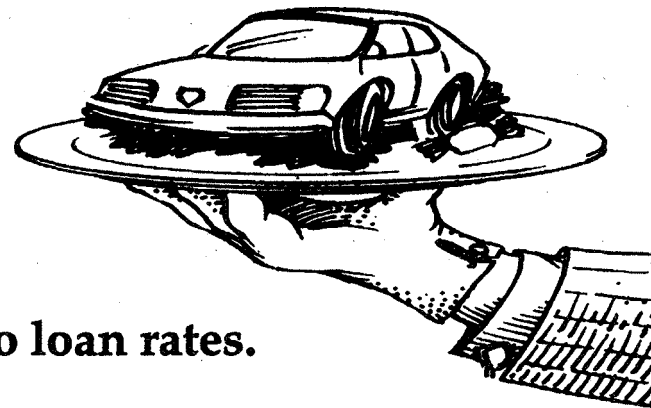
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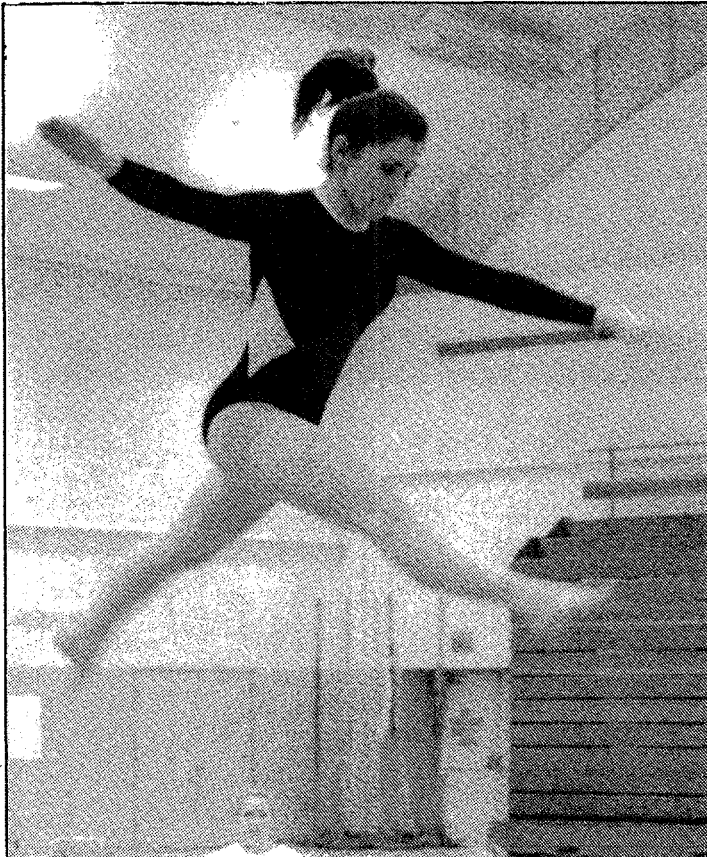
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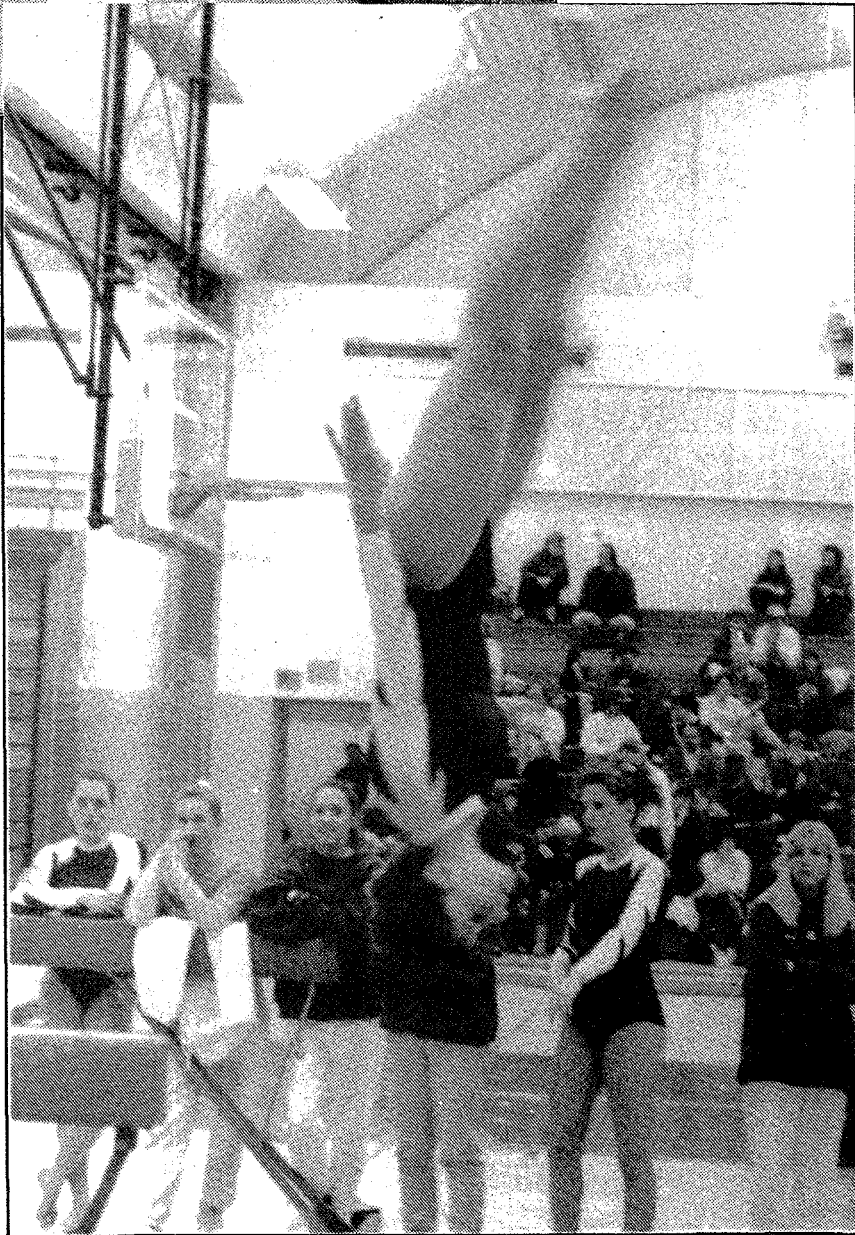
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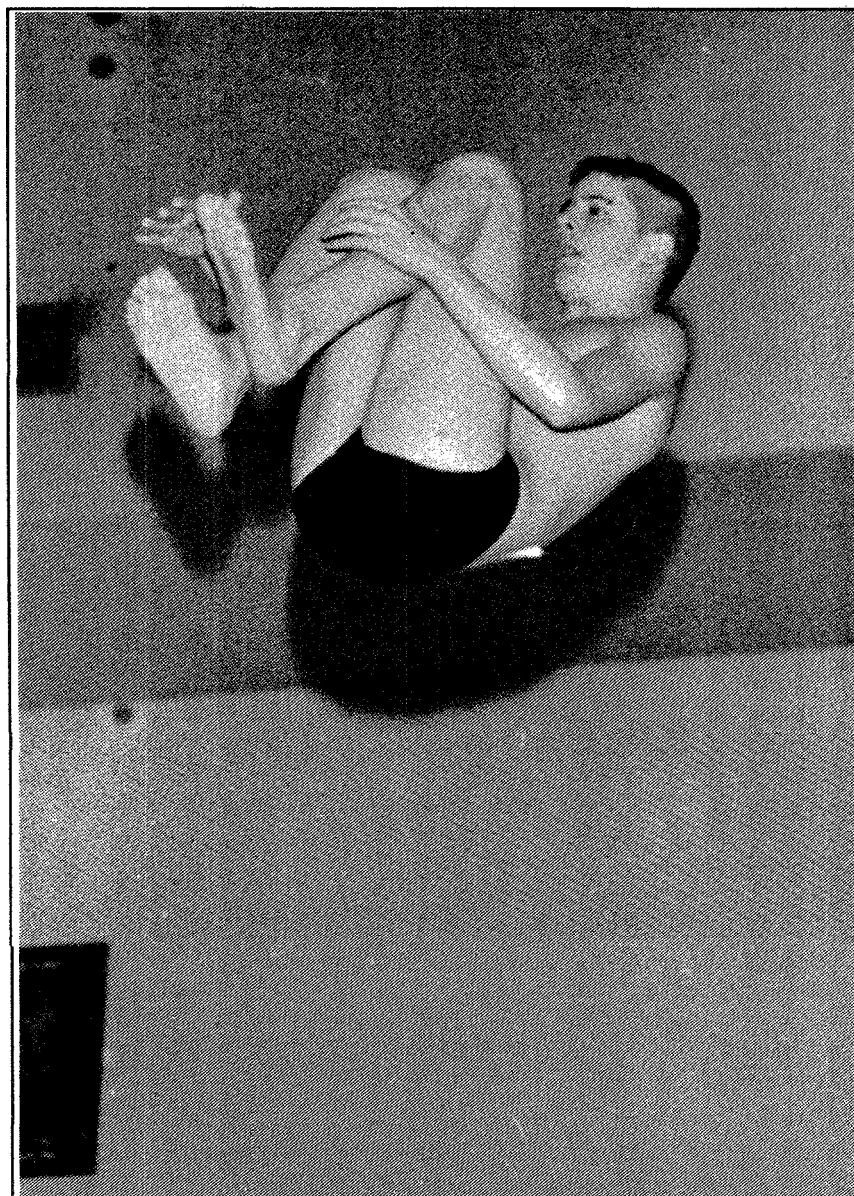
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Civil War statue may get a new home after all

