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The former Stroh distributorship building at the corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road (above) may soon be home to an produce market that will be set back from the road and will have parking in the back (below). (Crier photos by Gary Gosselin)



## Plans revealed to make Stroh site produce market

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Site-plans have been filed with the city of Plymouth that would turn the old Stroh distributorship building at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Mill Street into a new produce market.

The developer, Jamco, Inc., had initially asked the city for a planned unit development for the site, but was turned down.

The new plan calls for a full-service produce market that will include a bakery, deli, cafe, flower shop and •Announcement near on St. John's? — Pg. 10

butcher shop.

According to a spokesman for Jamco, members of the planning commission wanted to discuss rezoning the area, and this new plan allows them45/ to do so.

"The businesses in the area are not light industrial," said the spokesman, "they're general businesses. This should be reflected in the zoning."

The building commission will meet on April 14 to decide whether to designate the area as general business rather than light industrial.

Planning Committee Chairman Dave Schaff is the architect of the project, and has removed himself from meetings regarding the proposal.

Schaff said that the area, which includes numerous general businesses Please see pg. 9

## **Police probe series of fires in Canton**

#### BY AMY KIDWELL

Canton Police are investigating what could be series of related small arson fires.

Community Relations liaison, Officer Tammi Colling, said they cannot label any of the fires officially as arson until the investigation is complete.

She did say, however, that police found evidence pointing to the fires being deliberately set.

The first incident occurred Feb. 22 at 4 a.m. when dispatch received a call that a play fort in the back yard of a Willard Street home was on fire. Three days later, in a different subdivision, a similar play fort fire was reported at 5 a.m. at a home on Kingsway. Once again, the fire department extinguished the fire and no injuries were reported.

Police found evidence at the scene, such as debris and newspapers, that pointed to a deliberate fire.

Officer Colling also said that there was a distinct odor of "accellerants" at the scene of both fires.

According to Colling, the homeowner said there were no newspapers in the backyard prior to the fire. That night, police stopped and identified possible juvenile suspects, Colling said.

On Friday, dispatch received another fire call at 3 a.m. The home being built on lot 237 at Plum Hollow and Embassy was burning.

Investigators at the scene of the fire determined that the fire was set. "They could smell gas(oline)," Colling said.

According to Colling, police and fire department officials are not sure if the first two fires and the third are linked.

Canton officials continue to investigate.



#### ANALYSIS

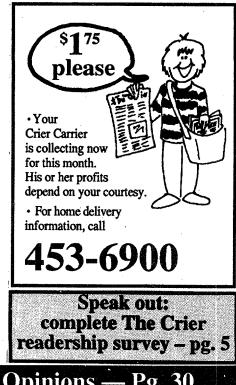
BY CRAIG FARRAND What impact will the new one-year contract with teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District have on the system's precarious budget status and equally important — on the outcome of the June millage election?

Those are key questions being asked in the district, as teachers today complete their expected ratification of the one-year, 3 per cent wage increase agreement. The board is expected to approve the pact at Monday's meeting.

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In addition to the salary increase, individuals close to the negotiations said nine different language issues were settled, including issues involving seniority and transfer rights.

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# Board gets an earful from 600 angry residents

#### **BY CRAIG FARRAND**

Start living within your budget and cutting back on expenses before you think about raising taxes.

That was the message delivered by more than 600 residents Monday night when they faced the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education over the potential elimination of busing in the district should a 4-mill tax increase question fail in June.

The problem was, however, that the board had already revised its reduction list to not only maintain busing, but also retain a six-hour class day.

These moves came two weeks after board members ranked the elimination of busing fifth on a list of cutbacks totaling \$5.8 million.

That didn't prevent the large crowd — which forced the board to move its meeting from the administration building to Canton High School's theater — from taking the board to task, however, over its overall handling of district finances

For nearly two and a half hours, more than two dozen residents raised questions about the need for more millage at a time when families were suffering through layoffs, paycheck reductions, cutbacks — and yet rising property assessments.

The size of the crowd was prompted by a note sent home with pupils late last week by district bus drivers alerting parents that the board would eliminate busing if the millage doesn't pass.

Many who arrived grew angry when they discovered that a new cutback list already had eliminated busing from consideration.

Once that anger subsided, however, many in attendance launched into general attacks on the board's handling of the district's budget.

Many speakers told personal tales of layoffs, salary reductions and cutbacks in their own families — and then

demanded to know why the same sacrifices weren't being asked of district employes.

"Most of us are up to here with millages," said one resident. "Some of us have taken pay cuts.

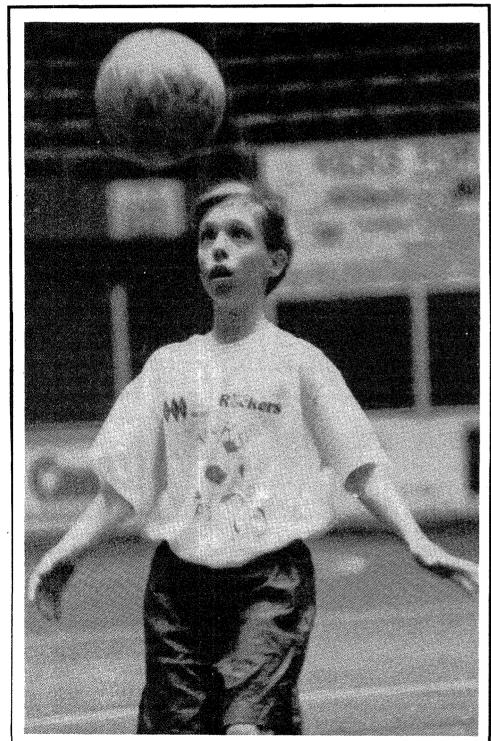
"What can be done in this district?" he asked.

Toward the end of the meeting, a woman told the board of her husband's six-month layoff, her family's lack of medical benefits and a \$2 per hour cut in her husband's hourly wage, and then told the board:

"Give us your basic education before you talk about extras; this district just lives beyond its means."

For part of the meeting the central issue became the anticipated approval of a one-year teacher contract that gives the teachers a 3 per cent increase. (See related story.)

"I expect this board to get hard-nosed (in negotiations)," said one man. "And I expect you to stay in the budget."



#### **Question of balance**

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Canton resident Chris Houdek shows off his soccer skills at the final competition of "Kicks for Kids," a fundraiser benefiting the Children's Lukemia Foundation. He took second place in his 11 to 12 age group. Other awards were given to Nick Houdek, Carl Fanning, Zachary Wilkes, Christopher King, Jason Barylski and E.J. Sieracki. (Crier photo by Craig Lukasik.)

# Farmers make row over assessments

### Some values rose by 500 percent in one year

#### BY ALEX LUNDBERG

How much is farmland worth in Canton Township?

The classic answer is, of course, whatever the market will bear.

But what happens when the market is no longer setting prices; when the assessment process — which involves entire counties and issues like land development in neighboring areas — sets land prices?

The farmers know.

"There are some farmers here that will have to find a crop that will yield \$250 per acre just to cover taxes," said Duane Bordine of Bordine's Farm Market.

Mind you, that \$250 figure does not account for operating costs, payment of workers, or anything like profits. This is just the amount of money needed to pay taxes based on new property assessments.

"No crop can generate that kind of revenue," Bordine said. "Except maybe marijuana.

According to Bordine, the state equalized valuation (SEV) — or half the market value — of his family farm in 1992 was \$42,340.

One year later, however, his assessment jumped to \$142,600, an increase of 237 per cent.

According to Bordine, that makes farming in Canton impossible.

"The farm that my brother works — (which was established in 1835) — is one-third woods and ditch that isn't farmed," Bordine said. "Last year the SEV was \$15,830, now it's \$102,320.

That's an increase of more than 500 per cent in one year.

"Canton used to be known for the top sweet corn in the state," Bordine said. "Now the farmers in Canton are a minority, and we are being treated like one."

Don Gill, whose farm was established more than 110 years ago, is looking at a hard choice if the tax review board doesn't change the taxes on his Canton property.

"The cost of our 1992 taxes could be covered by the operation of the farm with money left over," Gill said. "(but) the cost of the 1993 taxes makes farming impossible."

According to Gill, it's not a question of the "poor-mouthing that everyone does." If the assessments stay at their current level, Gill says he will be "forced to sell."

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## Why do values vary so much in the city?

#### BY AMY KIDWELL

Ideally, everyone should pay the same percentage of taxes. Right?

Wrong, at least if you live in the City of Plymouth.

Consider as an example some of the moderately priced homes in the city.

One home on Ann Arbor Trail sold in 1992 for \$81,000. Since assessments should be half of the market value, then that assessment should be around \$40,500.

Close. Its current assessment is \$45,770. Whoever lives at that address is paying the full amount of taxes.

But what about another house on Ann Arbor Trail — a 2,200-square-foot, colonia? It has a two-car garage, a deck, two full baths and one half bath, and it sold in 1992 for \$248,000. That being the case, its assessment should be around \$124,000.

Wrong. The current assessment for that house is \$62,620, or half of what the assessment should be. In other words, whoever lives at that address is paying

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The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular **Plymouth-Canton Community Schools** Board of Education meeting of March 22, 1993

Following the call to order, the meeting was adjourned to the Canton Little Theater to better accommodate the size of the audience.

The meeting began with an "Extra Miler Award" presentation to Barbara Shobe, secretary at Bird Elementary School. The "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools Award" was presented to Don and Jan Kelm, who were honored as outstanding volunteers from Fiegel Elementary School.

Under Board Reports, President Thomas reviewed some facts about the excellence of the school district and used an overhead projector to present an alternative budget "cut" package which would save both transportation and the six hour school day for students. A replica check from the Educational Excellence Foundation was presented by Richard Hoerner, who spoke of the many Foundation activities.

Under Citizens' Comments, the Board heard citizens speak on varied issues, including transportation, the TAG program, the budget and the upcoming millage election. Citizens who spoke were: Connie Tary, Walt McInerney, Philip Schloop, Mr. Swisher, Donna Hospodor, Donald Horne, Calvin Haddad, Sam Ahlquist, Jim Clement, Charles Ofori-Mensa, Richard Pilkiewicz, Jim Hudgins, Steve Kovach, Kevin Lambert, Phil Zabawa, Jim Gannon, Martin McClellan, Chris Holland, Milt Bolton, Julianne Zenner, Bonnie Reyes, Mike Smith, Maryann Keil, Sandra Kosky, Larry Lambert, and Cindi Ohlinger.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included payment of bills in the amount of \$4,547,695.94.

the recommendations for tenure for teachers Brenda Belanger, Mary Corridore, Mary Gerrelts, Kathleen Hunt, Christopher Hymes, Marianne Wright and Karen Mattson.

the leave of absence for elementary teacher Marilyn Wiltse.

issuing non-renewal of contract notices (pink slips) to the 15 administrators: Shelia Alles, Curriculum Coordinator; Donna Aveck, Diretor of Computer Services and Instructional Technology; Gary Balconi, Salem Faculty Athletic Manager; James Finn, Canton Faculty Athletic Manager; Ellison Franklin, Curriculum Coordinator; Mary Kay Frey, Adult Education Coordinator; James Hatcher, Audio Visual Technician; Cletus Karamon, Auditorium Manager; Virginia Murdoch, Supervisor/Child Accounting; Jo Ann Ost, Audio Visual Technician; Gregory Pirtle, Fleet Service Supervisor; David Rocker, Transportation Assistant; Thomas Rose, Purchasing Agent; Annette Sensoli Kubeshesky, Communication Technician; and Michael Swanson, Supervisor/ Maintenance & Energy Operations.

The Board approved:

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the ballot wording for the annual school election to be held on June 14, 1993, which reads:

#### Millage Renewal Proposition

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 17.74 mills (\$17.74 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for a period of 2 years, 1993 and 1994, to provide additional funds for operating purposes (this being a renewal of 17.74 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1992 tax levy)?

#### Millage Proposition

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 4 mills (\$4.00 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for a period of 2 years, 1993 and 1994, to provide additional funds for operating purposes?

a series of resolutions to award bids and approve designs for projects funded by the 1991 Bond Project.

the first posting of Policy No. 8453.01 on blood-borne pathogens.

