

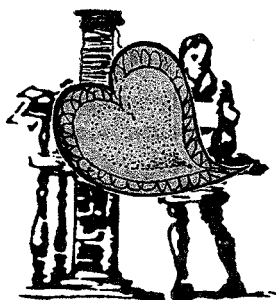
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Salem keeps top ranking at meet

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

For the third straight year, the Salem gymnastics squad won the Plymouth Invitational hosted by Canton.

The Rocks ran away with the meet, scoring an impressive 145.75 points, finishing with four gymnasts in the top 10 in all events.

The team remains undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state, but its test comes next weekend when gymnasts travel to the Freeland Invitational where they will once again face Mona Shores.

If the squad can pull off another win over Mona Shores, the Rocks will most likely maintain their No. 1 ranking.

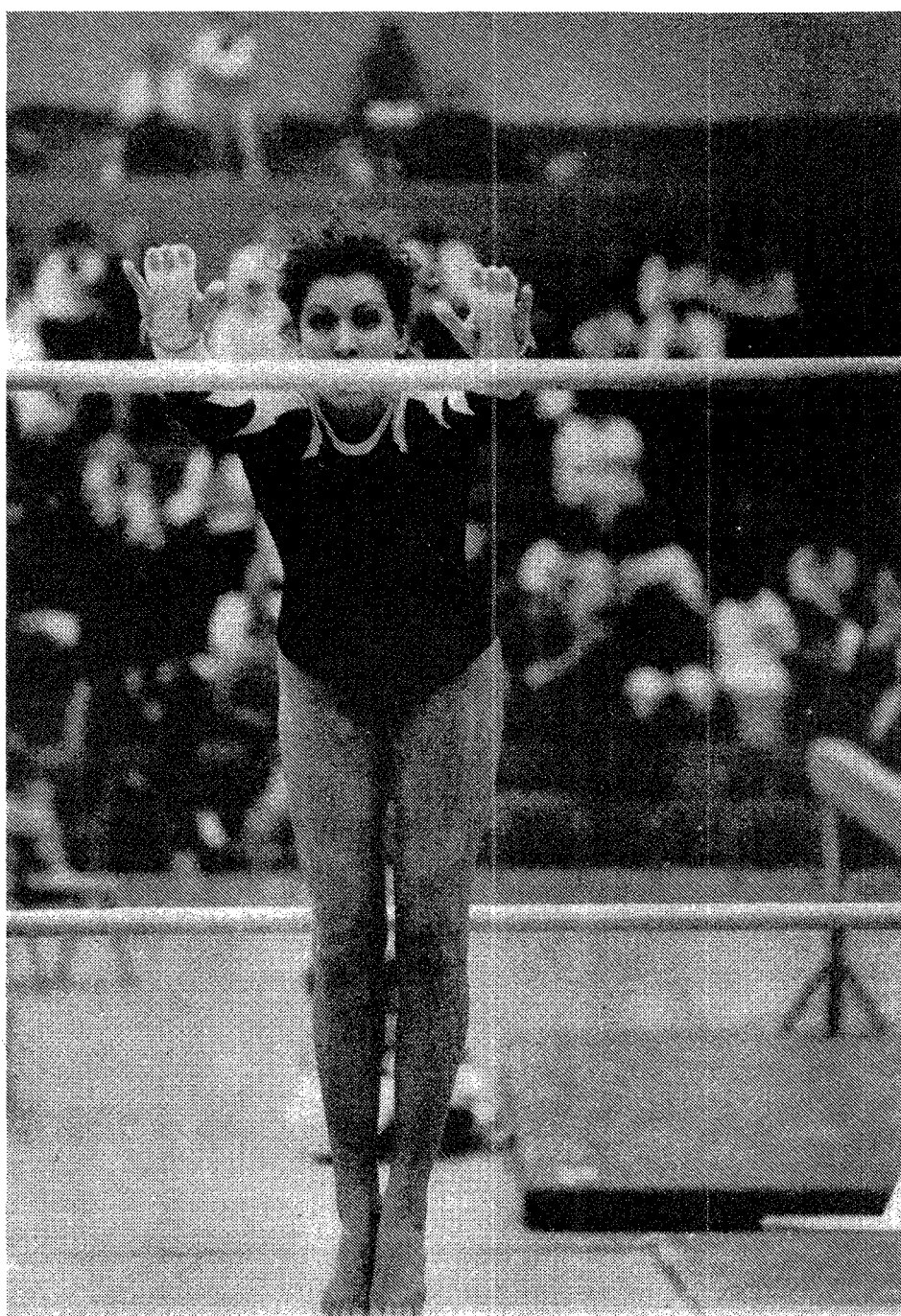
Eighteen teams from across Michigan made the trek to the Canton gym Saturday as the Rocks claimed the championship and Canton held its own against seven of the top 10 ranked teams in the state.

Canton tied with East Lansing for fourth with 137.65 points, while Freeland finished second, with 138.90, and Birmingham Lahser finished third, with 138.16.

Canton coach John Cunningham was pleased with his team's performance Saturday as the Chiefs improved their team score by six points.

"The girls see we are within striking distance of anyone except

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Salem's Alysia Sofios runs through her uneven parallel bar routine during Saturday's Canton Invitational. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

DDA money goes to city, not Walters

BY AMY KIDWELL

Who does Steve Walters, Plymouth's city manager, work for?

That question has been raised by some in the community who remembered that Walters original job description included a secondary role as director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

And, they wondered, didn't that role include a supplemental salary of \$25,000 as part of his \$66,000 city manager salary?

Besides, they asked, the DDA now has its own director — Steve Guile, hired Aug. 1 at \$48,000 year.

City Finance Director William Graham said he would like to clarify the DDA's \$25,000 payment.

"That belief (that Walter's salary is supplemented by the DDA) is simply not true," he said.

The cost per year is about \$25,000, he said, and the money goes into the city's general fund, not into Walters' pocket.

In 1990, the DDA started paying the

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Lorenz family out at Mayflower

BY AMY KIDWELL

For the first time in more than 50 years, you cannot find a Lorenz at the Mayflower Hotel.

Randy Lorenz, part owner of the Mayflower Hotel, was laid off last Thursday from his position as general manager of the hotel.

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Relationships need lots of hard work

BY MIKE McGLINNEN
Relationship building.

How appropriate a topic for Valentine's Day — or marriage.

For many couples, they may never have thought about taking a class on relationships.

After all, shouldn't a relationship come naturally?

Well, for couples who are thinking of marriage, several churches suggest and even require that they take a class on relationships.

Such a program exists at Our

Lady of Good Counsel Church (OLGC) in Plymouth.

A couple takes part in a premarital discussion with the church officials, which consists of many questions to prepare the individuals for what will lie ahead once they are married, according to Father David Lesniak of OLGC.

"We want to see that they are aware of what they are getting into and to check their maturity level. Sometimes they don't realize all the time and giving necessary of the relationship," Lesniak said.

OLGC suggests "engaged encounters" which are weekend retreats run through Guardian Angels in Clawson.

Lesniak explained that his church uses a three pronged approach to counseling engaged couples.

"First they come and meet with me or whomever is performing the service for a premarital inventory, then they will go on a weekend engaged encounter and finally they meet with married couples to

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Get bridal tips
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Relationships tough to build

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discuss married life," Lesniak stated.

Not all churches in the area require such a stringent program for engaged couples. Grace Baptist Church in Canton also points out potential problems, but on a more individual basis than using an outside firm, said Pastor Gordon Cook.

"We have tapes for them to listen to and we try to sit down and counsel them, but if you suggest further counseling, I have found that you often intimidate the couple or scare them off," Cook said.

"We deal with couples on an individual one to one basis," Cppk said.

Cook expressed sorrow over the nature

of many people in today's 'immediate gratification' society.

"People want things quickly these days -- they often don't account for the costs. It is kind of sad, people want a quick marriage and it often results in a quick divorce," Cook said.

The counseling and advice offered by conventional houses of worship leads some couples to seek alternative venues for their wedding, such as the Cameo Wedding Chapel in Plymouth.

"This is one of the reasons they come to us in the first place. Some of the couples do not want counseling, and it is one of the first things they ask us about," said Joan Burger, owner of Cameo.

Lorenz leaves Mayflower

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After a year of operating under chapter 11 bankruptcy, the hotel was ordered into receivership on Dec. 21. At that time, long time general manager Creon Smith resigned, and the receiver, Hotel Investment Services, appointed Lorenz to the position.

The Lorenz family had been running the hotel since 1939.

"The decision (to fire Randy) was financially driven," said Ron Wilson, president of Hotel Investment Services.

"I had to determine the best direction for the hotel financially," Wilson said.

"We eliminated a layer of management," he added.

Individual department heads are now taking orders directly from Hotel

Investment Services instead of Lorenz.

Although the Round Table Club is a separate entity and is not in receivership, it is managed by whomever is running the hotel.

The hotel was placed into receivership because of a \$1.5 million debt with Heritage Federal Bank in Taylor.

Other creditors include the City of Plymouth and Quality Construction Co. of Dearborn.

A sheriff's sale of the property has not yet taken place, according to Wilson.

Once the sheriff's sale occurs, the hotel owners, Randy and Scott Lorenz and Smith, have six months to redeem the property.

Randy Lorenz could not be reached for a comment.

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Twp. eyes \$165,000 in budget cuts

BY AMY KIDWELL

At last night's meeting, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees was expected to make \$165,155 in budget cuts and set a public hearing date to hear objections to the special assessment of the Rocker Avenue Paving Project.

The proposed budget reductions call for a \$22,000 cut in the fire department, a \$15,000 cut from the

police department, a \$20,000 cut in public services and a \$22,000 cut from the accounting department and various other areas.

The proposed public hearing date for residents involved in the paving project was Feb. 23.

The board planned on conditionally awarding the project to Thomson-McCully, Inc. in the amount of \$84,438, the lowest bid.

Total cost for the project,

including construction, will be \$116,500.

Total cost for the special assessment district will be a lump sum of \$2,478 per lot or payments of \$369 per year, per lot, for 10 years.

The board also planned on approving \$25,787 for the purchase of two new police cars.

The vehicles that these will be replacing will be sold at an auction.

Bad night for driving

Two injured when cars collide on Ann Arbor Rd.

Two local residents, one from Canton and one from Plymouth, were injured Monday evening in a car accident on Ann Arbor Road, in front of Pioneer Middle School.

According to Plymouth Township Police, Patricia Burban of Canton was driving west on Ann Arbor Road and attempted to turn left into Pioneer Middle School.

She turned directly into the path of Kathryn Kelly who was traveling east on Ann Arbor Road, said Sgt. Jarvis of Plymouth Township Police.

Burban was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and was listed in fair condition yesterday morning.

Kelly was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and was listed in stable condition.



Two people were injured in this accident that occurred Monday evening on Ann Arbor Road in front of Pioneer Middle School. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)

Pickers protest use of non-union workers

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Members of several building trade unions braved below freezing temperatures last Wednesday morning to protest non-union labor being used to build a new subdivision in Canton.

The crowd of 65 to 70 union workers carried signs denouncing the site — located on Warren between Beck and ridge roads — and calling workers scabs.

Their efforts attracted the attention of passing school buses, commuters and five police cars.

Protester and Canton resident Scott Lowes said that the two-hour protest was not necessarily intended to disrupt ongoing work, but rather to bring attention to the situation.

"We're not here to do any damage to anything," Lowes said. "We're here to help people realize that this is non-union work, and if they know that maybe they won't buy."

A spokesman for Pulte Homes, builder of the subdivision, did not return phone calls.

Harvey Cooper, another protester, said that although many of the picketers are

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Man arrested after car strikes sign, porch

BY AMY KIDWELL

A Westland man was arrested for drunk driving Monday night following an accident that started on Lilley Road and ended at a house on Starkweather.

No serious injuries were reported when the 30-year-old man, traveling west on Plymouth Road, failed to curve left with the road.

At approximately 11 p.m., he continued to go straight when the road curved left said Police Chief Robert Scoggins.

