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Illegal gun?

Livonia gunshop owner arraigned for allegedly selling gun used in Ford shooting after buying permit expired

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

One month to the day after the homicide-suicide at the Sheldon Road Ford Plant, Plymouth Township police arrested and charged one of the tragedy's peripheral players for allegedly selling the gunman's weapon illegally.

City of Livonia officers served Firearms Plus Owner Carl Bruce Brickey, "owner" of Firearms Plus in Livonia with a warrant Tuesday morning charging him with illegal sale of a firearm. Brickey posted bond and was released yesterday.

The violation is a misdemeanor that carries a 90 day jail term and/or a \$100 fine.

Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Robert Antal said Brickey illegally sold Michael Lee Brattin the gun — a Daewoo 40 caliber semi-automatic pistol — that he used to slay Michael O'Brien, then kill himself after wounding his estranged wife, Sandy, on Jan. 7. Brattin's wife was scheduled to be transferred to a different work area three days later, Ford officials said.

According to Antal, it was the date on the purchase permit that gave police the lead on the case.

"When you purchase a handgun, you have to get a purchase permit, that permit is good for 10 days," Antal said. "(Brattin's) permit had expired, we believe that the dealer knew this when he sold the gun."

After the shooting, Antal said that a search of Brattin's car revealed a receipt for the gun used in the shooting. Later, a check of the Livonia Police's records of the sale showed that the date of sale on their records was different than the receipt, Antal said.

According to Plymouth Township Police, Brickey's business records showed that the receipt found in Brattin's car had the right date.

According to Brickey, any foul-up in records is not his fault. "He (Brattin) came in and filled out the forms and paid for the gun," Brickey said. "We noticed that the back of the forms had not been notarized and he went across the street to the bank to get the forms notarized."

Brickey said that, because of the holiday weekend, there was

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State of the Township

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack gave his annual State of the Township address at Fellows Creek last week. In his speech, he focused on continued growth in Canton and Canton's emergence as a model community. Please see pg. 15 (Crier photo by Randy Eaton)



Canton clerk field ready for primary

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Clerk's race is heating up. In addition to Republican Terry Bennett, two more candidates are actively campaigning and have filed nominating petitions by yesterday's deadline — one Republican, one Democrat.

Republican Ralph Shufeldt will battle Bennett for the party nomination at the special primary election to be held on

March 7.

Kate Raven, a 22-year-old political unknown, is the sole Democratic candidate.

Bruce Phillips, who ran unsuccessfully for Canton treasurer two years ago, was expected to run on the Democratic ticket. Phillips said he considered running as an independent, but had not filed by the 4 p.m. deadline Tuesday. Len Zabawski, a

social worker and Canton precinct delegate, was also expected to run as a Democrat, but removed his name from consideration citing personal and family issues as the reason.

The special general election will be held April 18. Also on the ballot will be a \$12 million road improvement bond issue and a \$8.9 million library expansion bond issue.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Interviews to select the next Plymouth City Attorney continue tonight at City Hall.
- The Civil War lecture series will begin at the Plymouth Historical Museum Thursday at 7 p.m.

THE WEEKEND

- The Salem and Canton wrestling teams will be competing in a conference meet Saturday at home.
- The "Lincoln Portrait" Art Exhibit will be displayed this weekend at the Art Center. Admission to the show about Lincoln is free.

NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Canton Township hall.
- The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Fire merger Ok'd by unions, equipment moved

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After a lot of arguing, dealing and conversations between the two Plymouths, the fire merger is now a reality.

According to Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth, the planned move of equipment between the fire stations on Saturday didn't go as smoothly as planned.

"Between 7:50 and 9 a.m. we had to respond to eight different auto accidents," Groth said. "It was kind of a hectic day."

Firefighter's union members ratified the merger contract at a meeting on Thursday. Groth said a couple of non-economic items with the union had to be

hammered out in the last few days leading up to the signing.

The merger brings together the fire-fighting operations of Plymouth and Plymouth township, creating a force of 21 full-time firefighters, three administrators, 15 machines and 38 part-time firefighters.

"They aren't volunteers anymore," Groth said.

"They're paid by the hour and have pagers so that we can call on them at any time anywhere in the township."

The contract will go before the Plymouth Township Board at their Feb. 14 meeting.

Gunshop owner arraigned for allegedly selling gun illegally

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no one at the bank. He said that Brattin left the gun and all of the papers at the shop until the following Tuesday when the banks were open.

"He got the papers notarized and I gave him his yellow sheet and his gun," Brickey said. "He went to the (Livonia) cops and got the gun OK'd and registered."

Brickey said that he was being made to pay for others mistakes. (See Letter to the Editor on today's Community

Opinion Pages.)

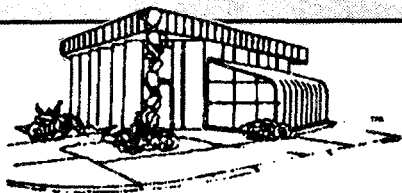
"If there was something wrong with those papers, it's not my fault," Brickey said. "The notary OK'd them and the police did the same. That's their job, if those papers weren't legal it's their responsibility."

Antal said the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) would most likely become involved if Brickey was found guilty of the misdemeanor charge. A preliminary exam in the case has been scheduled for March 7 in Livonia's 16th District Court.

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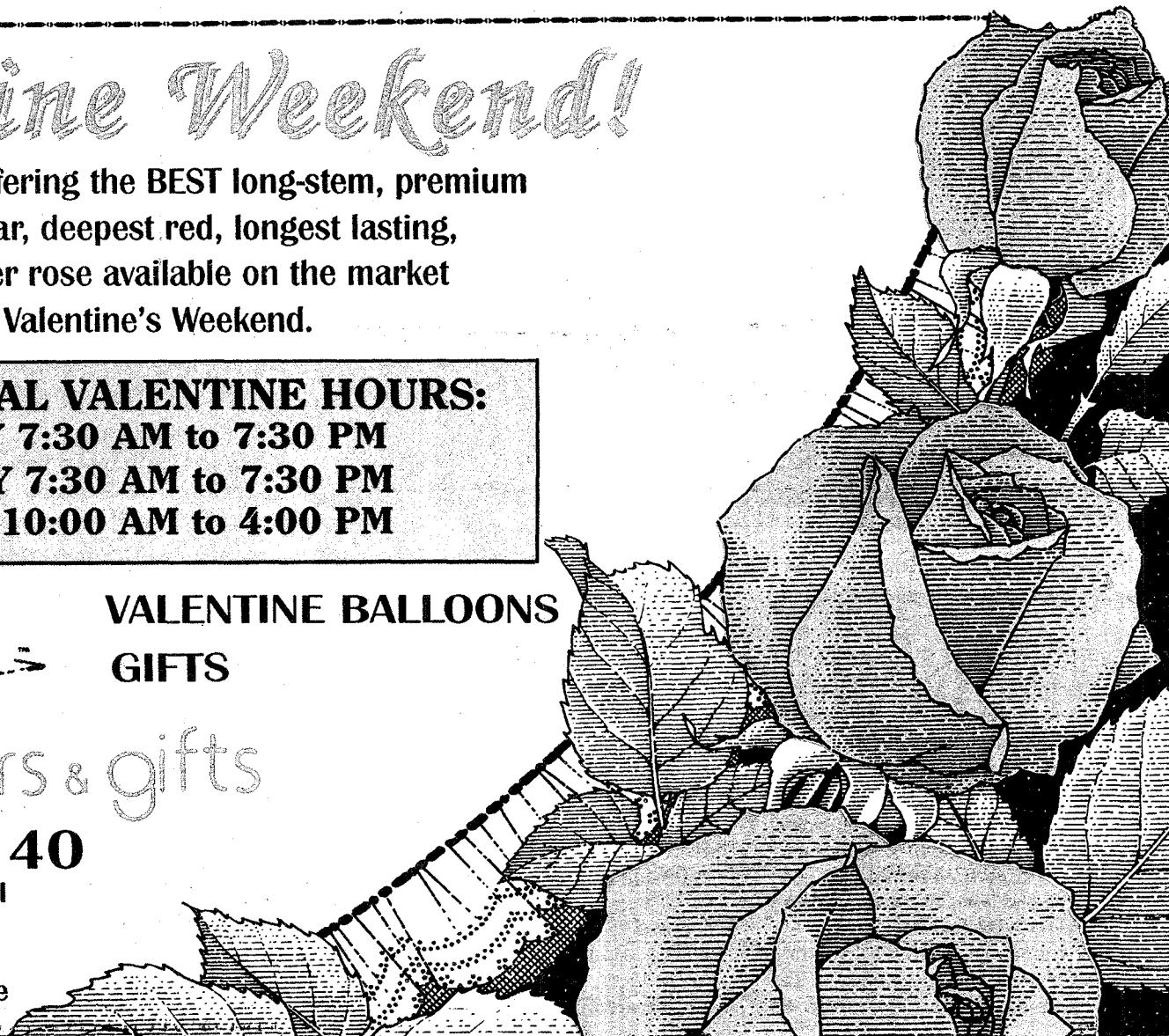


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City attorney search narrows to 4 candidates

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth city attorney search is down to the final four candidates.

The city attorney review committee, made up of Mayor Doug Miller, Commissioners Dennis Shrewsbury and Bob Jones, and City Manager Steve Walters, met on Jan. 30 and narrowed the field from 11 to four.

The final four candidates are: Donald C. Morgan of Cameron Miller & Associates; Neil J. Lehto of O'Reilly, Rancilio, Nitz, Andrews & Turnbull; Sean P. FitzGerald of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho; and Theodore J. Johnson.

The committee met yesterday and will meet again tonight to interview the candidates.

Walters said the committee is pleased with the experience presented by the candidates. "There were many strong candidates," he said.

