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- The Plymouth Historical Museum will be the focus of some unique auto-related events on Thursday and Friday: a presentation on the impact of the car on American society, and a look at the Ford Mustang 30 years later — see story on pg. 10.

THE WEEKEND

- On Friday, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will be performing the works of Mozart and Mahler at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church — see story on pg. 10.
- On Saturday, East Middle School will host a juried arts and craft show — more on pgs. 10, 23.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.
- The first of three second-round superintendent interviews will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth-Canton school board office — see story on pg. 1.

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Supt. search narrows to 3

Denisar, Little and Monson make school board cut

BY CRAIG FARRAND

And there were three.

The Plymouth-Canton school board Monday night cut by half its list of superintendent candidates, and will begin interviewing the first of its three finalists Tuesday night.

In a nearly unanimous vote, the board selected Charles Little, superintendent of the Hamburg (NY) School District; Robert Monson, superintendent of the Westwood (MA) School District; and S. Gene Denisar, superintendent of the North Kansas City (MO) School District, to come back for second interviews.

Not making the "cut" were Ronald Jandura, Gary Hughes and Louis Giannunzio, superintendents of the St. Cloud (MN), Durand (MI) and Marshall (MI) school districts, respectively.

A seventh candidate — Reginald Nolin, superintendent of the Duluth (MN) School District — withdrew his name from consideration before the interviews began.

The second round of questioning will begin with Denisar on Tuesday at 7 p.m., followed by Little on April 21 and Monson on April 26.

Each of the formal public interviews — which is expected to last three hours — will be preceded by a day and a half of district tours and meetings with district personnel and community leaders.

In addition, a one-hour public reception is scheduled for 4 p.m. at the board office on each interview day. (See box.)

According to the board's own timetable, the selection of the successor to long-time Supt. John Hoben is expected to come on May 16, following a visit to the prime candidate's home district by three board members in early May.

Making the trip to that district will be board President Roland Thomas and Trustees David Artley and Carl Battishill.

Hoben will retire June 30 after 23 years at the helm.

Monday night, the board spent two hours discussing the strengths and relative weaknesses of each of the six applicants, and settled on the three after also hearing from 10 members of the 17-person citizens search committee, who also sat in on the first round of the candidate interviews.

Of the three men, Little was seen by the board as the most pass-
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S. GENE DENISAR
superintendent, North Kansas City (MO) School District



CHARLES LITTLE
superintendent, Frontier Central School District (NY)



ROBERT MONSON
superintendent, Westwood (MA) School District

Hearing airs out concerns over fire merger

BY JOHN HORN

Residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township met with their respective officials last week in an effort to discuss the proposed merging of their fire departments.

The public hearing was called to answer questions and hear comments from citizens regarding the merger.

Such a consolidation would create a unified fire department working from three fire stations in the township and a ambulance station at what is now Fire Station No.1 on Main Street.

The marriage is designed to reduce

The city, Twp. fire merger in a nutshell

The proposed merger of the Plymouth and Plymouth Township fire departments would move fire fighting equipment to the three township fire stations — on Ann Arbor, Wilcox and Beck roads. The city fire station, located on Main, would house the ambulance service.

The consolidated force would have 15 full-time and 55 part-time firefighters, three lieutenants, three captains, one administrative assistant, one assistant chief and one chief. All firefighters will be Plymouth Township employees. Equipment replacements and other costs will be split 70-30, with the township picking up the larger part of the tab.

expected costs over the next ten years and eliminate wasteful fire coverage overlapping.

City Manager Steven Walters said the plan would not compromise the level of service.

"All services must be comparable," he said. "It will be treated as one geographic region."

City and township officials have agreed the merger would reduce equipment costs throughout the next decade. Large equipment purchases will be split by the two.

Walters previously stressed the city could reduce expenditures by approximately \$1.3 million over that term.

Some residents, however, feel the two communities need to see a higher priority over bottom-line cost reductions.

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Hearing centers on fire merger

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Plymouth Township resident Eugene Sund feels the governmental units are getting away from that philosophy.

"The main responsibility here is to save lives," Sund said. "This merger would substantially dilute services and the ability save lives."

Sund also let Walters know he feels the city commission is not being honest with citizens.

"If the people realized how you have sold them out, I'm sure you would have a lot of people after your head," Sund said.

Walter responded to the accusation by saying, "I don't think any of us are trying to fool the taxpayers."

Plymouth Township's Cameron Lodge echoed the same sentiments.

"You can buy all the equipment you want, but you can't do a thing without the people," Lodge said.

Township and city officials have recognized some disadvantages to the plan. Unfortunately, due to current union negotiations, some of those disadvantages could not be discussed.

According to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, one impediment to the merger is firefighters will have to blend seniorities. Members may see a limit in vacation date availability as well as increased competition for promotions.

"If you have 12 years experience and seven firefighters come in from the City with 13 years, you get bumped down," she previously said. "That is not fair."

To smooth out the transition, union officials must temporarily waive Public Act 78. That act would require city firefighters to come in as new employees, subjected to probationary status and lower seniority ranking. The Township is asking to union to put the act on hold so City firefighter can come in on a fair note.

Ambulance firm says 'no problem'

Residents concerned about the merger's effect on ambulance service for the area need not worry, according to Huron Valley Ambulance Executive Director Dale Berry.

"Under the plan, our operating services will be no be different," Berry said.

The only change associated with the merger is HVA will move from the old Station No.2 on Spring in Plymouth, to the City Hall location on Main. HVA will retain services at Station No.3 on Beck Road in Plymouth Township.

The merger, Berry feels, should not be a problem with response times. He said residents should be more concerned about the trains than anything else. CSX consistently delays motorists, including ambulances.

"Our biggest problem is the when the trains are across the tracks," Berry said. "We get slowed down by the trains maybe a half dozen times a year."

If the union makes a speedy decision on P.A. 78, the merger could be signed into action as soon as early- to mid-July.

Another point of contention is response time to fire and medical emergencies and the location of fire equipment like pumper trucks and aerial ladders. That equipment would be spread out among the three fire stations in the Township.

Bob Johns, a Plymouth volunteer, believes the city should have some equipment within its limits.

"Our feeling is that we need at least one pumper in the city," he said. "There are two fairly new pumpers in the city, I don't see why you can't leave one there."

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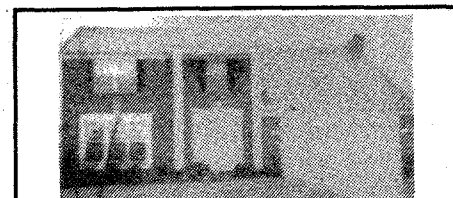
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School board faces possible lawsuit over new guidelines

BY CRAIG FARRAND

In a heated atmosphere Monday night, and with more than a dozen students and activists in the audience, the Plymouth-Canton school board approved a new set of guidelines that would prohibit the dissemination of published material by students without prior district approval.

And that action already has prompted the threat of a legal response by an attorney representing a high school student suspended for doing just that.

In addition, a lawyers' committee of the American Civil Liberties Union met yesterday afternoon to discuss

ACLU may file 'friend of the court' brief in support of suit

the possibility of filing a "friend of the court" brief on behalf of the student.

The new guidelines approved by the board expressly prohibit the distribution of material that the district finds offensive, libelous, indecent or that could incite violence.

To that end, it requires that all material be submitted to a school principal in advance for review. Failure to

comply with the guidelines would result in suspension.

But for Melissa Greene, that suspension already has come and gone.

The Canton High School student was given a five-day suspension for distributing fliers calling for a student walkout in protest of neo-Nazi "skinhead" activities at the PCEP campus.

Greene was suspended a second time after she rejected a detention order; a detention order she ignored when she left school after being punched by a "skinhead" and fearing for her own safety.

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How did the six supt. candidates compare?

Each candidate was asked the same set of core questions by the Plymouth-Canton school board. Some of those questions could be summed up as follows:

What kind of superintendent are you?

Denisar: "...a take-charge person who consults with the board."

Giannunzio: "...someone who share the credit and the problems and the decision-making process."

Hughes: "...a person who works to build trust and be a good communicator."

Jandura: "...a facilitator and empowerer."

Little: "...a listener and a marketer."

Monson: "...someone who asks the right questions."



GENE DENISAR

Why do you want to leave your current position and come to Plymouth-Canton?

Denisar: "Because (P-C's) a good school district. My peers have said that my personality and administrative style might fit the needs of Plymouth-Canton... and I kind of feel it's time for a change; I get re-energized with new challenges."

Giannunzio: "The bottom line is that Plymouth-Canton has got a good reputation; it's a bigger district, which means a bigger challenge. It's also an opportunity to impact more children."

Hughes: "What Plymouth-Canton is doing is very appealing to



LOUIS GIANNUNZIO



GARY HUGHES

too long and get a sense of complacency. Here I see things I could do in five years that took me 11 years to do where I am."

Little: "I see this (opportunity) as a match of my skills and abilities with those of the district; that the district's philosophy matches my own. Not that I want to leave, but I look at this as a professional advancement; it's also a matter of timing."



RONALD JANDURA

good fit. There's nothing broken here, and I'm not interested in fixing things, but in building on what you already have."

What's the key to providing a good education for our children?



CHARLES LITTLE

instructional impact on our kids."

Hughes: "If we don't empower our staff, we can't enable our students; we need to create exit outcomes and then drive everything toward those outcomes."

Jandura: "We need to instill a sense of curiosity, a love of learning, of lifelong learning and (establish the value of) intrinsic rewards."



ROBERT MONSON

me; it's going in the direction I see myself going as a superintendent. I have mixed emotions, but I look at Plymouth-Canton and see growth, rather than continued cutbacks."

Jandura: "It's a chance to start over. Often times you can stay

me; it's going in the direction I see myself going as a superintendent. I have mixed emotions, but I look at Plymouth-Canton and see growth, rather than continued cutbacks."

Monson: "I see this as a good alignment, a

good fit. There's nothing broken here, and I'm not interested in fixing things, but in building on what you already have."

Giannunzio: "Our top priority always has to be those issues that help the young person — with the goal being success for all."

Little: "Education has to move faster or else we'll be passed by the Mazdas of the world; we need to be more global."

Monson: "We need to help our kids learn how to solve problems, reason ethically and act morally."

City OKs application for federal grant money

ISTEA funds are eyed for 'streetscape' plan

BY JOHN HORN

With its on-again, off-again pace, funding for the downtown Plymouth streetscape could be on, yet again.

City commissioners last week approved the submission of an application for Intermodal Service Transportation Act (ISTEA) funds. Those grants total \$433,840.

City Manager Steven Walters said those funds will be utilized to complete necessary infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk, curb and street surface reconstruction.

"What this does is define a segment that meets general requirements, which in this case, is the Main Street project," Walters said.

The Main Street project of the streetscape includes improvements along Main between Church and Wing Streets.

Walters said ISTEA funds can only be used for certain aspects of the improvements, not necessarily replacements. Scheduled for a face lift are sidewalks, curbs and street surfaces.

"It is basically for improvements only," Walters said. "The replacement of curbs and lights are not eligible under ISTEA."

The funding ball could soon be rolling, with the approval of the \$433,840, as \$108,460 can be matched by local funds. Walters added the city would provide an additional \$590,370 for the Main Street project.

