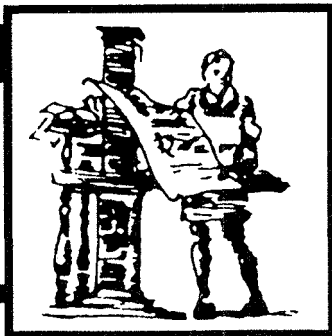


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Ice Fest '94



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Workers set up this year's special display — "Wild, Wild West" — in the Gathering, located across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

High school student efforts will be part of this year's show

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Break out the hot chocolate and the mittens, the longjohns and the earmuffs — the 12th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has returned to the streets of Plymouth.

This year, the ice show will have a repeat performance by some of the Plymouth-Canton Community's favorite ice sculptors; students from the P-C high

schools.

According to Chris Darby, who teaches drawing, pottery and Advanced Placement art, the student ice sculptors will be the best of the best that the schools have to offer.

"All of the students taking part in the festival are members of the advanced placement art classes," Darby

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P-C district faces \$2 million deficit from state tax plans

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The impact of the Legislature's plan to refinance public education still isn't completely known by Plymouth-Canton school officials — regardless of which plan finally becomes law.

But worst-case scenario could put the district more than \$2 million in the red for the 1994-95 school year.

On March 15, Michigan voters will decide to either raise the state sales tax or the state income tax to help pay for a \$10 billion education bill that comes due in the 1994-95 school year.

Yet while the revenue choices appear clear, the same cannot be said for the spending side: Officials simply do not know all of the details of the funding plan. In fact, P-C officials sat in on a county-wide session yesterday morning in which some of those details would be explored.

The problem, officials say, lies in three areas: the possibility of a local "enhancement millage," the elimination of section 17 funds and the possible roll-in of fund balances into revenue bases.

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Carl Pursell's J.S. Senate

It's over

When Carl called it quits, it was another indictment of the system

Hello P-C,

The snow was falling gently outside, the traffic muted as it made its way down a white Main Street.

The sun had yet to make its appearance, and for all the world it was the essence of serenity.

Except in the upstairs meeting room of Carl Pursell's Senate campaign office.

Surrounded by family members, campaign workers and key supporters, Carl Pursell was making one of the toughest announcements of his three-decade political career.

He was pulling out of the race to replace Don Riegler as Michigan's other U.S. senator.

After months of excitement, heightened activity, state-trotting and message-giving, Carl was calling it a campaign.

Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



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And with him went — quite possibly — any semblance of integrity in at least this slice of American politics.

Why?

Why would a successful local politician, county commissioner, state senator and former U.S. congressman say goodbye to the process he'd come to know so well, so intimately?

Money.

No, not the lack of it — although that would be the ultimate effect — but the method of raising it.

"Instead of addressing the issues," he wrote in his formal announcement, "I soon found myself spending 80 per cent of my time raising between \$5 and \$10 million...to be in the Senate."

Still, it wasn't just the big numbers that drove Carl out — it was what it took to reach them.

Just ask Peggy, Carl's wife:

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For a complete look at Plymouth Ice Fest '94, see our special pullout booklet in today's Crier

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Mettetal matters

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Advisory board meeting fails to clear air over state-Canton agreement

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

At Thursday's meeting of the Mettetal Airport Citizen's Advisory Committee the spirit and the letter of the agreement between the state and Canton Township got a serious going over.

Michigan Department of Aeronautics Director William Gehman was on hand at the meeting to explain the state's desire to shift the runway 300 feet to the south, away from Joy Road.

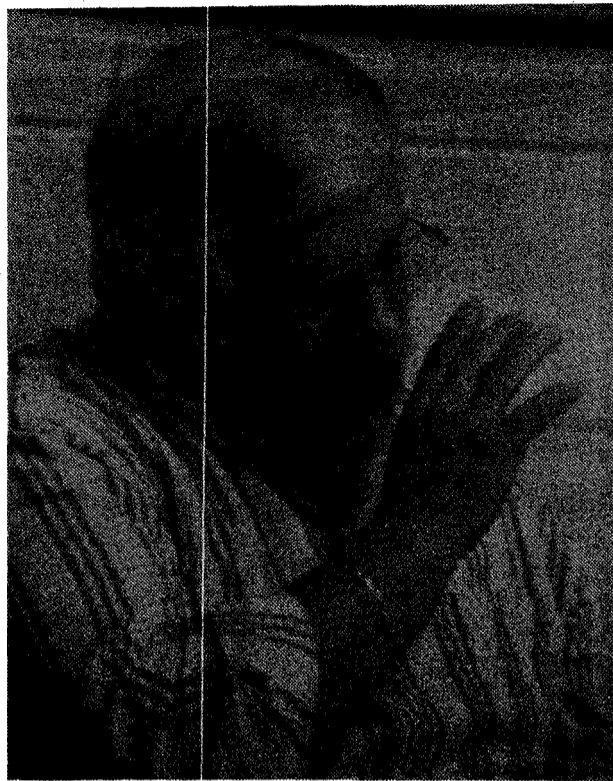
"People think that the runway shift means expansion," Gehman said. "We agreed not to expand and we don't intend to. But from an operational standpoint it makes sense to shift the runway to the south."

Mike Stankov, a member of the citizen's committee, said that considering the shift violates the spirit of the agreement with Canton.

"It disturbs me because several public officials said the airport will stay as is," Stankov said. "The community was sold this package with a promise of no change to the airport."

Stankov said that even approaching the Canton board with the runway shift proposal was a violation of the spirit of the agreement and the public's trust.

"There is no plan to expand the airport," Gehman said. "Not if the board doesn't say that it is OK."



Robert Zaetta was one of about 20 area residents who attended Thursday's meeting of the Mettetal Advisory Board. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Canton Treasurer and advisory board member Elaine Kirchgatter said that the Canton Board has no intention of giving permission to an expansion of the airport.

Randy Collier, director of licensing for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said that the idea to shift the runway came out of the airport study committee's report.

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City vs. CSX fight reaches Engler; law awaits OK

BY GARY GOSSELIN

It's now up to the governor.

Senate Bill 646 — which will allow trains to block city streets longer than in the past — is now on Gov. John Engler's desk.

The bill arrived last Wednesday, and Engler has two weeks in which to sign or veto it. If he does nothing, the bill passes automatically.

The legislation says that if a train is moving continuously in one direction at 10 mph or more, there is a seven-minute limit before communities can issue tickets for excessive blockage.

The bill also says that fines exceeding \$10,000 will go to a local fund for grade improvements such as over-and-underpasses at the crossings. It also allows for a 15 per cent enforcement fee to defray local enforcement costs.

The final version of the legislation, originally a recodification bill to update the laws on transportation, received some major changes during its development.

In one version, the legislation would have allowed a train to block intersections for any amount of time as long as the train

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Illinois firm hired to find Hoben's replacement

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Plymouth-Canton school board has hired the consulting firm of Bickert, Prophet and Associates to conduct the search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. John Hoben, who retires in June.

After making its decision Monday night, the board called for a special meeting tonight at 7 o'clock to sit down with Bickert representatives and review the entire search process.

Although Bickert's fee was the highest of the three firms interviewed for the job — \$13,000 — board members were swayed by the firm's commitment of 75 to 85 hours of work within the district.

By comparison, representatives from the other two companies — Hazard, Young and Assoc. and the Michigan Association of School Boards — said they would be in-district between 40 and 60 hours during the search process.

This in-district time does not include search efforts conducted from their home offices.

In selecting the Palos Heights, IL-based firm, the board officially kicked off its five-month search for the right person to replace Hoben. Next on its agenda, the board will be selecting members to serve on the first of two citizen/district employee committees.

This first panel — a 26-member "criteria analysis committee" — will consist of 10 residents: six parents and four others.

Of the remaining 16, eight will be representatives from the district's employee unions; two will be students; two will be former board members; two will come from the area chambers of commerce; and two will be administrators.

Other factors that came into play during the board's selection of Bickert were the firms': recruitment history; current commitments; staff levels; and sense of organization.

Board will keep names of applicants secret until the end

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has decided to keep confidential the names of all applicants for the superintendency of the school district until a final list of six to 10 candidates is created by an outside search firm.

That list would be made public.

According to board members, their action to keep the names secret is in compliance with recent state Supreme Court rulings concerning executive searches by public bodies.

The board received a legal opinion to that effect from Errol Goldman, the district's assistant

superintendent of employe relations and personnel, Thursday during an executive session.

Under the new search process, all applications will be made to the search firm of Bickert, Prophet and Assoc. of Palos Heights, IL, which will conduct all preliminary screening, background checks and interviews.

To screen the candidates, the firm will use the criteria established by the district's own citizen/district employe "criteria analysis committee."

A list of six to 10 prime candidates will then be made public and presented to the board for final interviews.

Hoben recommends closing three sites

BY CRAIG FARRAND

In a totally unexpected announcement Monday night, Plymouth-Canton school Supt. John Hoben recommended to the board that it close one middle school and two education sites next year in order to save the district \$800,000.

At the same time, he recommended that the two new elementary schools — Tonda and Bentley — be opened to better equalize the district's pupil population.

Hoben recommended that the Tanger Center and the Starkweather Adult and Community Education Center be closed, as well as Lowell Middle School.

In addition to the \$800,000 in savings, Hoben said the district would be able to shift nearly \$1.4 million in construction bond money from those facilities to other locations.

In preliminary budget talks, \$900,000 already has been allocated to open Tonda and Bentley next year.

After closing Tanger and Starkweather, Hoben also recommended that the district try to sell both facilities, mentioning in passing that either one would be a prime candidate for a charter school under the Legislature's education reform package.

In defending his recommendation, Hoben told the board that "the state will not let us grow; the piece of the pie will not get bigger."

With the potential opening of the two new elementary schools, a previously devised pupil realignment plan will have to be finalized in time for fall classes.

To that end, Hoben said that he needs "an early decision to get the mechanics worked out."

Twp. board tackles community master plan

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The Plymouth Township board kicked off the new year last night with its first trustee meeting of the year.

One item they were expected to approve was the Township master plan.

The planning department has already approved the plan which, James Anulewicz, Director of Public Services, said is the only approval necessary.

"The planning commission is the approving body," Anulewicz said. "But

we forward it to the board for approval to be in sync."

He said that by forwarding the plan to the trustees, it gives them a chance for input.

Anulewicz said that the new plan has been in the making for two years, and replaces the last plan which was made in 1978.

"This is no longer a growth/new community plan," Anulewicz said. "We're getting mature areas and that's

new to us. This plan outlines the direction that the community wants to go in, and how they want to get there."

He added that the plan wasn't just thrown together, there was a lot of input from the community and help from a design firm.

"We covered three-quarters if not all of the homeowner groups and associations," Anulewicz said.

"The response was 'yes this what we want and what we're after.'"

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City, CSX dispute is on Engler's desk

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was moving at least 5 mph.

Once in the House however, the bill met with stiff opposition from Plymouth-area politicians.

Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe testified that the low speed limit and no time limit imposed on trains would severely interfere with emergency vehicles.

The railroad then offered a compromise, raising the speed limit to 10 mph, but no time limit — although railroad officials said seven or eight minutes wouldn't be a problem.

State Rep. Jerry Vorva said that he fought against anything that would change the local ordinance that sets a five-minute blockage limit before tickets are written.

He also said that the railroad lobbied covertly to have the bill presented while all eyes were focused on the education bill.

He said that the transportation bill didn't get the attention it deserved.