According to Scoggins, the man hit the entrance sign of Taco Bell, continued through the parking lot of the Grecian Corner and ended up hitting a flower bed and porch at 383 Starkweather.

The man then fled the scene said Scoggins. Neighbors followed the man and returned to the scene with him at 11:15 p.m.

After speaking with Officer Ochal, the man admitted to drinking 12 beers and registered a .19 blood alcohol content.

He was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after complaining about a pain in his wrist.

According to Plymouth Police, the man was arrested on charges of drunken driving and was released after posting bond.



This was the scene at 383 Starkweather late Monday night after a Westland man failed to curve left as he was traveling west on Plymouth Road, according to Plymouth Police. The single car accident started at Lilley Road and ended on Starkweather. (Photo by Chris Farina.)

Canton considers new cable plan

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Canton Township board was expected last night to consider an amendment to section 77 of the multi-channel service provider regulatory ordinance.

In other words, cable TV is changing again.

According to the amendment, the multi-channel service provider — Omnicom Cablevision in this case — would have to expand their service to homes now not currently covered.

Canton, as well as four other area communities are currently in negotiations with Omnicom over a new franchise agreement.

Under the current ordinance, the cable operator has to provide service to any area with a density of 70 homes per square mile.

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Lynn O'Rear (second from left) is among 39 Alma College students who will begin a week-long choir tour on Feb. 26. O'Rear, a junior who sings soprano, is the daughter of David and Sheila O'Rear of Canton. Performance stops for the choir include Ohio, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois.



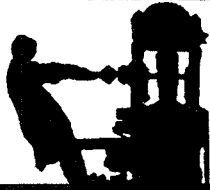
News notes

Jaycee meeting set

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are holding a special membership meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Olive Garden restaurant on Ford Road in Canton.

According to Jaycee President Kristin Rowe, men and women from 21 to 40 are invited to attend to learn more about the community organization.

For more information, call 453-8407.



Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1993, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Additional meetings will be scheduled, if necessary.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition. You do not have to appear in person to protest your assessment, however, petitions must be filed by 5:00 p.m., on March 25, 1993. The Board of Review will be held in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road. Petitions will be heard on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's Office, 453-3840 X 266 or 267.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: District Wide Digital Voice, Data, Video Communications Project. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after February 02, 1993:

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

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 pm, local time, March 05, 1993 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

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

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

David P. Artley
Secretary Board of Education

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NOTICE 1993 CITY OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will begin in the City Commission Chambers of the City Hall at 201 S. Main Street on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1993 FROM 12:00 NOON to 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1993 FROM 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

A WRITTEN PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ASSESSMENT OFFICE before an appointment can be made to appear to protest your property assessment. Petition forms can be obtained at the Assessment Office located on the first floor of the City Hall on February 15, 1993.

Persons wishing to APPEAR IN PERSON before the Board of Review must file a petition with the Assessment Office by 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 3, 1993.

THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A PETITION TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1993. After March 3rd, if there are no available meeting times remaining, written petitions received by March 15th will still be reviewed by the Board of Review and a judgment made determining valuation, even though a personal appointment is not available.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition to the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative.

At this time, only the dates listed above have been set aside for the 1993 Board of Review appeals in compliance with the City of Plymouth Charter. Other meeting dates will be scheduled, if the number of appeals received by March 3rd requires it.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of additional meetings of the Board of Review will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the city as soon as the additional meetings are scheduled, and also in the local newspapers. The city bulletin boards are: City Hall, Kellogg Park, Central Parking Lot and Starkweather at the corner of Liberty Street.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

For further information regarding appeals, please call 453-1234 extension 226.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

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PROPOSAL SOUGHT - AUDIT SERVICES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDIT SERVICES

The Charter Township of Plymouth is requesting proposal (RFP) for the audit of the financial records of the Charter Township of Plymouth in accordance with the Michigan Public Act 2 of 1968, Single Audit Act of 1984 and generally accepted auditing standards. The selected auditors will be required to report for the year ended 1992 on the general purpose financial statements and, if required, under the Single Audit Act of 1984:

- * Report on internal accounting control based solely on a study and evaluation made as part of the audit of the general purpose financial statements.
- * Report on compliance with laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements.
- * Provide a report on the supplementary schedule of our federal financial assistance programs showing total expenditures for each federal assistance program.
- * Report on accounting and administrative internal controls used in administering federal financial assistance programs.
- * Report on compliance with laws and regulations identifying all findings of noncompliance and questioned costs.
- * If applicable, a report on fraud, abuse or an illegal act or indications of such acts.

The Township is seeking the proposals from Licensed Certified Public Accountants or Public Accountant. According to General Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards (GAGAS), public accountants must be licensed on or before December 31, 1970, or working for a CPA firm to be eligible. The audit period under contract is for the year ended December 31, 1992. Proposals for multi-year contracts with a maximum of 5 years, will be considered.

For further description of the above services, requirements, qualifications and method of evaluation and selection, please contact the office of the Township Clerk (Attention: Audit Services Proposals), 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, either by phone, 313 453-3840 or written request. The proposals may be filed in person or by mail to the office of the Clerk on or before March 18, 1993, at 4:00 P.M.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Canton update

Architects get hearing on center...

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Representatives of two architectural firms will appear before the Canton Township Board of Trustees to offer their services for the actual construction of the proposed Canton Community Center.

On Thursday Feb. 18, representatives from the architectural firms of Neumann Smith and Associates of Southfield, and Barker, Rinker, Seacat and Partners of Denver will negotiate fees and fee schedules for the project.

According to Supervisor Tom Yack, the presentation will showcase other designs from the companies.

"Barker, Singer, Seacat has done many community centers across the country," Yack said. "They'll be the ones doing the actual designing."

Yack expects that another company, Water Technologies, will be in charge of designing the community center's water facilities.

According to Yack, barring a rejection of the firms by the trustees at the meeting, the project should be under way within nine months.

"I can't see the board rejecting them," Yack said. "The only reason for it would be a disagreement over fees."

According to Yack, if the firms are approved the project will move to the pre-design phase.

"We'll be meeting with groups to develop an understanding of the uses we want for the building," Yack said.

"After that we can meet with reps from Barker, Rinker, Seacat to see that the schematics we came up with will fit the

... foundation explains tax status, again

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Why won't contributors to the Canton Community Foundation get a state tax credit?

Because the foundation doesn't have an endowment fund — and it doesn't want one.

More than a month after The Crier explored the tax status of the foundation, it was the Canton board's turn to raise similar questions — this time asking them of Bruce Patterson, former legal counsel for the organization.

And once again, the answer was that there is no state tax exemption for contributions made to the foundation.

Explaining the status, Executive Director Bill Joyner said the foundation's structure was set up with "the desire to funnel the resources of the whole community into one pool."

And Bill Myers, past president of foundation went one step further: "If we wanted to have a state tax credit we would have had to start out with an endowment."

According to IRS rules, an endowment must be untouched (as it gathers interest) in order for an organization to be eligible for the state tax credit for its contributors.

Instead, the foundation's existing 501 C. (3) tax-exempt status gives contributors an IRS deduction — while

cost models."

After the use plans are ready, Yack said that two to three months would be needed to do the actual designing of the center and another six to seven months to produce a working model.

"After that," Yack said. "the bidding should only take a few weeks (and) then we can start building."

If the companies are hired, construction of the community center will be overseen by Neumann Smith.

According to Yack, the firm will be in charge of making the designs take shape over the proposed 12- to 14-month building period.

According to Yack, the township board will use the time between now and the finalization of the plans to become determine what it does and does not want in its community center.

"We know recreation, but we could stand to learn something about what other communities have done with their centers," Yack said.

"We'll take a look at what they've done right and wrong and learn from them," Yack said. "One of the things we'll be doing is prioritizing our list of facilities so we can pick and choose if the plans go over budget."

Yack also said that promotion plans for the proposed center will be discussed.

"In the private sector, if a company was considering building what we are, they would have a communication plan ready long before the physical plans were drawn up," Yack said.

freeing up all money for distribution.

"It would be hard for us to get people to donate money to the foundation by saying 'give us money and you'll get results in a few years from now'," Joyner said.

"This way we're able to help people out when they need it.

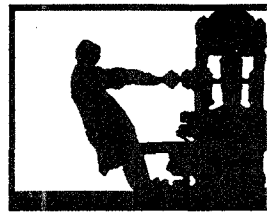
"If the money is going to help the community, it can't be tied up in an endowment fund."

As a case in point, according to Joyner, a Canton family's furnace broke down earlier this year and they could not pay to get it up and running again.

"We made a deal with a heating company to buy a furnace at wholesale and they installed it," Joyner said. "We've made arrangements to have the family pay the cost back when they can."

Along with helping families in need, Joyner said that the foundation offered counseling, an economic club, funding for the arts and the "biggest scholarships offered in The Plymouth-Canton Community."

"The businesses in the community have provided most of the funding," said Joyner. "They have a vested interest in making Canton a self-sustaining, attractive community."



Public notices

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of February 8, 1993

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with an "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Award" presentation to Canton resident Deborah Schopieray, a volunteer from Hulsing Elementary School. Board Vice President Carl Battishill honored her 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.

Board President Roland Thomas presented the "Extra Miler" award to Diana Carter, a speech pathologist from Field Elementary School. Thomas presented her with an "Extra Miler" certificate, a cloisonné pin of the Flag of Learning and Liberty and a dining certificate for two donated by the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

A framed resolution of recognition was presented to Tom Baker, a member of the Salem High School Boys' Soccer team. Baker was recently named to the "All American Team" by the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America.

In the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hoben spoke with regret of the death of Clara Isbister, wife of the late Russell Isbister, who was superintendent of the District from 1951 to 1967. She was 87.

Dr. Hoben announced that the high school graduations will be held on Sunday, June 13 at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The graduation ceremony for Salem students will be held at 1:30 p.m. and Canton's ceremony will be held at 5 p.m.

An update on school finances was presented by the superintendent. Under Governor Engler's tax relief proposal, the District would lose approximately \$33 million over the next three years. The problem with the governor's proposal, Dr. Hoben said, is that it does not compensate school districts for this lost revenue. The district would need more than 3.3 mills in the first year, 5.5 mills the second year, and 7.5 mills the third year to make up for this loss.

Under Board Reports, Board Treasurer Dean Swartzwelter announced that principal's week will be held February 14 to 20. Treasurer Swartzwelter congratulated Pioneer Middle School on the significant improvements made on the school's MEAP scores. He also encouraged citizens to write or call their legislators concerning school finances. Addresses and phone numbers for the legislators are available through the Community Relations Office at 451-3188.

Board Secretary David Artley presented information from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency's 1992-93 Databook. Plymouth-Canton is the fourth largest district in Wayne County in student enrollment. The district ranks 20th in per pupil spending and is below the county average for per pupil spending.

Under Citizens' Comments, the Board heard from James Peace, a parent at Lowell Middle School, who expressed concern regarding the procedure used to handle an incident involving a toy gun. Jane Taylor-Liston asked for a response to her concern regarding busing of kindergarten students from Farrand to Tanger. Jim Hudgins questioned the value of a course on modern football theory being given at CEP. Board members replied that it is an elective course used to partially meet a student's physical education requirement and that CEP far exceeds the requirement for offerings in basic skills courses.

Robert Jones asked Board members what could be said to legislators in a letter on school finances. Dr. Hoben responded that Governor Engler's plan does not provide school districts with replacement funds for losses in property taxes.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$3,281,940.72.
 - the hiring of Frances White, a physical therapist.
- The Board approved:
- the 1992-93 state mandated tuition rate of \$24.77 per day.
 - borrowing up to \$8 million through the Michigan Municipal Authority to meet cash flow needs for the 1993-94 school year.

A workshop meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth. The agenda for this meeting includes a bond update, the equity study, a budget cost analysis and an update on the CEP Town Meetings. There will be no meeting on Monday, February 22 due to mid-winter break.

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.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Amiee Vernal of Plymouth was crowned Homecoming Queen of Michigan Christian College. She is the daughter of Jill Vernal of Plymouth and is majoring in elementary education with a minor in music.