The finalists are:

SEAN P. FITZGERALD

FitzGerald is an associate with Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, based in Livonia.

FitzGerald is a Plymouth resident and serves as prosecuting attorney for Redford Township.

According to his proposal, he has also represented VanBuren Township involving the South Huron Valley Water Authority.

The proposal outlines experience in drafting Redford Township's cable television rate regulation ordinance.

FitzGerald is an attorney in the firm's municipal law section.

The firm represents more than 600 government entities that are members of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

FitzGerald is a cum laude graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law and member of the Michigan Bar.

A rate of \$6,000 per month for 85 hours service is outlined in the proposal, with \$80 per hour over the 85 hours.

THEODORE JOHNSON

A former prosecutor, Johnson said in his proposal that he adds a master's degree in business administration to his list of experience.

Johnson, a Plymouth resident, is a magistrate in the 35th District Court. He said he works with Plymouth's ordinances often.

He lists his backup counsel as Elizabeth M. Johnson, also of Plymouth.

Johnson proposes a fee of \$50 per

hour for the first 45 hours per month (42,250), with additional hours at \$75.

He is a 1982 graduate of Loyola University School of Law and a member of the Michigan Bar Association. He earned his MBA from the University of Scranton in 1983.

NEIL LEHTO

Lehto works for the Sterling Heights law firm of O'Reilly, Rancilio, Nitz, Andrews & Turnbull, P.C.

In his proposal, he outlines experience as assistant city attorney for Sterling Heights since 1978 and as the city attorney for Fraser.

Lehto said in his proposal that he has prosecuted thousands of cases in 41A District Court, drafted numerous legal opinions requested by the city council and has written many ordinances.

His firm has served as legal counsel to Sterling Heights, Fraser, Shelby Township, Macomb Township, Utica Community Schools, Warren Consolidated Schools and Warren Woods Public Schools.

The firm also has experience in cable communications work.

A former reporter at The Daily Tribune in Royal Oak from 1968 to 1975, Lehto graduated from the Detroit College

of Law in 1978 and is a member of the Michigan Bar Association.

He currently serves a Vice President of the State and Local Government Committee of the General Practice Section of the Michigan Bar Association.

Although he is not a Plymouth resident, he said he is prepared to move.

Lehto proposes a monthly retainer of \$3,500 with "other matters" billed at \$85 per hour with a total estimated cost to the city per month of \$4,350 to \$5,200.

DONALD C. MORGAN

Morgan is a partner in Cameron, Miller & Associates and is a resident of Plymouth.

According to his proposal, Morgan has authored close to 100 ordinances during his 30-year career.

Morgan — and partner Cameron Miller (once a law clerk for 35th District Court judges Jim Garber and John MacDonald) — worked as attorneys for Plymouth Township from 1970 to 1985 and Northville Township from 1972 to 1985.

Under Morgan's proposal, \$2,000 per month would be charged based on 40 hours.

Additional hours would be charged at \$75 per hour.

Pledge of support



10th Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, shown here being administered the oath of office for his second term, pledged at Monday's City Commission Meeting to continue working closely with Plymouth officials.

Crying foul

Canton businessman says state, township forcing him off airport land

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After learning that the blue and gold buildings near Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport would cost too much to appraise, the Mettetal Airport Citizen's Advisory Board decided not to pursue their purchase.

According to State of Michigan Airport Inspector John Wagner, the initial appraisal showed the two buildings are most likely overpriced.

"Based on our informal investigation for pricing, our concern is that the asking price is higher than our informal pricing," Wagner said.

Wagner also said that before any purchase of property, there would have to be an independent appraisal — and the cost of that appraisal, \$15,000 to \$18,000, is "higher than what is acceptable."

"Based on this information," Wagner said, "we don't think that the land should be purchased."

Canton will implement community policing program

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Police Department is going to turn back the clocks.

On March 1, 1995 the department will implement community-based policing — a program where the police interact with the community to help solve problems and prevent crime.

Canton's Director of Public Safety John Santomauro said the program is a throw-back to the "beat cop" days of policing.

"This is a traditional approach to policing," he said.

Santomauro said community policing was the norm in the '40s, '50s and '60s, but ended with the flood of automobiles and concern with corruption.

Canton's first experiment in community policing was in Canton Commons.

"About two years ago," Santomauro

said, "we realized we had a problem with crime in Canton Commons.

"We tried to solve the problem by sending a high number of officers into the area and made our presence very visible. We soon realized that only made the problem go away temporarily.

"What we needed was a permanent resolution."

Santomauro said they looked at the entire policing philosophy and identified all the community resources that could be used to remedy the situation.

"We saw that the issue was much more than just crime," he said. "The issues ranged from aesthetics, apartment management and social issues — which all contributed to the problem."

When the problems were identified a

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Community policing to begin March 1 in Canton

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task force was formed to come up with solutions. The solution became Canton's version of community policing.

It began when Officer Keith Lazar began working with the residents of Canton Commons as a facilitator. A partnership between police and citizens was formed.

"Some of the problems were easily solved," said Santomauro. "Things like lighting the playground and cutting weeds all helped. Even though they were not necessarily police problems, we worked to solve them."

Santomauro said their success in Canton Commons would not have happened without the help of the apartment's management and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

But residents, he said, are the most important aspect of the program.

When the success of the program was realized, talk began to revamp the entire Canton Police Department.

Canton's community policing program was created by the officers themselves — which is an important aspect of the program — it returns the power of policing back to the police.

"The bottom line is, we are trying to find a resolution to problems in a practical, cost effective and permanent way," he said. "(With community policing) We are empowering the people on the street (police) to fix the problem. They have ownership of it."

Canton's community policing program will split the community into four separate sections. Officers will be permanently assigned to one of these sections — where they will get to know the neighborhood and the people.

The night shift will work with the day shift as a team to solve problems in the section.

For situations that require immediate attention, Santomauro said a response group would still be available.

Santomauro said as the program evolves, greater responsibilities will be given to the officers. "You may see one of the officers putting on a crime prevention program for a community group," he said. "We'll just have to see how it will evolve."

Santomauro said the program may cost a little more money in the short run, but when it's on its feet, should save the taxpayers money.

"I can tell you one thing," he said. "We are answering less calls today in Canton Commons than a year ago before community policing was put into place."


Santomauro said Canton's police officers will receive a formal presentation on the changes this month. "This is a complete change for the officers," he said. "It gives them ownership and empowerment. Most of them are very excited. There is acceptance and enthusiasm."



D.A.R.E. graduates, at local schools, are just one of the beneficiaries of Canton's community policing policy.


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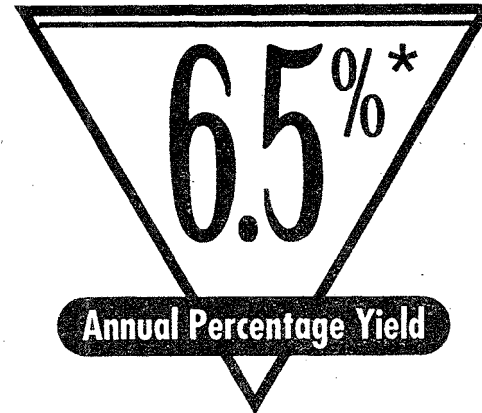


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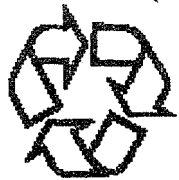
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Cary G. Varblow, CFP, of Plymouth, recently earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's 1994 Presidents Club.

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Do-It-Yourself business success

Mans Building Center takes on giant corporations — and wins

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Combine some common sense with a whole lot of good prices. Then, throw in dash of educated management. The result is a recipe for success.

Nelson Wood, regional director for N.A. Mans Building Center has been perfecting it for years. As small, independent hardware stores buckle under the competition of national chains, Wood has been able to achieve hardware's version of David versus Goliath.

"What we hear is that our service is basically unequaled," Wood said. In Canton, at 41900 Ford Rd., Mans thrives in the same strip mall as Builders Square. And Wood isn't shy when asked to talk about his company's good fortune.

"We've been written up in national trade publications for sharing a lot with Builders Square and faring quite well," he said. "Here we are, in the shadow of a Builders Square and we continue to flourish. It's hard work. It requires we stay sharp."

The Canton store is entering its 12th year selling a variety of home improvement materials. There's decks, kitchen and bath remodeling, floor coverings, an extensive exterior paint department, plumbing and electrical tools and a millwork in the rear of the building.

The stock list is similar to Home Depot or True Value, which is why Wood knew Mans must distinguish itself to attract its costumers. He said, "We simply recognized the fact that if we play the game the big-box stores play, that they can beat us at it. So you don't play their games."



(l to r) Richard Mans and Nelson Wood, owners of Man's Do-It-Center, have built a thriving home improvement business in sight of giants like Builders Square and Home Depot. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Read: competitive prices, higher values and a knowledgeable staff.

"We train our employees well and continuously. We furnish them with a lot of information," Wood said. Instead of dealing with a salesperson who is moved to a different department each day, which is what occurs at the larger chains, Mans keeps its people stationary and has a low turnover rate.

Wood said, "We have an excellent sales team. We have an awful lot of long term employees." And the clientele has noticed the consistency and enlightenment of the staff. "Repeat customers are the heart and soul of our business," Wood said. That's not to say

we don't love to see new faces because we do."

Wood's family has been in the lumber business for three generations. His grandfather owned a lumber yard and Wood has worked in the business since he was 13. He said, "I've always enjoyed the business, the people and the products."

The intimacy he has for the hardware business is reflected in his workers concern for a customer's questions. It's something the national chains lose because of such large staffs. Wood said, "We have a higher degree of technical knowledge among our sales people. We feel more in touch with our customers."