State Sen. Robert Geake said that he

also opposed the bill, but said that as often happens in governmental bodies, he was outnumbered.

Geake said that he feels that the bill not in Plymouth's best interest but that it is better for the railroad.

Vorva said that he's tried to muster opposition against the bill, but that the railroad has had the upper hand.

Lowe said that as of last week, he had delivered letters from the Plymouth city commissioners, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Both Plymouth police chiefs and the city fire chief.

Lowe said that while he's hopeful about convincing Engler to veto the bill, he said the chances aren't the best.

"This is one paragraph in a 180 page document," Lowe said.

"But he could veto it with instructions to delete that paragraph.

"This could take only a day, the way the bill went through the house (the first time), this would take no time at all."

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REPORT ON STATUS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NO. 1
JUN. 30, 1993

REVENUE SOURCES

July 1, 1992 thru June 30, 1993		
Property Tax Revenues	\$469,888	
Promotional Income	\$29,400	
Interest Income	\$21,594	
Other Income	0	
Total Revenues Fiscal 1992-93	\$520,882	\$520,882

LESS EXPENDITURES:

July 1, 1992 thru June 30, 1993		
Personnel	\$76,191	
Supplies	\$1,886	
Other Services & Charges	\$395,073	
Capital Outlay	\$3,748	
Other Expenses	0	
Total Expenditures Fiscal 1992-93	\$476,898	

Balance Fwd. June 30, 1992	\$639,302
Cash Balance June 30, 1993	\$683,286

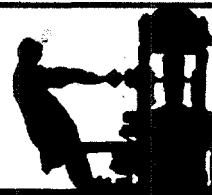
Assessed Value of Downtown Development Area:

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Real Property \$9,979,350	Real Property \$5,533,800
CFT/Act 255 \$632,630	CFT/Act 255 \$777,355
Personal Property \$1,149,510	Personal Property \$1,154,890
Total \$11,761,490	Total \$7,466,045

Tax Increments Received:	
Total amount accumulated thru June 30, 1993	\$2,814,760

Source: Audit 1992-93
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The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular Annual meeting Tuesday, January 18, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY

The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Administration Building, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on Tuesday, January 18, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect four Board members, four officers, hear reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer and to conduct such other business as may come before the Board.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Advisory board meeting fails to clear air over state-Canton agreement



Bill Gehman, director of the state's Aeronautics Division, was one of the speakers at Thursday's meeting. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

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"The runway shift is part of the airport's 'wish list' of things to do," W. Edward Wendover, board chairman said. "Maybe the debate should be whether or not the shift should be on the list at all."

Stankov said that the community was angry because they thought that the issue of Mettetal's expansion was put to rest.

"As long as the expansion issue is there, the airport will be a contentious issue," Stankov said.

Canton resident Craig Pappas, who advocated a privately-owned Mettetal, said that the runway shift posed a problem with credibility.

He said that if the state purchased

parcel 12, it would set a precedent for further expansion.

Bob Zaetta, a staunch opponent of state-ownership of the airport, said that the proposal to shift the runway was a breach of the agreement with the community, even if it was within the letter of the agreement.

"The citizen's aren't happy with the airport," Zaetta said. "There was a gentleman's agreement not to expand the airport."

Later, the board moved to the question of the name of the airport. It was finally decided that the airport will have the name of Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport.

City Commission set Saturday goal-setting session

Plymouth commissioners will hold a special workshop session Saturday at 8 a.m., at city hall.

The meeting will be a goals session, and will focus on reviewing what the city's goals are. The public is invited.

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Mirto is a 1986 Plymouth Salem graduate who majored in music, theatre and dance at Western Michigan University.

She now lives and works in Chicago.

Graduating summa cum laude from Eastern Michigan University was **Diane Holmes** of Plymouth. Graduating magna cum laude was **Jami Avedisian** of Canton and **Marie Sherry** of Northville. Graduating cum laude was **Dawn Assaf**, **Geraldine Middaugh** and **Sharlene Borke** of Canton and **Amy Fulton** and **Billie Precord** of Northville.

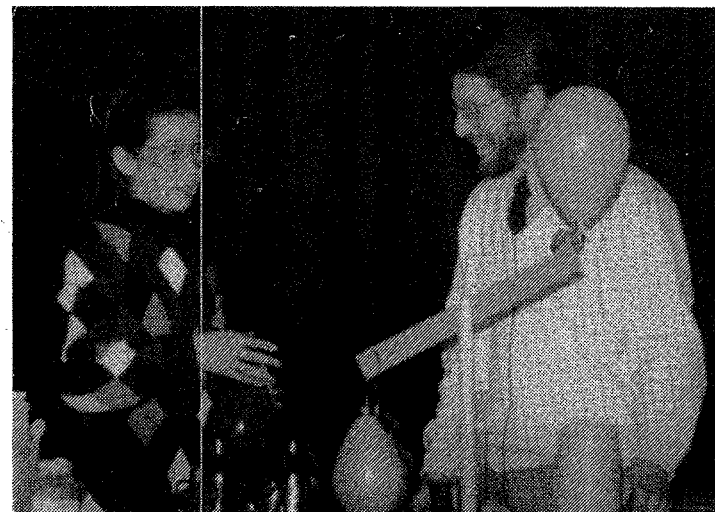
Lori Roe of Plymouth finished EMU's University Honors Program.

Christopher Jon Tynan, of Plymouth received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Southern College. He majored in Human Resources Management.

Officer Jeffrey Kleinsmith, of Plymouth, of the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service, was awarded with the Director's Life Saving award.

The award comes in connection with the stabbing of a New York woman. Due to Kleinsmith's quick reactions, she was able to be stabilized and taken to emergency services.

Pure wizardry



West Middle School student Heather Harlan got a bit of a surprise last week while demonstrating the volatility of hydrogen during a "Mr. Wizard" show hosted by Scott Dennis. In a separate hydrogen experiment (left), Harlan learns exactly how much lighter the gas is than air. (Crier photos by George Gentry)

Sheldon School is site of new adult day care program

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The former home of the Iron Coffins motorcycle gang has no Harleys in the front yard these days. No one is flying the gang colors.

Sheldon School has a new breed of guest these days, and the directors are looking to fill the school with new faces.

"We've sent out a lot of brochures," Cindy Lockman, program director of adult day care at Sheldon School. "A lot of people aren't familiar with adult day care."

Lockman, who operates day care for seniors in Canton, said that it would take a while before the spaces in the day care facility would fill up.

"It takes a while for people to know we're here," Lockman said.

The day care is an outgrowth of Child and Family Services of Washtenaw County. They serve adults with dementia (Alzheimer's Disease and related mental degenerative disorders) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They also give workshops for other caregivers.

The Sheldon School program is like its predecessors in Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Redford who have been providing home



care in Washtenaw and Wayne counties for over 20 years.

According to Lockman, over 60 families used the adult day care service in the last quarter.

According to Lockman, the funding of the program allows them to offer day care to everyone.

"We're funded partially through the United Way and Senior Alliance," Lockman said.

"No one is ever denied service."

For those who can pay, the rates are affordable. Only \$25 for a half day's care at Sheldon School. According to Lockman, the school is a good place for the day care for now.

"We can serve about 12 clients here," Lockman said of the renovated one-room schoolhouse.

"Because there isn't a kitchen, we decided not to do full day services."

She said that, in the future, the school might be open for full-day service.

Lockman said that the adult day care services that she provides can be a real boon to families with affected relatives.

"Some families need a respite from an Alzheimer's patient."

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Pursell blames campaign money game for his withdrawal

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Carl Pursell has called it quits in his bid to take the seat currently held by U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle.

Bowing to campaign funding pressures, Pursell told his staff of his decision at 7 a.m. Thursday.

Specifically, the former congressman said that his campaign would have cost upwards of \$10 million — and that most of that money would have had to be raised outside of the state.

In a brief withdrawal announcement released to his staff, Pursell said that "I soon found myself spending 80 per cent of my time raising between \$5 and \$10 million across the country to be in the Senate."

"Raising money from all over this country was not my way of representing the people of Michigan."

Pursell said later that it cost nearly \$25,000 a month just to keep the doors of his campaign office open.

His decision to quit the race leaves only two well-known Republican names in the public eye — Spencer Abraham and Ronna Romney — but Pursell said he would be withholding his endorsement of any candidate until later, "when the right candidate comes along."

Pursell saved some of his strongest words for an election system that, he said, means "you don't even get a chance to talk to somebody about the issues; it's money."

"The system is wrong; it reeks," Pursell said, taking a specific shot at sitting U.S. Rep. Bill Ford: "My congressman, Bill Ford, this last weekend was hunting with a group in Maryland sponsored by one of the biggest lobbyist firms in Washington, and were fined for illegally hunting."

"And the lobbyist paid all the fines."

Still, Pursell said, "term limits are not the answer — but what choice do we have?"

Pursell's wife, Peggy, was equally as upset about a system in which money is

the driving force. Referring to the 23 millionaires currently serving in the U.S. Senate, she asked, "how can they go to Congress and represent the common people?"

Looking around the room at the sad faces of Pursell's campaign staff and volunteers, she said

"I'll bet we can multiply this scene across the nation."

"How many groups are sitting across the country right now pulling out (of races) for the same reason — money?"

"Or don't even run," Pursell added.

Talking of her husband's decision to leave the race, Peggy said she was relieved.

Carl Pursell begins loading office equipment from his Main Street campaign headquarters. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)



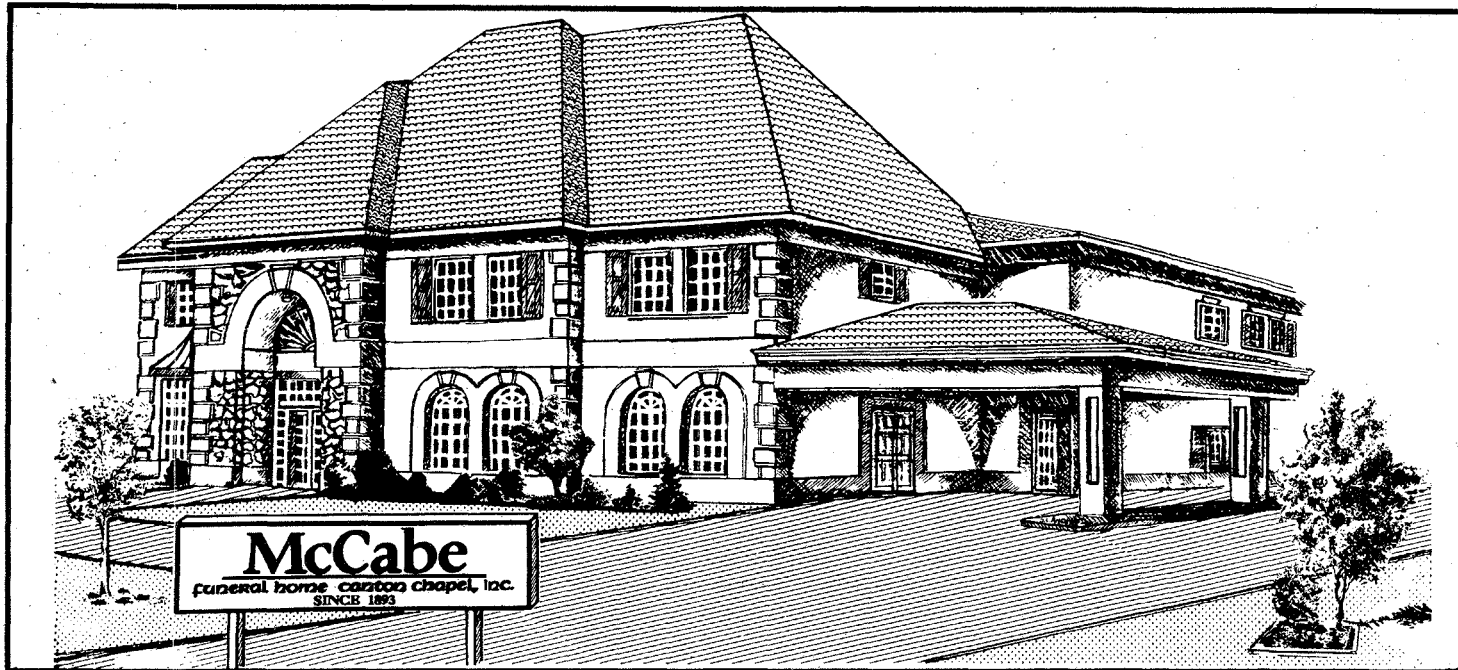
"We didn't like seeing what this was taking out of him; every time he asked someone for money, a little piece of him peeled off."

