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## Ice Fest '94



The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular was a treat for the eyes, but not everyone there was taking a stroll through the park. Jim Bur Jr. (above) puts the finishing touches on the legs of his sculpture in the two-man professional competition and (left) a sculptor in Sunday's competition braves the cold and uses a chisel to define the wings of his griffin (Crier photos by George Gentry).

For more on this year's Ice Fest, see pgs. 8-9

## Twp. reports 78 % of alarms are false; seeks new solutions

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Plymouth Township officials are looking for new ways to cut down on false alarms in the community — which accounted for 78 per cent of all police and fire calls last year — since the current fine system doesn't seem to be getting the job done.

According to township records, police and fire officers responded to 1,773 alarm calls in 1993, of which 1,377 were not emergencies.

Instead, the bulk were simply faulty alarm systems or the result of untrained business personnel.

The township already has an ordinance in place that allows three false alarms in one year for any business or residence. Each false alarm in excess of that number draws a \$50 fine.

As an example of the problem, Police Chief Carl Berry said that one residence had eight false alarms last year, and a couple of businesses had more than 20 calls.

Altogether, there were more than 33 offenders over the three-alarm limit, he told The Crier.

Berry added that an average call takes two officers, and lasts 40 minutes. That translates to 1,832 man-hours, or roughly \$25,650 in lost pay due to false alarms last year.

"This money could be wages for another officer," Berry said.

He added that his officers have to respond to each call as if it were real. Real in the sense that their and other lives may be at risk.

"Our officers are trained well," said Berry. "They're trained to respond as if all calls are real, they don't slack off at all."

He said that the false alarms disrupt traffic, interfere with officers duties and is often an inconvenience to citizens as well.

Berry said that he's not against alarms, on the contrary he said, they can be a useful tool for both the owner and police.

He does say that any alarm should function properly and, if not, the alarm company should be contacted immediately.

He said that if an alarm owner is having problems with the service of the alarm, the owner should contact the police, and they'll try to help resolve the matter.

Berry also said that people should contact his office when and even before they get an alarm.

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## City streetscape is at stake in state's March sales tax election

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The future of Plymouth's "streetscape" project will be decided March 15, when Michigan voters go to the polls to decide whether to shift the cost of public education to a higher sales tax or a higher income tax.

According to an analysis of the two choices by a major Detroit law firm, the \$2.5 million downtown facelift will gain new life if voters reject the sales tax increase proposal.

(For more on the ballot proposal, see pg. 5.)

If voters approve the sales tax increase, however, not only will the streetscape be officially buried, but the city would incur the full cost of existing projects, such as the Fleet Street parking deck.

Under the sales tax measure, the ability of Downtown Development Authorities (DDA) and Tax Increment Finance Authorities (TIFA) to "capture" local property taxes would be eliminated.

Statewide, that would put at risk nearly \$650 million in municipal debts incurred to finance similar projects, according to a recent survey conducted by the Michigan Municipal League.

"Every municipal project funded by TIFs and DDAs will shift back to the municipality," said Steve Guile, director of Plymouth's DDA. "And they don't have the money to fund those projects."

If voters reject the sales tax increase, not only would the city's own DDA be able to finance the streetscape, but it also would open the door for companion

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# Streetscape project hangs in the balance of vote

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financing through a federal grant program.

A special City Commission meeting has been called for tomorrow at 7 p.m. to discuss the impact of the state ballot proposal.

According to Guile, an option exists for the city to apply for upwards of \$350,000 in matching grant money from the ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) fund to help pay for the streetscape.

The deadline for ISTEA grant applications is April 15, Guile said.

The balance of the project's cost would be paid for by captured tax dollars.

Under state law that existed until Senate Bill 1 was signed into law in August, DDAs and TIFAs could "cap-

ture" local property taxes to help pay for improvement and expansion projects within a clearly defined geographic area.

With the signing of SB1, however — which eliminated property taxes as a source of revenue for public education — DDAs and TIFAs effectively lost that power

because there were no property taxes to capture.

Should voters reject the sales tax increase and Plymouth go ahead with its bonding of the streetscape project, construction could begin this year — but because ISTEA funds would be unavailable until Oct. 1, it could be delayed until spring 1995.

## Township seeks ways to clamp down on false alarms

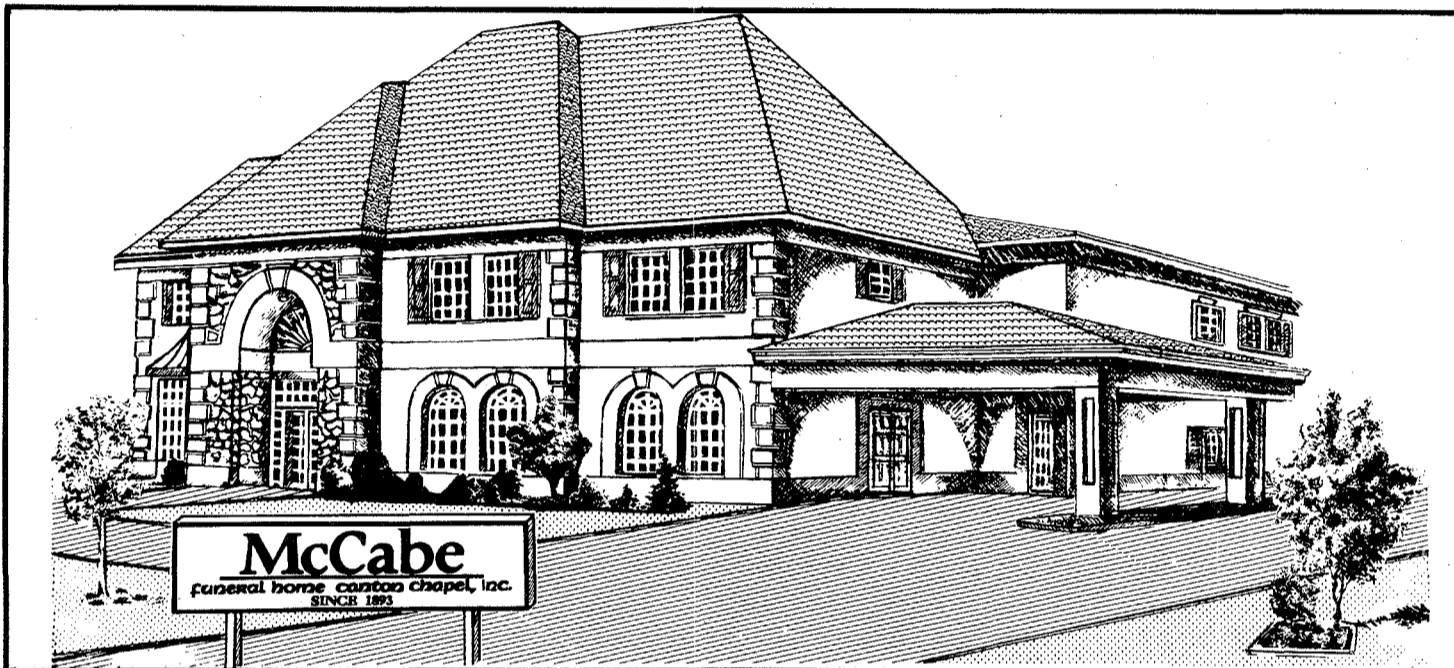
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"If you have an alarm, we need to know," Berry said. "Tell us who the alarm company is, how to shut it off and what type it is."

One of the problems, he said, was that some alarm

owners didn't know how to shut off their own system when it went off inadvertently.

While Berry said he's not averse to residences with alarms, he said that they're often not necessary, and that using common-sense precautions is adequate.



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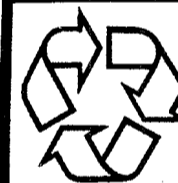
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# The search is on

*P-C school board, consultant set May 16 target date for selecting new superintendent to succeed Hoben*

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The hunt is on.

The date is May 16.

The Plymouth-Canton school board has officially kicked off its intensive five-month search for a successor to Supt. John Hoben that will lead to the selection of that person on May 16.

Meeting Thursday night with two representatives from its just-hired outside consulting firm, the board established a blow-by-blow outline of every step to be taken along the road to hiring this new top executive. (See box.)

And first on its plate was Monday night's appointment of members to its citizens "Criteria Analysis Committee." (See related story on pg. 5.)

In addition, board trustees and Dr. Ronald Barnes and Dr. Roderick Bickert — of Bickert, Prophet and Associates, Ltd. — defined the actual wording of the "help wanted" advertisement that will first appear in "Education Week" magazine on Jan. 26. (See ad.)

Besides these two steps, the largest single project still to be undertaken is the development of a brochure that will be sent to all prospective candidates.

This brochure — which has yet to be even designed — will paint a picture of The Plymouth-Canton Community and give a more well-rounded view of the school district.

The actual design work will be coordinated by Richard Egli, the district's associate director for community relations, and will be produced by the district's own in-house public relations department and printing facility.

Plans call for the brochure to be approved by the board on Feb. 7 and available for distribution three days later.

Even though the ad will not appear until next Wednesday, and the brochure will not be ready for three weeks, Bickert, Prophet representatives already have started their search by compiling a list of likely candidates from previous searches and by getting the early word out to nearly 700 other consulting firms.

At the same time, Bickert, Prophet will be getting ready for the first of a series of meetings with individual board trustees and members of the Criteria Analysis Committee.

Those meetings begin tomorrow with individual separate interviews of Trustees Barbara Graham and Sue Feiten at 3 p.m.; Les Walker and Jack Farrow at 4 p.m.; and Roland Thomas and David Artley at 5 p.m.

Trustee Carl Battishill will meet with a Bickert, Prophet representative at 6:30 a.m. Friday.

Other issues settled Thursday included the salary figure that will be used in the search process, the treatment of applicants who already work in the district and the confidentiality of the applicants. (See story on pg. 21.)

On the matter of salary, the board held off on setting any figure for the first advertisement on Jan. 26, but said they may include a range by the time the second ad runs two weeks later.

In fact, Bickert himself recommended that the board "not lock yourselves to a salary level now, but you need to make (the ad) attractive."

Related to that, Bickert also told the board that his firm would be impressing upon candidates that no matter where they come from, they should be made to understand how severe the (financial) situation is in Michigan.

Concerning applicants who already work in the district, both the consultants and the school board agreed that any inside candidate would be treated the same as any other.

## 5-month schedule will lead to selection

**Jan. 17:** school board selects members of public Criteria Analysis Committee

**Jan. 20:** consulting firm interviews committee members and board trustees

**Jan. 26:** job opening advertisement appears in *Education Week* (first of three insertions); consulting firm begins screening applicants upon receipt of first response

**Feb. 2-3:** consulting firm interviews other district and community representatives

**Feb. 7:** marketing brochure finalized

**Feb. 10:** marketing brochure available for distribution

**March 21:** school board selects members of public Citizens Search Committee

**March 25:** closing date for receipt of all applications (resumes may follow); consulting firm continues screening process

**March 29:** consulting firm will conduct "techniques of interviewing" seminar with members of Citizens Search Committee

**March 30:** consulting firm will conduct "techniques of interviewing" seminar with board members

**March 30:** consulting firm will present a semi-finalist slate of approximately eight names to the board for consideration; names released to the public

**April 5:** board, citizens committee interview first two candidates (1.5 hours ea., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.)

**April 6:** board, citizens committee interview next two candidates (1.5 hours ea., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.)

**April 7:** board, citizens committee interview next two candidates (1.5 hours ea., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.)

**April 9:** board, citizens committee interview last two candidates (1.5 hours ea., 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m.)