Public forums will be held to review the proposed elementary school boundaries on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. East Middle School and on Monday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

A workshop meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem High School Media Center. This meeting will be held with the Community School Council members. There will be no meeting of the Board on Monday, April 12 due to Easter vacation. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

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

### Township official may face charges in incident

Plymouth Township Trustee Charles

Curmi may face charges for an incident

March 16 in which police reported that he

allegedly swore at a gas station attendent,

knocked over a newspaper stand and

interview with officers the next day,

Curmi denied that he used vulgar

language and disrupted store merchandise

According to police, in an phone

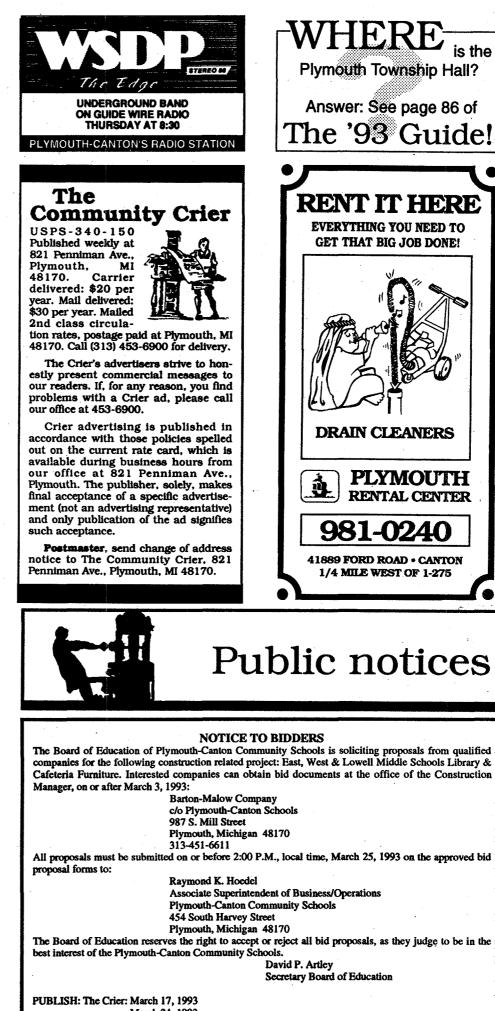
disrupted morning business.

during his visit.

Monday night he told The Crier that "the charge is untrue."

"I made an effort to be a good Samaritan to a customer who appeared to be in distress, and my good intentions were misinterpreted by the attendant.'

The prosecutor is expected to make a decision today about whether or not to charge Curmi in the alleged incident.



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# The Crier presents: unual Readers Rate

What's your opinion?

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

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

GIVE A LETTER GRADE by

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

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

While obviously this survey won't produce a scientific sampling, it's still one way you opinions. Of course Crier is always wil opinions - either 6900) or by mail Avenue, Plymouth, you can start by completing the survey.

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	Plymouth Township Board	Α	В	С	D	Ε
	Canton Township Board	A	В	C	D	Ε
	Plymouth-Canton Schools Board	Α	В	С	D	E
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	Middle Schools	Α	В	С	D	E
	High Schools	Α	В	С	D	Ε
	Community Continuing Education	Α	В	С	D	Ε
	School Superintendent	Α	В	С	D	E
	Central Administration	<b>A</b>	B	С	D	E
	Building Principals	<b>A</b>	В	C	D	Е
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	Plymouth Township Recreation & Parks	Α	В	С	D	E
	Wayne County Parks	Α	B	С	D	Ε
	Huron-Clinton Metroparks	Α	В	С	D	Ε
	Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Rink	A	В	C	D	Ε
	Plymouth Township (overall)	Α	В	C	D	Е
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5 p.m. Friday, April 2, 1993.

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GrowthWorks	Α	В	С	D	Е	
Plymouth Family Services	Α	В	C	D	Е	
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Salvation Army	Α	B	С	D	E	
Goodfellows	Α	В	С	D	E	
Service Clubs	Α	в	С	D	E	
Plymouth Senior Citizen programs	Α	в	C	D	E	
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Plymouth Chamber of Commerce	Α	в	С	D	Е	
Canton Chamber of Commerce	A	В	С	D	E	
YMCA	Α	В	C	D	E	
Close-up	Α	B	С	D	E	
Community Literacy Council	A	B	C	D	E	
Secretary of State (Canton office)	Α	B	C	D	E	
M.E.S.C. (Canton office)	A	В	c	D	E	
Plymouth Post Office/Delivery	A	В	C	D	E	
Canton Post Office/Delivery	A	B	C	D	E	
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EVENTS	3	· · · ·			
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Canton Liberty Fest	<b>A</b>	В	С	D	E
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	Α	В	С	D	Ε
Art-in-the-Park	Α	В	С	D	E
July 4th Parade-Fireworks	Α	В	C	D	Ε
Thanksgiving Celebration	Α	В	C	D	Ε
Santa Comes to Canton	A	В	С	D	Ε
Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	. A	В	С	D	E
Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance	Α	В	С	D	Ε.
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Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	A	В	С	D	Е	
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YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THESE – or other – ISSUES: (EDITOR'S NOTE: these may be quoted with the tabulated report on this survey.)

	YOUR COMMENTS ON ISSUE	IS:	
Should Canton build an	nd operate a Community Center?	Yes	No
Should Plymouth buik	d a new library?	Yes	No
Should Mettetal Airpo	rt be preserved?	Yes	No
Should Plymouth Towns	hip develop a recreation program?	Yes	No
Should Plymouth-Cant	on Schools seek a millage increa	se to maintain	programs?
		Yes	No
Should Plymouth-Cant	on Schools seek a millage increa	se to improve	programs?
		Yes	Ņo
Should Miller Woods I	be fenced?	Yes	No
Should the 35th Distri	ct Court add a third judge?	Yes	No
Should downtown Ply	mouth change its parking requir	rements?	
		Yes	No
Should downtown Ply	mouth add a new streetscape?	Yes	No
Should local governm	ents share		
police services		Yes	No
fire services		Yes	No
dispatch service	es	Yes	No
recreation		Yes	No
public works se	rvices	Yes	No
Do you get your mone	ey's worth for local governmenta	al taxes in	
City of Plymout	h?	Yes	No
Canton?		Yes	No
Plymouth Town	ship?	Yes	No
Do you get your mone	ey's worth for Plymouth-Canton	Schools taxes	?
		Yes	No
If one road/intersection	were to be improved in 1993, it	shouid be	

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

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# WIN ONE OF 9 FREE HAMS

To enter, just clip out the hams, fill in name, address and phone number and deposit at the store listed on the coupon. There will one winner at each store and he/she will win one 8-10lb. (approx.) ham. Drawings will be held on Wed. April 7, 1993. No obligation or purchase necessary. Enter one or all. 9 chances to win! (Odds of winning depend on the number of entries per store). Must be 18 or older to enter.





# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Robin Lynne Fielmman and Theodore Parrish Pettitt of Plymouth, as well as Matthew H. Littleton of Canton were awarded with academic honors at Purdue University for the fall 1992 semester. Students who earn honors must have earned at least a 5.5 semester of cumulative grade-point average on a six-point scale.

Karen Sue Zimmerschied, a former Plymouth student, earned her BS in electrical engineering when she graduated from the University of Kansas the fall semester.

Michael J.Q. Duffy, of Plymouth, was named to the Dean's list for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois.

Airman Christopher W. Piercecchi has graduated from the helicopter maintenance specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. Piercecchi, son of Bill Piercecchi of Canton, is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Matthew Myhrum, son of Plymouth residents Carvel and Bonnie Myhrum, was named to the University of Evansville Dean's List for the first time.

Plymouth student Gwendolyn Constance Joslyn was honored at the Indiana University Founder's Day ceremony. She achieved the Founder's Day List for academic excellence by earning at least a 3.5 GPA in the fall 1992-93 semester.

Julianne Thomas of Canton and Erika Soderholm of Plymouth were among the Alma College students named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 1992 Fall Term.

Thomas, a 1990 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, is the daughter of Dale Thomas, and is a junior majoring in political science.

Soderholm, a 1988 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, is the daughter of Donald and Nancy Soderholm. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in December in history from Alma College.

Three area students were named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the fall 1992 semester. Heather L. Kaye and Lindsay J. Larson, both of Plymouth, were honored, as was Canton student Julie A. Martin.

# Full recovery for crash victim

**BY AMY KIDWELL** 

This month marks the second anniversary of a tragedy for two families in the the Plymouth-Canton Community.

Actually the tragedy reaches much further because it not only affects the victims' immediate families, but also their friends and neighbors.

On March 28, 1991, Tamara Carlson and Michael Fullerton, both 18, were killed when the car they were riding in left the road and hit a stand of trees off of Napier Road just north of Warren Road.

Three other people riding in the car survived that accident, one of them being Raymond Carlson, 18, Tamara's younger and only brother. The other survivors were Christopher Demey, 19, and Walter Guenther.19.

Guenther, who was driving the car, was released from the hospital the same night; Demey, who was in serious condition, later recovered and was released.

After being removed from the wreckage, Raymond was flown to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti suffering from injuries that included bruises on both sides of his brain.

"I remember being thrown around, and I remember a tree. I was actually next to the tree. The next thing I remember it was May 5," he said.

The night of the accident, Raymond suffered a seizure that, he said, put him into the month-long coma.

He said he didn't feel confused when he came out of the coma.

"I knew who the people (nurses and hospital staff) were because they were there during my coma."

It was May when he learned of his sister's death.

"At first, I didn't realize what had happened. I wanted to feel sad. It didn't fully hit me because I never saw her.

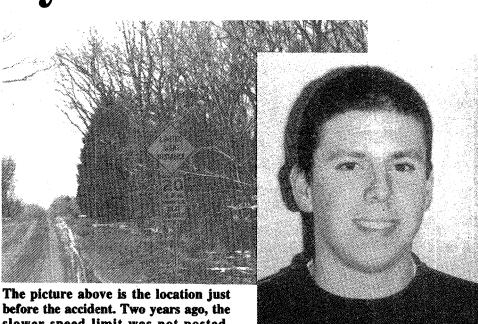
"I got out (of the hospital) on June 14 and went back three times a week for therapy."

It has been a busy two years for Carlson. He had to relearn basic movements and thought processes that people take for granted.

"It was fun and difficult. The first time I tried to stand, I collapsed. My balance was totally off.

"I first started walking with a shopping cart and moved on to a walker with wheels."

Speech therapy, which he recently completed, consisted of memory games.



before the accident. Two years ago, the slower speed limit was not posted. Raymond Carlson (right) survived the accident in which his sister was killed.

His mother, Pola San, explained that speech therapy deals mostly with how the mind organizes information.

Raymond: "My short term memory was terrible. If somebody left the room for a while and came back in, it would be like they walked in for the first time.

"My grade point dropped because I couldn't remember things.'

His most recent accomplishment is earning an Eagle Scout award, which he will receive in late April.

After the crash, Tamara Carlson was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Pola San remembers what happened that

night. "I received a phone call from the hospi-

tal asking if they could put a tube in (Raymond's) heart.

As I was on the phone, police came to the front door. They wouldn't tell me anything until my sister arrived.

'We were then taken to U of M. It was there when I found out she was dead and that Raymond was at St. Joseph."

At the time of the crash, Raymond Sr. was serving with his Marine Corp Reserve Unit in the Philippines as part of Operation Desert Storm.

"By the time I got to the phone, I knew that Tammy was killed," he said, adding that his initial reaction was, "shock.

> **Tamara** Carlson and Michael Fullerton (left) were killed two years ago in a one car accident. Today their memorial still hangs from the site of the accident.

"I was the one who was supposed to be in harm's way."

He was on his way home a little more than three hours later, but because of the distance and time differences, he didn't arrive here until Saturday.

Funeral services for Tamara and Fullerton were held separately but they were buried side-by-side. They had been dating steadily before the accident.

At the scene of the accident, linked hearts with the names of the two still hang from the trees off Napier.

Since the accident, Raymond Carlson said he's learned to be more careful.

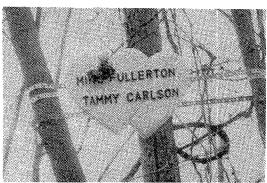
"I look at life with a whole new meaning. You can't mess around with your life or someone else's."

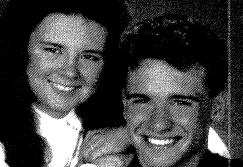
He said he plans on graduating from Salem High School next year and moving on to Washtenaw Community College.

After that he plans on transferring to Eastern Michigan University and getting a teaching degree. His plans are to become a gym teacher.

Since the accident, the Carlsons and neighbors have been asking authorities to improve safety on that part of the road where several people, including Tamara, have died.

Aside from removal of the tree, they said nothing has been done to make the road safer.





# Farmers make row over assessments

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Gill's 1992 SEV was \$11,326 for the 200-acre farm; the SEV for 1993 was \$31,940 — an increase of 182 per cent.

That number is particularly interesting when compared with the increase in the SEV of Gill's Washtenaw County property: 0.

Gill, like the other farmers in Canton, has limited options.

"We're going to ask the board of review for relief," Gill said. "We're also going to ask if this is what they want for Canton.

"If they won't change the SEV we'll go to the state tax tribunal.

#### Why do values vary?

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half of the taxes that he or she should.

Just to show that this particular example is not an isolated incident, consider:

In 1990, one Ann Arbor Trail home a small two-story house with almost 1,500 square feet — sold for \$89,900. Its current assessment is \$48,340. That's a little more than half its value, which is not bad considering the recent 10 per cent increase that was felt in the area.

Also in 1990, one home on Penniman sold for \$225,000. It is a much larger home and its current assessment is \$79,630 — \$32,870 less than half its value, and that figure comes after the recent 10 per cent increase.

#### The problem?

"We are in need of a re-appraisal," said Judy Zirblis, the city's assessor, "It's been 10 years (since the last residential assessment)."

To perform that city-wide appraisal of residential property, the city would need more than \$80,000 this year, she said, to hire an assessing company to do the job.

### New market eyed

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should be zoned for general business, and said that it's time to develop the site.

"The building isn't being used and is somewhat of an eyesore," said Schaff, "the proposed development is wellplanned, and would fit nicely into the area."

The rezoning, however is only the first hurdle to overcome. There is also a clause in the ordinance which forbids parking in front of buildings in that area.