BY JOHN HORN

The "lady" may soon have a new home.

The Civil War memorial, a statue acknowledging Plymouth residents killed during the War Between the States, is the subject of yet another possible relocation.

The 10-foot high statue now sits in Plymouth Township's Riverside Cemetery, after being moved from Kellogg Park in 1969.

And one local man has been trying to move it back downtown in front of Central Middle School.

John Pappas, organizer of the Plymouth Civil War Memorial Association, believes the monument would do a world better in front of the school rather than in the cemetery

"The cemetery can offer none of the benefits Central school can," he said. "This could be a learning benefit to our students.

"That monument is the only public monument in that cemetery and it does not belong there."

The move alone is not Pappas' only concern: He is also seeking to have the area in front of the school designated as a military park.

There, World War II and other war monuments could be displayed in one place for all to view.

"I would like to see that," he said.

"The men and women of Plymouth played an impor-

tant role in the preservation of our great nation and should be recognized for that in view of the people of our city."

Pappas has submitted proposals to the City Commission, school district, Historical Society and the Cemetery Board.

Currently he is awaiting word from the Commission on the move's approval.

He hopes a decision can be made by Tuesday, thus making a long-planned Fourth of July rededication a possibility.

"After all this time, we are hopeful they will come to a decision soon," he said. "We would like to have word in time so we can do the rededication."

City Manager Steve Walters sees the proposal as moving on time with the March 22 deadline.

"It's on a normal schedule," he said. "The Cemetery Board has to meet in the meantime and they have to act and make a decision as well."

Walters added that other variables must be taken into consideration in order for the action to pass. Deed issues and other factors must be presented before any further action can be taken.

"We are looking into deed issues. While there is no foreseeable problem, it is still a factor that must be taken into consideration," Walters said.

"We can't just start assuming and second guessing," Pappas' quest is not without pitfall.

Even if the move is approved, his group would be responsible for footing the bill.

That bill, he said, could be as much as \$5,000, which would include the moving cost, new plaques and a refurbishment of the statue.

Pappas' plan has the support of local veteran organizations, the school and more than 700 Plymouth residents who signed a petition calling for the move and designation.

In a letter to the commission lauding the proposal, Central Middle School Principal Patricia Moore echoed Pappas' reasons.

"We believe that having the memorial close to Central Middle School would be of benefit to our students in that they could readily see and visit it as part of their eighth grade study of the Civil War," she said.

If the school property does become a designated military park, other monuments could be located there as well.

However, for now, Pappas is only concerned with Lady Monument.

A move of the WW II rock in Kellogg Park or any other monument would be up to the group for whom that monument represents, Pappas said.



Community deaths

Leon Adkins, 47, Canton resident

Leon Adkins of Canton, died March 6, 1994, at the age of 47. Services were being arranged by Haverstock Funeral Home of LaPorte, IN. Mr. Adkins will be buried in Michigan City, IN.