Pursell himself said he would remain active and asked his staff to "keep in

touch and keep the faith."

By Friday, the first of the office equipment was being removed from Pursell campaign headquarters on Main Street in Plymouth.

By yesterday, the office was empty.



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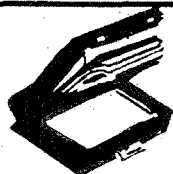
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Growth Works, Inc. will hold its Sixth Annual Recognition Award Dinner at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at The Plymouth Manor.

The dinner is held each year to recognize contributions by volunteers and friends of Growth Works, Inc. The cost is \$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible), or a table of eight for \$350 (\$150 tax deductible).

Call Susan Davis at (313) 455-4093 by Jan. 18.

The **Canton Chamber of Commerce** has announced the plans for this year's Chamber Dinner Auction/Dance.

The event will be held on March 12 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The chamber is asking members for a donation of items with a minimum value of \$50.

The chamber will host silent and regular auctions and all members of The Plymouth-Canton Community are welcome.

Tickets are \$35, and includes entry to the auction, dinner and dancing. Call (313) 453-4040 for more information.

Plymouth resident **Albert Calille** has been appointed to the Michigan Employment Security Commission by Gov. John Engler.

Calille is appointed as a Republican member to represent employers and replaces David Zurvalec for a term ending Jan. 8, 1998.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly **Business to Business** meeting from 5 to 7 p.m., Tue., Jan. 18 at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 41980 Ford Road.

The **Plymouth Business and Professional Women** are sponsoring a dinner seminar titled "Feeling Burned Out?"

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday at the Mayflower Hotel. Tickets are \$9.50 and includes dinner.

Call Marcia Rapnicki at (313) 437 7408 for more information.

Food for '94

New super market caters to health-conscious crowds

BY GARY GOSSELIN

When people think of a health food store, the idea usually conjures up ideas of a small, out-of-the-way shop with a limited selection of products.

Not Good Food Co.

The alternative supermarket is located in the Canton Corners Mall at Lilley and Ford Roads, and covers 20,000 square feet.

The produce department offers fully organic products, those in transition to organic and commercially grown.

Store General Manager Sandra John said this offers people a choice, a premise that is basic to the Good Food Company. She also said that the term organic isn't as mysterious as it sounds.

"Our organic label on the produce means that it hasn't been grown with pesticides and other harmful elements," John said. "Our fresh fish and poultry are pesticide and hormone-free as well."

The aisles throughout the store are stocked with products ranging from healthful snack foods to organic baked goods to frozen organic entrees.

In the rear of the store is a full-service deli which carries hot and cold foods.

There's also a juice bar near the deli which has most any type of juice available.

"Between the juice bar and full service deli, customers can have a nice organic lunch," John said. "We have bar stools at the juice bar so customers can have lunch, juice or organic coffee (without pesticides)."

Plymouth resident Jean Watson and her husband were found browsing, and took a break at the juice bar.

"I just found the store last week," Watson said. "It's a really beautiful store

Darlene Jardin (left) and Sandra John prepare fresh-made juice at the Good Food Co. juice bar. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)



and they're so helpful to show where things are and explain things...and I love the juice bar."

And what would a health food store — supermarket — be without vitamins?

The store carries an impressive selection of vitamin and dietary supplements for every need.

John said that owner Patricia Breen opened the first 5,000 square foot store in 1983.

The Livonia location eventually expanded to 10,000 square feet, and Breen opened another, 20,000 square foot, store in Troy four years ago.

The Canton location replaced the Livonia location in October, 1993, and John said business has been good.

"We knew it was new to the area and will be an excellent location," John said. "People in this area are well educated and health conscious."

The Good Food Co. offers classes every Monday evening at 7 p.m. about a variety of health-related subjects.

"Bach Flowers...Remedies for Better Balance," and "Introduction to

Homeopathy," are two of the upcoming classes. Cost for these are usually either free or \$3.

John said that the Good Food Cafe, a 45 seat self-serve restaurant, will soon be added, an addition she said she's looking forward to.

"We wanted to appeal to the lunch crowd, and with the self-serve concept it will be fast enough for people to get in and out for lunch," John said.

She added that the cafe will be salad-bar style, and will serve hot items, fresh breads, vegetables, salads and deserts.

John said that healthy food and lifestyles are no longer relegated to the back-room like the past.

"Health food is now becoming mainstream," John said. "Twenty years ago, it was health food 'nuts.'" John said. "Now people realize that to stay healthy, they have to take care of themselves."

She added that, "If people would just come in and see the store and see the products we offer they'd come back. The food is not only good for you, but tastes good as well"

Chamber board

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has announced the election of of the 1994 board of directors: Mel Morris (top row, left), Dr. Thomas Gerou, Tim Ford, Bob Boyer, Virginia Hauck, Ed Link and Dave Pifer; Carol Felker (bottom row, left), Janet Volante, Thomas Adamusik, Kaye Woodbeck, and Carol Hay. Board members not pictured are Lee Bittinger, Dr. James Glinski, Phil Lajoy, Bob Carrigan and Ron DeLamielleure. The officers are: Adamusik, president; Woodbeck, vp business & economic development; Delamielleure, administrative and vp government relations; Hauck, vp community development; Hay, vp membership development; Volante, treasurer and vice-president operations.



An ice carver begins shaping one of the hundreds of blocks of ice in The Gathering that will soon emerge as the "Wild, Wild West" display — one of the centerpieces of this year's Ice Fest. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



Ice fest starts today

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said. "Probably 10 of them will take part."

Darby said that taking part in the event will give the students good experience in working with large 3-D forms. She also said that the experience would be more than artistic.

"It will give a opportunity for the carvers to interact with the viewers," she said. "That's good experience too."

Darby said that the students would not be involved with any of the competitions, the experience of carving would be like classroom work for them.

"We're going to be building a display item, an edifice," Darby said. "We haven't decided but were leaning toward the Taj Mahal."

The P-C high schools have taken part in the festival ever since its inception 12 years ago. The only year that they did not take part in was last year.

School district could face \$2 million deficit

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Enhancement millage

The enhancement millage already has been made part of the funding equation in both the sales tax and income tax plans: Districts that spent more than \$6,500 per pupil would be allowed to raise additional local millages to make up the difference between the \$6,500 figure and the actual expenditure.

What P-C officials don't know yet is whether any provisions have been made for other districts to do the same during an interim adjustment period.

Under either funding plan, P-C will receive only \$5,348 — or a \$99 per pupil reduction from original foundation grant levels.

On the plus side, the district will receive \$5 more per pupil for each child enrolled in the school system's free lunch program.

By comparison, Detroit would have received \$339 per pupil enrolled in the program under the original plan.

Section 17

The second issue concerns the money that is given to districts by the state in October — and taken back in August.

This money — amounting to \$998,000 for P-C — is allocated by the state to improve early school year cash flow for Michigan districts.

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

If that money is eliminated, however, district officials say it will be recorded as a net loss in revenue.

Fund balance roll in

The third unknown concerns the possibility that a district would be able to roll in a portion of its former fund balance into its revenue base.

The catch is that the fund balance must have been exhausted to help balance a district's budget — which is exactly what P-C officials have done in the past two years.

Based on all of these figures, district officials say the 1994-95 school budget deficit could be as high as \$2 million — if board trustees opt to maintain a district fund balance of \$1 million.

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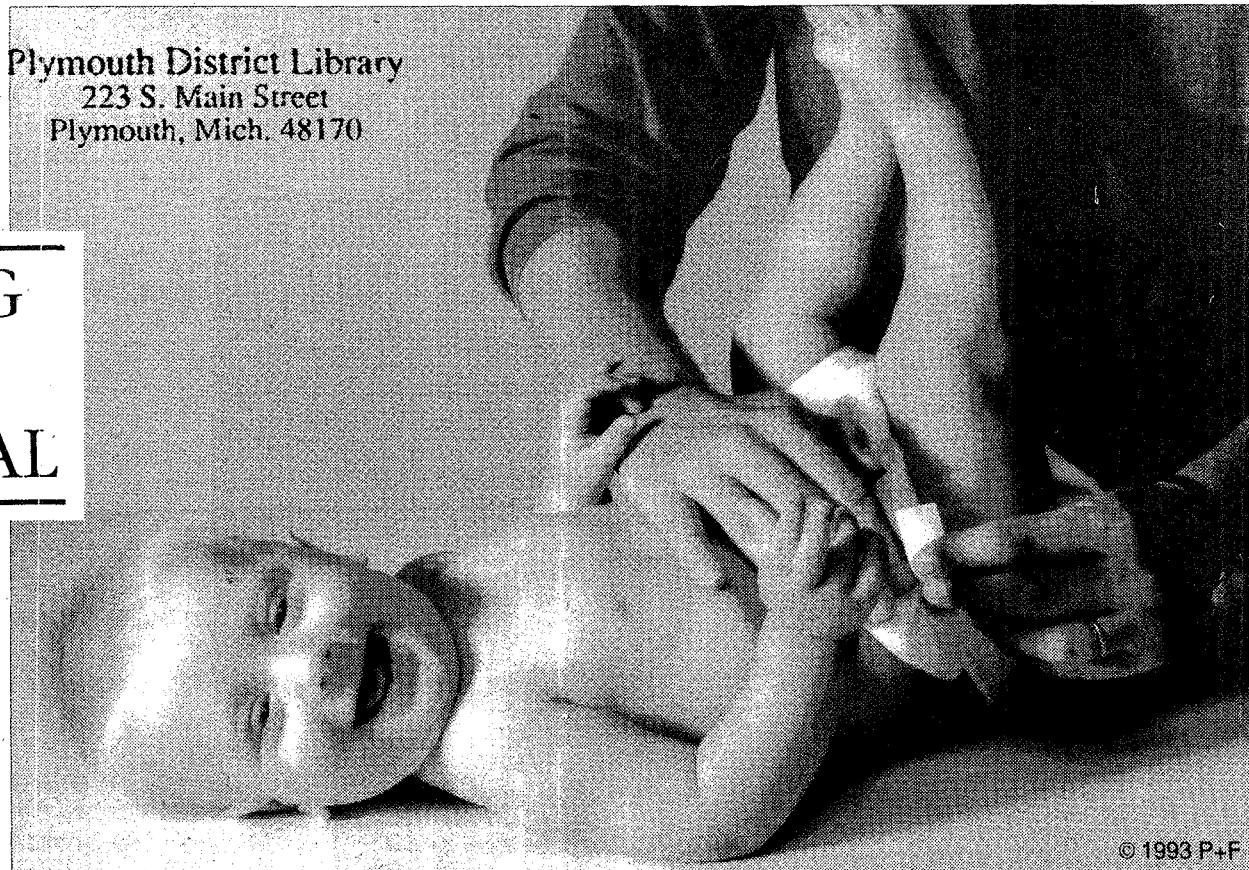
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AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold a regular business meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. For more information, call Jim Maahs at 455-5541 or Jim Barbour at 451-8659.