**April 11:** board narrows list to 2 or 3 finalists; invite candidates for second interviews

**April 18:** first candidate greeted for two-day visit

**April 19:** visit continues; board conducts interview at 4 p.m.

**April 20:** second candidate greeted for two-day visit

**April 21:** visit continues; board conducts interview at 4 p.m.

**April 25:** third candidate greeted for two-day visit

**April 26:** visit continues; board conducts interview at 4 p.m.

**May 2:** board makes final selection of candidate

**May 2:** (week of) 2-3 board members make visit to candidate's home district

**May 16:** board makes appointment; contract negotiated

**July 1:** new superintendent begins work.

## Superintendent Wanted

### COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District covers 54 square miles and includes several communities, the largest being Plymouth and Canton Townships. The communities, recognized as vibrant and prosperous, are ideally situated between Detroit and Ann Arbor. A complete range of human resources services as well as cultural, educational and recreational activities are readily available.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT TERMS

The Board seeks a proven educational leader whose background reflects scholarship, knowledge of curriculum and instruction, finance, human resource development and a collegial style. A multi-year contract as permitted by Michigan statute will be provided. An attractive, regionally competitive salary commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience will be negotiated along with a comprehensive fringe package.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are being accepted through March 30, 1994. The Board expect to name the new superintendent no later than mid-May 1994 with the starting date of July 1, 1994. Initial screening will be done by the consulting team in late March and early April.

Please address requests for information and applications to:

**Bickert, Prophet and Associate, Ltd.**

Dr. Ronald Barnes, Dr. Roderick Bickert

12921 Sycamore Lane

Palos Heights, IL 60463

(708) 361-4997 FAX (708) 361-5001

This is the ad that will appear in "Education Week" magazine seeking applicants for the Plymouth-Canton School District's top job.

# Engler signs bill allowing longer train delays in City

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The fight is over.

Gov. John Engler signed Senate Bill 646 on Friday effectively ending the fight against changes that now allow trains to block intersections for seven minutes before being ticketed.

But does Engler's signature really end the fight that local politicians and residents have been waging in Lansing for the last month?

Not if you talk to city attorney Ron Lowe.

"The legislative battle is not over," Lowe said. "The next step is to find support in the Senate to change the section we've been fighting. It will take time, but ..."

Lowe said that the bill was rushed through the process last time, and didn't get the consideration it deserved.

He said that if a sponsor can be found to reopen the issue, he would like to see the changed section deleted, or at least get the issue into committee for serious discussion.

Lowe said that the City vs. CSX lawsuit will now have to be re-evaluated, and that no decision has been made yet.

He said that the option of grade separations suggested by the railroad hasn't been looked into very thoroughly, but said he'd heard of costs of \$4 to \$6 million.

Grade separations are not an issue that Lowe is willing to strongly consider at this point.

"When you're fighting for the safety of the people, you're fighting the good fight," said Lowe. "I'm not advising the city to fold their hand."

## Canton settles lawsuit over shooting; deal is kept sealed

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A court case concerning a shooting by three Canton police officers has been settled out of court for an undisclosed amount of money.

According to attorneys on both sides of the lawsuit, the case was settled under a nondisclosure agreement and could not be commented on.

According to Canton Township's Director of Municipal Services, Dan Durack, the settlement will be paid by Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

"The court costs and legal fees account for the \$75,000 deductible," Durack said. "The rest of the settlement will be picked up by Risk Management."

According to the lawsuit, the incident

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# Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1994

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:35 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mrs. Brooks who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 1993 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 1993 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 1994, Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as submitted for the January 11, 1994, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Ron Edwards expressed his approval. Mrs. Massengill read into the record an opposing letter from Mr. Stephen Harper, President of the Plymouth District Library Board. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 94-01 01, granting a 12 year Tax Abatement to Johnson Controls, Inc., covering an addition to their existing facility as well as building improvements and personal property. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Mr. Curmi asked to be excused from voting. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Arnold, Griffith, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: Massengill

Absent: Brooks

Abstain: Curmi

Resolution declared adopted.

The entire resolution is incorporated in the official minutes in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Final Plat for Application No. 8161/1093, Ridgewood West Subdivision No. 2, located on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, east of Ridge Road, north of Loy Road and west of Hillcrest Drive and Cobblestone Circle, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$32,350 as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Charter Township of Plymouth Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Annual Permit "C", allowing the Charter Township of Plymouth to perform street sweeping operations, to apply Calcium Magnesium Chloride to the streets listed in Exhibit A and to excavate for the purpose of making repairs, inspections and routine maintenance of water mains and sanitary sewers within the right-of-way of roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Wayne in Plymouth Township. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

**Exhibit A**

|                             |                  |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Brookline                   | Eastside Drive   | TurkeyRun      |
| Elmhurst                    | Micol            | Priscilla Lane |
| Marlowe                     | Firwood          | Clemons        |
| Oakview                     | Burger           | Hammill        |
| Northern                    | Gilbert          | Garland        |
| Corinne                     | Russell          | Parkhurst      |
| Ball                        | Morgan           | Lakeland Court |
| Mayville                    | Brownell         | Phoenix Court  |
| Judson                      | Francis          | Finch          |
| Southworth                  | Butternut        | Amherst Court  |
| Marlin*                     | Ferguson         | Nicholas Lane  |
| Gold Arbor                  | Govenor Bradford |                |
| General Drive               | John Alden       |                |
| Bet,veen Main St. & Sheldon |                  |                |

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the service agreement with Dixon Engineering as recommended by the Public Works Manager, to prepare specifications, contract documents, project administration, and inspection for the painting, repair and lead abatement of the Lakepointe elevated water storage tank in the amount of \$26,17. The fee to be paid from the Water and Sewer Fund. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the acceptance of the sanitary sewers, watermains and Township storm sewers for continuous operation and maintenance for Plymouth Hills Tech Center, Plymouth Oaks Lot 18, Midwest Bank Note Co., Diversey Corporation Tech Center, D'Aloisio Development, Michigan Instrumentation and Controls, Metro West Subdivision No. 5, Port Street Extension and Plymouth Corporate Park, Woodlore North Subdivision No. 4, Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 4, per the recommendation of the Public Works Manager. Supported by Ms. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the release of Utility Easement located on Lot 2, Metro West Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1. Release of easement has been approved as to form by the Township Engineer and as to form and content by the Township Attorney. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the Utility Easement located in Section 33 of Plymouth Township. Easement has been approved as to form by the Township Engineer and as to form and content by the Township Attorney. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Utility Easement located in Section 20, Metro West Technology Park, for Demco IV Limited Partnership. Easement has been approved as to form by the Township Engineer and as to form and content by the Township Attorney. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve two Utility Easements located in Section 34, for the Brandt Group. Both easements have been approved by the Township Engineer as to form and Township Engineer as to form and content. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to schedule February 1, 1994, for Public Hearing on the request of Country Farm Market of Pontiac, Inc., for transfer of Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificates for the PMC Center at 42171-42333 Ann Arbor Road. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the floor to any other comments. Mr. Ron Edwards suggested giving businesses 30 days to respond in revoking a tax abatement. Mr. Edwards also expressed his concerns regarding major corporations receiving 12 year tax abatements and small corporations or businesses receiving less of a tax abatement. He suggested that businesses, small and large, be reviewed in the same light. Mr. Edwards expressed concern regarding the transfer of the Legal Service proposal submitted by the law firm of Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczyk & Gillary to the successor firm Hemming, Essad Polaczyk, in 1993, when the township was seeking proposals for Attorney Services.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the Fire Department for their quick response time; Officer David Hayes for his assistance with the City of Wayne, as a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team, in convincing a suspect to exit the home unarmed and surrender to officers and Cathy Broadbent who received letters of appreciation.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on January 11, 1994. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on January 25, 1994.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling Catherine A. Broadbent, ADA Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, (313)453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Plymouth Salem High School Additions and Renovation work. interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after January 17, 1994:

Barton-Malow Company  
c/o Plymouth-Canton Schools  
987 S. Mill Street  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
313/451-6611

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m., local time, February 1, 1994 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Raymond K. Hoedel  
Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
454 S. Harvey Street  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

John F. Farrow  
Secretary Board of Education

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## A look at the March 15 sales tax ballot proposal and what's at stake:

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The education financing plan announced by the state at the end of 1993 relies on funding from either an increase in the state sales tax (from 4 to 6 per cent) or an increase in the state income tax (from 4.6 to 6 per cent).

Both plans call for the establishment

of modest property tax millages, and both plans increase spending for education by almost 30 per cent — from the nearly \$7 billion that was eliminated when property taxes were eliminated, to more than \$10 billion under either plan.

Michigan voters will decide on the method of payment at a special March 15

election on the sales tax proposal.

Should voters approve the sales tax increase:

- the income tax will fall slightly (from 4.6 to 4.4 per cent);
- homestead property taxes will be 12 mills;
- non-homestead millage will be 24 mills;
- the single business tax will remain unchanged;
- the cigarette tax will increase by 50 cents a pack; all other tobacco taxes will be 16 per cent of the wholesale price;
- the homestead credit for renters is increased from 17 per cent to 20 per cent;
- the state could introduce a Keno gambling game;
- districts spending more than \$6,500 per pupil would level local taxes to make up the difference; and
- millages would be restored for intermediate school districts, vocational education and special education.

Should voters reject the sales tax increase:

- the income tax would rise from 4.6 per cent to 6 per cent;
- the personal exemption on state incomes tax would increase from \$2,100 to \$3,000 and the exemption of seniors would rise to \$3,900;
- the single business tax would increase from 2.35 per cent to 2.74 per cent;
- the cigarette tax would rise to 40 cents per pack; all other tobacco taxes

will be 16 per cent of the wholesale price;

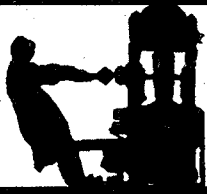
- the homestead credit for renters is increased from 17 per cent to 20 per cent;
- the state could *not* introduce a Keno gambling game;
- districts spending more than \$6,500 per pupil would level local taxes to make up the difference; and
- millages would be restored for intermediate school districts, vocational education and special education.

### Citizens's panel named

These individuals were named to the Plymouth-Canton School District's Criteria Analysis Committee Monday night:

Parents: Ron Edwards, Bea Cline, Carrie Blamer, Liz Givens, Mick Sullivan and Patti Wong; citizens: Steve Ragan and Jim Dresbach; former board members: Elaine Kirchgatter and Jeanette Wines; administrator: Jim Burt; nonaffiliated administrator: David Rucker; teachers: Sharon Belobraidich, Earl Harrington and Bill Bartlett; paraprofessional: Linda Walther; food service: Cindy Bastion; custodial maintenance: Chris Gearn; secretarial: Fran Ardanowski; transportation: Alice Horstead; students: John Duthie and Sarah Volaric; business persons: Fred Nell and Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche; others: Andrea Schmiedel and E.J. McClendon.

The committee will meet twice with the district's search consultant firm — tomorrow and again on Feb. 3.



## Public notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### PROPOSED PLYMOUTH KELLOGG PARK HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth's Historic District Study Commission will be holding a public hearing.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 2, 1994 in the Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed creation of the "Plymouth Kellogg Park Historic District". This meeting is being scheduled pursuant to Michigan Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, and will be provided with an opportunity to be heard. In addition, written comments may be submitted at the hearing, or addressed to the "City Clerk" prior to the hearing. The Commission Chambers are handicapped accessible and meet ADA requirements. If you need further assistance, please make arrangements by telephoning (313) 453-1234.

