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## City, Twp. to merge fire depts.

*Merger would shift services; needs union agreement to be implemented*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After months of debate, the fire services of Plymouth and Plymouth Township are close to becoming one fire department.

Yesterday, Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy announced an agreement that would merge the two departments into one Plymouth Community Fire Department.

Under the agreement, Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth would command the community department,

with Plymouth Chief Alan Matthews as his assistant.

There will be a joint public hearing on the agreement at 7 p.m. April 6 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

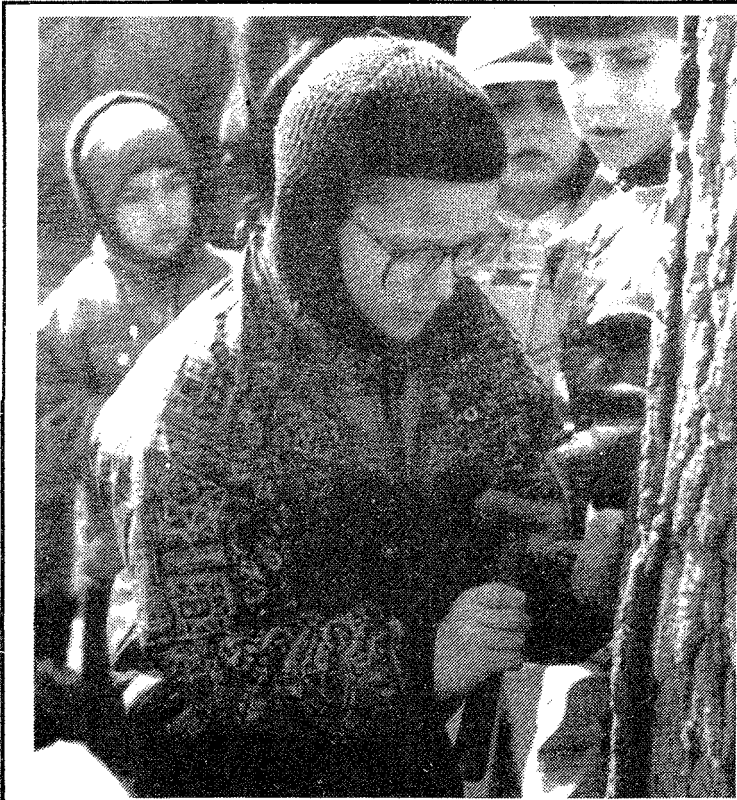
Copies of the agreement can be found at the clerks' offices of both the city and the township.

Under the agreement, firefighters would be dispatched from the three existing Township fire departments and the City facility would serve as headquarters for ambulance dispatch.

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Making the announcement yesterday was Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy (middle). Also on hand was Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller (left), City Fire Chief Alan Matthews, and Township Fire Chief Larry Groth. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



### Tapping the trees

After Seth Petrevics (right) drills the hole in the tree, James Howerton drives in the tap — setting the stage for collecting the sap frobles in Miller Woods, and the making of home-made syrup.



Crier photos by George Gentry

### Third judge for district court one step closer

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The possibility of a third judge being added permanently to the 35th District Court bench came one step closer to reality last week when the state House Judiciary Committee approved its addition and recommended similar action by the full House.

In a special hearing held last week, testimony — including that by Court Administrator Marion Belding — was given to support the need for the third judge.

In her presentation, Belding read from  
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## Proposal A: Plans continue to change right up to election day

### ANALYSIS

BY CRAIG FARRAND

When voters go to the polls Tuesday to decide the future of Michigan's taxing structure, they will be looking at two proposals that, a week before election day, continue to change.

Proposal A calls for a 2-cent increase in the state sales tax, a 6-mill school district operating tax levy on homestead property and a 24-mill non-homestead property tax.

But if voters reject that proposal, a statutory plan

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would take effect: That plan would raise the state income tax by 1.4 percentage points, levy 12 mills on homestead property for school district operations and 24 mills on non-homestead property.

For voters expecting to cast ballots for or against the two plans, however, a caution is in order: Only Proposal A — the sales tax plan — will appear on Tuesday's bal-

lot.

If Proposal A passes by one vote, it becomes the new tax law of the land.

Only if Proposal A loses — by even one vote — would the statutory fallback plan take effect.

The two plans came to pass when the Legislature and governor were unable to agree on a plan to replace the \$7 billion in school taxes erased by Senate Bill 1 last fall.

Gov. John Engler, who saw a similar tax reform package defeated last year, has spearheaded the drive for

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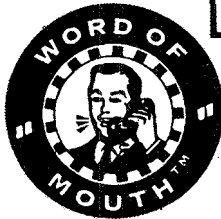
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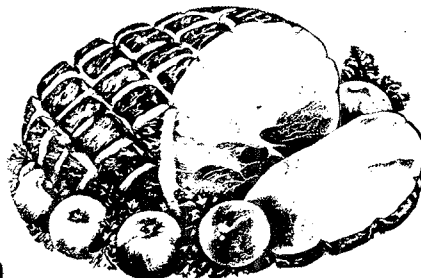
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# Communities get block grants; spending process begins

## Canton sets hearing on \$408,000 grant

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton will hold a meeting Monday at 2 p.m. to decide where federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be spent in Canton.

According to Canton Township, \$408,000 has been allocated for the township by the Department for Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

According to Canton's Resource Development Specialist, Gerry Martin, the hearing on Monday won't be like

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## City allocates \$80,000 among eight programs

BY JOHN HORN

The Plymouth City Commission held public hearings Monday to accept input from citizens on how to spend money allocated through Community

Development Block Funds.

Funds for 1993 totaled \$80,000 and have been approved to be spent as follows: \$30,000 for the city master plan; \$28,000 for the senior citizen van driver plan; \$5,200 for van dispatcher; \$4,000 for senior citizen chore services; \$4,000

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## Proposal A: Plans are still in flux

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Proposal A.

To get his plan on the ballot, however, Engler had to give the Democrats the opportunity to develop a separate plan as a backup, should Proposal A fail.

Regardless of the outcome Tuesday, though, one thing is clear: There is no going back to the status quo. It's either Proposal A or the fallback plan.

### CHANGES, CHANGES

While most of the rhetoric concerning the two plans has centered on its most visible provisions — a sales tax vs. income tax increase, for example, other provisions will have a profound impact on the state as well.

But the continuing changes in the two plans, have not only clouded their differences, but also left some absentee voters casting their ballots on proposals that were changed after they voted.

In fact, House Speaker Curtis Hertel said last week that he thought Proposal A, if passed Tuesday, could be invalidated after the election because of changes in portions of the enabling legislation behind the plan.

Specifically, Hertel cites legislation passed in the Senate that would alter the treatment of Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs).

The changes mean, Hertel said, that "when these people returned their absentee ballots, they were voting on something different than what those who go to the polls next week will be facing."

As a result, he said, a question of validity is raised concerning Proposal A.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Another example of the continuing changes being made to the two plans is the definition of "homestead property."

Originally, a homestead was defined as the specific piece of land on which a person lived; all other land holdings would be levied at the higher non-homestead rate of 24 mills in either proposal.

To garner the agricultural vote, however, Engler altered the definition to include all active farmland.

With the old definition, for example, a farmer whose home sat on 50 acres of land could declare the 50 acres as homestead property — but another 200 acres down the road would be considered non-homestead and taxed at the higher rate.

Under the change, all 250 acres would be defined as homestead.

According to some observers, this sets up a classic urban-rural fight over fairness: Theoretically, if a person in the city has a home in which he rents out the upstairs for income, the upstairs portion of the home would be taxed at the non-homestead rate.

On the other hand, however, a farmer using hundreds of acres of detached land for income would be taxed at the lower homestead rate.

### OTHER CHANGES

Other portions of the two plans that have changed include:

•**The real estate transfer tax:** Originally, this new tax would have been 2 per cent under Proposal A and 1 per cent under the fallback plan.

Now, however, both rates will drop to identical .75 per cent after April 1, 1995.

## Election forums continue

The last of the public forums before Tuesday's state tax election will be held beginning tonight at 6:30, when United We Stand America, Ross Perot's grassroots political organization, hold its session at the Canton Library.

Another forum, sponsored by the Kiwanis, will be held tomorrow at noon at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The last forum is set for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Canton High School Little Theater. It is being sponsored by the district's "I Care" committee.



Gov. John Engler brought his arguments supporting Proposal A to Canton Friday. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

•**The Keno lottery game:** Under Proposal A, a Keno game is to be created to add revenue to the tax package; however, Engler had halted action on that proposal and asked for several million dollars to explore Michigan's entrance into the multi-state Powerball lottery.

As of Monday, word was out that the Powerball members — 15 states and the District of Columbia — were blocking the entrance of any new members. As a result, state officials are now exploring the possibility of creating a second Powerball lottery with other states shut out of the current game.

•**TIFAs and DDAs:** Although no specific changes have been put in writing, local officials say the state has been examining a method whereby the state would assume some debt responsibility for existing community projects and allow for future limited "capture" of property taxes for new projects.

Such changes are possible because major portions of both Proposal A and the fallback plan are statutory in nature; that is, the Legislature can alter the impact of specific areas of both plans by altering their "enabling legislation."

As a result, except for the increase in the state sales tax and a cap on property assessments, nearly every other aspect of Proposal A can be changed after voters approve the measure.

## How they voted

Because of the nature of both Proposal A and the statutory fallback plan — both were created by a series of legislative actions — it's impossible to look at a single vote by any lawmaker to gauge his or her support of either proposal.

As a result, what follows is a look at six pieces of related legislation and the voting records of Reps. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton), Jerry Vorva (R-Plymouth) and Justine Barns (D-Canton).

LEGISLATION	YES	NO
Use tax (HB 5103)	Barns	Vorva Whyman
Statewide property tax (HB 5111)	Vorva	Barns Whyman
Income tax (HB 5106)		Barns Whyman Vorva
Transfer tax (HB 5110)		Barns Whyman Vorva
Ballot approval (JR-S)	Barns Whyman Vorva	
Homestead exemption form (HB 5115)	Vorva	Barns Whyman

Likewise, all of the fallback plan could be changed by the Legislature after it took effect.

