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\$1.8 million plan for Plymouth gets first viewing

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

If planners get their way, downtown Plymouth will be sporting new sidewalks, planters and other street improvements -- totalling \$1.8 million -- by this fall.

That was the idea presented at last Thursday's meeting of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Leading the presentation of the so-called "streetscape" plan were Steve Guile, director of Plymouth's DDA, and Steve Vogel, representing the architectural firm of Cheryl Vogel Merz.

Vogel, whose company will handle the changes made

to the streets, explained the general plans for the operation.

The design and construction budget for the project is \$1.8 million with possible additions and deletions forthcoming.

One of those additions likely to be implemented are the replacement of the existing Detroit Edison poles with a new lighting system and buried lines.

Vogel stated that the three main concerns were street furniture, refurbishing the lighting and changes in the paving of the sidewalks.

The primary goal of the plan is to "make a flexible streetscape; one that can adapt to changing conditions," Vogel said.

According to the plan, all streets in the downtown area will be affected.

Part of the plans calls for paving bricks to be installed between the curb and the sidewalk. The bricks would be arranged in a belt 3-feet-4-inches wide.

Other streets will have different brick patterns and dimensions. Wing Street will not have any paving bricks.

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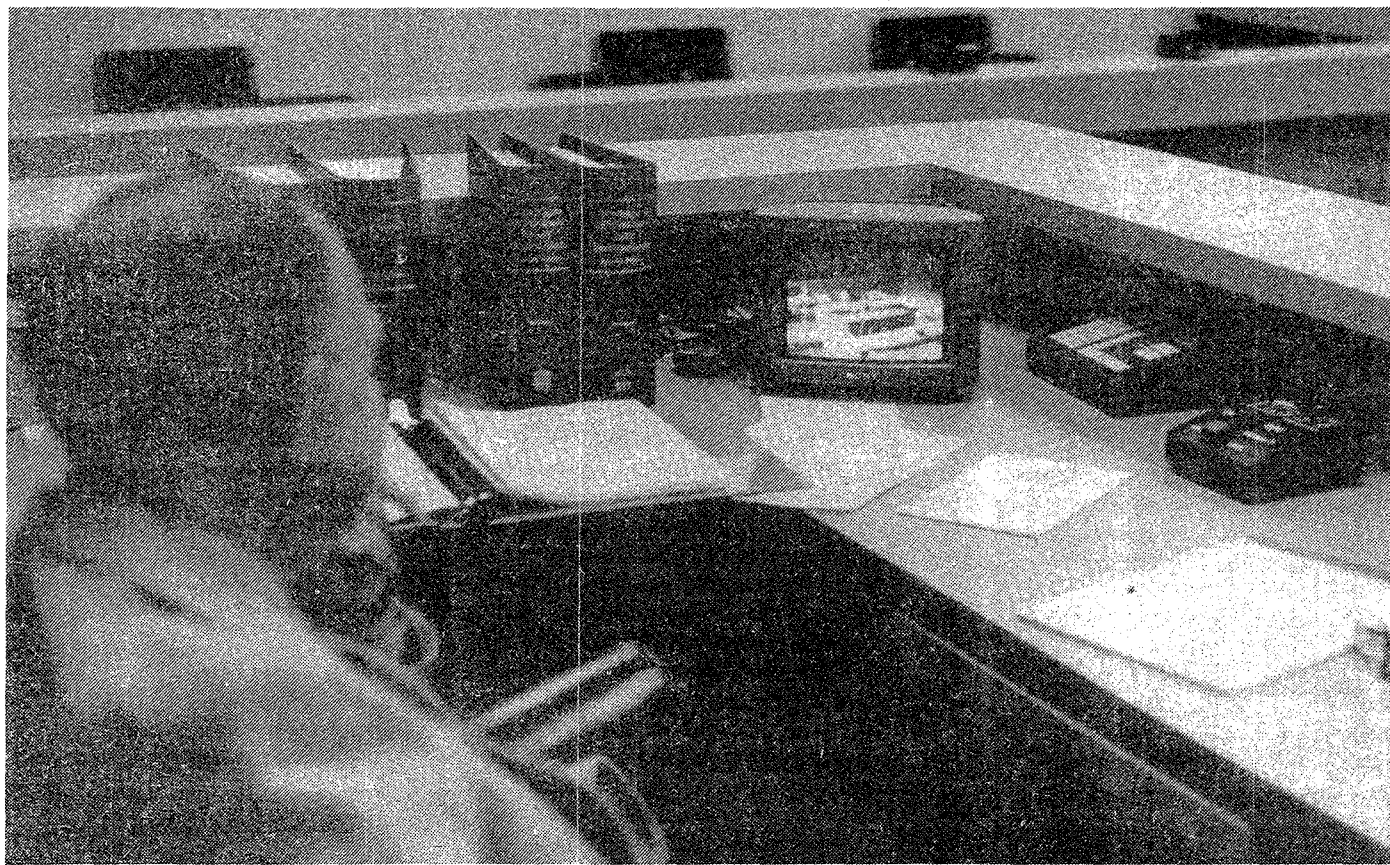
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A new kind of justice

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From his perch on the bench, visiting District Court Judge Charles Kaufman has complete control of the new video court reporting system. (Crier photo by Craig Farrand)

Video system goes on line in 35th Court

"I solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth -- so help me video."

BY CRAIG FARRAND

As far-fetched as this oath might seem, with the introduction of video taping equipment in 35th District Court, defendants and witnesses might be wise to be extra careful in what they say from here on out.

Video doesn't lie.

The new system, which utilizes seven wall-mounted cameras, records the proceedings by instantaneously shifting camera

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angles as different participants speak.

This voice-activated process, then, not only records the words but also the expressions of those testifying -- a dimension unavailable from written accounts.

The \$58,700 system was installed in December, but only in the courtroom of visiting Judge Charles Kaufman, a jurist who

retired from the Wayne County Circuit Court bench Jan. 1 and joined the local court Jan. 11.

Such an arrangement isn't all bad, however, for two reasons: First, Kaufman is intimately familiar with the equipment -- having used it during his tenure in circuit court; and secondly, since the third courtroom is new, no existing personnel were affected by the system's introduction.

In fact, Kaufman said, such a video taping system will never directly replace the traditional court

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Man faces charges in assault of young boy

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A 32-year-old Belleville man has been arraigned on two counts of criminal sexual conduct in connection with the alleged assault of a Canton youth earlier this month.

Leonard Joseph Richey had a not guilty plea entered on his behalf at his Jan. 17 arraignment in front of Wayne Circuit Court Judge Michael Ciungan.

He is being held on \$100,000 cash bond awaiting his preliminary examination scheduled for Friday.

Richey is accused of criminal sexual conduct in both the first and second degree. Second degree CSC involves contact; first degree involves penetration.

Richey was arrested on Jan. 15 after the boy's mother filed a complaint with Canton police. The age and identity of the youth has not been released by police.

According to the report, Richey, who

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Fisher charged with perjury; bond reviewed

Dr. Charles Fisher of Canton, already tried and convicted twice for the 1984 death of his wife Ella Maria Mercado Fisher, was arraigned Friday on charges of inciting to perjury and obstruction of justice.

He appeared before 36th District Court Magistrate Izetta Bright for the arraignment and was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

On Monday, however, the prosecutor's office asked for a review of the existing \$250,000 10 per cent murder bond.

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District drops millage idea for now

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Of those watching last night's State of the State speech given by Gov. John Engler, none could have been more interested than members of The Plymouth-Canton School District.

Coming on the heels of a Saturday budget workshop during which they essentially ruled out the possibility of an April 6 millage election, the members are now holding their collective breaths to hear what the governor has in mind for public education.

More help or more take aways.

And until that crucial question is answered, they really won't know which direction to take in the 1993-94 operating budget.

In the meantime, the board is still eyeing the possibility of a June 14 vote on 17.74 mills up for renewal.

What hasn't been decided -- and won't be for at least another two months -- is whether the district will be asking for any new money, or at least a rollback of the Headless Amendment for the next year.

Based on figures released by the board's finance subcommittee -- composed of Trustees David Artley, Dean Swartzwelter and Barbara Graham -- the district will be facing \$3.8 to \$5.8 million in program cuts even if the renewal were to be approved in June.

These cuts would be accompanied by the postponement of opening two new elementary schools in the district.

None of the projections released by the board include any provisions for salary increases. Five of the districts seven labor unions have contracts that expire June 30.

"It's going to take some time," Swartzwelter said, "and that's why we started working on this so early; it's going to take time to let people know that even the millage renewal is not a status quo situation."

"We still will have to make cuts, even if voters approve it."

Canton man held after failed robbery of party store

A 28 year-old Canton resident is expected to be arraigned today in connection with the sunrise shotgun holdup of a Canton Township party store.

Early Tuesday morning in Canton Township, a 28 year-old white male entered the Wilderberry Party Store at 42444 Ford Road with a sawed-off shotgun.

The suspect, described as a white male, six feet tall wearing a green jacket, stole approximately \$100 and two bottles of liquor.

No one was hurt during the robbery.

Canton police later saw the suspect in the vicinity of Saltz Court and Saltz Road. The suspect then led several officers

on a foot chase across an adjoining field and through a river.

The suspect was then apprehended by the police at the intersection of Willard Street and Saltz.

After arresting the suspect, who was described as "uncooperative", police found that the shotgun was loaded with six live rounds of ammunition. One of the rounds was in the gun's chamber.

The police also found a 12 inch "Bowie-style" hunting knife on the suspect's person.

The suspect, who has one prior conviction of Breaking and Entering in 1983, was arrested for armed robbery and felony firearms possession.

Fisher arrested again for murder

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stating that the defendant may try to run.

"A personal bond requires no monies to be presented," said Doug Baker, Wayne County Assistant prosecutor. "We think that the new case is good enough that he may try to run, so we asked for a higher bond on the original charge."

The original bond has been in an account since 1985 when the original first degree murder charge was entered.

Judge Thomas Roumell of Wayne County Circuit Court remanded Fisher into police custody on Monday.

As a remanded suspect, Fisher is being held in police custody without bond.

"If the new charges don't win in the courts, the defendant will not be remanded any longer and bond will be set at 10 per cent of \$750,000," Baker said.

While the first two convictions were set aside, Baker felt that the new case against Fisher is a strong one.

Part of the new case will involve a former fellow inmate of Fisher's.

"The witness stated that while in jail with Fisher, Fisher made admissions pertaining to the case," Baker said.

The first two convictions were set aside on the grounds that the prosecutor used improper arguments in court. In the second case, the admission of the victim's state of mind as evidence was ruled improper.

Baker stated that the second dismissal was won on a one-paragraph letter to the Michigan Supreme Court.

"A rehearing requested by our office was denied," Baker said.

Fisher is accused of paying an inmate

to say that he and another inmate broke into the Fisher home in 1984 and killed his wife.

Ella Fisher died of suffocation when heavy tape was wrapped around her nose and mouth.

If convicted, Fisher will face two and a half years for perjury, five years for obstruction of justice, and mandatory life without parole for murder in the first degree.

Plan unveiled

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Main Street will have larger sidewalk blocks (6-feet-8 by 6-feet-8) and more street furniture.

There were also plans discussed for trees along the streets. Residents at the meeting were concerned about the mess and possible litter potential of the cast iron tree grates.

Residents can drop off their ideas for the Plymouth streetscape at the DDA offices, care of Guile.

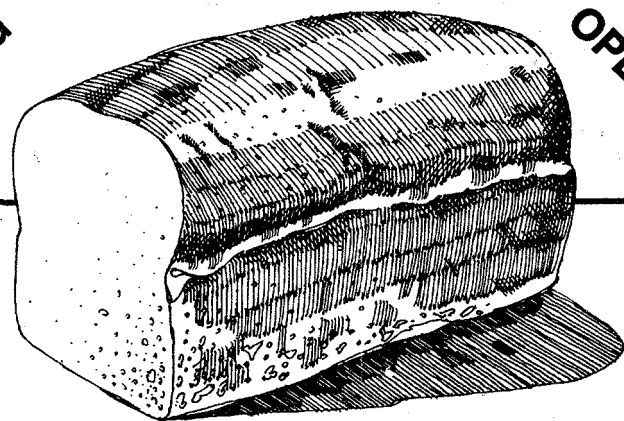
Man charged

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was known by both the victim and his mother, befriended the victim and then assaulted him in his Sherwood Mobile Village home.

Officer Tammi Colling of the Canton Police Department, said the "investigations are ongoing at this time" and had no further comment.

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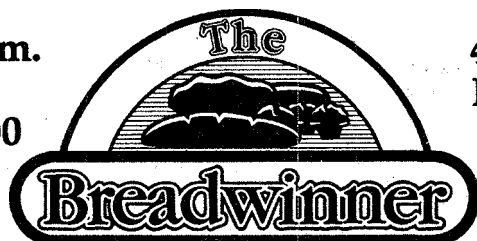
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PROFILE



NAME: Jerry Vorva
PARTY: Republican,
DISTRICT: 20th House District
RESIDENCE: Plymouth
PERSONAL:
 Vorva was a Plymouth police officer for 10 years and also served on the City Commission. His wife, Joan Crimmins, is a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co. They have two sons, Jason, 18; and Shane Alexander, 8 weeks.
OFFICE INFORMATION:
 Legislative Aide: Pat Funke-Fatyma. Lansing phone: (517)-373-3816. Vorva is in the process of setting up a local office in downtown Plymouth on Main Street.
PHILOSOPHY: "Basically, I'm for good, open, honest government."
POLITICS: "(When it comes to an issue) I'm not going to stand on one party line. We have to get things done this year -- and I'm hopeful; a perpetual optimist."

Lawmakers share list for committees

If there's one thing state Rep. Jerry Vorva and Deborah Whyman have in common -- besides being fellow Republicans -- it's that they both would like to serve on the House Education Committee.

The two newly elected lawmakers gave that committee as their first choice in upcoming committee appointments, with Judiciary being the only other common selection on both lists.

Word was expected late yesterday -- just hours before Gov. John Engler's State of the State message -- on those assignments.

According to a spokesman from the House Republican Communications Office, the GOP had finalized its list of appointees by Monday, but was awaiting word from the Democratic leadership.

The announcement of appointments, he said, was to be made jointly sometime yesterday.

In addition to the committees on Education and Judiciary, Whyman also had listed Labor, Transportation, Taxation and Social Services as her preferences for appointment.

Vorva listed the committees on Corrections, Insurance, Senior Citizens and Civil Rights, in addition to the other two.

New faces

Deborah Whyman, Jerry Vorva arrive on the scene in Lansing

BY CRAIG FARRAND

To many observers, the idea of alternating leadership positions in the state House of Representatives on a month-to-month basis would appear silly at the least; ultimate gridlock at the extreme.

But not so, according to the two newly elected Republican lawmakers from The Plymouth-Canton Community -- Jerry Vorva and Deborah Whyman.

In fact, the pair actually see the arrangement as offering the first opportunity in decades to get the Legislature off dead center on a number of issues.

"I'm excited about the prospect," Whyman said.

"I think it will force us to work together -- especially when the speaker will be from one party, but committee chairman from the other.

"It's just a matter that we'd better do something this month, or else we're going to be made aware of it next month," she said.

As unprecedented as the scheme is, Vorva called it "a far sight better than we had."

"I'm very optimistic about the situation," he said. "When you can get two very political groups to get together -- even in deciding this -- it's an achievement.

"First-termers see this as a shift away from the gridlock; that 'OK, let's stop the frivolity' -- and some ol'-boy politicians got the message."

Even in light of the recent revelations surrounding the House Fiscal Agency and the news last week that House Appropriations Committee Chairman Domenic Jacobetti had been stripped of his chairmanship, the two still managed to find a silver lining about serving in the state capital.

In fact, they saw the news as confirming the platforms they ran on.

"This (House Fiscal Agency scandal) provides the No. 1 argument for term limitations," Vorva said. "It's just indicative of the abuse of power; of being in control too long.

Whyman: "Of course, this was terrible, an embarrassment, but there is a positive angle -- that it proves we need ethics reform that makes (the Legislature) more accountable."

And in almost an echo of Vorva's sentiments, Whyman said, "it's a classic example of absolute power corrupting absolutely."

And concerning Jacobetti's loss of his powerful chairmanship -- after the Democratic leadership blamed Jacobetti for failing to supervise the agency adequately -- Whyman even went so far as to suggest the longtime lawmaker should resign from the House altogether.

"If that had happened in the private sector, he wouldn't have a job," she said.

The scandals and schemes, however unsettling they may be to the public, actually provide the two freshmen lawmakers with a distinct advantage as they take over their new seats: They in no way find themselves to blame for the situations and therefore enter the political fray with clean slates.