HVA adds educational center

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Citizens lives are in their hands every day.

They're expected to assess a patient's disability within a split second; while doctors take hours to observe X-Rays.

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Again in 1995, The Plymouth-Canton Community will receive their emergency medical care via Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA). And residents will receive better care than ever since HVA has just added to its educational center

At the HVA, paramedics come from all different walks of life and various educational backgrounds. HVA's Joyce Williams said, "It really varies. A lot of paramedics do this as a second career. Then, there's those coming right out of high school. And others go on to become a doctor or a physician."

HVA is ethnically diverse as well, with a quarter of its work force women and another 10 per cent minorities. Unlike many other ambulance services, HVA's turnover rate is very low — only 13 per cent. That means paramedics years of experience to

draw from when responding to emergencies. Paramedic Mairi O'Sullivan said, "Years of experience give you more of a sense of what's happening with the patient, with the family and with the scene."

But paramedics do come and go and replacements must be trained. The HVA's Education Division, now in its sixth year, has more room and resources to teach future paramedics, now that the addition is completed. Williams said, "We needed more space. We were teaching classes and we only had one class room."

All HVA paramedics must complete a rigorous 16 month course studying anatomy, physiology, cardiology and numerous other topics. "The classes themselves are pretty intensive," Williams said. "You really learn a lot." To stay licensed, paramedics must acquire 45 continuing education credits every three years.

HVA's Jerry Zapolnik, who trains prospective paramedics, remarks on the change most of his students endure. He said, "To see the student gain the confidence from having the skills to react to an emergency."

HVA hopes that with the new building, they will see an increase in students.



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice **IN WRITING** to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received **BY NOON FRIDAY** will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

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The Plymouth Theatre Guild will perform the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" on Feb. 24, 25 and 26 and March 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11 at the Northville Water Tower Theatre. The Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., Sunday performances are at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and youths. For more information, call (810) 349-7110.

YOUNG MOTHER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for community businesses to help support their 1995 Fourth of July parade. Donations can be mailed to the Jaycees at PO Box 700123 Plymouth, MI, 48170-0942. For more information, call the Jaycees at 453-8407.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold their monthly meeting at 2 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the Cultural Center. The program will feature Helen Garber ("Inspiration") and Gerry Barlege ("What's New at the Library"). For more information, call 453-1234 ext. 236.

4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding a 4 on 4 beach volleyball tournament. Fee for full members is \$15, \$20 for program members, \$28 for non-members. Signup ends at 2 p.m. June 30. For more information and to register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA administrative office on Feb. 15. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Vermeulen Funeral Home will be offering a grief recovery program from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 11, 18, 25 and March 4. Enrollment is limited to 20, registration is required. For more information and to register, call 459-2250.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

The Detroit Country Dance Society will be at the Masonic Hall at 8 p.m. on March 11, Dave Glick and the Starry Night Ramblers (\$6). For more information, call Karen at (313) 995-1336 or Steve at (810) 968-3565.

AARP TAX AID PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to do tax returns for seniors (IRS provides instruction) for 4 hours a week from Feb. 1 to April 15 at locations in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. For more information, call Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run, clerical, babysitters, and program assistant. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING

There will be a meeting to plan the 20th high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975. For more information about the meeting, call 455-1230.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

The Plymouth Breathers Club, sponsored by Catherine McAuley Health system, will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health building on March 8. The program is open to anyone with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases. For more information, call 712-5367.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

BEASLEY-ZALENSY V.F.W. MEETING

The Plymouth Township Beasley-Zalensy post 112 and the newly forming Ladie's Auxillary Unit will hold their regular business meeting at 11 a.m. on Feb. 12 at 344 Elizabeth St. in Plymouth. Also, a Four Chaplains Memorial Service will be held at 12:30. For more information, call 451-3574.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

Ladies golf leagues are now forming at Oasis Golf Center for spring and summer of 1995. Space is limited. For more information, call 420-4653.

PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at 459-6896.

KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners are also placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-0782.

C.H.A.D.D MEETING

C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

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Neighbors in the news

Plymouth resident **Richard Teeple** recently participated in the 1995 Great Lakes Ice Carving Championships last Friday in Fankenmuth.

The **Plymouth Theatre Guild** presents "The King and I" on Feb. 24 and 25 and March 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. There will be Sunday performances on Feb. 26 and March 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 for youths and seniors. Advanced tickets are a dollar less each. Tickets are available at Sir Speedy Printing Center, Heavenly Baker and by mail at P.O. Box 700451, Plymouth 48170. Call 349-7110 for more information.

The **Plymouth-Canton Jaycees** are sponsoring a Picture-Essay Scholarship in The Plymouth-Canton Community. There will be one contest winner for each grade, Kindergarten through eighth grade. One for ninth and 10th and one for 11th and 12th. Pictures may be in pencil, crayon, marker, paint or any other material. Photographs may be in color or black and white. Entries shall not be folded or bent. Each item will be judged on thoughtfulness, content and clarity. The essay must discuss a current topic or event conveying the environment theme and, if possible, suggest possible solutions. Don't exceed five double-spaced pages, including photos. Entries should be submitted to The Community Crier, ATTN: Jaycee Writing Contest, 821 Penniman, Plymouth, 48170; No later than Feb. 17. Call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407 for more information. The winners will be announced at a awards ceremony on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Little Theater in Canton High School.

Matthew J. Blakenship, a student at Salem High School, has enlisted in the United States army's Delayed Entry Program for a two-year tour of duty as a cannon crew member. He is scheduled to report for active duty in July.

Eighteen Adrian College students attended the 27th annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Green Bay, WI., among them, **Sarah Olender** of Plymouth. Olender is a freshman considering a major in environmental science. She attended Ladywood High School in Livonia.

PeopleCare

Program designed to help when no one else is there

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two weeks ago, an explosion rocked the west side of Detroit. A house was leveled. A family's possessions were destroyed. All because they couldn't pay their gas bill and had attempted to heat their house with an outdoor portable heater.

If that family had been put in touch with Consumers Power Company's (CPC) PeopleCare Program, that disaster never would've happened. Working in conjunction with local Salvation Army outposts, CPC offers credit to donating customers. The money is then distributed to people applying for utility assistance.

Last year 37 families and 102 individuals in the Plymouth-Canton area received financial help through the PeopleCare Program.

Bill Stern, a social services case worker for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said, "When somebody with a Consumers Power energy bill comes to us and they need help, we would be able to help them."

The program was started in 1981 while the country was mired in a recession. Numerous CPC workers recognized the difficulties created by Michigan's excessive unemployment. "It was organized at the suggestion of a group of employees who used to do volunteer work," said Mary Lee Kaltenbach, consumer affairs supervisor. "They got together and said: 'Why don't we do an organized event?' Contributions have grown each year."

PeopleCare's process is fairly easy. Those willing to participate will check a box pledging \$5 on the bill they receive during February. The monetary donation is then added to the customer's bill next month. CPC forwards the money to the Salvation Army for distribution within the CPC's service territory.

Stern and other Salvation Army officers then interview applicants to ensure they're local residents and in dire need of help. "Basically, they would come in and we would interview them," Stern said. "We try to verify residency. Ask for a rent receipt or utility bill with their name and address."

In order to prevent undeserving people from taking advantage

of the PeopleCare Program, the applicants must go through an interview process. Stern said that applicants need to have gone to Detroit Social Services to see if they can get help, show documentation why they can't pay their bill and list the number of people in their household. "We only do it if they have a shut-off notice," Stern said. "They need to have exhausted all the possibilities that the state offers."

Kaltenbach stressed that people can make more than a \$5 donation and that contributions are greatly needed. "Last I heard we are about 20 per cent behind contributions from last year at this time," Kaltenbach said. "People can still contribute at any point and time."

Another service company, Detroit Edison, is also aiding financially troubled customers with its THAW Fund. The program works much like PeopleCare, by sending out donation notices with monthly bills. "Basically, what Detroit Edison does, is they enclose the bill issued with the THAW envelope," said Michelle Buright of the THAW Fund. "Every dollar that is donated, is matched by Detroit Edison."

Requirements for THAW are also similar to PeopleCare. The Salvation Army verifies that applicants have a shut-off notice, live within the counties served by Detroit Edison, have exhausted all other resources and have an income that doesn't exceed 150 per cent of the federal poverty level.

Last year, THAW assisted 11,551 people in the metro Detroit area.

Even local Hardees Restaurants will be helping out THAW. On Friday, Hardees will donate \$1 from each sausage and egg biscuit it sells. Hardees raised \$1,000 last year and hopes to better that figure this year. Stern said, "We're trying to get the word out."

The Plymouth-Canton Community has always been one of the biggest contributors to both programs. Stern said, "We come from a blessed community in that they help people. This is just another way."

From Plymouth to Africa

Plymouth resident and Peace Corp volunteer **Nicole Raymer** will be teaching children in the Okamango Savana Delta Region of Botswana, located in southern Africa, for two years.

Raymer is shown with her host family, with whom she lived during her six weeks training.