### WHO'S SUPPORTING WHAT

One of the most visible aspects of the election has been the spending on both sides to support and defeat Proposal A.

Because Proposal A contains a 50-cent tax increase on tobacco products, the tobacco industry is expected to pour nearly \$3.5 million into anti-proposal advertising. In addition, the Michigan Education Association already has contributed about \$550,000 to the fight against the plan.

On the other side of the coin, those putting money behind their support of Proposal A include a Who's Who of the business and utility industries.

In addition to those supplying monetary support to both sides, the following groups have either endorsed or come out in opposition to Proposal A.

**Supporting Proposal A:** Most Republicans; Civic Searchlight; The Michigan State Medical Society; Michigan Chamber of Commerce; National Federation of Independent Business; Small Business Association of Michigan; and Michigan Association of Home Builders

**Opposing Proposal A:** Most Democrats; League of Women Voters; United We Stand America; Wayne County Taxpayers' Association, Inc.; Michigan Education Association; and The Tobacco Institute.

### FUTURE MILLAGE VOTES?

Clearly one of the most confusing aspects of either proposal is whether they eliminate local school millage elections.

And for taxpayers feeling beleaguered by such elections, the answer is no: Both Proposal A and the fallback plan contain provisions to hold local school tax elections — in different ways.

But before explaining the difference, one should understand how the state interacts with the two plans:

Under Proposal A, the state will levy 6 mills on all property, with local school districts holding a separate election to approve the levy of the additional 6 mills on non-homestead property. This would have the net effect of levying 6 mills on homestead and 24 mills on non-homestead property.

The statutory fallback plan works in reverse: The state would levy 12 mills on all non-homestead property, with local school districts holding a separate election to approve the levy of 12 mills on all property. This would have the net effect of levying 12 mills on homestead, and 24 mills on non-homestead property.

In addition, certain districts with existing spending levels above \$6,500 per pupil, would be able to hold a separate election to approve levying millage to reach this figure. Plymouth-Canton does not qualify for this so-called "enhancement" millage.

# Still trying *Canton farmer continues assessment battle a year later*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A year after being blindsided by 1993 tax assessments, Canton farmer Duane Bordine is still looking for relief from the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

After a one-year freeze on assessments, farmers throughout the northwest corner of Canton experienced huge rises in their State Equalized Valuation (SEV).

In Bordine's case, some of the family's property SEV rose between 500 and 750 per cent.

Other farmers in the area experienced

SEV hikes to the tune of 800 and 1,000 per cent.

According to Bordine, this year's increases are nowhere near as bad as they were last year.

"Almost all of the increases (on his parcels of land) this year are around one and two per cent," Bordine said. "One did go up 30 per cent though."

That particular plot of land has a new building on it. The difference between that property and others he owns is simple, that land has been classified as resi-

dential.

"Glenn Shaw (of Wayne County Appraisers) told us that the classification meant nothing," Bordine said. "That wasn't true."

"We have a nice building there, not all shot up and ragged looking," Bordine said. "The SEV went from \$38,690 to \$50,710."

"The others went up (in SEV) only nominally," Bordine said. "But they were high to begin with."

Bordine said that he wasn't going to

go to the township tax board of appeals but was going to meet with the Michigan Tax Tribunal to try to set things straight.

"We're going to go down to Detroit in April and sort this out," he said. "We'll handle everything there."

Bordine said that the township tax board was the last place he planned to go for tax relief.

"Canton township doesn't want farmers around, they haven't helped us at all," Bordine said. "Not enough tax dollars are generated."



## Public notices

### LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1994

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 15, 1994, from 7:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on:

#### PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6% LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE 3/4 VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
4. Require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
5. Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes No

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI., phone number 453-1234 X 234, for City of Plymouth electors; and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI., phone number 453-3840 X 224, for Plymouth Township electors.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at both Clerk's offices from 8:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. On Monday, March 14, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City and Township are accessible to the handicapped.

Polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

Precincts 1,4 & 5 - Cultural Center 525 Farmer Street  
Precinct 2 - Starkweather School, 550 N. Holbrook  
Precinct 3 - Central School, 650 W. Church Street

Polling places in the Township of Plymouth are as follows:

Precinct 1 Farrand School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane  
Precinct 2 & 8 Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road  
Precinct 3 Allen School, 11100 Haggerty Road  
Precinct 4 Clerk's Annex, 42350 Ann Arbor Road  
Precinct 5 Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon Road  
Precinct 6 West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail  
Precinct 7 United Assembly of God Church, 46500 N. Territorial Rd.  
Precinct 9 Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road  
Precinct 10 Fiegel School, 39750 Joy Road  
Precinct 11 First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Road  
Precinct 12 Pioneer Middle School, 46081 W. Ann Arbor Road  
Precinct 13 & 16 Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road  
Precinct 15 First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd.

Please note that the City and Township Precinct locations may NOT coincide with your school precinct location.

Linda Langmesser, Clerk  
City of Plymouth

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 15, 1994 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the purpose of voting on a proposal to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan:

#### PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATE FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST 3/4 VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
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6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax emption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes

No

#### CANTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2 & 20	Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Ave.
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Rd.
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Rd.
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Rd.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Rd.
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Rd.
8 & 19	Resurrection Catholic Church	46001 Warren Rd.
9	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Rd.
11 & 24	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Ave.
16 & 17	Canton Administration Bldg.	1150 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road until the close of voting at 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 1994. On Tuesday, March 14, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 PM.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at 397-5452.

Loren N. Bennett  
Clerk

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# Old Village site of battle over need for more City lots

BY JOHN HORN

The City of Homes could soon be the City Of Parking Lots since the Plymouth City Commission approved the demolition of a home in Old Village.

The house, located across the street from the Solder Craft shop at 392 Farmer Street, has a lot in back that has been used for parking by employees and company trucks.

In a Jan. 21 meeting, the Commission formally heard arguments for and against the plan to rezone the property from RT-1 to P-1. Translation: Tear it down and turn it into a parking lot.

Those in favor of the lot cite the house's poor condition as perfect reason to demolish. Neighbors have said the tenants of the property have let the brick home at Farmer and Amelia Streets worsen over time.

A & E Building Co.'s Tony Carnacchi represents the owner of the house, Frank J. Hredil III. Hredil also owns Solder Craft.

During the meeting, Carnacchi officially stated the renters have had problems properly maintaining the property. He said the owners feel the best way was to just get rid of the house.

Hredil's financial advisor, Harry Schaefer, echoed Carnacchi in saying Hredil felt it was in Solder Craft's best interest to remove the house. The lot should be completed in 60 to 90 days.

## Commission delays demolition due to mixup

The tenants at 329 Farmer can take a deep breath, but not too deep or for too long.

The Plymouth City Commission voted Monday to halt the issue of any permits related to the demolition of the house, scheduled to come down after April 1.

The decision came down after a resident group, informally headed by Susan Wiercioch, told the commission they were not properly informed of, nor do they support, the decision to rezone the house from a residential structure to a parking lot.

Residents in the area who were not

notified could have had their notices sent to the landlord instead of the resident, said Mayor Douglas Miller.

"Notices are sent out to property owners," Miller said. "If someone rents, it could be the property owner who gets the notice."

Wiercioch presented the commission with a petition signed by 60 residents in the immediate community.

Miller said the commission will investigate the matter to make sure they complied with all necessary requirements in issuing notices to the residents of that area. The report will be presented at next week's meeting.

"The renters have been advised that they must be out by April 1," Schaefer said. "Demolition should start shortly after that. Unless we have a problem with them leaving on time, we are looking at a 60-day window of completion after they leave."

With Solder Craft paving the way to improve their business, residents of the house feel cheated and deceived.

Mark Owens lives in the upstairs unit with his fiancée Lisa and four-month-old son Jeremy. Mark said the shop's owner, their landlord, has been unfair to him and another downstairs occupant. In the 12

months Mark has lived there, he has had to repair the toilet, sink, door and other

minor problems on his own.

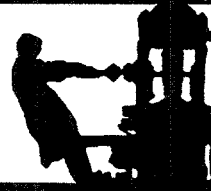
"He kept saying he would take these repairs off the rent, but he never has. They lie to us all the time. They're ruthless and all they care about is money," Owens said.

Money is now on Owens' mind. He is unemployed and Lisa is on state aid, a \$400-plus monthly check that is their only income at the moment. His car is broke down and their food stamps have been cut off due to eligibility problems. Now they have one month to find a new place to live.

"I just wish they would give us more time," Lisa said.

Solder Craft's Dale Roberts, along with supporters of the parking lot, cite the house's state of disrepair as reason enough to demolish.

"It has not been too successful as a  
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## Public notices

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Eriksson, Field and Hulsing Elementary School Additions and Renovation work. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after February 28, 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, March 16, 1994 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Raymond K. Hoedel  
Associate Superintendent of Business Operations  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
454 South 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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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, March 15, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

The Plymouth District Library 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 seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary  
Plymouth District Library  
223 S. Main Street  
(313) 453-0750

## Third judge is closer to reality

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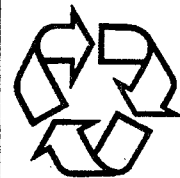
a statement prepared on behalf of herself and sitting Judges James Garber and John MacDonald.

Currently, retired Circuit Court Judge Charles Kaufman works part-time at the court to alleviate the workload.

According to state Rep. Jerry Vorva,

quick action is expected in the House on HB 5328, and the Senate is expected to follow suit.

Should the third judgeship be approved, it would change dramatically the dynamics of the already crowded race for the seat currently held by Garber, who will step down at the end of this term.



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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Schoolcraft College has released its list of students named to the Dean's List for the 1993 Fall semester.