Linda J. Langmesser  
City Clerk

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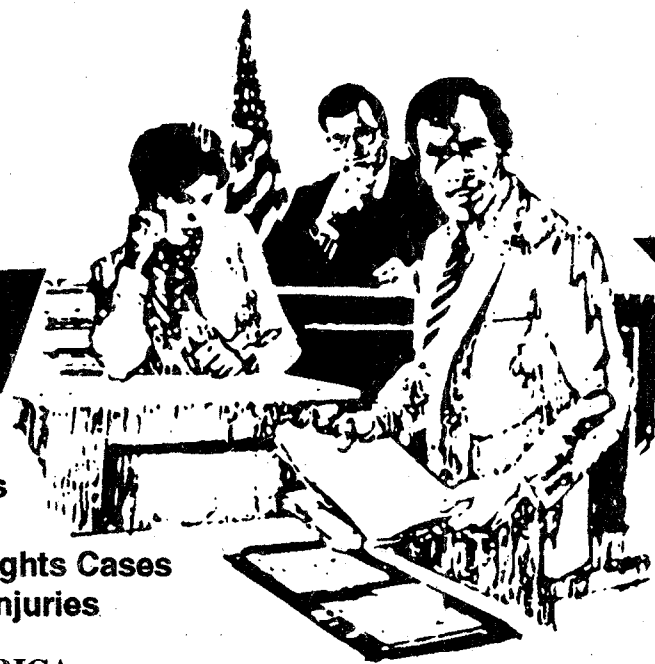
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

**Bob Wade**, of the Wade Trim Group Inc., has been appointed to the Canton Township Planning Commission. Wade replaces Dick Palmer on the commission.

**Paula M. Weber** has opened A Custom Interior Design at 470 Forest Place in downtown Plymouth.

The store specializes in elegant home furnishings including window treatments, wallpaper, upholstery and slipcovers and tassels, trims and fringes.

**John Cottos** has opened Your Aunt Kathy's Cleaners at 40540 Ann Arbor Trail, east of downtown Plymouth.

The store features one day service, full service cleaning, alterations and repairs.

**Tom Barker** and **Todd Franklin** have announced the grand opening of their new business, Pizza One, located at 6108 Canton Center Road in Canton.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township have announced the monthly Third Thursday Update scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Palermo's Restaurant on Ford Road.

This month's featured speakers are **John Santomauro**, chief of public safety and **Dan Durack**, administrative services director.

**L. David McCabe** and **Kevin L. McCabe** are holding a grand opening of their new Canton Chapel of McCabe Funeral Homes from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The new business is located at 851 Canton Center Road.

The **Plymouth Downtown Development Authority** is sponsoring a seminar "Succeeding in Specialty Retailing-1994" at 8 a.m. Feb. 2 in the Miles Standish Room at the Mayflower Hotel.

The featured speaker will be **Ron Leoneitti**, a former executive with Winkelman's and a retail consultant for retail businesses.

Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Coffee, rolls and juice will be served. For more information, call (313) 455-1453.

## Breaking records

*Frigid weather meant ringing cash registers for some during Ice Fest*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is usually a boon to local businesses.

Last year, Plymouth officials estimated that more than 500,000 people flocked to downtown Plymouth to see the ice sculptures.

This year was a little different. With weekend temperatures dropping below zero (far below zero with the wind chill factored in) the only people who could tolerate the weather were the ones that were carved out of ice.

According to Michael Watts, the promoter of the Ice Festival, the festival is good for the businesses in Plymouth.

"The show is a promotion of Plymouth," Watts said. "There isn't always a huge explosion of sales but many retailers get residual business two and three months after the show."

Scott Smith, owner of the Penniman Showcase, said that the Ice Festival was great for his business immediately.

"We did great sales," Smith said. "We're up by roughly 20 per cent."

Smith attributed the higher sales to the extended hours that his store was open.

"We were open until 10 p.m. over the weekend," Smith said, "we made a third of our sales volume after the dinner hour."

While attendance numbers were generally down for the Festival, the hot beverage traders in downtown Plymouth were enjoying the chilly businesses.

According to Pam Haase, owner of the newly opened Coffee Bean coffee house, business was not what she was told it would be.

"We mostly got our regulars in," Haase said. "The residents in



**Frigid festgoers found the Outback Cappuccino Bar a refuge from Sunday's bitter cold.**

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## Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. creates sweet aromas

BY GARY GOSSELIN

There's something brewing in Plymouth. Literally.

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. has made a business out of America's favorite morning beverage.

Tim and Pam Haase have opened the business on Penniman Ave. in downtown Plymouth, and are taking coffee preparation and service to new heights.

The couple had known each other when they were growing up in Lake Orion, but when they were in their teens, their families moved out of state. Tim to Florida and Pam to California.

Two years ago, after 15 years apart, they had enough of their adopted states and moved back to the area.

The two got together, pooled their experiences, and decided to open a coffee house.

"In California, they're on every corner," Pam said. "Coffee houses are sweeping the Pacific Northwest, and we think it's a matter of time before people here catch on."

She said that the coffee products at the

Coffee Bean Co. aren't run of the mill, adding that she and her husband did a lot of research before choosing the blends that they use.

"Our house blend uses four Latin and 1 African beans," Pam said. "If people drink our coffee for a week, they'll find it hard to go back to commercial coffee."

Coffee Bean Co. gets their coffee from Coffee Express in Ann Arbor, and it's not only ground fresh, but it's roasted fresh as well.

"We'll order coffee on Monday, they'll roast it Tuesday, and deliver it Wednesday," Tim said.

He added that with commercial blends, it's hard to say how long the coffee has already been roasted.

The business offers a variety of coffee, tea, espresso and cappuccino drinks along with baked goods, juices and Italian sodas.

There is consignment art covering the walls, and a newspaper rack with local and national newspapers.

The couple said that they have tried to convey a homey atmosphere, where one

the area are still finding the place. We still did pretty good and built more local clientele."

Haase, who runs the store with her husband, said that they did two and a half times more business than usual but were expecting far more business to come through their door.

"We didn't do as much business as we thought we would," Haase said. "They said that there would be 500,000 people coming to Plymouth."

On the other side of the parking structure, however, the Outback Cappuccino Bar did enormous business over the Ice Festival weekend.

"We did huge business," said Rob Scott. Behind him, on the wall with the

work schedule, was a small note that said "Ice Fest Jan. 12 — 17, all must work."

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can relax with a cup of their favorite beverage and maybe a good book.

That's right, a book.

The back rooms of the Coffee Bean Co. have several couches, tables and comfortable sitting chairs.

There are a couple of book cases — filled with books and games — and in the back, there's a drawing room with sliding doors for privacy.

"The books are for reading and the games are for playing," Pam said. "we want people to feel at home here. We don't churn people in and out, we don't have a big turnover."

The Haase's take time to talk to their customers and are eager to explain and demonstrate.

"We had one person come in that had gotten a cappuccino machine for Christmas, and we explained how to use it properly," said Pam. "There's an open invitation for people to ask questions."

Pam and Tim Haase hope to soon add a lunch menu, and also hope to get approval next summer for a sidewalk cafe area



# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Dan and Susan Lough**, graduates of Salem High and former members of the Plymouth Marching band, have relocated from Chicago to Canton. They are expecting their first baby in June of this year.

U.S. Rep. **William D. Ford** (13th District) has nominated 23 men and women for admission to the United States service academies in the 1994 entering class.

**Michael Gutowski** of Plymouth and **Dave Vij** of Canton were nominated to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. **Vij** was also nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

**Jennifer Werner** of Plymouth and **Anthony Jiovani** of Canton were nominated to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Ross Roy Communications of Bloomfield Hills has hired five new account administrators.

**Joanne Schettler** of Plymouth is responsible for the account administrative functions on the Chrysler Plymouth Merchandising account.

## Getting medals can often be long road

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Ed Wensley was officially presented his WWII medals yesterday at a ceremony in Ann Arbor — 49 years after he earned them.

This story will hopefully give some insight into what to expect and how to get the medals you earned, regardless of when you served.

If you haven't received medals you earned in the service, don't hold your breath waiting for them to find you.

They won't.

According to Joyce Wiesner of the Army Reserve Personnel Center, the Army alone receives about 50,000 requests for medals each year, and said that the other branches also receive almost as many.

Many of the requests come from members that have lost their medals in a fire or in transit. She said that requests by veterans that never got medals aren't rare, but uncommon.

Wiesner said that the process of requesting medals is usually lengthy, and usually takes from 12 to 18 months, unless it's an emergency.

She said if someone is about to die, the process can be circumvented, but she added, all requests can't be priorities.

One problem for Army and Army Air Corps veterans, Wiesner said, stems from a fire at the personnel center.

Many records prior to 1960 were destroyed, she said, so Army and Air Corps veterans are advised to send as much documentation as possible.

She added that in any case, documentation, including copies of separation papers or discharge orders is the key.



Ed Wensley poses with his family after officially receiving his WWII medals yesterday. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Requests from family members of dead veterans can be processed, Wiesner said, but must be accompanied by a death certificate and social security number.

In the case of a deceased veteran, the privacy act prevents release of certain information, and the more proof of being family the better the chances of fulfilling a request.

She added that various service organizations such as the VFW, Purple Heart and American Legion, are good resources to help obtain medals.

### To request information about honors due military veterans, contact:

**Army**  
Army Reserve Personnel Center  
Attn: ARPC-USE-A  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5200

**Air Force and Army Air Corps**  
National Personnel Record Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5100

**Navy, Marines and Coast Guard**  
National Personnel Records Center  
Attn: Navy Liaison Office  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5100

## Historic possibilities

### City eyes creation of 17-acre district

BY GARY GOSSELIN

It's been more than a year in the making, but the Plymouth Historic Study Commission has finally released plans and a timetable for a historical district.

The proposed 17-acre Plymouth Kellogg Park Historic District is composed of 55 sites altogether; 43 commercial, eight residential, three community/institutional and Kellogg Park.

To qualify as a historical building within the district, the buildings must be more than 50 years old and have some historical significance.

Doug Miller, a member of the study commission said that the Kellogg park area was chosen because of the high concentration of historically significant buildings in that area.

He explained that in order to enact the proposal, the city has to follow guidelines set down by the state.

He said that the area must have 70 percent of the buildings considered historically significant.

Also, the ordinance wording is basically dictated by the state.

He said that a historic district commission will be appointed to oversee building changes, and would issue a certificate of appropriateness after reviewing construction plans.

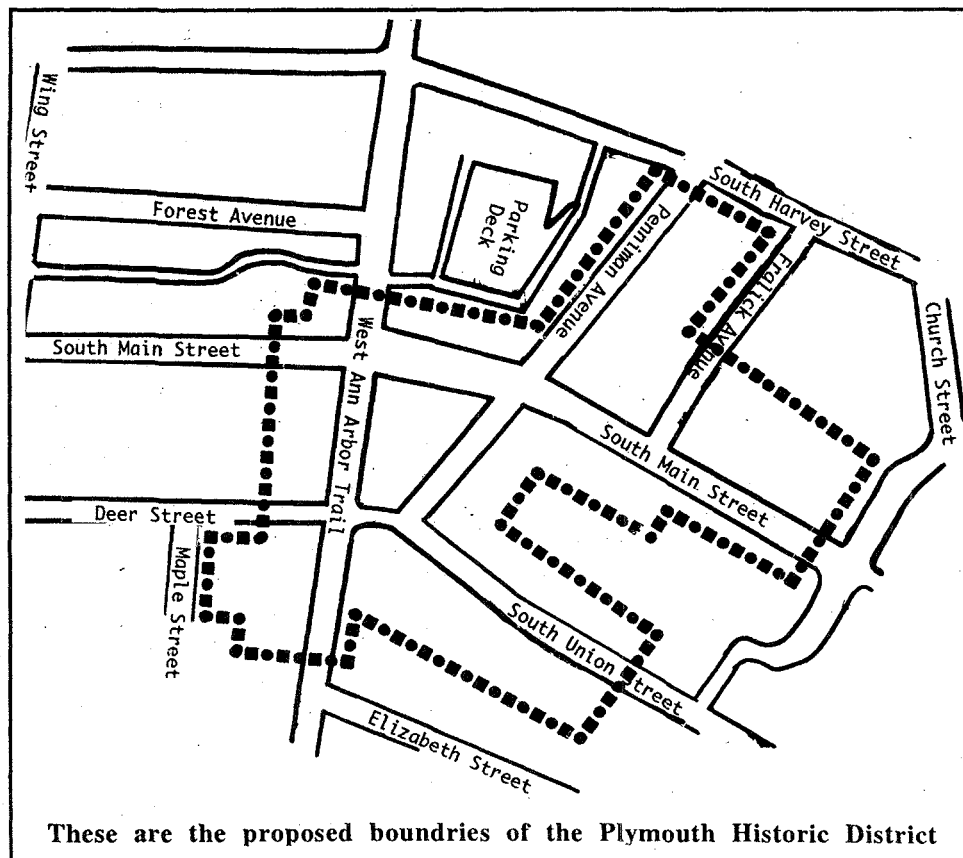
The system does add another step in the building permit process, but Miller said it will be relatively painless.