Michelle Miller of Canton and Maren Benson of Plymouth of members of the Dean's List at Northwood University in Midland.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn at least a 3.0 GPA.

Catherine A. Cutler of Plymouth earned a place on the honor list at Michigan State University.

To qualify for the honor, students had to earn a minimum of 3.5 GPA.

Tech. Sgt. Howell Epperson, son of William and Ardish Epperson of Plymouth, recently completed training in advanced military leadership and management. He is serving with the Air Force.

Nicholas Dazio, son of Susan Dazio of Canton, completed his training with the U.S. Army Infantry School in Georgia.

Plymouth resident Jennifer Whitmore, a student at Madonna University, made the Dean's List.

To qualify, she earned at least a 3.5 GPA.

Kristine Arnold of Northville and Kelly Holmes of Plymouth-Canton were selected as finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's winter Scholar-Athlete award.

The Plymouth Salvation Army Advisory Board has four new officers and one new members. They are: Chairperson James Vermeulen of Plymouth; Vice Chairperson Daniel Herriman of Plymouth; Treasurer Robert Jones of Plymouth; Secretary Nancy Sharp of Plymouth and Member James Wirtz of Northville.

Carolyn Dickson of Plymouth earned a spot on Cleary College's President's Honor List.

To make the list she had to earn a minimum of a 3.5 GPA.

Fiddlin' Family

'Fiddler on the Roof' gets everyone involved

BY AMY KIDWELL

A family that plays together, stays together.

At least that is the case for a Canton family, who are all involved with the Plymouth's Theater Guild's production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Dan, Vicki, Nicolle, Jill, Andrea and Brandon Gauvin, a Canton family, are working hard to help put on the production which is set to open Feb. 26 at the Water Tower Theater in Northville.

For the past several years, members of the Gauvin family have been involved in various other theater productions, including "The King and I," "South Pacific," "Camelot," "Evita," and "The Wizard of Oz."

Their interest in theater began when Nicolle was 8 years old.

She said she remembers one day telling her mom that she would like to do be in a play. From then on, she started to audition.

Her first part was in The Wizard of Oz at The Marquis Theater in Northville.

Dan thought there was "no way, not a chance" that he would ever be in a play, but was called on stage to play an extra during one of Nicolle's rehearsals. "It's very exciting," he said.

Performing on stage was nothing new to the three daughters in the family.

Nicole, 13, Jill, 11, and Andrea, 7, started taking lessons in dance when they were very young. And last year, they competed at King's Island in the North American Modeling and Talent Association.

In 1990 and 1991, Nicolle performed a tap dance at national competitions held in Tennessee and Florida.

Jill won a photographic award in 1989 during a North American Youth Festival modeling competition.

And Andrea gets experience competing



The Gauvin family of Canton is participating in Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of Fiddler on the Roof. From left to right, they are: Nicolle, Brandon and his father, Dan, Vicki, Andrea and Jill. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)

with her dance class.

Dan has a speaking role in the play and will act as Aurahm, the bookseller.

The kids have varying roles which give them an opportunity to sing and dance in the play.

Brandon, 7, plays a gremlin and says his favorite part is the acting.

The kids agreed that the worst part about being in the play was the time involved, but said they loved the entertaining.

Nerves do not seem to be a problem for anyone in the family. "As soon as you get on stage, it (the nerves) go away," said Jill, "You have enough on your mind."

"It's (the play) a positive outlet," said Dan, "and it keeps them out of trouble."

One of the things that the family enjoys about their involvement with plays is the friendships that have developed over the years.

"You become a family with all these people for three straight weeks (during final rehearsals) and you run into them again and again," Dan said.

The two older kids attend Lowell Middle School, and the two younger kids attend Eriksson Elementary.

Vicki, who holds a job in Canton, works on the make-up crew for the production.

Other family teams who are involved in the play include the mother/daughter team of Amy and Jan Anderson of Canton and twin brothers, Leonard and Stanley Kovacheff of Plymouth.

Other people involved are: Canton residents Wendy Sielaff and Kamryn Wolf; Plymouth residents Katie Beltran and Jamie Nast and Northville residents Sherrill Hosking, Dave Llewellyn, Randy Polega, Carol Roberts and Dave Signor.

The show is scheduled to open Feb. 26 and runs through March 13. For ticket information, call 349-7110.

In style

Diana Carter gets the royal treatment, thanks to her friends at Field Elementary School who rented a limousine to take her to Monday night's school board meeting where she was this week's recipient of the district's "Extra Miler" award. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)



Abatements no problem for Canton

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

To abate or not to abate? Tax is the question.

The question of whether or not a community should offer tax abatements — up to a 50 per cent reduction in property taxes for as many as 12 years — to businesses as an incentive to build in their town is a prickly one.

Supporters of the concept see abatements as merely another tool to stimulate growth; critics, however, denounce the idea as not only giveaways to already wealthy corporations, but also as a lethal weapon used in bidding wars between communities and states.

Ken Voyles, administrative assistant to the Canton Township supervisor: "Abatements are used to get companies to leave other states to set up in Michigan.

"In that respect they're good. But that also works between communities."

And, according to Voyles, while using abatements to draw companies from other states is considered good for business, that isn't the feeling on the inter-community level.

"A good way to judge the effectiveness of abatements is to see how many companies came into the state and compare that with how many moved around within the state."

The problem is that many communities, rather than bringing new business to Michigan, merely dangle lucrative abatements in front of firms already in the state — and get them to move down the road.

Besides this obvious bidding war, however, two other problems exist: the idea that the company may or may not stay in the community after the abatement expires, and whether abatements can be viewed as binding contracts keeping a company in town.

And Michigan has recently had to deal with both situations.

•In nearby Ypsilanti, GM's Willow Run plant is being closed in favor of a similar plant in Texas — and local officials have filed suit challenging the shutdown on the basis that GM received a tax abatement on the facility and therefore should not be allowed to close it down.

•In Highland Park, officials are in the process of suing Chrysler Corp. for moving its corporate headquarters within the state — to Auburn Hills. The city's suit contends that Chrysler agreed to stay in the city in return for \$11 million in tax abatements.

According to state Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-21st District), however, tax abatements aren't the problem, just a symptom of another problem.

"It obviously shows that property taxes are too high in Michigan," she said, adding that "if the property taxes go down, abatements will disappear."

As far as the problem of companies leaving after their abatement is over,

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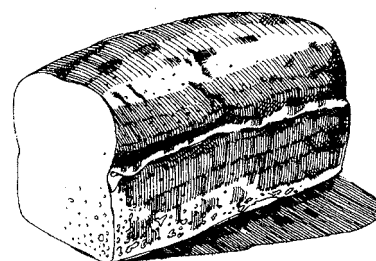
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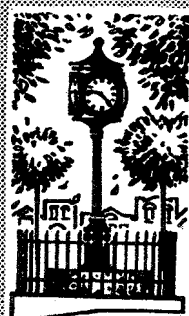
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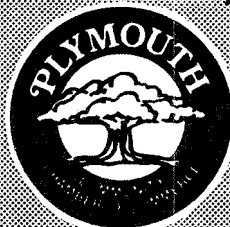
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Salem remains No. 1 after dominating meet

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Salem," said Cunningham. "We can be second in the state; now we have a goal and I think we can achieve it."

The Chiefs are now 8-1 overall.

As the host coach, Cunningham was pleased with the day: Running 18 teams through four events is an all day task, but when he finished four minutes ahead of schedule, Cunningham couldn't have been happier.

At the Invitational, Salem's four best finishers all competed in division 1 competition.

Courtney Gonyea had her best ever all-around score, racking up 36.95 points and finishing first. She set a new varsity record for Salem on the floor, earning a 9.6, good for first place.

"Her floor routine was outstanding," said Salem coach Johanna Anderson, adding that it was the best performance she has seen from Gonyea, and it included tremendous tumbling maneuvers and a double full (layout with two twists).

Gonyea gave her season best performance on the vault, scoring 9.15, good for second place.

Melissa Hopson, placed third on the vault with a 9.1. Alysia Sofios was fourth scoring 9.05 and Sarah Makins was ninth scoring 8.65.

Anderson credits the clean routines for the improved vault score. She said the girls have been working hard on this event to keep the routines sharp.

Sofios took first place on the bars scoring a 9.5. Hopson was third with 9.15. Right behind her was Makins in fourth with a 9.1. Gonyea took fifth, scoring 8.95.

On the beam for Salem, Gonyea took first with a 9.25. Hopson was second, scoring 9.15. Makins took fifth with an 8.8 and Sofios was seventh scoring 8.55.

Stefanie Anguilo competed in division 2 and placed 30th with a 7.65.

All scores for Salem on the floor were above 9. In addition to Gonyea's new varsity record, Sofios scored 9.4, good for second place and Hopson was sixth with a 9.2.

Dana Driscoll took fifth in division 2 with a 9.15.

For Canton, the challenge is to keep improving with each meet. The Chiefs earned their highest team score of the season (137.65) Saturday at the Invitational they hosted.

Kim Rennolds was the only Chief competing in division one. She earned a 35.90 all-around score.

Her points came from a seventh place finish on the vault, earning an 8.90, tying with Northville's Sara Kolb.

Rennolds tied for sixth place on the bar, scoring 8.80. An 8.85 on the balance beam earned her a third-place finish.

On her floor routine, Rennolds scored a 9.35 to take fourth place.

Jenny Tedesco, Kim Lewke, Kim

Nowak, Adrienne Brenner and Kari Jackson competed in division 2 on Saturday.

On the vault, Lewke tied for first place, earning a 9.0. Tedesco tied for fifth with 8.80 and Brenner scored an 8.0 good for 37th. Jackson took 39th with 7.95.

On the bars, Tedesco tied for fourth with a 9.05. Brenner tied for 23rd with 8.20, Lewke finished in 28th with a 7.75 and Nowak was 30th with a 7.60.

Tedesco took sixth place on the beam with an 8.65. Lewke tied for 14th with an 8.25. Nowak was 19th with an 8.05 and Brenner was 38th with a 7.30.

Lewke and Tedesco tied for 19th on the floor in division 2, scoring 8.80 each.

Nowak tied for 32nd with an 8.40 and Brenner tied for 52nd with a 7.80.

In the all-around, Tedesco tallied a 35.30 for sixth place. Lewke tied for 16th with 33.80 and Brenner was in 25th place with 31.30.

The Chiefs have continued to improve all season. After scoring their best score Saturday, they competed Monday against Northville in a dual meet and beat the Mustangs 138.7-121.75.

Not only did the Chiefs capture a win, they finished in the top two places in all events, sweeping two events and improved their team score. Two gymnasts gave personal best all-around performances.

Tedesco had an outstanding night against Northville. She took first in three

of the four events and had her lifetime best all-around score.

On the vault, it was a 1-2-3 finish for Canton. Tedesco was first with an 8.75. Right behind her was Lewke with an 8.7. Rennolds was third scoring 8.65 and Nowak was fifth with an 8.4.

Tedesco was first on the bars with a 9.2 and Rennolds was second with a 9.05.

Lewke took fifth with 7.4 and Nowak was sixth with 7.3.

On the balance beam, the Chiefs swept the event. Tedesco and Lewke tied for first with 9.0. Rennolds was third with 8.55, Nowak was fourth with an 8.4, and Michelle Cimeot was fifth with a 7.65.

Canton took the top five finishes on the floor. Rennolds was first with a 9.3, Nowak was second with 9.1 and Tedesco was third with 9.05.

Lewke took fourth on the floor with an 8.85 and Mindy Sofen was fifth with an 8.45.

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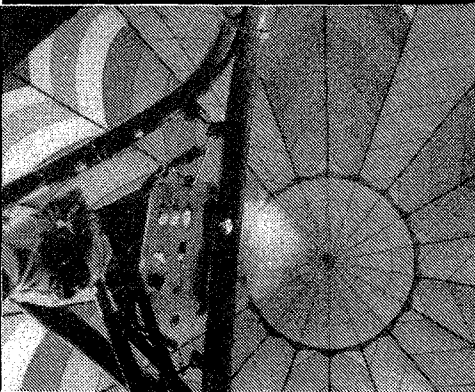
The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees is planning on holding a study session Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the board's meeting room.