Raymer is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

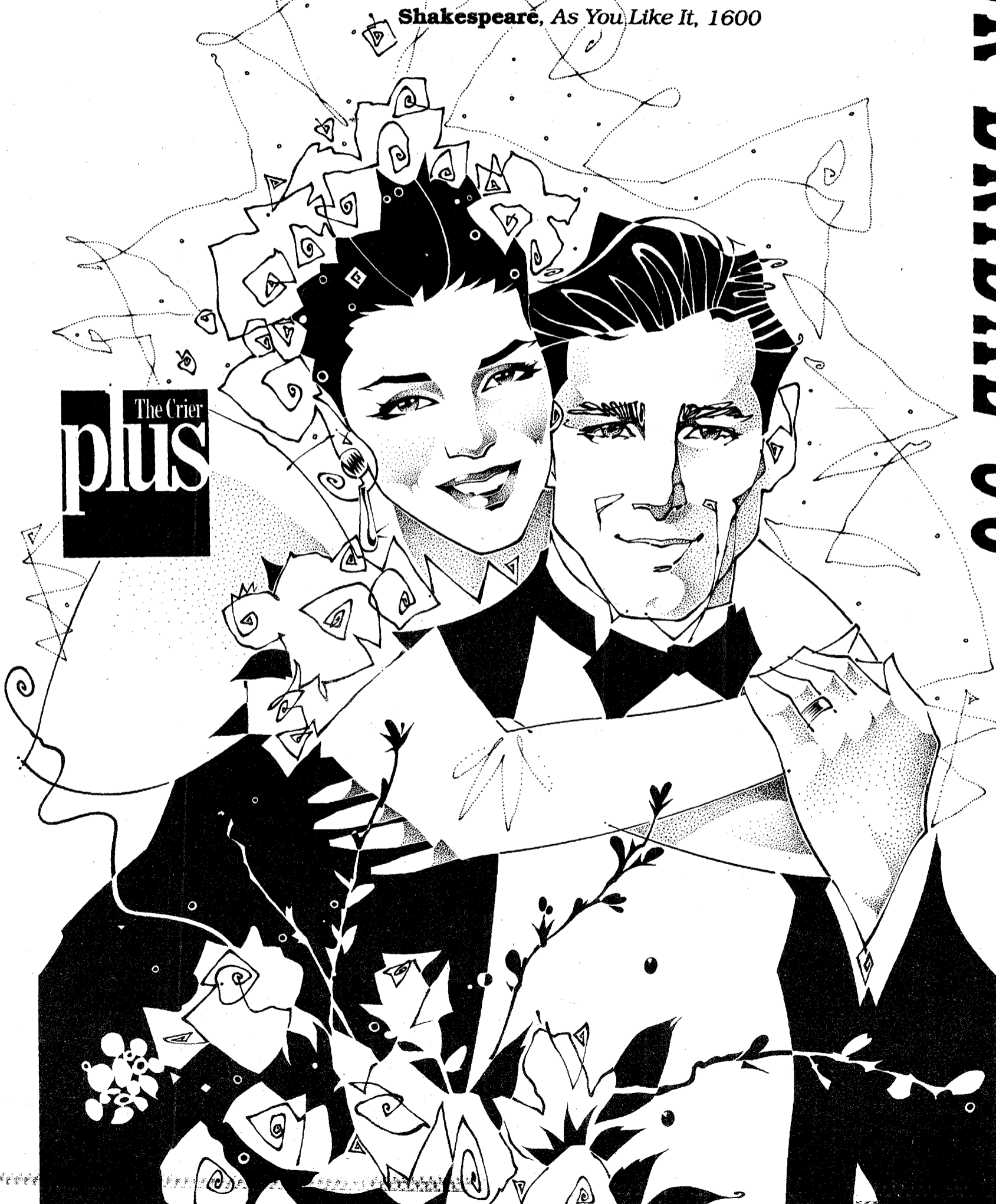


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For a honeymoon, prepaid is the ticket

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

One of the most important aspects of planning a wedding, or at least the most anticipated parts, is the honeymoon.

According to Shirley Tucker, owner of World Travel in Plymouth, people tend to opt for warmer climates.

"We book a lot of trips to the Caribbean, Mexico is fast becoming a destination," Tucker said.

"We're booking a lot more to Disney World and we're getting a lot of

requests for Hawaii lately."

Tucker said that the Poconos, which is highlighted in a lot of bridal magazines, aren't as popular as they once were. She said that the new craze in vacationing is cruising.

"Cruising is huge," Tucker said. "In the last three years cruising has become the most popular honeymoon vacation."

Peggy Coxford, owner-manager of Emily's World Travel in Plymouth, said that vacations are all over the globe now.

"The destinations are really ranging this year," Coxford said. "We're arranging trips to Hawaii, Jamaica — I'm taking care of one trip to Australia now."

Coxford said that people are spending more on their honeymoons this year as well.

"It seems that people have more money to spend this year," Coxford said. "People are looking into more expensive locations."

Judy Carkeek, general manager at Travel Agents International, said that another big trend this year is all-inclusive honeymoons.

"People like all-inclusive trips," Carkeek said. "They like that everything is paid-for up front."

According to Carkeek, all-inclusive means all food, lodging, drinks, entertainment, tips and even cigarettes are all paid for in advance.

"On an all-inclusive vacation, all you have to pay for is what you buy for yourself," Carkeek said. "People with families like to arrange all

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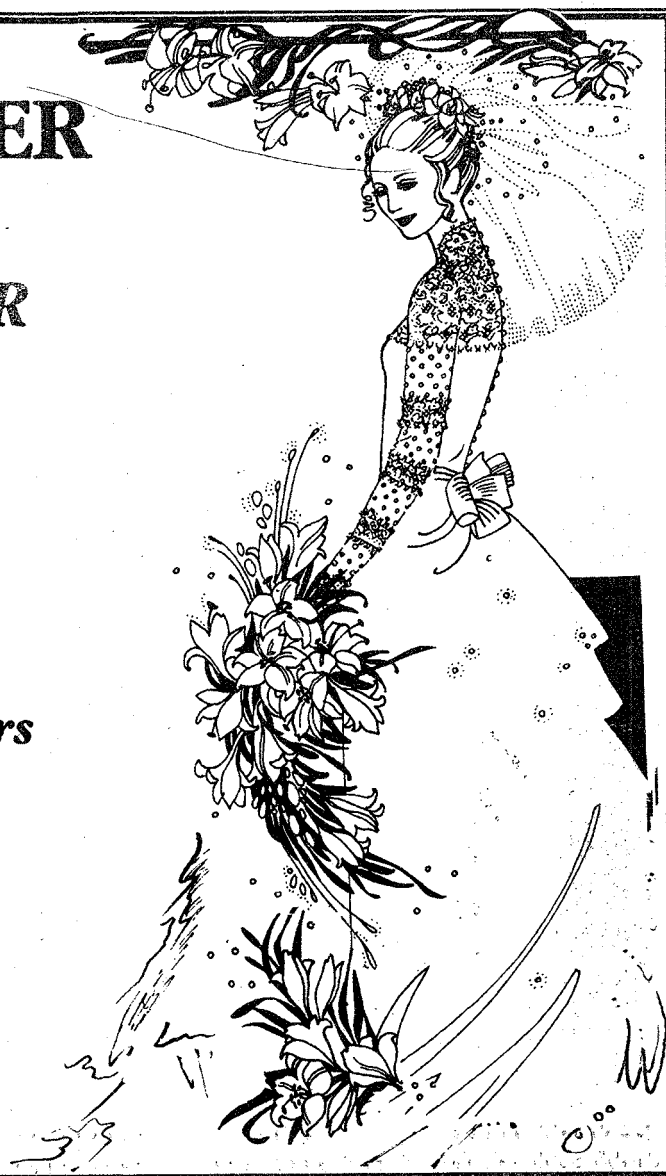
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inclusive trips."

Barbara Kropiewnicki, owner of Uniglobe Port-to-Port travel, said all-inclusive packages are selling well.

"We're doing a lot of business for 'Sandals,' which is an all-inclusive, couples only package," Kropiewnicki said. "All of the food, even the watersports are paid for."

Kropiewnicki said more expensive trips are not all that uncommon these days.

"A lot of the more expensive trips are being taken by older newlyweds," Kropiewnicki said.

"They're both working, have a college education and want to take a really nice trip before they have kids and can't take one like it."

As with any well-made plan, a million things can go wrong.

Shirley Tucker at World Travel remembers a trip she planned that went a little off.

"A couple wanted us to book a seven-day trip to the Bahamas where

they planned to be married and have their honeymoon," Tucker said.

"After three days we got a call saying 'get us out of here'. We arranged for them to get back, We still don't know if they got married or not."

Barbara Kropiewnicki at Uniglobe said that the strangest honeymoon she ever booked was where a couple honeymooned on the Galapagos Islands.

"They took a boat there and camped out on the island," Kropiewnicki said.



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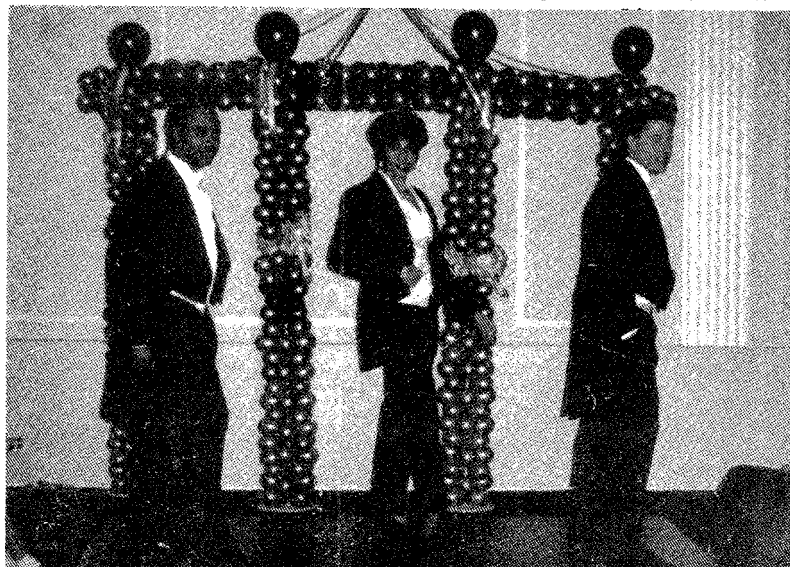
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Engagements & weddings

Silver — Arnold



Kellie Ann Silver and Jeffrey Michael Arnold were recently married at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

The bride's parents are Gary and Geri Silver of Canton. The bridegroom is the son of Larry and Joyce Arnold, also of Canton. The couple currently lives in Novi.