He said that although there are certain guidelines laid out for exterior renovations, the commission will act in more of a consulting capacity rather than like big brother.

He added that the establishment of an historic district doesn't infringe on the right of an owner to dispose of a building as they see fit.

He said that the process gives concerned parties a chance to step back and review the building, its significance and place in the community.

The City Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Wed., Feb. 2 at City Hall.



These are the proposed boundaries of the Plymouth Historic District

# Plymouth International Ice

*Ice Show  
takes months  
of planning,  
fund-raising*

*"Plymouth is fortunate to have such a well respected event. The best carvers in the country come to the Plymouth show."*

*—Michael Watts*

**T**he temperatures in Plymouth might have dropped below even the most depressing meteorologist's estimate, but that didn't stop people from coming to the 12th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

According to Ice Fest Organizer Michael Watts, of Watts Up Inc., the cold temperatures did keep the attendance at the festival down from what he expected.

"We figure that there were 300,000 people at the Festival this year," Watts said. "The figure is off because of the cold."

Even though the cold was brutal — with the wind chill as low as -30° below zero — there weren't any instances of cold-related injuries among the carvers.

"Some of the carvers had just come from an ice show in Ottawa, where it was -56° below," Watts said. "They know when it's getting cold, no one got hurt."

Watts said that he and his staff have been feeling the cold creep into their ability to get started in the morning.

"The week of the event is really hard," he said, "every day it gets tougher to ward off the cold and warm up."

Strangely, some of the casualties of the cold weather were the ice sculptures themselves.

"The ice got so cold that carving became difficult," Watts said. "At those temperatures the ice becomes very brittle."

Watts said that some of the carvers did not properly compensate for the cold when they attempted to fuse pieces of ice (fusing is the use of water to freeze two pieces of ice together).

When freezing — or near-freezing — water is poured over a piece of ice that is far colder than the water, the ice can crack.

"Most carvers pour water over a sculpture when they're done with them, it makes the sculpture clearer," Watts said. "But the professionals know to be careful in really cold weather. They were using eyedroppers to do their fusing."

This year's Ice Festival might have begun last Wednesday, but the work to get it started began a few months ago.

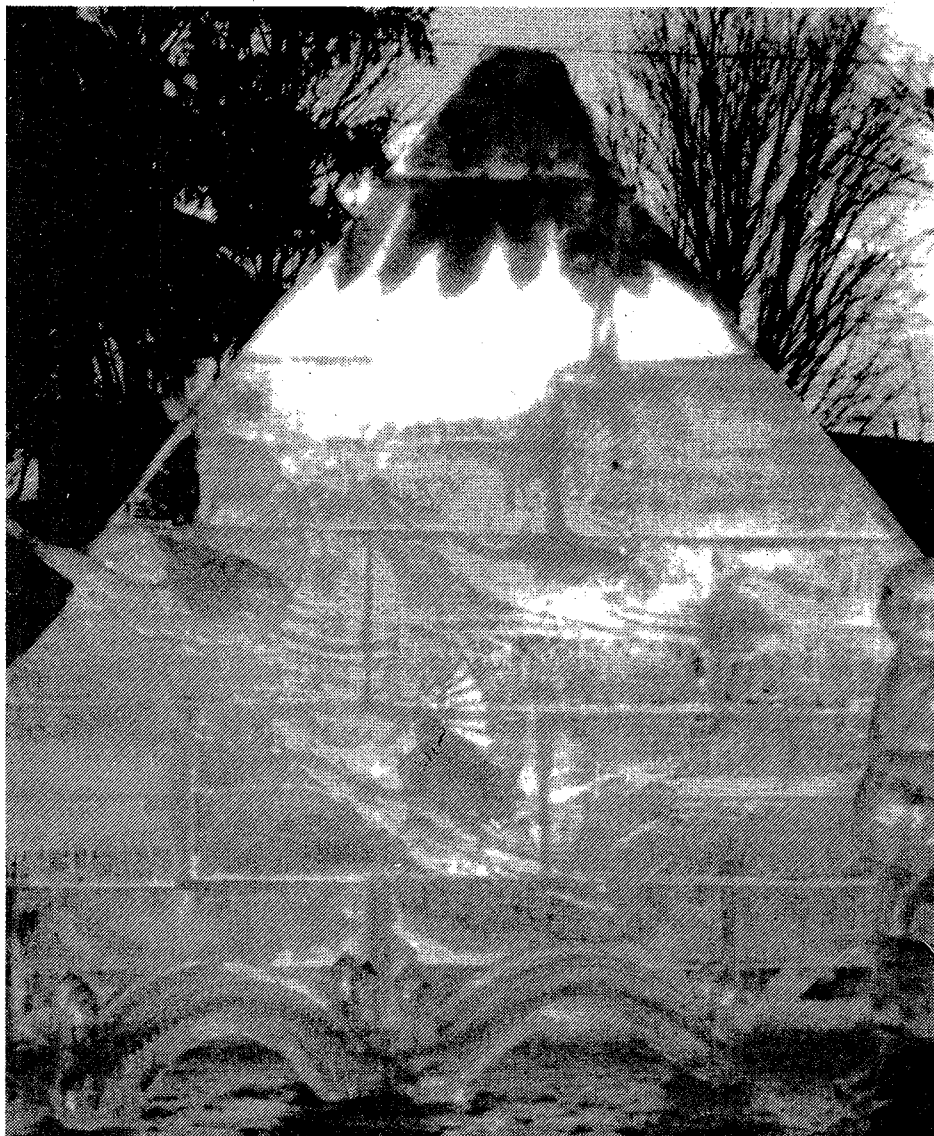


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# Sculpture Spectacular '94



*Ice Show grows and changes with time*

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"We start in August and September generating funds for the event," Watts said, "we're also trying to line up sponsors."

This year's sponsors of the ice festival are Lipton Ice Tea, Northwest Airlines, First of America, Suncoast Travel, Ford Motor Company, Icehouse Beer, Don Massey Cadillac, Sunshine Honda - Sunshine Acura and Meijer Inc.

Watts says that it costs anywhere between \$120,000 and \$130,000 to put on the ice festival every year.

The money comes from hundreds of contributors, sponsors and local businesses.

According to Watts, some of those costs were incidental.

"It isn't cheap to fly round trip from Japan for four people," Watts said. "Not to mention the hotel costs."

Watts said that one of the reasons that the Plymouth show is so popular is because there is more at the show than just ice sculptures.

"We try to change the event every year," Watts said. Watts Up Inc. has been organizing the show for the last three years. "Things like the decorated cake and gingerbread house contests were naturals because of the culinary backgrounds of the sculptures."

Watts said that the poster promotion at Creative Framing, a painting of the Plymouth Ice Show signed in person by the artist Kathy Jakobsen, sold 1,200 copies on Saturday.

"We like to build on the things that we've done in the past," Watts said.

"The two-man, 20 hour competition produced some of the best pieces in the park."

As proof to his words, two of the major competitions were won by local talent.

"John Fitzer of Canton won the professional individual competition and Ted Wakar, of Canton, was a member of the two-man team that won the professional two-man competition," Watts said.

"It was good that locals competed against world competition and won," Watts said.

He also said that this year's show has the only college and high school team competitions in the country.

"It's good to have young people involved in the competition, it perpetuates interest in the event."



• Weather: Mother Nature • Ice Sculptures: Various artists •



## Your Guide to Worship

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455-0022

Dr. David A. Hay, Senior Pastor

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Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Wednesday  
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Plymouth Christian Academy  
(313) 459-3505

### Risen Christ Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)  
46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth  
(one mile west of Sheldon)  
(313) 453-5252

Sunday worship  
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Rev. K.M. Mehrl, Pastor  
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Sunday School for all ages 9:30am

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor  
Rev. Wm. Branham - Associate Pastor  
Nursery Provided  
(313) 459-9550

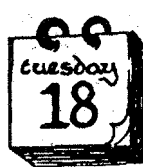


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### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE DINNER DANCE

The Plymouth Symphony League will celebrate 40 years of support with its "Hearts and Flowers" dinner dance at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club, on Feb.5. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at Me and Mr. Jones in Plymouth throughout January. For more information, call 453-3016.

### KIWANIS BREAKFAST RAFFLE

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

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEPTION

The Plymouth Business community will welcome the Plymouth City Commissioners at the Chamber of Commerce on Jan.27 from 8 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Fran Toney at 453-1540.

### MOTHER OF TWINS CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will meet on Feb-21 at 7:30 p.m. for their annual craft night. For more information, call Shelly at 326-1466.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

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

### DEMARIS FINE ARTS AWARD

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announced the 16th annual Demaris fine arts award for middle school students. Applications will be accepted at the PCAC office and at both Canton and Plymouth public libraries. For more information, call the PCAC office at 455-5260.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE EXPLAINED

WSDS, 1480 AM will be holding a series of shows throughout January and until Feb. 27 on Christian Science. The broadcasts will be on Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m.. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science Churches.

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY

The Plymouth Symphony Society will be holding their chamber concert with their youth artist winner. It will be at the Novi Civic Center on Jan.28 at 8 p.m. and at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth on Jan.29 at 8 p.m. For more information about tickets call 451-2112.

### FOCUS ON FILM

The Plymouth District Library will be holding a lecture on filmmaking, with executive producer John Zimmerle. It will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. For more information, call 453-0750.

### SESAME STREET LIVE

Canton Parks and Rec is sponsoring a family trip to see Sesame Street Live on Feb.5 at the Fox Theatre. For reservations, tickets are \$10.50 per person, call 397-5110.

### FINANCIAL SEMINARS

The City of Plymouth will be sponsoring two seminars on financial planning. The first: Living Trust Seminar, will be at the Cultural Center on Jan.24 from 1 to 3 p.m. The second, The financial Side of Retirement Planning, will be at the Cultural Center on Jan.31 from 1 to 3 p.m. Both will be hosted by Paul LeDuc and are free to the public. For more information, call 455-6623.

### AAUW MEETING

The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW will meet for dinner tomorrow at Ernesto's. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. There will be a domestic violence and sexual assault update. For more information, call 453-7924.

### PLYMOUTH POETS

The Plymouth Poets will meet at the Outback Cappuccino Bar tomorrow at 7 p.m., the program will be called "Old Year Memories: New Year Dreams." There will be open mic after the regular program. The group meets monthly.

### SENIOR TRIPS

The City of Plymouth will be offering a group of trips for seniors through March. There will be coffee concerts, musicals, a tour of Alaska and a trip to historic Roscoe Village. For more information call Plymouth Parks and Rec at 455-6620.

### CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Canton Public Library will be holding a walkthrough of the financial aid form for students and parents. It will be presented by Robert Brackenburg and Denise Ostrander of the EMU financial aid office. For more information and registration, call 397-0999.