Dale Beedell, 76, retired lithographer

Dale Beedell of Canton, a retired lithographer who owned his own company, Wright Process Co. of Detroit, died March 11, 1994, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, Henrietta; daughters, Kathleen (Leon) Mazurck and Sharon (William) Stafford; brother, Robert (Ann) Beedell; sister, Eunice Schroeder; sister-in-law Ann Morrow; and four grandchildren. Services were held Monday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Twp. roads will get new kind of coating this year

BY JOHN HORN

It shouldn't take long for the dust to settle in Plymouth Township this summer.

The Township Board of Trustees last week approved the purchase of 118,650 gallons of liquid calcium chloride.

The solution will be applied three times in 1994 to control dust on dirt roads

in dry summer months.

It could be several weeks before the process begins, according to Township Public Works Director Tom Hollis: His crew must wait for consistent weather before the applications can begin.

"We have to wait until the thaw is done and we get some stable weather,"

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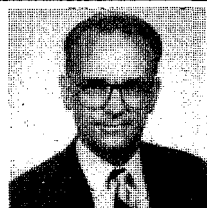
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Margaret Hough

Hough, Margaret Reid, Age 88, March 3, 1994, of Niles, Michigan, formerly of Plymouth, MI. Daughter of the late Wesley John Reid, M.D., and Emily Young Reid.

Survived by children, Cass S. (Joan Prescott) Hough, jr., of Kalamazoo, MI; grandchildren, Alan Hadsell of Walnut Creek, CA; Margaret Hough Hadsell of Niles, MI; Wesley Cass Hough of Santa Monica, CA; James Edward Hough of New York, NY; Susan Hough Harris of Overland Park, KS; great-grandchildren, Christopher Harris of Overland Park, KS; Caitlin Harris of Overland Park, KS; Lily Margaret Alberts of Nashville, TN; step-great-grandchildren Christina Polilli and Robert Polilli of Walnut Creek, CA.

Preceded in death by late brother, Wesley G. Reid, M.D., of Plymouth, MI; late great-grandson, David Hadsell of Walnut Creek, CA.

She was active in the Red Cross in World War II. She was active in establishing The Community Chest, now known as The United Way, in Plymouth, MI. She was instrumental in establishing the visiting nurse program as part of The Community Chest.

She was also one of the founding members of the Plymouth Symphony. She was involved with the interior design and was active in decorating the educational wing, Shaw Chapel, and the Sally Eaton Nursery at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, MI.

A memorial service for the family and friends will be held Saturday, April 30, 1994, at 11:30 a.m., in the Shaw Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth. Mrs. Hough's remains will be entombed at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice at Home of Berrien County, Michigan, or a local Hospice organization, or the Dunning-Hough Memorial Library, Plymouth, Michigan, or the charity of your choice.

For further information, please contact the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 (313) 453-3333.

Myrtle Kime

Myrtle M. Kime, aged 93, of Clare, passed away Sunday, March 13, 1994, in the Mid Michigan Regional Center at

Clare. She was born on Jan. 3, 1901, in Brown City, MI, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Melcher) King.

She married Glen Kime and he predeceased her in 1953. She worked as a floor manager for retail sales in Detroit and moved to Clare in 1977 from Detroit.

She was a former member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, and later was a member of the St. Cecilia Church in Clare. She is survived by a son, Marvin Kime, and his wife, Carrie, of Clare; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Louella Barrett of Plymouth, Irene Ritchie of Fenton and Babe Partridge of Tecumseh. She was predeceased by five brothers, Elmer, David, Leonard, Donald and Delbert King.

Mrs. Kime reposed at the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home in Clare yesterday, where services were held last night. She is now at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth for visitation today. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 17, at Good Counsel.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Harriet Brown

Harriet E. Brown, Age 77, of Plymouth, died March 10, at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Born on November 4, 1916, in Oxford, Nova Scotia, Canada, to the late Silas and Carolyn Mattison.

Mrs. Brown was a supervisor, of Great Lakes Plastic, for 23 years, retiring in 1963. The family has resided in Plymouth for many years.

Surviving Mrs. Brown are her children: William Dale Brown of Plymouth and Raymond of Milan, and sisters Agnes Miller of Livonia and Marguerita Stout of Plymouth. Mrs. Brown was a grandmother of seven and a great-grandmother of two.

Services were held, Monday, March 14, 1994, at 11 a.m., from the Northrop Funeral Home, Northville.

Officiating was Lt. Jeffrey Beechum, of the Salvation Army, Plymouth Corps.

Burial immediately following service at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