They also bring with them one other advantage:

"The (newly-approved) term limits level the playing field," Whyman said. "Now we ALL have only so much time to get things done."

To help "get things done," both Whyman and Vorva are members of a new caucus composed of the two dozen new members in the state House.

Already, Whyman said, the caucus has proved to exert "a lot of influence" in House proceedings.

And Vorva expects the pressure to continue: "We're not going to sit on the back burner waiting to get power (through the seniority system); we're going to challenge the system now to get things done."

In general, the two Republicans -- Vorva represents the 20th House District; Whyman the 21st -- share common values and understandings about their

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PROFILE



NAME: Deborah Whyman
PARTY: Republican,
DISTRICT: 21st House District
PERSONAL: Whyman moved to the area when she was 9; she received a bachelors degree and an MBA from Central Michigan University. She worked for GM for eight years and then became a consultant to the automotive industry.
OFFICE INFORMATION:
 Legislative Aide: Mike Batterbee. Lansing phone: (517)-373-2575. Whyman is looking to set up an office in the district, and visiting each of her four communities on rotating Mondays.
PHILOSOPHY: "I always believed that a lot of answers for society's problems can be found by getting involved."
POLITICS: "I really never expected to run; I was expecting to campaign for others, but the GOP approached me -- and I'm glad they did."

'Not a toy'

Vorva takes on crossbow pistols in his first legislative action

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Being a former Plymouth cop, something just didn't seem right to newly elected state Rep. Jerry Vorva (R-20th District):

Youngsters were going into a local sporting goods store and purchasing crossbow pistols.

Not "Nerf-type" toy crossbows, but metal crossbows with 7-inch steel shaft arrows.

"When this was first brought to my attention, my first reaction was that 'this is not a toy,'" he said. "I simply couldn't believe that young people could buy something like was being described to me."

To check out the story, Vorva sent his legislative aide, Pat Funke-Fatyma, to a local store that was reportedly selling several hundred a day -- many to minors.

As Funke-Fatyma tells the story, she arrived at the area store and was told they had sold out -- but that a few were still available at another store 20 miles away.

By the end of her trip, she had purchased the pistol -- \$20.79, with tax -- and delivered it to Vorva. And he, in short

order, contacted both Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and County Prosecutor John O'Hair to find out if a law is already on the books covering such a "toy."

"I'm still waiting to hear from them," Vorva said, "but if they say no, I'll be looking at getting an injunction to block their sale."

Vorva has already taken a next step, however: he has requested that a bill be drawn up prohibiting the sale of the crossbow; an action that begins a formal investigation process into the distribution and ownership of the pistol and any relevant laws already on the books.

One aspect of the investigation, Vorva said, would be to see if any existing Michigan Department of Natural Resources regulations applying to hunting crossbows might also be applied to these new pistols.

In the meantime, however, the new Plymouth lawmaker is holding his breath.

"I have a fear that it won't be too long before we hear of some kid shooting someone with it."

Gale jury trial begins Feb. 11

BY AMY KIDWELL

A local school teacher will face a Feb. 11 jury trial on charges that he struck one of his third-grade students on the back with his hand.

The trial for Robert Gale, a teacher at Farrand Elementary School, is scheduled for Judge James Garber's courtroom at 35th District Court.

Gale allegedly struck the student on Oct. 1 and stood mute to the misdemeanor charge on Oct. 20.

According to the mother of the child, Gale was the only adult present in the room when the alleged incident took place.

Garber said he doesn't expect the trial to last more than two days.

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of January 25, 1993

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with an "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Award" presentation to Plymouth Township resident Steve Harper. Harper has been an active volunteer who has worked in support of every school election that has taken place in the last 19 years. He has been a member of the "I Care" committee since the group's inception in 1989 and has served on a number of school committees.

Board Secretary David Artley honored Harper with a special resolution passed by the Board of Education, a volunteer pin and dinner gift certificates donated by the Plymouth Landing on behalf of the "I Care" committee.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hoben reported that he attended the Michigan Association of School Administrators' mid-winter conference recently. As a result of that conference, superintendents across the state are joining together to devise an action plan regarding the various tax reform proposals in our state.

Under Citizens' Comments, Jaclyn Conklin of the Salem High School Executive Forum discussed the group's recent activities. This month, students from both Canton and Salem High Schools raised \$1,000 by holding a dance called "January Jam." Both schools also are working on a "Coming Home" dance to tie in with winter sports' activities. Conklin stated that the Salem Executive Forum received a plaque from the National Arbor Foundation honoring them for a donation the Forum made recently. In addition, the group has worked on several activities for charity.

Under Board Reports, Board Treasurer Dean Swartzwelter announced that he, Secretary David Artley and members of administration held a press conference that day with local newspaper reporters to discuss the budget situation. Board President Roland Thomas stated that the 2010 committee report will be reviewed by principals and staff over the next year. Administration will present recommendations to the Board in January of 1994 on staff response to the report. Thomas also congratulated Betty Bloch, Business-Education Partnership coordinator, for receiving a \$4,500 grant from the Michigan Department of Education for the Business-Education program.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$3,998,341.57.
- a purchase order for \$7,772.87 to the Grand River Printing Company of Southfield for the printing of the Community Education class schedules.

The Board granted approval for:

- revisions to the 1993-94 CEP Course of Studies, excluding the class entitled, "Technology Outcomes for all CEP Learners." Administration will bring more information to the Board regarding this class.

With the revisions, the current semester-long Sales Marketing and Merchandise Marketing courses will be combined into a one-year course entitled Marketing. The Cosmetology course will now be offered at the Virginia Farrell Beauty School in the Wayne Metro Place Mall. The Welding and Building Trades courses will be offered at the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center. The Landscaping Technologies/Greenhouse Management course will be offered at the Wayne County Regional Education Resource Center.

- a proclamation in honor of School Nurse Day, which will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Board Secretary David Artley presented copies of the resolution to the school nurses who were present at the meeting. Nurses who work in the Plymouth-Canton schools are Nancy Bitzarakis, Susan Dickinson, Marcella Dodes, Mary Huber, Kari Miller and Barbara Yageman.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth. Included on the workshop agenda is further discussion of the proposed technology course and a budget discussion. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at the same location.

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

P-C-N looks to share police

BY AMY KIDWELL

Leaders from the five communities which make up the cities of Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Northville, Plymouth and Canton met Jan. 20 to discuss issues dealing with shared services.

They looked at legal aspects of shared services, and their preliminary review showed that shared services can exist between municipalities.

Each leader will now seek approval from their respective governing bodies.

Plymouth and Canton townships were scheduled to consider the plan for shared services at last night's meetings.

Northville Township will review the plan Jan. 28, and the cities of Plymouth and Northville will look at the plan Feb. 1.

A sub-committee, made of representatives from each government, studying all aspects of shared service and it will first look at police services.

The group will look into any, or all areas of sharing police services.



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The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related projects: Fiegel and Isbister Elementary School Additions and Renovations Work. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the offices of the Construction Manager, on or after January 25, 1993:

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David P. Artley
Secretary Board of Education

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NOTICE

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Businesses glow in aftermath of '93 ice show

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The sculptures are down, the crowds are gone, and now's the time for area businesses to reflect on perhaps one of the most successful Ice Spectaculars in recent years.

The festgoers, estimated by show organizers at more than 500,000, invaded every nook and cranny of Plymouth and surrounding communities.

What may have been a nuisance to some, meant recognition and ringing cash registers for others.

"From all indications, it sounds like we've had one of the best Ice Spectaculars in years," said Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney.

"Not only was business good, but the exposure was great."

The Box Bar, located on Ann Arbor Trail even went so far as to erect a heated tent to handle overflow, and according to manager Judy Fifer, it was such a success, it will most likely become a permanent fixture for future ice fests.

"The turnout was up over last year," Fifer said. "We had a special menu, and people came in to get warm."

John Kwicien, owner of Trader Jack's Sports Collectibles on Main Street said he had an overflow crowd all weekend.

"On Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. I counted 700 people in my shop,"



City workers clear away the last of the Ice Spectacular. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

said Kwicien, "I usually stay open until 7 p.m. but that day I was open until 10.

"I'm already looking forward to next year."

Milano Fine Apparel manager Fadi Hourani said that although people don't usually "drop in" to buy a suit, he did well in sales.

"This year I think for the first time we saw a marked increase in traffic," said Hourani, and an increase in sales of small items and winter accessories."

He added that he also enjoyed the exposure: "If the traffic and comments of the last week is any indication, I think people will come back when they're looking to make a purchase."

Downtown businesses weren't the only ones to benefit from the festival, said Toney: "Businesses from Ann Arbor Road to Old Village saw an increase in traffic."

Paul Kalik, owner of Plymouth

Antique Mall on Mill Street in Old Village said that although sales aren't much higher than usual, there was a definite increase in traffic.

"Friday, Sunday and Monday were good days, and Saturday we were jammed," said Kalik. "We got a good crowd in here and even though they didn't spend a lot of money this time, at least now they know where we're at."

Mike Watts, owner of Watts Up Inc., and executive director of the ice spectacular was pleased with this year's turnout, and guesses that revenue for the area was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

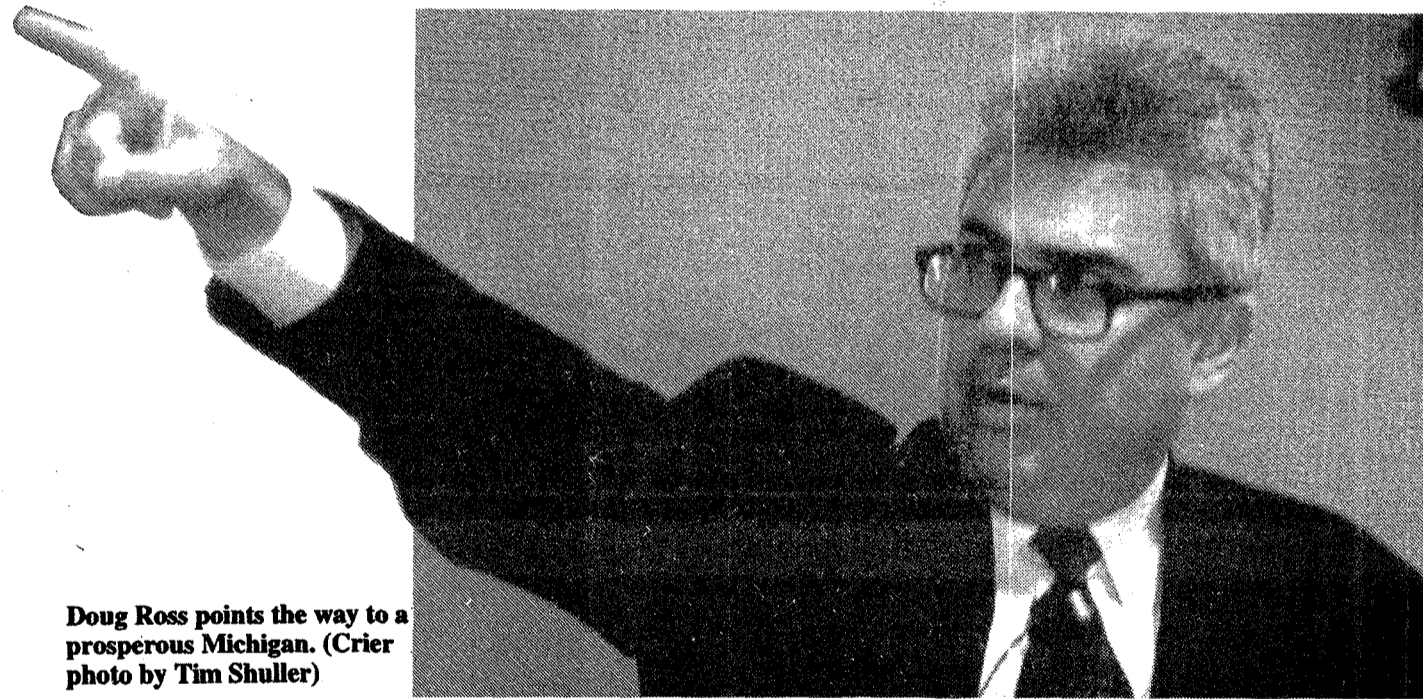
But, he said, although business participation was good, more businesses could have helped.

"If we had broader participation, we could give the event a larger scope or even extend it over two weekends," he said.

"If everyone would look at the business generated by the ice spectacular and give a little piece of that back, we could do a lot more," he said, adding that "some people think that the chamber or the city will take care of this, but the fact is that they can only do so much."

Watts said he's already planning next year's festivities, and hopes area businesses will remember last week when they're approached to contribute next year.

What will Michigan be like in 2002?



Doug Ross points the way to a prosperous Michigan. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)

Doug Ross takes a look into state's crystal ball

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

"Henry Ford's dream served Michigan for the last 70 years, but that dream is over now."

That's the view of Doug Ross, president of Michigan Future Inc. and former Commerce Director under Gov. James Blanchard.

Ross, who spoke at Geneva Presbyterian Church last Wednesday, challenged the concept of mass production as a means to base economic power.

According to Ross, the sun has set on the "one-size-fits-all" mindset.

"Mass production is based on unskilled workers, and Michigan has been based on the Big Three automakers" he said. "Good

paying unskilled jobs are gone, and they are never coming back."

According to Ross, Michigan has lost approximately 300,000 manufacturing jobs since the mid-'70s -- and 180,000 of those jobs were in the Big Three alone.

"It is time for Michigan to join the new world economy."

Ross also said that Michigan has only been below the national unemployment average four times since the mid-'70s.

"Michigan has lost its economic and social thrust," Ross said. "States and communities have to outline plans and regain that thrust and the traditional partisan process just isn't doing the job."

In the new economy, which Ross

outlined in his look at Michigan in the year 2002, everything made in the state will be custom made for the individual consumer.

No more mass production, no more unskilled workers on factory lines.

"In 2002, consumers will sit down in a dealership and work with a salesman at a computer and plan a made-to-order car.

The plans will go to the factory where skilled teams of workers will assemble the car, with the aid of computers and automated assembly lines, and deliver that car within 72 hours of purchase."

According to Ross, Michigan in 2002 will have smaller, highly automated plants. The workers in those plants will

decide when and where to make design changes in the product.

The workers will work in teams and call their own shots, not merely take direction from supervisors and boardrooms.

"The workers in 2002 will be empowered to make decisions on their own," Ross said. "The authoritarian, top-down style of management will also be gone."

According to Ross, workers in 2002 Michigan will be involved in "decision making, not lifting."

These workers will have to have better than a high school education and be able

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Friends & neighbors

Freeze frame

Local artist showcases photos in poetry book

BY AMY KIDWELL

The Vision of Words.

The visions of John Sobczak, a photographer who uses his experience, talent, imagination and drive to create lasting images.

Images that can be seen in brochures, billboards, annual reports, calendars -- and most recently in his first book: The Vision of Words.

The book combines the work of several metro Detroit poets and artists and Sobczak's images.

Sobczak spent 10 years of his life in Plymouth, moving here in 1968, and graduating from Plymouth Salem in 1978.

He then spent two years studying prelaw and another two at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

After working as an assistant for Howard Kloc, a commercial photographer, he slowly picked up his own clients and opened Lorien Studio.

Oakwood Hospital, NBD, Stroh's, Ameritech and Michigan Bell are a few of his major clients.

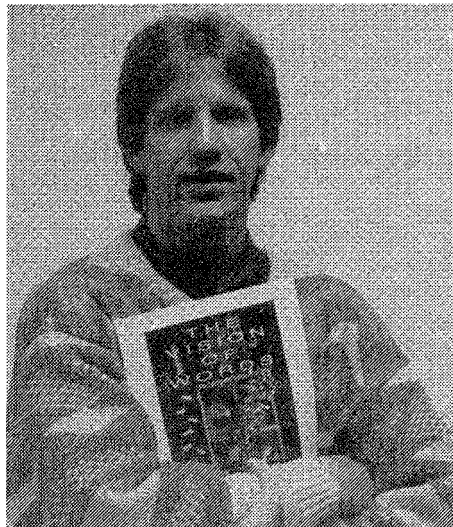
In fact, he was recently hired to do renovation art for the Mayflower Hotel.

Sobczak, who married Jacqueline Paul four years ago, said he used the book to link Detroit with the suburbs.

"I consider the whole area (Detroit and the suburbs) the same and try to promote that. The suburbs would not be here without Detroit," he said.

"I always loved poetry, but I can't write."

To help with the poetry in the book, he contacted M.L. Liebler, a professor at Wayne State University, whom he had met because of his professional career.



JOHN SOBCZAK

Liebler gave him names of several talented, local writers who in turn, submitted poems.

Sobczak selected poems that dealt with "relationships and living together."

"You have to address the social issues rather than the racial issues," he said.