"The clause doesn't take into account if a building is set well back from the street with landscaping in front to hide the lot (like the proposed development)," said Schaff.

He added that he's confident about the plan.

"It's well thought out, and can only add to the area."



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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

#### Is announcement near on St. John's?

Development of the St. John's Seminary property may be coming one step closer to reality, following news that Archbishop Adam Maida will be "making a decision" about the site April 15.

In addition, Plymouth Township officials said that an anonymous inquiry was made last week to confirm the zoning classification of the property.

Rumors have been circulating for some time that 40 to 50 of the 175 acres owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit at the southeast corner of Sheldon and Five Mile roads would be developed as a major retail shopping center.

**Community Federal Credit Union** will be closing its commercial drive-up window on Maple Street in April.

Commercial transactions will be handled at drive-through lanes and inside the branch offices.

There will be a limit of two transactions at the drive-through windows, and if any deposit contains twenty or more items, bundles of cash or rolled coin. the inside facilities must be used.

Skyway Precision Inc. of Plymouth has secured a state of Michigan grant to upgrade the skills of its employees.

The grant was awarded to Schoolcraft Community College, and will allow instructors to present classes onsite at the company.

Llona Zaibek, an employe of Roger Haslik of Plymouth has become one of Michigan's first Accredited Legal Secretaries (ALS).

Zaibek became accredited following a six-hour exam which covered written communications, comprehension and application, office administration, legal terminology, accounting, ethics, human relations and applied office procedures.

# **Charette success**

U of M group takes top honors in Ann Arbor Road design contest

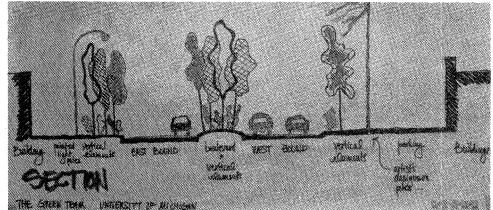
**BY GARY GOSSELIN** Their vision was to turn Ann Arbor Road into a boulevard with a landscaped median complete with using existing telephone poles as part of the decoration.

Pretty telephone poles? Nevertheless, this idea beat out 15 others to earn the Green Team from the University of Michigan the top prize of \$1,000 at Saturday's Charette.

East Middle School was a flurry of activity as the 16 teams worked on ideas for a new look for Ann Arbor Road.

Ideas ranged from a river theme, with the road weaving left to right, to a parklike setting which called for variations in road elevation.

Most ideas, however, suggested a



This design by members of the U of M "Green Team," showing Ann Arbor Road as a boulevard, took top prize in the recent design Charette.

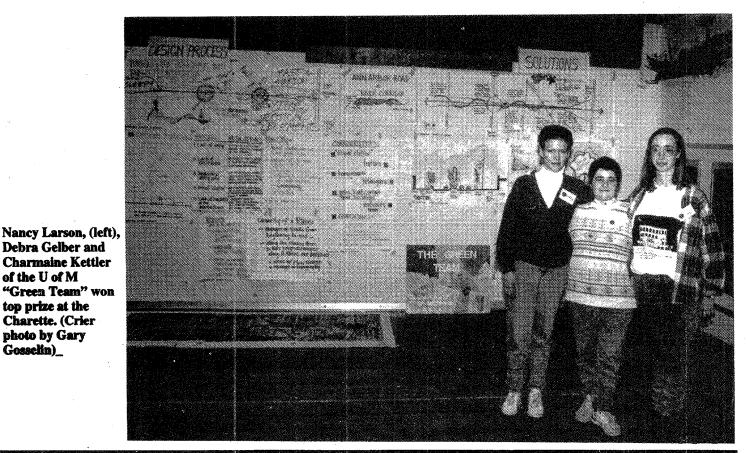
boulevard with a landscaped median and more attention to adding trees, shrubs and flowers.

Coming in second for the \$500 prize was the MSU Z-team, which called for separate "zones" along the corridor.

The U of D Mercy team took the \$250

third place prize with an idea for "nodes" along the road, an idea similar to the MSU team.

All ideas are now property of the chamber, city and township which leaves a wealth of ideas for any development plans for the corridor in the future.



## Students camp out at Hulsing

of the U of M

top prize at the

photo by Gary

Gosselin)

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Hulsing Middle School students have spent the last two weeks at "Camp Hulsing." No, they haven't been sequestered at some faraway wilderness retreat, they've been right here in Canton.

The Hulsing Middle School library to be exact. The camp was set-up by librarian Pat McDonald last year, and was such a big success, the school brought it back this year.

The camp, said McDonald has a twofold purpose, "We've created this camp partly to celebrate March as reading month, and partly to offer a pre-spring break from the winter doldrums."

McDonald said the camp was modeled after her childhood camp, and offers many of the same activities.

"We have fishing (with plastic fish), reading in the tents with flashlights, group songs around the (electric) campfire and even letters home," she said.



Carmen Wilson (left), Nicole Hogue and Kristy Duerr take part in Hulsing's "campout." (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)



## Krajewski, 89, store owner

Amelia Krajewski of Canton, who was born in Poland on March 4, 1904, died March 13, 1993, at the age of 89.

Mrs. Krajewski was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, and along with her late husband, Joseph, owned and operated a meat market in Dearborn and in 1945 purchased the farm on Ridge Road formerly known as the Hanford Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Krajewski were both mentioned in the book "Cornerstone: A History of Canton Township."

Mrs. Krajewski is survived by brothers Stanley Maleski of Florida, and Chester Maleski of Zilwaukee; and sisters Louise Heid of Dearborn Heights, Frances Meyers of Essexville, MI, and Helen Dudock of Florida.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were helped March 9 at St. John's, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

## Danaher, 55, homemaker

Jo Ann Danaher of Garden City, a homemaker who resided in Canton before moving, died March 10, 1993, at the age of 55.

Mrs. Danaher, who was born May 2, 1937, in Hancock, MI, is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Penn of Garden City, and Mary Jo Oliver of Plymouth; and three grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held March 13, with the Rev. Michael Myers officiating.

## Novotny, 81, GM engineer

George Novotny of Canton, a General Motors executive until his retirement in 1966, died March 9, 1993, at the age of 81.

Mr. Novotny, who was born Aug. 16, 1911, worked for 32 years at GM, finishing his career as an executive structural engineer. In addition, he performed as a violinist in several orchestras, including the Hamtramck Philharmonic, the University of Michigan Extension Symphony and, for 16 years, with the Scandinavian Symphony. After his retirement he continued to perform for 25 years with the Redford Civic Symphony.

Mr. Novotny is survived by his wife, Agnes; son, Clarence of Green Bay; daughters, Evelyn Steele of Allen Park and Dorothy Lough of Canton; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 11 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Grenfell Jr. officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Sokol Detroit Building Fund.

## Hamlin, 91, church member

Anna Hamlin of Plymouth, a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, died March 11, 1993, at the age of 91.

Mrs. Hamlin, who was born Feb. 14, 1902, in Koleen, IN, was preceded in death by her husband, Flander, in 1987. She is survived by sons, Merle and Dean, both of Plymouth, and Paul, of Birmingham; daughter Avis Walker of Plymouth; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held March 15 at the Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. J. Mark Barnes officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions can be made to the Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

## Anderson, 84, Ford secretary

Marianna Anderson of Canton, who came to Detroit in the 1920s and moved to Canton in 1974, died March 4, 1993, at the age of 84.

Mrs. Anderson, who was born Aug. 14, 1908, in Paducah, KY, was preceded in death by her husband, Harold. She is survived by son James of Georgia; daughter, Catol of Ann Arbor; one brother; two sisters; and one grandchild.

Mrs. Anderson, who worked as an automotive secretary and then as an executive secretary at Ford Motor Co. until her retirement in 1974, was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held March 6, at Trinity Church, with the Rev. William Moore officiating. Interment was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorial contributions can be made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

## Serwinek, 74, machine worker

Anthony Serwinek of Canton, a machine worker who retired in 1988, died March 8, 1993, at the age of 74.

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Mr. Serwinek, who was born May 12, 1918, in Chicago, retired after 20 years as a machine assembler with SPX Manufacturing in Wixom. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witness North Canton Congregation.

He is survived by his wife, Hedwig; sons Paul of Milford, Mark of Wixom and Daniel of Texas; one sister; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held March 11 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with Mr. Miles Leggo officiating. Interment was at Oakgrove Cemetery in Dixboro, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to the Jehovah Witness Watchtower.

## Smith, 78, Moose member

Russell Smith of Redford, who retired in 1985 as senior clerk in the Detroit House of Corrections, died March 1, 1993, at the age of 78.

Mr. Smith, who was born Nov. 20, 1914, in Detroit, was a member of the Livonia Elks Lodge 2246 and the Dearborn Heights Moose Lodge 1795. He is survived by his son, Charles Schmidt of Westland; daughter Cheryl Niewola of Canton; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home March 5, with the Rev. Katherine McIntosh-Smith officiating. Interment was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Tidwell, 91, GM retiree

Travis Tidwell of Canton, who retired as a machinist at the Chevrolet Gear and Axle Plant after 38 years, died Feb. 28, 1993, at the age of 91.

Mr. Tidwell, who was born July 19, 1901 in Halyevile, AL, was a member of the Ferndale Church of Christ and a lifetime Mason. He is survived by his wife, Edith; son Travis of Alabama; daughters, Jean Marie Pardue of Tennessee, and Gwendolyn Holley of Florida; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 2 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with Mr. Ronald Brown officiating. Interment was at Roseland Memorial Gardens in Jackson, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ferndale Church of Christ or the National Kidney Foundation.

## Chan, 68, China native

Kin Sang Chan of Canton, who was a restaurant chef, died March 7, 1993, at the age of 68. Mr. Chan, who was born Nov. 10, 1924, in China, was a member of the Chinese Bible Church of Farmington Hills.

He is survived by his wife, How Y.; son, Andy of Canton; daughter Kam P. of Canton; two brothers; and five sisters.

Services were held March 9 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. David K. Moy presiding. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.



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## 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).

#### **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION LOOKING FOR A "WINNING KID"**

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan is looking for a "Winning Kid" with epilepsy to feature on its 1993 poster Any boy or girl aged 6 to 11 with epilepsy is eligible, and the winner will be entered in the National "Winning Kid" contest with the opportunity to take the message of epilepsy awareness to the White House. To enter a "Winning Kid," call 351-7979 for an application form, or write to the Epilepsy Center at 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

#### YWCA TRAVEL DAY

On April 3, the YWCA of Western Wayne County will be sponsoring a Travel Day. The \$37 per person charge covers Cantonese lunch at Kowloom's in Dearborn, the new "Forbidden Broadway" show at the restored Gem Theater in Detroit, and bus rides for the day. The bus departs from the YWCA at 11:45 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. Advance registration is required, please call the YWCA at 561-4110.

#### CHURCH SPONSORS MUSICAL EVENING

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton will host a musical evening with Lansing group "Doug Oxford and the Yearning" on March 27 at 7 p.m. Also appearing will be Main Street Music Director Julius DeChavez. Admission is free, but a love offering for Yearning Ministrics will be received. For more information, call 453-4785.

Is nee, but a love onering for rearing miniatures will be received. For more information, can 455-4785. PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER EVENTS The Plymouth City Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting several activities at the Plymouth Cultural Center. A special "Washi-egg" decorating technique will be taught in a workshop for adults on March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$23 for Plymouth residents, \$28 for non-city residents. Please bring sharp scis-

A Mother & Son Dance and a Father & Daughter Dance will both be held on March 26 at a cost of \$15 for Plymouth residents, \$20 for others. The Father & Daughter dance will last from 6-7:30 p.m., and the Mother & n dance will begin at 7:45 p.m. and end at 9:15 p.m. Both events will feature music, games, and refreshments.

### For more information on any of these events, contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620. SPECIAL EVENTS FOR U OF M VOLUNTEERS

The University of Michigan Medical Center is hosting several special events to honor its volunteers staff during "Volunteer Recognition Week" on March 29-April 2. Monday will feature a Lunch'n'Learn program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Office receptions will be held in the various offices all day Tuesday. A musical health program will be offered at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and breakfast with the executive director will be held at 8 a.m. on Thursday. On Friday, a U of M pianist will perform at 12:30 p.m., and an ice cream social and raffle will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday. RSVP for the lunch, musical health program, and breakfast by March 25 at 936-4327.

#### NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

The New Morning School's annual auction will be held on April 3 from 5 p.m. until midnight at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Live, silent, and super silent auctions will take place, and over 500 trips, artwork, and other items will be auctioned off. Advance registration is necessary at 420-3331. Corporate tables also avail-able. Tickets for \$45 include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and open bar. PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES

The Plymouth YMCA is offering several classes for local residents. "Half Pints in the Kitchen," 'Supersitters," "Driver's Education," "Bumper Bowl," "Pillo Polo," and "Arts and Crafts" are just some of the a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

#### **TOWNSHIP POLICE vs DETROIT LIONS**

The Plymouth Township Police Department "All-Stars" will be playing the Detroit Lions in a basketball game to benefit the Police Officers Association, and several local charities, including Special Olympics and Growthworks. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 19 in the Central Middle School Gym. Celebrities par-ticipating in the event will autograph program books at halftime. Tickets are \$10 for individuals, \$18 for couples and \$25 for families. For tickets or further information,

please call the Police Officers Association ticket office at 416-1100. OUR LADY OR VICTORY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Our Lady of Victory School in Northville is hosting a Spring Arts and Crafts Show on March 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The show will take place in the school Social Hall, in New Morning School, 133 Orchard St. at and to 4.50 p.m. The show will take place in the school Social Hall, in New Morning School, 155 Orthard St. at Main. Admission is free, the Easter Bunny will be present, and food, drinks, and a raffle will be available. For more information, please contact Paula Taylor at 380-5634. THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT The Livonia Symphony Orchestra's presentation, "That's Entertainment," will be held at Madonna

University on April 3 at 8 p.m. Hits from Broadway and the Silver Screen will be preformed by several featured artists. Doors open at 7 p.m. for food, snacks, and a cash bar. \$15 admission tickets are available from Ida Krandle at 851-4524, or send a check by mail to 28672 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, Mi, 48334. "SEARCHING THE SKY" FOR KIDS

The Plymouth District Library has adapted their "Scarching the Sky" series for youngsters aged 8-13 years old. Three programs, The Spring Sky and Celestial Oddballs," "The Inner Solar System," and "Phantoms of the Night" will be presented on April 13, May 4, and June 1, consecutively, from 7-8 p.m. Registration for any or all of these programs begins April 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the library, 453-0750. RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Plymouth Baptist Church is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive for the community from 2-8 p.m. on March 29. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Lilley. For more information, call 453-5534. PLYMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT TOURS

The Plymouth City Parks and Recreation Department and Bianco Tours is offering two special trips in April. On April 14, a tour of Point Pelee National Park and the city of Windsor, as well as the Pelee Dinner Theater production of "The Fourposter" will be included in the Pelee Theater tour. Price is \$46 for City of Plymouth residents, \$47 for non-residents.

A four day/three night Washington D.C. and Gettysburg trip will begin April 30. The \$365 tour cost will include transportation, accommodations, admission and tours, and three dinners. For more information on either trip, contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

#### "AMAZINGRACE" AT FIRST METHODIST

The Children's Choirs of the First United Methodist Church present "Amazingrace" on April 4 at 5 p.m. The Church is located on North Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, phone them at 453-5280. PUBLIC LECTURE ON HEALING OUR COMMUNITY

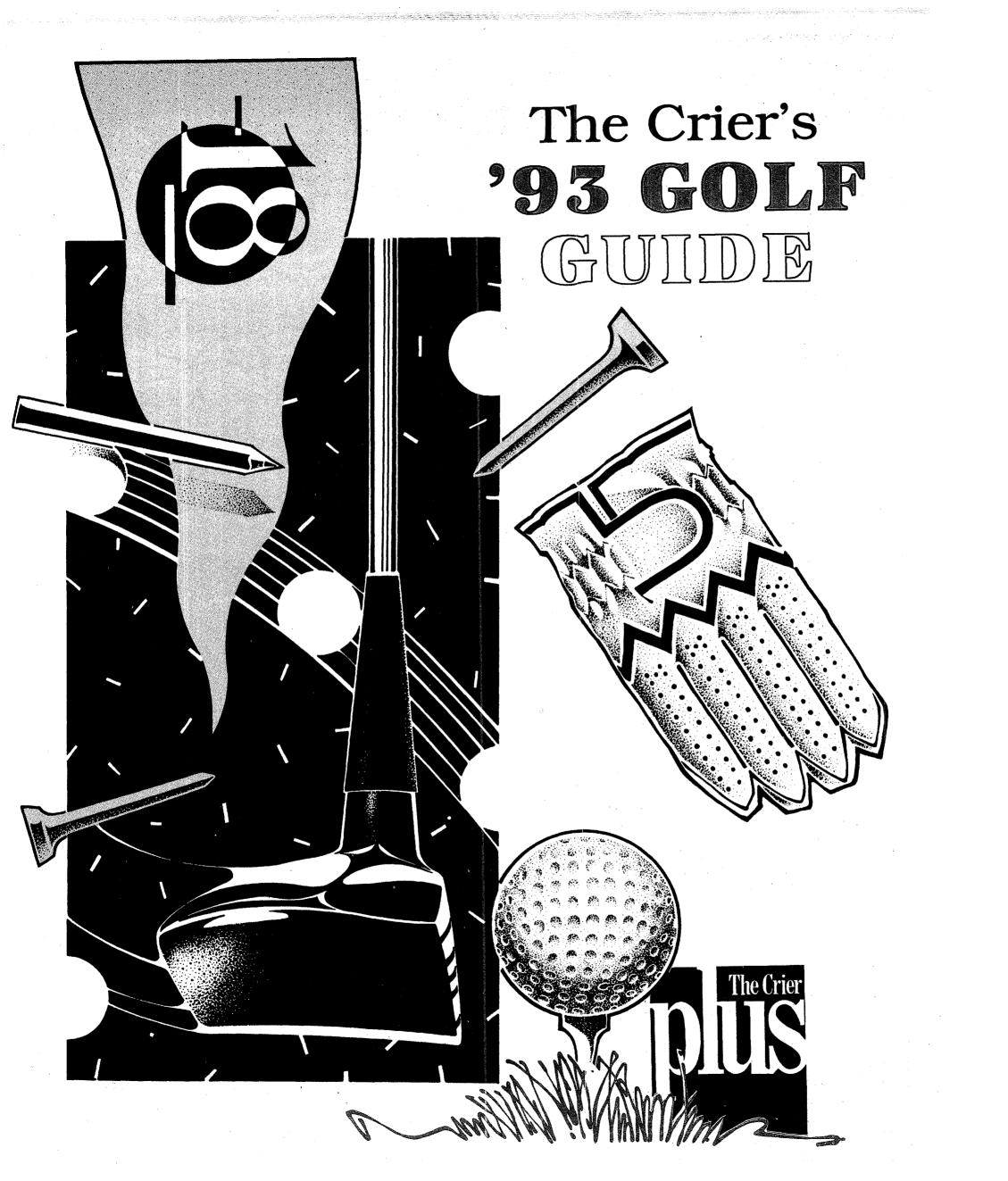
The First Church of Christ in Plymouth is bringing in noted Christian Scientist speaker Barbara R. Pettis on April 5 for a public lecture entitled "Healing Our Community: A Spiritual Approach." The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and will answer questions concerning problems in today's society.

#### ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER ASSOCIATION

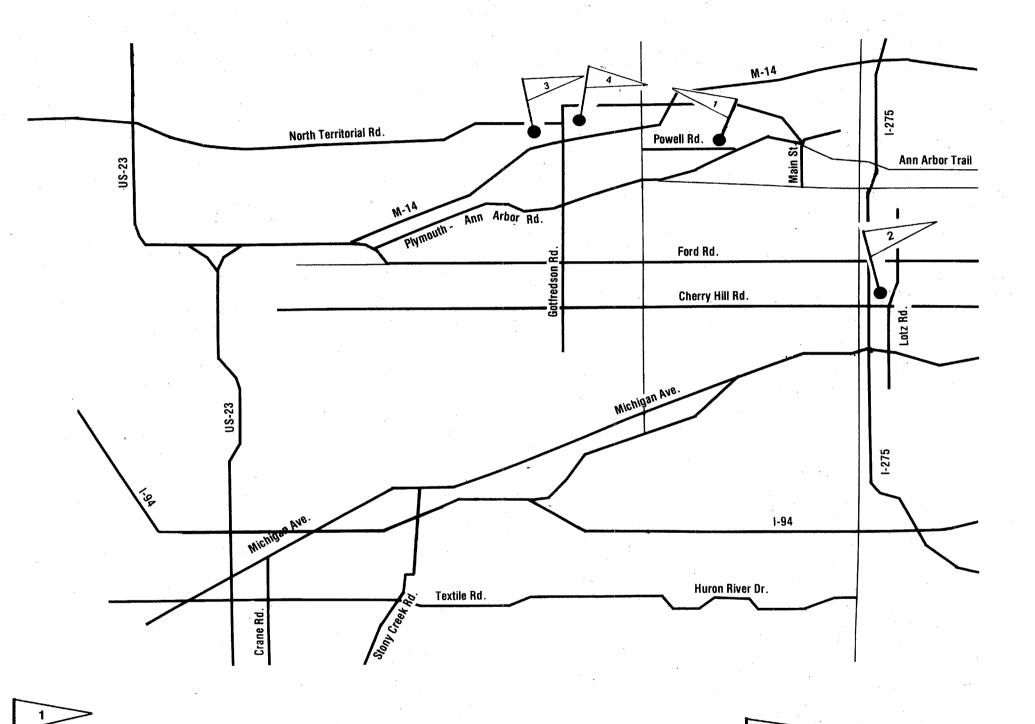
The Attention Deficit Disorder Association of Wayne and Oakland County will hold a meeting on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The Board will discuss options for reorganization into smaller locally based chapters. Registration begins at 7 p.m. For further information, please call 464-8233. "THE CHOICE" EASTER MUSICAL AND DRAMA

The Northville Christian Assembly presents this year's Easter Musical & Drama "The Choice" to the com-

munity on April 2-4. Show times are 7 p.m. on April 2nd, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on April 3rd, and 6:30 p.m. on April 4. All programs are held at the Northville Christian Assembly, on Six Mile Road in Northville.



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# Golf tips for the beginners first outing

#### **BY ALEX LUNDBERG**

Funny pants and spiked shoes do not a golfer make. In fact, they don't even scratch the surface.

"You don't really need the spikes," said Brad McCarty, manager of The Golf Club in Plymouth, "Ordinary tennis shoes or deck shoes are okay."

Barring a shoe purchase, a young duffer needs a set of clubs, and according to McCarty, prices can vary widely.

"We have a starter set that runs for \$89. "It comes with two woods, four irons, and a putter.

"That's all you'd really need to start with," McCarty said.

For those who want a more auspicious first outing into the world of golf, a full sets of clubs run even higher.

"A full set of clubs usually start at \$199 and can run as high as \$3,500 to \$4,000," McCarty said, "It depends on how much you're willing to spend."

He noted that the more expensive clubs have titanium heads and other precision features that make their prices extreme.

All prices on clubs are *without* bags. A collapsible bag can cost as little as \$10. Golf bag prices vary depending on maker and materials used.

Okay, now that you have your clubs and a bag to carry them in, its time to figure out how to play.

At the 3-Putt Pro Shop Oasis in Northville, you can get private, semiprivate, or group lessons.

"For \$30 to \$32 a half-hour you can get private lessons from a Professional Golf Association (PGA) pro teacher," said Nancy Catallo, coordinator of leagues and lessons at Oasis. "The semi-private and group lessons are taught by pros as well.

Oasis also has a dome-enclosed driving range that will be open until April.

"The rates on the dome are \$6 per half-hour before 5 p.m. and \$10 per half-hour after 5 p.m. and on the weekends," Catallo said.

According to Catallo, Oasis also runs junior lessons (\$60 for four 1hour lessons), junior leagues, and women's beginning and intermediate leagues.

Okay, now you've got your clubs and a bag, you've got two weeks of lessons under your belt; now...where to go to play?

Fellows Ereck Golf Club in Canton is a public course that offers 27 holes of golf for a reasonable rate.

"We offer \$11.50 for 9 holes of play during the week," said Kevin Walker, assistant pro shop manager, "\$13.50 on the weekends."

While there are no caddies at Fellows Creek, golfers can rent a golf cart for the day.

"Carts are \$11 for 9 holes, \$22 for a whole 18 holes," Walker said.

Fellows Creek is expected to open for business sometime in April, weather permitting.

So, with your clubs bought, your lessons taught, and your feet on the fairway, you can see that playing golf is as expensive as you want to make it. Golf doesn't have to be prohibitively priced.

Now, the lounge bar tab...that's a different story.

# High school golf It's not just for businessmen anymore

#### BY NANCY ROBINSON

You don't have to be a top executive on a business trip to enjoy golfing. You don't even have to be out of high school, at least if you live in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Canton and Salem high schools are among many who sponsor golf teams for both boys and girls from grades 9 to 12.

Ranging in size from 11-14 members, high school teams face off at various area golf courses around a dozen times per season.

A typical golf meet finds two 6 player teams playing nine holes each. Three groups of four play nine holes, two players from each team are in each group.

The players are usually seeded, so that the top two players from one school golf with the top two from the competing school, the third and fourth seeded golfers play together, and the fifth and sixth ranked are a foursome.

In boys' golf, the team score is the total of the lowest five, dropping the highest score.

For the girls' team score, the top two scores are dropped.

In addition to the pay-to-participate cost, each team member provides all their own equipment. The school district, however, pays all green fees for practices and matches.

Each team has a home course to host meets. Plymouth-Canton and Salem boys share Hilltop Golf Club in Plymouth Township, Brae-Burn Golf Club in Salem Township is the home course to the Salem girl golfers, and Canton girls call Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton home.