SMOKE STOPPERS FREE INTRODUCTION

The Arbor Health Building will be offering free introductions to Smoke Stoppers by appointment. Patch users are invited to attend. For more information call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

HEALTH BUILDING OPEN HOUSE

The Arbor Health building will be holding an open house during the Plymouth Ice Show providing hot cider, shelter and entertainment. The health center is located at 990 W. Ann Arbor Road and will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

12th ANNUAL PLYMOUTH ICE SHOW

The annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will be returning to the streets of the city Jan. 14, 15 and 16. For more information, call Kelle Morse at 459-6969.

TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will begin screening students for its 1994-95 Talented and Gifted (TAG) program. There will be an informational meeting at Allen Elementary today at 7 p.m. For more information, call Allen School at 451-6500.

MEN'S RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

Canton Parks and Rec will be sponsoring a men's racquetball league at Rose Shores of Canton with games for all ability levels beginning at 7:30 p.m. today. For information, call 397-5110.

STOP SMOKING/WEIGHT CONTROL

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will be offering a seminar on stopping smoking and weight control hosted by hypnotherapist David Rowe. The seminar will be on Jan. 17 at the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will be holding a Diabetes Support Group Today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in conference room B. For more information, call the hospital at 591-2922.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

HOME FIREARM SAFETY COURSE

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association and the National Rifle Association will be offering a home firearm safety course. The five-hour course will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 17. The cost of the course is \$5. It will be held at the WWCCA building in Plymouth Township. For more information, call 535-0436 after 6 p.m.

STOP SMOKING CLASS

St. Mary hospital will be offering a Stop Smoking Class on Mondays and Thursdays Jan. 17, 20, 24, 27, 31, and Feb. 3. There will be day and evening classes, the course will cost \$20 per person. Deadline for registration is Jan. 12. For more information, call 591-2922.

S.A.F.E. (SETTING ADDICTS FREE ETERNALLY)

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton has started a ministry to help substance abusers. The S.A.F.E. recovery group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday for the chemically dependent and their families. For more information, call 453-4785.

ENTERTAINMENT '94 COUPON BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimists Club is selling Entertainment '94 coupon books. The coupons offer up to 50 per cent savings on dining, movies and special events around Michigan. All of the proceeds will go to Children's Causes throughout Michigan. The books will be on sale through Jan. 15 and will be delivered to your door. For more information, call Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

ADULT DAY CARE

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



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HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County will be holding eight-week volunteer training sessions at their Plymouth location. The classes will meet weekly February through March. For more information, call 459-0548.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding a general membership meeting on Jan. 18 at the Water Tower Theatre at Northville Regional Hospital. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., call 349-7110 for more information.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

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

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet tomorrow at the Cady Inn at 7:30. There will be a slide show of Ireland, all are welcome. For more information call 349-1857 or 380-0803.

MEET OTHER MOTHERS

The next meeting of M.O.M. (Meet Other Mothers) will be at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The topic will be the Dairy council's position on fat. For more information, call 453-6134 or 455-5407.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell will speak to the Plymouth Historical Society tomorrow at 7:30. The meeting will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum and is open to the public. For more information call 455-8940.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED WAY

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be at the P-C Schools administration building on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Board members and officers will be elected at the meeting. For more information, call 453-6879.

LIBRARY RED CROSS BABYSITTING PROGRAM

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

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Canton Parks and Rec presents its first family skate night on Jan. 20 at the ponds behind Canton Township Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be warm refreshments and the ponds will be lighted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a free throw contest at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church on Jan. 16, the contest is open to boys and girls ages 10 to 14. For more information on rules and registration, call the Knights at 453-9833 or 453-3966.

CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

SPORTS CARD SHOW

The Canton H.S. Baseball Parent's Club will hold its third annual Sports Card Show on Jan. 16 at Central Middle School in Plymouth. There will be a raffle, door prizes, a radar-timed pitching range and Detroit Tiger First Baseman Rick Leach. For more information, call 455-3564.

"KINDERMUSIK" CLASSES

Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton will be offering children 15-week "Kindermusik" classes, by a licensed and certified instructor. The classes begin Jan 10 and will run through May 2. For registration and more information, call Sharlene Borke at 459-5515.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING CLASSES

There will be country line dancing classes at the V.F.W. Hall at 1 p.m. on Jan 20. The fee is \$3 per person per class and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 453-1529.

COMMUNITY CHORUS AUDITION

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions for new members on Jan. 18 and 25 at the First United Methodist Church. For more information, call 455-4080.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