To be named to the list, students must carry at least 12 credit hours and have at least a 3.5 gpa.

The following Canton residents were named to the list.

Krista Altemus, Robert Ardinger, Kelly Austin, Gary Bartz, Lydia Bastien, Erica Bazman, Sandra Bazman, Stephanie Beech, Jacqueline Bejma, Denny Bennett, Sheila Berry, Julie Blackm Daniel Boulware, Harold Bourton, Kristin Bretz, Christopher Briney, Victoria Buechs, Rodney Burlingame, Jacquelyn Casper, Robert Daksiewicz, Rebecca Darga, Jody Denski, Amy Denstedt, Brian Deyoung, Bryan Dobbs, Michael Donhost, Opal Fairweather, Debra Forsman, Skender Gocaj, Beth Gourley, Vincent Govan, Tara Grover, Gregory Guignard, Carrie Halahan, Colleen Hall, Cynthia Halstead, Seth Halstead, Michael Hartmeyer, Jeremy Hyde, Kelly Jenkins, Daryl Jones, Tara Kane, Ronald Katt, Amanda Kimball, Lisa King, Jeffrey Kolodziej, Karen Kostrewa, Susan Kramer, Lori Kuschel, Julie Lantgios, Karen Lawson, Christopher Lindman, Jason Lindman, John Marasco, Larry McCune Jr., Charlene Mcfaulm Gerald Moore Jr., Cynthia Morrow, Amy Mouch, Pamela Neal, Jamal Nehmeh, Michael Nichoff, Joan Noricks, Dawn Piatanesi, Robin Preville, Tammy Puskarz, Jessica Pytell, David Reidm Jason Reno, Kimberly Roberts, Chris Schantz, Heidi Schoenborn, Leslie Shafer, Andrew Stager, Michael Stepp, Amy Sudik, Amy Vanbuhler, Tiffanie Vanness, Aundrea Wilcox and Robert Wojcik Jr.

Henry Ford Community College students — led by Plymouth resident Richard Teeple, founder of the college's Ice Carving Club — displayed their ice carving talents at "Zehnder's Snowfest 1994" in Frankenmuth earlier this month, taking home a trophy and a plaque in addition to various prizes for their dazzling ice sculpture.

Teeple also competed in the two-man state of Michigan Ice Sculpting Championship. Out of 16 teams, Teeple and his partner, J.R. Lorentz placed second with their ice sculpture of two snow geese, winning a trophy, \$250, safety helmets and safety outfits.

## All together now

*Our Lady of Good Counsel students learn problem solving through group interaction and teamwork*

BY JOHN HORN

While many third-graders are preoccupied with the joys of recess and kickball, some pupils at Our Lady of Good Counsel are concerned with wildlife preservation and environmental awareness.

A small group from the school competed in the Odyssey of the Mind program last weekend at Grosse Pointe North High School. The program, sponsored by IBM, encourages team problem solving through interaction while addressing such social issues.

The group finished in eighth place overall and competed against 26 teams in its division alone. Kathy Savitskie helped coordinate OLGC's entry and said the kids performance was exemplary.

"Their result was tremendous, especially for this being their first time out," she said.

Student groups compete on a local level. The top two finishers advance to the state and the top two from there go on to international competition. More than 150 schools were represented in Grosse Pointe last weekend.

Each group is required to originate a play or production based on six social categories, she said. They must do every aspect of the play on their own, in front of the judges and in less than eight minutes.

"From building their own props, to sewing their costumes, they have to do it all," Savitskie said. "The idea is to teach



Our Lady of Good Counsel third-graders Ryan Johnson (left), Daniel Palczynski (middle) and Tom Lundquist (right) dance to a song they made up. The group was in the "Odyssey of the Mind" in Grosse Pointe Saturday (Crier photo by George Gentry)

team building skills and imagination."

Categories for performance range widely. For example, one team is required to design and construct a minimum of three devices that will play music. Another is to design, build and run a minimum of three vehicles to accomplish specific tasks.

The OLGC group elected the category entitled "Furs, Fins and Feathers." The goal is to create and present a humorous performance depicting the life of an ani-

mal from an animal's perspective.

They chose the monkey and the play tells the story of Bubba, a rain forest monkey trying to enjoy his birthday. Unfortunately, his day starts by him falling out of a tree and nearly being captured by a hunter.

It also depicts interaction with a porcupine, played by Ryan Johnson. The monkeys sing, dance, fall, flop, avoid capture and talk of eating bananas with chocolate covered ants.

All humor and acting aside, the program addresses serious social issues like forest preservation and animal rights. This, of course, is presented from the animal's view, an Odyssey requirement.

Daniel Palczynski played Bubba. His defense of the animal kingdom comes through lines like "We can live together, save the rainforest for everyone forever." Daniel said the play should send a message out to hunters and destroyers of the wildlife.

"Stop killing the animals and save the rainforest," he said.

The play is supposed to represent five factors of the animal's life — pride, hunger, curiosity, anger and human interaction.

One monkey, Banana Nut, played by Tom Lindquist, shows much monkey pride by saying "We can't let that hunter catch us because we are tough and smart."

The students pooled their ideas together and came up with Bubba's story. Regardless of their place of finish, Brian Genrich, a.k.a Funky Monkey, echoes the sentiments of his friends.

"It makes us feel good," he said.



Clockwise from left; Tom Lundquist, Brian Genrich, Kevin Savitskie, Daniel Palczynski and Ryan Johnson performed their play for their classmates Friday. Their skit took eighth overall at Saturday's competition (Crier photo by George Gentry)

# City, Twp. will merge fire depts.

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According to Miller, the agreement covers every facet of fire services for the community.

"The contract would merge the fire departments for a minimum of 10 years," Miller said. "It also provides regulations for a termination of the merger."

One of the possible sticking points of the agreement is that the Plymouth Township firefighter's union has to take special action for the merger to go through.

"The union has to agree to waive their rights under Public Act 78 (P.A. 78) for one time," Keen-McCarthy said. "I hope that the union will see that this merger is in the best interests of everybody."

P.A. 78 protects fire, police and other civil service employees from the whims of elected officials. It establishes a civil service commission that handles hiring, firing and discipline for civil servants. The commission also deals with seniority issues.

For the proposed merger, Township firefighters would have to waive those rights for one time because the two fire departments would be blending seniority lists.

"The unions looked over the agreement today," Miller said. "We hope to have this worked out before the public hearing."

Miller said that he was optimistic about the merger's ability to bring better service to the community.

"We'll be able to provide improved fire service at a lower cost," Miller said. "The benefits should be obvious to everyone."

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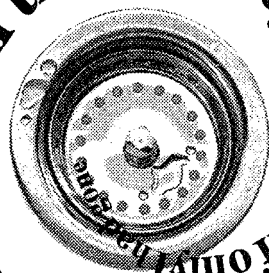
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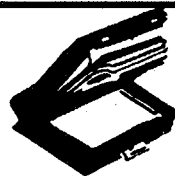
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

The Mayflower Hotel, long the victim of foundering business and ownership changes, has seen yet another move take place.

On Monday, Standard Federal sold its loan on the Mayflower to an investment corporation called Prophet LLC.

Mayflower spokesman Ron Wilson said the loan's sale will have no effect on the daily operations of the hotel, restaurant or conference center.

"This transaction occurred outside of our receivership duties," he said. "It has no bearing on the receivership status, nor will it effect the day-to-day operation at the Mayflower."

## Making a point: *City DDA encourages longer business hours*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Plymouth shopowners who close early on weeknights may come to find little reminders on their doorsteps.

Reminders from interested shoppers who wanted to shop when their store was closed. The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is trying to send them a message.

"Businesses in Plymouth will be more viable if they stay open longer," said the Director of the Plymouth DDA, Steve Guile.

He said that even though 75 per cent of the retailers in the city stay open late one night a week, that isn't enough.

Guile said that, by not conforming to the current trends of the retail marketplace, Plymouth businesses that keep daytime hours will lose business to the malls.

The reasoning is this, malls stay open until 9 p.m. making them accessible to people who can't shop during the day.

They are a convenient place to shop for people who work.

According to Guile, a rise in the number of working mothers and the diminishing number of stay-at-home mothers has changed the rules retailers have to live by.

"Back when most wives stayed home and did the shopping during the day, a 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. retail day made sense," Guile said.

"In the last 15 years there has been an enormous rise in the number of two-income families."

He said that businesses that close just as this group gets off work are the target of the DDA's flyers.

"They're designed to show how much business they're missing by closing early," Guile said. As a case in point, during the Plymouth Ice Spectacular, staying open late payed off for one



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Businesses that close early will be the target of these flyers printed by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, business despite the bitter cold.

"We were open until 10 p.m. over that weekend," said Owner of the Penniman Showcase Scott Smith.

"We made a third of our sales volume after the dinner hour."

According to Guile, it is that post dinner-hour traffic that Plymouth businesses are missing out on.

"During the warm months there are people browsing all around the park and going to the Penn Theatre," Guile said. "And businesses in Plymouth are missing those shoppers."