If the ISTEA funds are not obtained, the streetscape would have to rely on the bond issue only, since the Downtown Development Authority has no other funding sources available.

Grants are awarded in the early summer and cannot be used until the fall., DDA Director Steve Guile said.

ISTEA grants were born from the federal government regulatory stance on gas companys. Guile said the State Department of Transportation, under fed-

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School superintendent search narrows to three

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sionate, with Trustee Jack Farrow actually concerned that Little's will "burn himself out, or burn someone else out" because of his aggressive personality.

Still, Trustee Barbara Graham called Little an "outstanding person; (someone) with all the qualifications and capabilities we're looking for."

And Trustee David Artley may have summed up the feelings of most of the board and members of the committee when he said: "I don't think any of the six blew our socks off, but Chuck came the closest."

Likewise, the board had high praise for Denisar: Trustee Carl Battishill said he was particularly impressed with the candidate's method of prioritizing needs in his current school district and "how he got very animated when speaking about kids."

"He would sit back and talk about all these other issues," Battishill said, "but when he began talking about kids, he moved up on the edge of his seat."

In turn, Trustee Les Walker called Denisar an "excellent, excellent candi-

Eight candidates file for three board seats

A total of eight residents have successfully filed petitions to run for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on June 13.

Of those eight, five are running for the two seats being vacated by Trustees Les Walker and Carl Battishill — both of whom have decided not to seek re-election.

The remaining three are running for the final year of former Trustee Dean Swartzwelter's term, which is currently

held by Trustee Sue Feiten.

Running against Feiten for the one-year term Valerie Green of Plymouth Township, and Carolyn Bradley of Canton.

Running for the two four-year terms are Stephen Kiljanczyk, Susan Davis, Carol Bollman, Peggy Kalis and Mark Horvath.

The candidates have until tomorrow at 4 p.m. to withdraw their names from the ballot.

date," and a "risk-taker" and said he liked Denisar's "self-confidence... with humility."

Monson also got high marks from each of the trustees, with Sue Feiten describing him as a man with a "clear, god vision for education and children; (a man) with a real passion for the betterment of mankind."

Board President Roland Thomas, who saved his comments for last, called the candidate "a very progressive person who would challenge the board and the dis-

trict."

In the next breath, however, Thomas questioned whether Monson's Ivy League pedigree — he had been a visiting fellow at nearby Harvard University — and his "intellectual approach" would be accepted in the community.

In the board voting, only Graham wavered from the near-unanimous selection of the three finalists: she selected Hughes instead of Monson as one of her

three, but agreed with her colleagues on Denisar and Little.

In comparison, of the 10 citizen committee members who spoke out during the meeting, nine gave their preferences for the three finalists. And of those selections, all but two were cast for the same three: Denisar, Little and Monson.

The decision by the board came after four days of interviews with all six candidates; interviews that lasted until nearly 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

During the sessions, each candidate was asked identical questions that probed the applicant's management style, educational vision, goals, successes and failures.

On hand for each of the sessions was the 17-member citizens committee, members of which supplied the school board with their individual perceptions of each candidate's traits and potential "fit" in the district.

Those reviews were compiled Saturday afternoon and given to board members to use as part of their assessment.

Canton prepares for annual giveaway of 7,000 seedlings

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Now that the winter's frost is losing its hold on the Michigan soil, Canton would like its residents to put something in place of the ice and snow.

They would prefer that it be a tree, and to sweeten the deal the township will provide the trees to do the job.

Once again, Canton Township will be holding its annual Seedling Giveaway on April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Canton residents can pick up five seedlings per family. First come, first served.

There will be Amur Maple, Black Walnut, Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Austrian Pine, Red Oak and White Pine seedlings on hand at the giveaway.

According to Canton's Landscape Architect Paula Preston Bratto there will be a lot of trees to be had.

"We'll have 7,000 seedlings to give away," Preston Bratto said. "They'll be between six and 18 inches tall."

According to Preston Bratto, those residents who want a seedling should make plans to show up early.

"We almost always run out before the giveaway is over," Preston Bratto said. "If there are any leftovers they can be

picked up at the front desk (of the Municipal Building)."

There will also be a "houseplant exchange" where residents can swap rooted cuttings of their favorite plants.

A master gardener will be on hand at the giveaway to give people tips on how to best plant their new seedlings and clippings.

Preston Bratto said that the spring and fall are the best times to plant a seedling.

Preston Bratto said that the success of the seedlings depends on the care given to them.

"Success varies, but because they are seedlings they have to be planted immediately," she said. "If you take care of them and keep them watered they usually take root and do just fine."

"If you aren't caring for them and you let the roots get dry, that's it," Preston Bratto said, "The seedlings have bare roots."

The Seedling Giveaway is a production of the Canton Beautification Committee. The seedlings were purchased from the Wayne County Soil Preservation District out of beautification committee funds.

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Canton awards contract for center

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Two of Canton Township's major community projects — the Summit on the Park and the streetscape project along Ford and Sheldon Roads — for the coming years are expected to cost much less than anticipated.

At last week's meeting of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, the board awarded bids to contractors for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Summit on the Park com-

munity center.

According to Canton's figures, both bids fall below the expected costs for the projects.

According to the Canton Township agenda, Wayne Oakland Contracting, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder for Canton's Streetscape project (\$1,714,150).

The project was originally estimated to

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The University of Dayton has released the names of local residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of the 1993-94 academic school year.

The following students were named to the Dean's List.

Lynette Root, Jacob Drouillard, Micheal McClellan, Renee LaForest, Kate Weigand, Sarah Imrick, and Stacey Weidman.

Ferris State University has released the names of the Fall graduates for the 1993-94 academic school year.

The following local area residents were among the graduates: Jason Birkby, Tara Gonyea, Alexis McErlain, Susan Regina, and Charisse Simonian.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's 126th class has announced their graduation July 8. Stacey L. Arnold, formally of Plymouth will be a member of the 126th class.

Navy Petty Officer Micheal A. Gutowski, formally of Plymouth, has been nominated to the United States Navel Academy at Annapolis, Maryland by Congressman William D. Ford. Gutowski will begin class July of 94.

Plymouth Community Arts Council is pleased to announce the winners of the 1994 Damaris Student Fine Arts Awards.

The winners will share a total of \$1500 in cash awards.

The following students were awarded first, second, and third place. In the Fiction creative writing category Maureen Kearney, Josephina Chang, and Susan Coates.

In the Poetry creative writing category Wes Farrow, Josephina Chang, and Susan Coates.

In the dance category Paul Cusick, Holly Graham, Jillian Mitchell, and Shelley Compton.

In the Instrumental music category were Stephen Goto and Jennifer Lindquist. On the Piano was Christine Shan, Teddy Abesamis, Scott Richardson, and Matthew Folland.

In the visual arts category were Kristen Whalen, Julia Dittberner, and Vishnu Mahishi.

In the vocal music category were Teddy Abesamis, Greg Lenhoff, Cindy Wittrock, and Melissa Willman.

Just plain folks

Teacher, radio host, father and folk singer, Matt Watroba has plenty of occupations to keep him busy, and smiling

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Matt Watroba likens his life these days to being a juggler. He's a teacher, folk music performer, father of three, a student advisor of the high school newspaper and the host of his own radio show.

But that's no problem for him, in fact, he'd like to do even more in the future.

Watroba said that he loves being a teacher. He said that even though he is the advisor for the newspaper, the students run the paper themselves.

"We're probably going to put out nine or ten papers this year," Watroba said. "We've got a great staff, great writers; the paper is self-sufficient. I'm very proud of the paper."

A major point of pride for Watroba is that one of his students got credentials to a major news event.

"One of my students, Melissa Beck, got credentials to go to the G7 Jobs Conference in Detroit," Watroba said. "She got interviews with Dennis Archer, Gov. Engler, Senator Riegler and Labor Secretary Rob Brown."

Watroba's radio show, "Folks Like Us" Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. on WDET 101.9 FM, centers around his love for folk and acoustic music.

According to him, he got the job almost by accident.

"I started substitute hosting the show in the summer of 1986," Watroba said. "The old host of the folk show was leaving to have a baby and by November I had my very own show."

Watroba said that, aside from having absolutely no formal radio training, he didn't know how to relate to a radio audience.

"It was wierd," Watroba said. "Most of what I had done before that time was live performances. It was hard to talk to a microphone rather than a live audience."

He explained that the station made it easier for him to take over the show. He said that it was more important to them to have a host that has a passion for the music than a formally trained disc jockey. He also said that he likes being in total control of the show.

"They never told me what to play on the show," he said. "Because they offer that freedom they get good hosts."

In the years since, Watroba has made WDET's folk show a real landmark. Rather than having to go out and find guests for the show, folk artists come to him when they are in the Michigan area.

Folk music is more than just a hobby of Watroba's, for a while he made a living on the stage.

"I hosted the open mic night at The Ark in Ann Arbor for five years," he said.



"We've got a great staff this year, great writers," Watroba said of the high school newspaper. "I'm very proud." (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

"I put myself through college with my music."

During that time he did more than just play on stage. He opened for the likes of Arlo Guthrie and Donovan.

These days, Watroba plays three different styles of performances. He sometimes shares the stage with Robert Jones (host of WDET's "Blues From the Lowlands"), and a storyteller from Shelby township.

"We mix my music with his stories," Watroba said. "If his story is about slavery I'll play a song about that, and play in the background while he tells the story."

Watroba said that, unlike a rock band that would be booked into an arena or a club, folk artists don't mind an unprenentious venue.

"People that are into folk will rent a church meeting room and just play," he said.



Watroba's radio show "Folks like Us" can be heard Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. on public radio 101.9 FM WDET. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)



Getting down to business

Putting on the dog

Uncle Frank's Chicagos & Coneys fills a restaurant void in Plymouth

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Uncle Frank's Chicagos & Coneys, located at 550 Forest Ave. in Westchester Square Mall - downtown Plymouth, is not the ordinary hot dog restaurant.

Owner Dave Kaplan said a diverse menu and quality products set the restaurant apart from the competition.

"There is two reasons the concept works," he said. "One is quality food for reasonable prices - where someone can afford to eat here three times a week and the other is a variety in the menu - where you don't have to eat the same thing every time."

Uncle Frank's uses all-beef and all-turkey Vienna Hot Dogs, which Kaplan said are some of the highest quality franks available.

"We also strive for other areas of quality," he said, "including the use of real cheese instead of the processed cheese sauce."

"The key is quality ingredients to make an upscale Coney."

Uncle Frank's also features a full vegetarian menu, which includes tofu hot dogs and tempeh burgers.

"Vegetarians can get a vegetarian Coney dog with vegetarian chili," Kaplan said. "Most vegetarians think they have to give up Coneys forever."

Hot dog lovers won't be disappointed at Uncle Frank's, but neither will those with a more diverse appetite.

Uncle Frank's also offers burgers, soups - including Creole Turkey Gumbo, salads, sandwiches and chili cheese fries.

The need for a downtown Coney restaurant and Kaplan's love of Plymouth were the fuel he needed to open the restaurant.

Kaplan owned Uncle Frank's, a New

Orleans-style restaurant in Ann Arbor for six years, but moved to Plymouth because of the friendly business climate in the area.

"The cooperation I've gotten from the people in Plymouth has been fantastic," he said. "I moved out here even before I opened the restaurant because I liked the area so much."