His favorite picture sits on page 33. It is the dark picture of a Walther pistol and accompanies "Trouble at the Drive-In" by Jim Daniels, a former Detroit resident.

The poem talks about the anger people feel on a daily basis.

...We're in this together, buddy, just a couple of dumbies, like those two up there, and nobody's letting us in and nobody's getting out, and it's only a matter of time before somebody pulls a gun.

— Jim Daniels.

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CLF to host fund-raiser

BY AMY KIDWELL

Get ready, get set, start kicking.

The children's Leukemia Foundation is holding its first "Kicks for Kids" fund-raiser.

The event is scheduled to begin March 7 and is an excellent opportunity for boys and girls of all ages to test their soccer skills in an individual competition.

"Soccer is a popular sport for kids," said Mary Jane Johnson, one of the event's organizers. She added that thousands of kids in the area enjoy the sport of soccer.

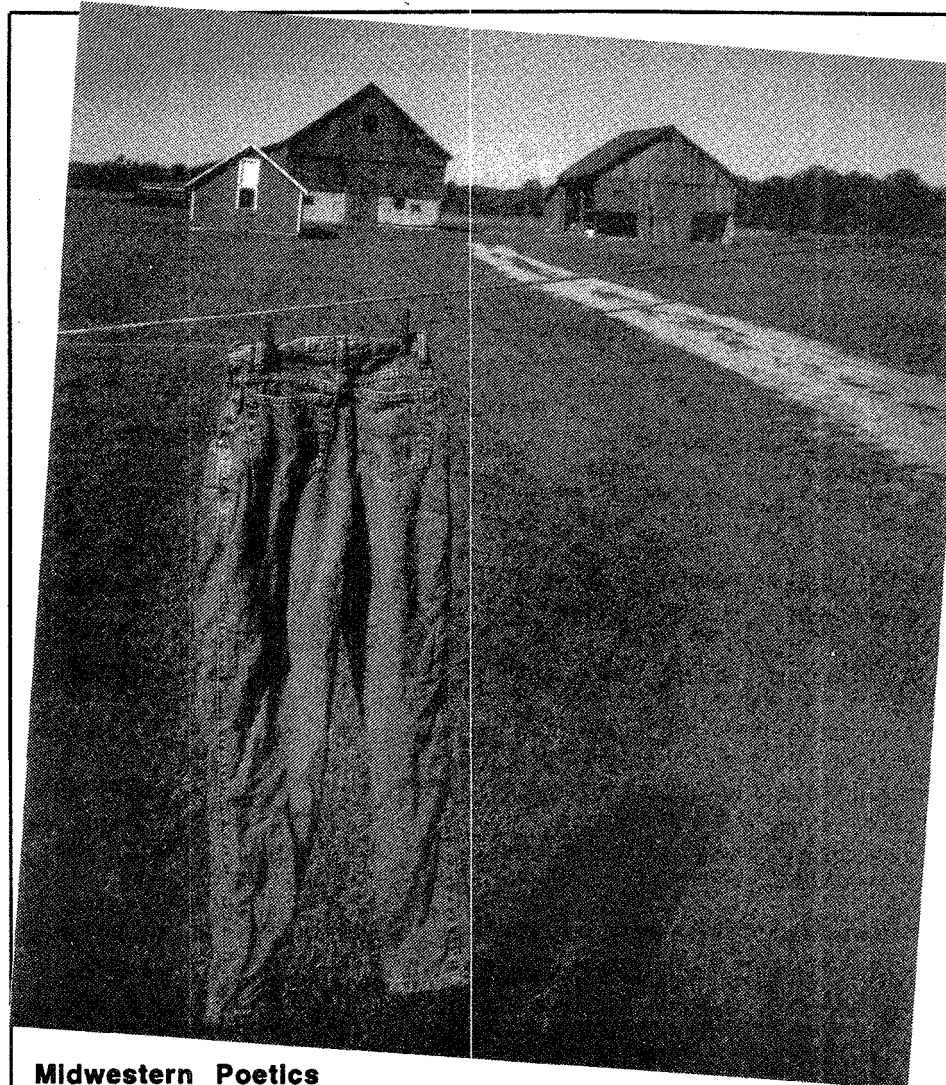
Any boy or girl ages 6 through 18 can participate in the competition.

Preliminary competitions will be held March 7 and 14. Six finalists, three boys and three girls, in each age category will then advance to the final competition which will be held at Cobo Arena during a Detroit Rockers half time.

Ten grand-prize winners will receive soccer camp scholarships, Johnson said. Other prizes include autographed sports equipment and trophies. Every participant will receive a T-shirt.

Cost for entering the competition is \$10. Anyone participant who wishes to collect sponsor donations may do so.

Tickets to the June 19 international
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Midwestern Poetics

The unpromising meets the unexotic,
and we are home again, alone,
with this image of the possible:
these hills that anyone can climb,
the lowlands, reeds perched with red-wing
black birds, leading painlessly
to cemeteries and small towns
where voices are subdued and have no region.
A man paints enormous replicas
of Rembrandt's middle period on the sides
of barns. He is mad. He leaves.

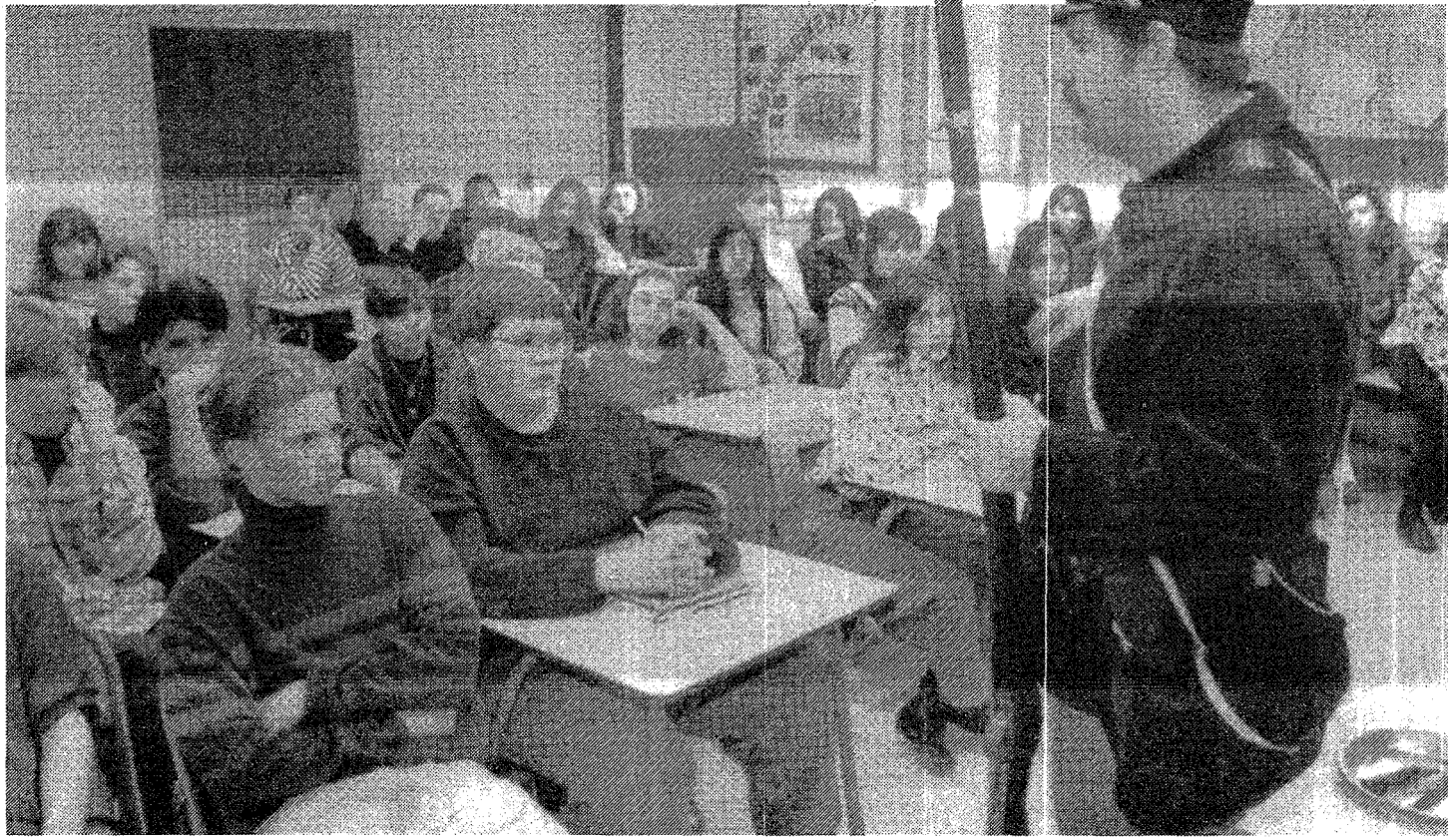
Without elevations, hurricanes, or
earthquakes, without geological alarms,
we learn to count the angles
in the sky and to admire four-barrel carburetors
in the muscle cars that combine the roadside
trees in the six-pack dark of Saturday.
It's not that something has to happen.
A man writes a letter to himself
and excludes the absolute: he is four seasons,
paths in the third-growth woods, nature
that is endlessly familiar.

He is a silo: he stores, he feeds.
No horseman raging down the mountains
flying banners, no vipers, just this and that
that could be anywhere but happen to be here.
The children grow up calm: they learn
about psychotic tantrums like tornadoes.
They plan. There is time, and more time
and more time after that to learn to love
the mild gifts--these apple trees, these
sparrows--in this marriage with a woman
who knows you, but will not kiss you back.
*This poem was written by Charles Baxter and can be
found in The Vision of Words.*

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Going back in time

A member of the 12th Carolina and 4th Michigan Civil War reenactors visits Pioneer Middle School to demonstrate the equipment and attire of the era. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Township toughen drunk driving penalties for commercial drivers

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Both Plymouth and Canton townships are pushing to adopt a new state drunk driving law that will affect commercial drivers.

The ordinance affects anyone caught driving a commercial vehicle with a blood alcohol level over 0.015 per cent.

Commercial vehicles include any

vehicle weighing 26,000 lbs. or a vehicle towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 lbs.

The law lowers the legal alcohol content from .10 to .01 and allows police to suspend the person's commercial license for 24 hours, said Police Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

Persons refusing to submit to a lawful

request for a breathalyzer test will be charged with a misdemeanor that carries a fine of \$100 and/or 90 days in jail.

Both Plymouth and Canton were expected to have approved the second reading of the code at last night's meetings.

After two public notices, the new ordinance takes effect.

In related news, AAA is reporting that deaths involving drunk driving dropped in 1992. Traffic Deaths involving alcohol were 47 per cent in 1991 and 34 per cent in 1992.

Soccer fund-raiser is scheduled

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game between England and Germany will go to the person who collects the most sponsor donations.

Two more tickets will be given to the person who collects the most donations and two tickets will be given to team members of which ever team collects the most.

"This is a first time event," said Johnson, "We're hoping to do it annually or bi-annually.

The preliminary competitions will be held at five Metro-area locations: Grosse Pointe North High School, Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School in Bloomfield Hills, Plymouth Central Middle School, Cobo Arena and Larson Middle School in Troy.

In addition to participants, the foundation also needs adult volunteers to help run the competitions. Each preliminary site will need about 25 volunteer from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation (CLF) which serves the State of Michigan by providing medical research and educational programs.

The foundation also helps families with the cost of treatment and transportation expenses, distributes toys and treats to clinics, provides referrals to allied services and provides a network of support and visitation activities.

Anyone who wishes to participate or volunteer for the "Kicks for Kids" program can call Carole Slotkin at (313) 353-8222.

Photographer's talents shine in book

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Another of his favorite photos accompanies "Midwestern Poetics" which is shown on this page.

Sobczak said he enjoyed doing the book because it gave him a chance to be more creative.

"In my commercial work, the shots are all similar," he said.

"It doesn't matter what camera you use; It's how you use it."

He describes his style as "rich," meaning he likes contrast in his images. He said he doesn't like shooting people at

weird angles and is very particular about cropping, eliminating unnecessary elements.

"I believe in people and enjoying life. I believe in emotion and the purpose and meaning behind it," he said.

The book took a year to complete and cost about \$15,000 to produce.

It sells for about \$20 and is available at all major book stores.

On Jan. 31, Borders in Novi will hold a reception for The Vision of Words. At 6:30 p.m., poets who contributed to the book will be reading their poems.



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Getting down to business

Annual Canton Chamber auction is set for Saturday

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is in high gear preparing for its fifth-annual dinner and auction this Saturday.

The event, titled "Get Lucky," will be held at the Fellows Creek Golf Club, and will offer a variety of events to keep the expected 150 to 200 guests entertained.

Chamber Executive Director Linda Shapona said that the evening will feature the installation of officers, a buffet dinner and three separate auctions.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with an auction item preview and a strolling guitarist. The preview is followed at 7:15 with the installation of chamber officers, and a buffet dinner at 7:30.

The auctions start at 8:30, and include a Chinese, silent and vocal auction.

The Chinese auction is actually a raffle in which participants can purchase 15 tickets for \$5. Each item will have a receptacle, and those with tickets place them, from one to 15 in each bin.

"The more a person likes an item, the more tickets they can leave at the item," said Shapona, "we then choose a winner for each item displayed."

The silent auction is, well, silent. Shapona said that this auction, in which bidders write their bid down, is devoted entirely to precious gemstones given to the chamber.

The vocal auction will cover the bulk of the more than 100 items to be auctioned.

"We have such a variety of items," said Shapona, "there's something for every taste and budget. We have items ranging from a Buick Skylark to an answering machine."

Other items include a basketball autographed by the Detroit Pistons, a 16-foot canoe, a Las Vegas trip and a keyboard, just to name a few.

For the politically-minded, there's lunch with state Sen. Robert Geake or U.S. Rep. William Ford. And for the athletic-minded there's golf with Loren Bennett and Thomas Yack.

Shapona said that a good time will be had by all: "It's a gala event, and although it's a dressy affair, it'll still be a lot of fun. There's something for everyone."

She also stresses that the public is invited-encouraged-to attend.



Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Shapona is ready for Saturday's big auction. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)

"They're a large part of this community, too," she said, "and this would present them with a great opportunity to meet and mix with business and government leaders in their

community."

Proceeds from the dinner-auction go towards operation of the chamber, and supplement the two other fund-raisers, the golf outing and liberty-fest raffle.

Plymouth Chamber comes to grips with member input

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Armed with a recently compiled survey and the opinions of about 70 members, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is taking a close look at its operations.

In fact, the Board of Directors held its annual all-day retreat/planning session Friday at the Mayflower Hotel to facilitate its look to the future.

The survey, which was two pages long and asked questions concerning a member's participation in the chamber and his or her priorities for the chamber, was sent to all 500 members.

Of those, 120 -- or 24 percent -- were returned and tabulated.

Still, chamber Executive Director Fran Toney was happy with the number:

"An average of 7 percent is usually considered good," she said. "I'm absolutely pleased with the response; we got a good number, and a good variety of businesses."

The second step of gauging members attitudes was a chamber planning session last Tuesday at the Mayflower Hotel. The two-hour session was attended by more than 70 people, according to Toney.

People at each of the eight tables were asked to discuss the most important issues facing the chamber, and to present them to the moderator.

"A lot was accomplished in those two hours," said chamber President-elect Tom Carmody.

"Many people brought up issues that the chamber is already addressing, but that tells us that we need to communicate with the members more effectively."

Carmody also said that a good number of new ideas were brought up as well, and were addressed at the the director's meeting Friday.

"We reviewed all of the suggestions," said Toney, "and after we paid the bills, we had to see where people wanted their money spent."

"The survey and planning meeting helped us get a handle on what the members want done."

Carmody added that while there were a lot of suggestions, the committee had to narrow its scope somewhat.

"We took the top four suggestions and we'll concentrate on them," said Carmody, "we're going after those with a great deal of vigor."

Toney also said that while the scope and concentration may be narrow at first, she plans to address all of the issues throughout the year.

"It may take a while," said Toney, "but we'll deal with all of the issues of concern to our members as quickly as possible."

Chamber Survey Results

A portion of the results of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce survey (from 120 responses)

I read the newsletter:

Regularly-80
Occasionally-10
Cover-to-cover-43
Skip around-39
If I have time-5

What I most enjoy about the newsletter:

The photos-57
Member profile-50
Team spotlight-30
Legislative updates-42
Committee reports-40
President's column-29

During the last 12 months have you or your staff attended any chamber functions?

Yes: 79
No: 23

Have you contacted the chamber during the past year for information or assistance?