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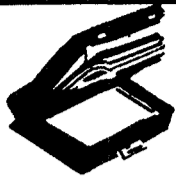


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Getting down to business

Plymouth Rental celebrates 25 years in Canton

BY GARY GOSSELIN

When Bob and Jack Koers joined their father, Everett, in the family business 25 years ago friends and relatives thought they were headed for disaster.

Canton was out in the sticks — and everyone said Plymouth Equipment Rental was too far away.

Today, however, as the men celebrate 25 years as a thriving business, thoughts often return to those naysayers.

"The area was mostly sod farms in 1967," Bob Koers said. "People thought we were nuts."

"But just look at us now, 25 years later."

The *now* Koers refers to includes an

11,000-square-foot sales and service building and a 5,000-square-foot equipment storage building.

The facility also boasts an additional 36,000 square feet of outdoor storage space on about 3 acres.

The Koers also have 10 full-time employees.

The business actually goes back 33 years, when Everett Koers began selling construction equipment from his home.

His two sons joined him in 1967, formed a corporation, and began learning the business.

That year they built the first 5,000 square feet of the complex.

Within 10 years, business was booming, and the area was growing by leaps and bounds.

Bob Koers said that the original business of selling construction equipment has evolved to the point that rentals now comprise 50 per cent of their business.

"People still don't realize that our business rents everything from tables, chairs, and canopies to air tools, fork lifts and aerial work platforms," he said.

Koers added that Plymouth Equipment Rental carries thousands of different items for sale or rent, and is now preparing to obtain 16-foot hauling trucks to add to the rental inventory.

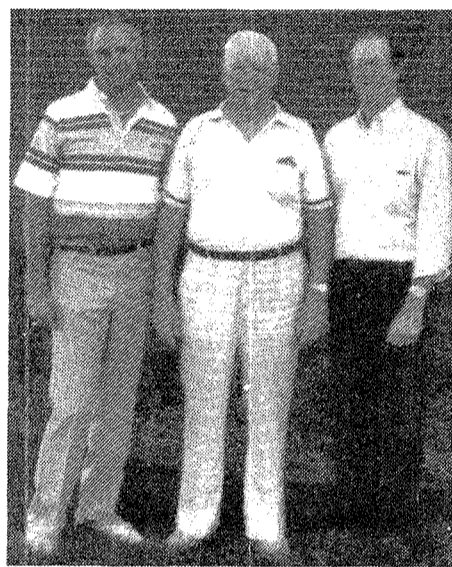
Jack Koers said that the key to the business' success has been his father:

"He has always helped us to expand and keep on track at the same time.

"He showed us that hard work pays off."

The brothers said that their hard work will continue, and are optimistic that as the area expands, so will their business and customer base.

"We've done pretty well over the last 25 years," Bob Koers said, "and we're looking forward to the next 25 years."



Bob Koers (left) and his brother, Jack (right), learned the family business from their father, Everett.

Neighbors in business

Clinton gets local touch

When President Bill Clinton visits the Detroit area today, he'll be dining not on fast food, but on gourmet treats -- in part from The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Catering for Clinton's "town hall" meeting is being coordinated by Tom Mackinnon, of Mackinnon's Restaurant in Northville.

Among the things he'll feature will be Cherry Walnut Fudge from the House of Fudge in Plymouth and baked goods from Crawford's of Northville.

Mackinnon will discuss some of the Presidential menu on his televised cooking segment of the Channel 4 noon news on Friday.



The Community Crier was honored last week to receive the Women in Communications "Diamond Award" for its coverage of a top-less golf outing last summer at mission Hills Golf Course. (The general manager of the golf course won the "Dog" award -- a giant fire hydrant -- but didn't pick up his award.) Accepting the "Diamond" award for former Crier Photographer Rachel Rozmys was Publisher W. Edward Wendover (center) with WICI President - elect Susan Schwandt (left) and WICI Vice President Maureen McDonald. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin.)

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Community deaths

Clara Isbister, 87

Widow of former school superintendent

Clara W. Isbister, the widow of former Plymouth School Supt. Russell Isbister, died Jan. 5, 1993, at the age of 87.

Born on Feb. 14, 1905, in Ann Arbor, she was graduated from Ann Arbor High School and attended then-Ypsilanti State Normal College (Eastern Michigan University).

Mr. Isbister died in 1968.

Mrs. Isbister was an elementary teacher in Yale and Centerline and later taught painting and crafts classes. She

Elizabeth See, 85

Member of Eastern Star; homemaker

Elizabeth E. See, a former resident of Plymouth who moved to Westland four years ago, died Jan. 31 1993, at the age of 85.

Born in Romeo on April 21, 1907, Mrs. See was a homemaker and a member of the Eastern Star.

Laura VanDerRoest, 48

Bartender at popular Plymouth restaurant

Laura Lee VanDerRoest of Canton, who worked as a bartender in Plymouth, died on Jan. 28, 1993, at the age of 48.

Mrs. VanDerRoest, who was born on March 16, 1944, in Grand Rapids, is

held memberships in the Plymouth Farm and Garden Club, the Women's Club of Plymouth, and was a member of the board of the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association.

She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Mrs. Isbister is survived by her sons, James of Potomac MD, and Robert of Plymouth; sister Martha; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leland Seese, Jr. officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by a sister, Charlotte Flannigan of Dearborn, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Schrader Funeral Home. Interment was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkeley.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Washtenaw.

survived by her husband, Robert; sons Scott and Richard; daughter Nicole; brothers Karl and Michael; and sister Beverly.

Funeral services for Mrs. VanDerRoest were held Jan. 31 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

Ruth Naslund

Teacher for 20 years; church member

Ruth E. Naslund of Plymouth, who taught in Stephensen High School for 20 years, died Feb. 7, 1993.

Mrs. Naslund, who earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University, was a member of Eastern Star and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond, daughter Dr. Shellie Naslund Wood, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, are being held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Trinity Church, with the Rev. Dr. William Moore officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Trinity Church building fund or the American Cancer Foundation.

Lucia Stansell, 57

Homemaker; Good Counsel member

Lucia J. Stansell of Plymouth, a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, died Feb. 3, 1993, at the age of 57.

Mrs. Stansell, who was born Nov. 15, 1935 in Detroit, is survived by her husband, Harry; sons Michael and Harry Jr. — both of Plymouth; daughters

Christina of Plymouth and Maryrose Furbacher and Anna Marie — both of Canton; one grandchild; two brothers; and one sister.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held Feb. 6 at Good Counsel, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Services of Western Wayne County.

Margaret McGuigan, 85

Active at 'Vivian' in local Elks Club

Margaret L. McGuigan of Plymouth, who was an active member of the Vivians of the Plymouth Elks and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Detroit, died Jan. 27, 1993, at the age of 85.

Mrs. McGuigan was born Aug. 24, 1907, in Detroit and moved with her family to the Plymouth area in 1978.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard; sons John of Brighton, Ralph of

Livonia and Robert and L. Charles — both of Northville; daughter Susan of Bloomfield Hills; 17 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and one sister.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Louise.

Services were held at the Northrop Funeral Home Jan. 30, with the Rev. Hal Blay of St. Paul's officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's.

Norma Wollgast, 81

Former teacher in Muskegon

Norma B. Wollgast of Canton, a homemaker who once taught school in Muskegon, died Jan. 28, 1993, at the age of 81.

Mrs. Wollgast, who was born on Aug. 28, 1911, in Holton Township was graduated from Albion College in 1933 and moved to Plymouth from Detroit 15

years ago.

She is survived by her son, Lee, of Canton; daughter, Judy Bridges; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 31 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Brown officiating. She was interred at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Plymouth Family Service.

Walters doesn't get DDA pay

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city for services like accounting, record keeping and filings with the state and county.

Graham said that the reason the DDA was not charged for those services before 1990 is because it simply didn't have the funds.

When Walters was hired in May 1991, part of the agreement was for him to "assume the duties and responsibility of

director of the DDA" — a duty that was also taken on by his predecessors, Henry Graper and Gordon Jaeger, Guile said.

These duties were included in Walter's contract when his salary was negotiated almost two years ago.

Guile was hired in August 1992, when its board of directors decided that the DDA needed a full-time director to handle projects like streetscape and business recruitment and development.



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Pickers complain of non-union workers

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employed, there is concern that if this continues, he thinks union workers will be out of work.

"We've got people here that are all worried about their jobs," Cooper said. "We don't need to be undermined by non-union workers."

"We're here to inform the public."

Canton Township Police spokesperson Tammy Colling said that the five police cars on the scene encountered no problems.

"We recognized that they were peaceful and there were no problems," officer Colling said. "It was a peaceful and proper protest."

Colling added that normally five cars wouldn't be necessary for a crowd that size, but "we had heard that there may be up to 500 people, so we decided to be prepared."

"We didn't want to be caught off-guard."

The protesters left the site at about 9 a.m. and Colling said that about 20 of them joined with another group of protesters at a site on Warren, east of Haggerty.

She added that that site is a daily target, with usually about 20 protesters.

Colling said the protests are a relatively new phenomenon in Canton — but not surprising, given all the recent construction in the area.

"Other areas have seen this (protesting), but now Canton is busy



Union construction workers man informational pickets at a worksite in Canton where, picketers charged, contractors are using non-union labor. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin.)

building, and we're seeing more and more picketing."

Minor vandalism has plagued some area projects, but Colling is quick to point out that these acts are not necessarily attributed to union workers.

"There was some random spray painting," Colling said, "but this sort of thing often happens at construction sites — union or non-union."

She added that while the department won't necessarily beef-up patrols because of the protesters, construction sites are closely observed as a matter of policy.

Although union protesters said they'll be back, and even suggested that they might pass handbills when models open, Colling is optimistic: "We aren't expecting any major problems in the future."

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Canton has abatement plan

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however, Whyman said that is their choice.

"It happens all the time," she said. "A community has no recourse if a company wants to leave for a better deal."

In fact, Voyles views abatements simply as bribes — but with a twist.

"Essentially, a community gives a company a break on their taxes in order to lure them to their area," Voyles said.

"The problem is that there is no way to hold them after that."

If such eventual worries weren't enough for local officials, though, consider the position of school district officials: they have no say whatsoever in the granting of abatements, and yet school districts have the most to lose in lost property taxes.

"There's not a lot that they can do about it," Voyles said.

But Canton has been doing something about the way it grants abatements: it uses a six-issue questionnaire, with the length of abatements determined by a points system.

The criteria for determining the length of a proposed abatement are:

- Will the project expand the tax base (and) is the project coming from outside of Michigan?
- Is the project expanding from within Canton?
- Does the firm applying for an abatement own the land it wants to build on?
- Will the headquarters of the firm be located on the site in question?
- Will the project bring jobs into

Canton and how well will those jobs pay?

Each question has a point value, the points are added together to determine how many years of abatement the company deserves.

According to Voyles, the new system, which was implemented a few years ago, was adopted to make the process easier to understand.

"The old method for granting abatements was criticized as (being) very subjective," Voyles said. "The new system was designed to be objective."

TV plan probed

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If the amendment is approved, the operator will have to provide service to areas with a density of only eight homes per square mile.

According to Lisa Boland, general manager of Omnicom Cablevision, current subscribers will pay more as a result.

"The current cable franchise, which runs through 1995, states that we have to service any area with 70 homes per square mile or more," Boland said. "In reality we go as small as 40 per square mile."

Boland stated that Omnicom currently serves 19,500 homes in Canton Township.

"The cost of cable-per-mile doesn't change because the township wants us to service lower densities," Boland said.

"These will be discussed at the next franchise renewal meeting."