Kaplan said business has boomed from the start.

"I have had several comments that the restaurant is filling the void that Cloverdale (Dairy) left when they closed."

Kaplan said the restaurant appeals to everyone.

"We get a mixture of business, shoppers, families and a lot of other merchants," he said. "People like the restaurant because it is comfortable, spacious, airy and we don't rush anyone."

"We have televisions, so if someone wants to come in and eat alone, they can sit at the bar and watch their favorite show at lunch."

Those who are rushed at lunch can take advantage of the restaurant's fax order service. Orders can be faxed to Uncle Frank's at 455-9797 so the lunch will be ready when the customer arrives.

Kaplan said he is also considering a delivery service.

"We encourage feedback and any requests," he said. "We want to make people happy."

Uncle Frank's is open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The restaurant will also be open until midnight Friday to help celebrate downtown Plymouth's Midnight Madness.



Uncle Frank's offers an extensive menu, including a full selection of vegetarian dishes. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Petix Formal Wear celebrates 50th anniversary

Business is going strong downtown

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

In a time where more and more businesses are moving out of downtown retail areas to shopping malls, Steve Petix Formal Wear is going strong in downtown Plymouth.

The clothier, which specializes in formal wear and fine men's attire is celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Rich Orlandi, the store's vice president and general manager couldn't be happier with the business climate in downtown Plymouth.

"This is a great little town," he said. "It far surpassed our expectations."

Orlandi said the store is successful

because of their tremendous dedication to service and quality.

"We make shopping easier for the busy businessman," he said. "People don't have time to spend shopping anymore."

"We work on building trust with the customer - a trust that can be cultivated with over 50 years of service experience."

Steve Petix Formal Wear has been in Plymouth for about five years. Their original store was located in Birmingham.

"We have been known as a formal wear store, so some people who come in

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Petix Formal Wear remains a success, thanks to Jamie Meyers, Richard Orlandi and Dan Orlandi. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



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It's official: Canton roads designated as real beauties

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After lobbying both the Canton Township Board of Trustees, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and Wayne County, four roads in Canton Township have been classified as Natural Beauty Roads.

The roads, which comprise only 3.25 miles of roads, are the first of their kind in Wayne County.

According to a Wayne County press release, portions of Napier, Joy, Ridge and Gyde Roads have been designated as natural beauty roads.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), a natural beauty road is one that has outstanding natural features that set it apart from others in the area.

The classification will not prevent development along the road, but it does prevent widening of the road and the

City seeks grant \$\$

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eral law, are forced to put away 10 per cent of the gas increases for these projects.

"These projects include bike paths, historical preservation, pedestrian safety and traffic flow," Guile said.

Guile will be delivering the grant to MDOT offices in Lansing on Friday for submission of approval.

installation of additional infrastructure.

The move to have the roads reclassified started more than two years ago when members of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association got a five-year moratorium to stop Detroit Edison from cutting down trees in that area.

Because the moratorium would end, members of the homeowner's association collected more than 1,000 signatures to have the roads classified as natural beauty roads. The county only requires the signatures of 25 residents.

Center contract is awarded

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cost \$2.2 million, the award of a lower bid will result in a lower bond issue than anticipated.

The board also awarded the construction bid for the Summit on the Park community recreation center to Christman Construction Services of Flint for \$11,362,700.

Christman Construction's base bid was \$10,587,000, \$211,000 lower than the next lowest bidder.

A formal groundbreaking is scheduled for May 3 at 11 a.m. at the south end of Heritage Park. Construction of the Summit is slated to be completed in September 1995.



Community deaths

Earl R. Grow, 74, lodge member

Earl R. Grow, of Plymouth Township, died April 9, 1994, at the age of 74. Grow is survived by several cousins and friends. Services will be today at 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Memorials can be directed to the American Lung Association.

Vivian June Bohl, 81, restaurateur

Vivian June Bohl formerly of Plymouth, a restaurant owner and homemaker, died April 2, 1994 in Tawas at the age of 81. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; son, William; daughters, Bonnie and Barbara and several grandchildren. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral home.

Onetta M. Plagens, 69, secretary

Onetta M. Plagens formerly of Plymouth, a secretary at Detroit Diesel for 29 years, died April 2, 1994 at the age of 69. She is survived by her husband, Harold and nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Nickoleta Anna Gasaway, 53, homemaker

Nickoleta Anna Gasaway of Plymouth, a homemaker, died April 7, 1994 at the age of 53. She is survived by her husband, Robert; sons Michael and David; and daughters Kimberly, Leslie and Julie. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Joan Marie Sergison, 37, insurance sales rep

Joan Marie Sergison, an insurance underwriter in Westland, died April 7, 1994 at the age of 37. She is survived by her husband, Ronald; and her son, Ryan. Services arranged by Vermuelen Funeral Home were held at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

Elizabeth G. Lahr, 81, Burroughs employee

Elizabeth G. Lahr of Plymouth, an employee at the Burroughs Corporation, died April 9, 1994, at the age of 81. She is survived by her sons, John and Donald; sisters Jennie, Georgia, Josephine and Grace; brother, Joseph and several grandchildren. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Obituaries

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

Kimberly Allison May

Kimberly Allison May, age 24, of Canton, MI., died March 28, 1994, in Ypsilanti Township. Ms. May attended Schoolcraft College, Ferris State and Suomi College. She graduated from Lutheran High School Northwest. She was a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Church and moved to the Canton community in 1977 from Dearborn Heights, MI. She is survived by her parents, Lloyd and Clare May of Canton, MI;

sisters, Stephanie May and Jacqueline Nash, both of Canton; and brother, Jason May of Canton. Her grandparents are Mary and Steve Yanick of Lorain, Ohio and Gilbert and Irene May of Conroe, TX. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 31, 1994, at 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Roger F. Aumann officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice.



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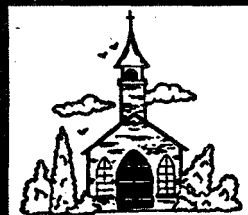
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Petix turns 50

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are surprised to see suits," said Orlandi.

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Petix also carries Jack Lipson sport shirts, a Toronto-based company that produces high quality, unique shirts that cannot be found in department stores.

Petix also carries a wide variety of designer suits including Joseph Abboud and Jhane Barnes.

"We still live by the example of our founder - Steve Petix, who was from the old school of Italian design and fine tailoring," said Orlandi.

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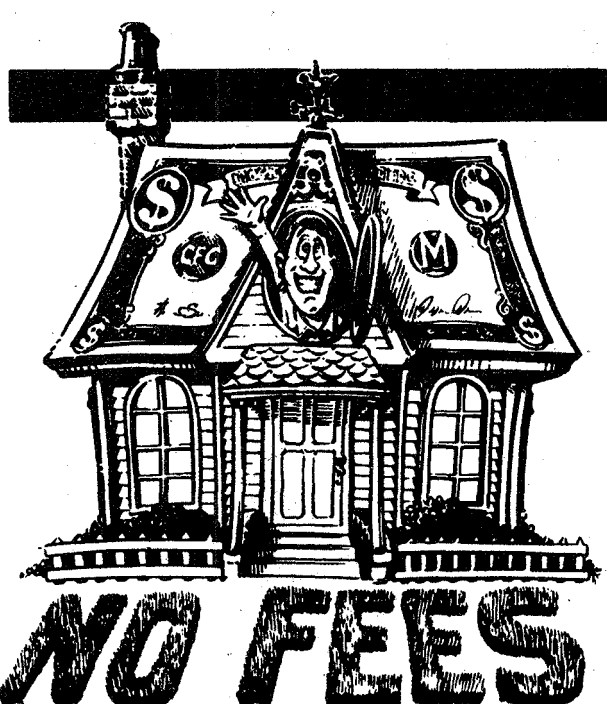
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Museum events are 'auto'matic

The open road awaits the residents of Plymouth this week with the continuation of the Plymouth Historical Museum's lecture series "The American Road."

Two featured talks one by Plymouth resident Dan Hershberger and the other by William Clay Ford, Jr. are scheduled for Thursday and Friday night.

Hershberger will speak Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. on "Gas, Food, and Lodging: The Design of the American Roadside." His presentation will focus on the history, design and development of the structures of the roadside industries.

Friday at noon, Ford will be the guest speaker at a luncheon in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Mustang. The topic at hand will be "Ford and the Plymouth Community."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 per person (\$9 tax deductible). To make

reservations, or for further information call 455-8940.

Guild show is May 6

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Wendy Wasserstein's "Isn't it Romantic" directed by Francine Jo Hachem at The Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

It is a story of two post-graduate women as they struggle with personal independence and romantic fulfillment in Manhattan.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. on May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 and 6 p.m. on May 15.

Tickets in advance will be \$7 and \$8 at the door. For Seniors, 62 and older, and youth, 18 and under, tickets will be \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

For further information call 349-7110.



What's Happening

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate 20 years of music at their Spring Concerts April 23 at 8 p.m. and 24 at 4 p.m.. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. For more information, call 455-4080.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home will host a free discussion about using attitudinal healing principles: one day at a time, on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum on the lower level. For more information, call Schrader-Howell at 453-3333.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCUSSED

WSDS 1480 AM will host weekly discussions of Christian Science every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. through May 29. This Sunday the topic will be "What would a Christian Scientist do if he were in a serious accident?" The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science Churches.

T-BALL LEAGUES FORMING

City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will be holding registration for their t-ball leagues for Plymouth children 5 and 6 years old from April 25-29. League is limited to the first 110 children and birth certificates are required. For more information, call Plymouth Parks and Rec at 455-6623.

JURIED ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Michigan Crafters Inc. will be holding a juried arts and crafts show at East Middle School on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the school at 416-4950.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold their monthly meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center on April 11 at 2 p.m., the program will be "Protect Yourself While Traveling," by Gloria Hopfner and "Fun With Flowers," with Pat Ribar. For more information, call the council at 453-1234 ext. 236.

CANTON WOMEN'S FORUM

The Canton Women's Forum will sponsor a program in conjunction with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the warning signs of heart attack "When it comes to your heart, use your head" on April 20 at Township Hall at 7 p.m.

PENN THEATRE FAMILY AFTERNOON

The Penn Theatre will be showing "Rookie of the Year" on Saturday at 1 p.m. Admission will be \$2 and all proceeds will go to the Plymouth Playscape Project. The project planners are also looking for volunteers for all committees. For more information, call Marybeth at 454-9614 or Kim at 454-4829.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Allen Elementary will hold an open house on May 13 to celebrate their 40th birthday. Alumni are encouraged to attend and contribute any Allen school memorabilia. For more information, call 416-3050.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will be holding an open house for prospective new members on May 4 at the Mayflower Hotel at 7:15 a.m. For more information, call 453-7091.

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.

NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION

The Northville Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships for women in the Northville area and attend or wish to attend Madonna University. Applications must be received by May 5. For more information, call 348-9531.

LITTLE LAMBS CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has opened enrollment for children ages 3 to kindergarten. Enrollment will be open between April 14 and 21. There will be morning and afternoon classes available. For more information, call 981-0286.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SPRING TEA

The Plymouth Symphony will be holding their spring tea on April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bonadeo Model Home in Heather Hills. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Me and Mr. Jones Petites.