Yes: 61
No: 38

In your opinion, what challenges should the chamber be focusing on in the next 2-5 year? (The top

four):

1. Step up effort to attract new business.
2. Continue informative seminars.
3. Become more effective in governmental affairs.
4. Increase our legislative efforts.

What legislative issues do you feel should be a priority for the chamber? (The top four):

1. Property tax relief.
2. Health care cost.
3. Single business tax.
4. Environmental regulation and enforcement.

The top 10 suggestions presented at the Tuesday planning session:

1. General membership meetings (monthly or bi-monthly)
2. Update community directory
3. Be more pro-active on business issues (Phone, taxes, health care)
4. Emphasize more on industrial members
5. Work to persuade stores to have longer hours
6. Proactively talk with new businesses
7. Put "Unity in the Community" with personal contacts
8. Ask-Seek-Knock
9. Two-way communication
10. Focus more on goods and services which meet the needs of professionals.

Winners announced in ice show coloring contest



Veni, Vidi, Crayola.
They came, they saw, they colored within the lines.

Local children who entered the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Coloring Contest were judged on their ability to best color the skating snowman found in the Crier's Ice Show insert.

The contest, open to pre-schoolers through fifth graders, was judged on originality and ability to color the snowman best.

The three winners were given official Ice Spectacular fanny packs filled with candy, free passes, and other goodies.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Coloring contest winners
Laura Martin (left).
Peter Nouroth, and Janine Korovesis (Crier photos by Alex Lundberg)



Doug Ross takes a look into state's crystal ball

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to use computers as easily as their predecessors used wrenches and drills.

"Also, there must be lifelong learning," Ross said, "as the rule rather than the exception."

"If Michigan follows this plan for the future it will once again be a world leader in manufacturing and services."

According to Ross, there will be "500,000 new jobs in Michigan, with middle-class wages and health benefits. The state will be a place of economic wealth."

How does this happen?

"The first step is to build a consensus around the idea of the new economy," Ross said. "Everyone needs to be working together."

"There must be a smooth transition to the new economy," Ross said. "Where mass production management is based on authority, the new economy will be based on responsibility."

Another step toward the new economy is de-emphasizing the Fortune 500.

Instead, Ross spoke about the "Michigan 18,000" -- local businesses best suited to make jobs, not just profits, in the state.

Ross also emphasized that Michigan's information technology will have to be upgraded in order for the state to move ahead.

"It used to be that if a community didn't have a railroad running through it, it was on its way to being a dead town."

"Michigan's telecommunication infrastructure will have to be state of the art or suffer the same fate."

Like the mass production system, Ross said the public education system has to change drastically in order to properly prepare Michigan for 2002.

"Mass production in the schools won't work either," Ross said. "Once again the top-down, one-size-fits-all, factory-style of learning won't do the job."

"There can't be anymore passive listening, there must be active learning with the teachers coaching the students rather than lecturing to them."

According to Ross, there must be

lifelong learning and customized teaching. Authority must be at lower levels in order to best tailor the curriculum to the students.

Ross concluded his speech by calling up a point of history: "Why did our ancestors leave the familiarity and normalcy of the old country? Because they thought they could do better for

themselves in the new world.

"There was more opportunity."

"Michigan needs to make a similar journey, a journey into the new world economy," Ross said.

"If Michigan makes this journey it will have unparalleled opportunity to be great again."

Two new faces arrive in Lansing

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neighboring districts.

Both talk about needs to bring back "good, honest government," as Vorva described it -- and Whyman said she ran on a platform that basically said "gridlock has got to go."

As a result, the Canton resident said she has put at the top of her personal legislative agenda the need for true property tax reform, with a unique twist:

"Taxpayers have been shafted for 25 years on property tax," she said, "and I want to pursue true reform -- but in my approach I don't connect the school financing issue with tax reform."

"The two are not necessarily linked and I think keeping them separate will help clear the air on what action we need to take."

Also on her list of priorities is a

change in the single business tax that would phase in the total tax over five years: 20 percent the first, 40 percent the second; 60 percent the third and so on.

This method, she said, would enable new businesses to get past their critical first five years.

Third on her agenda is legislation further toughening drunk driving penalties; and fourth is to attack the education problem, using the just-released Michigan Model report as a guide.

For Vorva, the legislative process has already begun, with his investigation into the legality of selling crossbow pistols to minors (see related story).

Beyond the immediacy of that situation, however, Vorva said his personal agenda includes work on the education system, auto insurance and property tax reform.

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Community deaths

Truesdell, engineer

Philip Eugene Truesdell, 59, of Howell died Jan. 9. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 at Riverside Park Church. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell.

Born in Plymouth on Jan. 17, 1933, Mr. Truesdell worked for General Motors as a design/plant engineer. In 1970, he moved from Plymouth to Howell.

For 28 years, he worked as a volunteer fire fighter and was in the Navy Reserve in Grosse Isle for 16 years.

He is survived by: wife, Marjorie; sons, Edward of Howell and Thomas of Texas; sister, June Robinson of Indiana and four grandchildren.

Pace, administrator

Edwin G. Pace Sr., 78, of Canton died Jan. 13, 1993, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Born on July 5, 1914, in Detroit, Pace was a retired wage administrator for Ford Motor Co..

Pace is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter Darlene Vaughan; sons Ronald, Gary, and Edwin Jr.; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother and a sister.

Services were held on Jan. 15 at Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Stager, accountant

William Donald Stager, 76, of Canton, died Jan. 9 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 at Divine Savior Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mr. Stager came to the community in 1973. He was born in Detroit on Jan. 20, 1916 and worked as an accountant for General Motors.

He is survived by: sons, James of Canton and Mark of New York; brothers, James of Florida and Robert of White Lake and his sisters Ruth Cadotte of Livonia, Betty Hamel of Detroit, Winifred Swoffer of Arizona and Doris Lulis of Westland.

Dipert, group member

Alice Antoinett Dipert, 77, of Plymouth, died Jan. 23, 1993. Born on June 12, 1915, in Gary, IN, Dipert was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, in 1958.

Dipert worked for the Simmons Mattress Co. and moved to the Plymouth community in 1987 from Hobart, IN. She was also a member of the senior citizens group at Tonquish Creek Manor.

Dipert is survived by sons Glenn of St. Louis, MO, and Duane of Plymouth; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother.

Services were held Sunday at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. William P. Myers, Jr. officiating. Interment will be at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN.

Karker, B&F employe

Francis E. Karker, 89, of Ann Arbor died Jan. 17, 1993 in Ann Arbor. Karker was born on May 22, 1903 in Brighton, MI.

He worked at B and F Auto Supply until retiring and in 1928, moved to Plymouth from Brighton. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Karker is survived by his sons, Francis, Edward and George; daughters, F. Joyce Stevenson and June M. Karker, both of Plymouth; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 20 at Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Helwig officiating. He was buried at Livonia Center Cemetery.

Mellville, Teamster

Sidney A. Mellville, 81, died Jan. 17, 1993 in Dearborn. The Canton resident was born in Montreal, Canada on Oct. 10, 1911.

Mr. Mellville came to Canton from Romulus seven years ago. He worked as a truck driver for Montgomery Ward for 30 years before retiring. He was a member of the Teamsters Union #299.

Mellville is survived by his daughter Frances Gaylord; sons, Robert, Edward, and John; brother, Harold; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 20 at Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Herbert C. Copeland officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

Canaday, DPW

Herbert C. Canaday Sr., 86, of Plymouth, died on Jan. 17, 1993 in Ann Arbor. Born in West Virginia on Sept. 21, 1906, Canaday had lived in Plymouth for almost 50 years.

Mr. Canaday served in the U.S. Army from 1920 to 1930 in Panama and moved to Plymouth in the 1940's from his native West Virginia. He worked for the City of Plymouth D.P.W. as a heavy equipment operator for 19 years. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose since 1946.

Canaday is survived by his wife, Elsie; daughter Linda Lee Wells and son, Herbert C. Jr. He is also survived by four sisters and four grandchildren.

Services were held on Jan. 21 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Stevens officiating. Canaday was buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Pohl, Plymouth DPW

Robert W. Pohl, 68, of Plymouth, died on Jan. 18, 1993, in Livonia. Pohl served in the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II and moved to Plymouth from Westland in 1967. He worked for the Plymouth DPW for 25 years.

Pohl is survived by his wife, Florence; son, Bill; two grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.

Services were held Jan. 21 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Laird, specialist

Milan W. Laird of Plymouth, 76, died Jan. 17, 1993, in University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Laird was born on April 16, 1916, in Brookport, IL.

Laird came to Plymouth in 1976 and worked at Hudson's downtown store for 15 years. He served in World War II and was the loan specialist for the Veterans Administration for 35 years. Laird was also a member of the Plymouth Elks and a deacon at Evergreen Presbyterian Church of Detroit.

Laird is survived by his wife Martha; his son, Thomas; daughter, Sandy Soluski; one grandchild; brother, Everett Laird of Taylor and sister, Murial Salata of Livonia.

Services were held on Jan. 19 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Larry R. Austin officiating.

Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.



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Video reporting system switches on in 35th District Court

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reporter, except through attrition over time.

As a result, the other two courts -- of Judges James Garber and John MacDonald -- retain human court reporters to transcribe the proceedings in trials and motions.

Even though it has tremendous advantages over the human system of recording words, the video system has yet to completely eliminate the need for a paper trail -- even in the 35th District Court.

According to Court Administrator Marion Belding, the system is still considered "experimental" by the state, requiring the eventual transfer of video proceedings to written transcripts.

Although the state of Kentucky allows video proceedings to be used in appeal case, Belding said, such is not the case in Michigan.

And, Kaufman said, "the state Court of Appeals still wants written transcripts."

In addition to its obvious advantages, the process of transcribing from video to paper can go much faster, the judge said, thanks to the fact that the transcriber can see the individual's lips move, helping to clarify what might otherwise be garbled words and phrases.

From his perch on the bench, Kaufman has complete control of the taping operation, from activation through shutdown.

Behind the wood veneer, the judge switches on a battery of five video cassette recorders -- two for court recording, one for immediate playback and two for making attorney copies -- and activates his own TV screen.

Once active, Kaufman can monitor not only the sequence of activity, but ensure that adequate volume levels are maintained.

"This (system) beats having a court reporter all to pieces," he said, "and it pays for itself in about a year and a half."

But the cost of the system, according to the jurist, isn't the only benefit: "In the old days we would have to wait for a court reporter to return from a recess, or

everyone might be in court and the reporter might have had car trouble on the way in.

"And, of course, there's always been the issue of court reporter fatigue -- I mean, they get tired like everybody else, but what if I want to keep going?"

"Now I don't have to wait for anybody."

For attorneys, the system offers two benefits, according to Kaufman and Belding: Not only can lawyers get copies of the taped proceedings, but can also introduce videotaped depositions -- utilizing a larger TV monitor set up in the courtroom.

Still, this use doesn't come without a pricetag: Attorneys who bring their own blank tapes can use one of the five VCRs to have a copy made during the trial -- or they can buy a blank tape from the court.

Price: \$7.

But if they do neither and ask for a video copy at a later date, they'd better be ready to fork over \$25.

Although the use of human court reporters is still alive in the 35th District Court, that use truly does constitute the "old days" for Kaufman: The Circuit Court has long used video systems, and Kaufman was one of the first jurists to use it.

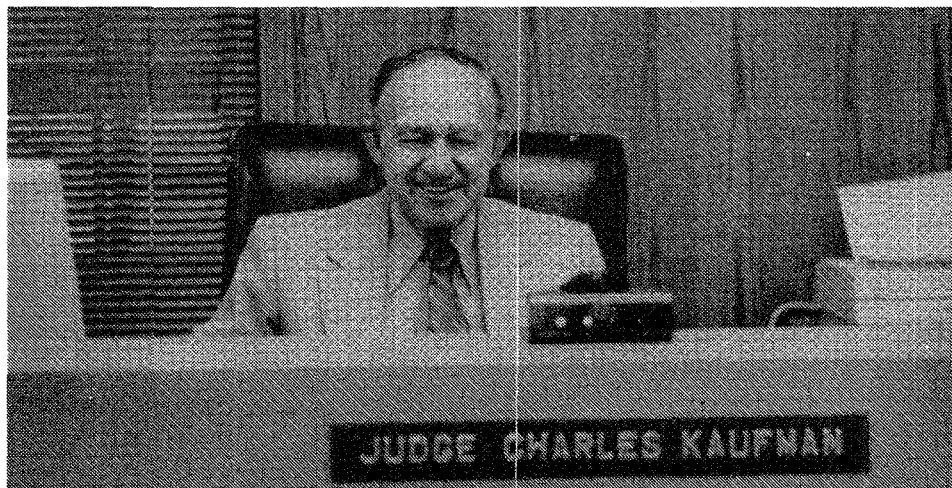
In fact, he said that the chief judge of the court -- his own son, Richard Kaufman -- first offered the system to other judges, but that it was the senior Kaufman who jumped at the chance.

And it is his familiarity and endorsement of the system that has made the transition so smooth, according to Belding.

"It's wonderful to have someone on the bench who loves it," she said, adding that Kaufman's enthusiasm has helped ease the system's introduction into the 35th District Court -- one of only 31 Michigan courts who use this specific technology.

Such praise went both ways, however, as the jurist called the 35th District Court staff "very cooperative" during his transition -- singling out Belding for specific thanks.

And the tape was still running.



While attorneys and witnesses see only Judge Charles Kaufman, from his bench he can see everything -- including instant replays of testimony. (Crier photos by Craig Farrand)



When will court get third judge?

The much-anticipated addition of a third permanent judge in 35th District Court could still be more than a year away.

In the meantime, however, the court has gained the help and skill of longtime Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Charles Kaufman, who resigned from the bench Jan. 1 -- and joined the district court 10 days later.

Court Administrator Marion Belding said that any decision on the addition of a third judge probably won't come from Gov. John Engler until the fall of this year.

If the governor approves the

addition, she said, it would still be until 1994 before an election could be held to fill the position.

In the meantime, the court struggles under a case load that has grown by 13 percent, according to Belding, since the original 1990 figures were tallied to justify a third jurist.

Kaufman, although considered a "visiting judge," nevertheless could hold court four to five days a week, depending on case scheduling, Belding said.

So far, she said, it's difficult to estimate an average weekly routine for the new judge "because he's only been here since the 11th."

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WHERE are the recycling centers for our community? Answer: See pg. 114 of The '91 Guide!



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).

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available in Canton, Plymouth and Northville from Feb. 8 to April 15 through the Tax-Aide program of AARP.

Counselors will be available by appointment at the following locations: Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave, call 397-5444; Royal Holiday Trailer Park, 39500 Warren Rd., call 397-5444; Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, call 349-4140; Tonquish Creek, 1160 Sheridan, call 455-3670 and the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., call 455-6620.

For home visits, call Canton at 397-5444, Northville at 349-4140 and Plymouth at 455-6620.

MUSIC SHOW AT CANTON LIBRARY

The Friends of the Canton Public Library will present David Reynolds as part of their Musical Variety Series. He will appear in the library meeting room on Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the library's reception desk for \$5.

Reynolds is a Canton resident and has studied music and performed worldwide. The show will consist of classical and Valentine music and free refreshments will be served during intermission.

Proceeds are used to support programs and projects at the library.

For further information, call Maria Barker at 397-0999.

PLYMOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering something for people of all ages this winter.

Kids can enjoy Fit & Fun, Music & Movement, Gymnastics, Art, Drawing, Ballet, Dance, Drama, Karate, Rollerskating and Cheerleading.

Adults can enjoy Bridge, Couples Dancing, Golf, Judo and Tennis, just to name a few.

Some of the Senior programs include Bridge, Pinocle, Arts & Crafts, Fitness, Painting and Tax Assistance.

For information about these programs, call 455-6620.

Registration for the Plymouth Soccer Club ends Jan. 29. The club is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 18, and the cost is \$34. Call for registration information.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will offer a cholesterol and blood screening on Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Counseling will be available.

Registration is required, and the cost is \$7. Call 591-2922 for more information.

PARENT/TODDLER CLASS

New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, has openings for its Friday sessions of Me and My Shadow, a parent/toddler class for kids ages 2 through 4. The class involves a variety of play, music and art activities. For more information, call 420-3331.

TALENT SHOW

The PCEP High School Band presents the 28th annual Variety Is talent show. Performances are Feb. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

Tickets are available at the door. For reserved tickets, call 453-3615.

INTERIOR DESIGN IDEAS

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the First United Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road.

The program will feature "House Beautiful," an interior design presentation of ideas to spruce up your house for spring. Presenters will be Dawn McAllister Buda and Associates from Designer's Choice.

For more information, call Grace Rix at 453-5178.