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

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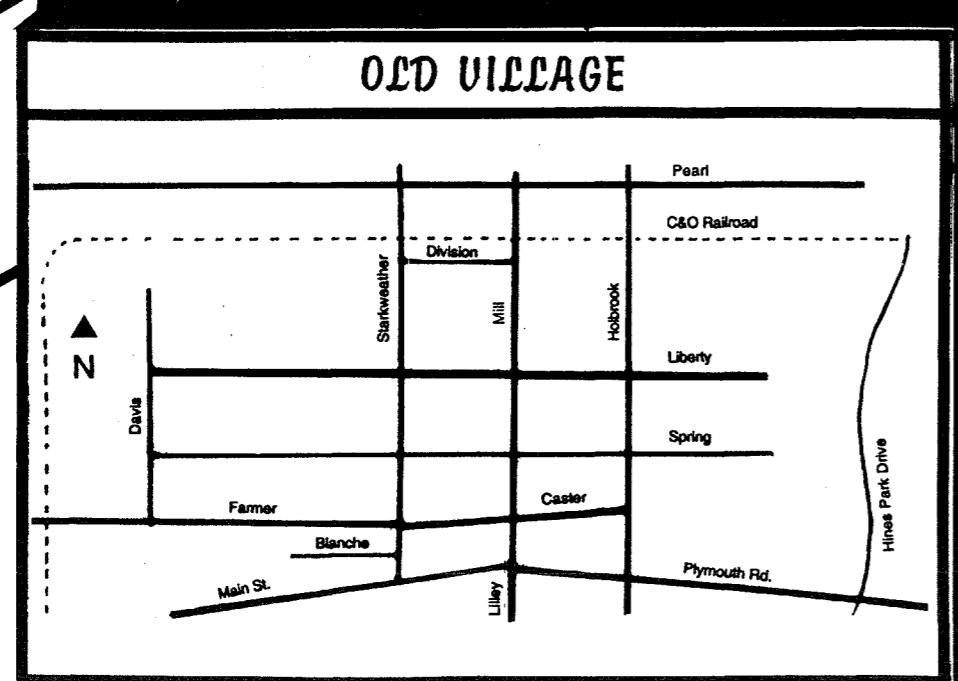
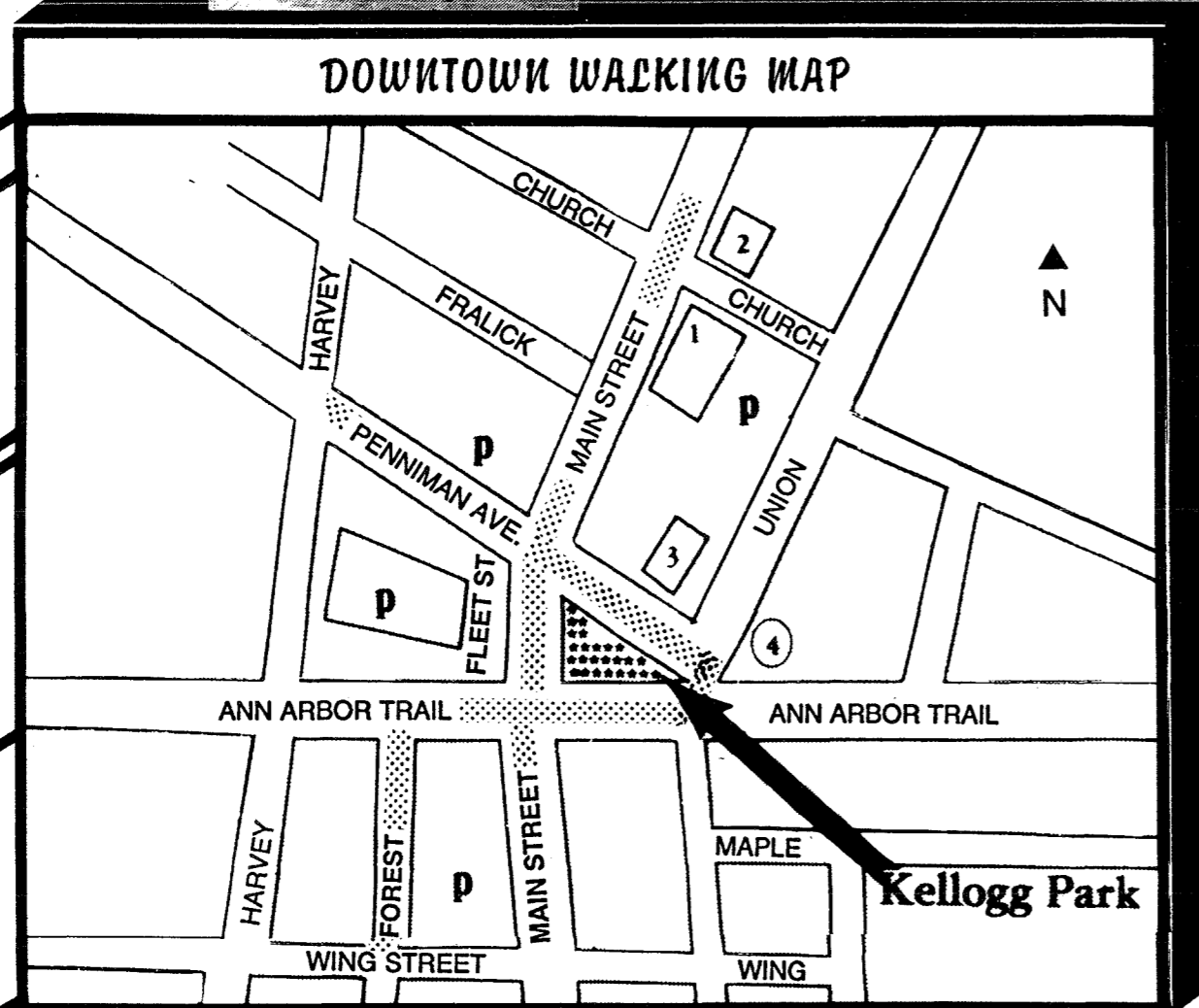
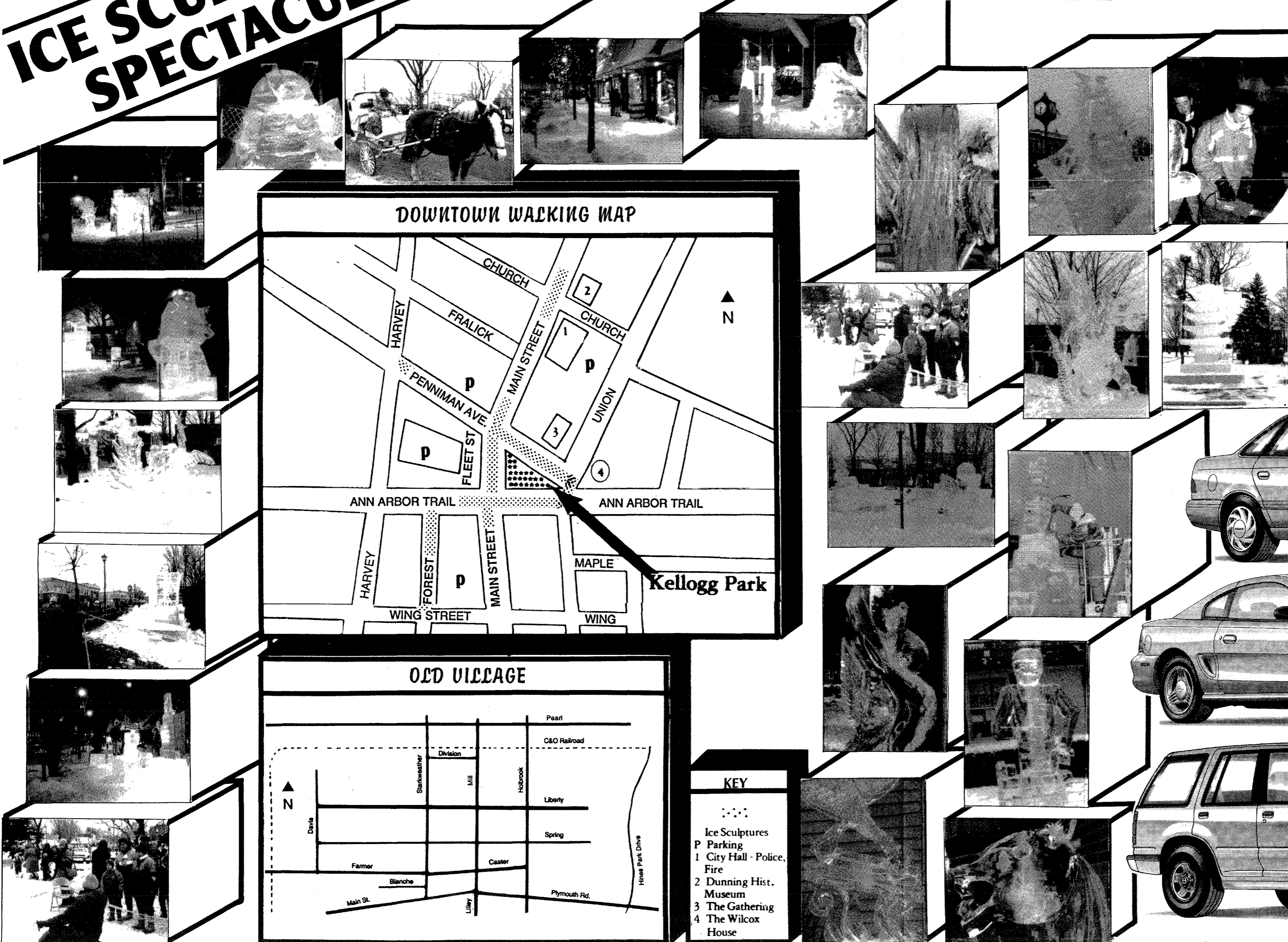
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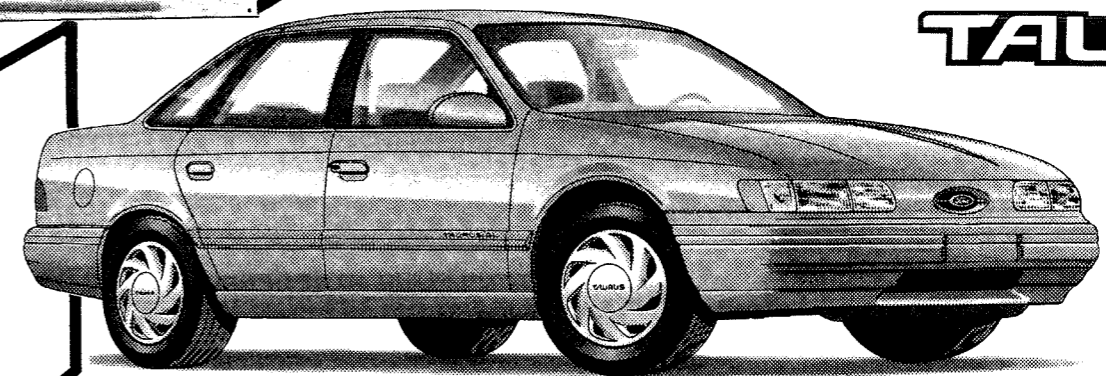
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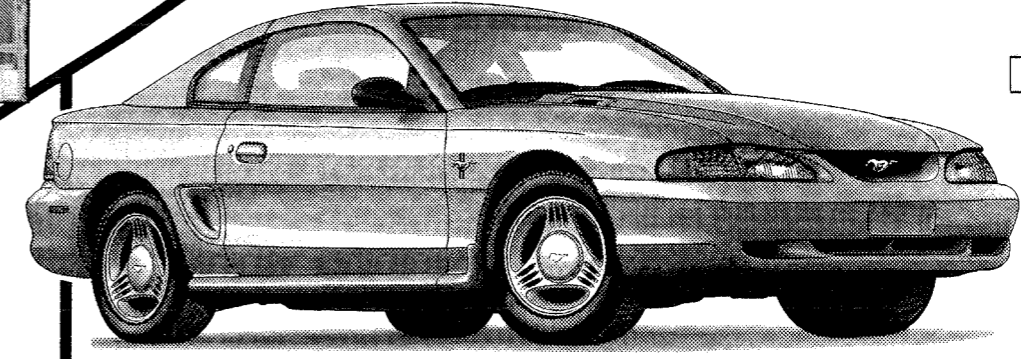
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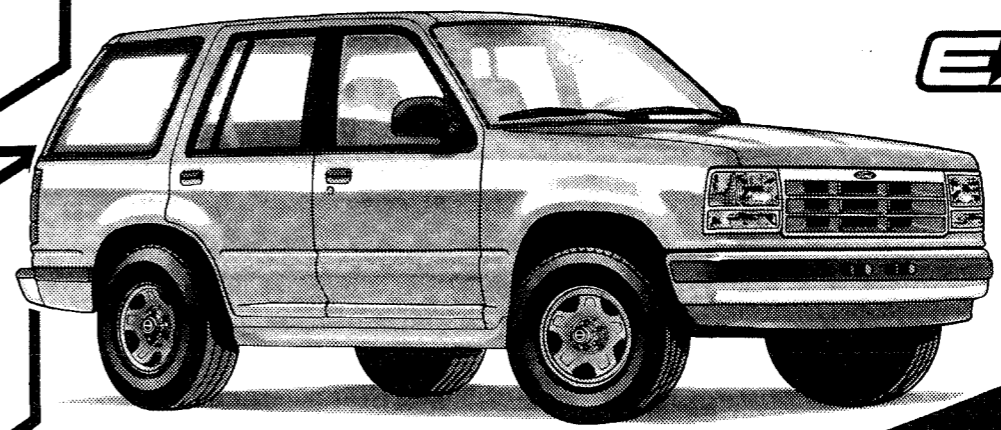
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Community deaths

Harold Stiehr, 75, tool maker

Harold W. Stiehr, a tool and die maker at General Motors Company for 36 years, died Jan. 5, 1994 at the age of 75. Funeral services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Marjorie Daniels, 72, homemaker

Marjorie Marie Daniels, a homemaker, died Jan. 4, 1994 at the age of 72. Funeral services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

Loren Clayton Hopper

Born Jan. 18, 1908. Died Jan. 5, 1994 at the age of 85 at Plymouth Court, Plymouth, MI. Mr. Hopper was born in Logan, Oklahoma. He moved to Parsons, Kansas at the age of 15 where he met and married his first wife Annebell Skaggs the mother of his children. She predeceased him in 1967. Mr. Hopper moved to Plymouth, MI in 1936 where he lived and worked until his death.

He met and married Catherine E. Prest of West Bloomfield, MI in 1975. He belonged to and was charter member of the Rainbows a senior square dance group, Charter member of the Plymouth Creditors, Senior Elks, and an Elk. He was a member of Main Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Delores St. Pierre of Cheboygan, Helen Pervine, Nancy McCall, son Harold R. Hopper all of Plymouth and Gary E. Hopper of Frankfort, MI.

He leaves 13 grandchildren and great grandchildren. One brother Floreman M. Hoppe of Parsons, Kansas, and three step-children Thomas and Herman Cusic of Citrus Hots, CA, and Dorothy Robinson of Howell, MI. Eleven step-grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren also survive.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest any memorial donations to Michigan Cancer Society.

The service will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, 1994 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Rev. Michael R. York, Main Street Baptist Church, of Canton officiating.

Nancy B. Barkley

Nancy B. Barkley, 56, of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Harvey, dear mother of Susan (Dennis) Bodrie, and loving grandmother of Jennifer. Four cousins also survive.

Mrs. Barkley was a homemaker and has lived in the Plymouth Community since 1959. Porcelain painting and music were very important hobbies for Mrs. Barkley. She married Harvey Barkley on Aug. 16, 1958.

Funeral services were held at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkeley. Memorials can be made to the Leukemia Society of America.

Anthony J. Giuffre Sr.

Anthony J. Giuffre Sr. was born on April 2, 1908 in Indianapolis and passed away on Jan. 6 1994 in Plymouth.

A great dad and grandpa, Mr. Giuffre is survived by sons Richard, Michael Sr. and Anthony Jr. He was the grandfather of Michael Jr., Cheryl Giuffre Abbott, Lisa, Craig and Lindsay. Mr. Giuffre was a dedicated family man and knew no strangers.

Mr. Giuffre was a manufacturer's representative for over 40 years in Michigan and Ohio and was active in community and civic affairs. He was a member of the Detroit Tomorrow Committee under Mayor Al Cobo, past president of the Federated Civic Assn of Northwest Detroit (4 terms), past president of the Northwest Civic Assn., Northwest Midget and Babe Ruth League, the Catholic Central H.S. Dad's Club, the Plymouth Elks Bingo Chairman, the Monaghan Knights of Columbus charter member, Bradbury Parkhomes Condo Assn. past vice-president and board member, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Usher Captain, and St. Scholastica Church usher, choir, building fund chairman.

Services for Mr. Giuffre were held at the Vermuelen Funeral Home with the Rev. David Lesniak mass celebrant. Burial was at the Holy Speulchre Cemetery.

Leo Crane

Leo R. Crane, 94, of Plymouth, died January 10 1994. Beloved husband of the late Iva; dear father of Bently A, (Jean) Crane and Lea Raye (Davis C.) Augustine, Susan J., John B., William L., and Steven M. Crane. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Crane graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now MSU) with a degree in civil engineering.

He built many roads and bridges in the early days of Michigan. He retired in 1967 from the Wayne County Road Commission.

He was a member of the Plymouth American Legion Post 0391 and served in the armed services in WW I.

Funeral services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 14, 1994 at 11 a.m. with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, MI.

Neal 'Doc' Fenkell was long-time Tiger broadcast executive

Neal "Doc" Fenkell, of Plymouth, died at home on Friday, Jan. 7, at the age of 71. Fenkell was born May 10, 1922 in Detroit.

"Doc" Fenkell was the former broadcast director of the Detroit Tigers, and developed the Tiger television network.