Matron of honor was Cory McMann and the Best Man was Russ Watson. Bridesmaids included Brenda Aulinskis, Kandi Jurek and Laura Wright. Groomsmen included Marc Tindall, Scott Jurek, Tom Daratony, Ed Wright and Pat McMann. The ring

Kellie and Jeffrey Arnold

bearer was Erik Wright and the flower girl was Olivia Daratony.

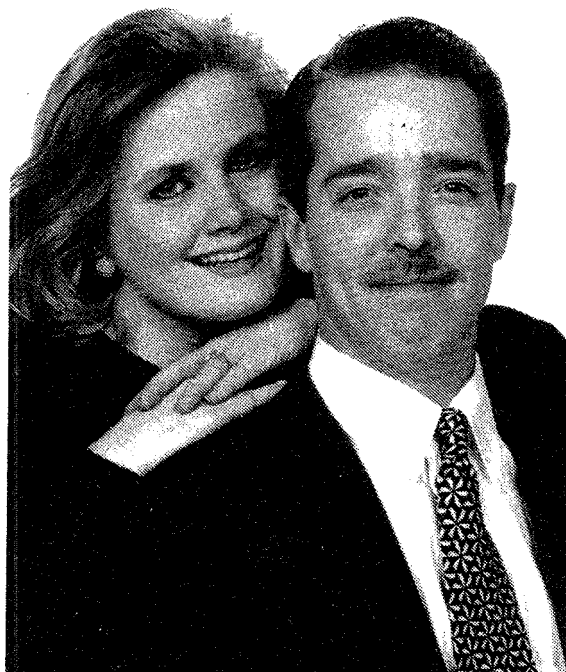
Ochman — Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ochman, Sr. of Canton and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Robinson of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Karen Joann to James Russell.

Karen is a 1985 graduate of Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of Madonna University.

She is currently employed as an advertising consultant with The Community Crier.

James is a 1977 graduate of Livonia Bentley and is plant manager at EZ Tool Company in Plymouth.



Karen Ochman and James Robinson

The couple was engaged Nov. 3, 1994 and plan to marry in early Spring 1995.

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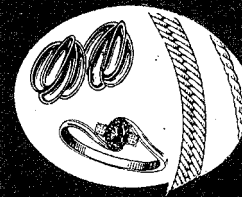


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Tux gives women new angle on eveningwear

At long last, the women of America have an alternative when the invitation says "black tie." Bridesmaids no longer have to settle for a hot pink dress with puffy sleeves and a big bow in the back that will only be worn once. The choice is Options — evening wear translated for women, offering exciting alternatives for parties, weddings and proms.

Options is offered locally by Steve Petix Formal Wear in Plymouth.

The Options collection by Lord West, in all-wool, offers a choice of formal jackets, sparkling vests and halters to be worn with fully lined skirts, shorts or trousers. Women may purchase their own or rent a different variation of Options whenever the occasion is formal.

Steve Petix Formal Wear introduced Options in the Detroit area over the Christmas holidays. They are offering the initial Options collection in three different styles, all of them in black, 100 per cent tropical worsted wool. There is a double-breasted model with satin shawl lapels, a 3/4 length jacket also with satin shawl lapels, and a short tailcoat with satin peak lapels, all with faceted jet buttons.

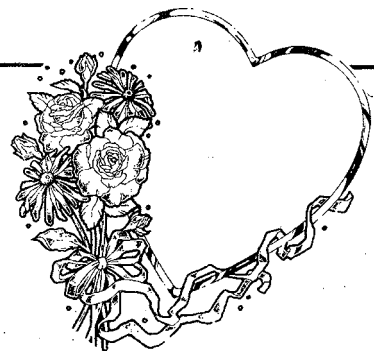
Bottoms are shown in four different styles — each fully lined, with satin side braid. There are adjustable trousers or shorts, a 21" short skirt or a 32" long skirt with side slit. The collection also includes a number of halters and full back vests in paisley brocades and gold or silver metallic.

Rich Orlandi, of Steve Petix Formal Wear in Plymouth, said Options is a nice change for eveningwear. "What really excites me is the potential that these outfits have. Women have come in once in a while to ask for tuxedos, but the problem is that men's tuxedos just don't fit them properly," Orlandi said. "Options is made to fit women. There are so many combinations you can come up with. The outcome is very feminine."

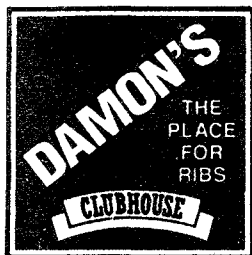
"Generations of men have found it relatively easy and inexpensive to

look their 'black-tie' best by renting a tux for special occasions," Orlandi said. "Now women will be able to enjoy the same convenience and have the opportunity to choose from a variety of fashionable and flattering styles to exercise their formal options."

The Options line is offered in a range of sizes from 2 to 20 and is available for rental or for sale.



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Canton supervisor examines '94, looks to future

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton has arrived.

That's according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, speaking to local business and community leaders in his state of the township address given last week at Fellows Creek.

Yack said Canton is no longer a follower among communities, but a leader — with the leadership showing in building starts and the new batch of elected officials from the Canton community.

"We are partners with the business community," he said, "which spills into

the greater community as well."

Yack said this partnership has resulted in several important projects getting off the ground in 1994.

The Summit on the Park, Leadership Canton and the Ford Road Task Force were all started this past year.

Yack said shared emergency services is one idea Canton thought through, but did not go forward with.

"Whenever you start talking about making changes you have to be careful," he said.

"The people of Canton want a high

level of service.

We are already as efficient as we can get.

"But we were committed to the concept and still are committed to the concept. We enjoyed working with the other elected officials."

Omnicom cable service negotiations is another ongoing issue that Canton has worked with other communities on.

"We (the multi-community consortium) are as united as we were the first day," he said, "maybe even more so."

Yack said the future continues to be bright for Canton.

In 1995 he said Canton will play a large role in joining the Conference of Western Wayne and the Downriver Community Conference.

"Together," he said, "the two groups represent more than one million people. There are so many regional issues on the horizon."

Yack said a quality of life project will

also get off the ground in 1995. The survey will be used to get a feel for where the community is heading and allow leaders to do a better job of allocating money.

Another project slated for 1995 is updating the department of public safety's communications systems to 800 megahertz.

Video arraignment is also being studied as a way to save money in cooperation with the 35th District Court.

Yack said the community will continue to focus on art and cultural opportunities in Canton.

"There will be significant outdoor art pieces at the Summit," he said. "The search for the artist for the project will focus on emerging artists with a competition to be used to win the commission for the Summit."

Road improvements, which will have an issue on the ballot in Canton's April special election, will also be pursued in 1995, according to Yack.

School board to discuss millage election alternatives

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

You can't always get what you want. Even if you insist that it is what you need.

According to Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little, the decision by the county to deny the district its first choice for an election date for an 18-mill non-homestead renewal millage will change the board's plans for the election.

"We wanted to hold the renewal and the enhancement on separate ballots," Little said.

"Now we may have to do both at the same time."

The Plymouth-Canton Schools will have to wait a little longer before trying

to go to the public for a renewal of non-homestead millage funds because of a scheduling conflict with upcoming Canton elections.

The board had originally planned to hold the election on March 29, but because Canton has a primary election on March 7 and a general election on April 18 — the millage election date would conflict with the Wayne County Election Scheduling Committee policy of not scheduling elections within 30 days of each other.

Plans for the renewal and enhancement millages will be discussed at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Plymouth-Canton School board.

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Community deaths

Mamie Allen, 87, homemaker

Mamie Allen, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Feb. 4, 1995, at the age of 87.

She is survived by her daughter; Shirley (George), a son, six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Curtis C. Smith, 77, tool and die maker

Curtis C. Smith, a tool and die maker from Canton, died Jan. 31, 1995, at the age of 77.

He is survived by his wife; Zepharene, daughter; Janice (Fred), two sons, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Donald P. Jowsey, 26, student

Donald P. Jowsey, a graduate of Salem High School from Northville, died Feb. 1, 1995, at the age of 26.

He is survived by his father; Richard (Nancy), his mother, sister and aunt.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Clyde W. Kintner, 83, Plymouth employee

Clyde W. Kintner, a former member of the Plymouth Department of Public Works for 25 years from Canton, died Feb. 1, 1995, at the age of 83.

He is survived by his daughter; Anita (Fred), six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Zion Cemetery.

Obituaries

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Nile R. Gladstone

Nile R. Gladstone, a supervisor for the Wayne County Road Commission for 30 years from Plymouth, died Feb. 1, 1995, at the age of 63.

Mr. Gladstone, a graduate of Plymouth High School, retired from the road commission 14 years ago and enjoyed being a mechanic, art, gardening, bowling, golf and going on camping trips with his family.

Mr. Gladstone is survived by his wife; Betty, son; Richard (Diane), daughters; Karen (Len), Peggy, and Julie (James), and four grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Gladstone were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Donald Charles Ninni

Donald Charles Ninni, a WWII veteran and an employee at Diamond Automation for 20 years, died Feb. 4, 1995, at the age of 78.

Mr. Ninni is survived by his wife; Beatrice, sons; James and Thomas, brother; Phil and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home.