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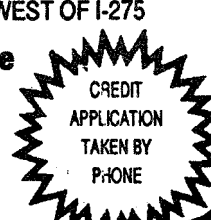
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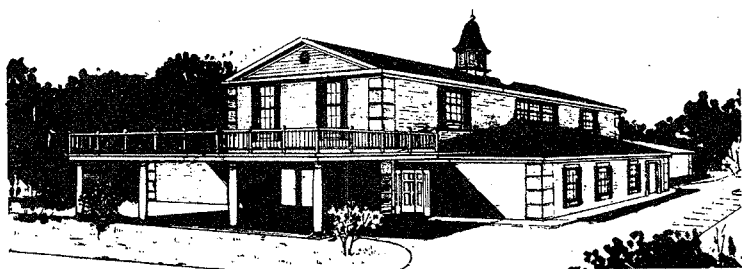
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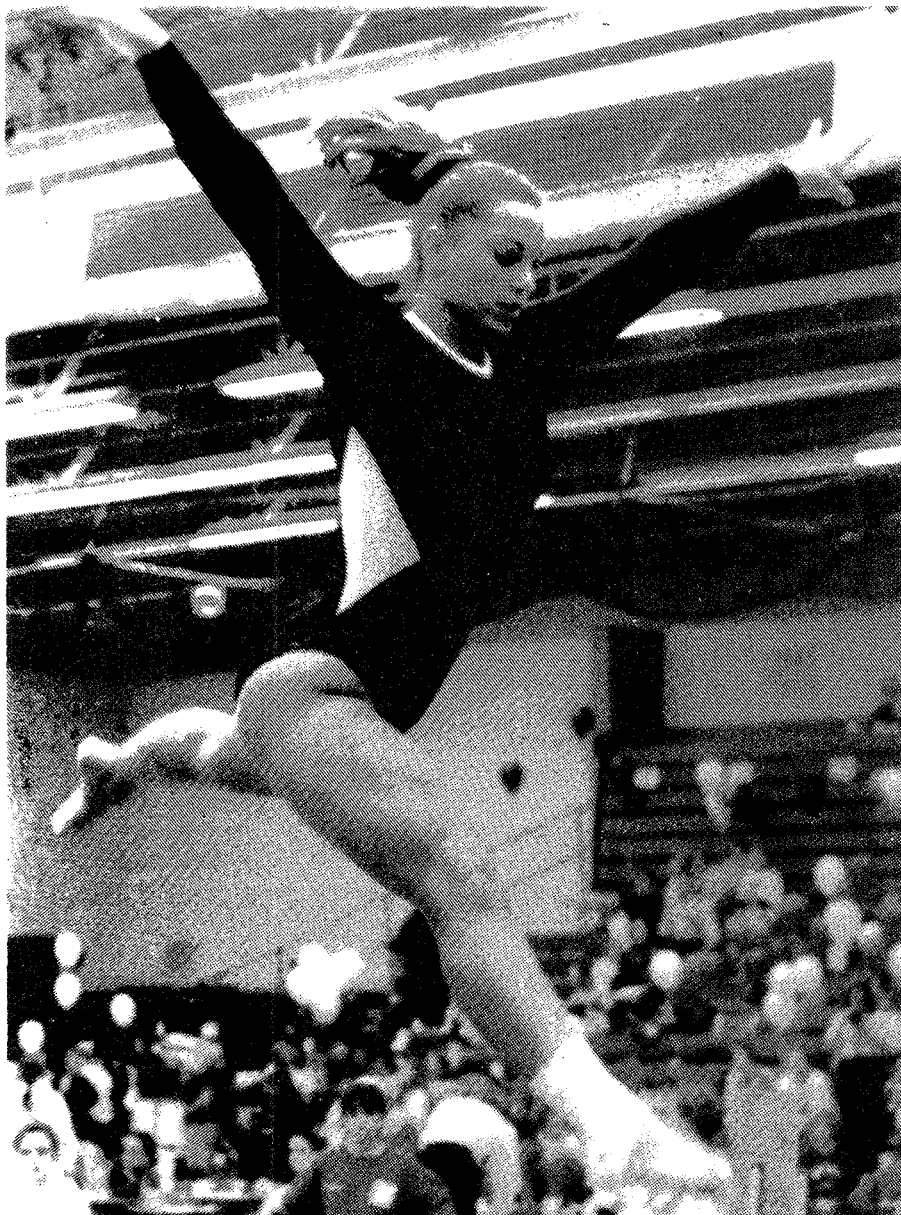


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Sports



Canton freshman Katey Gilles took first place in Saturday's all-around competition. She also tied the State vault record. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Gilles takes first all-around at state tourney

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem gymnastics team used depth to take third place at the state gymnastics meet held at John Glenn Friday. Canton took fifth place at the meet, with freshman Katey Gilles taking first place all-around on Saturday.

Overall, Salem coach Johanna Anderson said she is happy with the results of the meet.

"We could have had a better meet," she said, "but we are still very happy with third place.

"Our goal was to finish in the top three."

Canton coach John Cunningham said he is extremely pleased with the Chiefs fifth place finish.

"The kids had a good meet," he said. "We had to make some tough decisions on what the best routines would be and we were right in every case."

Gilles was rock-solid for the Chiefs with a first place finish overall.

Gilles also tied a state record in the vault with scores of 9.65 and 9.5.

Adrienne Brenner of Canton was named Senior Gymnast of the Year by coaches and judges from around the state to make the meet that much more sweet for Canton.

In Division I vault competition, Salem had several strong performances.

Melissa Hopson tied for sixth place with a 9.1. Kristen Kosik tied for 10th with a score of 9.0, Alysia Sofios tied for 12th with an 8.9 and Sara Makins tied for 15th with an 8.8.

Gilles took second place for Canton in the uneven bar competition with a 9.5.

Hopson tied for eighth for Salem with a 9.2. Sofios tied for 15th for the Rocks

with a 9.0.

Gilles tied for third on the balance beam with a score of 9.4 for the Chiefs.

Hopson took sixth for the Rocks with a 9.25 and Makins took eighth with a 9.05.

Hopson tied for fourth place on the floor for Salem with a score of 9.3.

Gilles tied for seventh with a 9.25 for Canton.

Zoe Yockey tied for 13th with a 9.05 for the Rocks.

Hopson tied for fifth place all around for Salem with a score of 36.85. Sofios was 14th for the Rocks with a 35.7.

"The second event we competed in was the floor," said Anderson, "and that is where we lost the competition.

"Two of the girls had to compete right away after warming up.

"The pressure was really on them, and it brought the moral of the team down."

Anderson said the Rock team has improved tremendously over the past four months of competition.

"We had a lot of young gymnasts this year, including a lot of freshman," she said. "We will miss Sarah (Makins) and Alysia (Sofios) when they graduate this year, but we have a lot to look forward to.

"There is not a lot that can match last year (first place team finish in state competition)."

Cunningham said he is proud of Canton's success this year. "We are very pleased," he said. "The season was wonderful."

Holland took first place in the team competition with a score of 145.25. They were followed by Birmingham Seaholm at 144.3. East Lansing was fourth after Salem with a 137.40.

Salem tops Canton, Livonia to take district b-ball title

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem basketball team crushed Churchill 60-38 at Northville to win their second straight district title.

The Rocks faced Detroit Pershing Tuesday at the Highland Park regional. Game scores and information for the regional game was not available at time of printing.

The road to the district title was not easy for Salem. Churchill led the Rocks 23-21 at the end of the first half, but

Salem came out tough in the second, holding Churchill to just 15 points in the second half, while scoring 39.

Adam Hammons was the leading scorer for the Rocks, who improved their record to 19-3. Salem also got a strong game from Joe Measel, who scored 10 points.

James Head and Doug Herriman scored nine points each for the Rocks. Head also led Salem rebounders with nine boards.

Northville softball leagues forming

Softball league applications are now being accepted by the Northville Recreation Department.