In 1974, while remaining as a consultant, he pursued other interests in Morgan horse breeding, harness racing, oil exploration and advertising with the Michigan Living Magazine.

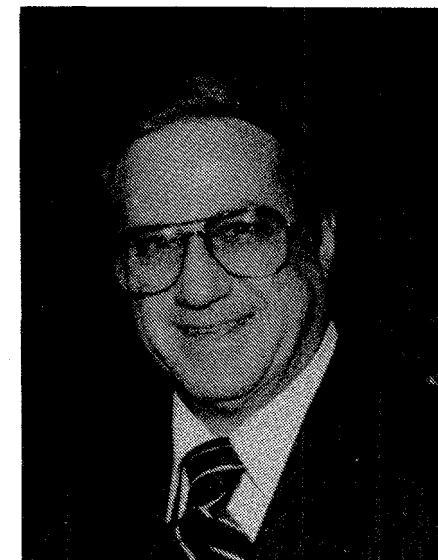
Fenkell was called back to the Tigers in 1983 where he remained until 1992.

Fenkell attended Cass Tech. in Detroit and served in WW II through the Pacific campaign.

After the service, Fenkell graduated from Hillsdale College, and worked at the Packard Motor Co. until joining the Tigers in 1954.

Fenkell served as chairman of the board of trustees of Henry Ford Hospital's Maplegrove Clinic and was a member of the Adcraft club of Detroit, the Justin Morgan Horse Association and the Michigan Harness Racing Association.

He married Juanita Diesler on Dec. 31, 1953 and is survived by Juanita, of



NEAL FENKELL

Plymouth, daughters Ann G. of Fenkell of Northville and Nancy Doherty of Montana.

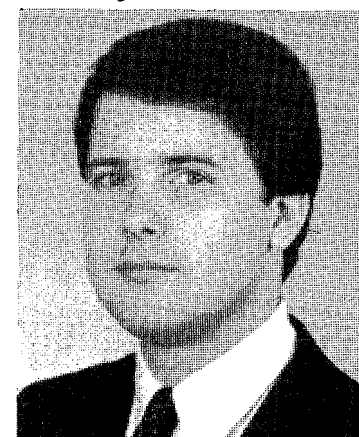
He is also survived by brother Robert Millard of California.

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Pursell's withdrawal is another indictment of system

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"Every time you ask someone for money, a little piece of you peels off. We didn't like watching what was happening to him."

Carl Pursell's campaign — and his persona — quite possibly may be the quintessential portrayal of America's lost political horizons.

The message is no longer important; the messenger is. Or, as Marshall McLuhan warned us all: the medium is the message.

No longer is it enough — or even necessary — to speak to the issues, values and matters of importance; what is important is to deliver a message (any message, regardless of content) attractively.

Look good first, the medium says, and the message will follow. And we're not just talking the electronic medium of television.

You'd better speak quickly, concisely — and cleverly — else the print hacks won't deal with you too long, either.

But clearly the biggest culprit is the electronic media of radio and TV: Working on the premise that America suffers en masse from ADD (attention deficit disorder), my electronic brethren live and breathe the news clip, the sound bite and the trite phrase.

MacNeil, Lehrer be damned, we don't think the public will stand to listen to the issues, they say — we need to broadcast something else.

We already know that this same mentality applies to TV's own personalities (pretty, blown-dry blondes — women, too), so why not to the news it covers?

Which brings us back to Carl Pursell.

Not being a blown-dry anything — or quick with the quip — all Carl had to offer to TV, radio and newspapers were the facts.

Facts about his record, facts about his stand on the issues, facts about what he'd do if elected.

Boring, the pundits said. (One Freep columnist actually wrote as much.)

Makes you wonder how one man in particular — rail-thin, gaunt, ungainly and, quite frankly, ugly — would do in today's political arena.

(Fortunately, Lincoln ran 160 years ago to his first office as an Illinois lawmaker and didn't have to face a TV camera.)

So instead, the press followed and fawned over the Ronna Romneys, the Spence Abrahams and all the other lightweights because they made for better copy.

(Read: easy to understand, personality-driven drivel.)

Which left Carl a nowhere man with the nearly impossible task of circumventing the mainstream press and taking his message directly to the people.

And that, my friends, is where the money comes in.

To take his message directly to the people would mean buying TV time — buying the job the electronic media would not do on its own.

"But Carl Pursell didn't have the \$3 billion to splash his charts on TV," like H. Ross Perot did during the 1992 campaign, Pursell wrote.

And with that shortcoming came the inevitable political declension:

- Not being able to get good press coverage of the issues means

- having to raise huge amounts of money to buy air time. But since you're

- not willing to spend an inordinate amount of time to raise that money (and not only sell a piece of yourself, but also take away from your own message), that means that you're

- not able to raise the kind of money necessary to get the message out. And that means

- your campaign is over.

Still, you might ask, what's the big deal with this rise and fall of the Pursell campaign? He's not the first politi-

cian to enter and then drop out of a race — remember Perot; remember Hart; remember LBJ?

Sure, I remember.

But this is just a little different.

This isn't some wide-eared billionaire, pretty-boy playboy or saggy-eared arm-twister.

This is a guy who dresses in baggy pants and sports a hound-dog look that makes bassets appear happy.

This is a guy whose every second sentence is about home and family — not about "inside the Beltway" and partisan politics.

"Only Bob Traxler and I returned home every weekend..." he wrote in his withdrawal announcement.

"My campaign was a proud moment for my family and Plymouth; it would have been a great piece of history for Plymouth," he told his followers.

"I never forgot where I came from, what I'd done here," he told me later.

I never got to know Carl very well, but I knew him well enough to compare him to two other lawmakers I do know: Bill Ford and John Dingell.

And he compares more than favorably, thank you.

Which is what makes Carl Pursell's withdrawal all the more an indictment of the late 20th Century political system.

This kind of person can't win anymore; can't even compete. Because to do so, he (or she) has to comply with the new rules of engagement.

Rules that place money ahead of matters; influence ahead of importance; image ahead of issues.

I don't like these rules, and neither do you.

But until people like Carl Pursell — and others — can run freely on their records and plans for the future, unencumbered by the demands of the money changers, we're doomed to slim pickin's.

Carl said the system "reeks."

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Canton gymnasts take third, Salem fourth at Athens meet

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

For the first time in four years, the Canton gymnastics team topped its arch rival, and closest competitor, Salem, in competition.

The Rocks ended a three-year 22 dual meet winning streak for Canton and for four years beat the Chiefs every time they competed.

"I'm real pleased with our performance," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "It's very early in the year and we're still making some of our routines up. I've got two or three kids just now forming their floor routines. I'm pleased with the way we did, but we have a long way to go."

The Chiefs placed third, scoring 134.05 points, .25 points ahead of the defending state champions, Salem

(133.8), at the Troy Athens Invitational, Saturday.

Holland won the meet with 136.9 points, Troy was second with 135.6.

Thirteen teams competed at the invitational.

Canton's Katey Gilles and Salem's Melissa Hopson were the only CEP gymnast to take a first place. Both competed in division 1.

Gilles took first on the vault, scoring 9.4 and placed first all around with a 36.70.

Salem's Hopson won the division 1 balance beam routine, racking up 9.4 points. She finished second all-around, scoring 35.85 points.

Gilles was the only division 1 competitor for Canton. A division 1 competitor is a gymnast who has competed at

level 8, 9 or 10 in club gymnastics in the last two years.

On the bars, Gilles took third with 9.35. She was second on the beam, scoring 9.5, and sixth on the floor with an 8.8.

For Salem in division 1, Hopson took second on the vault scoring 9.15. Sarah Makins was sixth, scoring 8.6. Kristen Kasik took eighth, scoring 8.4. Zoe Yockey was 13th with 8.05.

On the bars, Makins was seventh with 8.75. Hopson was 10th with 8.25. Yockey took 12th, scoring 7.7.

On the beam, Makins was 11th with 7.9. Yockey was 12th with 7.75, and Kasik was 13th with 7.7.

In the floor exercise, Hopson took fourth place, scoring 9.05. Makins was eighth with 8.75 points. Yockey took

10th, scoring 8.5.

Also for Salem in the all-around, Makins scored 34.00 and Yockey scored 32.00.

In division 2, Canton's Brie Wall took fifth on the vault, scoring 8.45. Adrienne Brenner was sixth, 8.35.

Wall took 11th on the bars with an 8.05.

On the beam, Wall was third with 8.65, Kim Nowak was 15th with 7.95.

Four Canton competitors placed in the top 15 on floor, Nowak was second, scoring 8.8. Wall was eighth with 8.65. Angie Lamerato took ninth with 8.6, and Brenner was 15th with 8.2.

In the division 2 all around, Wall took fourth, tallying 33.80 points. Nowak was eighth with 31.85. Brenner placed 10th, scoring 31.15.

Sports

Salem dominates boards, beats Canton 64-57

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a tough, hard fought battle between the Canton and Salem hoopsters Friday night at the Salem gym.

When it came time to win the game, Salem counted on James Head, and he was there for his squad. He tossed in 27 to help secure the win.

The Rocks led most of the game and captured a 64-57 win, to improve their overall record to 5-1. Canton is 2-4 overall.

"Anytime we play Canton and get a victory, I'm happy," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They can be explosive and the game is not over until the buzzer sounds."

Although the Salem squad has a height advantage, Brodie warned his players before the game not to be over confident. The Rocks dominated the boards offensively and defensively and forced Canton to make a lot of outside shots.

"Our shot selection wasn't the greatest," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner.

Canton was led by Matt Paupore with 25 points, including four three-pointers.

Salem won the tip off, scored first and managed to stay ahead of Canton most of the game.

With a three pointer in the final seconds, Salem ended the first quarter leading 16-10.

The Chiefs brought the game to within two points one third of the way through the second quarter, Salem stretched the lead out and Canton brought it back again.

The Rocks added 13 in the second quarter, Canton tossed in 14 and trailed the Rocks by five at the end of two, 29-25.

Canton's pace picked up at the end of the second quarter, but the Rocks were able to keep pace.

"Good defensive pressure got us back into the game," said Van Wagoner.

His squad took the lead in the third quarter for the first time in the game.

"We just couldn't sustain it in for the fourth."

The third quarter was a thriller for both teams, as the score was rarely more than a basket apart.

Canton ended the quarter leading 44-43. Canton tossed in 20 points, Salem added 14 points.