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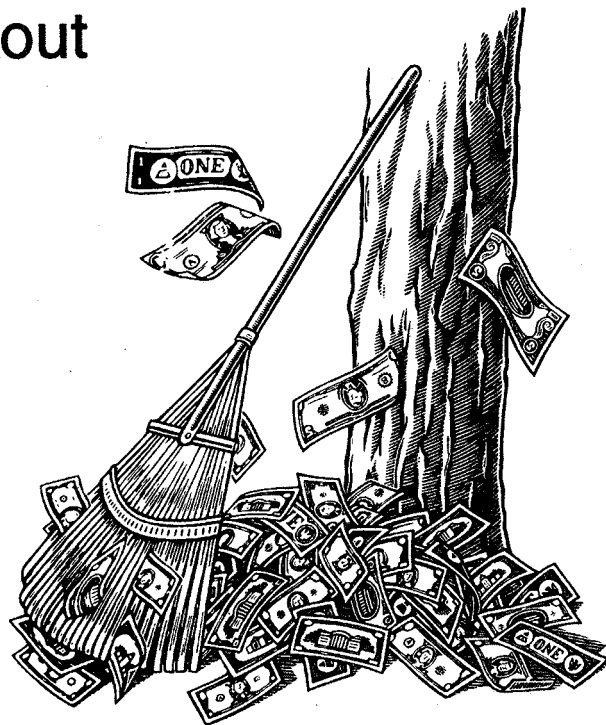
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DINNER THEATRE

The Plymouth Community Arts council will be hosting its second annual dinner theatre this Friday, Feb. 12, at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Josh White, Jr., a musician known for his dynamic vocals and acoustic guitar.

Tickets are on sale for \$27. Call 455-5260 for more information.

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.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Heritage Park Ponds, behind Canton Township Hall, will be the site of Family Skate Night, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation. From 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 11 the ponds will be lighted, music will be played and families from all areas will enjoy a free night of fun.

A.A.U.W. MEETING

The Plymouth branch of the A.A.U.W. will hold its monthly meeting at Ernesto's at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17.

Harriet Kozyn will present a hands-on demonstration of jewelry making.

Guests are welcome. Call 455-3662 for more information.

SUNSHINE CLUB PICNIC

The Plymouth Sunshine Club will hold its annual picnic March 2 at Florida's Highlands Hammock State Park, near Sebring.

Potluck lunch begins at 1 p.m. Bring your own service and beverage.

Call (813) 385-0011 to make reservations for a camp ground in the park.

For more information, call Lew or Fran at (813) 775-4946.

VALENTINE CONCERT AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center will host a free Valentine Concert and Crafts for parents and children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at the college's Waterman Center.

Reservations are required. Children between 2 and 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For further information, call the Women's Resource Center at 462-4443.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold its regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at 173 N. Main St, Plymouth. Veterans needing assistance or interested in Legion membership should contact Commander Jim Maahs at 455-5541 or Adjutant Jim Barbour at 451-8659.

NORTHVILLE ANNUAL FLORIDA REUNION

The annual Northville Reunion will be held Feb.19 at the Holiday Inn 6525 U.S. 27 North, Sebring, Florida.

For reservations, placement on the waiting list, or for further information please contact one of the following coordinators: Connie Burgess Wahlberg, 591 N.E. Town Terrace, Jensen Beach, FL. 34957 (407) 334-3715 ; or Dick Simmons P.O. Box 635, Minneola Fl. 34755 (904) 394-6219.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The Southeastern Michigan Red Cross will hold a blood drive Feb. 11 at Hawthorne Center, 18471 Haggerty Road, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 422-4090 for information

On Feb.12, it will hold a blood drive at Meijer Thrifty Acres, 45001 Ford Road, from noon to 6 p.m. Call 422-1425 for information.

SELF DEFENSE / RAPE PREVENTION CLASS

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering a Women's Self Defense Rape Prevention Class. The course teaches rape resistance techniques as well as risk reduction methods. The first session of classes will be held from March 1 through April 5, the second will be held April 19 through May 24.

For more information call Arleen Zylka at 453-2904.

AUCTION

New Morning School will hold its 17th annual auction on April 3.

The school is looking for organizations to make tax deductible donations to help support the school. The school serves 85 families within a 20 mile radius.

The auction itself will be held at the Hellenic Center in Westland.

For more information, call Ellen Arble at 420-3331.



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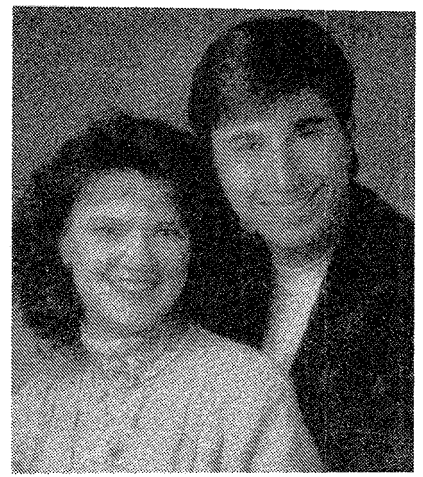
Dilts, Hewett

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dilts of Fenton, formally of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter Kandra Kay to Douglas John Hewett, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hewett of Farmington Hills.

Dilts is a 1984 graduate of of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1988 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. She is currently working at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as a registered nurse.

Hewett was graduated from North Farmington High School in 1985 and from Bethel College in 1989. He is employed as an Order Analyst with Unisys Corporation in Plymouth.

An April wedding is planned.



Kandra Dilts and Douglas Hewett

Corwin, Lobb

David and Ronni Curtis of Canton announce the engagement of David's sister, Loraine Corwin to Daniel James Lobb, son of James and Jerilyn Lobb of Garden City.

Corwin, daughter of the late Dorothea (Hance) Corwin, and the late Melvin (Bud) Corwin, is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and earned a bachelor's degree in management from Adrian College. She is an administrative assistant for Frank W. Kerr Co. in Novi.

Lobb holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is continuing his education at Wayne State University and plans to finish in April with a degree in pharmacy.

The wedding is slated for September 1993, at St. John Neuman Church in Canton.



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The checkoff list

Good planning now saves headaches later

BY JAMES MILLER

Everyone knows that weddings are expensive, so unless you want to put yourself in the poor house, you are going to have to shop around for wedding services.

RECEPTION HALLS

Reception halls usually charge on a per person basis. Therefore, the easiest way to cut that cost is to limit the number of guests. If cutting the guest list is not an option, don't panic. Altering the food and drinks is another way to limit the cost.

Work with the caterer to use ingredients that are inexpensive yet tasteful, since the way food is prepared will affect the price.

An inexpensive cut of meat is fine, as are soup or salad appetizers.

Most halls allow for the host to select a menu. Each hall might have three or four different price ranges for their service. Prices usually range from \$20 to \$30 per person.

Alcohol is usually charged separately. Some halls will charge by the bottle, which can get quite expensive because the cost is not determined until the event is over.

Some halls will not supply alcohol and require the host to supply it. This option is a tremendous advantage for couples want to keep the cost down.

Also, holding the reception during the week will cut costs because many halls lower weekday prices as an incentive. A Thursday or Friday night wedding, for example, is often less expensive than a Saturday wedding.

FLOWERS

Pat Ribar of Plymouth's Ribar Floral Co. says most people spend about \$700 on their wedding blooms.

"When I tell people this, their reaction is 'gee I thought they would be thousands of dollars,' this is not so," Ribar said.

Money can be saved on multiple blooms of inexpensive flowers and on in-season blooms that are easier to find.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Picking the right photographer to document the event is also essential. Choose one who photographs as a major source of income and has a good reputation.

The price of a complete package by a reputable photographer can cost upwards of a thousand dollars. Be sure and check prices with competing companies, and do not order anything that is not necessary.

For those videotaping the ceremony the least expensive package is a filming by one videographer and the average price for videotaping is around \$550.

THE RINGS

Choosing the wedding rings is another unavoidable cost. Women's rings are usually more than the men's and can run thousands of dollars. Establish a limit before looking for rings.

THE DRESS

When buying a gown, the bride can be beautiful and still save money. For starters, make sure the salespeople know the price range; this will save time when trying on dresses.

The wedding gown can cost \$700 to \$1,300. Some more expensive gown range \$3,000 to \$10,000.

"Women should be aware of the ways money can be saved when buying a gown," said Nanci Delsignore-Hyman of Lina's Bridal in Plymouth.

A bride should choose a gown that does not need major alterations (good shops will know which dress seams have enough fabric to let out).

Money can be saved by shopping out of season or taking advantage of the store's offer of discontinued samples or stock dresses. Another option is to have the dress made. There are many seamstresses that work out of their homes and can make beautiful dresses for hundreds less.

THE TUXEDO

Grooms usually rent a tux and the cost will be \$60 to \$80. In some shops, the groom's tux is free if a certain number of attendants rent tuxes.

MUSIC

The right music can make a reception, bad music can ruin it.

Some large bands can charge up to a thousand dollars to perform, so be sure and check out a few before making a decision.

A disc jockey might be the way to go and the average is around \$500.

Nick Culka, co-owner of Silver Sounds Professional DJ in Canton says it is up to the bride and groom to "take control and make sure they get what they want.

"The consumer should look for professionalism in a package."

THE CHURCH

The price of the actual marriage ceremony depends on the chosen location.

Churches generally ask for a donation, anywhere from \$100 to \$200, and the minister or priest should receive a gift.

Wedding chapels average from \$200-\$300 on weekends, and are cheaper during the week.

When arranging the wedding day transportation, try to use cars for the fewest hours possible. Most limousine services have a 2-3 hour minimum and average about \$50 an hour.

THE CAKE

Wedding cakes will cost about \$1.20 a slice, so the total price will depend upon the number of guests. Remember that not every guest is going to have cake, especially if a desert is included with the dinner. The cake does not have to be big enough to serve everyone. Simply estimate how many people will actually eat the cake, a task that could easily save about \$100.

Getting ready

The bride has extra steps for wedding day

BY KATHY WEAVER

You want everything about your wedding to be perfect.

You have carefully selected every aspect for the special day including the look of your bridesmaids. You meticulously chose their dresses, shoes, hosiery, and jewelry. Now, don't forget to consider their hair and glamour looks.

When it comes to glamour the key word is coordination. The glamour look should coordinate with skin tone, hair coloring and particularly the color of clothing worn. As the bride you have selected the color for your bridesmaid's gowns which dictates their glamour choices.

According to Glenda Braun, an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics in Canton, "whether you're wearing warm colored clothing or cool colored clothing, we then coordinate colors that harmonize with the color family.

"When choosing a warm or cool look, the cheeks and lips should be in the same color family," Braun explained. "You don't put peach blush, a warm tone, with rose lipstick, a blue tone."

"For eyes, I either choose colors that blend with the clothing or I choose neutral colors that will go with anything," Braun continued.

When creating a glamour look, the product itself should not be emphasized. Rather, the product should emphasize your beauty.

Hair style considerations are a little less complicated. Two of your main hair concerns should be whether or not your bridesmaids are wearing anything in their hair and the neckline of the dresses. Accordingly, you may ask the bridesmaids to wear their hair up or down, depending on the length of their hair.

Debbie Nigro, a Hair Stylist at Shear Pazazz in Plymouth, suggests "the look should be uniform. If one wears it (hair) up, they all should.

"A trial run is always suggested. The day of the wedding is not the time to test new hair looks."

Planning is essential when it comes to hair and glamour. Let your bridesmaids know your plans ahead of time. They will be better prepared and you can avoid any disastrous results on your wedding day.