### 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.

### 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.

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### FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

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

### CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING CLASSES

There will be country line dancing classes at the V.F.W. Hall at 1 p.m. tomorrow. 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. 25, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. The chorus will celebrate its 20th anniversary Spring Concert on Apr. 22, 23 and 24. 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 and the handicapped. For more information, call 349-4140 in Northville, 397-5444 in Canton and 455-6620 in Plymouth.

### 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.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College will be offering a group of classes in physical fitness for the winter. There will be different fees and starting dates for each activity. For more information about the classes, call the Continuing Education Services office at 462-4413.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a series of blood drives all over the Metro Area Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be a drive at the Red Cross Donor Center in Westgate Plaza in Canton. Later there will be a bloodmobile at the Calvary Baptist Church on Jan. 22, and at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Jan. 23 and at the First Church of the Nazarene in Northville on Jan. 26. For more information about the blood drives, call 492-2800.

### 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.

### STOP SMOKING CLASS

St. Mary hospital will be offering a Stop Smoking Class on Mondays and Thursdays Jan. 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.

### ROAD TO RECOVERY

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

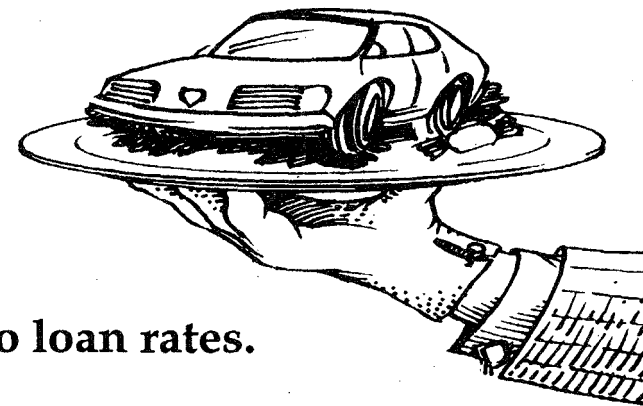
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## Township watertower will get facelift, be repainted inside and out

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Plymouth Township's most noticed landmark will soon be receiving a major facelift after the Board of Trustees appointed a contractor to oversee the project.

Dixon Engineering of Lake Odessa received the \$26,175 contract last Tuesday to coordinate painting, repair and lead abatement of the Township's landmark watertower.

The watertower, located at M-14 and Wilcox Road, is 135 feet tall, holds 400,000 gallons of water, and was first built in 1958 as the forerunner of the Township's water system.

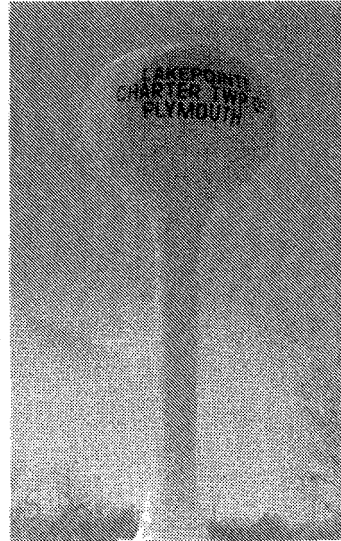
The tower was moved to its present site — upright, via rail tracks — in the early seventies. It has been painted at least once before.

The renovations are expected to cost approximately \$244,500.

Painting and lead abatement will likely be the bulk of the work, and will cover the exterior and interior access areas.

The old paint, which contains lead, will be removed

One of Plymouth Township's most noticeable landmarks will get a paint job come spring. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)



and disposed of properly. Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy was

quick to point out that the lead in the paint poses no health problems to residents.

"The water is tested constantly," said McCarthy. "The water poses no health threats to township residents at all."

The structure will also be strengthened, a necessity after 35 years and a move.

One issue that came up during discussion at the board meeting was color, an issue that Tom Hollis, Department of Public Works manager said is often foremost on people's minds.

"It's a landmark for Plymouth Township," Hollis said. "We've already contacted the homeowner's association for their input."

He said that one consideration will be cost. Hollis said that certain colors cost more than others, and the township is very conscious of the cost.

Bid opening will be Feb. 18, The board will review bids and award the job in early March. Work is expected to start in April or May and be completed by June 15.

## City Commission holds first of 3 goal-setting sessions to discuss issues

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The Plymouth City Commission held a goal setting session Saturday to discuss goals and progress with city administration.

The commission discussed a myriad of subjects, including shared services.

"We hold these meetings about three times a year," said City Manager Steve Walters.

"It's a chance for the commission and

administration to discuss what's being done and what our priorities should be."

He added that shared services are being looked at quite closely, and that there are several sub-committees looking at different aspects of implementation.

There were four cooperative service areas listed on the goals list, and included joint fire department, joint police dispatch, joint recreation program and inter-governmental purchasing.

Joint police dispatch was one of the most discussed subjects of the four at this time, and Walters said that there should be plans presented within two to three months.

He said that plans would likely base the joint operation in Canton, and use Plymouth Township's computer system.

He added that in the area of a joint recreation program, no one is willing to discuss it except the city, which Walters

said is unfortunate.

"The city general fund is subsidizing a lot of non-city residents," Walters said.

"That's an issue we're going to have to deal with."

Some of the other items discussed included parking credits, business retention and development and the possibility of Plymouth Township purchasing equipment repair from the city.

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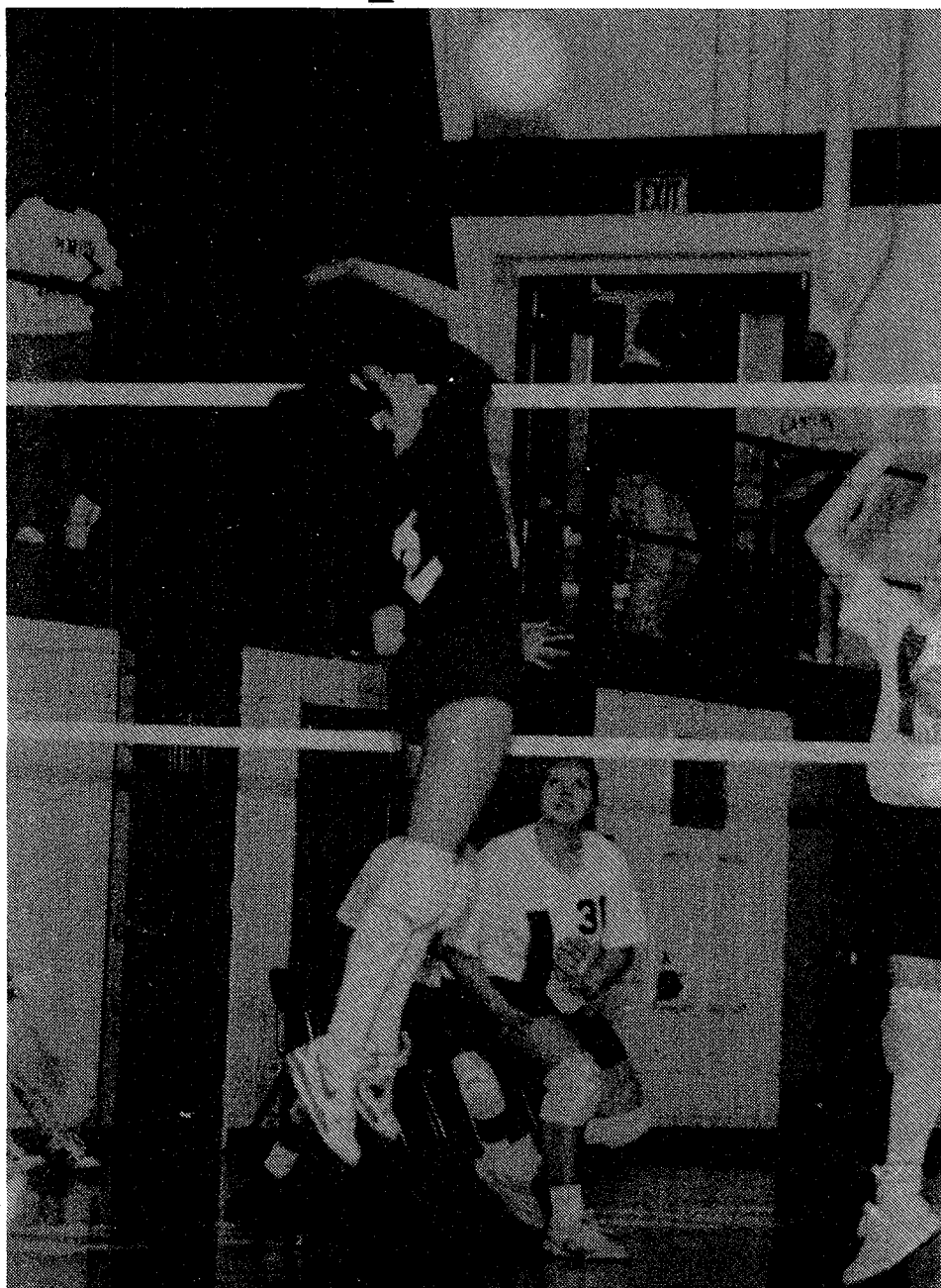
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# Sports

## Canton spikers knocked out in quarter finals...



Canton's Liz Layman goes for a spike in the Chief's battle against Dexter in the early round of the tournament. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

## Salem gymnasts hone routines; take second at Midland tourney

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem gymnasts competed Saturday in the Midland Invitational and captured second place with 133.9 points.

The Rocks finished second, behind Rochester, with their best score of the season.

Melissa Hopson took second place all around, scoring 36.15. She earned a 9.05 for her first place finish on the vault. On the bars, Hopson took fifth place with 8.45 points. She took second on the beam and floor. Her beam score was 9.4, she scored 9.25 for her floor routine.

Sarah Makins took fourth all around, tallying 34.85 points.

She was fifth on the vault, 8.75. Her 8.5 earned her fourth on the bars. She took sixth on beam with 8.7. An 8.9 on

floor earned her fifth place.

Zoe Yockey placed 11th all around with 32.7 points. Her bar routine was the only event in the top 10. She took seventh with 8.25.

The season is looking good for the Salem gymnasts, according to coach Johanna Anderson.

"We're still adding difficulty to our routines and our routines are not all together this early in the season."

Anderson expects some top competition from two freshmen club gymnasts on the team, later in the season.

Brooke Kilby and Kristin Kosik are developing routines and preparing for varsity competition.

Salem competes against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Tuesday at home.

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton volleyball came out of pool play with a 4-4 record Saturday, in the Plymouth Festival Tournament, at Salem.

The Chiefs opened the tournament splitting with Dexter in pool play, and finished the tournament losing in the quarter finals to Dexter in two games, 15-11, 15-6.

Dexter came out of pool play ranked sixth, and pulled an upset in the championship game, capturing the tournament.

In Canton's second game of pool play, the Chiefs beat Trenton in both games, 15-8, 15-12.

In the third game, Canton split with Ypsilanti, 15-7, 2-15.

In their final game of pool play, Canton faced Salem and lost in two close games 13-15, 12-15.

"It was the best match there all day," said Canton coach Melinda Cain of the Canton/Salem pool play game.

"Both teams were geared up to play. We had good long volleys, good hitting and digging. My kids blocked really well and got their hand on a lot of hits."

Consistent playing, except for a lapse in the second Ypsilanti game, highlighted the tournament for the Chiefs.

Junior Laura Logdson, a middle hitter

and blocker had an excellent day on the court, according to her coach. Setter Amber Wells did well in pool play.

Canton got a lot of back row action from Kristie Drinkhahn. "She did well passing in the back row and on serve reception, she shanked only two," said Cain. "She's a real team motivator and was hyped in the Salem game. She got the team hyped. She wanted to play well, on the court she's a good leader.

"Janet Zabivinkik did a real good job, she's a lefty-righty and can go any way to hit. She dug her heart out in the back row."

Canton starts its conference play this week.

Members of the Canton volleyball team were a little shaken the night before the tournament at Salem.