TASTE OF NORTHVILLE

Northville Parks and Rec will be offering their "Taste of Northville" and a raffle on April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Waterman Center of Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call Marv Gans at 462-4413 or 349-7378.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform the works of Mozart and Mahler on Friday at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for children K-12. For more information, call Andy Vermiglio at (810) 477-7341 or (313) 451-2112.

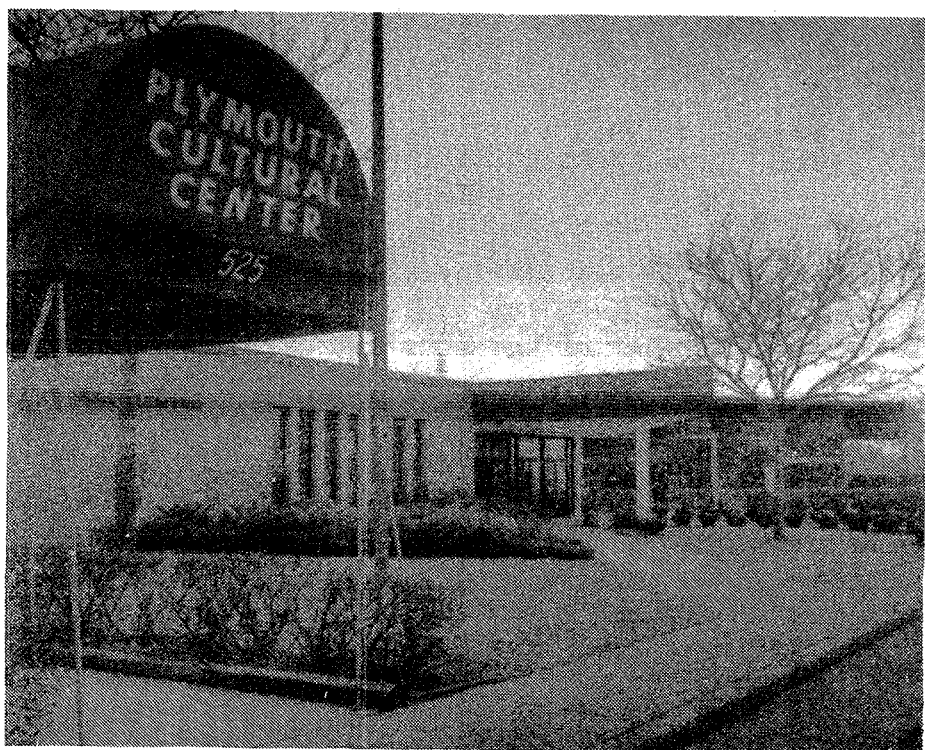
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Good financial plans are the key to success

BY AMY KIDWELL

One factor is common to every successful business whether it be retail, manufacturing or service oriented: good financial planning and professional accounting.

"The most successful business owners monitor their finances constantly," said Ted Boloven of Boloven, Shamie & Co., an accounting firm located at 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

"They know where they're at each month, and they look at what they're spending their money on," Boloven said.



"We review clients regularly, depending on their needs," said Ted Boloven (left). (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Dennis Siegner of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel, located at 1034 W. Ann Arbor Trail, agrees and added that success can also depend on how much the owner knows his/her business.

"The more you know about your business," Siegner said, "the better chance you'll have for making a profit."

The professionals at Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel and Boloven, Shamie and Co., know their business well. Each firm consists of seasoned certified public accountants who help clients with business planning and tax preparation.

Each client is different, Boloven explained, and therefore each client receives individualized attention.

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review every month and others only twice per year."

The biggest advantage to hiring an accounting firm, according to these accountants, is the advice it can give about running a business.

Some people who start a business, "...don't understand how to minimize their tax dollars and maximize their wealth," Siegner said. "Some people don't understand the actual cost of payroll taxes or overhead cost. Some have unrealistic expectations and expect too much revenue...most retail businesses lose money in the first year of operation. Owners have to be



According to Dennis Siegner, a good accountant keeps up on the issues by reading accounting publications and attending seminars. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

prepared for that."

Boloven added that, when someone is starting a business, "We like to go over the game plan and see if their business makes sense. Small businesses need help in organizing to keep track of their money. We do this by looking at their monthly reports."

Rising overhead costs is one trend that Boloven has noticed over the years. Businesses need to balance that, he said, by increasing sales or cutting operational costs. And, without accurate financial statements and accounting records, owners are unable to determine where cuts can be made.

Just as retailers must be aware of their customers' needs, so must accounting firms be aware of their clients' needs. Meeting with clients on a regular basis, according to Boloven, gives us an excellent opportunity to informally survey their needs and expectations. Siegner added that accountants also keep informed by attending seminars and reading relevant publications.


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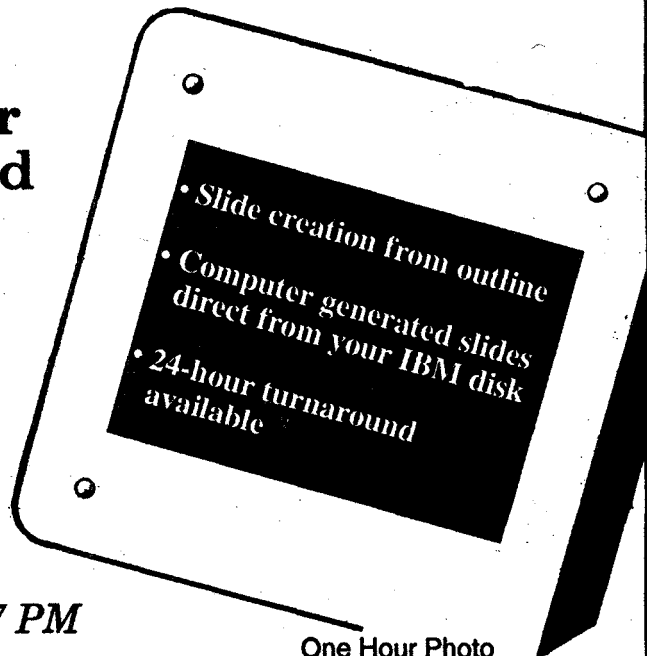
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BY GARY GOSSELIN

When Mark Taylor began at Pitney Bowes as a sales rep more than 15 years ago with the clothes on his back and little more, little did he realize that he would someday own EVCOR, a company specializing in cost-effective computerized shipping systems.

EVCOR, located at 40800 Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township, is home to Taylor and his computerized system which integrates the entire shipping process which can save a typical business up to 30 percent.

Taylor's story really began at Pitney Bowes when he was in his early twenties. After a fire destroyed the small business-and the house he lived in-Taylor took a job at Pitney Bowes.

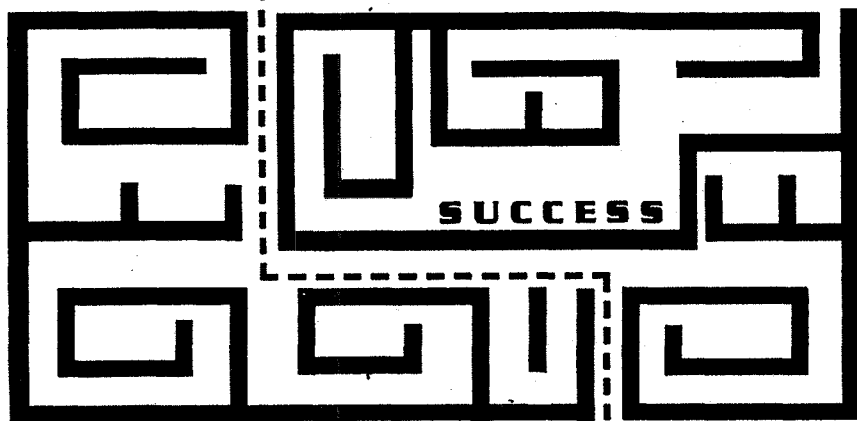
After a short time as a salesman, he was promoted to manager, and quickly distinguished himself as a leader. For the last seven years at Pitney Bowes, Taylor ranked in the top 5 percent of all salespeople and managers while earning his bachelor's degree in computers and management.

Taylor needed another challenge.

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The next challenge had consequences that are with Taylor even today. Pitney Bowes wanted to deploy a computerized parcel shipping system. Taylor was the man for the job.

In short order, Taylor devised and implemented a system that took shipping out of the back room-and dark ages. He streamlined the system, shaved costs and made shipping more accurate, all in one fell swoop.

After more than ten years with Pitney Bowes, Taylor-still in his early thirties-thought it was time to move up, into upper management. Much to his chagrin, he found that he lacked the gray hair for the move. The perception was that a person had to pay their "dues" in ulcers, pot bellies, and gray hair.

Taylor would have none of it. He devised a shipping system once, and he could do it again. He saw a niche, and was going to fill it. But not without reservations.

"I was really afraid," Taylor said. "I had a good job, and I had just paid all my debts off. It was a big leap."

EVCOR had a total of two employees that first year back in 1989, Taylor and his wife.

"It was a wild time," said Taylor. "We both worked 14 hour days seven days a week."

The company managed a profit that first year, and by the third year, profits tripled. EVCOR now has 12 employees and annual sales of more than \$1.5 million. Ford Motor Co., UNISYS and Arbor Drugs all take advantage of Taylor's system.

Shipping, he said, had always been considered a cost center. Taylor said that with EVCOR, nearly any shipping department can become a profit center.

The system uses multiple carriers, and can select which is right according to discounts and preferred routing methods. The computer takes the guesswork out of the decision, shopping for the lowest rate, and even consolidating a day's shipping for additional savings.

Shipping labels are automatically printed, and include bar codes. Labels may seem inconsequential, but use the wrong one, and it can cost up to 50 percent extra.

EVCOR's system can also interface with the user company's computer for instant invoicing and inventory updates. Accounts are updated for each transaction, giving the user up-to-date information for billing, tracking or charge-backs.

Taylor said he got input from shipping departments, managers and personnel, and said that each new job is a learning experience. And he's still learning.

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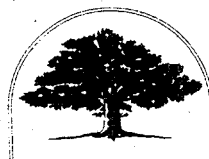
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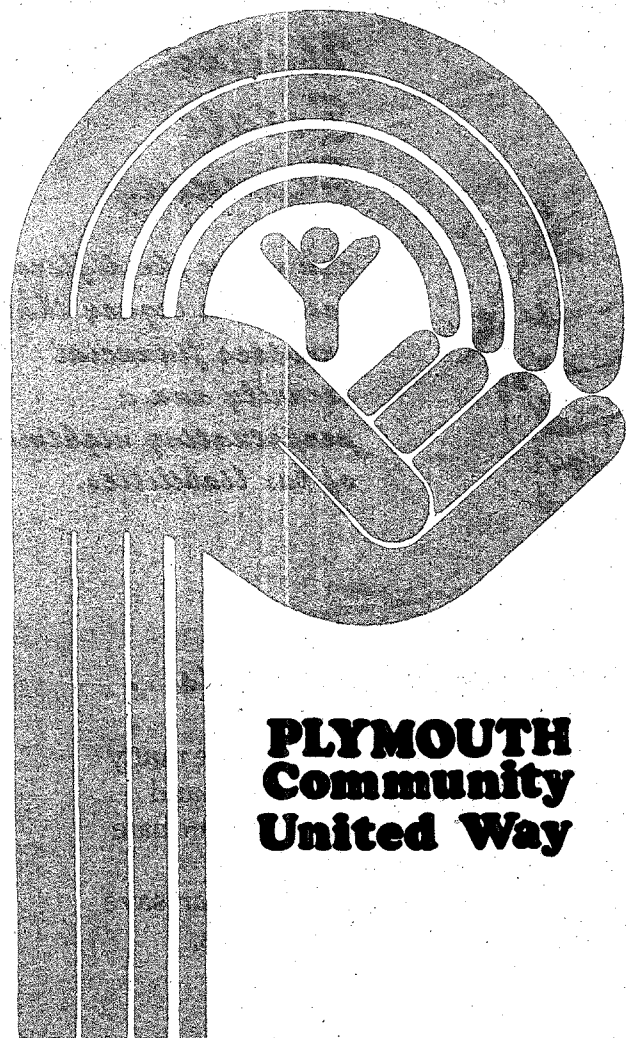
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Using a computer modem and-of course-parcel shipping, Taylor is working on his MBA through the University of Phoenix On Line.