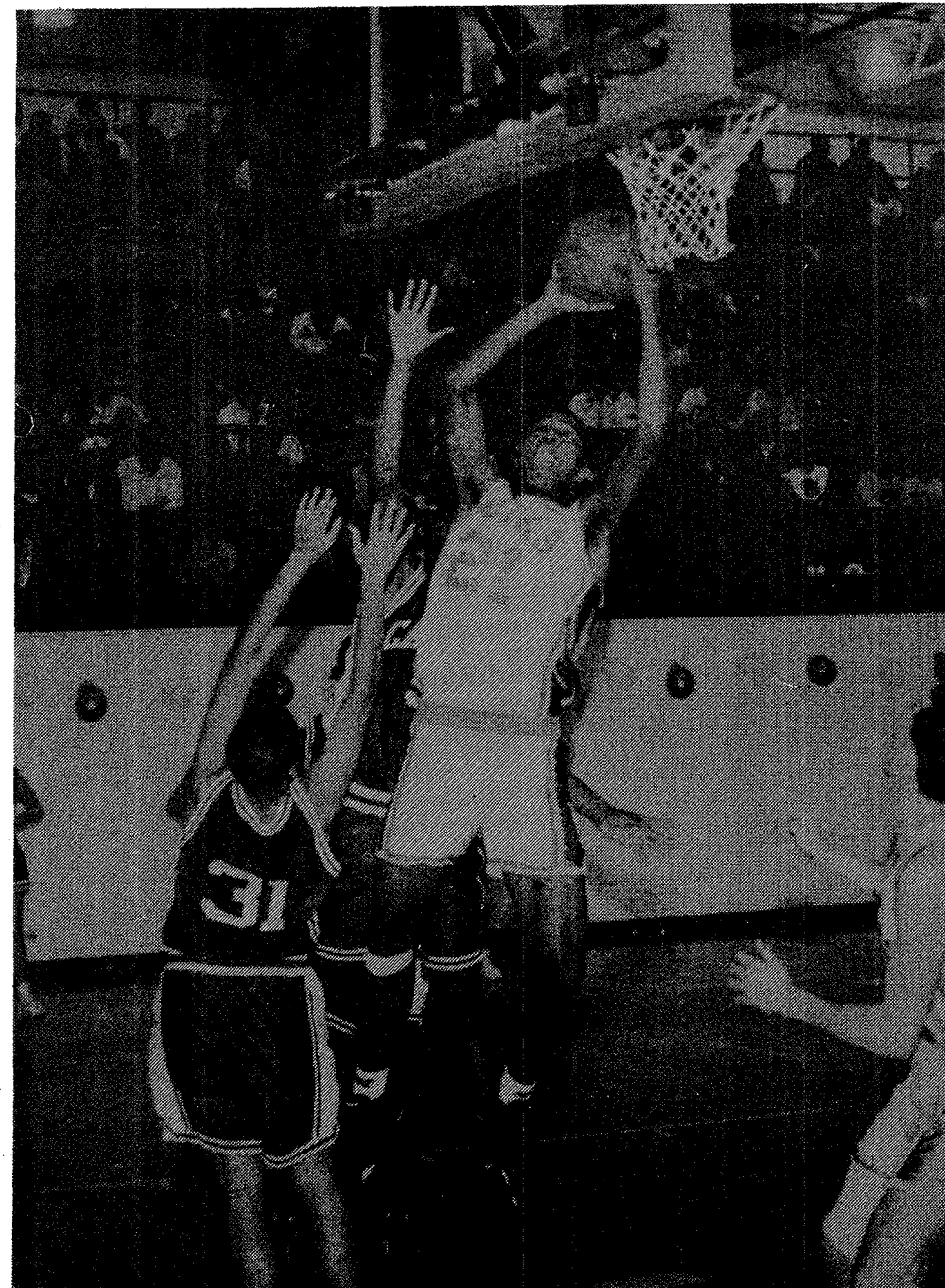
When the game was on the line, Salem's Head came to life and restored the Rocks lead.

He tossed in 13 of Salem's 21 points in the last quarter, Canton added 13.

Herriman led with assists, handing off nine, and he grabbed four steals.

"James Head just completely took over the fourth and made some big time plays," said Van Wagoner.

"Our shot selections was the greatest. Our effort is there, it's been there all year. We need to play a little smarter and then we'll go on and win some games."



Salem's James Head goes for the slam in Friday's game against Canton (Crier photo by George Gentry).

This week

Tomorrow: Canton swimming at home against Churchill. Salem swimming at Novi. Salem wrestling vs. Farmington and North Farmington at home. Canton wrestling at Northville.

Friday: Canton basketball at home against Farmington. Salem basketball at Churchill.

Saturday: Canton and Salem volleyball at the Plymouth Festival Tournament at Salem. Canton and Salem wrestling at the Lake Orion Novice Invitational.

Monday: Salem gymnastics at North Farmington. Salem volleyball at Walled Lake Western.

Salem wrestling squad wins medals, builds skills

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem had two medal winners Saturday in the Salem Varsity Invitational wrestling tournament.

Scott Hughes (119) finished third when he pinned Belleville's Joe Peters in 1:44.

John Svec (160) took third when he earned the win in the final seconds against Catholic Central's Danny Krueger, son of his coach.

Steve Hughes (152) took seventh when he beat Jenison's Brian Wietzley 15-3.

Salem finished 12th in the 18 team tournament with 75.5 points.

Stevenson won the tournament with 162.5 points.

The tournament was supported by the Salem wrestling parents group, Loc Performance, Rose's Restaurant, Porterhouse Meats, Dunkin Donuts, Hardee's, Meijer's, Kroger, Gordon Food and McDonald's.

The Rocks have a very young team this year. Coach Ron Krueger believes pay to play is partially responsible for the lower turnout in wrestling. The sport usually isn't a primary sport for many of the athletes, and the athletes tend to focus on training for their primary sports in the off season, rather than playing multiple sports.

"We have a young team, kind of a really young team," said Krueger. "When you have a young team, you have to do a

Canton wrestlers tough in meets, but struggling at invitationals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton wrestlers finished 16th out of 18 teams in the Salem varsity invitational wrestling meet Saturday.

The Chiefs had one runner-up, Dan Brunewald at 103. He wrestled Brighton's Chris Middleton in the finals and lost 7-1. Brunewald is now 16-2.

Doug Cooper, heavyweight, finished a fifth place, beating Belleville's Jeremy Williams on a pin in 2:35. Cooper is now 6-6 in competition.

Thursday night, Canton grapplers were the only action in town, when most places shut down for the snow.

The Chiefs beat the Chargers 42-30. Every match the Chiefs won was on a

lot of learning and a lot of work. It's a good bunch of kids and we've got a long way to go."

Competing this year for Salem at 103 is freshman Eric Coburn. Junior Romeo Cairo is in his second year with squad and wrestles at 112.

Junior Scott Hughes is back for his third season. He was a regional qualifier last year and competes at 119.

Three year veteran junior Aaron Lapinski and sophomore Dave Popeney alternate between 125 and 130. Popeney, in his first year with Salem, is a transfer student from Stevenson.

Junior Phil Mitchell competes at 135. He was a regional qualifier last year and may come down to 130. Sophomore Joe Stiver, in his second year will also compete at 135.

Jeremy Breithaupt is a second year sophomore and will compete at 145.

Senior captain Steve Hughes is back for his fourth season. He will compete at 152.

Senior captain John Svec is back for his fourth year. He was league champion last year and will compete at 160.

Senior Jeff Richard is back for his fourth year and will compete at 171 and 160.

Freshman Salem Salem will compete at 189 or 171.

Clayton Walker will compete for Salem at 189 or heavyweight.

"With a team this young, you work for

pin.

Tom Keeling (130), pinned Matt Slowik in 4:41.

Dave Cline (145) executed a pin on Chris Seder in 3:34.

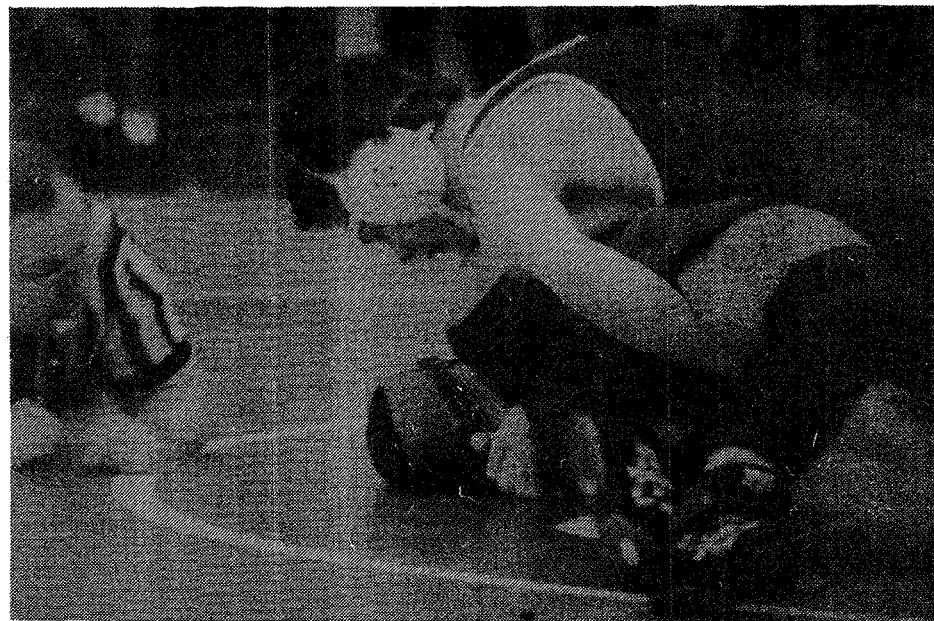
Dan Collins (152) pinned Stanley Willie in 1:36.

John Wright (171) pinned Joe Ramlaw in 1:35.

Doug Cooper (heavyweight) pinned Bob Fowler in 27 seconds.

Canton picked up two voids a 103 and 125.

"We had won three dual meets and were on a high," said Canton coach Ray Givens. "I hope the tournament doesn't bring us down."



Salem's Jeremy Breithaupt goes for a pin on Catholic Central's Chris Pascoe (Crier photo by George Gentry).

next year," said Krueger. "You get what you can for your seniors and gain experience for the rest of your kids."

This year Salem has 18 grapplers out for the squad, and the coach still can't believe the low turnout. A normal season usually sees 40-50 kids out for the team.

"I know what the problem is, I just don't know what the solution is," said Krueger.

He sees pay to play, no feeder system in the middle schools and the difficulty of the sport and that it is often a

secondary sport to athletes, who focus on another sport. Many of the athletes who used wrestling as training for their primary sport are now opting out of the secondary sport to focus and train in the off season for their primary sport.

With his core of 18 grapplers Krueger looks for the young squad to grow a lot this year. "We have a lot to learn and we're going to work at it."

Salem is 1-0 in dual meets. The Rocks face Farmington and North Farmington tomorrow.



Our Lady of Good Counsel's CYO varsity girls basketball team won the Mercy Hoops Classic Christmas Tournament Dec. 29, in Farmington Hills. The winning squad is Elise Thornell (front row, left), Anne Rucinski, Cheryl Piwowar, Laura Schneider and Jackie Connolly; Coach Jennifer Dyer (back row, left), Christine Phillips, Mary Ernst, Casie Moore, Heather Guerin, Anne Kijek, Melissa Stacy and Laura Mathews.

Salem takes second at volleyball

Salem volleyball was knocked out of the finals in the silver bracket of the Kalamazoo Sportswear Invitational at Portage Northern Saturday.

The Rocks were competing against seven teams.

In pool play, Salem split two matches and won the third.

Against Battle Creek Central, Salem lost the first game 12-15, won the second 15-12.

Against Parchment, Salem split, 11-15, 15-11. In the final game of pool play, Salem beat Cass Tech in the power pool,

15-9, 15-8.

Salem lost to Grand Rapids Forest Hill Central, 7-15, 13-15. Out of pool play, Salem was ranked 11 out of 24 teams and competed in the silver bracket.

In competition, best two of three, Salem beat Battle Creek Lakeview 15-6, 15-1.

The Rocks then lost to Davidson, 15-17, 9-15.

Paula Dembrowski had 40 kills. Jamey Viau had 32 kills and 10 aces. Julie McGurrian had 15 aces. Karen Gundry had 63 digs.

PCJBA league

Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association tournament play for boys and girls "A" league is under way.

In the first round, in the girls league, the Kings topped the Lakers 38-28.

The Celtics beat the Nets 65-52.