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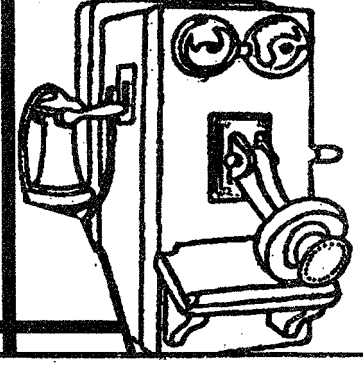
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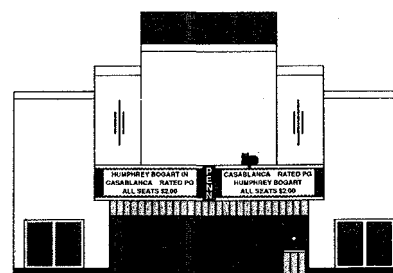
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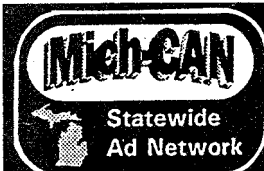
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Marquis de Vauvenargues said, "Lazy people are always looking for something to do." For those procrastinators who put off buying tickets to the hockey game at the Plymouth Cultural Center between the Canton Fire and Police unions and the Red Wing Alumni team, it's too late. The game is sold out. So look for something to do on Feb. 17. But don't fret too much, the game will be shown on Omnicom cable, channel eight, at 10 p.m. on Feb. 17, Feb. 18, Feb. 19 and three more times. However, there's still a chance to get involved. Raffle tickets can still be purchased at Canton Fire Station number one and number two. Some of the items are: ocean front condo in Florida with airfare for two; golf for two at the Indianwood Country Club; autographed Red Wings jerseys; autographed hockey sticks and a lithograph and frame of goalie masks from around the NHL. For those with admission tickets, there's another 23 items to be given away. Donations for Greg Unger can be made through Canton Firefighters Union Local 2289, 128 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, 48187.

Registration for classes at the Plymouth Community YMCA are currently being accepted. There's a wide range of classes, from driver's education to Basic Dog Obidience to preschool indoor soccer. Call 453-2904 for more information.

On Feb. 25 there's a softball informational meeting at the Canton Township Administration Building at 1150 Canton Center Rd. Men's league meeting is at 10 a.m., womens' 10:30 a.m. and coed league meeting at 11 a.m. Fees, registration and requirements will be discussed. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Salem hoopsters crush Farmington

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was Friday night and school was out, but that didn't prevent Salem from giving the Farmington Falcons a lesson in basketball. In one of their highest offensive outputs of the season, the Rocks grounded the Falcons, 81-34. Coach Bob Brodie said, "It was a good offensive night. It was a good defensive night, too."

Senior forward Jim McDonald led all scorers with 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Senior playmaker Doug Herriman had 13 assists, the highest total in the Detroit area for the night. Dan McKian pitched in 14 points, Dave Bol had 10 points and 10 other players scored in the 47-point blow-out.

Salem is 10-2 overall and 5-1 in the Western Lake Activities Association (WLAA). Farmington fell to 1-11 overall and 1-5 in the WLAA.

Any flicker of hope Farmington had of upsetting the Rocks on their home court quickly diminished in the opening minutes. Senior Justin Marcis hit on his first two field goal attempts to send the Rocks on their way to an early 4-0 lead. Recognizing the offensive power the Rocks have, Farmington stuck to a slower paced game. "They were intent on running their pattern," Brodie said. They were eating up a lot of clock. So we just stepped our pressure."

The press made Farmington fight for every inch of the court and earn every basket. By the end of the first quarter Salem was already in command, 19-8.

Early in the second stanza, Brodie showed superior confidence in his reserves when he pulled all five starters off the floor. The change was unnoticeable as sophomore Nate Grey came off the bench to hit a three and put Salem up 24-10. Junior Ryan Andrzejewski hit a jumper from just inside the three-point line two minutes later, making the score 30-10. It was a flawless performance by Salem's reserves. Brodie said, "All season long we've been rotating players."

The Rocks continued to play smart basketball, committing only three fouls in the first half. And McKian positioned himself under the basket, receiving delivery after delivery from Herriman and finishing five for five from the floor in the first half. Salem's run continued until Farmington finally made a basket just before the second quarter expired. With the basket, the Falcons ended 17-0 run by Salem.

It was 38-12 at half, but there was to be no coasting by Brodie's troops. He said, "We can't tell them to do that. We just try and work through it. We did change our defense in the third quarter." The new defense alignment didn't let the Falcons back in the game, but it did result in an 19-point offensive outburst. "I

got on them after a timeout in the third," Brodie said. But Brodie's lecture was more a lesson for the future because Farmington never came close to threatening.

McKian remained perfect from the floor, when he hit a lay up to make it 46-16. In the closing minutes of the third quarter and the score 52-25, Brodie again shuffled the line up by sending in Nate Ledbetter and Andres Lopez. Ledbetter responded by promptly sinking two baskets from beyond the bonus line early in the fourth quarter, extending Salem's lead to 63-31. McKian followed that up with basket in the paint. It was his last points of the day, he was seven for seven from the field. Brodie said, "He catches the ball real well in the scoring area. And when you're in the scoring area, that's a high percentage shot."

If the Falcons hadn't had enough of the hot-handed Rocks, they would, as the Rocks went on a 24-4 run to end the game. "We just played them head up," Brodie said. "We play every game the same." The 81-point output fell short of the Rocks' season high 93 points against Riverview in December. But the impressive win does mark a new beginning for Brodie.

He said, "We went through some doldrums around Christmas. And a few games after Christmas. I'm happy with the way we're progressing." However, the improvement might not be enough to catch WLAA leader, John Glenn, who Salem has already lost to this season. "I don't see them being beat," Brodie said. "But we can't worry ourselves with that. We'll just let the chips fall where they may."

Rocks roll



Salem beat Canton Monday, beating the Chiefs in three straight sets. Canton's JV team was more successful, beating their cross-campus rivals. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

PCJBA rolls on with winter roundball

BY JON LITTLE

The standing are in for the Plymouth-Canton Basketball Association.

In Girls "B" League action the Rockets remained on top with a perfect record of 7-0. The Rockets are followed by the Celtics, Lakers, and Pacers who are tied for second at 4-3. Rounding out the field are the Bulls at 2-5, and the Kings at 0-7.

The Rockets burned the Lakers 41-24; Bulls crowned the Kings 22-19; and the Pistons crushed the Celtics 45-36.

In Girls "AA" League play, the bulls remained in first place at 4-1. They are followed by the Celtics at 3-1; Lakers at 1-3; and the Pistons at 1-4.

Celtics swamped the Lakers 45-39; the Bulls edged the Pistons 38-36; the Bulls beat the Lakers 31-23, the Celtics pounded the Pistons 48-40.

In Boys "B" League roundball action American Division the Bucks and Lakers

are in first place with records of 6-1; the Kings and 76'ers are in second place with a 4-3 record; the Sonics and the Hawks share third place at 3-4; the Nets at 2-5 hold fourth, and in the cellar are the Rockets at 1-6.

B League scores as follows; Lakers 46, Sonics 35; 76'ers 59, Hawks 39; Bucks 75, Rockets 51, and the Kings defeated the Nets 54-47.

In the National Division the Celtics and the Jazz are in first place at 6-1; the Spurs and the Pistons are in second at 5-2; the Pacers are alone in third at 4-3; despite a record of 1-6 the Bulls are in fourth place; winless at the bottom are the Hornets and the Knicks.

In recent action the Spurs blew out the Hornets 82-32; the Jazz had no trouble with Pistons winning 57-34; the Celtics beat the Bulls 57-42; the Pacers won a close game against the Knicks 39-35.

In Boys "AA" League the Hawks and

the Knicks are undefeated in the National Division; with the Bulls and Rockets in second with records of 4-1; the Celtics and the Jazz hold third place; and in fourth place are the Nets and 76'ers both winless.

In the American Division the Pacers and the Pistons are in first place undefeated; the Hornets and the Spurs are in second at 4-1; the Bucks and the Lakers are in third at 1-4; despite poor play and a winless record the Kings and Sonics are in fourth.

In this weeks crossover action the Hawks edged the Lakers 93-92; the Bulls defeated the Kings 110-105, the Spurs had no trouble with the 76'ers winning 102-85; the Pacers beat the Celtics 82-70; the Hawks won a close game with the Bucks 82-78, the Rockets pulled out a 15 point win over the Sonics 110-95; the Hornets won 91 to 84 over the Nets; and the Pistons defeated the Jazz 73-69.

Rock gymnasts remain perfect...

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Coach Pam Yockey can't help but to look into the future. Her Salem gymnastics team is rolling; a perfect 10-0 and in first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The showdown is inevitable. It's just a matter of time before that date on the schedule is here. And the season will rest on the outcome. She knows it. Her gymnasts know it. Everybody knows it. "What's really going to decide it this year is the Canton meet," Yockey said. "Canton has Brooke Larson out... And Katey Gilles is hurt. But we're still going to have a rough trip. The kids are looking forward to it."

Yockey isn't overconfident, just confident that her team will remain undefeated until their match up with rival Canton. Salem is coming off a 129-103 dual meet win over North Farmington and a 10th place finish at the Canton Invitational. The Vikings were mismatched from the outset because they were missing some of their team members. To make matters more complicated, only one judge was on hand for meet. Yockey, realizing it wouldn't be much of a competition for long, experimented after the Rocks had the meet in hand. She said, "I kind of moved a little bit of the kids around." Salem still took first, second, third and fourth in every event.

Sophomore Kristen Kosik was first in the floor exercise with a 9.4. "She's a very, very reliable competitor," Yockey said. "She's very, very consistent." Kosik was sandwiched in between first place finisher Mellisa Hopson and third place finisher Zoe Yockey on the vault. On the bars, Zoe got her best placement for

the day with a 8.8. Hopson, Kosik and Danielle Puchalt rounded out the top four.