The squad was getting its picture taken at Canton, then drove to Salem and three of the students driving and the coach were hit by another driver in parking lot.

Canton's Beth Ostach, a passenger in one of the cars, had a head injury and was taken to the hospital. She is o.k. now according to her coach. She was able to play two games in Saturday's tournament.

Canton opens league play this week.

## ...Salem spikers dominate early, but are upset in finals playoff

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a disappointing tournament for the Salem volleyball squad as they fell two games to one in the finals of the Plymouth Festival Tournament at Salem.

The Rocks had come out of pool play with the number one seed, Dexter was sixth.

But the Dexter squad proved rankings don't always mean anything.

The Rocks had beaten Dexter easily in pool play, taking a 15-1, 15-11 win. But when it came down to the finals, Dexter got the fever and pulled off the win.

Dexter won the tournament defeating Salem in the finals 15-13, 12-15, 15-11.

"Dexter played really well," said Salem coach Allie Suffety. "Our kids played well. They did a good job, played hard coming up to a really stubborn Dexter team. I was happy with the way the kids played."

They did a good job, I guess they just wanted it more than our kids did," said Salem coach Allie Suffety.

Salem opened its pool play defeating Lahser in two games, 15-6, 15-12.

Salem faced Ypsilanti Lincoln in its second game beating Lincoln 15-6, 15-7. And captured two wins over Dexter in the third pool play game.

The Rocks captured both games against Canton in the final pool play match, 15-13, 15-12.

Undeclared in pool play, Salem earned the number one seed. The Rocks had a bye in the first round and beat Lincoln in two games, 15-8, 15-2 in the second round.

In the championship game, number six seeded Dexter upset Salem and took the tournament in three games.

Dexter had lost to Salem twice earlier in the day took its first win against Salem in the first game of the finals, 15-13.

Salem came back and captured a 15-12 win in the second game. But Dexter proved itself, taking the championship game 15-11.

For the Rocks, Karen Gundry had 28 kills and 59 digs. Jamey Viau executed 31 kills and 45 digs.

Paula Dombrowski had 26 kills and 14 blocks, seven were solo blocks and seven assists.

Shellye Sills had 23 kills and 23 blocks, 11 solo and 12 assists.

Setter Erin Koch had 312 set attempts, 103 assists, four assist blocks and 29 digs.

Julie McGurrin played a solid back row and got uner 17 digs. Michelle Gibson had 16 digs.

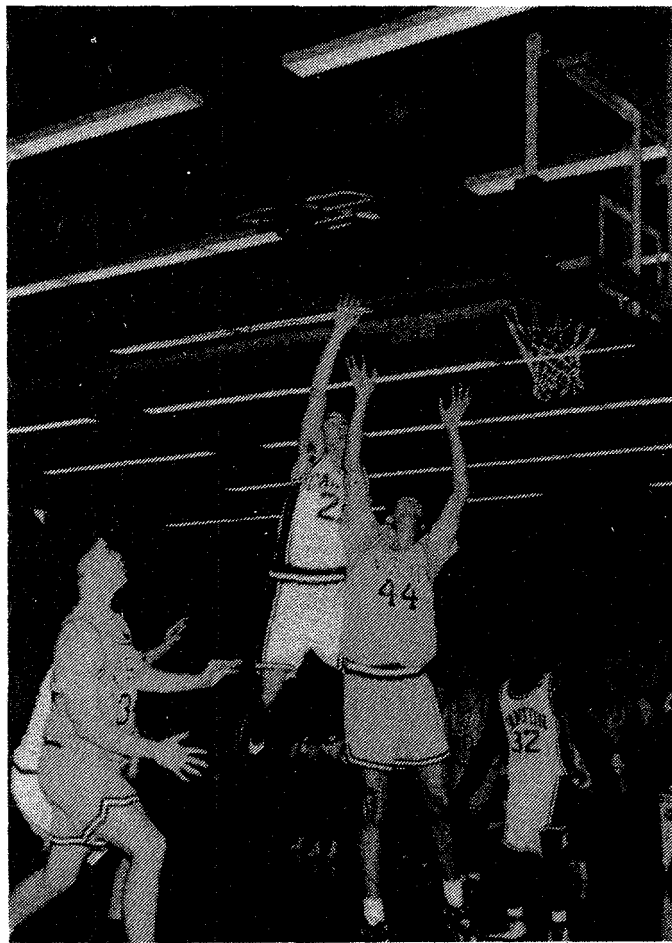
Courtney Sheldon had 16 digs, six kills and seven blocks.

The Rocks are 12-4-2.

Salem starts its league play this week and will play Livonia Stevenson tonight at home.

# Canton's big thrill

*Matt Paupore drops 3-pointer with seconds left; wins it at the free throw line*



Canton's Matt Paupore goes for the skyhook in Friday's game against North Farmington. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

BY ANNE SULLIVAN  
AND ROB KIRKBRIDE

It was a final second thrilling win for the Canton basketball team as they grabbed a 53-51 win over North Farmington, Friday at home.

Matt Paupore tied the game at 51 all with 6.3 seconds left in the game, and was fouled.

Paupore went to the line, shooting a one and one. He found the hoop both times and moved Canton ahead by two.

North took the ball down the court, but wasn't able to get off a shot.

The win improved Canton's record to .500. The Chiefs are now 4-4 overall, 1-1 in league play.

"I'm pleased," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner.

"We played a decent ball game. Our defense was good and we out rebounded our opponents.

"Usually when you do these two things, you have a good chance of winning the game."

Canton scored consistently throughout the game, tossing in 13 points in the first quarter, North scored five.

In the second quarter, Canton added 14 points, North tossed in 15, and the Chiefs led 27-20 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Canton outscored North by two, tossing in 13 points, North

added 11, to end the third with Canton leading 40-31.

North outscored Canton by seven in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to take the win. Canton tossed in 13 points, North scored 20.

The Chiefs overcame an inspired defensive effort from North.

"We struggled on offense," said Van Wagoner.

"North played a good 2-3 zone, which held us in check."

North's defense held Canton to 53 points, which is nearly 20 points below their season average.

Sophomore forward Ron Hunter led Canton in scoring with 17 points, including two 3-pointers. He also led the team in rebounds, snatching nine.

Ted Docks added 12 points. Matt Paupore tossed in eight.

The Chiefs were 6-11 from the free throw line, while North went 14-23.

"It was a good win. North played a good game," said Van Wagoner. "It was nice to get a league win."

Canton plays Harrison Friday, in Farmington.

"We will have to play well to win at Farmington," Van Wagoner said.

"The players have a lot on their mind this week with final exams.

"It should be a good game."

## Canton swimmers beat Churchill...

A strong and healthy Canton swim team captured a league win, defeating Livonia Churchill 121-65 Thursday.

Two Canton swimmers qualified for the state meet with performances against Churchill, and diver Jason Fowler had his personal best score, racking up 261.70 points.

Mike Orris won the 200 freestyle in 1:48.33 and qualified for the state meet in that event. Orris also captured first in the 500 freestyle, finishing in 4:59.84.

Jeff Clark qualified for the state meet in the 50 free, finishing first in 22.51.

Clark also took first in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 58.53.

Scott Mulder, Jason Lehn, Clark and John Mogelnicki finished first in the 200 medley relay, 1:52.48.

Fowler, Jason Stirling, Jason Nalepa and Orris finished first in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:38.68.

Mulder took first in the 100 backstroke, finishing in 1:04.28. Jason Lehn won the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.42.

Clark, Todd Gillihan, Stirling and Orris were first in the 400 freestyle relay, finishing in 3:35.70.

## ...Salem improves record to 2-1

Salem swimmers opened the year with two wins last week and improved their team record to 2-1, coming back from the Christmas break.

Salem kicked off the year with a 128-66 win over Livonia Stevenson last Tuesday, taking first in nine events.

Salem beat Novi 132-54 Thursday night, taking first in 11 of 12 events.

Salem's Joe Ervin, Andy Detling, Aaron Berlin and Dave Bracht took first in the 200 medley relay, in 1:49.64.

Fred Locke was first in the 200 freestyle, finishing in 1:58.07. He also captured first in the 100 free, finishing in 50.95.

Bracht took first in the 50 free, in 23.88.

Off the boards, Woody Thomas racked up 249.55 points, good for first place.

Berlin gave his personal best performance in the 100 butterfly and took first place in 57.39. He also won the 500 free, in 5:21.17.

Locke, Pat Morgan, Marc Levitt and Berlin won the 200 freestyle relay, finishing in 1:36.90.

Eric Seidelman claimed first place in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.66.

Brian McMullen won the 100 breaststroke, finishing in 1:12.34.

"We tried to move some people around, to get a better idea of what we can do if we have to," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I think we swam reasonably well coming back from Christmas. We were a little slower in spots, we'll have to work at it."

Salem faces Canton tomorrow night at home.

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# Plymouth Township looking for residents to serve on tax board of review

BY GARY GOSSELIN

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sor's work is inaccurate, or if the owner's arguments are persuasive.

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## Johnson Controls gets abatement of taxes from Township officials

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Johnson Controls was granted a tax abatement at last week's Plymouth Township trustee meeting, but not without some dissension.

Johnson controls, which is located in the Metro West Industrial park had asked for a 12-year abatement on \$8 million worth of building improvements and personal property.

The abatement translates into \$104,000 in abated taxes in addition to

meeting, and there are five compulsory meetings with additional meetings set by the board.

the \$300,000 currently abated.

When the vote was made by trustees, City Clerk Marilyn Massengill cast the only no vote, and said after the vote that she would have approved a six-year abatement.

Charles Curmi abstained from the vote, and Trustee Mary Brooks was absent.

Massengill said that, according to the point system guideline that is used by the township, Johnson Controls didn't fall

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into the 12-year category.

During the discussion, Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy advised the members about legislative updates or abatements.

The bottom line she said, was that if the ballot proposal passes, the township would have the power to abate up to 36.6 mills.

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# Grounded?

*Emerald Aviation owner says he's being overlooked for operator job*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Now that the search for a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for the now state-owned Mettetal Airport has gone beyond its original schedule, the day-to-day business of the airport still goes on.

Dan Malone, owner and operator of Emerald Aviation, has to run the airport even though he may not be able to keep his job as the facility's operator.

According to Malone, the business of maintaining and repairing aircraft is different than an auto shop.

"The profit margins are small," Malone said, "the costs are high, a voltage regulator for anyone's car is about \$12, for a single-engine plane it's \$100."

Malone explained that the higher parts costs reflect liability costs added at each level of production.

"There aren't a lot of (aviation) accidents, but when they happen they are always expensive."

According to him, the job is becoming less and less profitable because of the wait for the state to take action.

"The state isn't deliberately stalling my business," Malone said, "but the

effect is there."

Malone said that the search for the FBO is hindering his business by casting him in a bad light.

He said that aviation people like stability.

"People who come to get their plane fixed here want to know that we'll be here in the future," Malone said.

"The instability is a disservice to my customers."

"I can't entice their business and then move away," Malone said.

Malone, who is the longest-running operator at Mettetal Airport, says that the state is looking to fix something that isn't broken.

"The state doesn't realize that Mettetal has an FBO, me. What it needs is a manager," Malone said.

"They want to roll the two together."

He said that the job that the state is trying to fill is far too simple for the amount of hassle that it is creating.

"The job is to cut the grass, plow the snow and collect the rent," he said.

"It shouldn't take a year to find someone to do that."

## Student is injured in car accident at high school complex parking lot

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

An automobile accident in the parking lot of Plymouth-Salem high school Friday sent one Canton resident to the hospital.

According to Canton police reports, the accident occurred in the parking lot near Joy Road.

The report stated that at 6:26 p.m. a southbound Plymouth Arrow without license plates pulled into the lot without stopping at the sign at the corner.