Taylor isn't stopping there either, he said that some day, he hopes to see several offices throughout the U.S., with sales of up to \$25 million a year. Quite a different outlook than the man with only the clothes on his back not too long ago.

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When it comes to preparing other businesses for their commercial presentations, think of Quick Silver Photo in Plymouth.

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After ten years of commercial consistency, Quick Silver will be moving.

Kenny is expecting to switch to a larger location in June, in the same area. Like everything Quick Silver does, the move is for the benefit of the customer.

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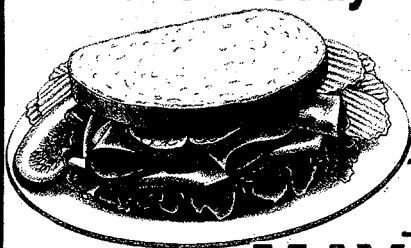
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BY AMY KIDWELL

At one time or another, all businesses will need to have printed materials. Items such as business cards, letterhead and envelopes are needed on a regular basis and to ensure a consistent and professional look in these items, most businesses will require the expertise, facilities and



Speedy Printing can cover your business' needs from business cards to wedding invitations. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

speed of a professional printer.

Almost all orders at Speedy Printing, located at 1050 W. Ann Arbor Road, come from other businesses, according to the Assistant Manager, Plymouth resident R. John Thomas.

"We can handle just about anything," he said, "and although we prefer

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to get ample notice for large jobs, we always work with the customer to meet tight deadlines."

Thomas said he recalls working around the clock on Superbowl Sunday to ensure that a client had its color copies ready on time.

Speedy prints a large variety of materials from business cards, to presentation folders to wedding invitations and booklets written in foreign languages. Thomas, who has worked at Speedy for more than a year, said he has seen materials printed in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German and Latin.

Speedy's most common request, business cards, comes in packages of 500 and varies in cost from \$27.90 to \$180.

"The cost of each project really depends on what the client wants," he said.

Speedy is different from other copy centers, Thomas said, because of its capability to professionally typeset and print materials, a task much different from copying.

All orders that need professional printing are sent to the store's facility in Wixom which operates at least 12 hours per day. Color and black and white copies can be done at the store in Plymouth allowing the stores' employees to do a wide variety of orders.

Speedy's busiest season, Thomas said, is from January to August. However, other locations experience different busy seasons.

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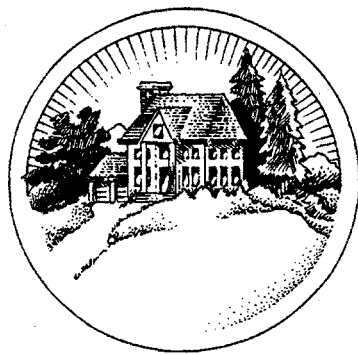
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BY MICHELLE CARON

These days we're all somehow trying to do business while also taking time to appreciate the flowers. Your local Chamber of Commerce is "taking care of business" and mixing it with pleasure.

Each Chamber of Commerce for Plymouth, Canton, and Northville have exciting events for local businesses and/or the community to enjoy or become more involved with this Spring.

On May 3rd from 5-7 p.m. the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the entire community is invited to gather at the Mayflower meeting house for "Postively Plymouth." This event focuses on what is going on in Plymouth.

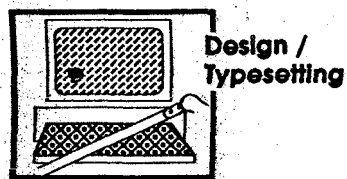
"It's a chance for the community as a whole to actively network and find out about the good things happening in Plymouth," said Fran Toney, Executive Director for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

This will not be a sit-down presentation but a way for people to come together and meet other local business people. The event will spotlight some 50 members of the business community including active service clubs like, the United Way, Knights of Columbus, and the Plymouth Garden Club to name a few. The "Volunteer of the Year" from each service club will be recognized and given an honorable certificate.

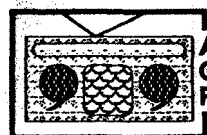
Also, the "Business Beautification Award" will be given to a business that has somehow contributed to the beauty of Plymouth by restructuring, remodeling, or simply painting and planting flowers at their place of business.

This Friday, April 15th, the shops in Plymouth stay open until midnight

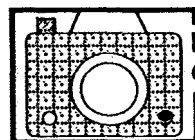
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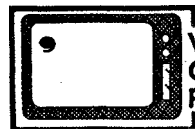
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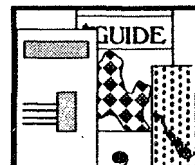
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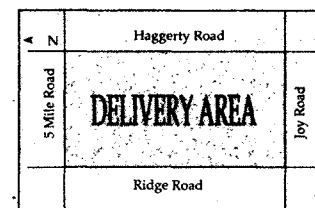
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Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold the Chambers Small Business Dinner/Expo on Thursday, May 12th at Fellows Creek Golf Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. The winner of the Athena Award, given to a business owner or professional who shows support and assistance to professional women will be announced at this meeting. Also, the Small Business Person of the Year Award will be given to an individual involved with community service, economic development, with a history of staying power, innovation, and response to adversity.

Canton Chamber invites new business owners to the "Business to Business" meeting held on April 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mountain Jack's Restaurant at Haggerty and Ford Road. This gives local business people a chance to mingle and network with others.

Thursday, April 21 st at 7:30 a.m. at Palmero's Restaurant will be a time for area businesses to discuss issues with Canton government officials over a complimentary continental breakfast. Marjorie Whittemore, deputy director of the Wayne County Department Jobs & Economic Development, will speak on her topic, "Jobs, Jobs, and Jobs."

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will have a "Friends of Northville Dinner & Auction," a fundraiser for the Northville recreation department. 150 items, from Northwest airline tickets to lawn equipment, will be auctioned off at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Building beginning at 6 p.m.

The event is open to the public and will help raise money for improvements such as tennis court repairs for the recreation department. Northville restaurants including Rocky's, Riffles, Heavenly Bakery, Grandma Betty's, Palmeto's Wine, and Edwards Caterer.

The "State of the Community" breakfast meeting will take place at Genetti's at 7:30 a.m. Local officials will speak on future events.



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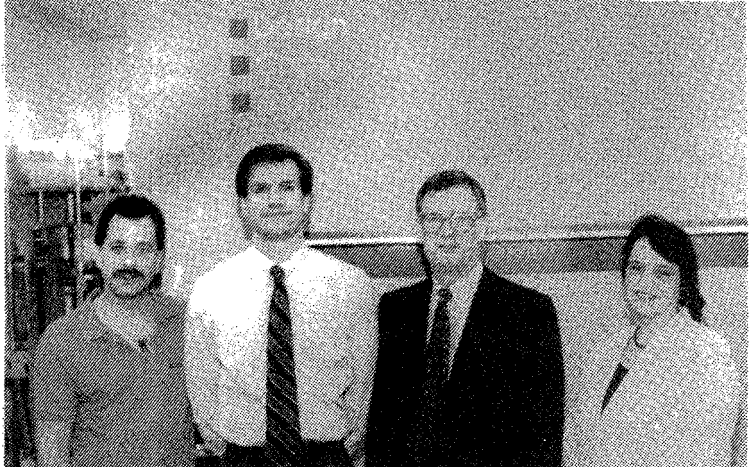
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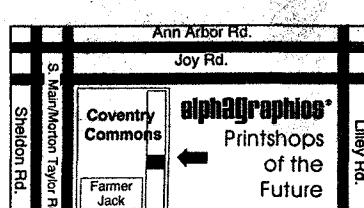
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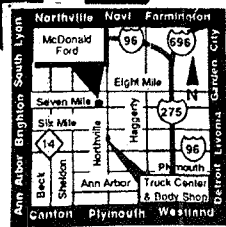
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Registration for the Canton Crickets, children's crafts, games and special events, will be on April 16 at the Canton Administration building at 8 a.m. There will be classes for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information about the classes and registration, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

POSITIVE THINKING WORKSHOP

Child and Family Services will offer a workshop on positive thinking hosted by Amy Altaffer, from St. Mary's Hospital tomorrow at 3 p.m. For more information, call Krissy Todora at 397-8665.

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.

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.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Ellen Mozurkewich, M.D., OB/GYN and Patricia Rutowski, M.S., R.N., C., OB/GYN nurse practitioner, will present a program on women's health and wellness concerning health risks, health maintenance and midlife issues at the U of M Health Center in Plymouth on April 18 at 6:30 p.m., there is a \$5 fee payable at the door. For more information, call 459-0820.

GEMS CONFERENCE

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the American Association of University Women are sponsoring the fourth annual Girls Excel in Math and Science (GEMS) conference Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Canton High School. The conference is open to all middle school girls in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. For more information, call Ellison Franklin at 416-3010.

ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL CLINIC

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be hosting an antique appraisal clinic on April 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The host will be \$5 per hand-held item, limit of 5 items. Appraisals will be made by appointment only, for further information of for appointment call 455-8940.

10K RACE AND 2 MILE WALK

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will host the 10K race and 2 mile walk. The 10K will take place at 10 a.m. on April 30 at Maybury State Park in Northville. Prizes will be awarded. Preregistration includes park sticker for race day. Entries received after April 22 are \$14 for the run, \$8 for the walk. On-site registration will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the race day. For registration forms and more information contact the Northville Parks & Recreation Department at (810) 349-0203.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Northville Parks & Recreation is offering a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to all boys and girls in grades 6 through 12. The tournament will run on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northville Community Center. The fee will be \$32 per team (of 4 players). Register at the Recreation Dept. on or before April 12.

SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS

Canton Softball Center begins the 1994 softball season on Friday with its early bird tournament. Four game guarantee Round Robin Tournament, April 15-17 (weather permitting). Entry fee is \$125 plus \$7 game umpire fee. For information or to be added to the tournament mailing list call 483-5600 ext. 102.

10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON LEAGUE PLAY

The Canton Softball Center's 10th anniversary season league play begins Sunday (weather permitting). The fourteen game season is \$495 team fee plus umpires and refundable forfeit fee. For further details call 483-5600 ext. 102.

RUMMAGE SALE

The National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance is hosting a rummage sale at the Plymouth Hills mobile home park on April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is asking for volunteers to help in the following events: 15th annual run, Millionaires Party, Bingo, Fall Festival and Haunted House. For further information call 453-2904.