Leagues planned for spring include:
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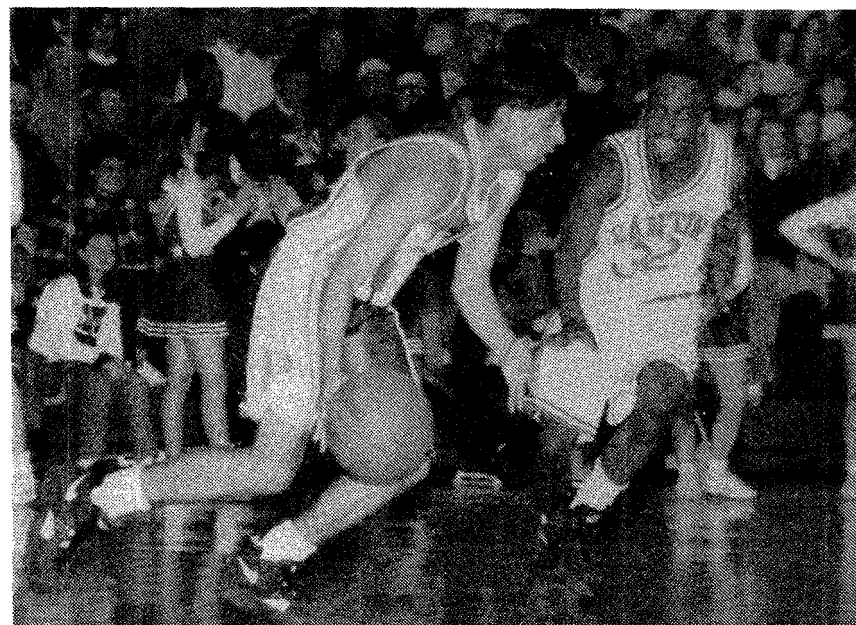
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The team entry fee is \$255 per team (\$260 for coed teams).

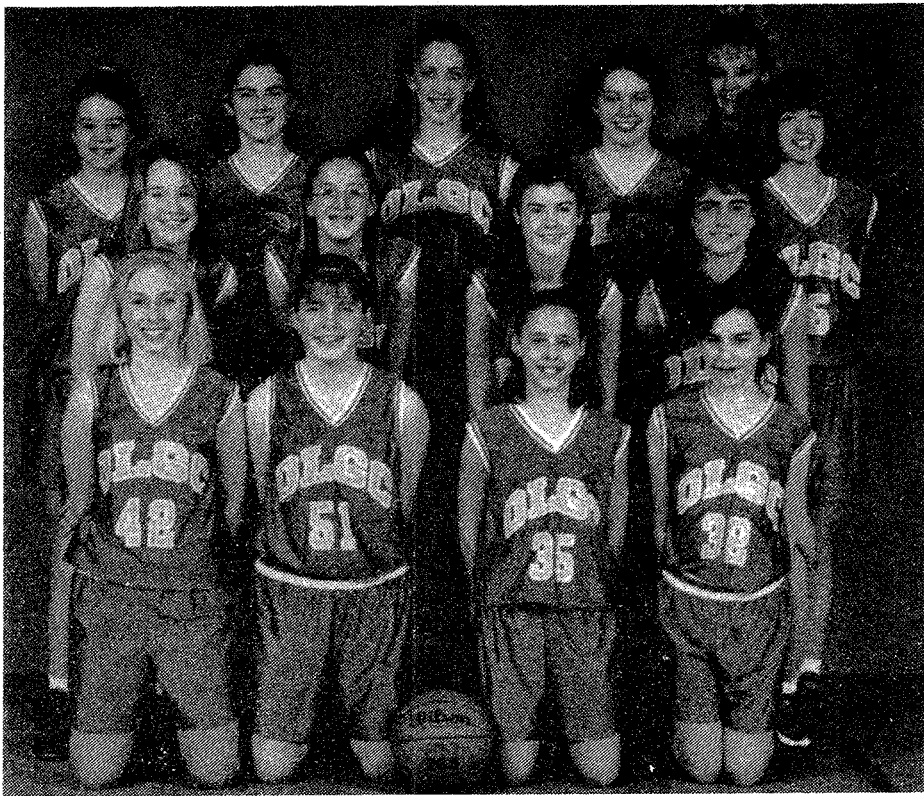
An additional fee of \$15 for each non-resident and umpire is necessary.

League play begins in early May. To receive a league application or further information, call the recreation department at 349-0203.

Makin' a move



Salem's Sanj Seth cuts around Ted Docks during the Rock's recent game against the Chiefs at Northville High School (Crier photo by George Gentry)



Fantasy camp lets kids play with stars, learn from pros

BY DONNA ANGERS

Sometimes fantasies do come true.

For More than 60 kids the dreams became reality March 11, 12, & 13th at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Sports Fantasies Inc. (in their 12th year) put on a fantasy come true for the children. Jerry Lewis of Sports Fantasies Inc., and WWJ Radio, put on an exciting weekend with the Pistons, coaches and guest celebrities.

The group (mostly boys, only three or four girls were in attendance) started the adventure with an Introductory Reception.

Guest speakers at the reception included Greg Kelsner, Brendan Malone, Don Chaney, Tom Wilson and George Blaha.

I was impressed with the words of inspiration from Coach Malone—he combined the need to persevere and work hard to reach your goals. Schooling and practice were emphasized to excel in sports and life.

Tom Wilson, president, spoke on Palace operations and the Pistons' good position in the upcoming draft pick.

After the game, we returned to the motel room. That was part of "our own" fantasy vacation plan. My son Matt and I would be spending our first vacation together in twelve years.

DAY TWO—THE WORKOUT. Early Saturday morning we were up with the sun and the geese. The coaches were Greg Kelsner and brother Ray Kelsner, plus team psychologist, Mel Hoberman. Brendan Malone also gave a short pep talk.

The very best part in my eyes was watching the private Pistons practice (11:30). Dressed in practice clothes, some wearing their numbers, these giant athletes played slow-motion drills coached by Brendan Malone. Here my fantasy was fulfilled—shooting close-ups of celebrities to my heart's content. I even got a couple of eye contacts and smiles.