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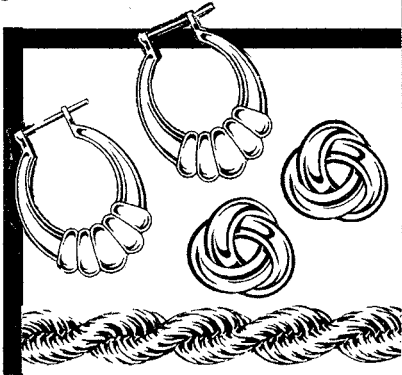
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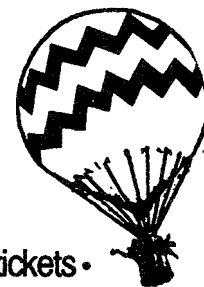
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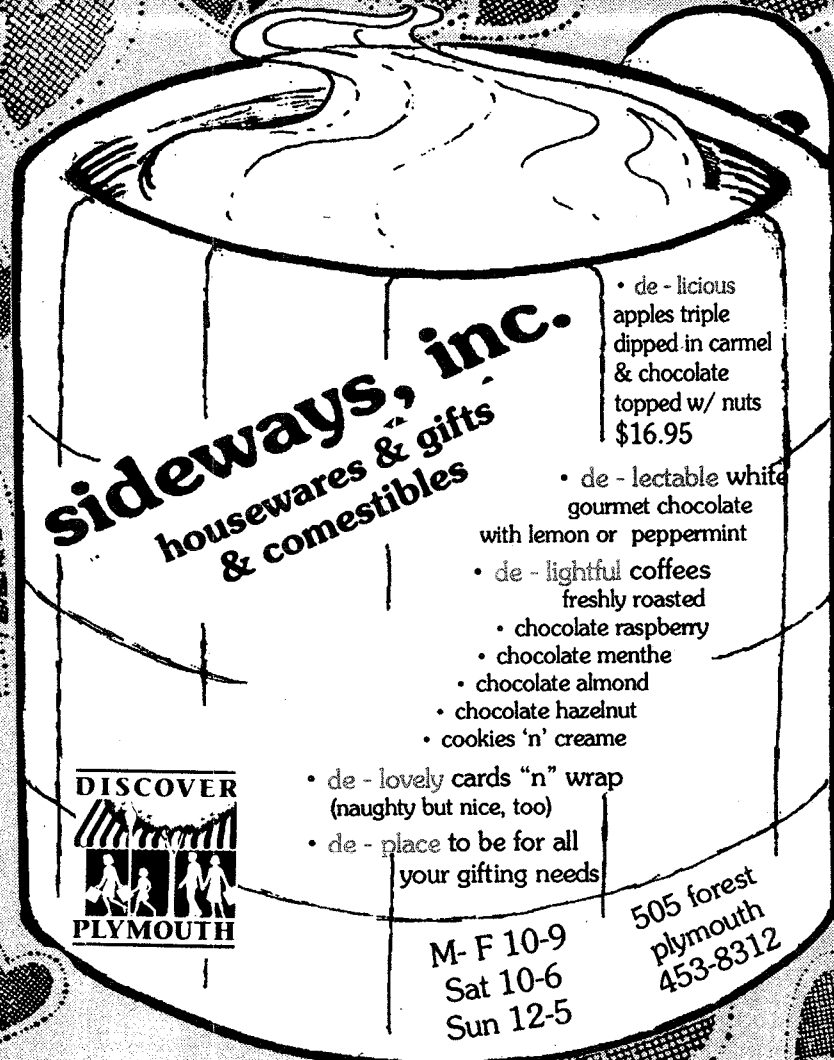
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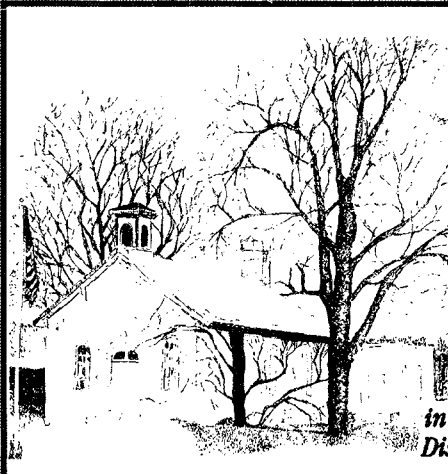


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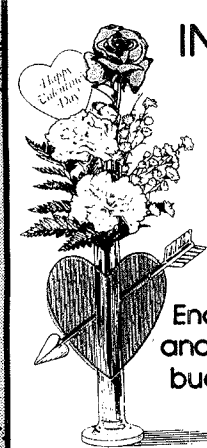


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Kidwell, Rymas

Crier Reporter Amy Kidwell, daughter of Darrell and Bernadette Kidwell of Plymouth Township, is engaged to David Rymas, son of Richard and Joan Rymas of Dearborn Heights.

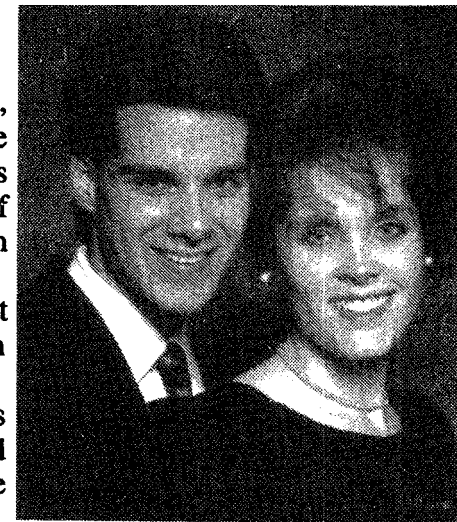
The wedding is set for June 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Both Amy and David are graduates of Divine Child High School and Central Michigan University. Despite attending the same small high school, they did not meet until college.

David graduated from CMU in December 1991, with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration degree. He took a dual major in marketing and management and started his career with Electronic Data Systems one year ago.

Amy graduated in August 1992, with a Bachelor Applied Arts. She majored in journalism with a minor in management. She also has a strong emphasis in public relations and broadcasting.

The two plan on starting their first home in the metro Detroit area.



DAVE RYMAS AND AMY KIDWELL

A new notion

By Amy Kidwell



Getting ready makes for sleepless nights

Book the church, no charge. Thank God.
Book the hall. Already booked. "Sorry"
Book another hall. The only room available seats 75 people. I wonder if I could cut the guest list from 250 to 75? NOT.
Finally, find a hall that is available and seats at least 250 people. Deposit \$400.
What will be the color scheme? You mean I have to coordinate colors?
Where is he going to work? Where are you going to work?
When do I go back to school?
Look for a dress in bride magazines.
Home for the weekend. Start pricing wedding services like photography, flowers, cakes and DJs. Maybe squeeze in time to try on dresses. Oh yeah, visit the groom-to-be.
Back to school.
OK. Got the Church, got the hall. What else is there?
Heard of a good videographer. \$400 total. Fair price. Deposit \$100.
Can't forget a DJ. He happens to be a friend of the family. Deposit \$100.
At school, and grauation is approaching fast.
Finally, picked the dress and a color for the bridesmaid's dresses. Start checking dress shops. \$200. Too much. Heard of a good dress maker. \$130 each. Much better. Deposit \$220.
Flowers. I want silk flowers, and I want them at least one week before The Date. This way, there's one less thing to worry about on The Big Day. Deposit \$150.
OK, now what?
My dress!!! That's not hard. The first one you try on that takes your breath away — BUY IT! Shop around though. Find a shop that will give you the better deal. Deposit \$500.
What next, what next?

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The photographer. Kind of late to shop around. It's a June wedding, ya know. OK! found one and he's actually pretty good, but when my dad heard what he was charging, he asked if the guy was on drugs (I'm not joking). Back to the drawing board.

Oh, I almost forgot. I (We) have to find a place to live. What a joy, spending every spare evening and weekend looking at houses with a peach family room, yellow kitchen, brown bathroom and red, purple and deep green bedrooms (when the real estate agent said it had a "neutral decor").

Or what about the house with purple, green, red, yellow, brown, polka-dot and stripped wall tiling? And the owners wonder why it has been on the market so long.

Found a photographer. It's more than I wanted to pay, but it's less than the other guy. Besides, he's really good. Deposit \$100.

Still looking for a house, but it is getting easier. (I don't want to think about what that deposit is going to be.)

The honeymoon!!! Good thing the groom has got that one under control. We're looking at a four- to seven-day cruise.

Well what do I have to do in the next couple of months.

Find and buy a home.

Get fitted for the dress.

Attend the showers. I'm *really* looking forward to that part.

Pay the balances on all the services I've ordered. Yikes!

Order and buy the wedding cake.

Catch up on all the things I have been doing with the church. (OK. Start doing the things I should be doing with the church.)

Select and order invitations, SOON.

Alright, now have I included everything? Probably not.

Am I going to worry about it? No. I've got the most important things: the guy, the church and the hall.

A little advice to those who are thinking about entering the stage that I'm in right now: If your parents (actually it was both of our parents) offer you a bundle of cash, a ladder, a suitcase and a flashlight and suggest that you elope...TAKE IT.

The law says: You need AIDS counseling to get license

BY DAVE KARNAFEL

OK, so you're engaged. What next?

There's more to getting married than simply saying "I do."

Before the marriage is legal, the state has a few requirements.

First of all, both the bride and groom must be at least 18 years old. If one person is under 18, parental consent is needed.

Since AIDS became an epidemic, the state now requires every couple to complete a course on "AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases."

Cost for the one hour session is about \$20 to \$30 per couple. Upon completion, a certificate will be provided. Hold on to it!

For people in The Plymouth-Canton Community, the closest class is in Livonia at 27459 Five Mile Road, near Inkster. The sessions are held every other Tuesday at noon and every other Thursday at 6:15 p.m. Cost for this particular session is \$30 and pre-registration is required by dialing 522-5801.

One important thing to note: the blood test is no longer required. That law was lifted on 1989.

The next step is to apply for the marriage license. The bride and groom must go to the City County Building together. Bring the AIDS class certificate and the two birth certificates.

If at least one of the parties is from Michigan, cost for the license is \$23. If neither the bride nor groom are residents for Michigan, the cost is \$33.

One final thought. Couples who get married in the church may have to complete a Marriage Preparatory Class that can cost up to \$50. Each church has its own guidelines, so contact your family church if you plan on going that route.



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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

The group encourages the recording of family history and offers support for such programs. Admission is free. For more information, call Delphine Goodwin at 425-8832.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hospice Services is looking for volunteer to help take care of terminally ill patients throughout Western Wayne and parts of Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

In addition to patient care, volunteers are needed for office assistance, fundraising and special projects.

Training classes will be offered Tuesday evening at the Garden City office and Thursday morning at the Plymouth office.

For more information, call 522-4244.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Women's Club of Plymouth is once giving scholarships to graduating seniors in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Deadline for applications is Feb. 25.

Several qualification must be met such as having applied to a college, being active in community service and having at least a 3.35 GPA.

For more information on exact requirements and how to apply, call The Women's Club.

THEATRE GUILD'S FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

The Plymouth Theater Guild will be presenting the musical Fiddler on the Roof at the Water Tower Theater in Northville from Feb. 26 to March 13. Tickets will be \$10 at the door for adults, \$9 for youths and seniors. Tickets may also be purchased in advance for \$1 off at the Penniman Deli, or from Sir Speedy Printing.

Group rates are available for groups of twenty or more. For more information or reservations, call 349-7110.

M.O.M. MEETING

The M.O.M. (Meet Other Mothers) group meeting will be held on Feb. 12 at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth from 9:30-11:30 a.m. M.O.M. is a support group which has been presenting speakers and discussions on topics of interest to mothers for the past seven years.

Child care is provided at the meeting for a nominal fee.

For more information, call Barbara Pearson at 421-6745 or Toni Shepherd at 453-6134

POOH VISITS NORTHVILLE

The Cotton Candy Kids of Northville's Historic Marquis Theater will be presenting "Pooh Visits Storyland" on weekends from Feb. 12 through March 6. Teachers can also arrange for special school performances.

Young audiences will be delighted with this tale of a bear named Pooh who gets lost looking for his pot of honey.

For more information, call 349-8110

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony Society will be presenting an evening of musical entertainment at the Novi High School Auditorium on Feb. 12. Performing will be the Plymouth Symphony, the Schoolcraft College Community Choir, and organist Thomas Peelen.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and college students, and \$5 for students from kindergarten to grade 12. Tickets are available at the door, and from several area retailers: in Plymouth, Beitner Jewelry and Evola Music Center; in Northville, Gitfiddler and Bookstall on the Main; and the Dearborn Music Co. in Canton.