GYMNASTICS CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering a gymnastic class for all levels. There are a limited number of openings available. Call 453-2904 to reserve a spot. The new session will begin May 9-June 20.

BUMPER BOWL

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering bumper bowl for children ages 4-8. The new sessions begin next week tuesday at 4:15 or saturday at 9 a.m. at Plaza Lanes.

YOUTH INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is hosting a youth instructional soccer league for boys and girls ages 4-5 and 6-7. Parents and participants will learn from a qualified coach the basics of the game. The cost will be \$34 for a full member and \$48 for a program member. The first session will be held April 16 at West Middle School.

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL MEETING

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet on tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village. The topic of discussion will be "What to do when you are stuck." For more information call 348-1857 or 380-0803.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Lady of Good Counsel Music Ministry will host its ninth annual spring concert, "The Spirit Sings," May 1. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Tickets for the concert are free and available at the door and from choir members. For further information call the church office at 453-0326.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS MEETING

There will be a general meeting for all Plymouth Newcomers tomorrow at 6:30p.m. at Mountain Jacks in Canton. The cost will be \$16. For further information call 416-0675 or 454-1667. They will host a membership coffee April 21 at 7:30 p.m. For further information call 416-9815

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Plymouth Community chorus will host a 20th anniversary celebration April 23 at 8 p.m. and April 24 at 4 p.m. The concert will be held at Salem High School. For further information call 455-4080.

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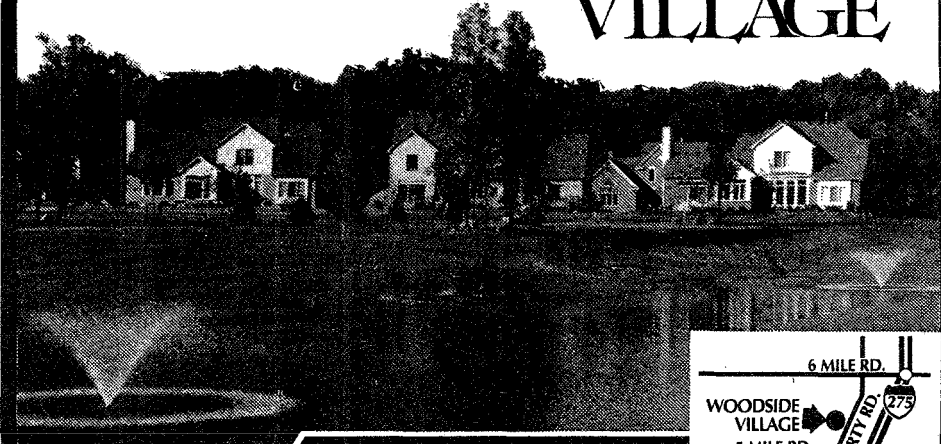
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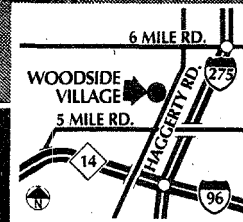
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Sports

Sinking the Vikes

Chiefs take two in doubleheader vs. W. L. Central in season opener

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton baseball team got off to a fast start this season with two wins over Walled Lake Central at a double-header Saturday.

Coach Ed Turek said the 5-3 and 17-7 victories were good team efforts.

"We hit the ball well Saturday," he said. "The team was aggressive."

Eric Mancott stood out for the Chiefs with two hits in each game.

Adam Gilles, Matt Paupore and Sean Romanowski each had two hits in the second game.

Turek said the pitching was strong for Canton.

Scott Valimot pitched a complete game for the Chiefs in the 5-3 win.

Anthony Pastor and Eric Stidham pooled their efforts for the 17-7 white-washing.

"We're getting better," said Turek. "The two wins helped a lot of inexperienced players gain confidence."

"There are a couple things we need to do a little better, but the attitude and the effort are there."

"The pitching needs to continue to improve. Defensively, we made a few mistakes that we need to correct."

"It's the little things that cost you in a close game."

Canton played Farmington at Farmington Tuesday, with Matt Paupore getting the start. Information was not available at press time.

Salem softball ready for season

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem softball team has some big question marks that need to be addressed before the beginning of the season.

No one is more interested in seeing how these questions turn out than Salem coach Al Campbell.

"It is going to be a rebuilding year for us," he said. "It will be a challenging year for everyone."

"We are not coming back as an experienced ball club."

One element the Rocks are lacking is an experienced pitching staff.

"If you don't have a pitcher,"

Campbell said, "you don't go far."

"Pitching will definitely be a problem for us."

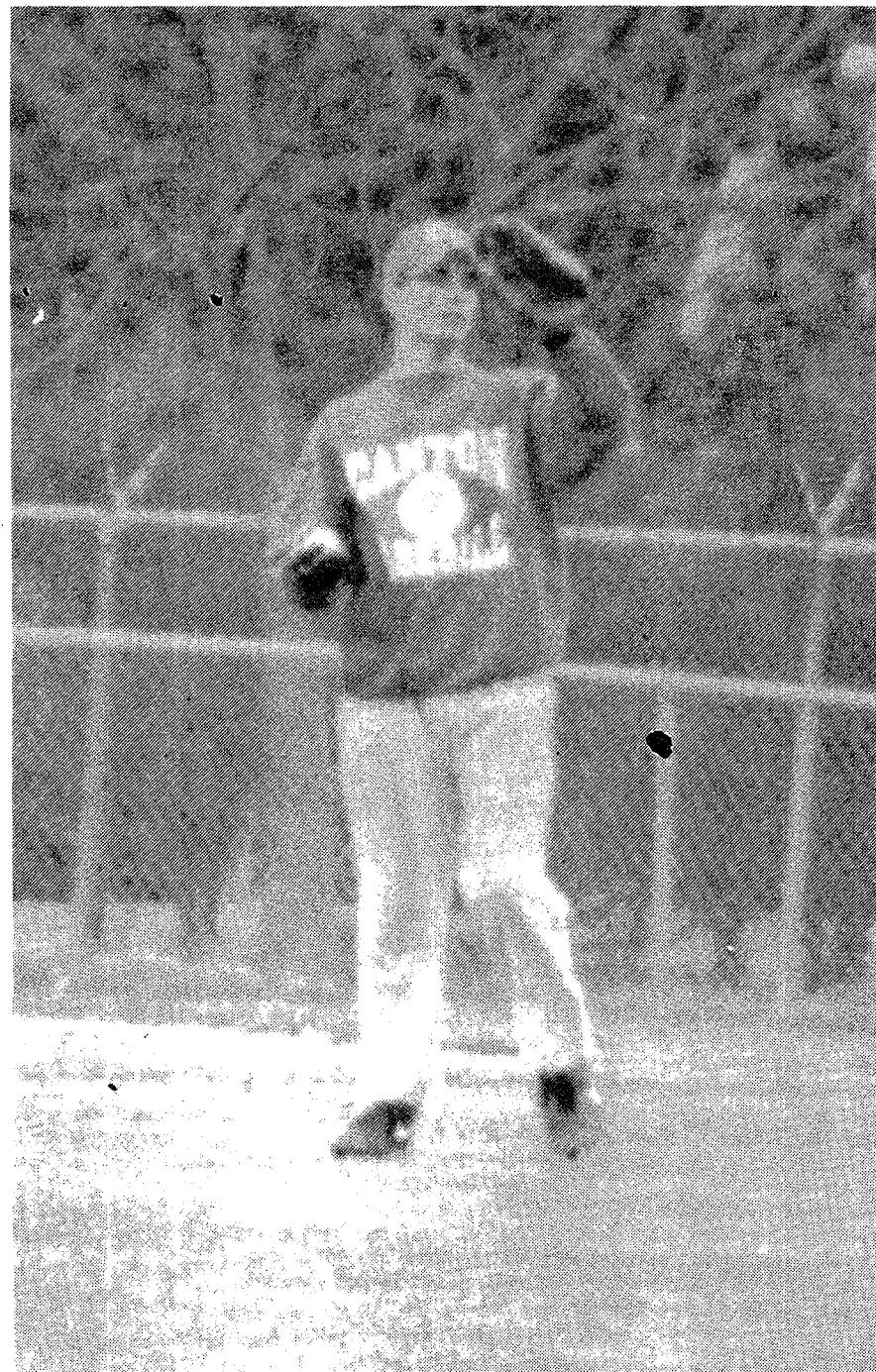
The Rocks need a player to step forward and be the team leader.

Salem is only returning three seniors to the team. One freshman and several sophomores and juniors round out the team.

"All we can hope for is to be competitive," said Campbell.

"I would like to get a couple of gems under my belt."

"Then I will be able to evaluate the situation better."



Keeping sharp

Although it rained yesterday, the weekend was perfect for young arms to get into shape for the new baseball season. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Salem opens season with shutout

With only one starter returning from last year's Salem girls' soccer team, the Rocks should be facing a rebuilding season.

Don't tell that to the team.

Salem came out with a 6-0 victory

over Grand Blanc in the season opener March 30.

"It is a very young team, so I was pleasantly surprised," said coach Ken Johnson.

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Chief boys track team is smaller, but has experience, youth

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Bob Richardson has the best of both worlds.

The Canton boys' track coach has 25 experienced competitors returning to the team and a number of freshman that are expected to heavily contribute to the team.

"The team size is smaller than it was last year," he said, "but as far as effort, everyone is working hard."

The Chiefs open their season Thursday at home against Walled Lake Central. Saturday they will compete in the Dearborn Elks Relays.

Tri-captains, Jeff Keith, Matt Demey and Mike Erickson, all seniors, are expected to be the team leaders.

Todd Smith and Ian Bedford will lead the distance runners, a position that is deep for the Chiefs.

Casey Moothart, Brian Crocket and Colin Astley are

cross country runners that add depth to the distance team.

Bob Lamasters, Mike Erickson, John Martin and Mike Gurchak are the anchors for the sprinters.

Newcomers Dave Gay and Dave Koshizawa will also play a big role for the Canton sprinters.

Martin will also compete in the hurdles along with Justin Semion and Ben Nelson.

In the field events, Jon Gallinger, Brandt Blair, Chris Benskey and Simion will lead the Chiefs.

Simion also competes in the long jump with teammates Koshizawa, Gay and Ben Greanya.

Lamasters, Ben Nelson, John Magelnicki and B.J. Page will lead the Canton high jumpers.

"Half of every relay team will be back from last year," said Richardson. "We only need to replace a few."

Richardson said he hopes the team can do as well this year as they did last year.

"I hope we can duplicate last year's feat (6-1 record, along with a division and conference championship)," he said. "With 25 back, it has to help."

"These guys know the thrill of winning and they will help the new guy get excited and fired up."

Even though the Chiefs look strong this year, Richardson said it is sometimes harder for a team to repeat than win it all the first time.

"I think we surprised quite a few people last year and they will be out to catch us," he said.

Assisting Richardson in the coaching duties are Mike Spitz, Jay Michaelson and Hooker Wellman.

Canton girls golf to rely on youth and enthusiasm

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton girls' golf team faces some tough obstacles this year, but is expected to be competitive.

Coach Dan Riggs said the Chiefs are rebuilding this year following the loss of four seniors from last year's team.

Canton is returning two experienced players to the team.