After that the men granted the campers autographs on a assortment of articles, books, and cards. Only a couple did not allow the kids near them. Plus Isiah Thomas shook and slapped hands with a few kids then left at the beginning of practice. I found out later from Mel Hoberman that Isiah left because he cut his hand before and didn't want to re-injure it.

The summary of the kids games hold true for both days—Saturday & Sunday. The A group (6-8 year olds) showed too much excitement to describe, lots of energy in little bodies running, stealing and falling. Also lots of shouting from the crowd. What a fun time for the youngest batch of kids.

The B group (9-12 year olds) were the biggest in number and had most of the girls, too. The ladies held their own: #27, Tracy Stuck was the best one on the team.

The C group was our older league players who had obviously played on school teams before (13-16 year olds). Three of the young men were tall enough to dunk. My son Matthew played with this advanced level. So did Jess

Wendover (our publisher's daughter). She was the only lady on the team and exhibited good speed.

You would think these kids would be tired by now—no way. They had to get a lecture on purpose and behavior by Greg Kelsner. Later Mel Hoberman rehearsed the children in the half time drill at the Palace game.

Most of the group loaded on the bus (5:00). Both Matt and I, and another small family, Joyce and Denny Kapp from Canton joined forces and ate at Max and Erma's.

We shared some of this evening with Ed Wendover and Sally Repeck. I enjoyed their enthusiasm for our children.

Sorry the Pistons lost—hey, not every fantasy is perfect!

DAY THREE—FANTASY GAME. I think part of the fantasy should have been to let us sleep in Sunday morning.

The neat happening for today was our young people were individually introduced by George Blaha, the Piston's famous announcer. He used his most popular "Joe Duuuuuuumars" styled voice. Each kid got an individual photo shot in the center circle. Especially one talented young man who spun the ball on the tip of his finger for his photos.

The competitions were as described before, but more real on the Palace floor in front of a bigger crowd. All the kids got to play three quarters and no one cared about the scores.

Dinner and awards started late (1:30). Then each kid was called up to receive a certificate and tall gold and blue trophy! What a great way to end the fantasy camp adventure. Here's a special thanks to all those involved and let's hope the next camp is soon!

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Varsity (bottom); Cassie Moore, Laura Schneider, Anne Rucinski, Jackie Connolly, (middle); Anne Kijek, Laura Matthews, Maggie Jallo, Elise Thornell, (back); Cheryl Piwowar, Mary Ernst, Christine Phillips, Heather Guerin, Coach Jennifer Dyer and Melissa Stacy

OLGC completes most successful season in school history, 21-1

The Our Lady of Good Counsel's seventh and eighth grade varsity girls basketball team was runner-up in the CYO Basketball Championship with a 21-1 record on the season.

The team started the successful season by winning the league championship and moving into the playoffs.

Out of 67 teams in the playoffs, Our Lady of Good Counsel won their regional and their district.

The team lost the championship game held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on

Saturday.

This was Jennifer Dyer's first season as the Our Lady of Good Counsel coach.

She is an Our Lady of Good Counsel alumna and played on the school team.

Dyer was assisted by Julie Angell, who also attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and presently plays for Mercy High School.

This is the farthest the varsity girls basketball team has gone in the history of the school.

Salem volleyball falls in districts

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem volleyball team was eliminated in the first round of regional play Saturday by Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Rocks lost the first game of the match 7-15, won the second 15-9, but lost the third 12-15.

Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said the defeat was disappointing.

"We thought we were in a good position," he said. "The brackets seemed to be in our favor."

Paula Dombrowski led the team with 11 kills in the match held at Berkley. Karen Gundry added six and Jamey Viau had five.

"One of the problems was that we didn't have a good defensive day," said Suffety, "but we have a young team and we learned a lot this year."

The Rocks, who finished the season with a 39-7-6 record for the year, including a district title, are graduating just one senior from the team.

Salem will return 10 juniors and four sophomores.

"After a tough loss in the conference tournament, we came back with a district win," said Suffety. "Things look really good for next year."

"We just wished we could have gone farther this year."

King named 'Player of Tomorrow'

Ryan King, a junior at Canton High School, has been named Little Caesars Player of Tomorrow, an award given to young hockey players who demonstrate hard work and discipline both on and off the ice.

He will be honored April 13, during the Red Wings - St. Louis Blues contest at Joe Louis Arena.

King, 16, started playing hockey when he was four years old.

Last year, he was invited to play on Michigan's Select 16 hockey team, which recognizes the top 16-year-old players in the state.

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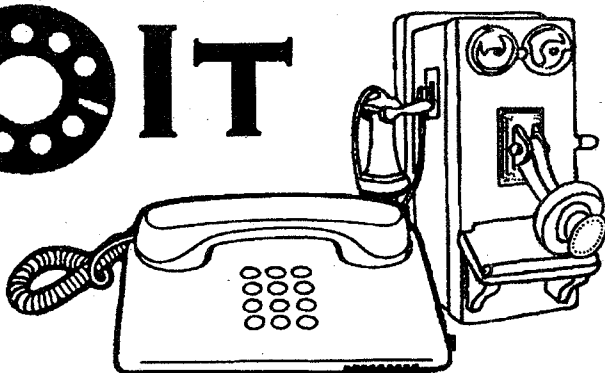
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BY CRAIG FARRAND

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Geiss, who joined Ford's staff in 1982, said his decision to enter the race for the 13th congressional district came after conducting his own research on the viability of his candidacy.

Now, he said, "the timing is right."

Ford announced his retirement in January, catching many people by surprise — and effectively ending 30 years of congressional service.

The 13th House District extends from Western Wayne County to Ann Arbor, and includes the entire Plymouth-Canton area plus the Wayne County portion of the two Northvilles.

In entering the race, Geiss joins announced candidate, Republican John Schall (see related story).

Also considering their own candidacies are Republican Cynthia Wilbanks and Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover.

Geiss, 50, began his political career in Taylor, where he served on the City Council from 1973 until he was elected to the Wayne County Charter Commission in the early 1980s.

A strong union advocate, Geiss began

Ford begins joking about retirement — pg. 23

his labor career as a local plant chairman for the UAW and was elected in 1975 as the full-time financial secretary for UAW Local 189.

Geiss singled out his work with the County Charter Commission as a high point in his career.

"Did you know that I was the one who eliminated 12 county commissioners?" he asked.