TOASTMASTERS MEETING

The annual Speakers Evaluation Contest of the Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club is Jan. 28 in Denny's Westland, 7725 N. Wayne Road, at 6 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

The Toastmaster Club is a communication and leadership training organization. For more information, call 455-1635.

REPUBLICAN MEETING

The Livonia Republican Women and Western Suburbs will host its monthly general membership meeting Jan. 28 in the Mayflower Hotel's Dining Room.

Anna Ebeling of Russia will be the speaker and the topic is socialism.

The public is welcome. For reservations, call 459-0134.

60+ CLUB MEETING

The 60+ Club will meet Feb. 1 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road.

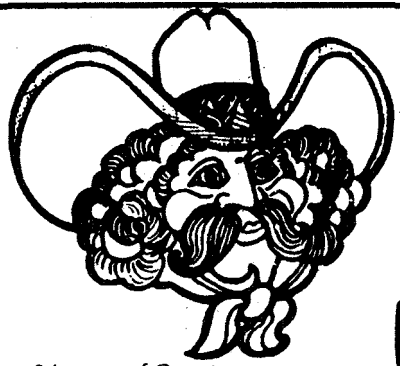
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For more information, call 459-9195.

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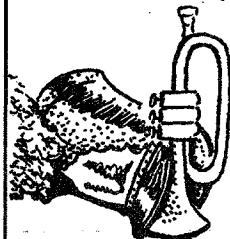
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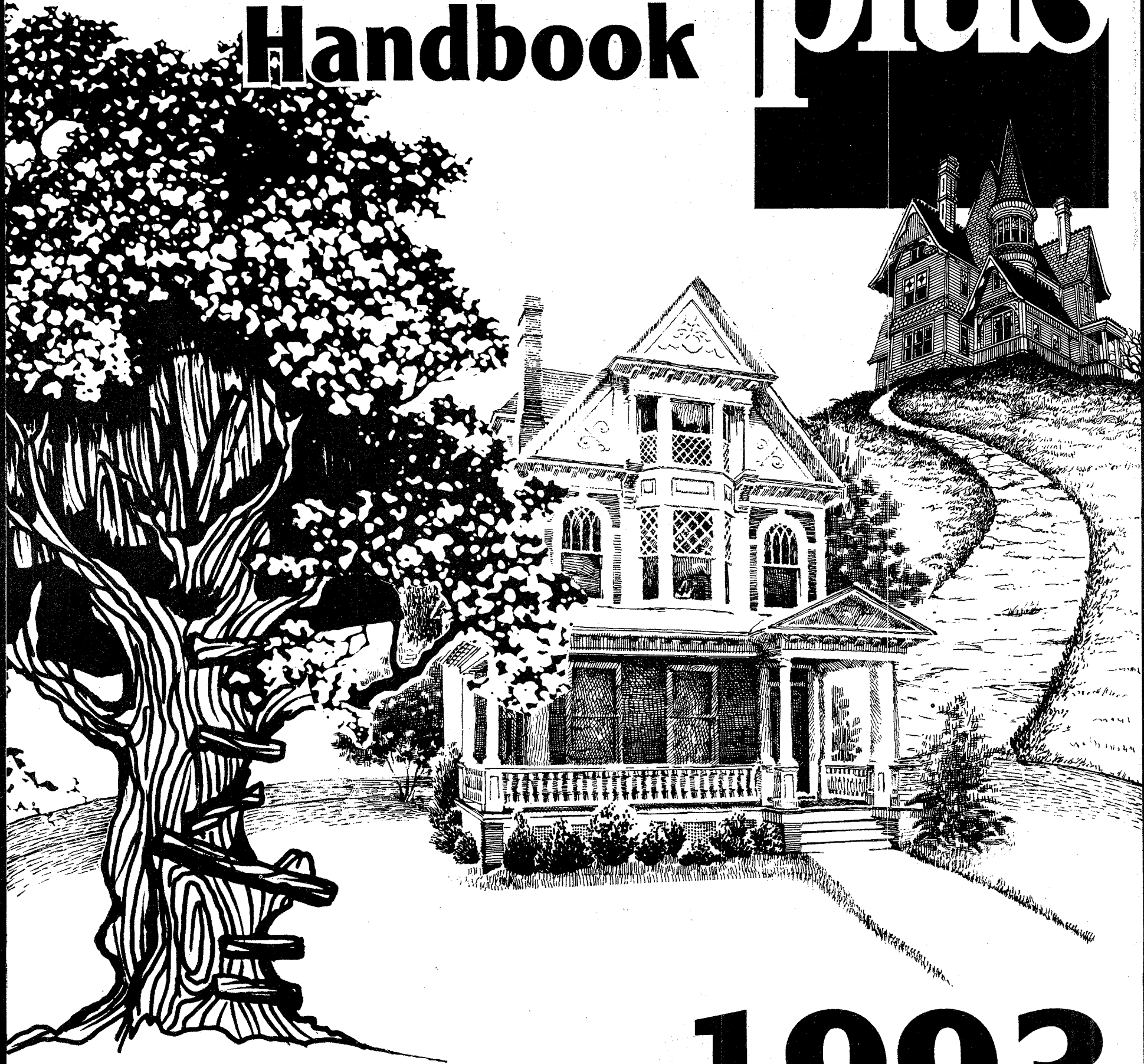
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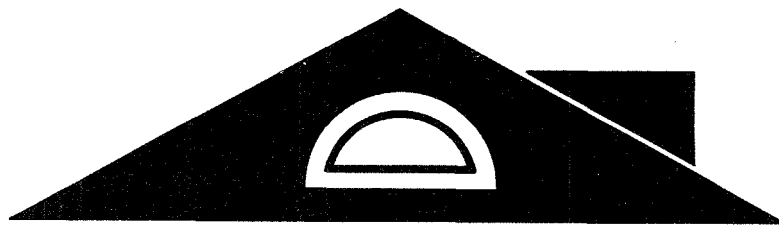
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**Financing
First step in home
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BY GARY GOSSELIN

Whatever your home improvement or remodeling needs, area financial institutions have about as many finance options as you have projects.

While credit cards and short-term loans are available and relatively easy to use, area lenders say that taking advantage of some of the lowest interest rates in years through home equity or mortgage refinancing is becoming more popular.

These loans allow borrowers to use the equity in their property, and to take advantage of low interest rates.

"It's truly dependent on what the customer's needs are," said First of America spokesperson Diane Brown, adding, "someone with a small household project would probably go with a short-term loan, while someone with an 11 per- cent mortgage may decide to refinance and use the equity to pay for improvements."

Hamzeh Makki, assistant branch manager at Standard Federal Bank in Canton Township, said that they are seeing more home equity loans.

"Many customers are looking to put the equity in their homes to work for them, and home improvement is a natural.

"We often suggest a home equity loan in place of a term loan, but we look at the whole picture and suggest whatever is best for that particular customer."

Community Federal Credit Union loan supervisor Joy Dragos agrees that the equity line is popular, but also says that many equity lines are variable rate, and interest fluctuates with the prime rate.

While the interest is now very low, there is a strong possibility that it will increase.

Dragos said that the credit union—like most other financial institutions—offers a fixed-rate home improvement loan.

"We have a great home improvement loan package, and it's relatively easy to obtain," said Dragos. She said that members need to fill out an application, present contractor or cost estimates, and show proof of employment.

Most of the options presented here are available at all of the area financial institutions, with some changes in terms and requirements. All financial personnel agreed though that prospective borrowers should call around for the best rates and terms.

**Permits
What to do when
you're ready to go**

BY MELANIE JONES

If you are thinking about adding an addition to your house, or putting on a new roof, you are probably a little nervous about getting a contractor to do the work.

Not to worry.

Here's some advice from local contractors that will make the decision easier.

•Check for a license.

A spokesman for Regal Construction of Canton, says that homeowners

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should ask to see the contractor's license before having work done.

Contractors get licensed in Michigan after passing a two-part exam taken in Lansing, which consists of a practical, and a law test.

Ray Stella, a contractor from Plymouth, has a policy of making copies of his license for customers, and encourages all to ask their contractor to do this for them.

Sam Santilli, who operates Santilli Building Co. in Plymouth, said not to go for the lowest bid when hiring a contractor.

"Check to see if the materials and labor are good quality," adding that just because a contractor is expensive does not mean the quality is good. Some companies have to pay for advertising and the cost is reflected in the price.

•Ask for references.

Before getting work done by a contractor, it is a good idea to ask them for references from past customers said Jim Fisher, a licensed builder.

Ask for their most current references. Check the work yourself, or phone the reference and ask about the contractor's workmanship.

Employees at Ray Stella advise homeowners to check the length of time the contractor has been in business, and whether they finish jobs in a timely manner.

If you are not sure about a contractor, check with the Wayne County Builders Association for their record.

•Ask about insurance.

Another important check point is the contractor's insurance — you could be liable for a worker's injury if the company is not properly insured.

•Get quotes.

Most contractors give free estimates. Get at least three before making a decision.

•Ask about guarantees.

By Michigan law, contractors must guarantee their work for a year, but check with your contractor because they may extend the warranty on certain work.

Also, individual manufacturers such as those who produce shingles or furnaces, have their own guarantees, so check these too.

Even with these guarantees, if you find that the work is faulty, customers should first make an oral, then written complaint to the contractor.

If the contractor does not fix the problem, the spokesman for Real Construction tells homeowners they can file a complaint with the

Licensing Bureau of Regulation in Lansing.

The board is made up of both lay people and contractors who will make a judgement on the complaint.

•Permits.

If homeowners decide to tackle the work themselves, they will need to get a building permit for construction costing more than \$200 from their local Building Department.

This regulation is Michigan Law, but does not include jobs like landscaping, painting, putting in carpet.

A building permit will cost \$25 for up to \$3,000 worth of construction. In Plymouth, it will cost \$7 extra for every \$1,000 over the \$3,000 limit, and in Canton, it is \$5 extra for every \$1,000 over the limit.

To get a building permit, the homeowner needs to submit his or her plans to the Building Department and have them approved.

After the work is completed, an inspector will look it over to check whether it passes both state and local codes.

It is a good idea for homeowners to check with their Building Department to see what the codes are, and whether they need to get a permit for the work they are doing.

Indoors Winter is good time to tackle projects

BY CHERYL VATCHER

Call it cabin fever or tax-refund euphoria.

Either way, now is a popular time for homeowners to take on projects within the four walls of their house, according to Larry Honeycutt, assistant manager at NA Man's Do-it Center in Canton.

And, not surprisingly, kitchens and baths are a top priority.

"In the kitchen," he said, "people generally replace the floor, repaint, panel, replace cabinetry, sinks and faucets.

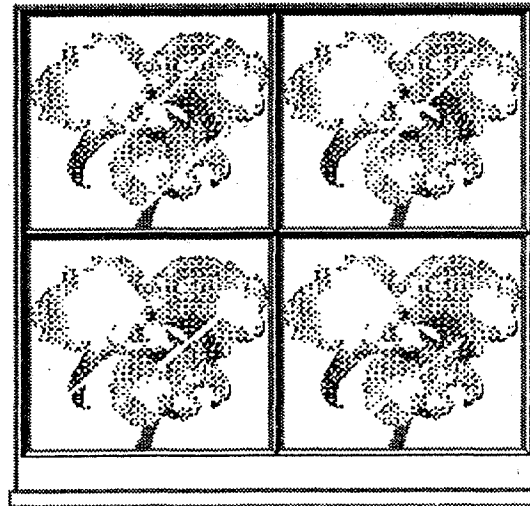
"The range in price can be a couple of thousand dollars to \$15,000."

"In the bathroom," Honeycutt said, usually the bathtub is removed, and

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if the homeowner has ceramic tile, they may have that redone where they have to buy more tile or if they want to change, they can have the walls covered.

"Fiberglass is easy to do," he said, "you don't have to be experienced to do that."

At New Concept in Plymouth, owner Dave Stapleton has his own ideas about remodeling — specifically, kitchen improvements.

"A lot of people are remodeling their kitchens with the traditional medium oak colored cabinets," he said.

And the price: \$4,500 to \$7,500 — including custom designs.

"The installation of new cabinets can take three to five days for smaller kitchens, with eight to 12 new cabinets," he said, "and five to seven days for larger kitchens, with 16 to 20 new cabinets."

A full-service operation, Stapleton's shop designs, supplies and installs the cabinets.

"We also build countertops," he said.

Another popular item in the kitchen, Stapleton said, is the new spacesaver microwave installed over the stove — with prices ranging from

\$150 to \$500.

As for refrigerators, the side-by-side models are still the most popular, Stapleton said.

And colors?

"People are buying white and almond — and are scared of buying colors that will 'date' them," he said.

For kitchen floors, he said, color favorites are mauve and powder blue.

Stapleton's business offers a full range of services: "We provide design service; we help the client by going into their house and measuring things like countertops.

"And then we give them 'how-to' brochures."

Why? Because, he said, on some projects the homeowner will want to do the installation himself, but will want the sink removed by someone else.

Which is good business: Stapleton said that 25 percent of his business is from the do-it-yourself customer — with the rest, simply those people too busy to do it themselves.

Another popular remodeling project is the the basement, according to Man's Honeycutt.

"They can insulate walls, put up new paneling, put up partitions to make another room."

Popular additions in the basement can be a game room or a utility room that has a washer and dryer in it as well as work rooms or tool rooms.

"When they come in to do a project like remodeling a basement, it is an overall winter event," he said — and prices can vary according to the what the client wants done.

According to Honeycutt, such a project can cost from \$2,000 to \$4,000, but if there is going to be a bar, kitchen cabinets, it's going to run into the \$8,000 to \$10,000 range.

"When a customer puts in everything, it's like a place away from the living room; away from the good furniture. It's also a place to entertain.

"There are no limitations," he said.

Invariably, Honeycutt said, "the customer comes in with basic ideas and then ends up doing more than he anticipated."

To help its customers tackle their own projects, Mans' offers clinics in learning such things as drywall installation, electrical wiring and plumbing.

"We've had this every Saturday morning," Honeycutt said. "When we are finished with our inventory, we'll have the clinics again throughout the year.

Outdoors Other projects move outside the house

BY LEE SNIDER

Now's the time to do your spring remodeling.

Well, at least now's the time to start planning it.

"The biggest mistake people make is that they don't take the time or put the thought into it that they should," said Mike Lockwood of Charles Cash Builders, 357 Adams.

"Fourteen or 15 different inspections can be needed before you're done with all the electrical, heating and plumbing.

"To do it properly, it takes two-to-three months," he said.

Lockwood said that many people just don't realize the amount of work that's involved in adding on a room to their house or building a garage.

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the specifications for a simple addition, but, in most cases, several meetings with an architect are necessary before work can begin.

"The most extensive project is a kitchen or bathroom, Lockwood said. "They involve every aspect of building: plumbing, heating, electrical, flooring, cabinetry, appliances."

Lockwood says there are a number of unforeseen problems that can develop, especially when trying to match exterior materials.

"The shingle, siding and brick manufacturers discontinue their lines usually after five years," he said. "You just tie it in as best you can."

According to Lockwood, a new development in the building industry enables workers to stain brick and achieve a consistent color.

He said a water-soluble solution is used, and the work is done one brick at a time.

One Plymouth homeowner he knows has made use of the new process.

Bill Day, the owner of Village Remodelers, 41127 Ann Arbor Trail, said his business is currently very busy, a fact he attributes to a smarter consuming public.

"The public is getting wiser," he said. "They used to wait until April or May and then wanted it done right away."

Day said his family-owned business is now involved in about a dozen room additions. He expects that one of the projects will cost in excess of \$100,000.

Most of the renovations, however, are in the \$20,000-\$35,000 range.

Day said many Plymouth residents are opting to remodel rather than move.

"A lot of people looked at new homes and decided that they like the Plymouth area," he said. "They want to spend their lives here and don't want to leave."

Day said his company constructs many sun rooms, and has had a lot of calls for additions to master bedrooms.

"We're doing a lot of master suites, with expanded bathrooms and jacuzzi's," he said. "Sometimes they'll want two or three walk-in closets."

Both Charles Cash Builders and Village Remodelers are licensed by the state and follow required permit procedures.

According to Lockwood, many outfits are not registered with the proper authorities.

"There are a lot of fellows out there who work for cash and are killing the builders. People who have questions should call the city."

Heat/cold Furnaces, insulation are popular projects

BY KATHY WEAVER

Home heating and cooling improvements can be costly, time-consuming efforts.


If not done properly, you could be left out in the cold.

To avoid the chill (or the swelter of summer's heat), a homeowner needs to be knowledgeable about product and service options.

According to last fall's Consumers Digest Buying Guide, "choosing the right (furnace) will save you money in energy bills and service costs for

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•First, do you use a furnace or boiler?

If you are replacing existing equipment, the answer may be there in your basement.