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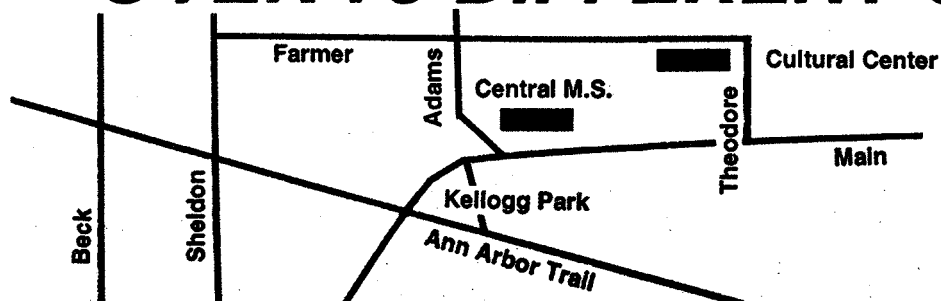
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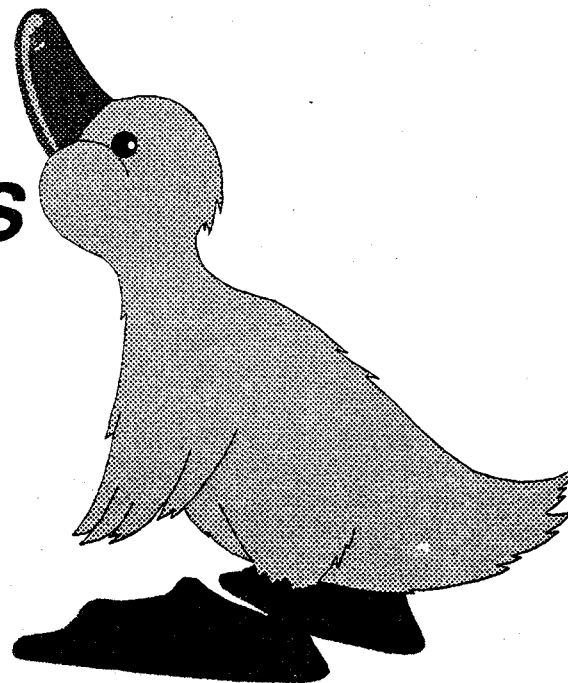
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# House site is also battle site

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rental property," Roberts said.

However, Owens challenged those arguments. Hredil informed Owens he had to keep the lot clean as a part of residing on the premises.

"I told him it was not my responsibility, but I did it anyway," Owens said. "I trimmed the trees and cleaned up the garbage the employees left under their cars. He never took anything off the rent. He told me if he had to sink any money into this house, he would tear it down."

Some residents have voiced concern about demolishing the house, stating the Old Village area needs to keep homes, not knock them down.

Plymouth resident Bill Wiercioch feels the house should be left standing and the parking lot idea taken somewhere else.

"I thought this was the City of Homes," he said. "Once you put in a parking lot, you lose the value of that

property," he said.

The house in question is located behind Wiercioch's. He said Solder Craft patrons and employees have parked on his property also, but it does not bother him. He feels the city should consider alternatives before the wrecking ball swings.

"There are so many other sites in this town that could be used for parking," he said. "They don't need to tear down a house, it's a nice house."

Wiercioch's sister-in-law, Susan, is adamantly against the rezoning, claiming Solder Craft has plenty of room and another lot would be an infringement on the residents of Spring, Amelia and Farmer Streets.

"Directly across the street from the proposed lot another lot stands vacant," she said.

"It was paved over for parking and I've yet to see a car or truck in it."

# Canton sets hearing on block grant

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other grant meetings.

"It's like a reverse grant," Martin said. "We already know how much money is involved, we just have to tell HUD how we plan to spend the money."

According to Martin, CDBG monies are for communities for the benefit of low and moderate income residents of the township. Congress assigns the funds and each community has to give a project list to HUD for approval.

Martin said that Canton has a citizen's board to decide the destination and use of the funds.

Martin said there is no rule that says that a community has to appoint a resident's council for CDBG funds. He said that only half of all communities who receive CDBG money have resident's councils. The one thing set in stone is the requirement for a public hearing on the destination of the funds.

"There has to be a public hearing," Martin said. "If there is a change or substitution in funding they will be able to hear about it."

The amount of money coming from HUD will be dispersed among Canton agencies.

The citizen's council, made up of five two-year seats, is comprised of

Chairperson Mary Jane Weidenbach, Susan Wooley, Warner Rautio, Jeff Smith and the Canton Board of Trustees was expected to name Rev. Chris Maus to the council last night.

Martin said that the funds would be available for use in the township on July 1.

# City spends grant \$\$

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for senior citizen nutrition programs; \$3,500 for Council on Aging programs; \$3,300 for CDBG grant administration and \$2,000 for Growth Works Youth Assistance Programs.

The Commission heard requests from residents as to how they felt future funding grants should be spent. Some citizens stated they felt an increase and overhaul of city parks would be the best way to spend the money.

The largest chunk of the block grant, \$30,000 for the Plymouth's master plan, could go into revamping that item. Mayor Douglas Miller said changes are necessary.

"The Master Plan needs to be updated, as does the funding," Miller said. "Right now, we are just looking for input for next year."



# Community deaths

## Raymond Gerlach, 79, accountant

Raymond T. Gerlach, a Canton resident who was an accountant for General Motors, died March 2, 1994, at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, Magdalen; son, James; and, sisters Eleanor and Susan. Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held Saturday at St. Theodore Catholic Church.

## Thorne Edward Allen, 75, union chairman

Thorne Edward Allen of Plymouth, a general chairman of the United Transportation Union, died March 4, 1994, at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, Theora; son, Dean; daughters, Nancy and Viola; sister Lou; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services were held Sunday at Vermuelen Funeral Home.

## William Yageman, 86, auto employee

William H. Yageman of Northville, who worked for American Motors for 25 years, died March 2, 1994, at the age of 86. He is survived by his son, Terry; and grandchildren Matthew and Sarah. Services were held March 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## Henry Kemmerling, Jr. 39, painter

Henry Kemmerling, Jr., a residential painter in Canton, died Feb. 27, 1994, at the age of 39. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; sons, Henry and Duane; parents Henry and Mary; brothers, George, Jeff, and Dwayne; sisters, Linda, Mary Jane, Diana and Pam. Services were held March 4 at the Vermuelen Funeral Home.

## Joyce Joan Baker, 64, clerk

Joyce Joan Baker, a pharmacy clerk from Carleton, died March 5, 1994, at the age of 64. She is survived by sons, Allen and Scott; daughter, Sandra; brothers, Robert and Harry; sisters, Ethel and Bette; and seven grandchildren. Services were held Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.



# Your Guide to Worship

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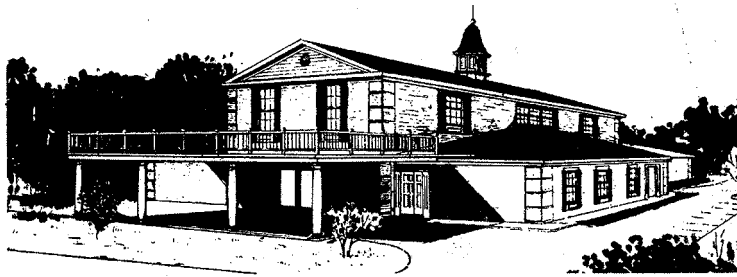
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### MOM'S THERAPY GROUP

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

### V.F.W. SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post #6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will give four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in the Plymouth-Canton schools. Applications for the scholarships should be sent to Kenneth Fisher, Chairman at Post #6695 V.F.W., 1426 S. Mill St, Plymouth, MI, 48170 no later than March 15. For more information, call Archie Bunch at 453-8771.

### UNITED WE STAND AMERICA

United We Stand America, Inc. will be holding a meeting at the Canton Public Library on March 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss ballot and statutory proposals and presentations by the MEA and chamber of commerce. For more information, call the library at 397-0999.

### PLYMOUTH BPW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women is taking applications for their Elizabeth J. Szilagy scholarship for women preparing to re-enter the business, educational, financial or technical fields. To apply, write to the EJS scholarship c/o Plymouth BPW, P.O. Box 5338, Plymouth, MI, 48170 by March 15. For more information, call 453-4845.

### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

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

### 6TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE CANTON DINNER DANCE

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### LIBRARY RED CROSS BABYSITTING PROGRAM

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

### CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

### INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

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

### LENT SERVICES

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

### GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

### ADULT DAY CARE

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

### ROAD TO RECOVERY

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

### PLYMOUTH ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

City of Plymouth Parks and Rec will be holding its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show on March 11, 12 and 13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 455-6623.

### SCHOOLCRAFT CONCERT

Schoolcraft College will bring classical pianist Anton Nel to the stage on March 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the College's Forum Building Recital Hall, F 530. The concert is free. For further information contact Schoolcraft's Music Department at 462-4400 Ext. 5218.

### SCHOOLCRAFT DINNER THEATRE

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

### SCHOOLCRAFT CULINARY CLASSES

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department is offering two cooking courses beginning March 15-17. There will be classes on American Regional Cooking and Advanced Hands-On Gourmet cooking. The fees are \$88 and \$760 respectively. In addition, students will also be required to purchase a professional knife kit and uniform. Call the Schoolcraft registration office at 462-4400 for more information.

### GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

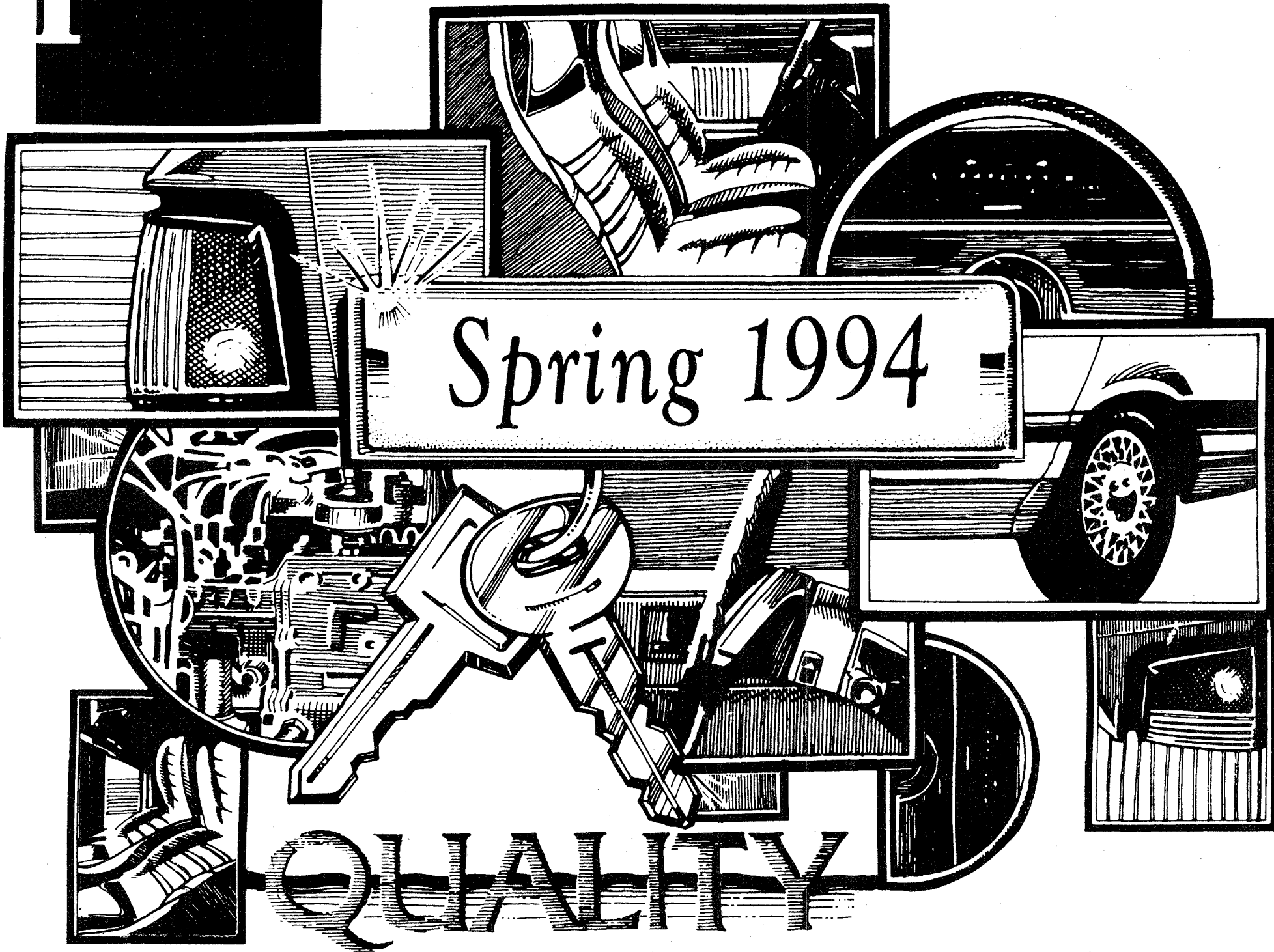
### BLOOD MOBILE HITS PLYMOUTH AREA

The American Red Cross will be in the Plymouth area March 21 at Plymouth Baptist Church on Ann Arbor Trail. They will be there from 8 to 2 p.m. For further information contact Stephanie Sturgis at 422-1425.

### NEW MORNING HOSTS ANNUAL AUCTION

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

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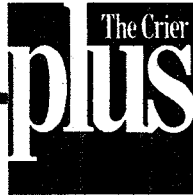
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5. Move front wheel off hose, discard flattened nozzle.
6. Bring bucket from garage, thoroughly clean all potting soil, sheep manure, peat moss, etc. from bucket with hose.
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13. After washing and rinsing both sides, spread dry towels on driver seat to soak up water, close driver window.
14. Wash rear of car, including bumper & license plate. Use 1" band-aid on index finger cut.
15. Wash grill front of hood & front bumper. Remove bugs, one by one, (omit during Jan. & Feb.) from hood with fingernail, Brillo pads or putty knife, using care not to mar finish.
16. Wipe car dry with clean chamois. Caution! If chamois is not new (\$9.00) it is not clean.
17. When car is dry, stop running back & forth like a nut with golf umbrella.
18. Return bucket to neighbor, borrow hand cream.
19. Fill kitchen sink & let chamois soak till next week, or place in freezer. Label to distinguish from homemade noodles.
20. Throw wet box of soap away after bottom falls out. Return towel to Holiday Inn.
21. Wash dirt, mud, cigarette butts, etc. off driveway, then off sidewalk, street, as far as hose will reach. Buy hose-end repair kit after pulling loose from spigot.
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# An ounce of prevention...

*The time to get your car detailed is before the onset of winter and the damage it can cause*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Now that the worst of the winter of 1994 is almost past us, it's time to survey the damage.

The roads are covered with new and dangerous potholes, snow and ice storms are giving way to mud and rain and your car has so much salt on it that it looks like a powdered doughnut.

The roads will be fixed by someone else, there's nothing you can do about the mud and

the weather but that car can be cleaned up in a jiffy if you go to the right place.

According to Dick Jowsey of Dick's Bonded Beauty Inc., spring is the biggest time of the year for detailing businesses and the altogether wrong time to get a car detailed.

"The best time to have a car detailed is before the winter starts," Jowsey said.

"People usually do it in the spring after the

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# ...and a pound of cure



At the first sign of agreeable weather, conscientious car owners in Plymouth head for a car wash to take some of the winter salt and grime off of their vehicles. At Main Street Auto Wash, customers can have their car washed, waxed and dried to a fine finish in less than five minutes. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



# Prevention

*The best time to save your car from road salt is before winter starts*

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damage is done."

Jowsey said that people have it in their heads that the time to care for their car's exterior is the spring.

"You can't change people, they think 'why clean the car before it gets dirty?'" Jowsey said.

"Their grandparents have been doing it that way and they'll do it too."

At Jowsey's shop, a car that comes in for a detailing gets two three-stage cleanings.

"We shampoo and steam extract (like a rented carpet scrubber) the carpet and upholstery," Jowsey said.

"Then we go over everything with a wet vacuum."

He said that he also offers applications of 3M Scotchguard for upholstery.

For the outside of the car, Jowsey uses one particular line of products for its shine

and luster.

"We go over the outside of the car with MacGuire's polish which is then machine-polished," Jowsey said.

"Then we go back with another coat and hand-held orbital polishers," Jowsey said.

"That gives the car a showroom luster."

Jowsey said that the last step was a hand polishing with Blue Coral polish.

He said that the final cost of the process hasn't changed for many years.

"For the average car, other than vans and Aerostars, the cost is about \$100," Jowsey said.

"The cost has been the same for the last 10 years."

He said that, because someone can open a detailing operation out of their garage, the price of detailing has always stayed low.



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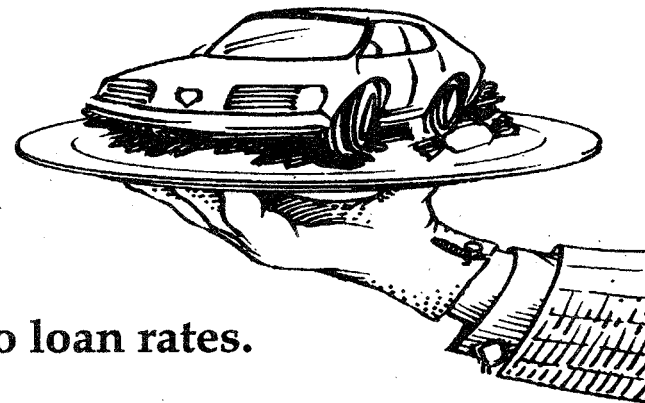
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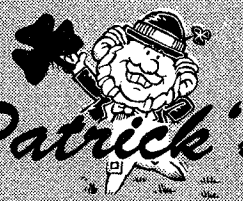
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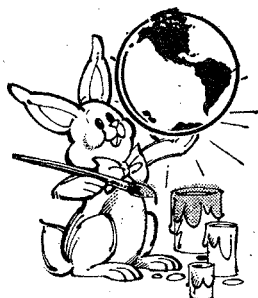
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# Chasm

## What to do when Grand River turns into the Grand Canyon

BY JEANNETTE PORTER

For the past couple of months, Michigan has been experiencing a great change in the weather compared to years past.

Jack Frost hasn't been nipping at just noses, but also at Michigan roads.

With the longer, colder winter, road conditions have taken a turn for the worse.

An increasing number of potholes are infecting Michigan roads everywhere.

Potholes are created by increased moisture and traffic. When roads become icy, salting is necessary.

As a result, the snow melts and water sinks into the pavement.

Once the water gets down there is has no place to go. When in refreezes, the water expands.

The expansion of the trapped water pushes up the pavement, in turn creating a crack.

When warmer weather arrives, thawing occurs near the surface.

The thawed water mixes with soil to form a soft mud which can not support the weight of the pavement, let alone the weight of vehicles.

Constant traffic breaks up the pavement creating potholes.

Earl Ollila, engineer of

Road Maintenance for the Wayne County Road Commission, reports that the department has used 6,000 tons of coal patch already this year.

"We patch all year long," said Ollila, "but the worst time is late fall because of the rains."

In terms of repairing the potholes Robert Mahoney, Wayne County director of roads said, "we'll be patching them as fast as we can."

Until then, motorists should beware of the damages which potholes may pose to their vehicle.

Potholes are responsible for flat tires and out of lined cars.

To prevent becoming a victim of the notorious potholes, the simple solution is to avoid them.

This is not always possible so the next best thing would be to get your car aligned before the winter.

Alignments are not like doctor appointments needed every six months.

Dennis Wheeler senior automechanic and owner of Denny's Service Center, recommends an alignment when necessary.

If your car should come out of line during the winter, wait until spring because you may hit another pothole and whack your car out of line a second time.

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# And last:

*Use this checklist as your own inspection guide*

BY JEANNETTE PORTER

With the end of the season drawing to a close, there are many things to look forward to besides warmer weather, including a trip to the auto service center.

Car problems may have existed prior to the season; however, the weather has certainly enhanced them to some degree.

Some common symptoms which prompt motorists to get a tune-up include wearing tires, hesitant breaks, steering out of alignment, and bad suspension system.

Dennis Wheeler senior automechanic and owner of Denny's Service Center, recommends an alignment when necessary. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

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# Chasm

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Contrary to popular belief, Mark Young of Goodyear tire center in Plymouth explained that a tune-up is necessary at different times of the year for each individual car.