Sophomore team captain Allysen Missner and senior Karen Kelly will lead the inexperienced Chiefs into competition.

Riggs said even though the team should be strong with the help of the younger players.

Freshman Kim Stafford, Stephanie Massuci, Jenny Wilson and Jessica Dumas are expected to improve the team.

The newcomers on the team are will also help Canton to a competitive season.

Sophomore Kim Adamusik and senior Robin Beadley lack experience, but according to Riggs are working on their games.

"We should be OK," he said. "It remains to be seen how the team will react in a meet.

"It is a rebuilding year, but we will be competitive."

Riggs said the cold weather limited the number of outside practices the team could schedule.

"We went out and played good today (Monday)," he said.

"We have been going to Oasis (golf dome) and at least hitting the ball."

Riggs said Northville is the team to beat this year. "I think they only lost two

players last year," he said.

"I know they had quite a few players out and I think they had to make cuts."

The Chiefs open the season on Friday and competes against Salem on April 20.

"The team has really done a nice job," Riggs said.

"I am very pleased and I am looking forward to the season ahead."

Gettin' ready



Canton will field only two seniors, but coach Bob Hanosh expects good things from this year's team of netters. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Canton tennis team looks ahead to conference play

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton tennis team is young, but coach Barb Hanosh expects the team to be competitive.

Canton is fielding only two seniors, but several strong freshman are expected to help the team.

"We need a few good practices

before we start league play next week," said Hanosh.

Hanosh said Salem is the team to watch, with a good mixture of experience and youth.

"We have a pretty equal, even league, which is nice," she said.

"The majority of the teams are fairly

close in talent."

Hanosh said she is not sure how the team will perform in a game situation.

"We'll have to wait and see," she said. "We'll take it one day at a time.

"I know the regional will be tough, so we're looking to do well in the conference."

Soccer season starts strong

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The Rocks open league play today against Churchill at home.

"It was a well balanced scoring attack," said Johnson.

Leah Rethford and Jodi Coyle each scored two goals for Salem against Grand Blanc.

Team captain Alaxis Marinos and Sue Parrish each scored one.

Jodee Wilshier had two assists for the Rocks, while teammate Heather Buchanan had one.

Goalie Julia Buczek tallied the shout-out.

"It's tough sometimes," said Johnson. "We only have one starter back, Parrish, and have 10 sophomores."

Salem faces Churchill, which Johnson rates as the team to beat this year in league play.

"They have a lot of good players," he said.

"One of their players was all-state last year and the team as a whole is very fast."

Johnson said Stevenson and Northville should also field good teams.

"We've been practicing hard," said Johnson.

"We are working on our stamina and I think the team is in good shape, so we hope to keep with them (Churchill).

"We have intensity and the team is in good spirits.

"We have a good goalie, so we will be relying on her. We are ready for them."

Rock linksters continue to improve game

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Experience is expected to make the difference for the Salem girls golf team this season.

Coach Jim Stevens said everyone from last year's team is returning except for one golfer.

"Our experience should really help out," he said.

The Rocks will return seven varsity letter winners to the links this year.

Kelly Collins, who was an all-division selection last year, along with co-captains Becky Koehl and Jennifer Massey, and Jennifer Patterson, Beth Cleland, Theresa Fullerton and Laura Giles will all return to compete.

The team will also field a good mixture of freshman.

There are 10 ninth graders on the team.

"We are going through our basics," said Stevens.

"Soon, we will start to qualify the six that will com-

pete in the first duel meet."

The Rocks first meet is against Franklin on Monday at Brae-Burn Golf Club, Salem's home course.

"Our goal is to win the division," said Stevens.

"I would also like to see everyone play better than they did last year and those who are new, enjoy the game."

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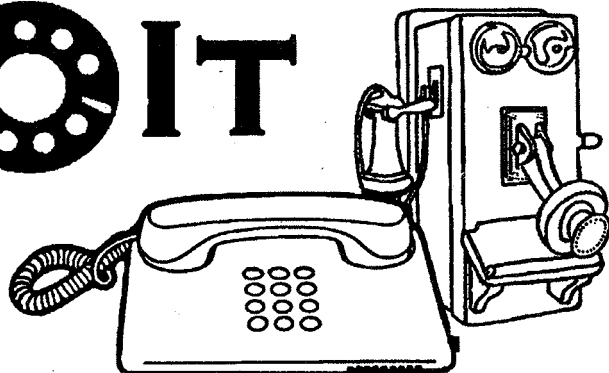
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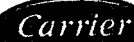
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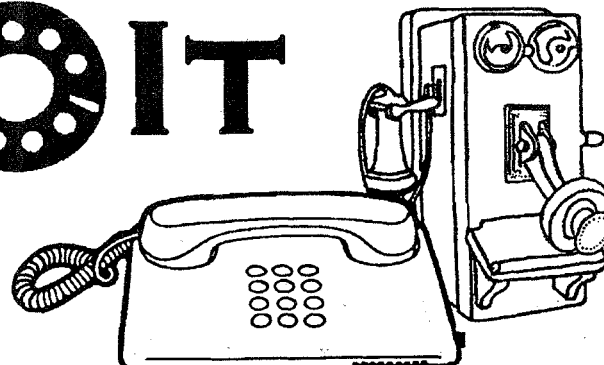
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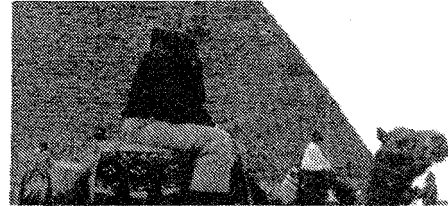
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"Jamaica Man"

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Chris only one Sunday to go!

I didn't know that "that was allowed!" thanks for letting me know it was. I love you.

HI EVELYN BECK - The man in the wheelchair you used to talk to at U of M Hospital wants to hear from you. Please, you or your daughter call 1-616-452-5331

Beatles trivia question of the week: The lyrics of what Beatles song off the Rubber Soul album was considered so good that they were included in an anthology of classic British poetry? Answer to last week's question: "Love Me Do."

My wedding gift to you is to "hear" our wedding vows. To truly live by them everyday and to NEVER EVER TAKE ANYTHING BACK.

ED - Happy 2 year anniversary. I still love you. Lori

JACK - I don't have as much free time as you to write curios!

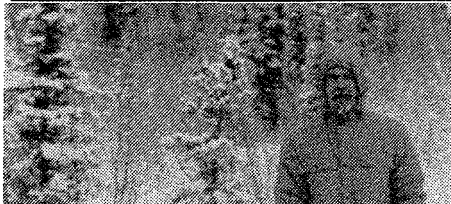
Curiosities

JENNY - Keep your eye out for mischeivous lil' boys. . .

MIKE - Thanks for the tales o' Buffy & Cork. . .

DONNA - We enjoyed your company & commentary at the opening. Steph

BEAUREGARD is thoughtful amongst weasels.



HAP BURT DAI TYU BULLWINKLE!

OH Hi'ah ROB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Jen

Curiosities

Help! I need someone to remove old TV antennas from my steep roof. Call 459-1536

Dave, if I ever need a chauffeur, I know who to call!!

SWEETHEART - thanks for the flowers!!!

CONNIE FITZNER is looking for stories on haunted houses and is desperately trying to get into the spirit of a program to be given at the HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

KEVIN OLSON who is spending his Easter vacation with his Grandma and Grandpa on Marlowe has been out-foxed by his Dad again. Last year his Dad left Kevin in Plymouth and forgot to leave his clothes. This year his Dad forgot to leave his Easter basket. Too bad, Kevin! YOUR DAD HAS NO DOUBT EATEN THE EVIDENCE BY THIS TIME.

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School board faces possible lawsuit over new guidelines

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"I told the school about it and they did nothing," Greene said after Monday's meeting.

Ironically, while Plymouth city police and district security guards were on hand at the board meeting, no police report has been filed by the school district or Greene on any of the alleged incidents.

"They said they would take care of it, but they never did."

Greene's attorney, George Washington, threatened the board with legal action Monday night, and confirmed yesterday that he is "going to do it" later this week.

In particular, Washington said he would be seeking an injunction against implementation of the new publications policy, and wants Greene's suspensions expunged from her school record.

Dave Wineman, chairman of the Detroit ACLU's committee on the rights of children and youth, told The Crier that the civil right's lawyers committee would make its recommendation on the Plymouth-Canton case to the full ACLU board the end of the month.

At that point, the ACLU would decide whether to file an amicus curie brief in support of Washington's planned lawsuit.

Wineman did say, however, that the ACLU already has taken a position opposed to the Plymouth-Canton policy.

Before making its decision, the board heard passionate pleas from a handful of students and activists in the audience, each of whom said their message was aimed at attacking existing neo-Nazi, fascist "skinhead" publications already circulating on campus.

In addition, Greene and other students said their efforts also were aimed at offsetting what they claimed were growing acts of violence by "skinheads" against specific sectors of the student body.

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JACK SELLE-REATTA whether it is spelled correctly or not is impossible to find. Why did they stop making them, and why do I only become aware when something is unobtainable?

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"The owl and the pussy cat" are the culprits

Curiosities

BIRTHDAY GIRL STINE, MOTHER of Jim celebrated her birthday in good old lower town last Saturday with a magnificent party. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR LADY!

DUNBAR DAVIS - TRY THIS FOR SIZE. Author & name of poem "Breathes there a man with a soul so dead who never to himself hath said" (Rest of the poem, Dunbar - please)

JACK MURDOCK - ADOLPH MENJOU, OF PLYMOUTH - Happy Birthday! Eighty-two is a lucky number.

"I'M A CHEAP BRAINSTORMER." Rick Birdsall, 1994's newest member of the Rolling Rock Drink Tank -- er -- Think Tank.

GAIL & LEO are goners!

I FINALLY FIGURED OUT why these pants rip the way they do.--Anon.

"GREEN & GOLD -two of my favorite colors!" -Ellen at the Sidestreet St. Patty's Bank Day, 1994.

LYNN THORPE was seen at Beaver Creek

Curiosities

JUST A NOTE TO SAY I'M LIVING, from Anne Featherstone to "ALL OF US OVER EIGHTY!" That I'm not among the dead. Though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in the head. I got used to my arthritis to my dentures I'm resigned. I can manage my bifocals but gosh I miss my mind! For sometimes I can't remember, where I stand at the foot of the stairs, if I must go up for something or have I just come down from there? And before the fridge so often, my poor mind is filled with doubt. Have I just put food away or have I come to take some out? So if it's my turn to write you there's no need for getting sore; I may think that I have written and don't want to be a bore. Just remember that I love you and wish that you were near. Now its nearly mail time so I must say goodbye, my dear. Here I stand before the mailbox with a face so very red! Instead of mailing you my letter, I have opened it instead!

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DONNA & MATT: what great basketball times!
--J, S, E

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Community opinions

Search by-product

P-C school board trustees would be wise to 'hire' the ideas of even those they don't select for supt.

Although it can be debated ad infinitum as to whether the Plymouth-Canton school board's arduous process for finding a new superintendent is the best method, one thing is for certain:

The process has given the board — as well as the general public (through its representatives on the search committee) — a glimpse at the kinds of ideas and concepts being used effectively elsewhere in this country.

And while only one of the six men interviewed for the job will be hired, the P-C school board would be wise to think long and hard about "hiring" the ideas of the other five, as well.