It may be better to purchase the same type of system currently used in order to utilize either the existing ductwork (furnace) or piping (boiler).

A furnace is used in forced-air systems. This system is best designed for use with central air, as the same ducts can generally be used.

A boiler uses a hot-water or hydronic system. It is best used for controlling heating if the home is divided into different heating zones. This system may also be used as your domestic hot-water source through a separate tank.

•Second, should you use gas or oil?

Gas is the most economical and environmentally friendly choice. However oil or liquid propane (LP) are still used in rural areas where natural-gas pipelines aren't yet available.

•Third, what kind of efficiency are you looking for?

Each system is given an Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) which according to industry standards, "is the percentage of fuel burned by the furnace or boiler."

There are three ranges of efficiency, including mid-efficiency (low to mid-80s AFUE), high-efficiency (above 90 AFUE) and super-high-efficiency (above 94 AFUE).

Federal guidelines now regulate all AFUE ratings and no furnace or boiler may fall below 78 percent in today's energy efficient conscious

society.

•Fourth, what size furnace do you need?

Sizes of a furnace or boiler is measured in British thermal units (Btu). The Btu needed in an individual home is based on the size of the home, its location and exposure to the elements, its size and number of windows and the amount of already existing.

•The fifth and final factor — and oftentimes the most important — is cost.

According to the Larry Rehfield, contractor for Select Air Systems in Plymouth, "gas furnaces cost anywhere from \$1,100 to \$2,800" — which doesn't include ductwork.

The pricing differences, he said, are based upon the efficiency of each model.

Boilers, on the other hand, range in price from "\$4,000 to \$5,000 for high-efficiency models, which include the hot water heating option," Rehfield said.

Another aspect of a home's heating system involves the installation of insulation in walls, floors and ceilings.

This creates a dead air space that prevents heat from escaping. The most popular types of insulation are fiberglass insulation and blown-in or cellulose fiber insulation.

Both require a vapor barrier which stops the vapor from traveling through to the insulation. Blown-in insulation is generally used in an existing home in order to supplement the present insulation.

According to Al Patterson, President of A.R.K. Enterprises in Plymouth, "installation of insulation is calculated by the R-factor, which (measures) the resistance of heat flow.

"The higher the R-factor value, the greater the insulation power."

Insulation is also regulated by local building codes.

Patterson said the Plymouth code "requires an R-11 factor or three-and-a-half inches of insulation for standard 2-by-4-inch walls, and a R-19 factor or six inches of insulation for ceilings."

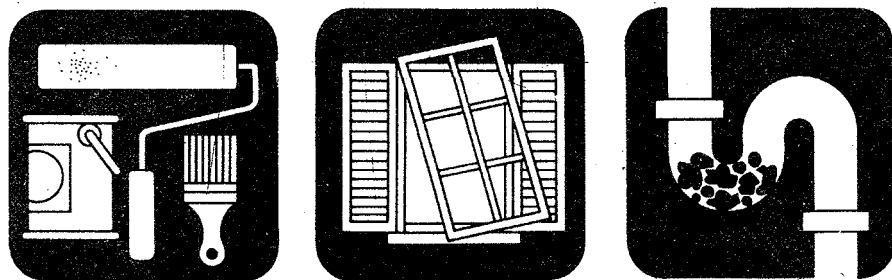
The contractor warned, however, that, "when insulating an existing home during remodeling, stuffing five-and-a-half inches of insulation in three-and-a-half-inch walls will not achieve a R-21 factor."

There are a wide range of costs for insulation. Jennifer Behm, Customer Service Representative for Builders Square in Canton said that "on average, R-11 insulation runs 13 cents a square and R-19 (insulation) is about 25 cents a square foot."

"For a do-it-yourselfers, insulating an average attic can run between \$200 to \$500, depending upon if it's the first layer or if your supplementing an existing supply," Behm said.

As an incentive to all these costly home improvements, MichCon offers

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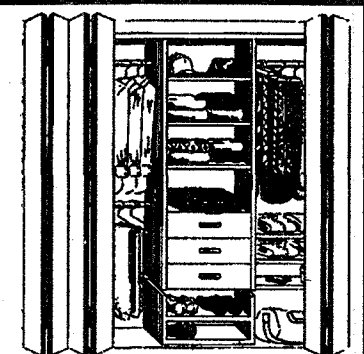
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Heat/cold: Furnaces, insulation are popular projects

The second incentive is a Rebate Program.

Fontanive: "This program is offered to all residential customers, but they cannot participate in both the Rebate and Low-interest Loan Programs."

With all this talk about heating and insulation, however, one might think that air conditioning would be the last consideration.

But that's not true, according to Patterson: "You can usually save around \$300 by adding air while having a new heating unit installed"

The most important consideration when buying a central air conditioning system is its size. This can be measured by either Btu or tons (12,000 Btu equals one ton).

According to industry experts, "as a general rule of thumb, each square foot of living space requires 20 Btu of cooling."

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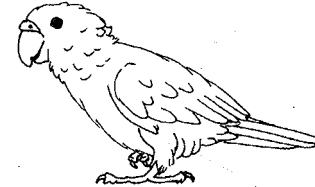
several money-saving programs to homeowners. The first incentive is a Low-interest Loan Program.

According to Karen Fontanive, public relations coordinator for MichCon, "the Loan Program is available to all residential customers who are current in gas bill payments and pass a credit review."

"This program enables you to purchase a replacement high-efficiency gas furnace, boiler and/or insulation and finance up to \$2,500 of your purchase through MichCon," Fontanive explained.



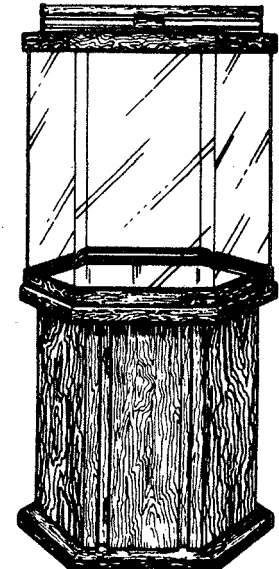
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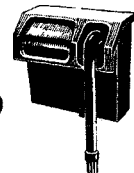


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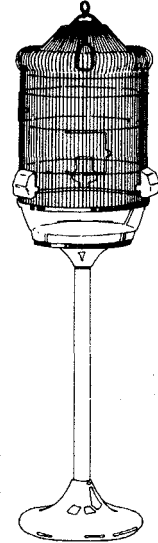
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P-C-N offers library resources



Residents of Plymouth-Canton have far to travel when it comes to public information. The Canton Public Library moved to its new Administration Building on Canton Center Road almost four years ago now. Since then the facility has become one of the most widely used library facilities in western Wayne County. The building is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Rd.

The library is open from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. In the summer it is closed Sundays.

The phone number for the Canton Library is 397-0909. Canton residents pay 1.70 mills for the operation of the library.

Canton Public Library Board: library director, Jean Taboy; Katherine Baldrice Bone (1992), 43057 Devon Lane, 981-5102; David Mary Gyorko (1992), 8451 Orlean, 453-8416; Beverly Filorn (1992), 1529 Danier, Napier, 455-4780; William Simmerer (1992), 39763 Chevrolet, 397-3463.

The Northville Library serves residents located on the lower level of the city's Municipal Building at 215 W. Main St. Due to a recent budget trouble the library has had to scale back its hours.

The library is now open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and closed on Sunday.

The phone number of the Northville Library is 349-3020. Residents of Northville and Northville are pay for the library operations, but the budget of the township government. There is a millage levied to operate the library.

Library Advisory Commission: library director, Patricia Dawson Gougeon (1993); chairperson, Barbara Dawson (1994); John Buckland (1993); Frances Mattison (1994); Wendy Nowaki (1993); Sally Williams (1993); Lynn Parkins (1993).

Happenings in the community

The active nature of Plymouth-Canton-Northville residents shows itself all year round as a variety of special events fill the calendar from Eight Mile Road to the north, Michigan Avenue to the south, Napier Road to the west and Haggerty Road to the east.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY: Despite several bad years recently, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular (now in its 11th season) has carved a niche in the community's winter calendar. Held for one week at the beginning of the year, the ice festival remains one of the premier ice shows in the state. If not nation, drawing competitors and interest from all over the U.S. and the world.

The first two months of the year also offer residents plenty of chances to enjoy the various winter recreational facilities available for fighting cabin fever. There are sports tournaments, skating, sledging, skiing at nearby parks, and lots of concerts, plays, fun fundraising events, and school shows to fill the evenings with something new each night.

MARCH, APRIL: Spring fever reaches its highest levels during the annual annual Easter egg hunts for kiddies in each of the P-C-N communities. By early April, shoppers are out in force in downtown Plymouth and Northville and Plymouth's historic Old Village gears up for another year of special events.

Those seeking a more natural experience can join in the spring tours at William P. Holliday Nature Preserve in Canton or the annual Miller Woods Walks held in the Township. There are usually two or three each spring.

For culture lovers the local theatre group, symphony wrap up their seasons during these months.

MAY: Northville takes the spotlight this month with the annual community-wide Memorial Day is marked with special services in all of P-C-N. There are wreath-laying ceremonies at local veterans memorials. May is also the time for the Canton-Northville farmers' markets in Plymouth.

Until this year the Canton Challenge Festival also took center stage in May. But the two-week program of athletic and fitness events has been replaced this year by the Liberty Festival planned for June this year.

The ever-popular Canton Memorial Soccer Tournament, is still planned for May and will again likely draw 200 or so teams from across the state and the country.

JUNE: June is a month for light outdoor activities throughout P-C-N, including Friday night street dances or music in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, concerts at Plymouth Township Park, the Summer Song Festival in Northville and now the Liberty Festival in Canton. Old Village offers a celebration in Dearie Days and local high school seniors put on cap and gown for annual graduation commencements.

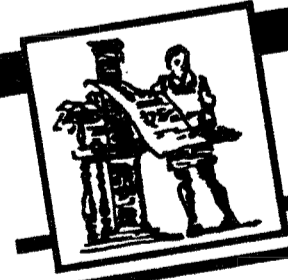


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FRIENDS OF HOMELESS

The monthly meeting of Active Friends of the homeless will be on Jan. 30 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia, Seven Mile and Purlingbrook.

For more information, call Ronalee at 427-9063 or Carolann at 349-2325. New members are welcome.

POETRY CONTEST

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Awards of Poetic Excellence" poetry contest. The contest is free to enter, and the grand prize is \$500.

To enter, send one, 20 line or less, poem to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. C, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175. The deadline is March 31.

Poems entered in the contest will also be considered for publication in the Fall edition of Poetic Voices of America.

POSTER CONTEST

Detroit Edison is hosting its second Environmental Poster Contest. The contest is open to kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Each entry must address one or more of the contest's theme, which is "Recycling, Conserving Natural Resources and Planting Trees." Each entry must also be postmarked by Feb. 26.

Each entry will be acknowledged with a small gift. Geographic winners will receive a savings bond, and the grand prize winner selects a prize.

Contest rules have been distributed to elementary schools throughout the area. For information, call 237-6740.

GOSPEL MUSIC SHOW

The Great Adventure is coming to the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Valet parking, a nursery, baby sitting and refreshments will be available at this show featuring contemporary southern gospel music.

Admission is free. Call 453-1525 for more information.

CANTON BASKETBALL NIGHT

On Feb. 3, EMU will host Canton Basketball Night at Bowen Field House. The evening will feature Mid-American Conference basketball. A women's game will start at 5:15 p.m. and a men's game at 7:30 p.m.

Call 487-0252 for more information.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Schrader Funeral Home is offering Horizons, a support group for people who have lost a loved one.

The group meets the third Monday of every month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St.

Admission is free. Call Schrader Funeral Home for more information.

SENIOR CITIZEN AWARDS

Anyone who wishes to nominate a Concerned Citizen for an award has until Jan. 31 to do so. This is the fifth annual Concerned Citizen Awards program.

Citizens Insurance Company of America will honor 10 outstanding senior volunteers from across the state. Winners receive \$500 and another \$500 will be donated to the charity of their choice.

Nominees must be Michigan residents, 60 years or older and non-paid volunteers for the activity for which they are being nominated. Forms are available at most senior citizen centers, some United Way agencies and participating Citizen Insurance agents.

YMCA MEETING

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at Ernesto's.

VALENTINE PARTY FOR KIDS

Kids ages 3 through 12 can attend a Valentine party and Clown show, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation, on Feb. 13 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The show, to be held at Canton's Recreation Center, will feature games, a cartoon, refreshments and a special clown performance.

There is no fee to attend. Call 397-5110 for reservations.

NORTHVILLE RECREATION PROGRAMS

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering lessons in cross country skiing and is organizing a morning volleyball league for women.

The ski lesson will be held Jan. 31 at Maybury State Park from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$9 with equipment and \$15 without equipment.

Volleyball is offered to adult women and will be held Thursday mornings with games at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. The league runs for 10 weeks and begins Jan. 28. Cost is \$25 per player.

For information on either of these programs, call 349-0203.

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

The Canton Newcomers Club will hold its 2nd annual Children's Carnival on Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event, to be held in the cafeteria of Canton High School on Canton Center Road, will feature games, prizes, a raffle and craft booth and refreshments.

All proceeds will benefit Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, located in Garden City and Plymouth.




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Sports

Canton/Salem clash Depth leads Salem tankers to victory

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It may have looked like Canton would earn its second aquatic victory over Salem Thursday, with the number of first place finishes the Chiefs were chalking up. But as the points were tallied, Salem's depth added up to a win as the Rocks defeated the Chiefs 110-76.

Although the score looks like an easy win, both Canton and Salem coaches say that wasn't the case.

After a disqualification in the first event, Salem coach Chuck Olson was a little concerned how his team would react. He was concerned the tankers wouldn't relax in the pool and be able to do what had to be done to win the meet.

"It was a typical Canton/Salem meet," said Olson. "We swam real well. They made it real challenging for us. I'm glad our guys snapped back after the medley and were able to relax. We definitely don't want to swim tight against Canton."

"I think they had the idea that if we did what we're supposed to do we could win. There were a few moments there I think they weren't quite sure who was supposed to win this meet."

The tankers met at the Canton pool and the host team finished first in eight of 12 events. "We won the battles but lost the war," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "They had much better depth."

Wellman saw improved time in all his

swimmers, especially Joe Foster in the butterfly, Craig Steshetz and Jeff Clark in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Salem placed second, third and fourth in many events and outscored Canton. The Rocks took only four first places in a meet where both coaches saw good performance from their respective squads.

Diving was a highlight for both squads. Canton's Jason Fowler gave the best performance of his life, scoring 238.50 points off the board. However, Salem won the event taking the next three finishes.

For the Rocks, Woody Thomas was second with 231.90. Justin Richardson took third, scoring 212.80, and Chris

Obudzinski was fourth tallying 196.10 points off the board.

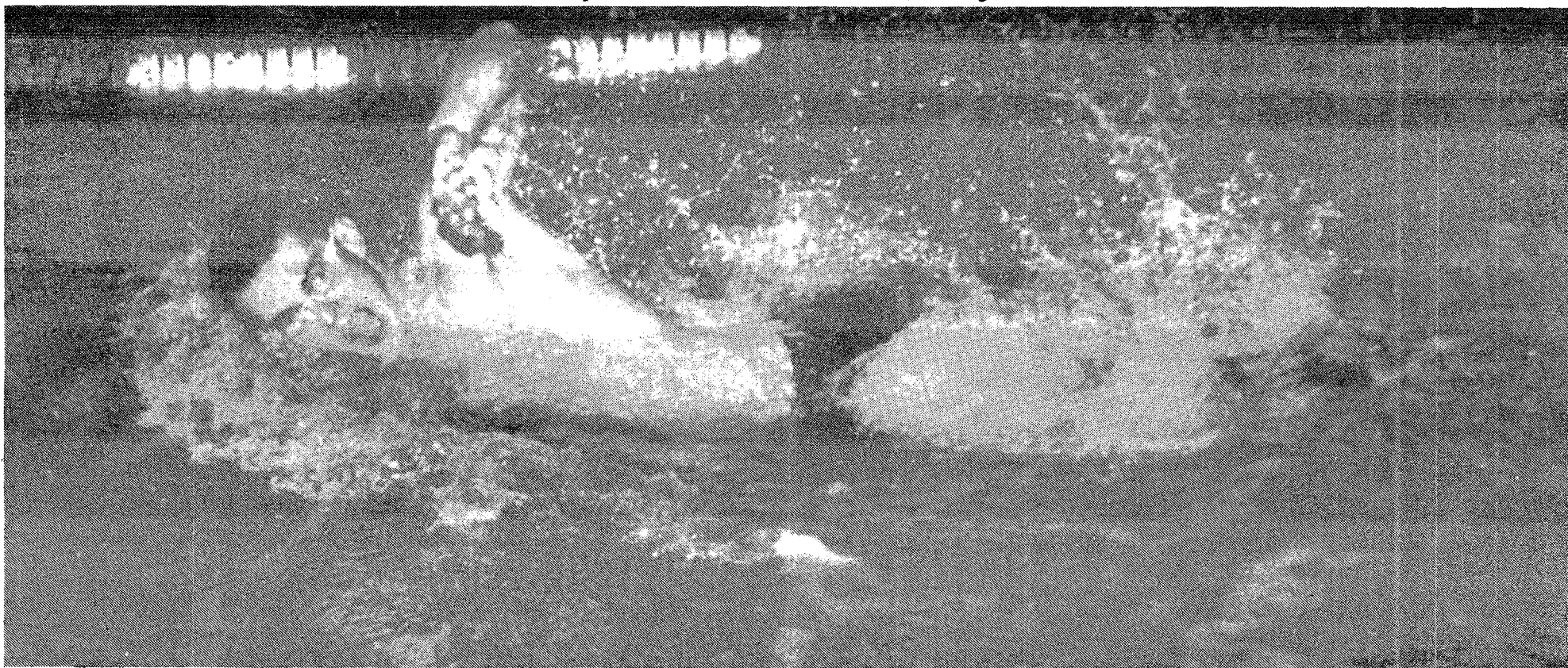
Canton's Joe Foster had his best time of the season taking first in the 100-yard butterfly, 58.68

Two events where Salem showed its depth were the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard breaststroke. The Rocks finished first, second and third.