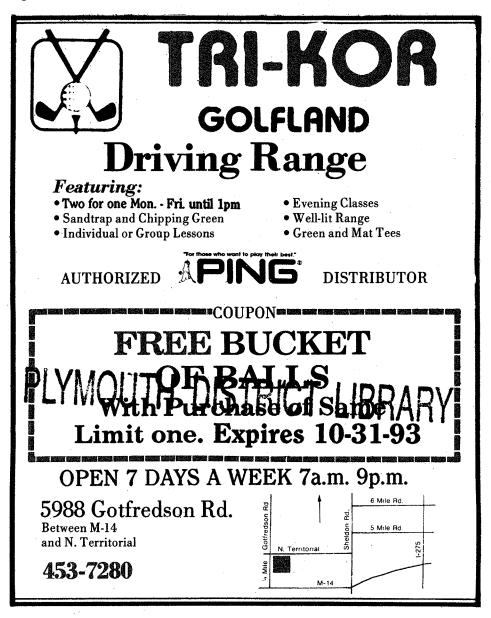
In addition to regular matches, both male and female golfers participate golf tournaments with several other high school teams.

For the guys, who play in the fall, this includes the Sandman Best Ball Tournament, co-hosted by the two Plymouth high school golf teams.

One of the first tournaments in the girls' season is the Brighton Invitational on April 30, which will include around 24 teams. The season started in early March for girl golfers, with the first matches to be played in mid April.

Near the end of each season, conference and regional finals are held at a neutral golf course. Then the top 20-25 teams in Michigan compete in the state finals.

Outside of school, there are still many opportunities for high-school aged golfers. Summer golf camps help male and female players improve their skills, and several tournaments year-round are open to individuals CONTINUED Page 16 THE CRIER'S '93 Golf Guide 1993



# School golf It's not just for businessmen

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not on official teams.

Rick Wilson, the Plymouth-Salem boys golf coach for the past 10 years, also works with the Community Education department to sponsor a summer golf league. Last year, the league ran for six weeks, beginning in early June. Some 24 golfers aged 11-17 participated every Friday morning at Hilltop Golf Club in Plymouth.

For competitive purposes, the league was limited to those with some golf experience. Although no details are final as yet, Wilson hopes the league will run again this summer.

After their season is over, many team members want to keep up their golf skills at area golf courses. Different clubs vary in their policy toward younger golfers.

While some allow players of any age, others will not allow those younger than 15-17 without adult accompaniment. However, many golf courses have special programs, such as the summer league run by Wilson, for interested young people.

"We want to encourage golfers of all sort," said John Jawol of Hilltop, because "nothing is better than to see people of any age out enjoying themselves playing golf."



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# New course Market demand requires one more

#### **BY GARY GOSSELIN**

Canton will be home to a new golf course in 1995, but with at least seven courses already in the P-C-N area, will the market bear another?

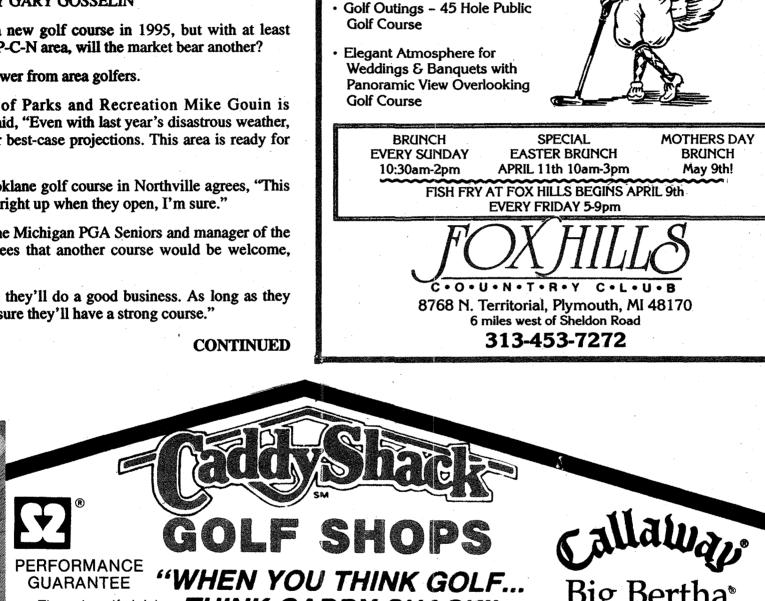
An emphatic yes is the answer from area golfers.

Canton Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Mike Gouin is overseeing the project, and said, "Even with last year's disastrous weather, Fellow's Creek exceeded our best-case projections. This area is ready for another course."

Bill Paul, manager at Brooklane golf course in Northville agrees, "This area's exploding. They'll fill right up when they open, I'm sure."

John Jawor, President of the Michigan PGA Seniors and manager of the Hilltop golf course also agrees that another course would be welcome, provided it's a good one.

"Once they open I'm sure they'll do a good business. As long as they plan and build properly, I'm sure they'll have a strong course."



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# New course Market demand requires one more

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Gouin said there's not much chance of improper planning, "We've got Arthur Hills designing the course," he said, "they were awarded first place by Golf Digest in both public and private course design last year."

Paul said Gouin has gotten off to a good start, "Arthur Hills is one of the most well-known names in course design, they're really starting off on the right foot. All they need to do is follow through with a good construction company and they'll have a great course."

Gouin said that when it comes time to hire a construction firm to implement the design, he's prepared, "I'm not only an avid golfer, but I've had a lot of experience with Fellows Creek and I've been doing research. I'm well prepared."

Gouin said that the course will be municipally-owned, and open to the public. The course will cover about 125 to 150 acres, and offer 18 holes. Gouin has estimated total construction costs at \$4.9 million.

He added that the course will be about 7,000 yards long and will offer four sets of tees, shelving on the fairways and a separate driving range-open to anyone.



Gouin said that the clubhouse will be fairly basic at about 4,000 square feet. It will likely include a pro shop, snack bar and a small locker room.

# Leagues A relaxing, leisure activity

It's that time again. Time for for golfers to hit the links and time for golf leagues to start the season.

Golf leagues are a good idea for anyone interested in the sport. Playing the game helps to keep people active and can be a relaxing leisure activity.

For beginners, leagues are a great way to learn how to play and to meet new people.

For veterans of the sport, it's a wonderful way to get reacquainted with friends. In fact, most people who join leagues, join on a continual basis and play in the same league year after year.

Not only are leagues a great opportunity for players, but they are also good business for owners and managers.

John Jawor, manager of Hill Top Golf in Plymouth Township, said leagues are a source of steady, season-long business. "They are about one third of business at any golf course," he said.

One advantage is that managers can plan for tee-off time well in advance. This helps to regulate golfers as they take the field.

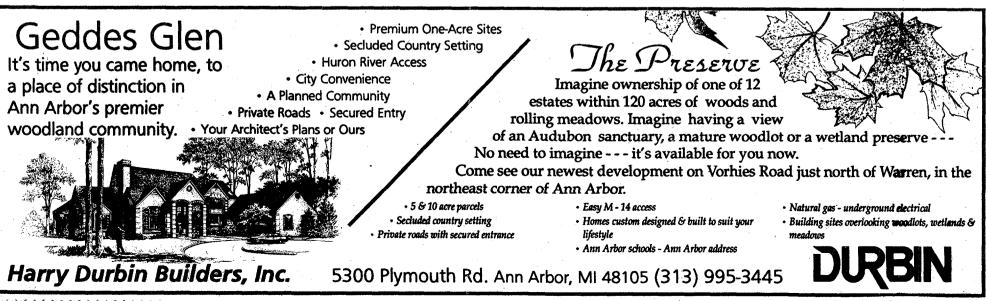
Individual players don't have to worry about waiting and managers don't have to worry about a mad rush of players coming in at key playing times.

The most popular league at Hill Top is the Plymouth Businessmen's League, a league that has been around for at least 40 years, said Jawor.

The league consists mostly of men, but more and more women have joined in the past few years.

Leagues at Hill Top vary widely because the course is open to any

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# Leagues A relaxing, leisure activity

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organization that wants to form a league.

"We get a lot of people from local offices who want to play golf," said Jawor.

Cost for league games at Hill Top are the same as any other games.

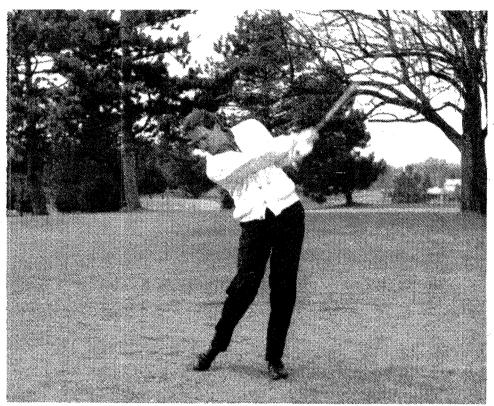
Green fees for the 1993 season were scheduled to be discussed at last night's Plymouth Township meeting. Last year, they ran from \$11 to \$17 on weekdays and \$12 to \$20 on weekends.

Over the past few years, women have become more involved in the sport, and Oasis Golf Course on Five Mile Road is welcoming that market..

Oasis has two types of leagues for women: a beginner's league and an intermediate league.

Both are a great way to learn the game and meet new people.

Each league lasts for 16 weeks and has a \$76 initial fee and a \$144 greens fee, which includes \$16 worth of discounts for the golf range.



Anyone who joins will be given rules and etiquette for the game but

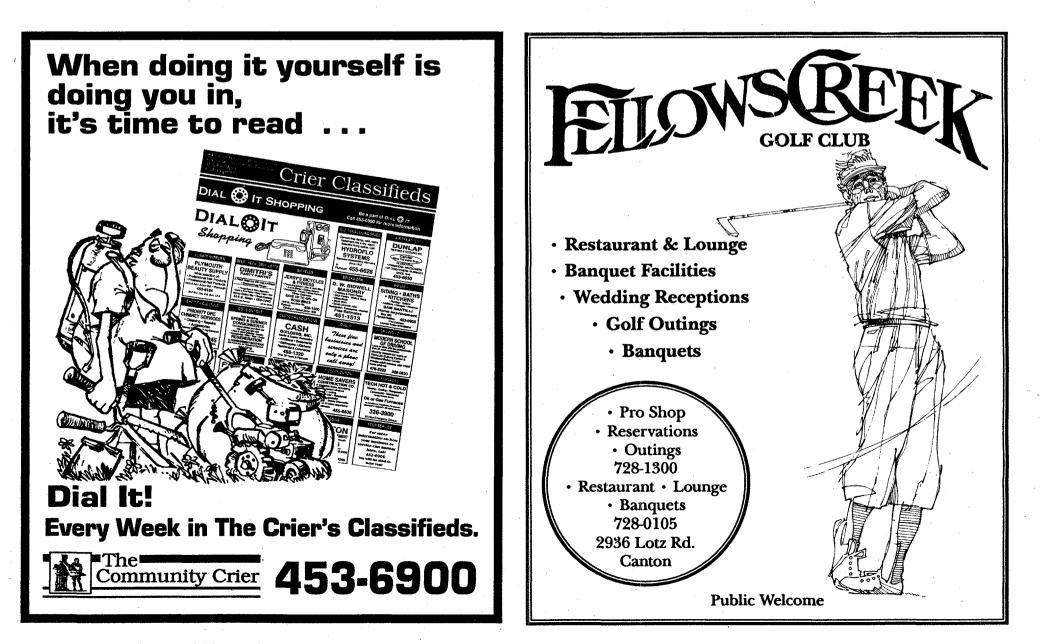
Call the golf course nearest to your home or office and see what types of leagues it has to offer. Then call your friends and convince them to join

You will be sure to enjoy the summer months that lie ahead.

should have a few lesson under her belt.

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#### SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE GROUP

An evening support group is available for those family members and friends who have had a loved one die by suicide. The group meets at Westland Convalescent Center (36137 West Warren) from 7-9 p.m. every Monday night. There is no charge, and the group is co-led by a professional and a survivor. Call 224-7000 anytime and leave a message for Mary Leonhardi for additional information.

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

#### IS IT TIME TO HAVE A BABY?

Catherine McAuley Health System is sponsoring its "World's Largest Baby Shower", on March 28 from noon to 5 p.m., featuring various services and products for babies. The \$1 admission will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, call 572-4000.

#### CHILDHOOD SELF ESTEEM SEMINAR FOR PARENTS

The Parent Academy will present a program entitled "Healthy Childhood Self Esteem: A Gift for a Lifetime" on March 25 from 7-9 p.m. John Bernardo, M.A. in psychology, will discuss this topic at the E.J. McClendon Education Center in Plymouth. For more information, call Sue Nisch at 453-3441. **BE A JAZZERBUDDY** 

The Plymouth Fitness Studio is offering a "Jazzerbuddies" class for parents and their 3-5 year olds to jazzercize together. The class will be from 10:45 to 11:20 p.m. For more information, call Julie Huddleston at 426-9 SCHOOLCRAFT DINNER THEATER PRODUCTION

Schoolcraft College will host its winter dinner theater production of Eugene O'Neill's drama, Long Day's Journey Into Night in the Liberal Arts Theater on the evenings of March 19 and 27, as well as April 3,9, and 10. Gourmet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the performance at 8 p.m., at a cost of \$15. A show-only option is available for \$6 on March 20, 26 and April 2. For ticket information, call the campus bookstore at 462-4409. ANN ARBOR WOMEN'S FLEA MARKET

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club is holding their annual flea market on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Club on Washtenaw Avenue. Admission is free, baked goods and coffee will be available. For more information, contact the City Club at 662-3279.

#### SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW IN WESTLAND

The Lutheran High School Westland's Spring Arts and Craft Show will be held on March 26-27 at the school, on Cowan Road in Westland. Admission is \$1.50, bake sale and lunch also available. GAME AND CARD PARTY

The Plymouth Symphony League is holding a game and card party from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 31. The \$15 admission covers all the day's activities, including pastries and coffee, luncheon, and an informal fashion how. Participants must bring their own cards or games.

All proceeds will go to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. For information, call 455-1727 or 451-9599. **OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT SHOW** 

The Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery, located in the United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, is holding and Open House and Craft Show. The craft show begins at 6:30 and ends at 9 p.m., and the open house runs from 6-7 p.m. Parents and children are welcome.

Applications for nursery for fall '93 will be available. Classes run two days a week for 3 and 4-year olds. For more information, please contact Cherie Kolodziejczak at 462-3687.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AUCTION**

Tollgate Exceptional Equestrian Program for handicapped children is looking for volunteers to help collect and organize items for a major auction. Volunteers are needed with sales, phone, secretarial, corporate, or fund raising experience, as well as volunteers with no experience at all. Please call Cindy Richards at 347-3860. PCEP'S WEST SIDE STORY

The Plymouth Park Players of Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton High Schools will be presenting West Side Story at 8 p.m. on March 26,27, and April 2,3. All shows will be held in the Salem High School auditorium at a cost of \$6 for reserved seats, and \$5 for general admission.

#### CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Canton Police Department is offering an educational program for residents and business owners who want to learn about police work. "Citizen's Police Academy" will run for four consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting April 24.

Each participant must be a Canton resident or Canton business owner and at least 21 years old. Participants are taken on a first-come first-serve basis. Only 30 people will be allowed to participate. Completion of the program does not qualify an individual to do police work. It is imply a educational pro-

am for people who want hands-on experience of how police work is done. For more information, call 397-5344. To register, call 397-5353.

#### ORGAN CONCERT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The First Presbyterian Church in Northville is proud to welcome experienced and talented organist Margaret Martin Kvamme in concert on March 28. The concert will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, on E.Man St. in Northville, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$7 at the door. For more information, please call 930-2616. VIETNAM VETERANS PARADE SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

The Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 is looking for organizations who wish to participate in their Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be held at 10 a.m. on May 31, and will honor the veterans. For more information, contact either Henry Giles (591-3068), Tim Lagrow (981-2848), or Mike Schlott (455-9381). PLYMOUTH PARKS AND REC SKATING LESSONS

The City of Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation will be accepting registration for spring group ice skating lessons on March 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Lessons are 25 minutes, once a week for six weeks, and are available for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skaters aged 4 years and above. Fees are \$20 for residents of Plymouth school districts, \$26 for non residents. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

#### **TAE KWON DO KICK-A-THON**

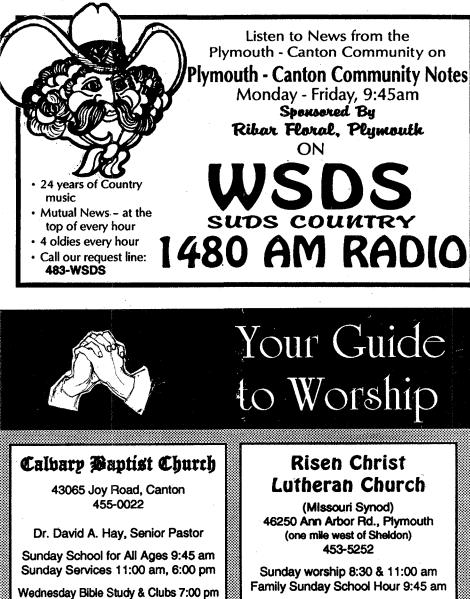
The Detroit Area Muscular Dystrophy Association is holding a Kick-A-Thon fundraiser from March 20-28 sponsored by Westland Shopping Center and Kicks Tae Kwon Do. Kicks students will be demonstrating their Tae Kwon Do skills in the East Court. For more information, contact Meg Callow at 981-6050.

#### ATTENTION STUDENT ATHLETES

Student athletes at high schools and junior colleges are encouraged to inquire about athletic scholarships available from various funds. Over 100,000 scholarships are offered every year, even to students who are not all state. For information about these scholarships, send a #10 self addressed, stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. MOZART'S OPERA AT U OF M

The University of Michigan Musical Society is bringing the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Wind players in for a special performance of Mozart's opera The Abduction From the Seraglio. The concert will take place in the Rackham Auditorium at 4 p.m. on April 4. Tickets are available at \$20, \$24, \$27, or \$29 from the University Musical Society. Write or visit the society at Burton Memorial Tower, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48109-1270, or call 764-2538. To charge tickets to Visa or Mastercard, call 1-800-TKTS, for grame rates call 763-3100.

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# Sports

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# Season ends at regionals Salem falls to Pershing; Mike Slone sets school record

**BY ANNE SULLIVAN** 

When the Salem basketball team took to the court Friday night at Southfield Lathrup High School in the Regional championships against number one Pershing, the squad was outmatched.

Pershing outscored Salem in every quarter of the game and handed the Rocks their toughest loss of the season, 83-52. Salem ended its season with a 21-4 record.

"We didn't stick to our plan," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach, regarding his teams performance Friday night. "We didn't play well."

Early in the game, Salem pulled ahead 9-6, but some poor decisions and quick shots saw the lead sneak away and the Rocks never recaptured it. "We allowed them to get second and third shots and from then on they took command of the game," said Brodie.

By the end of the first quarter, Salem scored 11 points and Pershing had 23. Salem doubled its score with another 11 in the second quarter, Pershing added 18, and at the half the Rocks trailed 41-22.

Salem pumped up its scoring a little in the second half, but it wasn't enough to catch up. The Rocks scored 14 in the third, Pershing tossed in 25 and led 66-36 at the end of three.

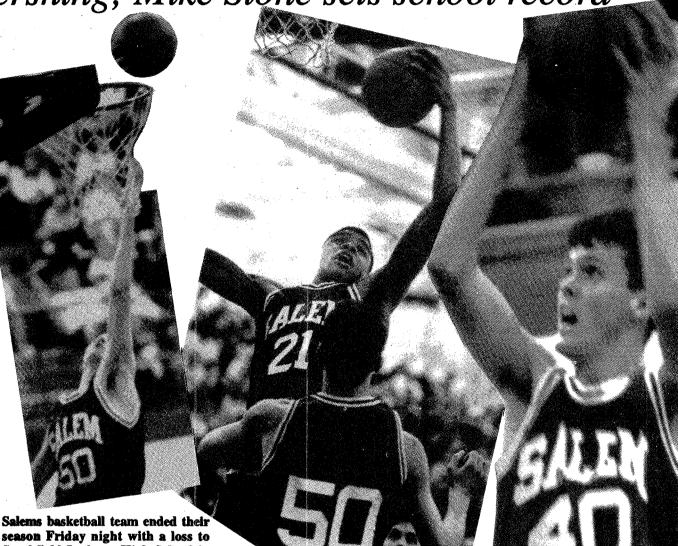
In the final quarter, Salem added 16, Pershing had 17.

Mike Slone led the Rocks in scoring with 15, James Head had 10.

At season end, Brodie thinks his squad should be proud. "They have nothing to be ashamed of," said Brodie, "They beat some great teams along the way. The only niche is not winning the division or conference."

Those two titles went to Walled Lake Central, a team that was undefeated (as of Friday) and handed Salem two of its losses this season. The Rocks also lost at the buzzer to Farmington Harrison and to Pershing Friday.

Five seniors will graduate and will be sorely missed next year, according to



Salems basketball team ended their season Friday night with a loss to Southfield Lathrup High School in the regional competition. Shown here are some highlights of the playoffs. (Crier photos by Eric Lukasik)

#### Brodie.

Mike Slone was on the varsity squad for two years and was a consistent scorer for the team. He finished his high school basketball career with the schools third highest scoring record in a season, tossing in 485 points for the Rocks. He set a new school record for three-pointers with 57 this season. Brandon Slone, a two-year varsity veteran, was a surprise this season giving a performance far greater than his coach expected. He was the third highest scoring Rock this season, averaging 13 points per game.

Brian Jensen and Todd Forbes were the steady players on the the team and very good ball handlers according to

Brodie. "They had smartness on the floor (and provided) senior leadership."

Jensen and Forbes were on the varsity team for two years.

Eddie Webb was a two-year varsity player who contributed to the team off the bench. "He was an excellent practice player and led the team in practice situations and off the bench."

# **Registration for Parks & Recreation is under way**

Canton Parks and Recreation is busy filling its spring schedules with many activities. Some programs are limited and early registration is recommended.

Currently ongoing is *adult softball* registration. New men's teams can register through March 26, women's teams and coed teams can register until March 31.

Cost for the men's team is \$250 per team with a maximum of four non-residents.

The women's and coed teams are run

jointly with the City of Plymouth Parks 7 and Recreation. 0 Cost for the women's team is \$340

with a maximum of six non-residents.

Coed team fees are \$315 with a maximum of six non-resident teams.

Men's Recreation Night Basketball begins today and runs for 10 weeks. The program is held at Eriksson Elementary School and costs \$15 per person.

The men's golf league registration continues until 35 golfers are registered.

The league plays on Wednesdays with tee off times between 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Fellow's Creek Golf course.

Cost is \$386 with \$193 due at the time of registration and the remainder due after 5-weeks of golf.

Play begins April 14 and runs 20 weeks and is open only to Canton residents, unless the league isn't filled by March 29.

Girls cheerleading sessions begin March 31 and registration is ongoing. The sessions run eight weeks and is open to girls 5-12 years.

Classes are held once a week and students will learn pom pon, dance routines, basic cheers and jumps. Students should wear shorts, t-shirts and tennis shoes.

Cost is \$20 per person. Sessions will be broken into two groups, girls 5-7 and girls 8-12. A limit of 30 per age group.

Register for above Parks and Recreation programs at Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information call 397-5110.

## Neighbors in sports

Sharon Hough of Canton was presented with the "Woman Athlete of the Year" earlier this month at a Canton Township Trustee meeting.

Five Plymouth and Canton students earned varsity letters at Western Michigan University for soccer.

Jim Bernthal of Plymouth, a junior forward earned his third varsity letter this year.

Matt Gold of Plymouth, a sophomore midfielder earned his first varsity letter at Western this year.

Todd La Joy of Canton, a sophomore midfielder earned his second letter.

Joe Sebestyen of Canton, a sophomore defender earned his second letter.

Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association concluded its season with a championship tournament earlier this month.

In Girls "B" league the Lakers defeated the Nets for the league championship, 28-25.

Girls "AA" competition saw the Lakers edge out the Pistons 44-42 for the title.

And in boys "B" league, the Pacers beat the 76ers 56-36 for the championship.

**Danielle Miller** of Plymouth was one of many people who joined with their favorite Red Wing players, media and sports personalities to "Skate with Stars" at the Joe Lewis Arena.

The event raised more than \$30,000 for the production of Little Caesars anti-substance abuse coloring booklets and other educational materials for its "Lets Grow Up Smart" program.

Miller managed to get her photo snapped with Red Wing Center Sergei Fedorov.

# **Chiefettes capture championship**

A near perfect performance earned by the Canton Chiefettes the Mid American Pom Pon state championship last month.

It's the third time the Canton squad has won the championship in six years, earning the award in 1988 and 90.

Competing against 14 Class A teams, Canton placed first, scoring 350 points, only 10 points shy of a perfect score (360).

Garden City was second with 342, Salem finished seventh with 318.5.

Canton's award-winning routine was to Billy Squier's "You Know What I Like."

Coach Christina Branham choreographed the routine and said her team gave a near perfect performance.

"They were just really on and gave the best performance I've ever seen our squad do, and I've been coaching seven years.

"There were no mistakes. They were so together, they were flawless and we have a real good kick line and that really helps. I was proud."

Dana Grondzieleski and Andrea Socall are the captains.

Senior Chiefettes include Christy Clinton, Misty Honeycutt, Laura Michaud, Monica Shields and Jessi Souter.

Underclassmen are Kendra Beardsley, Kelly Capaldi, Rachel Dory, Michelle Duffy.

Stacey Gravett, Tammy Griffith, Amy Hyde, Angie Lamerato, Danielle LeBlanc, Jody Lehn.

Susie Lindbergh, Deanna Malek, Michelle Mikosz, Amy Olenech, Jenny Presley.

Terri Sculthorpe, Traci Sculthorpe and Jill Smith-Heater.

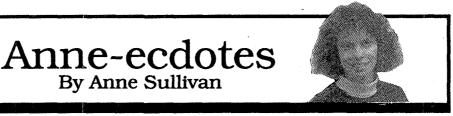
The Canton squad is also the Mid American Pom Pon Dance Grand Champs this year and placed second out of 51 squads at the Palace Classic Pom Pon Championship.

The Chiefettes performed for President George Bush last year when he was in town.

Clinton, Socall, LeBlanc and Grondzieleski performed at President Bill Clinton's inaugural in January.

Tryouts are next month. A meeting is scheduled for April 8, in the choir room of phase three and a clinic and tryouts will be held April 19-23. PORIPON CHA BAS I SLASS A DAPON HS

Canton Chiefettes proudly display their new pennant, recognizing them as the Class "A" state Pom Pon Champions. The squad recently competed against 14 teams in Saginaw to win the competition.