"When the (charter) commissioners first came up with a plan, they wanted to

...and Amann drops out; Rivers considering

The entrance of Dave Geiss in the race to succeed U.S. Rep. Bill Ford apparently has prompted a realignment of Democratic challengers to the seat:

•Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amann has dropped out of the race and

•Ann Arbor state Rep. Lynn Rivers (53rd District) has dropped in.

In a letter to supporters, Amann said he dropped out after realizing he could not "in good conscience compatibly serve as a congressman for the 13th District while serving as a father for my young family."

a 21-member (new) commission.

"But I told them I'd vote to keep the original 27 members if they didn't change, so I ended up voting with the Detroit bloc."

"Right after that they came back to me and asked me if I'd reconsider my vote if they dropped the size of the new County Commission to 15," he said.

"I did, and they did."

Geiss is in the process of setting up a campaign office in Wayne — where he now lives with his wife, Jacqueline — and hopes to have it fully operational by the time he makes his announcement.

Observers, however, say Amann's withdrawal was in direct response to Geiss' entry into the race. (See related story.)

Rivers, whose district encompasses Ann Arbor proper, has yet to make formal her candidacy.

A spokeswoman in her Lansing office did say the representative was probably going to enter the race, but gave no date for an official announcement.

Ford announced in January that he would not seek re-election this fall.

Twp. will use chemicals to coat roads

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he said. "Rain and thunderstorms in the spring will basically wash the chloride away."

Trustees awarded the bid to Bay Dust Control of Kawkawlin after their proposal came in \$8,424 less than that of Michigan Chloride.

The township's 1994 budget allocates \$45,000 for the process; Bay Dust said the total cost of the work would be \$29,543.84.

Roads specifically targeted for the treatment are contained within township subdivisions.

The largest chlorination area is a 5-mile area in the Green Meadows and Palmer Acres subdivisions. Those include Brookline, Elmhurst, Marlowe, Oakview, Northern, Corrine, Ball, Mayville, Judson and Marlin avenues.

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The Canton Chamber put on a great auction. I know, I won four 18-hole rounds with carts —

Lisa kept putting her number up & Steve kept saying don't do that.

Sorry, I have not gotten a commitment from Debbie yet as to whether she will bottle her new perfume.

Karen (Boots) is ready for Spring (so her nickname can change) send suggestions to Jack care of The Crier

Jenny "always" looks great after the curio DEADLINE. I tell her so every week.

Time to make it out to Tri-kor & hit some golf balls.

Jean — have some cold ones on ICE.

Rob is walking around the office going ping-ping-ping.

Heard in Russia on the STREETS — "The WENDOVERS are coming," "The Wendovers are coming"

Thanks to Alan Stuart and Stroh's Ice Cream, we were all smiling and eating ice cream Monday.

The REAL fun was playing with the dry ice! -

St. Patrick's "Day-O"???

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Community opinions

Before City OKs memorial plan, it needs details

The self-appointed "committee to move the statue" has a new plan:

It would take over all the war memorials in the city and move them to the area in front of Central Middle School creating "The Plymouth Military Park."

The committee contends that this concentration of monuments and artifacts would bring a greater awareness of the sacrifices made by local veterans.

(It contends that) it would make it easier to educate school children regarding wartime experiences and would facilitate appropriate ceremonies honoring all veterans.

Perhaps there is merit to the idea. But the Plymouth City Commission would be wise to require that the "committee" spell out its complete plans for the project.

The group has announced that its first demand is the relocation of the Civil War statue, "Memory," from its present placement in Riverside Cemetery.

Later, (committee members) say, they want to move the monuments in Kellogg Park such as the Viet Nam and Korean War Memorial and the Plymouth Rock tribute to all other Plymouth war dead.

The brick pavers, now a part of that display, would be also be moved along with the flag pole and lights.

The metal stars bearing the names of area men killed in WWI would be relocated on the new site. It is assumed that the WWI cannon, now in Old Village, would be also be moved to that area.

The various organizations whose opinions are being requested as a guide for

the commission should be given the opportunity to consider the end result of the project, not just the emotionally inspired first step.

A logical "master site plan" for the proposed park will prevent costly mistakes and ensure a suitable and appropriate place for each monument.

To ensure that the total project will be completed, it is suggested that the transfer of the "Memory" statue be the final step, not the first one in the establishment of a military park.

There is the danger that interest will diminish once the centerpiece has been moved from the cemetery.

Construction of the present Viet Nam-Korea War Monument saw some unapproved changes from the original plan. The new project should be carefully considered and monitored to ensure that the commission's wishes are carried out as approved.

The "committee" has announced that there will be no expense to taxpayers in the establishment and maintenance of the proposed park. All funds are to be raised by donations.

The commission should require that a careful and accurate advance budget be prepared and that the work not start until the required funds have been accumulated and placed in escrow.

A responsible commission can guard against the risk of an underfinanced, uncompleted project or a taxpayer bailout once it is underway.

While they may have no objections to

the project, it would a considerate gesture to include more of the neighboring properties, as well as the Municipal Beautification Committee, the Tree Committee (if trees are to be disturbed) and the Garden Clubs.

And, of course, the service organization that has participated in the municipal "adopt a park" program there for many years deserves a voice in its future.

If the veterans' groups are going to take over the maintenance of the park, they should have the same recognition and should know and accept their obligations in advance.

A Plymouth Military Park can be the focal point of community concern for our war dead and the generations of veterans who were willing to make that sacrifice.

But, if we do it, we should make a total commitment to careful, intelligent

planning and see to it that the plans are executed with quality and class.

Anything less should be unacceptable.
ERNIE ARCHER

Twp. police officers should be thanked

EDITOR:

Congratulations and kudos to Plymouth Township Patrolman Jeff Felt and his fellow officers for the high speed pursuit of a 23-year-old Ypsilanti resident

According to various accounts, the chase exceeded 120 mph along interstate highways in the very early morning hours.

Again, Plymouth Township P.D. — take pride in your collective efforts to "protect and serve" for a job well done and most often thankless!

ROGER KELNIER

Thank you for the coverage of NSDAR event

EDITOR:

I would like to express the gratitude of our local, "Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter NSDAR" for sending your photographer to our annual "Good Citizens Award Tea" and ultimately publishing the photo for the benefit of these outstanding young adults.