In the backstroke, Scott Helmstadter finished in 59.38, good for first. Chris Lynn was second, finishing in 1:01.60, and Eric Seidelman took third in 1:02.42.

Salem gave an exciting performance in the 100-yard breaststroke with its top

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Canton's Scott Belisle competes in the freestyle Thursday night against Salem. Although Canton earned eight first place finishes, they finished behind Salem. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

PCJBA hoopsters "B", "AA" compete

Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association "B" and "AA" league competition is under way. The girls "B" league has one team undefeated, the Lakers are 6-0.

Currently the Nets are second at 5-1. The Celtics stand at 3-3. Pistons and Rockets are 2-4, and the Kings are 0-6.

Girls "AA" league competition got underway and the Lakers and Pistons are 1-0, the Celtics and Kings are 0-1.

In the boys "B" league National division, the Jazz and 76ers are 6-0. The Celtics are 5-1.

Three teams are 3-3, Magic, Pistons, and Lakers. The Nets are 2-4. The Bulls and Blazers are 1-5, and the Kings are 0-6.

In the American division, the Rockets lead the division and are undefeated with a 6-0 record. The Pacers are 5-1.

Three hold a 4-2 record, Spurs, Suns and Warriors. The Knicks are 3-3. The Hawks are 2-4.

The Sonics and Hornets are 1-5. The Bucks are 0-6.

In boys "AA" league national division, the Celtics and Knicks are 2-0. The Bulls, Nets, Rockets and 76ers are 1-1. The Hawks and Jazz are 0-2.

In the American division four teams are undefeated and four teams are winless. The Kings, Lakers, Pacers and Pistons are 2-0. The Bucks, Hornets, Sonics and Spurs are 0-2.

Sports overseas

Any high school aged volleyball or field hockey athlete interested in playing abroad this summer can apply to the Continental Teams Summer Youth Sports Program.

Both sports teams will travel to England, Holland, Belgium and Germany to play local club teams and participate in various tournaments.

Field hockey athletes will leave June 21 and return July 6. Volleyball players will leave July 12 and return July 27.

For an application, and cost information, call 708-848-0070 or write Continental Teams, 804 S. Ridgeland, Oak Park, IL 60304.

League Regis.

Registration for league and tournament play at Canton Softball Center begins March 1.

The season opens April 18.

Spring season entry fee is \$495 per team with no game fees. Men, women and co-ed teams are welcome.

For more information call 483-2913 for taped information, or office lines 483-5600 ext. 102 or 103, Monday 4-9 p.m., and weekends 10a.m.-5 p.m.

Canton Softball Center is hosting its annual "Early Bird" tournament April 16-18. It is open to all teams. Entry fee is \$100 plus \$7/game umpire fee. For more information call 483-5600 ext. 102.

Rocks sink Chiefs

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three entrants finishing with a difference of less than one second.

Alex Beard took first in 1:08.11. Right behind Beard in second was Phil Hoffmeyer, finishing in 1:08.12. Andy Dettling was third in 1:08.76.

Also taking a first for Salem was Joe Ervin in the 200-yard individual medley, with a time of 2:11.83.

David Bracht, Matt Erickson, Ervin and Fred Locke teamed up in the 200-yard freestyle relay and took first place in 1:33.98.

Canton claimed six more first place finishes, two were medleys and four were individual events.

Mike Orris, Foster, Craig Steshetz, and Jeff Clark took first in the 200-yard medley relay, finishing in 1:43.53.

The freestyle events were strong for Canton as the Chiefs took first in all.

Orris was first in two individual events and as part of the 400-yard freestyle relay, claiming first in the 200 with a time of 1:53.84, and the 500 in 5:01.86.

He was the fourth leg in the 400-yard

freestyle relay, teaming up with Clark, Steshetz and Todd Gillihan. The team finished in 3:28.31.

Clark took first in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing in 22.91, setting a new pool record.

The Chiefs took first and second in the 100-yard freestyle, with Clark finishing first in 50.47, and Steshetz in second with 51.51.

Building depth has helped chalked up many wins for Salem, including its victory over Canton. Many of Salem's depth swimmers have continued to cut their times.

Eric Seidelman gave his personal best performance in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 1:57.51, taking third.

Ervin gave his best performance this year in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 51.8, taking third.

The Rocks are now 3-1, and will face North Farmington on Thursday.

Canton is 2-2 and will compete against Northville on Thursday at home for the division championship.

5 Rock grapplers place at Romulus

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem headed to the Romulus Invitational Saturday and saw some of the toughest competition the squad has faced this year.

Five Rock grapplers placed in the tournament and the team finished ninth out of 17 teams.

"We were running with the great big dog," said Ron Krueger, Salem coach.

Salem's Bryan Herral (119) won fifth place, executing a pin over Lake Orion's Jerry Tyson.

Mark Burley (125) came out of the tournament in sixth place, losing to the second seeded 125 grappler, Atiba Ward of Flint Northern.

John Svec (160) claimed fourth place, losing 6-4 to John Davis of Lake Orion.

Wade Langdon (171) took fifth place, defeating Ruben Delosrios of Lake Orion.

Salem's heavy weight, Ryan Guiliani took fifth place, pinning Lansing Eastern's Aaron Smith in 2:56.

"Our kids did well," said Krueger. "The tournaments get harder. What we hope for is at the end (of the season), the league won't seem as hard, and we'll be ready for the competition."

In dual meet action last week, Salem faced John Glenn and pulled off a 36-33 win.

Going into the last event, the Rocks were trailing 33-30, when Guiliani came through with a pin in 3:30 and Salem added another victory. He was one of five pins executed by the Rocks against Glenn.

Four other Salem grapplers won on a pin, Scott Hughes (103) in 1:00; Mark Burley (125) in 1:35; Phil Mitchell (130) in 2:44; and Steve Hughes (140) in 3:32.

Bryan Herral (119) won on decision 5-1. Aaron Lapinski (145) claimed a 17-15 decision victory.

The Rocks are now 4-3 overall. They face Walled Lake Central on Thursday.

Baseball camp

Even though it's winter, it's not too early to be thinking of baseball.

Eastern Michigan University Intercollegiate Athletics will sponsor a winter baseball camp Feb. 14, on the EMU campus.

The camp is open to children 8-16 years and will include baseball fundamentals.

Cost is \$35 and includes lunch and a t-shirt.

For more information, call (313) 487-0315.

CEP Highlights

Gymnastics:

Canton, 6-1

The Chiefs defeated John Glenn 132.10-118.75 Monday night.

Kim Lewke and Kim Rennolds tied for first on vault, 8.55

Rennolds was first on bars with 8.4, and floors with 9.2

Lewke took first on the beam with 9.05. All-around, Rennolds scored 34.95, for first, and Lewke was second with 33.85.

Against North Farmington last Wednesday, Canton took first in all events.

Rennolds earned her best score on the floor this season, 9.35. She took all-around with 34.85. Jenny Tedesco was second all-around with 34.1.

Salem, undefeated.

The Rocks remain undefeated as they scored a 143.8-130.1 win over John Glenn last week.

The Rock gymnasts captured first, second and third in each event.

Kim Miller was first in all-around with 36.4.

Melissa Hopson finished second with 35.85, and Alysia Sofios was third with 35.65. Courtney Gonyea scored 34.45.

Salem faces Northville today at home.

Basketball:

Canton, 2-7 overall, 1-2 in conference.

The Chiefs earned their second victory this season defeating Livonia Franklin 51-44.

Responding well to Franklin's pressure, the Canton squad played hard and defended well Friday night.

The Chiefs led at the end of each quarter, taking a 30-22 lead at halftime.

Al Hollingsworth led the team in scoring with 14, and had nine rebounds.

Matt Paupore added 12 points.

Ryan Cox tossed in eight points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Salem, 9-0.

The Rocks remain undefeated as they chalked up a 71-57 win over Farmington.

The same steady performance the Rocks have given all year, its dominant size and ability to get inside and score Friday night added up to the ninth consecutive win for Salem.

The Rocks led the entire game, stretching the lead to 20. But Farmington closed the lead late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, narrowing it to eight. Late in the fourth quarter, the Rocks stretched it again.

James Head and Mike Slone tossed in 20 points each.

Salem is ranked number five in the state and will face North Farmington on Friday.

Volleyball:

Salem, 1st Place Plymouth Varsity Invitational.

The championship in this tournament came down to a Canton/Salem match-up Saturday, with Salem seeded number one, and Canton number two.

The Rocks won the tournament for the second consecutive year.

In the championship match, Salem beat Canton in the first game 15-10. The Chiefs came back and took the second game 15-8. In the final game, Salem won 15-10 and took the tournament.

Salem beat Hazel Park 15-5, 15-6. In the second round, the Rocks faced Farmington Harrison and won both games 15-8, 15-8. Salem faced Franklin in the third round and won 15-4, 15-10.

Undefeated in pool play, when Salem advanced to the playoffs, Salem drew Hazel Park in the first round and defeated them again, in the best 2-3. The Rocks took the first game 15-10, and the second 15-5.

In the second round of playoffs, Salem drew Harrison and beat the Hawks 2-3. The Rocks lost the first game 15-13. Came back in the second and won 15-10. In the final game, Salem won 16-14.

Wrestling:

Canton, 2-6-1.

Seven wrestlers traveled to the Catholic Central Tri-Meet Saturday.

The Chiefs won six matches, four against Catholic Central, two against Roseville. All Canton grapplers, except Frank Toramina, moved up a weight class for this meet.

Against Catholic Central, three of the four matches Canton won were pins. Frank Toramina (112) pinned his opponent in the third period at 4:30.

Dave Smith (145) executed the fall in 2:30. It took Ryan Conner (152) 1:05 to pin his opponent.

Nick Spano (140) won a 15-0 decision.

The Chiefs lost the match 53-23 to Catholic Central.

Against Roseville, Canton earned two wins. Spano (140) executed a pin in 38 seconds, and Buslepp won on decision 12-7.

The Chiefs lost the meet 50-15.

At the Garden City Novice tournament, freshman heavyweight Doug Cooper won the tournament, executing three pins in 3:09 on the mat.

Freshmen Tom Keeling (119) and John Wright (171) both took fifth place.

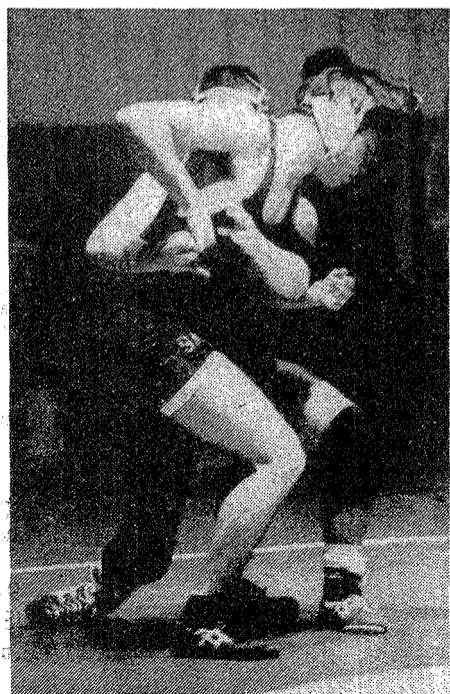
The Chiefs face Walled Lake Western Thursday and will head to Belleville for an invitational on Saturday.

Plymouth Kicks win championship

The '83 Plymouth Kicks (under-10 Select) won the Under-11 Championship of the Canton Soccerdome's first indoor session. The Kicks were 7-0-1, including three shutouts. They scored 83 goals this season, and only allowed 21 through their net.

Players are: Kenny Wuorenma, Oliver Wolcott, Derek Vermeulen, T.J. Tomasso, Nick Tochman, Brian Thiess, Jay Soffen, Shane Smith, Jay Smith, Jon McGlone, Chirs LaMasse, Phil Morrone, Marty Kane, Justin Griffin, Danny Gill and Brian Conway.

The Kicks are coached by Dennis Tochman and Bill Thiess.



Salem's Aaron Lapinski in a match against a John Glenn wrestler. Lapinski won 17-15. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

They bought the farm

What's all this stuff about a big, old barn out on North Territorial Road?

Everybody knows that Beacon Meadows has been there forever. Well, folks, that's not exactly true. There was a time when the Valdrick family, that lived in the still beautiful brick house on Ann Arbor Trail, owned all 148 acres of that luscious property. (Mr. Valdrick was the head of the national boy scouts.)

My mom and dad wanted to buy the whole farm from them, so Dad arranged a loan from Floyd Kehrl at the downtown corner bank, then went to see Mr. Valdrick. Mr. Valdrick turned down my dad's offer to buy the property through bank financing, but did tell him

that if he paid him cash for it, he'd not sell to anyone else. So, no contracts drawn, no money down, my folks began saving money to buy the farm on a hand shake.

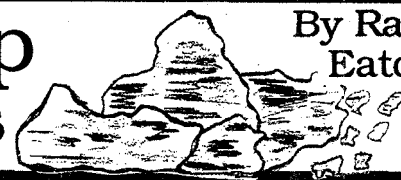
Is it still like that in Plymouth-Canton? Somehow, I doubt it.

The offer was made and accepted in the late '40s, and one day in the '50s, my dad withdrew the agreed upon amount from his savings account and walked over to the Valdricks from our house on Maple, plunking down the cash on the kitchen table. The farm and the old, red barn changed hands, literally.

I can recall the celebrations in our

Picking up the chips

By Randy Eaton



own kitchen on his return. So, was trust, save now, pay when you can afford it fostered in our little community. Years later, when my dad would re-posses the Plymouth Mail, he discovered the evolution of a thing called credit, and that he would need to establish some -- for he owned not one credit card...Who needed them when whole farms were transferred on a handshake? Today, in our "buy now, pay later" society, it is now no wonder that one reminisces, eh?

Consider this, much of Plymouth-Canton was built on similar handshakes. The community still has a special feel about it...I do not doubt its spirit was born in the midst of those trusting grips.

One day Dad and I were driving out to the barn, I think to check on Rick Caplin's farm work there, when we drove past a rather big billboard well implanted on the property announcing, "Future home of the Plymouth Hills Country Club." As Dad knew nothing about it, he

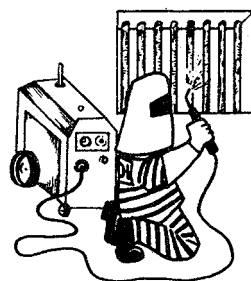
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They bought the farm

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called the number on the billboard to learn that they had just forgotten to include him in their plans. They were some local entrepreneurs who wanted to make a country club out of a farm. Don't remember who they were, but no doubt, they think to get that handshake first now.

Now, let's go to that big, old red barn! John Gaffield has dug up the accompanying photo of it. Cavernous, musty, straw and hay filled, ancient farm implements, decorated in cobwebs, hanging on old square nails. As did my friend and I, in the early '50s, would walk out there as late as possible at night to finger out a couple of the old grease guns from their resting place. Then, when kids older than us would pull their cars in to 'park' in romantic solitude...We would creep up on them smearing their windows with heavy grease, then yell and shout, running away with great excitement.