## March is special for sports

March has always been a special month, after all, it hosts St. Patrick's Day.

But it's not just the antics and celebrations of the day-and my good fortune at having Irish heritage-that make the month special, it's an indicator spring is almost here.

After this long winter, spring looks especially good. But before winter is gone, a look at the winter high school teams is in order.

This was the fifth season for this reporter on the high school sports beat, and it appears that the teams get better with each season.

Certainly this community's greatest claim to fame this season is the Salem gymnastics squad. They were undefeated and are state champions for the first time in the history of the school.

They attained this status through a lot of dedicated hard work, commitment, skill and a wee bit of luck.

It's hard to single out one person on a team with a record like this, but when Courtney Gonyea finished her season on beam, she had no falls. Very few athletes have flawless performances all season.

But the Rock gymnasts were not

alone. Stellar performances came all season from all teams, many setting new records.

Canton gymnasts are ninth place in the state...Salem's basketball and volleyball teams went into regional play...Both swim teams had great seasons, Salem beat Canton twice, in a dual meet and the conference meet, but in the state meet Canton finished two places ahead of Salem...Canton volleyball and basketball saw their seasons end in district competition.

Canton and Salem wrestlers struggled through a rebuilding year, but even with difficulties, both teams were represented in post-season play. Canton's Nick Spano was regional champion and hadn't lost a match until the state quarterfinals, and Salem took three wrestlers to post season competition.

As the traces of the last snowfall melt and long range weather forecasts predict 60 degrees for the end of the week, the calendar, sports schedule and weather all seem to be calling for spring.

Congratulations to the winter athletes on a great season. Let's get on to spring.

## **'83 Plymouth Kicks take third championship in soccer tourney**

The '83 Plymouth Kick soccer team won its third consecutive championship capturing the first and second indoor sessions at the Canton Soccerdome.

The Kicks earned a 20-2-2 season record, kicking in 179 goals allowing only 51 goals to be scored against them, and claimed eight shutout victories.

Kicks players are Jay Smith, Jon

McGlone, Chris LaMasse, Phil Marrone, Marty Kane.

Justin Griffin, Danny Gill, Brian Conway. Kenny Wuorenma, Oliver Wolcott, Derek Vermeulen.

T.J. Tomasso, Nick Tochman, Brian Thiess, Jay Sofen and Shane Smith.

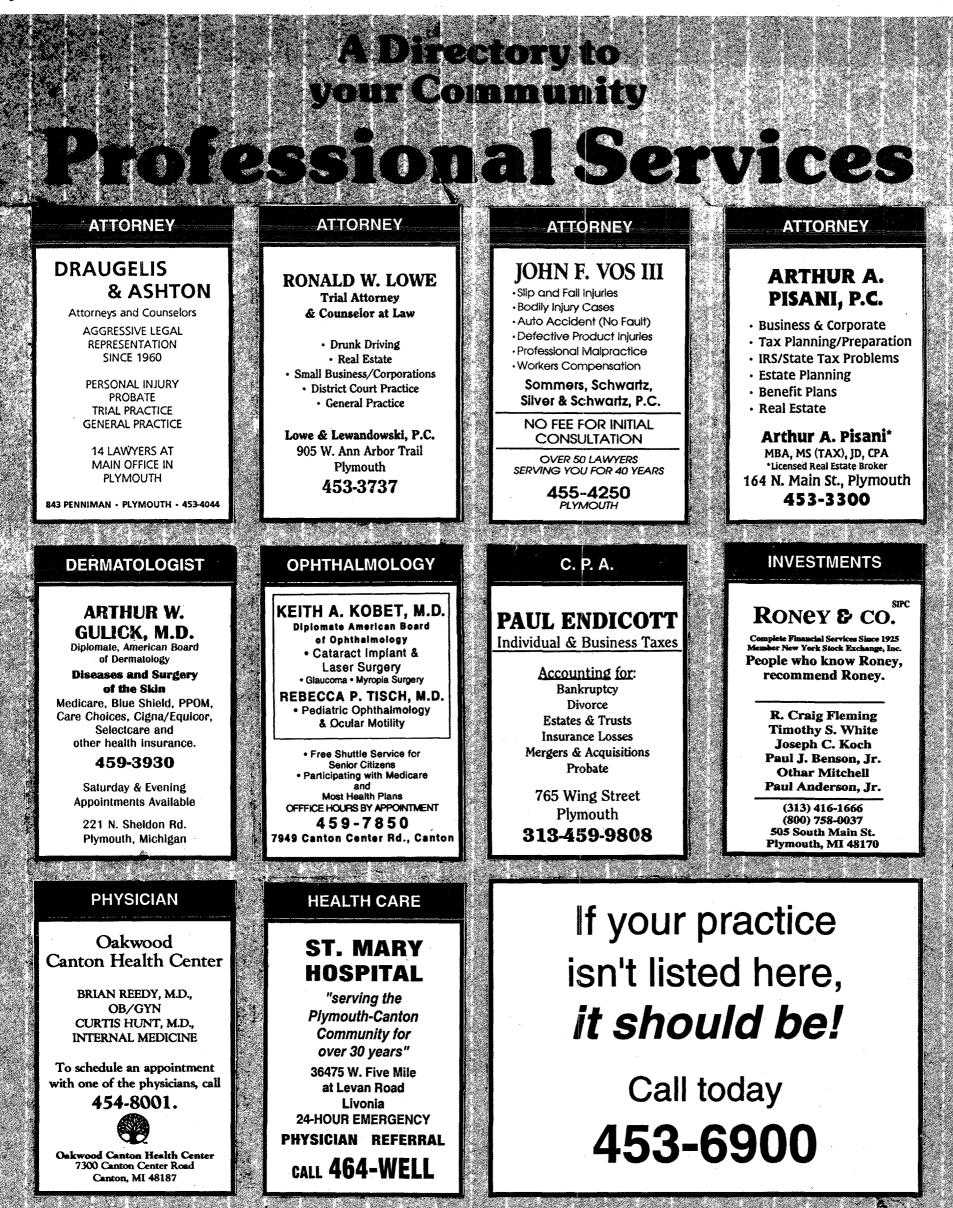
The team is coached by Dennis Tochman and Bill Thiess



Plymouth's Danielle Miller got to meet and have her picture taken with her favorite Red Wing, Sergei Fedorov, at the 1993 "Skate with the Stars" held at the Joe Louis Arena.

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# What will be the impact of the teachers' pact?

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Both sides refused to release details of the agreement pending final ratification by the Plymouth-Canton Education Association membership and school board approval.

Teachers received the wording of the agreement late Monday during an informational meeting at Canton High School. The membership then cast its ballots yesterday and today.

Although specifics of the contract are not known, enough information exists to piece together what its approval will mean for a district facing nearly \$5 million in budget cuts should a 4-mill, two-year tax increase be rejected June 14.

Those 4 mills, placed on the ballot Monday night by the school board, join a 17.74-mill tax renewal.

For months, school district officials have been releasing figures showing that approval of only the 17.74 mills would result in a nearly \$5 million shortfall for the 1993-94 school year.

However, should voters approve the 4mill increase — which would generate \$8 million in new revenue — not only would the cuts be unnecessary, but officials also project a restoration of almost \$4 million worth of previously reduced programs.

In addition, the district would be able to create a \$4 million fund balance cushion with the remainder of the money.

And it is that cushion which comes into play in the teacher negotiations: The more than \$1.5 million needed to pay for the expected contracts to be settled would come from that fund, leaving about \$2.5 million for other contingencies.

In fact, one administration official admitted that the key to negotiating the contract was the district "looking at the contingency fund" for the necessary money.

In short, part of the millage increase voters will be asked to approve is going to pay for school district contracts — and district officials know that could make the tax question an even tougher sell.

# **Board approves renewal, 4-mill tax increase language for June ballot**

As expected, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has approved ballot language for the June 14 millage election seeking renewal of 17.74 mills of operating revenue plus a 4-mill, two-year tax increase.

Approval of both proposals would set a new operating millage level of 37.8721 mills.

In addition, 2 mills are levied for debt retirement.

Where do these figures come from? Based on district budget reports, a 3 per cent increase in teacher salaries would mean an additional \$1.2 million in district expenses.

But the impact of the teacher's contract doesn't end there: Five other district labor union contracts expire June 30, and both district and union officials anticipate that the remaining agreements will follow the percentage pattern set by the teachers.

Should that happen, then, the overall impact of settling all six contracts could be more than \$1.5 million.

"There are two questions here" said Supt. John Hoben, "the teachers (contract) and the 9 per cent increase in the tax base. But the fact is that we're going to sell the millage on the quality of the school district and its effect on property taxes.

"That people move here because their property values increase."

Still, "I don't care how you do this," Hoben said, "the people see the millage and potential cuts as a threat."

Which was obvious given the reaction of the nearly 700 people in attendance at Monday night's board meeting. (See related story.)

Taxpayers — and voters — made it clear that before any new millage was going to get a "yes" vote from them, they wanted to know that district employes If voters approve both ballot questions, and with both millages expiring in two years, district voters could be facing a 21.74-mill renewal request in 1995.

In addition to the millage questions, voters will be electing one member to the Board of Education. Those currently filing for the post are incumbent David Artley and Robert Burger and the Rev. William Myers.

were exposed to the same kind of economic hardships they were:

"It's grossly negligent of the board to approve salary increases," said one woman. "Most of us are facing pay freezes, pay cuts and job losses; that's the real world.

"The teachers have to face that, too." Bad financial news facing the district didn't end with internal problems, however: As of late last week, Gov. John Engler announced he is looking at a three-year phasing out of state funding of teacher retirement costs.

That means that by the end of the 1995-96 school year, the district would be responsible for another \$4 million in expenses (based on 1993-94 figures).

Although district officials expected some action from Lansing on retirement funding, this out-of-the-blue announcement angered several: "It's like we're always having to react to something," said Ray Hoedel, the district's associate superintendent for business and operations.

"And yet, how in the world are we supposed to react so fast?

"I like some of the plans, but this idea of an overnight startup could put some districts in precarious positions," he said.

Nevertheless, all is not complete gloom and doom. In a meeting with The Crier last Wednesday, district officials said that it's possible the district could be

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in good shape within three years as the last of the fiscal uncertainties from the state are settled and the district maintains labor peace.

"The district actually has been blessed with growth," Hoedel said. "Three years from now we'd be in good shape; in fact, in the long run we might even be able to start reducing millage rates."

Such a goal sounds similar to a view expressed by board Vice President Carl Battishill more than a month ago in which he said he wished there were a way that the district could become financially self-sufficient.

In saying that, however, district officials acknowledge what most homeowners already know: Property assessments have gone up — in some cases, dramatically, because of last year's countywide freeze. And that has only antagonized the people they need most: district taxpayers who vote.

For the district, the increased revenues from the rise in property values in the district equates to \$4.6 million — but it's money the district will never see: The school board has rejected any plan to seek voter override of the so-called Headlee Amendment and will, instead, be rolling back existing millage rates 3.26 mills for the 1993-94 school year.

This on top of a 3.12-mill rollback this year.

Several weeks ago board members made it clear they didn't want to "muddy the waters" by placing a Headlee override on the June ballot in addition to the renewal and a lower millage increase.

Of course, "muddy waters" wasn't the only reason: Headlee overrides have only a 50 per cent success rate in Michigan. And there is another factor.

A Headlee override in one year merely retains a given millage rate level, but the process must be repeated each year to retain the same level. By gaining voter approval of millage increases, however, districts can protect existing levels and deal with the new revenue figures in subsequent years.

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#### <u>Curiosities</u>

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#### Curiosities

MARTHA DAVIS - How's that? Pretty sneaky, huh?

BUNNY M. AND I don't mean the Easter one who comes once a year, this one comes after bringing many gifts and cares about us, not only "us", but many others beside. Blessings, Bunny!

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Curiosities

A-L-L-E-N- the proper spelling of O' Dell's first name who is an honest to goodness "Curiosity"

MARGARET G. - You Noticed! Thank you for the bottle of Shalimar. I needed that!

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MARY CHILDS - Can't you and Harold take care of Plymouth and get all of you on your feet? Don't toll Harold what is going on at the City Hall.

STEVE: watch that "little" piece of driveway ice...ooooops!

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We're so proud of you. Ben! Love, Mom and Dad

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BOB STREMICH - Good to see you! - Mike.

ED: Sally gets combat pay for the refrigerator and trash compactor. - Mike

saw Jack's deski I saw Jack's deski

Irene, look at this!!! You get your own curiosity. See you Thursday. Amy

UNCLE JACK - If your 70, does it mean you're 2 below par? Justin.

JACK STOUT JUST hit 70, we're not talking golf scores. Billy Bob.

Riddle of the week! Why did Julie say "It's a miracle?

#### **Curiosities** Happy Spring

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Answer to Riddle - Because her boiled newt

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BLAKELY - Can you fix Grandma's Nintendo

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NO ONE SAYS you have to understand

JACK -- a clean desk shows an idle mind

witch", but you and I know I am.

dues in life to the unknown cashier.

I'll never make 81.

came back to LIFE!

out Friday night!

Game so I can win?

Curiosities to enjoy them.