A tune-up should not be scheduled according to the time of the year, but rather according to the mileage of the car or as problems arise.

As far as mileage is concerned, a tune-up is suggested at three thousand, six thousand, nine thousand, twenty-four thousand, and thirty thousand miles.

In terms of tire, break, and suspension maintenance, the following tune-up schedules have been suggested.

- At 3,000 miles the tires should be checked for pressure, wear and damage. The suspension system should also be checked for wear and alignment.

- At 6,000 miles the tires should be rotated and balanced as needed. In addition, brakes should be checked for wear and operation.

- At 9,000 miles a bounce test on the shocks and the struts is in order.

- At 24,000 miles the wheel bearings should be repacked and the grease seals changed.

A car in tune will alleviate further headaches which may lie further along the road. Keeping that in mind, if the suggested tune-up schedules are followed minimal problems will occur if any.

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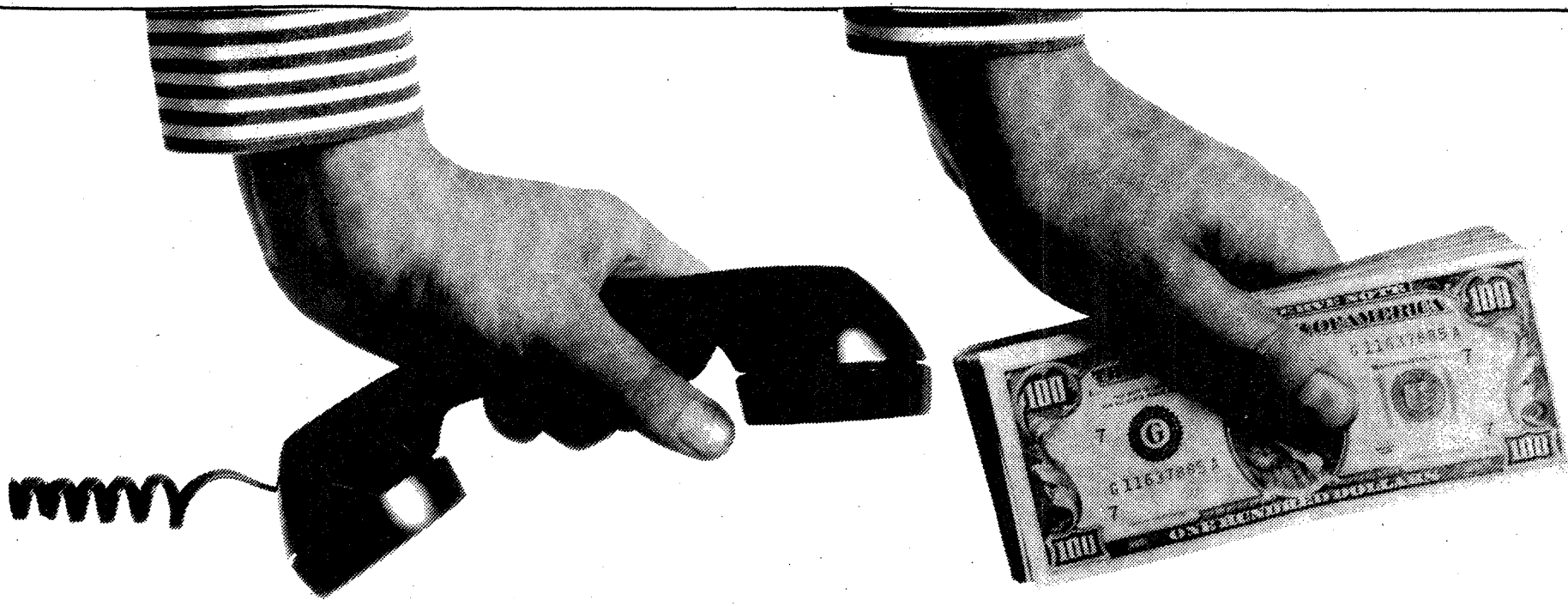
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### SALEM BASKETBALL CLINIC

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

### PLYMOUTH ROTARY MEETING

At the Friday meeting of the Plymouth Rotary, Dr. Guy Worthey, an astrophysicist from U of M, will discuss the July Jupiter Asteroid Crash. To attend as a guest, call Jacki at 451-7650.

### ST. THOMAS A' BECKET LENTEN MISSION

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

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCUSSED

WSDS, 1480 AM will be holding Sunday radio conversations about Christian Science. Sunday's broadcast will be "What does Christian Science say about sin?" at 7:30 p.m.. The program is produced by the Christian Science Committee on publication for Michigan.

### 1940'S RADIO HOUR

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

### MARCH MURDER MADNESS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring a Mysterious Dinner Theatre Saturday at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center. Tickets will be \$40. For further information contact the PCAC office at 455-5360 or Randy Lee at 459-5572.

### CONGREGATION BET CHAVARIM

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

### FISH OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON

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### THE WIZARD OF OZ

I Care will be bringing the classic movie "The Wizard of Oz" to the Penn Theatre March 19 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1. For more information, call Annette Kubeshesky at 416-2753.

### AN EVENING OF COMEDY

The Plymouth Community Chorus will present "An Evening of Comedy" with Norm Stultz at Fox Hills Country Club on March 17 at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call 455-4080.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

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

### SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council will hold their regular meeting on March 16 at the Tanger Center at 7 p.m. For more information, call 459-6258.

### AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING CLASS

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

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### NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet tomorrow at Mill Race at 7:30 p.m., the topic will be "Military Records and Documentation for the Genealogical Researcher." For more information, call 348-1857 or 380-0803.

### EASTER MUSICAL

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth will be holding an Easter musical on March 19 at 7 p.m. and on March 20 at 6 p.m., no tickets are required. For more information, call 453-5280.

### CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

### DOOR OPENING CELEBRATION

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on West Five Mile Road in Plymouth will be holding their door opening celebration on March 13 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 453-6390.

### MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

The Michigan Opera Theatre will be bringing "An Evening of Broadway Music" at the Canton Little Theatre with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Leonard Bernstein on March 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 455-9009 or 459-4971.

### BEGINNING CHEERLEADING

Canton Parks and Recreation will be offering beginning cheerleading classes for girls starting March 9. The fee for the class will be \$30. For more information about the class, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

### PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA

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

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1994/95 school year will be held March 7-11 for children five years old or older on Dec. 1, 1994. To register, parents must take the child's birth certificate, social security number and proof of immunization to the child's current attendance area. For registration information and questions about the process, call 451-3188.

### PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

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

### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be presenting its version of the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The play will run March 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12. Seats are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and kids. For more information, call the Theatre Guild at 454-0056.

### CANTON CAN!

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

### POLISH CELEBRATION

The Polish Centennial Dancers will perform at Churchill High School on March, 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. For more information contact Barb at 453-7161 or Linda at 427-2636.

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# Sports

## High and dry

### Proposed pool depth regulations could end high school swimming

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

High school swimming may be a thing of the past if rules proposed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and Michigan Department of Health are implemented.

MHSAA is recommending a minimum starting depth of 5 feet for competitive swimming and the Michigan Department of Health has legislation pending that will require a minimum starting depth of 6 feet 7 inches.

Which would make most pools in the state unusable for competition.

In fact, if the Michigan Department of Health legislation is passed, Plymouth-Canton High School Athletic Director Paul Cummings said the only pool in the state that would meet the minimum

starting depth would be the new pool at the University of Michigan.

"The health department recommendation is unreasonable," he said. "Competitive swimming has been around a long time.

"I don't know what the health department is basing their decisions on. There hasn't been any accidents that I am aware of."

Plymouth-Canton high school would meet the MHSAA 5 foot minimum depth for Canton and Salem high school, but other schools in the area would not be as lucky.

According to a survey compiled by the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies at Wayne State University, most school districts will have to change their

pool design to meet the rules, if they are passed.

Several of the schools polled said they would move the starting blocks to the deep end of the pool to comply with the regulations.

Other districts would not get off as easily.

When asked if the district would comply with the 5 foot starting depth, West Bloomfield school district said a bond was passed to redesign the pool lanes so the swimmers could start from the diving end and lengthen the pool two feet.

The financial impact may be great for many area schools.

When asked what the impact would be if the health department legislation were passed, Grosse Pointe school district said, "Renovation would cost over \$200,000 so we probably would be forced to move to the diving end of the pool and compete at 25 meters. The cost would be \$6,500."

Plymouth-Canton said, "We need some data on in-water starts before making that decision."

I believe common sense no longer exists as it relates to swimming pool depth."

## No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



## Everyone out of the pool

Just when the waters seemed safe the shark is back.

No, it's not the an advertisement for a new Jaws movie, it is the Michigan Department of Health and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Legislation has been drawn up by the Michigan Department of Health to make the minimum pool depth for starts in competitive swimming 6 feet 7 inches. The Michigan High School Athletic Association thinks 5 feet is deep enough for starts.

Although the MHSAA does not have authority to enforce the 5 foot minimum start depth for swimming, they have enough power in high school athletics to make it a nightmare for schools that don't comply.

In a letter from John Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA to principals and athletic directors of MHSAA member schools that sponsor swimming, Roberts said, "The Michigan High School Athletic Association has no authority to control the conditions of member schools' swimming practices (except the starting date)...Nevertheless, the MHSAA Representative Council is concerned enough about the potential of injury to students and the liability exposure for schools and the association..."

Ah, the liability exposure. Now we're getting to the bottom of this.

If the MHSAA says starts should be made in 5 feet of water, high schools should take heed. No high school wants a law suit.

I guess sports are just downright dangerous. When I was in high school, we had to stick little tags on the back of our football helmets that said the helmet would not protect the wearer from head injuries. No kidding. Where do all the lawsuits end?

Next will be tags on shoes that say, "The wearer of these shoes may trip, fall and be injured. The manufacturer assumes no responsibility for injuries or death when these shoes are worn." Sports can be dangerous. But they are also an important and fun part of our lives.