BOWLATHON

Mayflower Gamble VFW Post and Auxilliary is hosting a Bowlathon Feb. 13 at noon at Plaza Lanes on Ann Arbor Road.

Cost is \$1.25 per game. Bowlers and pledgers are needed.

All proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics and the homeless. For more information, call Alice at 728-7619 or Jim Dray at 420-3095.

PARENT ACADEMY PRESENTATION

The Parent Academy will present "Just Say Yes to Peer Pressure" on Feb. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Center, 454 Harvey Street.

The session will help parents promote a positive self image in their children and help them make healthy choices. Call 453-3441 or 455-8417 for more information.



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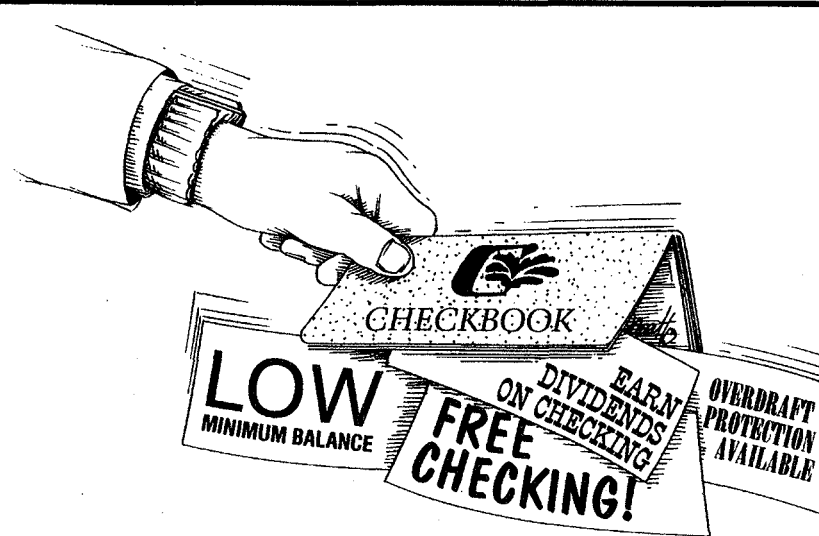
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Sports

Seniors shine

Canton swim team beats Farmington Harrison, 114-72

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Celebrating senior night on Thursday, the Canton swim team captured a 114-72 victory over Farmington Harrison.

The Chiefs honored their four seniors, co-captains Craig Steshetz and Ryan Henkel, Bill Guildhaus and Brian Tertel at their last home meet of the season.

"They all have four years on the team and have outstanding team leadership and swimming ability," said Hooker Wellman, Canton coach.

The Chiefs made their mark against the Hawks with one swimmer qualifying for the state meet in two events, and diver Jason Fowler tying for first place with Harrison's Mark Strohmaier, with 201.60 points.

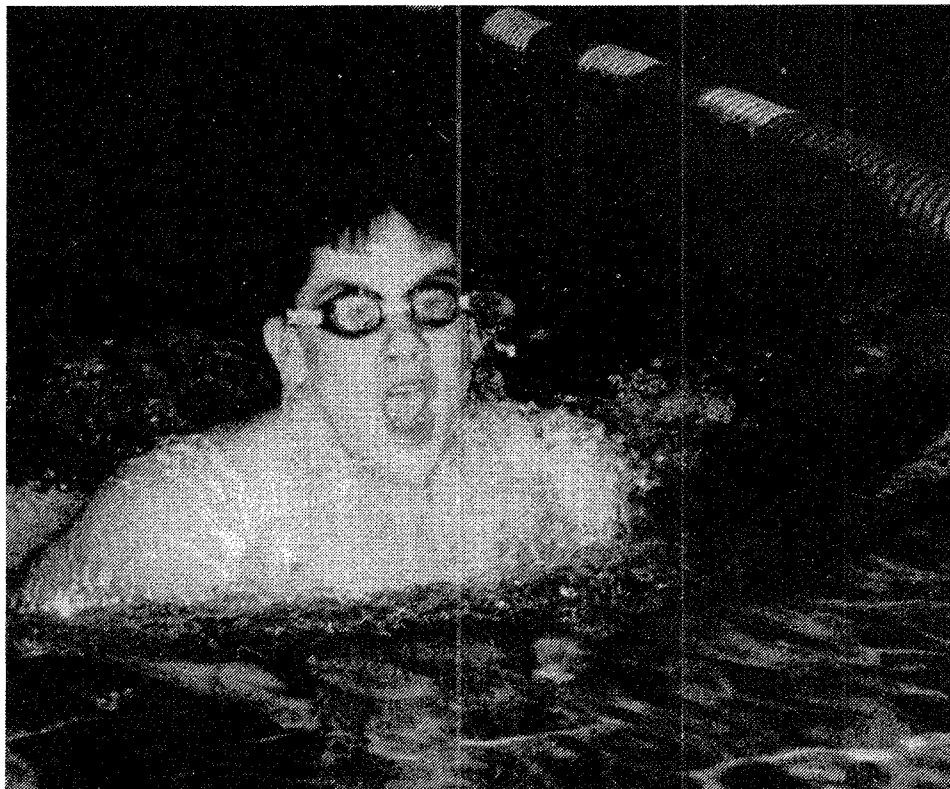
Junior Mike Orris qualified for the state in two events, earning first-place finishes in both. He completed the 200-yard freestyle with a state-qualifying time of 1:48.82.

Orris qualified in the 500-yard freestyle, sprinting his last lap to 4:55.29 finish.

Canton took five more first-place finishes against Harrison.

Paul Montessor was first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:21.17.

Steshetz earned two first-place finishes, completing the 50-yard freestyle



Canton's Jason Lynn pushes for the finish line in the 100 breast stroke. Teammate Craig Steshetz won the event with a time of 1:04.91. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

in 23.30. He also took first in the 100-yard breaststroke, with a time of 1:04.91.

Joe Foster won the 100-yard butterfly, finishing in 58.74.

Orris, David Berger, Ben Nelson and John Mogelnicki won the 400-yard

freestyle relay, finishing in 4:00.16.

Orris is the only Canton tanker who has qualified for the state meet, but Wellman expects others will before the season is through. A couple of his swimmers are within seconds.

The Chiefs are now 3-4 overall, 2-3 in the conference, and 2-1 in division competition.

Canton is off this week, and will complete its dual meet season next Thursday against Churchill.

Salem falls to foul trouble, Walled Lake

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Foul trouble hurt the Salem hoopsters Friday night as they lost to defending conference champs Walled Lake Central, 77-75.

To show how bad it got, two Rocks, Todd Forbes and Sanj Seth fouled out and James Head, who got into foul trouble early, sat on the bench for most of it.

He and Mike Slone, two of Salem's top scorers finished the game with four personal fouls each.

To make matters worse, the game still was in reach down to the final buzzer — but Salem's final shot wouldn't drop.

Salem put 13 points on the board in the first quarter, and Central tossed in 14.

The Rocks were outscored by one again in the second quarter, tossing in 20 points and Central added 21, to end the half trailing by two 35-33.

Central had a powerful quarter in the third. The Vikings added 24 points and held Salem to 15, taking a 59-48 lead.

In the final quarter, the Rocks had

their highest scoring quarter of the game, tossing in 27 points. Head had nine of his 10 points in the fourth quarter, and spurred on the Rocks comeback. Central tossed in 18 points and walked away with the win.

"We were down by 14 in the third," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach. "We had a nice comeback, they did a good job of handling the upbeat tempo."

Brandon Slone led Salem in scoring with 15 points. Mike Slone tossed in 12. Head, Brian Jensen and Adam Hammons each tossed in 10 points.

Earlier in the week, Salem defeated Northville 63-58.

Head led the team in scoring against Northville with 25 points, 12 in the fourth quarter. Mike Slone had 18, and Brandon Slone had 16.

Salem is now 11-2 overall, 5-2 in the conference, and 2-1 in the Lakes Division.

The Rocks face John Glenn Friday at home.

CEP Highlights

Volleyball:

Salem, 25-9-4 overall, 5-1 in the conference.

The Rocks made it to finals in the Northville Invitational Saturday and were knocked out by Farmington Harrison.

Salem came out of pool play in first place, winning seven of eight games.

The Rocks defeated Northville 15-0, 15-6 in the first round. They took 15-8, 15-3 wins against Northville.

Salem split their third round of pool play with Ann Arbor Pioneer, losing the first game 14-16, and winning the second 15-7.

In the final game of pool play, Salem defeated Walled Lake Western 15-3, 15-8.

A bye in the first round of playoffs advanced them to the semi-finals, where they faced Walled Lake Western, and won in two games, 15-7, 15-5.

The Rocks lost in the finals to

Harrison, 5-15, 3-15.

Cyndi Platter had 27 kills, eight block stuffs, and 12 service aces.

Caryn Tatterton executed 22 kills, 60 assists on 168 attempts, and Jenny Garvey had 18 kills.

Wrestling:

Canton, 2-9.

The Chiefs defeated Churchill 45-24 Thursday night. Canton earned its points on two pins, five voids and one decision win.

David Cline (135) and Bill Buslepp (152) each won on a fall.

Dave Smith (135) won on a 10-9 decision.

Salem, 6-3.

The Rocks defeated North Farmington 48-18, winning seven matches all on pins.

Romeo Cairo (103) pinned Matt Singer in 5:03.

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Canton wins squeaker; moves to 3-0 in division

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It wasn't until the final seconds of Friday night's game against Walled Lake Western that the Canton hoopsters knew they would remain undefeated in the Western division.

The Chiefs captured a 61-58 win over the Warriors Friday night at home.

The Chiefs are now 5-8 overall, 4-3 in the conference and 3-0 in division play.

Although the game came down to the final moments, it was much closer than it should have been, according to assistant coach Charlie Paye.

"We had a big lead early in the game, but they came back," he said. "We had a

big lead and got complacent for a while."

Although this game ended on a high note, the Chiefs had to win without junior Matt Paupore, who hurt his ankle in Tuesday's game, and most likely will be out for the season, according to Paye.

Momentum oscillated between both teams. Canton had it early in the game, but it shifted to Western in the middle of the game. The Chiefs got it back in the end and captured the win.

Canton was leading by 10 with four minutes left in the game, but the Warriors closed the gap, tying Canton at 58-58 in the final seconds when Canton's Bryan Whittle was fouled while driving a layup.

The layup was good and so was the free throw and Canton pulled ahead. Western missed its last chance and Canton had the victory.

Brad Paskievitch had his season best scoring Friday night, tossing in 23 points, including six three-pointers.

Al Hollingsworth added 11. Whittle had nine.

Canton led 23-16 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Western tossed in 18 points, held Canton to 10, and took a one point lead at halftime, 34-33.

In the third quarter, Western pulled ahead of Canton. A trio of three-pointers

by Western's Brent Mackowiak ignited his teammates as they scored 15 points, held Canton again to 10, and took a six-point lead, 49-43.

A change in strategy in the final quarter enabled the Chiefs to shutdown Mackowiak — who had a game total 23 points — holding him to five points in the final quarter, and the team to nine.

The Chiefs kept their fouls under control in the second half, and didn't send Western to the line once. The Chiefs tossed in 18 points for the win.

The Chiefs were defeated 75-40 by Walled Lake Central last Tuesday.

They play Northville away on Friday.

CEP Highlights

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Scott Hughes (112) beat Larry Yaffa with a fall in 1:51.

Bryan Herreld (119) defeated Faja Fil in a fall in 2:26.

Steve Hughes (140) executed a pin over Jordan Souffin in 1:30.

John Svec (152) pinned Nick Grant in 1:58.

Wade Langdon (171) pinned John Lessway in 1:48.

Ryan Giuliani (heavyweight) pinned Mike Poissant in 1:03.

Phil Hayes (189) won on a void.

Swimming:

Salem, 6-1 overall.

The Rocks defeated John Glenn 133-52.

Scott Wiklund had a great night, swimming his personal best times in the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.61) and the 100-yard butterfly (59.80). Both performances were good for first place.