At the Canton Invitational, the Rocks were hardly unbeatable, but were still respectable amidst a strong field of competitors. "The competition was tough," Yockey said. Freeland won the invitational with a 142.1 score. Salem finished with 133.2 points, right behind host Canton who had 133.85 points.

Hopson was again the star, helping to fill the void left by Brooke Kilby who was out with the flu. "She just did a great job," Yockey said of Hopson. She finished 11th on the vault, ninth on the bars, fourth on the beam and fifth in the floor exercise. Hopson's 36.1 score placed her fifth in the all around total.

Similar to the John Glenn meet, Kosik was steady in her performances. She finished second on the vault with a 8.95 and fourth on the balance beam. Zoe Yockey was strong on the bars and finished seventh with an 8.5. It was lucky seven's again for Zoe, who finished behind six other gymnasts after scoring an 8.75 on the beam. Not quite yet satisfied, she finished 13th in the all around with 33.55 points. Yockey said, "I think we did real, real well."

And now the countdown for Canton is on. Even though the Rocks have to travel to the Freeland Invitational this Saturday for what Yockey terms as a "hot meet," it amounts to nothing more than a little more preparation time for the Rocks. "We don't quite know our potential," Yockey said. "It's a question of whether we can pull it all together. But it's a good situation when you know where you're weak spots are."

...Chiefs place high despite tough competition

The competition has to be tough when the Canton gymnastics team finishes in 10th place. And it was at the Canton Invitational on Saturday, as the Chiefs finished in the middle of the pack among the 20 teams competing.

Coach John Cunningham said, "The showing we had in the meet was exceptional. It was a good performance."

Second-ranked Freeland won the meet with a 142.1 score. Birmingham Seaholm, which lost their top gymnast Ann Loichie in warm-ups, finished two points back in second place. Rochester Adams, Northville-Novis, Troy Athens, East Lansing and Traverse City all finished ahead of Canton, who ended up with 133.85 points.

The Chiefs had several second place finishers, among them, Kari Jackson with a 8.85 on the vault. Kim Nowak had a 9.1 in the floor exercise, also good for second place. In the all around competition, Nowak scored 33.4, placing behind teammate Brie Wall who had 35.2 score. Freeland's Sara Kelly set the pace with a

37.6 score. The highlight of the Chiefs' day came on the balance beam. Generally, one of Wall's stronger events, she came through with a 9.1 first place score. Then, Beth Muylaert posted an 8.55, for a personal best and a 11th place finish.

Three days earlier in a dual meet versus John Glenn, the Chiefs walked away with a much better outcome, blasting the Rockets, 137.45 to 136.1 Cunningham said, "They have a good team. They moved into the top 10 because of they're showing."

But good wasn't good enough, as the Rocks jumped ahead in the vault competition. Jackson captured first (8.6) while Larson (8.45) and Wall (8.25) both finished in the top six. "Vault, I'm very deep, but I never get high scores," Cunningham said.

Wall and Nowak continued their expertise on the bars, finishing second and third. Nicole Vaagenes was fifth with a 8.25. "She's a freshman. She's just coming into her own," Cunningham said.

Wall posted a personal best on the balance beam with a 9.35. The score just missed a school record, but still captured first place for Wall.

In another strong facet of the Chiefs' program, the floor exercise, Canton claimed second through fifth. Nowak placed the highest with a 9.15 score while Larson (9.1), Wall (8.9) and Jackson (8.8) were close behind. The latter three finished in the top five for the all around. Wall had a 35.25, Jackson finished with a 33.55 and Larson posted a 33.20.

With the win, the Chiefs are 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. And that record is without defending state champion Katey Gilles, who has been out for weeks with a sore elbow. The injury to Gilles has created a lot of speculation about Canton and where they might be with her. But Cunningham isn't willing to play that game, he makes do with what he has. "We're doing very well. We can't do; 'If only, if only, if only.' The team is performing."

PCJBL registration begins Saturday, Feb. 18

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If Detroit Tigers are looking for replacement players, they should recruit in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League(PCJBL).

For 35 years America's pastime has been played at local ball fields. Giving area youngsters the chance to become the next Joe DiMaggio or Al Kaline.

This year will be no different. Over 2,000 boys and about 500 girls will dawn a cap, slip on a glove and swing the bat. All for the love of baseball. There's no egos. It's inexpensive. And it's fun.

"It's going to be excellent. We've got a new board of directors that's really interested in improving the league," said Tom Alberty, internal vice president of boys baseball.

Registration for the PCJBL will take place on Saturday, Feb. 18 and Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Canton High School cafeteria. Both girls softball and boys baseball leagues can register at that time. Players are divided up according to age. Seven to nine-year-olds are \$35 and ages 10 and up are \$45 per player. There is a

family plan for \$100, which offers parents the opportunity to register all their children for one price.

"We're trying to keep it affordable," Alberty said. "So every kid can play." Included in the registration fee are team jerseys and numerous other necessities that are needed to operate the PCJBL. "We pay for ump's. We pay for all the equipment. We have insurance," Alberty said. "Anything that's left over goes to field maintenance."

Players nine and under are placed on teams selected by PCJBL directors, usually according to geographic location. For the older players try-outs, which is better termed as a draft, are held. Coaches and managers come to the try outs and select players. Alberty said, "Kids are given a number. We have them swing the bat, hit the ball, field the ball." All players at the try outs are selected for a team.

After that, it's time for PCJBL's version of spring training, except they don't go to Florida. "We try to start up as soon as weather permits," Alberty said. The 18 game schedule wraps up no later than Aug. 1.

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chiefs face the Farmington Falcons at home on Friday against Churchill at 6 p.m. and Tuesday at home versus Walled Lake Central at 6 p.m.

CANTON SWIMMING

The Canton Boys Swimming team hosts the Harrison Hawks at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

CANTON WRESTLING

The Canton Wrestling team has its playoffs on Thursday at home with the starting time to be announced. Saturday is the WLAA conference meet in Plymouth.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

The Canton Gymnastics team next meet is at the Freeland Invitational on Saturday.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Volleyball team is at home versus Walled Lake Western tonight at 6 p.m. On Monday, the Chiefs will wrap up their battle against the Walled Lake schools with a game at Central at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM BASKETBALL

The Rocks travel to North Farmington on Thursday for a 5:30 p.m. start. On Tuesday it's off to Northville where the Mustangs roam free. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

John Glenn is the only team scheduled to lose to the Rocks this week. The Rockets will land in Salem in time for a 7 p.m. start on Thursday.

SALEM WRESTLING

Thursday is Salem's playoff away at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday is the WLAA conference meet in Plymouth.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

The Rocks hit the road for both meets this week. Saturday is the Freeland Invitational and Monday finds the girls at Northville for a 7 p.m. start



Community opinions

Gunshop owner wants all involved in Ford Plant shooting to accept some responsibility

EDITOR:

In response to all the finger-pointing at my business in reference to the legality of the gun sale of the firearm that was unfortunately used in the shooting at the Sheldon Road Ford Plant.

I, as a shop owner of Firearms Plus, must be sure that my yellow (federal) forms are filled out properly and all information is complete. I need to receive from the customer a green sheet (pistol permit), in triplicate which is given to him from the local police department. Once the green sheet is filled out and given to the customer, he then takes the gun and green paper (which I keep one copy of for my records), to the issuing department and they check their form out to be sure that the form is in order (properly done). They then finalize the legality of the sale by approving the paperwork and registering the gun as a legal weapon.

The customer then has a firearm that they can use as they please within the boundaries of the law.

Now that the Plymouth Township Police Chief sees fit to point fingers at someone for an improper sale of this weapon he has picked the gun shop as the sole culprit in this matter.

The claim is that the green paperwork was done after its expiration date.

Well, if we must point fingers then let's point at everyone who took part in this transaction. I, the seller, have already been subject to the wrath of the legal system. How about the notary public who signed the green sheet after the expiration date? How about our faultless police department (who was not arrested for not checking their paperwork) who did not stop the completion of the sale and registration, who also have the last word on gun legality when they see that the dates were not correct within guidelines?

I feel that if we pull a domino out of the middle of the process then the preceding dominoes should be accountable for their role in the legal process that follows.

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The (Plymouth Symphony League antique) show must go on

Renate Hartig, the chairperson for the Plymouth Symphony League Winter Antique Show, came into The Crier last week to set the record straight.

Hartig was responding to a Curiosity, one of the unique classified messages found at the back of our paper. The Curiosity asked why the antique show was held at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills and not somewhere in Plymouth (a valid question).

Hartig explained why the show was at the Botsford Inn: "Everybody on the Plymouth Symphony League Board would have loved to hold the Winter Antique Show in Plymouth — but we did not get the needed support from the community.

"We could not afford the Cultural Center — neither the Mayflower Meeting House nor the United Methodist Church — our previous locations — would let us do the show in their facilities. The search for a new location within Plymouth was not successful — so we either had to cancel the show, and as a result lose part of the funds for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, or find a new location as close as possible to Plymouth."

Would no one in town help this worthwhile organization? I couldn't believe it! A city that prides itself on a strong cultural and arts background



No curves By Rob Kirkbride

should support an organization like the Plymouth Symphony League.