If George Gipp, "the Gipper" were alive today, I am certain he would not sue Notre Dame for a bruise on his head that he received playing football without a helmet.

## Leapin' to the top



Canton's Katy Gilles heads over the vault during Saturday's regional competition at Canton. Gilles took first. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

## P-C gymnasts dominate regionals

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Salem and Canton advanced to the state gymnastics tournament after strong performances at the regional meet Saturday at Canton.

Salem took first place at the regional competition with a score of 143.15. Canton took second with a 137.25.

Canton freshman Katy Gilles again won every event to take first place in the all around standings.

Gilles won the vault event with a 9.6, the uneven bars with a 9.2, the balance beam with a 9.35 and the floor exercise with a 9.55 to score a 37.70 for the day and qualify for the individual state competition in Division I.

Brie Wall also advanced to the individual state competition. Wall was third on the balance beam with an 8.6, eighth on the floor with an 8.75 and

sixth all around with a 34.10 in Division II.

"It was a good meet," said Canton coach John Cunningham, "but we had a terrible floor (exercise event).

"Luckily, we were comfortably in second place, but we can't afford that at state."

Salem again showed why they have a great shot at repeating as state champions.

Following Gilles from Canton, the Salem gymnasts took second through sixth place in the all around competition.

Melissa Hopson took second with a 36.80, Alysia Sofios was third with a 35.65, Sarah Makins earned a fourth place with a 35.30, Zoe Yockey was fifth with a 34.90 and Kristen Kosik was sixth with a 34.65.

## PCJB leagues now forming

The snow is melting, which means baseball season is not far behind.

Soon, the howl of the winter wind will be replaced by the crack of a bat hitting a ball.

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League is ready to kick off another season.

Registration begins Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Canton High School Cafeteria and continues Saturday, March 19 in the same location, at the same time.

The league is open to all Plymouth-Canton boys ages 7 to 15 and girls ages 7 to 16.

The teams will not be mixed. Boys' teams will compete against other boys' teams and the girls will play the girls.

Last season, approximately 2,200 kids participated in the program and John Lukina, one of the league's organizers said the program is expected to expand this year because of the growth in the Plymouth-Canton communities.

"This is a great opportunity for boys and girls to learn about the game of baseball and have fun at the same time," he said.

"We have always had a great turnout for the leagues. This year should be the same. We hope everyone interested gets involved in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League."

Flyers were passed out to all eligible students in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

The games will be held at the high school, Griffith Park, West Middle School and McClumpha Park.

Games will be scheduled Monday through Friday.

Adult help and umpires are also needed and should register at the times above.

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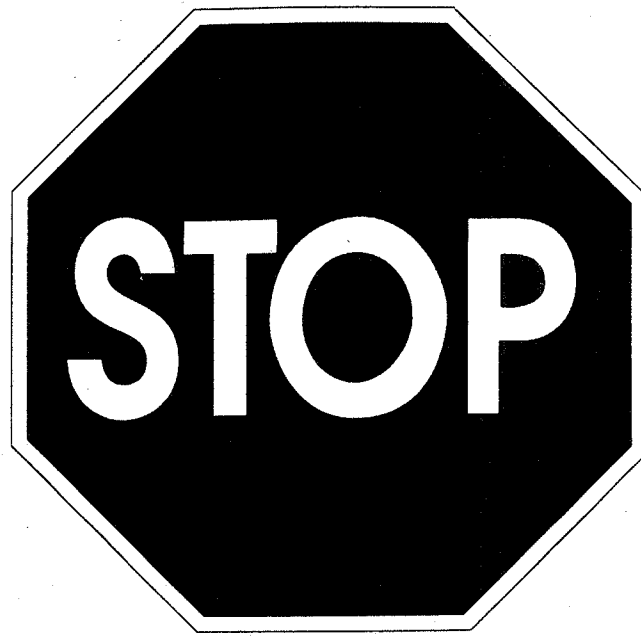
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Little Matthew even knew that was stupid.

Boy is Eric ever BIG.

## Curiosities

Joshua Calvin has more hair on his first day than Jeff has been able to grow over 2 years.

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## Curiosities

Ed: We have lots in common, I have as much artwork in storage as you have on your walls - and books and mineral collections! Thanks for sharing - DLA

Amy is going to get a Reading With Phonics set for her birthday. Then everyone will stop teasing her.

Carey The Traveling Swimmer.

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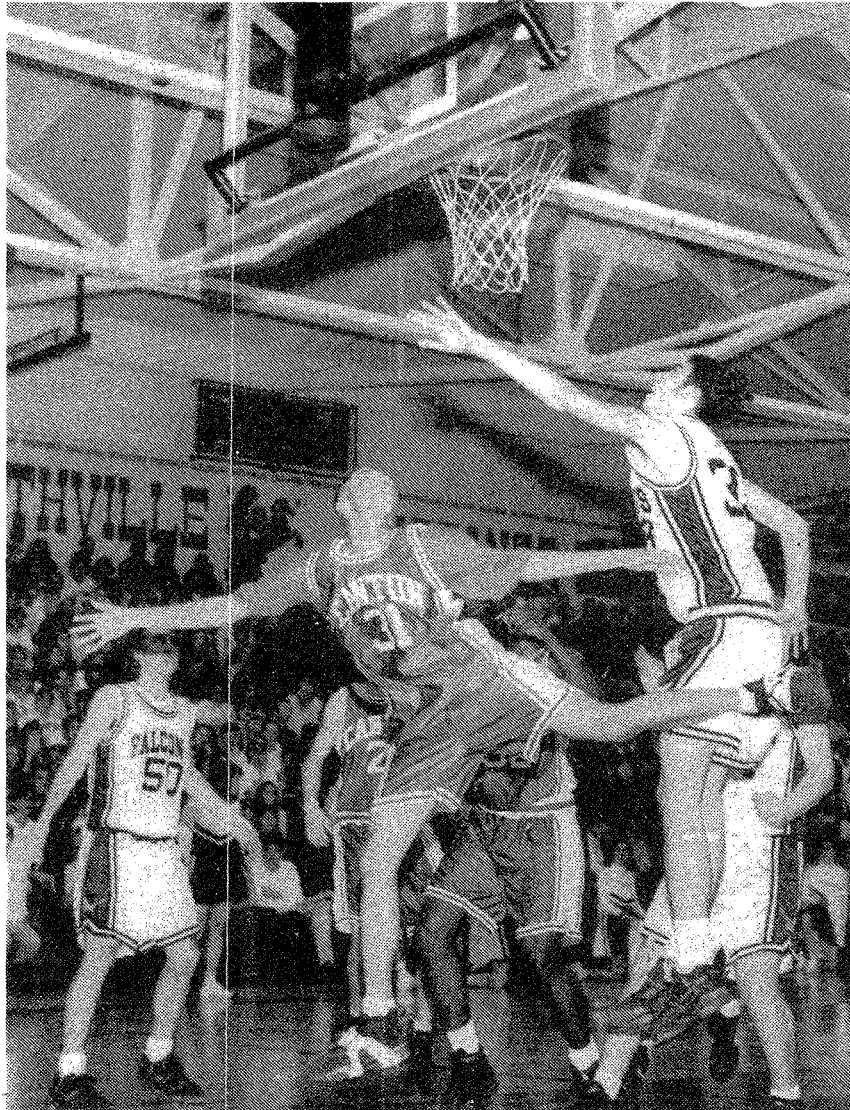
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## Playoff fever



Canton had two cracks at Northville in four days: Once on Friday (above) and again Monday night during the first round of the state high school playoffs — and the second time was worth more, as Canton walked away with a 73-65 victory to advance. Canton now faces its in-district rivals, Salem, tonight at 7:30 at Northville High School. Crier photo by George Genrty.)

## Hough School moves closer as new Mettetal's new home

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After meetings with the Canton Plymouth Mettetal Airport Citizen's Advisory Committee, historic Hough School is closer to moving to a new home at Mettetal Airport.

At last Thursday's meeting of the citizen's committee Barbara Bergenty, chair of the Hough School committee in the advisory board, said that Canton was helping to pave the way for the move.

"The board of trustees said they would waive the water and sewer hook-up fees," Bergenty said, "if we can move the school."

According to Bergenty, the movement of the school hinges on who will take responsibility for the one-room schoolhouse. Back when it was still being used as a school, members of the original Mettetal family attended classes there.

"The state has concerns about the upkeep of the school," Bergenty said. "They don't want to have to be responsible for the school."

She said that Canton's Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik would help her and the Canton Historical Society draft a proposal for the move to take to the state. The proposal will have to be comprehensive.

"The state wants specific plans," Bergenty said. "If everything isn't accounted for they won't pay any attention to the proposal."

Everything else is almost accounted for. Even the current owner of the school and the land that it sits on will be happy to see things resolved.

Bergenty said the cost of transporting the school has been bid as low as \$6,000 and as high as \$13,000.

The school, once moved to the airport and renovated for use, would serve as a multi-purpose meeting room, which the airport does not have now.

In other news, Mettetal's Manager Randy Collier said that the search for the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) will be going into high gear during the month of March.

## Boards of Review continue to meet

As of yesterday, Plymouth, Canton and Plymouth Township residents began meeting with their respective Boards of Review officials to appeal their property assessments.

Turnout is expected to be heavy. Plymouth Twp. Finance Director Rosemary Harvey said her office began taking appointments on Monday, Feb. 28. By that Wednesday, all appointments were full.

Plymouth Township residents can begin meeting with the board on March 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.; March 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; March 16, 5-9 p.m.; March 17, 2-9 p.m.; and March 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Plymouth residents can meet with the board beginning March 8, 12:20-6 p.m.; March 9, 3-9 p.m.; March 10, noon-6 p.m.; March 15, 3-9 p.m.; March 16, noon-6 p.m.; and March 17, 3-9 p.m.