We are sending a copy of the newspaper mention and photo to the young man, who was unable to attend.

Thank you an your photographer, again for taking the time from your busy schedules to recognize the good in our

young recipients.

ROSITA SMITH

Congratulations, Crier

EDITOR:

Congratulations! 20 years of The Community Crier. Wow!

A great commemorative issue, too! You're on a roll, it should get easier and be even more fun.

How nice.

Best wishes in all your endeavors.

DON SCHNEIDER

A line in the sand:

And now...credit where it is due.

I've got to hand it to the Canton Planning Commission and Board of Trustees, they really did Canton proud in the last few weeks.

They set a standard for land development that will protect Canton's sovereignty for years to come.

At the Feb. 8 meeting of the board, the prospect of revoking a retailer's site plan for cutting down the trees was discussed.

Clerk Loren Bennett was livid.

"I'm outraged," Bennett said. "Those trees weren't blocking anyone's view of anything."

He went on to say that he wouldn't mind seeing a wall of evergreens in front of the store as a replacement. Loren Bennett is usually a fairly mild-mannered guy, but cutting down those trees turned him into The Man of Steel.

The board voted to revoke the site plan almost unanimously (for those who aren't clear on site plans and their meaning: no site plan, no tenants).

A representative of the realty company that owns the land that New York Carpet World sits on came in to the Planning Commission meeting last week with his hat in his hand, expecting to have the site plan for the facility re-approved.

After some amount of talk (the guy brought along a lawyer who assured the board that they would do whatever they had to to make things right),

Canton makes Carpet World an example to those who think township laws don't apply to them

Wordsmith By Alex Lundberg



the real estate agent said — casually — that cutting down the trees was a condition of buying the property.

The board just about went off the deep end.

I had thought that, whatever happened, the board would give the guy a good chewing-out and give him the site plan back. They didn't.

They tabled the item for another two weeks.

I, for one, was thrilled. They took a stand against a business that broke the law. Even though their tenant (Carpet World) was a powerful one.

Canton is an up-and-coming prospect among Michigan communities. Canton is a business-friendly community, but they've proven that friendly doesn't mean easy.

In the future, businesses that come to Canton will be able to look at the example set by New York Carpet World and know where they stand.

You don't break the law, no matter how big you are.

And don't tug on Loren Bennett's cape.



Community opinions

Bits and pieces:

Is there something missing in all these good stories?

Hello P-C,

From the *bits and pieces* dept.:

- Have you been paying attention to the so-called Whitewater "scandal" brewing under the Clinton Administration?

No? Me neither...except.

Except that the whole episode does point out some truly serious problems with two of America's most important institutions — problems that every American should really be concerned about.

Problem No. 1: The American press — that fine bastion of government watchdogs — once again reverts to its wolfpack mentality and its lowest-common-denominator news judgment to report on the politics of an otherwise meaningless issue.

The fact is that the American press should be telling the American people about how any new national health care plan is going to work; or what the federal government is going to do about the national debt.

It shouldn't be going so crazy over something that, in the end, will have absolutely no impact on my life, my income or my future — or your's.

Which brings me to Problem No. 2: Congress is doing the same thing.

Instead of trying to get to the bottom of defense department waste, bureaucratic mismanagement (everywhere) and get a handle on domestic spending, the national deficit, health care and crime, our lawmakers have more fun taking potshots over things that don't matter.

C'mon Washington — Congress and press corps — let's get back to the issues and let Whitewater runs its course.

- Got a great call from a young woman Thursday boning up on Proposal A for a college exam.

She was really angry over the constantly fluctuating provisions of both Proposal A and the fallback plan.

"How am I supposed to answer any questions when they keep changing it?"

My response: Her professor should have given his test to Lansing lawmakers and the gov, not his students; they're not the problem.

- Speaking of Proposal A, how sad that deals were still being cut right up to yesterday's election in order to win votes.

Sad that Michigan's entire tax future came down to individual

Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



people saving political face instead of doing what was right for the state.

The question now, of course, is where will we be six or seven months from now — when whichever plan that won yesterday begins to crumble?

Everyone in Lansing should be ashamed of themselves.

And me?

Well, for the first time in my voting life, I'll be voting this year for whoever challenges the incumbent — in each and every race on the ballot.

Something's got to change.

What we have in this state now stinks — and a doing some serious fumigating is in order.

- So Boblo is waving goodbye...

It's sad to hear about the island closing for good; all that's left now are memories of warm summer days standing in line for the merry-go-round; and cool night breezes on board one of the ships during a midnight cruise.

In fact, it was the cruise that I'll miss most: For nearly a decade during my previous life as a Downriver reporter and editor, I served on a community committee that sponsored an annual night cruise on the Boblo boat — complete with dancing on two decks.

It was a blast: Several thousand Downriver friends and neighbors getting on board in Wyandotte and taking a three-hour ride up under the Ambassador Bridge and then back down near the mouth of Lake Erie — and then back to Wyandotte.

You haven't lived until you've seen Southeastern Michigan's shoreline at night — lit up by hot steel in Ecorse and hot goings on in Detroit.

Goodbye, Boblo.

Ford apparently feels good about retirement

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Bill Ford, the 15-term congressman whose district includes The Plymouth-Canton Community, is already enjoying his pending retirement.

In a session of the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor in Washington, D.C. Thursday, several Republicans offered amendments to the Occupational Safety, Health Administration (OSHA) Act.

U.S. Rep. Bill Goodling, of York, PA, the ranking Republican on the committee, said, at one point, the amendments were needed because of unhappy workers on the job.

"One way is to leave early," Ford responded, joking about his surprise announcement that he won't seek re-election. The packed committee room broke into laughter.

At another point, when U.S. Rep. Richard Arney proposed another amendment, Ford, who said the Republicans were stalling by introducing so many amendments, offered to step down from Congress even earlier if Arney would withdraw his amendment.

"Don't tempt me," Arney said, laughing.

Literacy Council thanks those who helped in campaign

EDITOR:

The Community Literacy Council is so fortunate to be surrounded by wonderfully supportive communities!

Thank you to all who helped us during our Friends of Literacy campaign. This year's drive surpassed our expectations.

We especially want to recognize an anonymous donation made in honor of Mrs. Norma Cassidy, a lifelong resident of Plymouth who stressed the importance of literacy all her life.

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