Of course, we had to be careful not to

be chased toward the old cemetery (at the east corner of the property), because it was very haunted, rumor had it that bodies of Civil War veterans had been removed, but we knew differently. I watched, over a period of 15 years, while the mausoleum that used to stand there sank into the ground and disappeared, and personally, tuned over with my own shovel long pieces of ancient coffin.

This year, while Amtracking into Plymouth from Chicago, my window whizzed past the old farm. I recalled a Christmas morning envelope with instructions to "go to the garage"...on my bicycle was another note saying "go to Tommy's hardware"...hop on bike, fly out Sheldon Road to Tommy's. On their door, another note, "go to the barn." Kicking up gravel, I cut right up the old dirt road to the barn...hop off bike, run to stable door of barn...open, out pops gigantic palamino head...a magnificent, golden cowboy horse! For Christmas. Lucky boy!



"Surprise!" was an understatement when the Eaton family saw this sign on their property. The golf course never came to fruition, even after the promoters finally talked to the property owners. (Photo courtesy of Gaffield Studios and John Gaffield for his ideas for the column)

Every day I would ride to the back east corner of the farm, get on the little trail along the north fence and wait for the commuter train from Detroit to Ann Arbor...then, race it across the back of the property. Passengers waving and cheering, me waving my blue cowboy hat...never lost. Now, I see that there is a

freeway where Dusty used to rear up in victory over the iron horse...Beacon Meadows where the farm used to be...a beautiful house where the old barn used to be. On a misty day, looking north over Beacon Meadows, can't you still catch a glimpse of that boy racing against the future you live on now?

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Curiosities

KAREN - please bring another of Rita Alexander's great gingerbread house -- Beauregard.

Best quote by a radio reporter on Bill Clinton's inauguration: "Everyone had tears in their eyes... Democrats AND Republicans..." (but if I'd known how much my Republican friends were going to gripe about having a Democrat for president, I would have done a LOT more grousing over the last, LONG, twelve years!)

Lisa - I was just kidding. - The Weenie



JESS eats Porterhouse crab legs for 15th birthday dinner.

LYNNE THORPE: Is older again.

Karen - When you load our editorial fonts on the other machine, don't forget "ZAPP DINGBATS." -MIKE

TRACI HALLMAN is older now! (Actually she was older earlier, but later beats never, if you are into "time," concept wise.) - JUAN WHONOSE.

I WAS RIGHT!!!!

Joanne, Karen, David, Jeff, Nikk, and Joy. Thanks for making my trip home great. Love Mom in Denver.

Mike's friend must be buying his ties - they're sharp.

I hadn't seen Karla in ages, then BAM she almost creams me with her car.

Karen is #1 in Spec Ads.

Curiosities

Billy likes to donate to Dennis's "try not to be thirsty" campaign.

Spec night was almost worth it.

Who is the shortest - Sue - Sue - Joy - Vickie or her sister?

NELSON: smile and keep moving. Next time they picket your house, throw a dinner party and invite over the folks who lost their jobs!

Sunday is the day that Jack, Jerry and Emma's numbers come up.

Porterhouse does it again, great meats on sale at great prices.

Don't forget to get your ad in The Guide this year. Call your ad consultant. Today.

Hey, Dave, after seeing Amy drive I don't think I would let her drive my car.

BEAUREGARD eats Penn Dell turkey because Jim skins it so well.

LISA AND STEVE: the jungle out here is better than the iguanas there!

KEVIN MARTIN missed tarring the roof

THE GUIDE is going fast! (Great job all).

CAN JACK grouse for four years?

I understand that Ohio State has as good a chance of finishing #1 in The Big Ten as Michigan State does. I think they are fighting for 1st place in Tiddly Winks.

Jack and Steve are gentlemen! They let Joy and Joann win a couple games before showing them who is better.

Nancy is on her high horse now (unlike football season), but wait until U of M goes down south to visit Indiana.

Curiosities

By the way, do you know what Hoosler is? A displaced Kentuckian.

I WAS RIGHT!!!!

Curiosities

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Bonnie Van Buren is now older than Silck Willie.

Happy Birthday Dad! with love -Your favorite daughter.

Does that beautiful little red car look as though it belongs to a man who reads the paper and throws it on the floor?

SAFFRON -Any compliments?

Neither Rain nor snow nor black of night stopped Sonia W. from delivering a hot turkey dinner to a friend. Delicious!

Harold makes great oven stew!

Mary Jo Cunningham is another year older today! Just how old are you anyway!

Peter P. spends more time at Michigan State now than he did when he was a student there. Is it really your brother you go to see?

I WAS RIGHT!

Myrilla -You were seen passing the Crier and not entering. COWARD!

Okay... so I found the dish cloth knitting pattern. Are you going to come & get it?

Imagine Barney White as president of the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation! That's a long way from the Bloated Goat Tavern in 1970.

Curiosities

Dunbar - Ask Ed about Islah Thomas -and I don't mean the basketball player.

Jessica -Imagine having an "All -A" student in the family. Are Sally & Ed ever Lucky!

Wendy knows how to party down... & party up!!?

Blakely & Whitney -Your grandmother will be old & gray by the time you can teach her to play the Nintedo game you gave her. She thanks you for your optimism. Don't give up!

It's amazing how many people confuse "Absolute Honesty" with "Bad Manners"

Harold G. -a man who makes his own choices with unbelievable courage.

I WAS RIGHT!

Norman Sinclair will hit 5-0! Now that's news worthy.

MARGARET AND IRENE = COOL!



"ROUND UP THE USUAL SUSPECTS"

Curiosities

Mick brought it ALL BACK with him! So he gets to buy lunch for everyone.

Cheryl -Before some idle "trouble maker" tells you "Yes, Mike did bring me flowers." However I am no threat to you unless he prefers "older women". (He did bring me coffee today -watch your step!)

So Elaine how's the show?

Alex knows when to stop-MAYBE...

It's the voice in his head that tells him.

Jack -I like the way you sell an ad.

Sales staff: GREAT job preparing for SPECS. You made our job easier. COMMA

No, I don't know CHARETTE! Does she work HERE?



LEGAL AT LAST!

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY FROM MOM, DAD AND FAMILY!

"Who is that in the red Eldorado with the white top??"

Curiosities

I WAS RIGHT!!

"A statement has been made already - the first ladies are wearing hats" Geneva Guenther 1/20/93 12:01 pm.

"I DATED TWO women who played accordian." - Ed Fitzgerald, 1993 (Darlene and Patricia)

ERICK CARNE: Do you really want to get into an "embarassing curiosities photo" contest with the general manager of a newspaper? (If they fine you \$5 at Rotary for your name in the paper, how much is the fine for a silly photo?)

Deacon Bates -Your church should be proud of you. You Manifest the best of all religions in your caring and concern for the sick. Thank you.

Liz 'Classifies' It!

MARY C. - Hello to you and friends at Canton Place.

The best way to end a relationship is to leave the other person believing that you are psychotic.

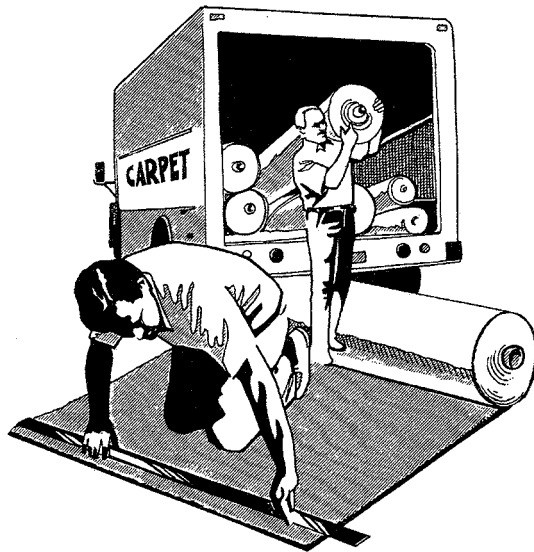
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L.J.: get better!

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MOM OM MELTON: 'Sew' how's the wedding dress going?

Jean Trombley -Is there such a thing as knitting books on dolls or teddy bears? This is a crisis. My reputation as a grandmother is at stake.

Blakely G. - Congratulations on winning your third grade spelling bee. You must take after your Mother's family - certainly not your father's!

Wendy does good work!

HEATHER -YOU NEVER CAME TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Who is

Mr. Contentment?

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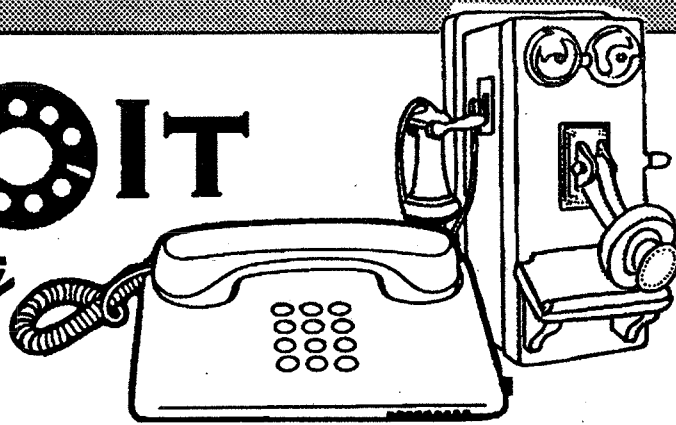
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Community opinions

Ice Fest went well but can be improved

The Ice Dust has settled.

Now that the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has melted into '93 history, it's time to review its effects.

After 11 years, it's not surprising that the ice carving activities have improved and now yield some spectacular art. Although the carvings were located more compactly, they still were shown off nicely.

For some reason, crowds seemed down this year. Two competing ice events in Southeast Michigan weren't held and the weather this year beat the '92 bitter cold. Yet this year's crowd was sparser -- perhaps at the 250,000 level. Could it be getting to be the "same old, same old?"

Traffic control, especially pedestrians, needs more examination. When Main Street was blocked off to vehicles, the threat of mishap was reduced, but the better answer may be to have traffic officers at Main Street's Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman intersections. This would allow a pedestrian scramble.

With so many large crowds in town, it's difficult to understand why more downtown retailers don't support the Ice Fest. They argue that the "Festies"

aren't in a shopping mood, and there's obviously some truth in that. But the PR value to repeat tourists in certainly a high point for the Ice Fest, and businesses that capitalized on that like the Sideways most certainly did well.

Restaurants and saloons served up a lot of hospitality at this year's Fest. The addition of the heated tent at the Box Bar and the cinnamon bun room at the Mayflower Hotel were both crowd pleasers.

All in all, the Ice Fest went well. The board and staff deserve credit, but should begin adding new things for next year.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Gun collector needs info

EDITOR,

I recently went to an auction where I was able to purchase a Hamilton Rifle, 22 cal. youth size, made in Plymouth, MI around the very early 1900s.

I have searched all and any gun books and asked every gun handler I can locate concerning this gun, but am having no luck as to the company, it's existence or when they went out of business. Or who, if anybody, bought out the company.

This rifle is No. 27 out of 900 made.

I'm asking for any information you or your readers may have. Thank you.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN
MADISONVILLE, KY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Beth Stewart, director of the Dunning Historical Museum, is already sending information to this letter writer. Anyone who has additional information concerning the weapon Mr. Christian is writing about can contact The Crier office.

Tell us about ICE FEST '93

Your opinions on the 11th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular are important. Send in your advice and ideas to be considered for the future.

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P-C School Board ignores voters

EDITOR:

In the Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting of Jan. 11, the board has shown that they do not listen or respond to the citizens who elect them. In voting for a fence around Miller Woods, the board has allowed a small group with illogical reasoning prevail although over 100 neighbors of the woods are opposed to the plan.

In addition to the neighbors, the Plymouth Township Planning Commission stated that they were not in favor of a fence around the woods but had no legal ability to stop it. Their last words were not to go slow and try every other alternative first. In fact, the neighbors have suggested many alternatives and have a large force of citizens who are willing to work to police the woods and enforce the ordinance governing it. The Friends of the Miller Woods is unwilling to consider this plan.

Chief Berry of the Plymouth Township Police Department has publicly stated that in his opinion a fence would not deter the type of problem the woods is alleged to have (people walking dogs, children riding bikes).

The School Board has also ignored the Americans with Disabilities Act in approving a plan that requires the handicapped to go to school for a key to a locked gate when others will have free access. The Friends say that they do not need to consider the needs of the handicapped since "they can't visit the

woods anyway." I don't believe the law allows one group to make that judgment for another.

The School Board has given control of this precious, publicly owned resource to a secret society that has refused to provide information on their bylaws or membership. They are very effective in blocking anyone from influencing their policy.

The Kiwanis is funding a questionable project from this secret group. (Thing about that the next time you are asked to buy popcorn or peanuts or attend their pancake breakfast!)

In fact, the extent of the problems in the woods has greatly been exaggerated by a small group who do not live next to the woods and who complain that neighbors slamming their doors are bothering the birds. The neighbors feel they can control any problems, but the Friends refuse to share a list of alleged problems with the neighbors.

In the next election, we need some accountability. I urge everyone to remember the Board's unwillingness to listen to a large group of concerned citizens in voting for a fringe group's plan for the fence. I urge you to remember this when you get a solicitation from the Friends of Miller Woods or the Kiwanis.

BARBARA KORTE



Community opinions

Fresh blood needs time to organize

One of the pleasant parts of my job is getting occasional Frank Millington letters out of the blue.

Frank, as most of you know, is the "grand old man" of Plymouth Township politics, having proven -- in the long run for the township -- that his Cadillac-training to count and fly-speck widgets amounted to full-blown Eldorados before long.

On the local governmental level, Township Trustee Frank's watchfulness centered on counting golf balls and asking ugly questions about water rates.

Having thus proven that his political path was correct, Frank has gone on to question various other things in life, such as, "Why don't folks become better consumers by reading newspaper ads and using coupons for planned shopping trips?"

With such an enlarged field of knowledge, it was easy for Frank to win The Community Crier staff's endorsement for Plymouth Township Ombudsman **THE DAY AFTER HE FILED FOR THE OFFICE!**

He has also turned his attention, from time to time, to The Crier's performance.

Such was his last letter. Frank wanted to know why he did not see the "old time aggressiveness" in reporting here of late. He cites some staff turnover and some format changes. (Yes, there's fresh blood in the newsroom and the opinion pages moved to the inside back pages, ala New York Times.)

By way of explanation, at least in part Frank, this is the period in the media known as the "honeymoon." Remember, a whole new generation was elected to Plymouth Township Hall (with Frank's help), and two brand new state representatives were elected for The Plymouth-Canton Community.

At least for a brief moment, these new kids on the block are traditionally given the opportunity to get organized.

Take Frank's friend, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, the new Plymouth Township Supervisor. Only time will tell whether she's the fresh face she promised or whether she'll become the new Good Old Boy, join the Plymouth Rotary Club and conduct business as usual (like Maurie Breen did and like Gerry Law wished he could do).

And it takes the mostly-new board time to see who's going to sit next to whom.

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



The national media was counting how many campaign promises the new president broke by the end of his saxophone solo with Little Richard; The Crier will give Deb Whyman and Jerry Vorva a little longer. After all, they both walked into a Lansing power tug-of-war where Democrats and Republicans alike are singing, "I can't drive with 55."

Canton's news-grabbing is snoozy these days -- exemplified by a relatively quiet election. Nobody even challenged Supervisor Tom Yack where the four preceding supervisors were thrown out of office. But wait until the "Community Center" -- otherwise known as "Yack Racket Courts" -- hits the agenda.

In the meantime, The Crier's new kids on the block found that the Mayflower Hotel went into receivership, Canton's good-hearted bike give-away was illegal and that the cable television contracts have a lot of things to look at. None of those stories came from press releases either.

There are plenty of pots on the burner too.

The joint services issue is moving to the forefront soon. Downtown issues are moving quickly in Plymouth and stalled in Canton. Plymouth-Canton Schools will be facing uncertain state aid on the one hand and an expiring teachers' contract on the other.

And the famed WTUA sewer is not completely out of the woods yet. What happens with the Mayflower Hotel is of interest to the entire Plymouth-Canton Community. This summer-fall are elections at City Hall. That should stir things up at what some call "Wally World at 201 S. Main."

The Community Crier is lucky to have avid readers like Frank Millington. It keeps the staff on their toes, and the readers represented.

And The Plymouth-Canton Community is lucky to have folks like Frank Millington too. They keep the new developments in perspective with community history.

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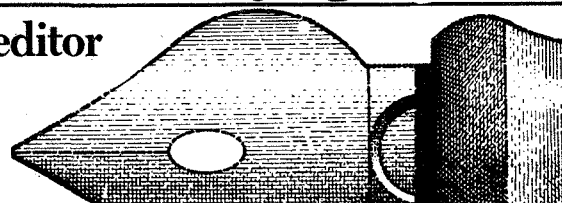
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