Board of Review meetings in Canton begin March 8, from 1-5 p.m.; March 9, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; March 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (walk-in); March 14, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.; March 16, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.; and March 17, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. (walk-ins and appointments).

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"EVEN IF YOU'RE ON the right track, you'll get run over by standing still." Will Rogers

Law school is merely a 3 year discussion that "HUMPTY DUMPTY WAS PUSHED."

Adam, carrier on Route 18A: Keep up the good work!

Cheryll: I don't think Cream ever recorded a song called "Your puppy has gone down the hear grate," but I'll check & let you know...M



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# Community opinions

## Vote 'no' on Proposal A

*There's a third choice that could mean the difference for Michigan's future*

When voters go to the polls Tuesday to decide the fate of Michigan's tax future, they will be faced with the poorest excuses for change ever foisted on the public — and this includes *both* the ballot proposal *and* the fallback plan.

Unfortunately, there is no third choice.

Or is there?

Certainly, if voters say "yes" to Proposal A, a 50 per cent increase in the state sales tax and a cap on assessments will be etched in constitutional granite. But the rest of the proposal and the entire fallback plan are completely statutory and administrative in makeup; everything can be changed either by the Legislature or by the governor and/or both.

And therein lies the third option:

1. Vote "no" on Proposal A.
2. Accept the fallback plan *temporarily*.
3. Demand that the Legislature and governor come back with a bipartisan plan that truly corrects the inequities in the old system without creating a new level of class warfare.
4. Or else...remember them in August and November.

Of course, any reasonable person would question whether this is possible — but the answer lies in the "or else" component of the plan: This year finds every lawmaker plus the governor himself up for re-election!

As a result, by holding Lansing's collective feet to the political fire during the next seven months, Michigan taxpayers can *demand* a completely rewritten tax proposal for a March 1994 ballot — if not sooner. Or else.

Or else throw out every bum who doesn't sign off on a plan (*before* August) that works for the state — the *entire* state — and not just one sector over another.

And what should that proposal be?

The ideas are already out there; a review of the bi-partisan plan that nearly made it into law last fall is a good place to start. In fact, both Proposal A and the fallback plan have elements that are worth considering

**Polls in The Plymouth-Canton Community open  
Tuesday at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.**

as part of the same package.

For starters, any new plan must have revenue stability, and sales taxes are the least stable of the

three possible major revenue sources: income, property and sales. To employ a plan with a shaky financial underpinning begs for fiscal disaster down the road.

Secondly, homeowners must be protected from the destructive powers of assessments spiraling out of control. But rather than manipulate the marketplace by creating artificial caps on assessments (that, when released at the time of a land sale, will send the new assessment skyrocketing and create a double whammy with the new real estate transfer tax), consider altering the very foundation of our property tax system:

Change the State Equalized Valuation figure: Make it 30 per cent instead of 50 per cent of actual market value. Make it whatever is necessary to offset the unnatural pressures on assessments.

Third, don't play one socio-economic group off another by pitting a progressive income tax on the one hand against a regressive sales tax on the other — and then tiering property taxes according to land use. Create a level — stable — tax playing field that is good for homeowner, renter, farmer, business owner and vacationer alike.

Finally, install other tax provisions that have obvious secondary benefits, such as the increase on cigarette taxes: If the result is a drop in smoking, then any loss in tax revenue would surely be made up in lower health-related costs to business and society in general.

The bottom line is that Proposal A is a bad idea — as is the statutory fallback plan. The solution, however, is not to blindly accept A or B, but conditionally live with "B" for one year while Lansing goes to work on option "C."

"C," as in the *correct* tax solution for Michigan.

A solution that can't be found in either "A" nor "B."

Vote "no" on Proposal A.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

### Expected school property tax savings under both Proposal A and the fallback plan

Municipality	Current total millage	P-C school operating mills	Remaining mills (total minus P-C)	w/6 mill Prop. A	% tax cut	w/12-mill fallback	% tax cut	w/24 mill biz tax	% tax cut
Canton	58.06	33.3107	24.7493	30.7493	47%	36.7493	37%	48.7493	16%
Plymouth	61.49	33.3107	28.1793	34.1793	44%	40.1793	35%	52.1793	15%
Ply. Twp.	52.22	33.3107	18.9093	24.9093	52%	30.9093	41%	42.9093	18%

Column 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9

#### To use this chart, find your community and read across:

**Column 1:** is your current total property tax millage rate (each mill is equal to \$1,000 SEV).

**Column 2:** is the Plymouth-Canton School District's operating millage — neither plan affects bond millage.

**Column 3:** is the millage that remains after the district's operating millage is subtracted — the essence of Senate Bill 1, which eliminated property taxes as a source of operating revenue for schools.

**Column 4:** would be your new total millage rate as a homeowner under Proposal A.

**Column 5:** reflects your property tax cut under Proposal A.

**Column 6:** would be your total millage rate under the fallback plan.

**Column 7:** would be your tax cut under the fallback plan.

**Column 8:** would be the tax rate under both plans for all businesses and non-homestead property, such as vacation or second homes.

**Column 9:** is the property tax savings for such companies and individuals.



# Community opinions

## Let us pray

*There's one person in town who could really use our support*

Hello P-C,

As I shook hands to leave, he chuckled and said only "pray for me."

Which seems rather surprising, considering he stands well over 6 feet tall and looks capable of taking on any challenge.

But he knows that size alone isn't going to help him in this one.

As the officer in charge of the Plymouth Post Office, Joe Bradley has his hands full; put there last summer, Joe's job has been to bring stability to one corner of what has become a hotbed of unrest in the labor world: The U.S. Postal System.

And the Plymouth center is no different — only smaller.

In fact, so bad did things become last year, that longtime Postmaster John Mulligan was sent away for training — and has since been working at the Pickney Post Office.

The same office Joe Bradley left to come here.

But does Joe see Mulligan as the problem — and his own arrival as the solution?

"They just needed someone to point a finger at," he said, looking around the back shop of the center on Beck Road.

"The problem started between the old management system and the union," he said, holding his hands at odds, "and it's not getting much better."

With that in mind, Joe says he been given some flexibility in operating the two Plymouth centers, but that the demands of the job are difficult to overcome.

Between a heavy workload and short staffs, tempers can often flare — not only at work, but also at home.

"People are missing time with their families," Joe said, glancing at one woman answering a phone nearby.

As a result, he's already hired more than a dozen new employees, but it's still not enough.

In fact, the new workers, ironically, only serve to further

## Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



crowd an already cramped facility.

Stunningly, when the Beck Road center was opened, it was already too small to handle the growing postal load from bustling Plymouth and the Township.

And Joe doesn't like the way it's laid out, either: He talks of tearing out the existing landscaping ("it's terrible") and creating a new entrance way to the south.

But none of these cosmetic touch-ups will solve the real problems.

When asked, somewhat tentatively, if there were problems in Plymouth on the scale of a Royal Oak — the post office that had the dubious distinction of having a postal worker kill the postmaster — Joe nodded solemnly.

In the next breath, though, he said there was no particular employe he could point to; the overall situation was the issue — but his face nevertheless showed the concern of someone who dreaded the worst.

Still, he tries to stay positive and take the kinds of actions he thinks could defuse the situation — promoting teamwork, presenting a friendly face and a positive attitude.

But he realizes it's an uphill battle: Just before he came to Plymouth, his boss wished him luck — he was going to need it — but Joe just accepted it as a light-hearted jab.

Now he knows it was serious.

"Pray for me."

## Boosters defend PCEP Marching Band's activities

EDITOR:

We are writing in response to a letter to you printed in the Feb. 16 Crier under the heading, "Marching band needs to step out more."

In his letter, Kevin Dault asks the question, "Can anyone tell me which high school marching band marches in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade?"

He goes on to complain that the Plymouth-Canton band does not perform enough in its community.

Hopefully, most people who have attended the parade have recognized "The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band" which has enthusiastically marched and played in it for years.

Mr. Dault, we are sorry that you have not recognized us. Maybe our uniforms have confused you.

As we represent both high schools in Plymouth-Canton, our uniforms are red, white and blue, showing the colors of both Salem and Canton.

Since we include new incoming members who are still in middle school, as well as graduating seniors in that parade, we have more members than uniforms so our seniors wear a different color for that event.

Perhaps if you came to some of our other performances in the community you would recognize us better. Every Friday

night during football season we can be seen at halftime on the football field.

This is twice as many performances as other high school bands, since we are performing for two schools' football teams.

Perhaps you didn't know that Plymouth-Canton is the host for a competition of marching bands from around the area when it hosts the annual "Great Lakes Invitational" in October.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Educational Park for a great marching band show, always featuring our own "Plymouth-Canton Band" at the conclusion.

Also, usually the community has been entertained by the band at the annual Fall Festival, until last fall when due to the millage defeat, our band was not sure of its existence.

Additionally, Mr. Dault, the PCEP Band can be seen every February at an entertaining variety show put on by very talented students at the high schools.

Have you ever attended? It is called "Variety Is," and I'm sure you would find it a very enjoyable evening.

If you haven't caught the band performing at various high school rallies, or at the train departure of President Bush, perhaps you would like to come over to the school every day, September through

November, between 2:45 and 5 p.m. where you will see (band members) practicing.

Again on Saturday morning, starting at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. you will find them there practicing some more.

After that, the kids grab dinner then board buses to get to a competition somewhere, returning late that night or the next day.

Yes, we need community support for this highly accomplished and nationally recognized band!

These are kids who deserve your pride. They are wonderful, positive examples of the future of our country, and they represent our community extremely well.

They set high goals and work very hard to achieve them. They are dedicated and talented youngsters who, even with their demanding band schedule, do very well in school.

Believe me, they do serve their community in more ways than you, Mr. Dault, obviously know. We are proud to support a group which exemplifies such high ideals!

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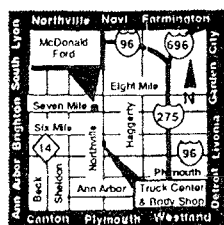


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