The car then was struck a westbound Mustang and knocked it into a Jimmy truck that was parked in the lot.

One of the passengers in the car that was struck, Canton volleyball player Beth Ostach, was taken to Annapolis Hospital for injuries.

The driver of the first car, a 19-year-old from Canton, was given citations for driving with a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle and having no insurance.

According to Ostach's coach, Melinda Cain, Ostach was treated and released from Annapolis Hospital.

### TAG meeting set

A meeting of the TAG (talented and gifted) program focus group has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Allen Elementary School.

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## Obituaries

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### Gertrude H. Scarlett

Gertrude Hazel Scarlett of Plymouth died January 7. Mrs. Scarlett was born on March 31, 1993 in Essex Co. Ontario, Canada. She was a homemaker who lived in the Plymouth community since the early 60's, coming from Gibraltar, MI.

Mrs. Scarlett is survived by her son Samuel K. and daughter-in-law Sarah of Leitchfield, KY. She has six grandchildren

and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers: Mike Waldecker of Ypsilanti, Wilbur Ross of Arizona, and William Waldecker of California. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with interment at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.



## Community deaths

### Ruby Ream, 102, former teacher

Ruby M. Ream of Plymouth, a longtime teacher in several Michigan communities, died Jan. 16, 1994 at the age of 102. Services are being held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Herta Gahrs, 82, homemaker

Herta Gahrs of Plymouth, who was born in Trier, Germany, died Jan. 10, 1994, at the age of 82. Funeral services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Ruth Thompson, 87, retired school teacher

Ruth Thompson of Canton, a lifelong resident of the township and a retired teacher, died Jan. 15, 1994, at the age of 87. Services are being held today at 1 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Linda Kranz, 46, homemaker

Linda L. Kranz of Plymouth, a homemaker and mother of five, died Jan. 11, 1994, at the age of 46. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Henry Lemming, 73, retired tool maker

Henry "Bud" Lemming of Canton, a retired tool maker and foreman, died Jan. 4, 1994, at the age of 73. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Russell Pritchard, 74, school district employe

Russell Pritchard of Plymouth, who worked in the Plymouth-Canton school system for 20 years, died Jan. 12, 1994, at the age of 74. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Beatrice Stephenson, 75, homemaker

Beatrice Leora Stephenson, a homemaker, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan 12, 1994, at the age of 75. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Anne Bickel, former teacher, homemaker

Anne K. Bickel a former teacher and homemaker, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 16. Services are being held at 10 a.m. today at Divine Savior Catholic Church. Services arranged by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



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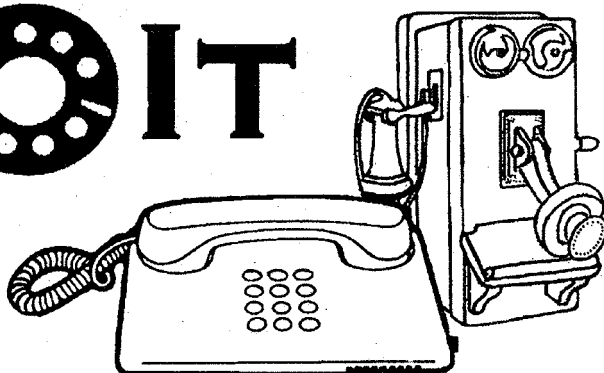
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I would like to correct a curio from last weeks paper - The Chamber is open 9 to 5. Most of the time.

"FLORIDA IS A SMALL TOWN" --Kim Dunn, 1994

Ed has short term memory.

EXCUSE ME!

"If I don't see you in the Spring, I'll see you in the mattress. (help from Kat) - Moose, 1994

"I look like I've had more fun than I really had." --Ellen at The Sidestreet, 1994

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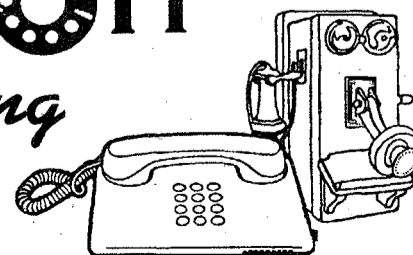
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## Curiosities

JIM JABARA IS OLDER and has enough garlic to last until his next birthday. 65 years and still cooking.

"I'VE ONLY been cross-dressing for two years now." -- Bob Mundt, 1994

Women who insist upon having the same options as men would do well to consider the option of being the strong, silent type." -- Fran Lebowitz

Sports are a major part of most young kids lives. We as parents need to encourage good sportsmanship. i.e. if you crash into an opponent and knock him/her down -- help them up. If you injure someone & he/she gets sent to the hospital, show some concern & apologize (don't sit back & laugh on the side lines!) If a fight breaks out, learn to control your temper. Don't stop the game for 20 minutes while you have a temper tantrum! Realize a performance like that will get school suspension and team expulsion!

DEB, PAT, ALEX AND EVAN: even folks in Pennsylvania read *The Curios*.

AUNT SYLVIA: did you hear the one about Mary wearing her jump suit backwards.

CHERYL and PAUL: Happy Holidays -- Jess, Sally, Ed

STEPH: Would you please typeset this for me at 171 points? -- Mr. Troublemaker

CHERYLL -- I bite for reasons that make no sense to humans. -- MICKEY

## Curiosities

MRS. THOBURN -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY -- your husband told us the 12th was your birthday. Did he take you to lunch and walk you home? Bless you both!

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OOPS -- IT WAS DENNIS GONCHAROFF'S BIRTHDAY ON JAN 13 -- not his wife Elaine's. Let's start over.

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ERNE ARCHER -- WHERE ARE YOU?

BULLWINKLE & ROCKY -- Michigan's wind chill is catchin' up -- maybe I'll be up to see you sooner!

## Curiosities

CUBBY -- I'm anxiously awaiting a story to rival Aaron Burr ...

GRETA -- Thanks for those B-U-tifull puppies! MARNA -- watch out for 'dem jelly balls!

Mom & Dad -- Have fun in Vegas. Enjoy your birthday dad. Love, Anne

To my Crier friends, so long, it's been great knowing you and working with you. I'll miss you, but not those late Monday nights. Be good. I know it will be tough with an all male edit staff. I don't know who will set you straight. -- Anne

BOOTS (not Jenny) is doing a great job -- she says they help her sell more ads for home improvement. She'll probably wear sandals in the summer

Thanks Jenny or is it Jennie.

It's JENNY, Jack.

Who was that lady under the black hat? Hint, she was wearing Tulip shoes.

Maybe we should have a footwear contest among The Crier ladies -- we get a wide variety of styles.

Boy was that a great sale Porterhouse had -- if you missed it, prices are still in effect today Wed. the 19th.

## Curiosities

Great job on the graph. Everyone's nick names fit them.

Sankebite: Ouch! (But how was his penmanship & spelling?) -- Jes Wundrin

YALE JALLOS: Unfortunately some people take and don't give back. We at The Crier are sorry about that -- but we're happy you have such a great mom! Keep up the great work.

Hey, the guys want in on the footwear contest, too (proof of socks not necessary to enter...)

Jack, by chance, were you ever a shoe salesman?

Was Ed, as a young child, frightened by a sock salesman? -- Jes Wundrin

BILLY CORRIGAN comes home with the bronze! Congratulations!

Mike Carne ordered squid & got what he deserved.

Nice looking Guide Systems display, Ed!

Strangest question I heard working the (DDA) information booth at Ice Fest: "Where are the horses?" Go figure.

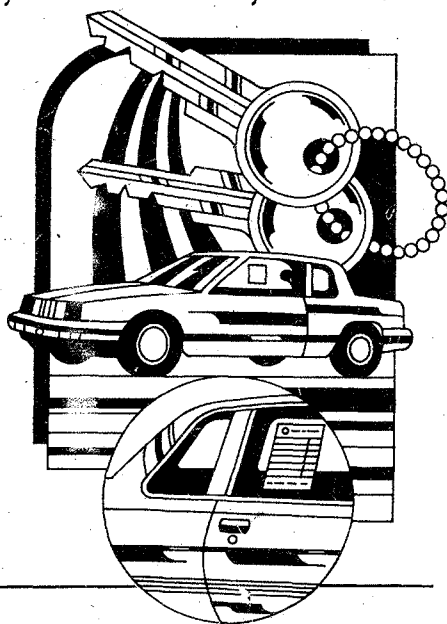
MICKEY eats garlic ribs (not as good as when Cheryl makes them) and, sometimes lets you keep your fingers...

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# Supt. search will keep names secret until final eight

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Feeling that they have complied with Michigan law — both in letter and spirit — the Plymouth-Canton school board and representatives of Bickert, Prophet and Associates will not make public the names of any applicants for the superintendent's job until prescreening is completed by the outside firm.

At that point — March 30 — only a list of six to 10 people will be released to the board and to the public. Both parties are planning on the list being eight names.

Until that time, all applications are being made to, and will remain the prop-

## Canton settles suit

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happened in May of 1992 when Canton police were dispatched to Vachher's home. Vachher, who suffered from an emotional disorder that required medication, had become delusional and made threats to his parents.

The lawsuit went on to say that when Canton officers Tanner, Boljesic and Darow arrived, Vachher was in the kitchen holding a pair of steak knives. The lawsuit said that Vachher "lightly" threw one of the knives which hit none of the three officers.

It was then, according to the suit, that the officers opened fire on Vachher hitting him in the abdomen, neck and hip.

erty of Bickert, Prophet.

"Bickert owns the documents," Dr. Roderick Bickert told the board Thursday night.

"Still, we not only want to comply with the letter of the law, we also want to keep within the spirit of the law."

At issue was a recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling that forced disclosure of applicants for the position of

Michigan State University president.

By applying the same standards to the P-C search, the only way in which the names of applicants could be kept confidential was to keep the board itself out of the screening process altogether.

By allowing the outside firm to accumulate the applications and conduct the prescreening, the board is not directly involved and, therefore, does not have to

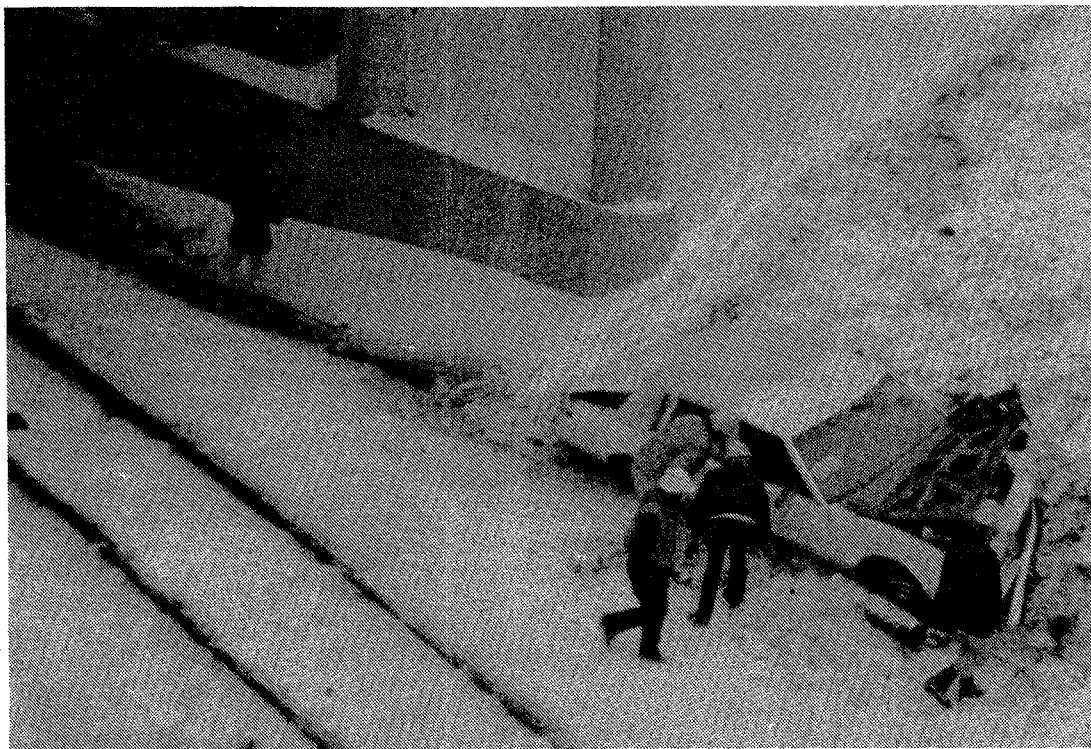
divulge the names.