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Amy Loe - We made the list! We're off to Colorado

Josh B. - next time I want to see Macbeth, talk me out of it.

Sharon - I miss you. Thanks for the lunch.

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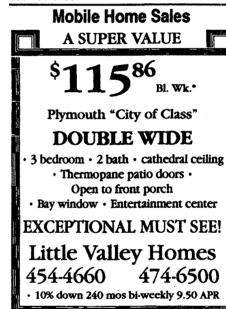
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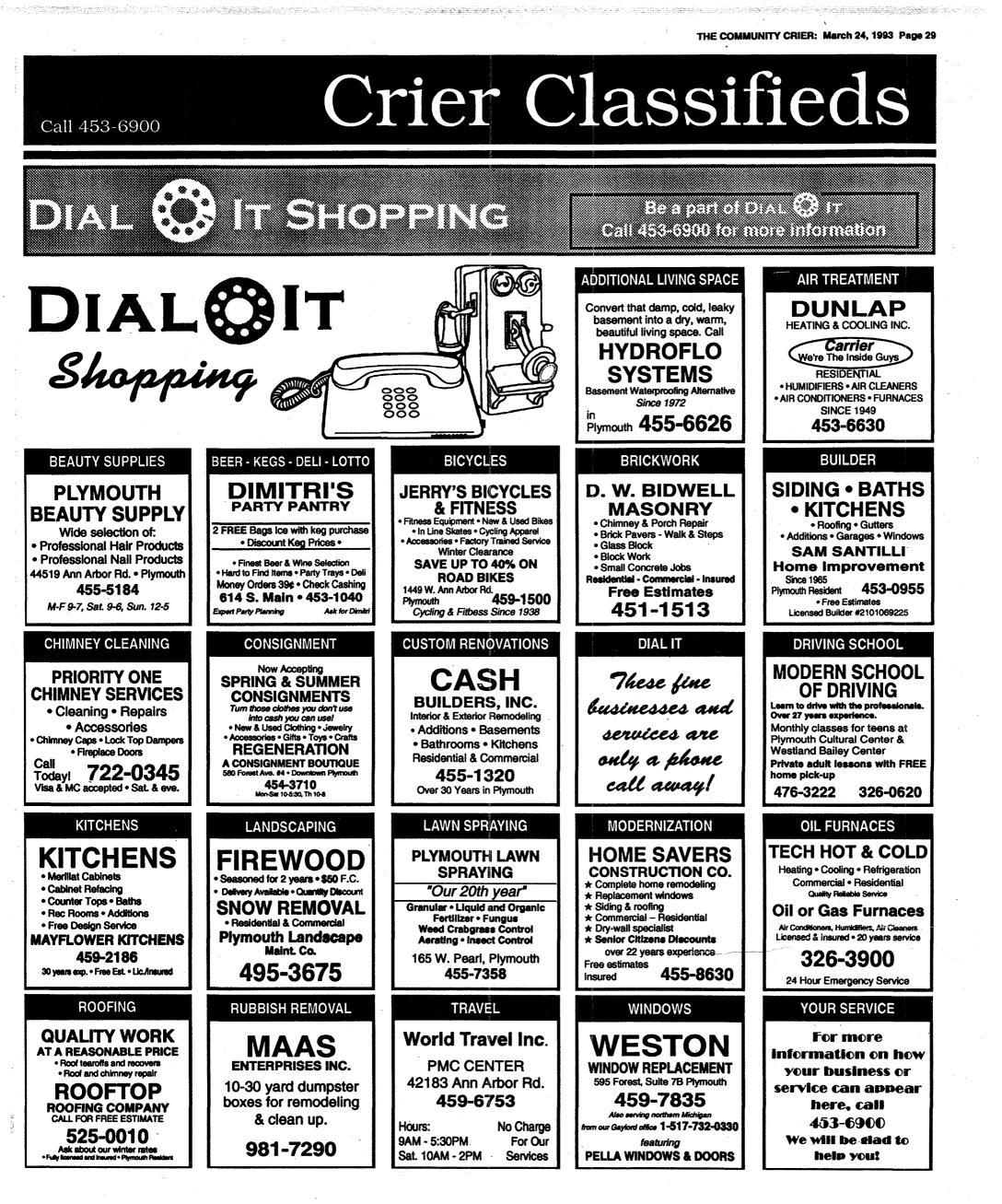
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# **Community opinions**

# Mettetal debate:

Several points need to be reviewed by all parties during tomorrow night's meeting between local, state officials

If Mettetal Airport is to be preserved through a State of Michigan purchase, a number of points should be considered.

First, public ownership of the airport is its only likely route to survival. The best possible route for that, based on other small airports around the state, is for a local governmental unit (or consortium) to own and operate.

In Mettetal's case, this could have meant that several valid local concerns would more easily have been guaranteed. Unfortunately, local political leaders lacked the vision to recognize the long-term importance of Mettetal and those efforts to pursue local government control fell apart just as they did in the 1960s and again in the early 1970s.

### Meeting over Mettetal Airport issue set for 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall

The township boards of Canton and Plymouth are meeting tomorrow night in Canton to discuss legal options against the state in the ongoing saga of Mettetal Airport.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall, and the featured speaker at the event will be attorney Andrea Fischer, who will brief the two boards on their legal options in combating the state takeover of Mettetal. Fischer refused to comment on Thursday's meeting.

According to Ken Voyles, assistant to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the briefing will not center around a possible lawsuit.

"Nothing has been decided," Voyles said. "But a lawsuit is not out of the question. Because the meeting is an official session, the two boards will be able to vote and initiate action. Whether or not an actual lawsuit is discussed, the number of important people in attendance has risen since last week.

According to Voyles, Bill Gehman and Richard Jackson from the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics will attend the meeting.

Other Michigan officials planning to show up tomorrow are state Reps. Jerry Vorva and Deborah Whyman, retired U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, and Wayne County Commissioners Bryan Amman and Thaddeus McCotter.

Thus, a state operation is the best option now.

However, the state's approach when adding a new facility to its stewardship in The Plymouth-Canton Community has, thus far, left something to be desired.

Its lack of local consultation or even notification gives succor to the Mettetal Airport opponents' worries that the airport operation will not take local residents into consideration. Perhaps the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics (MBOA) did indeed vote on the Mettetal question at an open meeting, but it would have been appropriate – and certainly polite – to have at least notified local officials of the agenda item.

And once the alarm bells had been sounded by the vigilant Concern Citizens group, other questions have been raised that the state has yet to answer thoroughly. The Canton Township and Plymouth Township boards have jointly asked for economic data on Mettetal – a fair question, although the state's need to preserve the general aviation airport has more to do with safety and public service.

Canton board members who say they prefer the airport to remain private have some answering to do to, since they are charging ahead with their community recreation center when privately-owned recreation opportunities already exist in the township (from swimming pools and racquetball to roller skating, bowling AND Mettetal Airport). And Plymouth City Commissioners who echo that "private" ownership argument have the same question on purchasing the old post office.

Other valid questions on Mettetal's state operation should be answered:

•Once the state operation has upgraded safety changes at the facility, could the airport operation make "payments" annually to the Plymouth-Canton Schools or "grants" to Canton? The airport currently pays some \$43,000 in taxes each year.

•What guarantees are there that the runway will not be moved or greatly lengthened? Opponents cite conflicting Federal Aviation Administration, state and Southeast Michigan Council of Government data as to the need for Mettetal's runway length.

•If helicopter service will be allowed at Mettetal, will it be carefully controlled to direct traffic away from subdivisions? Past 'copter service at the airport created the ultimate disruption in nearby neighborhoods. should consider this idea.)

•Why did the state list "Canton Township" as the airport sponsor on its grant application?

•Will the state appoint a local operating board for Mettetal that will answer to The Plymouth-Canton Community, conduct business in accordance with the state's Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts?

•Wouldn't a bill passed by the Michigan Legislature carry stronger guarantees on Mettetal's operations than statements by MBOA officials? Such a move gave The Plymouth-Northville Community greater confidence about operations of the Scott Correctional Facility. (The appropriate state legislators, Sen. Robert Geake and Rep. Deborah Whyman

Thus far, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack has attempted to calm the waters on the state's moving in. However, Canton's attorney on the matter has refused to discuss her study of the issue's options.

Since both the Canton and Plymouth Township boards have designated tomorrow night's meeting as official meetings, they could take action. If, as the board members say, there are no preconceived plans for tomorrow, it would appear suspicious if either board voted to take legal action abruptly.

The public would be best served if all information on the state's acquisition of Mettetal was put out on the table by all sides — the state, Canton and Plymouth Townships, the Concerned Citizens, the pilots-airport proponents. To expect the information put out to be truthful (like the Concerned Citizens mailing on John Stewart's mail permit) might be too much, but at least it's out there for all to see.

Without turning Mettetal into an emotional drama, interested citizens should attend the meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Canton Township Hall to weigh the issue and get answers to the questions.

Once the questions are answered, state operations at Mettetal Airport should increase the facility's usefulness and safety for another 50 years.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Mettetal plan will reduce values

EDITOR:

With (tax assessments rising), Supervisor Keen-McCarthy and the Board of Trustees will be making the single largest increase in our property taxes in the history of Plymouth Township.

We are disappointed that the supervisor of Plymouth Township and the Board of Trustees are NOT opposing the state's purchase of Mettetal Airport.

The facts are that the property at Mettetal Airport will provide revenue of over \$1 million per year for our tax base.

Finally, the purchase of Mettetal will reduce our property values and jeopardize the safety of the people.

Citizens of the township and parents of school-age children will be hurt by the politicians and pilots unless somebody does something.

**DIANE MILLER** 

Why does Keen-McCarthy want the taxpayers to lose millions of dollars of tax revenue with the state purchase of Mettetal? The state will not replace the lost tax revenue. This means that the local politicians will raise our property taxes even more and cut services.



# Community opinions

# It was Karaoke night and a reality check all rolled into one at Monday's P-C meeting

Hello P-C,

Karaoke Night and a reality check.

That pretty well sums up Monday night's meeting of the P-C Board of Education, as nearly 700 people showed up – forcing the meeting to be moved to Canton's high school theater.

For almost three hours, taxpayer after voter after parent paraded to the microphone to express their overall displeasure with the board's handling of the district's finances.

And, like Karaoke Night at the corner pub, the performances ranged from near-professional oratory to nervous whispers.

But reality was behind every word.

Almost to a person, the people spoke of hardships at home; of husbands out of work, of paychecks slashed, benefits gone and family activities pared back.

And the message to the board? Before you start asking for more money, start dealing with the real world, like we are: start telling workers in the district that their union brethren in the factories have long since felt the blows of an '80s-made recession.

Tell them that while we appreciate and support good teachers in our district, we just can't afford to pay the kind of money they want right now. Maybe later, but not right now.

Other messages were equally as clear:

While we realize that the superintendent's job takes him hither, thither and yon on school business, it's hard to plead financial difficulty when he drives up in – what was until recently – a school-funded Cadillac.

And, hey, board members, while you may *like* another 4 mills so you can replace this, that and the other, the fact is that you only need 2 mills to just keep



programs going at a static level.

Maybe later, when things improve, was can add back more. Take 2 mills and call me in the morning.

Of course, throughout the evening, several people complained that the board had, once again, used scare tactics – the threat of eliminating busing – to gain their approval of new millage.

More than one, in fact, felt the entire possibility was absurd, given the geographic nature of the district; there was just no way this district could function without transportation.

It wasn't until the end of the procession – after many of those had left – that the real guts of the night were revealed, however: One man stepped forward, grabbed the mike and told the board in no uncertain terms that after what he'd heard tonight there was no way he would vote for a millage increase.

And he wasn't going to vote for the renewal either.

The implied threat from one side had changed to a direct threat from the other – something district officials have feared from the beginning.

But that's what happens on Karaoke Night – and during reality checks: The common people grab the microphone and give government a taste of what life is all about.

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## We need better state funding of education

#### EDITOR:

Congratulations on your excellent coverage of the various aspects of school finance, especially as it relates to our district.

The inevitable downgrading of our schools will not only adversely affect our children's future at a time when more intensive, high quality training is essential, it will eventually be disastrous to residential and commercial/industrial property and expansion.

The sad thing about this situation is that the majority of citizens living in this school district have been very supportive over the years of the school system. The consequences of nonsupport have not been lost on them.

I can understand why Dr. Hoben does not want to "bash" the Legislature; he has to work with these people. However, they should be bashed by somebody. It's no secret that many legislatures, as well as our governor, do not support public education.

I have been an educator in this district for 32 years. We are no closer now to having an equitable, consistent, reliable basis for funding education than when I started, The lotto scam to "fund" our schools is representative of this.

This letter is really not meant to be a warm-up practice for a harangue about the need to pass the millage in June. It is a plea for more information and understanding about our plight and more serious efforts from our government to resolve the problems.

Various members of my family and I own five homes in The Plymouth-Canton Community. It is the major investment for all of us. We can't and won't sit idly by to see it destroyed. FREDERICK J. LIBBING

## Thanks for taking care of the pigeon problem in the parking deck

#### EDITOR:

Hooray for our new Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile and the members of the DDA board for taking action and finding a solution to our parking deck pigeon problem. Many thanks from all who use the deck: our Plymouth shoppers, our visitors to Plymouth, and the Downtown employees. FRAN TONEY

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