In the first round of boys "A" league play, the Pistons beat the Kings 65-50, Jazz topped the Bucks 51-49.

The Pacers defeated the Celtics 64-57, the Hawks beat the Hornets 61-51.

The Spurs beat the Lakers 65-53. The Rockets trounced the Kings 70-52, The Sonics topped the Nets 57-52, he 76ers beat the bulls 65-52.

Standings in the Plymouth Canton

Junior Basketball Association as of Jan 8, are as follows:

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In the boys "B" league, national division, the Hawks are 4-0, the Bulls and Jazz are 3-1.

The Blazers, 76ers, and Kings are 2-2. Magic and the Nets are 1-3, the Lakers are 0-4.

In the American division, the Knicks, Bucks, Spurs and Celtics are 3-1. The Rockets are 2-2, the Sonics 2-1.

The Pistons and Pacers are 1-3, the Hornets are 0-4.

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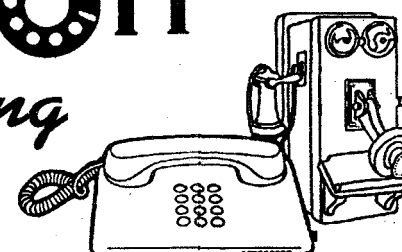
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BADGERS!

CHERYLL: 1. I love you. 2. Nice to meet your
dad! - Mike

Good shot Gerry - even a better target.

Christy Major had a birthday. Sat. everyone
be sure & sing to her. I am not divulging her
age as I am a kind of hearted person.

Jenny looked but was unable to track down
any foxes in the snow - she is proud of the fact
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home sixty years or so, likes living LOWER
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remember you. It's wonderful to see two
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Sorry Emma we didn't win this week

I owe Christy a birthday lunch -
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It's Guide time. Be sure and call Jack so you
don't miss out -

There should be a pill or patch for young
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I'd be willing to donate a kid for the research.
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Community opinions

City vs. CSX debate should be about safety...

This column is titled "Views From the Middle" for a reason. I try to put myself in the middle of an issue and look at both sides.

One item that's been in the forefront of the news lately is the CSX issue.

You know, the railroad blocks intersections for more than five minutes, the city writes tickets, the railroad fights the tickets, both go to court, the issue ends up buried in transportation legislation, and the governor will likely end up signing the bill.

You know, that issue.

I've looked at the city's side: Trains block intersections often in excess of five minutes. The city contends that this blockage has obstructed not only traffic but also has blocked emergency vehicles.

The remedy for the city is to write tickets that cost the railroad money. The more tickets the railroad pays, the more it'll think about bisecting the city in excess of five minutes, and maybe, it won't do it as often.

On the other hand, there's the railroad's point of view.

The company's been here almost forever. The city grew up around the railroad, and made no effort to alleviate the problem.

Trains are usually going as fast as is safely possible,

Views from the middle

By Gary Gosselin



and shorter trains would mean a loss of revenues. Tickets are also a good revenue-maker for the city.

I've tried to look at both sides, and feel that they both have good points — from their separate points of view

Aside from "The City" and "The Railroad," there's one other consideration — the populace.

While I've thought about both sides, there's one consideration that keeps coming to mind:

What if a seven- or 10-minute train is blocking an ambulance at an intersection, and someone is in dire medical straits on the other side?

Say someone has had a heart attack or stroke, and every minute counts. Three minutes can make a difference, let alone seven.

What price can one put on a life?

If that was someone in my family, you'd better believe

I'd want that ambulance to sprout wings.

Alas, that won't happen, and eventually the problem will involve a life-threatening situation.

The issue now faces a final resolution in the form of Senate bill 646, which the governor will likely sign soon.

The bill allows seven-minute delays before punitive action — a ticket — is allowed, and fines of more than \$10,000 will go to an improvement fund.

If signed, this bill will tell the railroads that delays are OK, and emergency vehicles that they have to find other solutions.

Well, one solution that the railroad has been proposing is bridges over the crossings or tunnels under — commonly known as grade separations.

If the bill is signed — and it's likely to be signed within a week — the only solution as I see it, other than waiting for the trains, is to take the railroads suggestion and try to work out a plan for some sort of grade separations.

I realize that this isn't an ideal or inexpensive solution, but hey, some solution is better than none.

And if you figure the possible cost of a life, any cost will be cheap in comparison.

But that's just my opinion.

...so governor should veto anti-town legislation

Gov. John Engler is currently poised to put pen to legislation that would be a slap in the face to the City of Plymouth — and any other Michigan community that has to contend with a growing belligerence from Michigan railroads.

In some parts of Michigan, the issue is safety: In communities such as Rockwood, in southern Wayne County, railroad accidents claimed far too many lives before simple crossing gates could be erected in its central business district.

In Plymouth, the issue is safety as well — but not just of those crossing the tracks, but also of those who can't: By splitting the Plymouth-Plymouth Twp. area, the railroad tracks create a tremendous hurdle to emergency vehicles trying to navigate from one end of the community to the other.

And yet, there was a solution: keep the trains moving at a rate that would keep the crossings clear as much as possible.

The legislation on the governor's desk would change that — for the worse: The legislation — essentially written by CSX and other railroads,

and almost surreptitiously woven through the Legislature while it was busy dealing with education reform — would in fact extend the blockages.

It would increase the allowable duration of train traffic at a given crossing from 5 to 7 minutes, and it would also restrict the ability of a local community to police that action: By limiting fine collections to \$10,000 and placing restrictions on the use of fine money in excess of that amount, the legislation in essence eliminates home rule from the home.

And that's neither right nor proper.

The solution is to create new ways of getting the trains through town, not creating new ways of letting them block the town.

Instead of letting the railroads do as they please, the Legislature should look seriously at finding state and federal transportation money to revamp — and improve — Michigan's rail systems for the benefit of all.

Which means Gov. Engler should veto the legislation on his desk and send a message to the Legislature to look at the larger issue of transportation, not of restricting the ability of communities to govern.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

2 info booths better than 1?

Welcome to the Dueling Ice Info Booths.

In case the visiting Ice Festies who take over downtown Plymouth this coming week need information about the Fest, about The Plymouth-Canton Community, or — probably 67.5% of the questions asked — about bathroom locations, they have two choices:

The Plymouth Chamber is once again staffing its Main Street office for the Fest.

And, across the street, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will be dispensing information from the All-new Santa House in Kellogg Park at the same time.

Both groups are scrambling desperately to get enough volunteers to staff the info offices (and to sell knick-knacks, sweatshirts, mugs, etc.).

Did the two groups talk to each other to coordinate plans, join forces, provide staffing?

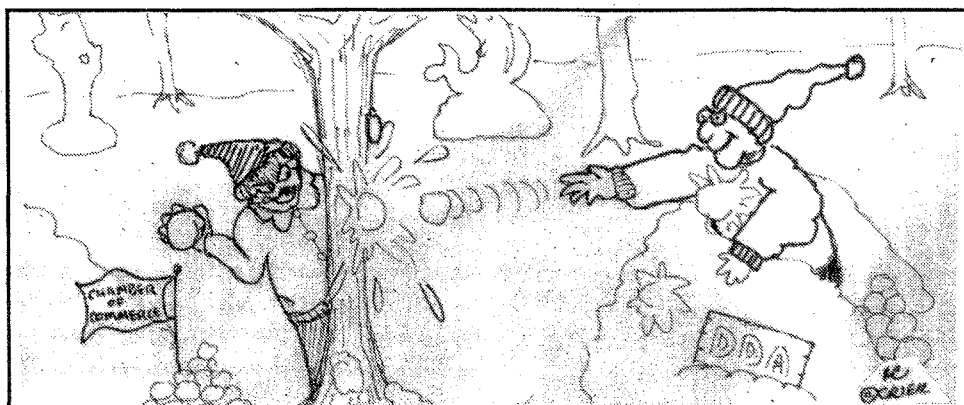
Nope. That'd be too simple... the left hand and the right hand knowing what's going on with each other.

Now the two information lines can meet in the middle of Main Street and flow to one side or the other like a "next teller" line at the bank. And if the Festies don't like the information they get at one place, they can cross the street and try for a different spin.

Fortunately, the two sides aren't armed.

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER





Community opinions

Superintendent search

Couldn't process be much simpler than board plans?

Would you fit?

Isn't that the real question being asked in the search for a new superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton School District?

Surely it can't be whether a candidate has the right educational, professional and career credentials — those questions should be answered on the curricula vitae.

What the search comes down to is whether the new superintendent will fit — the same intangible logic that was at work Monday night when the board selected its outside search firm: After reviewing 13 different quantitative measuring sticks, the board closed its discussion on the single "warm and fuzzy" criteria of how each trustee felt he or she could get along with the firm's representatives.

And isn't that the same underlying factor that will ultimately be used to select the new superintendent?

Yes.

Unfortunately, the board has so shrouded the process in an almost painful five-month ordeal of meetings and committees that this central point seems to have been missed.

Instead, the board has decided to spend tens of thousands of dollars to hire an outside firm to do the work it could do itself: advertise the opening, review the applications, conduct in-depth interviews with those who make the final cut and then hire the best candidate for the job.

The candidate who best answers the question: Would you fit?

Would you have the ability to blend with the community; the ability to foment change when necessary; the ability to build consensus; the ability to get along?

While the issue of candidate confidentiality has been paramount these last several weeks as the board struggled with a way to keep the names of applicants a secret while also complying with state Supreme Court rulings, one has to wonder whether this hasn't been a red herring: Why create a search environment that requires confidentiality for such a public position?

Why not just make the process public from beginning to end?

Sure, the board heard about the need for confidentiality from two of the three search firms interviewed for the job — but weren't those answers rather self-serving: If every school board did its search in public, there would be no need for search firms.

Sure, the board has been impressed with the access these search firms have to contacts across the country — but aren't many of those same contacts available to the board via this state's and other state's school board associations, national trade magazines — and even the tremendous set of contacts of Dr. John Hoben himself?

The fact is that this entire complex search process in many ways resembles an attempt to cover bases; to pre-empt public criticism of its actions by covering them in a veil made of outside consultants. Already gun-shy as a result of failed millages, questionable union contracts and other factors, one has to wonder if the board is creating its own shell to fend off further attack.

The public should hope not. But the public should also be advised that the board's approved course of action will inevitably lead to that single question that could have been answered by a far simpler — and public — method: Would you fit?

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Do you think being a teacher is easy?

EDITOR:

One of my family's favorite sayings is from Benjamin Franklin,

"Criticism is a form of autobiography."

Last week, I was fortunate to review a recent survey of Michigan high school students, conducted by the Michigan Department of Education with Dr. James Phelps, deputy superintendent of the education department.

The purpose of my letter is to ask everyone who possibly thinks that teaching is easy to consider the following survey results:

1) Almost 45 per cent of the students questioned admitted to riding in a car when they knew the driver was alcohol impaired during the previous month.

2) Another 23 per cent said they had carried a gun, knife or club to school in the preceding 30 days.

3) 29 per cent claimed they have seri-

ously considered suicide in the past year.

4) 38.5 per cent reported having five or more consecutive drinks of alcohol in the previous month, 29.3 per cent of ninth graders and 53.3 percent of high school seniors.

5) 63.3 per cent of students surveyed have had sex, 45.8 per cent of ninth

graders and 81 per cent of high school seniors. 26 per cent of the students have had sex with four or more partners in their lifetime.

The next time we hear someone criticize public education or teachers, let's remember the results of this survey.

JOHN C. STEWART

Poetry for the Ice Fest

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A.S.

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