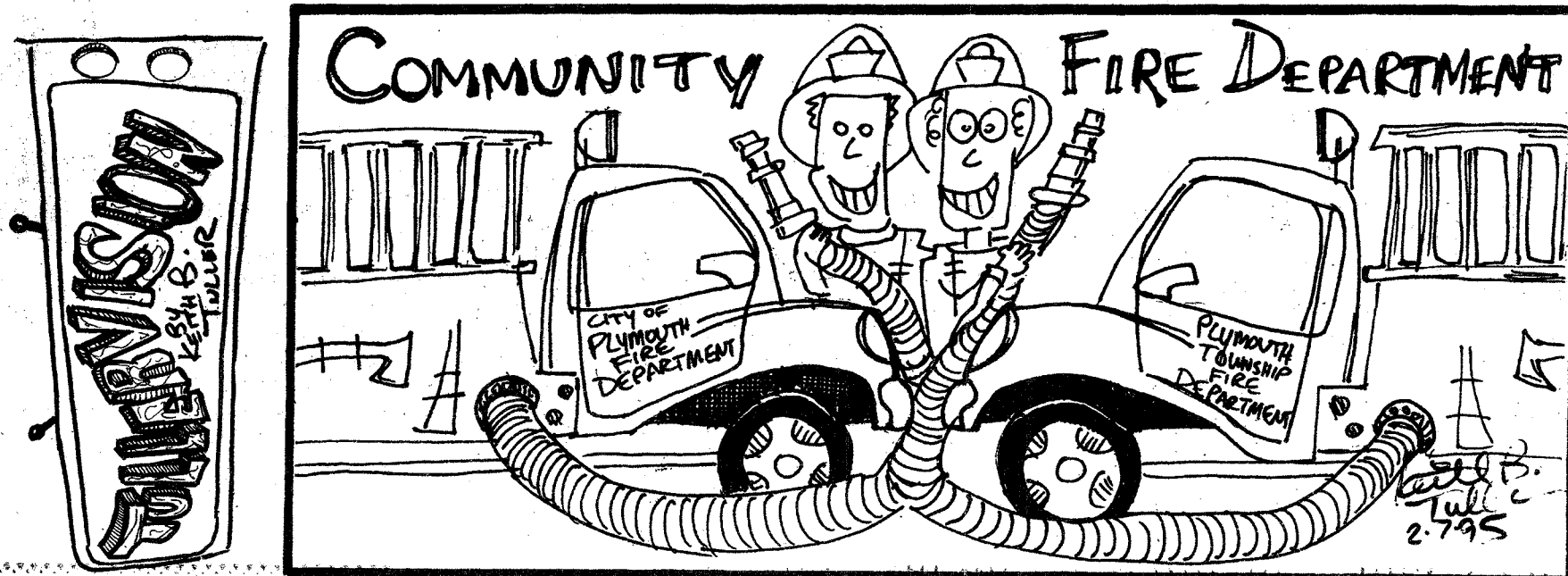
The antique show belongs in Plymouth!

Creon Smith, the owner of the Botsford Inn has supported the people of Plymouth without fail (and I'm sure will in the future), but even Creon agrees: The show belongs in Plymouth.

I think there is a solution to this problem. It's just a matter of getting the right people together. I'm not going to name any names of businesses I think would be perfect for next year's show — I don't want to put anyone on the line. There must be somewhere in Plymouth (or Canton) the show could be held.

So many people in the Plymouth Symphony League give so much of themselves for the betterment of this community.

It's time we give something back. Give Renate a call and tell her you're willing to support the Plymouth Symphony.





Community opinions

A step back in time...

Community policing in Canton is a throw-back to days when cops 'walked the beat' — and it's a great idea

Community policing has its place in modern day law enforcement — and by March 1, it will be off the ground in Canton.

The Canton Police Department is doing more than changing the organization of the department — they're changing an attitude.

Community policing is a form of law enforcement where the police officers actually become part of the community they serve by personal interaction with the residents of the area. The program is a return to the "beat cop" idea of the '40s and '50s.

Canton's Public Safety Director John Santomauro and the rest of the Canton Police Department deserve

praise for taking such a positive step.

They have proven community policing works — the project has been in place at Canton Commons for almost a year.

Other area communities should follow the Canton example by returning to the streets and implementing a community policing program.

In the long run, the program will save the taxpayers money — plus reduce crime.

In a world where "Big Brother" is more feared than ever, it is refreshing to see the Canton police join the residents on the street to fight crime side-by-side.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

School agenda

How long will it take to get Little's school plans in place?

How long will Charles "Chuck" Little be the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools?

It's not that the school board is fickle.

It's not that he and his family don't like it here after nine months. (That's about how long it took former Plymouth City Manager Gordon Yaeger and his wife to decide they didn't care for things here.)

It's not even that Little's predecessor, John "Mike" Hoben was at the helm for 23 years — and with the district for 16 years before that.

It's just an honest question of how long it'll take Little to accomplish what he wants to and what the school board wants him to accomplish.

Little's list seems to be what drives him. And as long as the school board concurs, Little will stay at the helm.

If either the superintendent or the board change directions, feel the list has been implemented, or simply get tired of NOT accomplishing all the goals, expect a change.

Little's list:

1. "Why isn't class size more of an issue here?" he asks. "We don't

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



have enough teachers for the kids we have now."

2. School financing "is another question. I think we can pass the enhancement millage," he asserts. (But, as Jim McKeon points out, the state's "educational finance reform" simply removed some of the taxes from the non-voting tax base, and sooner or later that will catch up — See Little's List Point 4.)

3. "School within a school" is definitely a Little push. He may get it implemented at CEP next year. "The scale may not be big enough for what some people would like," he admits. (Those budgets DO get in the way.) This may also have an impact on a serious issue yet to be decided: where will the third high school be located and when will it be built?

4. "Reconnect the non-parent part of the community with the school district." In the glory days of the (then) Plymouth School District, the non-parent part of the community was much more inter-

ested in the schools — especially the business and civic-cultural sectors. This point may be Little's greatest opportunity to make Plymouth-Canton Community Schools a step ahead 20 years from now.

5. Graduation requirement changes are on the front burner. Little comes from New York state where expectations are tested against results every year on a state-wide basis.

He'd like to see more guarantees for student accomplishments here. (Little may find that achieving this and Point 1 will make for interesting table talk with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.)

So how long will Little's list take to accomplish?

"Five years" at least, he estimates.

Then he thought more about it.

"The amount stuff that's got to be done here is going to take a long time — maybe 10 years," he said.

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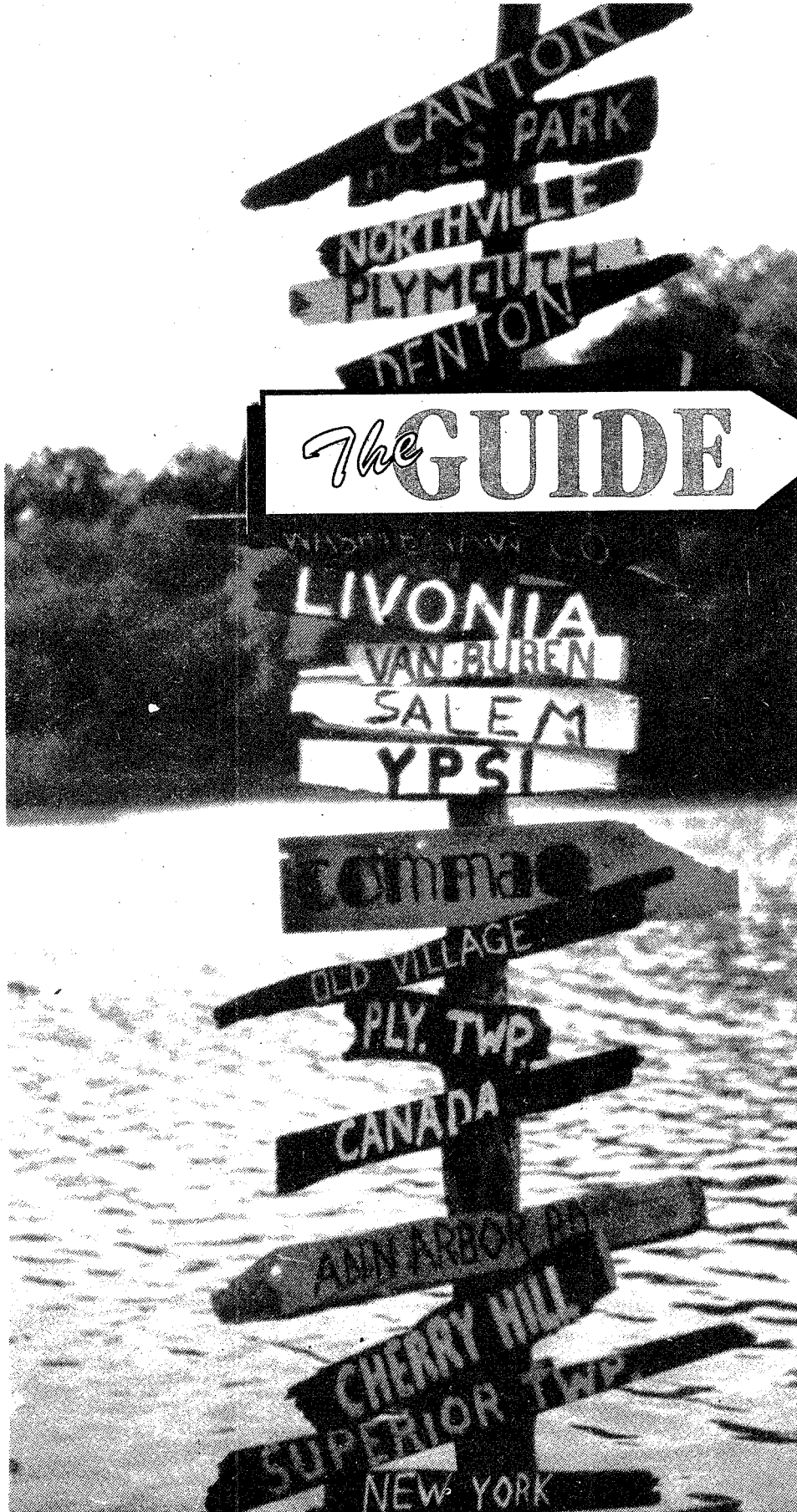
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