Only the slate of eight candidates presented to the board for formal interviews will be made public.

All steps of the process, however, including access to all forms and procedures used in screening the applicants and meetings with the board, community leaders and citizen committees will be public.

## Wintry crash

While traveling northbound on I-275, near the I-96 interchange, last Wednesday, the driver of this car swerved to avoid a car on the shoulder, plummeted 50 feet, rolled several times and came to rest near the railroad tracks. The 67-year-old Dearborn Heights resident suffered lacerations and other injuries and was treated at St. Mary Hospital. (Crier photo by Donna Angers)



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# Community opinions

## Wordsmith

By Alex Lundberg



### Get involved to help control the 'gorilla' called Mettetal

At the last meeting of the Mettetal Airport Citizen's Advisory Board, Michigan Department of Transportation Director of Aeronautics William Gehman was taken to task over the state's idea to shift the runway away from Joy Road.

Gehman said that it was a safety issue and that it was in the airport's best interests to shift the runway.

That might be true, but it's not in the community's best interest.

The state-owned airport is like a gorilla in the back yard. Yes, he's already there, but that doesn't mean that it's too late to keep that monkey under control.

If the state is allowed to move the runway (not lengthen, mind you) they will have a much easier time making the next change in the airport's character. It will open a door.

Elaine Kirchgatter said that the Canton Township board has no intention of giving its permission for the shifting of the runway.

Good, that's half the battle.

The second half of the battle is for the residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community to make sure that our elected officials in Lansing (and whoever sits on the Canton Township board in the future) know that such requests are not welcome.

Bob Zaetta summed it up best: "The community had a gentleman's handshake with the state, an understanding that there would be no expansion."

And that's the truth.

I was at the joint meeting between Canton and Plymouth township boards when Gehman first promised that the state would leave the airport as is, unchanged.

If you're concerned about the airport and its possible expansion, get involved now. There will be a couple of months before a Fixed Base Operator is named to run the airport.

The gorilla is in the back yard, you can't do anything about that anymore.

But you can still make sure that he doesn't act the way he pleases.

### McAninch made false accusations

EDITOR:

In the article in (the Jan. 5 edition of The) Crier regarding the election complaint filed against me by Mr. McAninch, he is quoted as saying that he is sticking to his guns until I prove myself innocent.

I might point out to Mr. McAninch that in our system of jurisprudence one is considered innocent until proven guilty.

It is of some concern to me that a member of the City Commission does not subscribe to one of the fundamental principles of our governmental system.

It is of further concern to me that a member of the Plymouth City Commission should engage in false and

reckless accusations against a private citizen.

Fortunately, in less than two years we have the opportunity of correcting our error by returning Mr. McAninch to private life where his "loose cannon" approach and opportunity to do damage to innocent people will be greatly diminished.

Although I don't expect it, the manly thing for Mr. McAninch to do would be to admit he was wrong, apologize to me and refocus his attention on the problems of the City of Plymouth.

BOB MUNDT

### Owner of cricket-infested business remembers other surprise visitors

EDITOR:

I've turned my dilemma over to the proper authorities concerning my Cricket Farm: more to come when the meeting convenes.

I want to thank you for helping promote my endeavor to sell crickets and not insurance. I sure hope my company does not find out about this in that it might be a conflict of interest.

I guess, by now, that we should have let the authorities know about the various other animals that have occupied my office.

Several years ago, when the old Blackmore farmhouse next door was still standing the farmer was raising "gigantic" pigs. And, on a cool, breezy day you were reminded of the unique fragrance of a pig farm.

Anyway, these pigs got so big that they pushed out the wooden wall and were roaming Canton Center Road.

Do you know how difficult it is to get a 500 lb. pig out of the middle of the road after it gets hit by a car?

The farmer's favorite donkey was munching on my "goodies" in my garden in the back yard. What to do? I had to drag the beast back to the farmer.

Now, if this isn't enough, the "little bandits" decided to enter through my roof one night and start a family.

It was after my office staff complained about little footprints all over their desks and the missing candy and gum for customers that I had to call the Township Animal Control Center. He had no way to get them out. I then asked a police officer to shoot them, but a .357 would surely make a mess. Even a hunting buddy was afraid to fire a .22 round in the basement for fear of the ricochet.

Who did I call? Critter Control... Would you believe that a mother and five little raccoons were taken out of that old building.

The last animals to occupy the building were the squirrels. As that old building got tired, it became the perfect environment for the squirrels. They would scurry throughout the overhang and drove my office staff "nuts."

A decision had to be made: insurance or, feed the animals.

It was when I chose insurance that I discovered that I had to make several concessions. Thus, the need for the lynx mob to put on the capes and spring into action.

Not to fear: the regulations that I have had to contend with have provided Canton Township with another natural sanctuary. That is why I have joined Ducks Unlimited.

FRANK "QUACK" McMURRAY

### They just wanna say thanks!

EDITOR:

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is so easy to miss the opportunity to thank the people who go out of their way for others' benefit.

A very special thank you goes out to Mary Kay Seibel of Days Gone By who orchestrated Santa's Plymouth visit, from decorating his house to feeding the reindeer. May Kay is the one that keeps everything running so smoothly. This year, First of America bank sponsored Santa's Plymouth visit. They made sure all his expenses were covered.

On behalf of Santa and all the good boys and girls of Plymouth, we send a great big thank you.

FRAN TONEY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLYMOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EDITOR:

The Plymouth Community Chorus would like to thank the following businesses for helping to make our 20th Anniversary Christmas Celebration a huge success: Ticket sales: Sideways, Agape Booksellers, Dearborn Music, and the Northville/Novi Record. CD sales: Sideways, Country Charm Little Professor, Arnoldt Williams, Dearborn Music, Hands on Center and the Rainbow Shop.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

EDITOR:

On behalf of the IPSEP (Infant and Preschool Special Education Program) staff, I would like to thank the following local merchants who so generously donated to our annual holiday party at Tanger school.

Bob's of Canton, Burger King, Canton Police, Cap 'n' Cork, Chuck E Cheese, Coldwell Banker/Schweitzer Realty, Danny's Market, Dunkin' Donuts, Embest Inc., First of America Bank, Dr. Patrick Houlihan, Joe's Italian Bakery and Deli and Krogers.

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RUSSELL SANSBURY

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# Community opinions

## Getta grip

*Not all the so-called 'news' is what it's cracked up to be*

Hello P-C,  
From the "when the news media grips the nation instead of the news" dept.:

Friday morning pretty well did me in last week, as I listened to the radio talk show babblers refer to the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding ice competition incident as "gripping the nation."

Of course, this comment came right on the heels of my reading the Freep and seeing a banner headline about the same story:

### 2 arrested in attack on skater

A banner headline so big you'd thought the president had been shot, or the pope had been found to be a brother of Islam.

And this story comes right after Detroit media overkill of what we were led to believe was going to be the snowstorm of the decade two weeks ago.

Remember?  
And let's not forget the blow-by-blow (or is it "cut-by-cut") accounts of the Lorena and John Bobbitt cases.

Now I don't know about you, but this ice skating thing — no, it's not a tragedy; a tragedy is when a loved one dies, not when someone gets bumped on the knee — is basically boring.

I mean, beyond the news that this was *not* some kind of wanton act by another one of us Detroit area murderers (instead, it was a neat "hit" a la Chicago), I have pretty well stopped paying attention.

But my brethren refuse to do the same.  
So, instead, we get this drivel about the incident "gripping the nation" (direct quote from the radio).

Well, my friends, if you find this "gripping" news, I'd advise you to get a grip on yourself.

In fact, make an appointment with the reality doctor and get yourself a checkup.

And the same goes for the Bobbitt stuff: No one died; this is not some precursor of new feminist thinking; nor is this in any way reflective of the kinds of relationships I have with my wife, and my friends have with each other.

Oh, I know, we're supposed to be titillated by the bizarre, strange and out of the ordinary — that's why some of you gawk at traffic accidents and stop at desert shacks displaying "two-headed snake" signs.

But the system of checks and balances breaks down when the media assumes all of us are like that; it panders to the lowest possible common denominator we all share — but that most of us have successfully kept closeted.

And the system really breaks down when the media blames their zeal on its own readers and viewers.

Consider the following line by another Freep reporter, who wrote Monday that "...the Nancy Kerrigan attack saga is the story

### Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



America most wants given saturation coverage."

Oh, really?

I don't remember getting a phone call from the Freep or any other news outlet asking how much coverage I wanted on this — or any other story.

Instead, these episodes are just more examples of what's commonly known as a feeding frenzy.

And the blame begins with the electronic media — but the shame extends to print: The electronic media, by virtue of its own entertainment/ratings needs, has a different purpose in life.

But once those stories appear on TV, the print journalists jump right on board, helping blow otherwise boring, trivial and totally unimportant matters into proportions bordering on the second coming — or a 6.5 on the Richter scale, as really was the case in California Monday morning.

Which, I guess brings me to those who think the appointment of the next Plymouth-Canton school superintendent is *the* hottest story for 1994 in this area.

To steal from Wayne and Garth... *NOT!*

Yes, the picking of the next super will be *one* of the top stories of the year — and, heck, I'll be covering it — but I'll bet anyone a six-pack of Molson Ice that 75 per cent of the people in our community don't care and won't care.

They won't care who it is and they won't care how he (or *she*) is selected.

All they'll care about (if they're parents) is that their kids will learn to read, add and know a rock from a frog.

All they'll care about (if they're not) is that nothing is done to hurt the value of their homes.

The rest is merely the machinations of government — not big news; the rest is merely the watching and reporting and reading of the process of selecting this person.

Of course, I'll be making some editorial decisions about the coverage and relative "play" of this story as it develops — but unless you show up in front of our office demanding more coverage, I'll simply do the best I can.

And what I won't do is tell you how this story is "gripping" Plymouth-Canton.

'cause if I do, I'll have lost my grip first.

## Hines Park ticket doesn't make sense in winter time

EDITOR:  
A recent sledding outing in Edward Hines Park earned me a \$55 parking ticket for parking on the shoulder of the road near Cass-Benton Hill in Northville Twp. (Parking is prohibited any place in the park, unless otherwise posted.)

Upon arrival, we found the only nearby "designated" parking lot to be full, and parked at the end of a line of 15 to 20 cars on the shoulder.

I realize that most of the parking restrictions in Hines Park were implemented to combat undesired congregating during summer months.

I commend the authorities for their efforts toward returning the park to area families.

However, the only practical winter use for the parkway is for skiing and sledding and Cass-Benton is immensely popular for both.

There (should be a) generic restriction prohibiting parking on the parkway shoulders, such as "parking is allowed within one mile from the hill as long as the roadway has been plowed (and) parking on the shoulder does not seem to present any special problems."

I feel strongly that for the few times a

year that conditions are favorable for wintertime family activities, these parking restrictions can be relaxed.

However, the cynical side of me doubts that Wayne County is willing to part with the revenue generated by these citations.

I urge anybody who has recently shared my experience to voice your opinion!

You are not a criminal, you are being denied reasonable access to some of Hines Park's better assets, for which you are paying for!

JIM CLEMENT

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