As one can see (in the box below), the ideas run the gamut from classroom improvement to community involvement; from union interaction to district-wide communication. And the bottom line for each is that they apparently help to make each respective system work better.

Of course, there are more than a few good ideas already in use in Plymouth-Canton, but no one debates the need for constant improvement.

Which means that this process could, in the end, garner more than just a new superintendent for Plymouth-Canton's education industry; it could also set the stage for a whole new philosophy at work in that industry. A philosophy built on innovation, community involvement, board out-reach and solid and effective communications.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Hornblower

By John Horn



So where does downtown Plymouth go from here?

It's easy for the average mouth to spout about what a downtown needs. Read on.

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority and the City Commission have been working since 1990 to do some much-needed cosmetic surgery on the business district.

Funding plans through bond issues have been accepted, rejected and accepted again. Application grants are being filed and the DDA and commission are just short of turning over the cushions looking for change.

The streetscape plan offers big changes for downtown. Sections of Penniman, Main, Harvey and Forest, along with portions of Ann Arbor Trail, will all be bolstered with a new look.

That look includes new benches, street lights, boulevards, brick crosswalks, street islands, curb extensions and repair of deteriorated streets. This is no perfuming-the-pig proposal, but a major restructuring of appearance.

What needs to be addressed, and could easily be ignored, is the state of retail in Plymouth.

Downtown, indeed, has a variety of stores with plenty of character. However, for Plymouth to boom like DDA's Steve Guile knows it can, it requires some new faces around here.

As commissioners point to the Birminghams and Royal Oaks, saying "that's what we want," the business makeup needs evaluation. A downtown does not reverberate with

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Candidates employ creative measures in their own districts

Each of the six candidates interviewed to be the successor to Dr. John Hoben gave examples of the kinds of programs, activities and methods he uses in running his district. Here is a sampling:

S. GENE DENISAR
superintendent

North Kansas City (MO) School District

- Creating an American Citizen class in which one component of the course includes community service. According to Denisar, not only does the community-at-large benefit from the 40,000 hours-per-year of volunteer service, but the student benefits from the interaction with the community.
- Issuing a "superintendent perspective" memo sent to key community leaders to keep them apprised of district events, issues, needs and accomplishments. This, Denisar said, capitalizes on the strong word-of-mouth network in every community.

LOUIS GIANNUNZIO
superintendent,

Marshall (MI) School District

- Impaneling a "citizens advisory council" that meets once a month to discuss district issues. Plymouth-Canton employed the concept in its superintendent search, and does have committees for other specific issues, but there is no general purpose committee.
- Conducting a "time on task" study that worked toward eliminating unnecessary class disruptions that take away from instruction time. Giannunzio's team was able to identify and eliminate 20 separate events, interruptions and activities that detracted from the school day.

GARY HUGHES
superintendent,

Durand (MI) School District

- Moving one school board meeting a month to a different school building, allowing that building's administrators, teachers, parents and pupils "host" the board and the meeting. This, Hughes said, allowed each school a chance to highlight its own accomplishments and activities.
- Holding regularly scheduled "contract maintenance" meetings with the district's unions, which, he said, helped nip potential grievances and problems in the bud.

RONALD JANDURA
superintendent,

St. Cloud (MN) School District

- Holding a regular once-a-month day-long "district council" meeting off-site. This council consists of school building, union and administration representatives who meet to discuss short- and long-range issues and problems.
- Creating a building-by-building budgetary system whereby each site is allocated dollars and site administrators, staff and parents are given the discretion in its spending. For example, a decision could be made at the building level about whether to lease a new copier or buy new encyclopedias.

CHARLES LITTLE
superintendent,

Hamburg (NY) School District

- Creating "assessment centers" in which both current and prospective employees are evaluated by performing their job in a "role-playing" setting. For example, Little said, a teaching applicant would have to actually give a lesson to a peer group of teachers; a secretary would man an office and field calls from role-playing evaluators.
- Establishing a "Breakfast of Champions" session in which all types of students — academic as well as athletic — are honored for their accomplishments.

ROBERT MONSON
superintendent,

Westwood (MA) School District

- Using the League of Women Voters to conduct periodic impartial surveys of the district to assess the public's perceptions and understanding of district operations, as well as to verify the effectiveness of district communications efforts.
- Appointing each trustee as a school building(s) liaison to the board; This person would then act as that school's advocate and its specific contact person and provide a direct communications link between the board and its administrators, teachers and parents.



Community opinions

Here's the perfect followup quest

Hello P-C,
Now that the P-C school board has arrived at its list of three finalists for the superintendency of the district, the job is going to get a lot tougher.

The three men — Chuck Little, Bob Monson and Gene Denisar — are all fine candidates and could certainly rock the boat in this district.

Which is what it needs.

But getting down to one person is going to be a chore — however, there is a way to make it through this and come up with the best person.

It has to do with what I wrote last week: asking questions that probe the future rather than dwell on the past of each candidate; asking what you *would* do, rather than what you have *done*.

This means setting up a hypothetical situation and asking each candidate how he would deal with it.

Or...

Or asking each candidate to solve an existing problem in the district; a problem faced, badly, by the school board Monday night.

A problem that could well get to the root of the following issues:

- What is education is all about?
- What the purpose of a school district?
- What is the role of a school board?
- What should be our expectations of our children?
- What is the role of a superintendent?
- What moral and ethical guidelines should govern the education process?
- To what ends should a district go to impose those guidelines, balancing their immediate purpose with the long-range view of the learning process?

The problem?

How, Mr. Candidate, would you deal with the question of whether students should have the unencumbered right to circulate pamphlets or other printed material on campus?

Do you allow free, uninhibited speech, or are you obligated to intercede if you feel such speech is inflammatory or offensive?

Do you see any attempt to control such speech as an

Gatekeeping By Craig Farrand



abrogation of the First Amendment?

Do you see such controls as censorship?

Does it matter what the material says?

Should the board consider conducting in-school peer sessions on the issues, instead of imposing strict guidelines of adherence?

What role should the superintendent play in this issue?

Is a student's exercise of free speech an example of the *best* of education — a willingness and ability to think clearly and debate a point of view effectively — or a *threat* to it?

Is the right to disseminate information dependent on what that information says?

Go ahead, ask these questions.

Free speech is one of those often painful rights we, as Americans, must endure; we must sometimes endure the most offensive of messages in order to protect the least offensive from government intrusion.

Nevertheless, no one has the right to yell "fire" in a crowded theater, unless there is one.

Still, who is to judge this issue? Is it the school district's responsibility to determine whether something is libelous or inciting to mayhem?

Or is that responsibility left to the individual — and, ultimately, to the courts?

But the other question is merely this:

If students take the time to learn about an issue, think about the issue, formulate opinions about the issue and then act passionately about that issue, isn't that education as its purest?

For isn't education nothing more than the methodical development of the human ability to reason?

Go ahead, P-C school board, ask that question.

I dare ya.

So where does downtown Plymouth go now?

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excitement and profits from people roaming from craft shop to craft shop.

Nothing against craft shops, they contribute just as much for the commercial picture as anyone else and they work just as hard.

It's just, well, not everybody is interested in wreaths and wooden heart plaques.

The downtowns that flourish are the ones that incorporate variety and trends, appealing to all ages and lifestyles. They establish oyster bars and upscale billiard halls next door to resale clothiers, bagel shops and Bohemian-heavy coffee shops.

They have four or seven outstanding, yet affordable restaurants within a three-block area. They open night clubs, vegetarian restaurants, used bookstores, sports bars, art-deco furniture stores and arty movie theaters for those unimpressed by mainstream films.

These places accommodate the baby boomers with the Generation X crowd, regardless of income or social stature. Prices are kept moderate so as to ensure plenty of clientele. They all spend the same money anyway. The shop guys sit next to the bankers with little or no static.

After 8 p.m. on any given night of the week, the sidewalks, bars and restaurants are busy with traffic. Can you see that in Plymouth? Maybe at noon, but rarely past 6 p.m.

Yes, their downtowns are visually appealing. They have nice sidewalks, benches, lights and all the things the DDA is encouraging. Bring the people in, but give them all something to do and spend their money on while here.

Granted, there is more to it than saying, "Oh well, we need this, that and this." Guile and the commission are looking at approximately \$2.5 million in costs for the original streetscape alone.

That's a sizeable chunk of money, but possible to attain. Guile is no fool. He knows what this downtown needs. His original estimate in 1990 was \$5 million, double today's estimate.

Get the picture? Guile originally picked out \$5 million in necessary modifications. Could he have found \$50 million worth? Probably.

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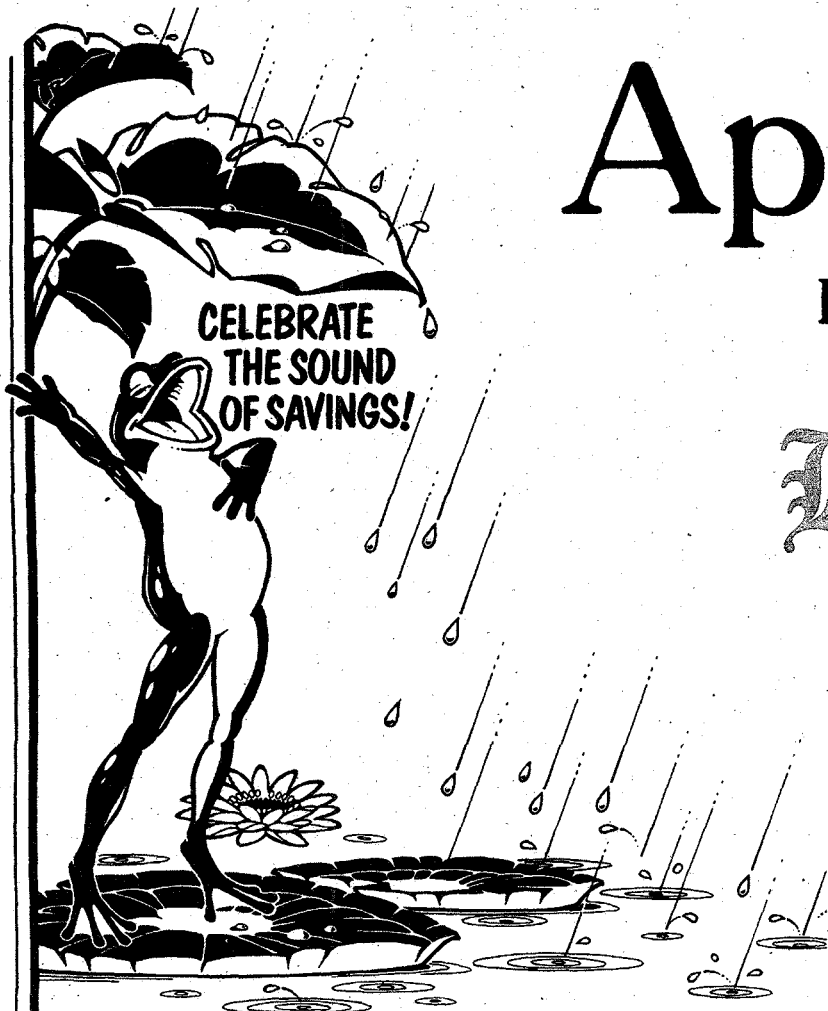
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