In addition to Wiklund's two first place finishes, Salem chalked up eight more firsts, including a 1-2 finish in the 200-yard individual medley. Andy Dettling took first in 2:16.59, and Phil Hoffmeyer was right behind him, finishing second in 2:16.98.

Aaron Berlin had his season best performance in the 500-yard freestyle, taking first in 5:03.89.

Matt Erickson took first in the 50-yard freestyle, 23.99.

Justin Richardson took first in diving, earning 223.15 points.

Marcus Sarcazian finished first in the 100-breaststroke, 1:10.88.

Three relay teams came in first. Scott Helmstadter, Alex Beard, Chris Lynn and Marc Levett placed first in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:45.68.

Joe Earvin, Beard, Lynn and Tom Satwicz were first in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:38.26.

Earvin, Erickson, Dave Bracht and Fred Locke took first in the 400-yard freestyle relay, 3:25.95.

LaPointe named Canton baseball coach

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

A dream has come true for Mark La Pointe.

The Central Middle School physical education teacher has accepted the position of head baseball coach at Canton High.

"I'm excited and proud," said La Pointe of being appointed head coach. "It's a tremendous feeling of accomplishment.

"As far back as my senior year in high school I always thought that when my playing days were over I'd like to comeback and coach in my hometown."

Back in those day, football was La Pointe's sport of choice. The 1969 Plymouth High graduate gave up baseball after Little League, because he was never

encouraged to play and played football.

Ironically, it was Fred Crissey, his predecessor as head baseball coach at Canton, that started his football career.

As a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in the late 1950s and '60s, La Pointe knew Crissey.

"I was pedaling my bike around the locker room and (Crissey) was handing out football equipment," recalls La Pointe.

"He yells at me *'La Pointe get over here and get your football equipment.'*

"You just didn't say no. I told him I didn't know how to play football and he said *'I'm going to teach you.'*"

He played three years under Crissey at OLCG and went on to play in high school and college.

PCJBA results announced

In Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association, girls "B" league competition, the Lakers remain undefeated with an 8-0 record.

The Nets are 6-2 and the Celtics are 4-4. The Rockets and Pistons hold a 3-5 record, and the Kings are 0-8.

In competition, the Lakers defeated the Nets 35-25, it was the Pistons over the Kings 33-22 and the Celtics over the Rockets, 29-24.

The Jazz remain undefeated in the boys "B" league, national division, hosting an 8-0 record.

The 76ers are in second place with a 7-1 record. The Celtics are standing at 6-2.

The Magic, Pistons and Nets are 4-4. The Lakers are 3-5.

Bulls and Blazers are 2-6, and the Kings are 0-8.

In competition, the Jazz defeated the 76ers 63-54, it was the Celtics over the Magic 61-51 and the Nets defeated the Lakers, 43-38.

The Pistons edged out the Bulls 43-41 and it was the Blazers over the Kings 49-39.

In the boys "B" league, American division, the Rockets remain undefeated with an 8-0 record. The Pacers and Spurs are 6-2, the Suns and Knicks are 5-3.

The Warriors are 4-4, the Hawks hold a 3-5 record. The Sonics are 2-6, the

Hornets 1-7, and the Bucks are 0-8.

In competition, the Rockets defeated the Pacers 48-39 and it was the Knicks over the Warriors 64-55.

The Spurs trounced the Suns 75-59, the Hawks toppled the Bucks 44-25 and the Sonics handily defeated the Hornets, 67-44.

In boys "AA" league, national division, the Rockets and Knicks are 5-1, the 76ers and Nets are 4-2, the Celtics and Bulls are 3-3, the Hawks are 2-3 and the Jazz are 0-6.

In the American division, the Kings, Pistons and Pacers are 5-1. The Lakers are 4-2, the Sonics, Spurs and Hornets are 1-5 and the Bucks are 0-6.

In competition, the Hornets beat the Jazz 100-91, it was the Hawks over the Bucks 86-82 and the Bulls defeated the Sonics 101-85.

The nets beat the Spurs 82-74, it was the Pacers over the Celtics, 83-77 and the 76ers topped the Lakers 79-73.

In girls "AA" league, the Lakers are 5-0, the Pistons are 3-2 and the Kings and Celtics are 1-4.

In competition, the Pistons defeated the Kings 58-51, it was the Lakers over the Celtics, 53-43, the Lakers trounced the Kings 71-41 and the Celtics beat the Pistons 60-46.

While teaching at Central, he was head football coach at Redford's Thurston High for three years. He gave up the position because of health problems at the time, and says he's fine now.

La Pointe has been with the baseball program at Canton since the spring of 1976. He started as a volunteer, assisting at every level, freshman, j.v. and varsity. His first role with the Chiefs was conditioning coach and trainer.

In 1984 he became the junior varsity coach. He held that position for nine years and is starting his first season as head varsity coach.

The squad is conditioning now, awaiting the March 8 deadline to start practicing.

Sports shorts

Eastern Michigan University's club hockey team will have its final home game of the season Saturday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Eagles, ranked seventh in the nation and fourth in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League will face off against the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

U of M-D is ranked fifth nationally and third in league.

The two teams will battle it out twice this week, first Friday night at the U of M-D rink, and again Saturday in Plymouth. In earlier match-ups, EMU and U of M-D split two games.

An informational meeting for men's, women's and coed slow-pitch softball leagues through Canton's Parks and Recreation department will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Canton Township Administration Building.

The men's meeting will be at 10 a.m., women's at 10:30, and coed meeting at 11 a.m.

For more information call 397-5110.

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Dunning offers library resources

Residents of Plymouth-Canton don't have far to travel when it comes to library resources. The three public libraries in P-C-N are members of the Wayne County Library Federation (WOLF). To get a library card at these libraries, residents must use the resources of other libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties.

The libraries house videos, magazines, local newspapers, and other documents and other materials. They are a great place to go for local history information. The Dunning-Hough Library also staff reference services over the phone. The libraries sponsor educational programs for children and adults. The libraries are open to the public at 223 S. Main St. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. In the summer it is closed Sundays.

Steve Harper (1992), P.O. Box 401, Plymouth, 455-8484.

The Canton Public Library moved to its independent facility just south of the township 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. - 5 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 397-0999.

Canton residents pay 1.70 mills for the operation of the library.

Canton Public Library Board: library director, Jean Tabor; Katherine Baldrice (1992), 43087 Devon Lane, 981-5102; David Bone (1992), 8849 Carridge Hill, 981-2357; Mary Gyorko (1992), 8451 Orhan, 453-8416; Beverly Polcyn (1992), 1529 Ranier, 981-1446; James Gillig (1992), 4750 Napier, 455-4769; William Simmerer (1992), 39763 Cheviot, 397-3463.

The Northville Library serves residents of Northville and Northville Township. It is located on the lower level of the city's Municipal Building at 215 W. Main St. Due to recent budget troubles 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. - 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and closed on Sunday.

The phone number of the Northville library is 349-3020.

Residents of Northville and Northville Township pay for the library operations, but the funds are appropriated through the general fund budgets of each government. There is no special millage levied to operate the library.

Northville Library Advisory Commission: library director, Patricia Orr; Barbara Gougeon (1993); chairperson, Paul Dawson (1994); John Buckland (1993); Frances Mattison (1994); Wendy Gutkowski (1992); Sally Williams (1993); and Lynn Parkila (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, sledding, 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 F. Holliday Nature Preserve in Canton or the annual Miller Woods Walks held in the unique climax-beech forest in Plymouth Township. There are usually two or three each spring.

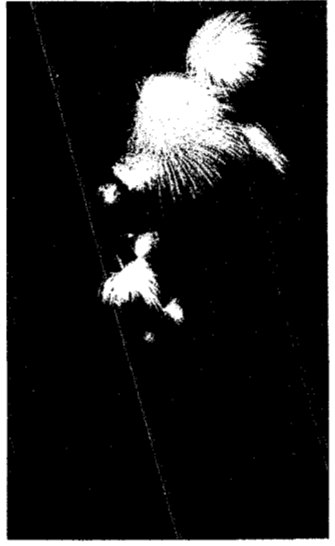
For culture lovers the local theatre group, community band, community chorus and symphony wrap up their seasons during these months.

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

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 Weekend 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 of Dearly Deeds and local high school seniors put on cap and gown for annual graduation commencements.



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Curiosities

Love, Margaret.

Cheryll - with two "ll's" Forgive me!

SALLY: no art absolute veto power
allowed.

IS L. J. CHRISTOPHER'S class competing
with the florists?

JOANNE DELANEY celebrated St. Blaise
Day.

JANET BURLEY SCHAPLOWSKY - Please
call our home or The Crier - 453-6900. AND
TELL US HOW WE CAN GET IN TOUCH
WITH YOU? The Guenthers

NANCY Y - Thank you for the
refreshments. That's the first time two cups
of coffee ever put me to sleep.

MARTHA DAVIS - Thank you for calling
The Crier from Florida and telling us that
Dunbar is doing well. We are thinking of
you both.

PETER POULOS - Thank you for your
many acts of kindness and for caring about
me - all of us are going to miss your
BLITHE SPIRIT.

LIZ SCOGGINS prefers lobster as long as
the company is buying.

VINCE has a nice Cocoa Puff factory.

Peter - Who will I call to lock the door?
We'll miss you

"LIBERTY" is an all-right name - for a gold
fish. - Jessica, 1993

HOW MANY GRAPE and how many peanut
butter Jelly Bellies does it take to make a P.
B. & J? - The Crier/COMMA, staff asks
House of Fudge friends.

"I've finally become an adult," Tom Jones
(48 years old), in the Anchor Bar.

Craig - GREAT BOWLING!

Why does Ann have such a large selection
of HATS? Does it have anything to do with
the fact she can never find her hair brush?

Riddle of the week - What does the name
Keya mean? Clue! It's a Dakota Indian
name.

Help Mrs. Anne Hopper celebrate her 50th
Birthday (but look 29) Feb. 13, 1993. Wife of
Larry & mother of Rick & Bob. Anne is
Assisant Vice President of First of America
Bank. 39475 Ann Arbor Plymouth, MI
48170.

I'm usually not much at getting into
Valentine's Day hokum - but with all that's
happened: Happy Valentine's Day to 4
lovely daughters - Kerry, Kim, Kristen and
Sarah; to two delightful grandkids - Alexis
and Justin (only a week old today); to all
our parents, and especially to my wife,
who's kept it (and us) all together - Mavis.
All my love, Craig.

THE GUIDE IS COMING!

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IS YOUR BUSINESS IN IT?

Curiosities

To Julie: What can I say, I'll always
love you. Gregg

Brent - Doubt thou the stars are fire:
Doubt that the sun doth move;
Doubt truth to be a liar;
But never doubt I love.
- William Shakespeare
I Love You!
Happy Valentine's Day

Will you be my valentine - Lynn,
Karen, Liz, Becca, Wendy, Michele,
Wendy, Amy, Lisa, Christy,
Margaret, Ellen, Chrisey, Sue, Susan,
Kim, Vickey, Geneva, Sally, Wendy
T., Elaine, Ellen, Michele, Joy, Joanne,
Carla, Kim! If the answer is yes, call
Jack. P.S. If I missed anyone, call
anyway!

Grandma & Papa - Happy
Valentine's Day. I Love You! -
Mariah

B - I love and court a fond return,
My breast it does with ardour burn;
I hope you feel an equal flame,
And burn with ardour just the same,
The fire of love consumes my heart,
Hasten comfort to impart;
your consent would to be prove,
A healing balsam my dear love,
With rapture I'd receive a line,
From thee my dearest Valentine.

CHERYLL: Roses are RED
Violets are GRAPE
Stop by some time and
I'll rewind your tape

Love, Mike

Brent - Yet, my heart felt a tug when
you gave me a hug. I wondered if
your kiss would bring perfect bliss.
IT DID!!

Lynn - Happy Valentines Day. Your
presents are forthcoming wrapped
w/red ribbons on them.

Janet & Paul - All the best for a
happy Valentine's Day
We love yah - Dad, Lynn, Rich, Julie,
Emma Rose and Animal.

Curiosities



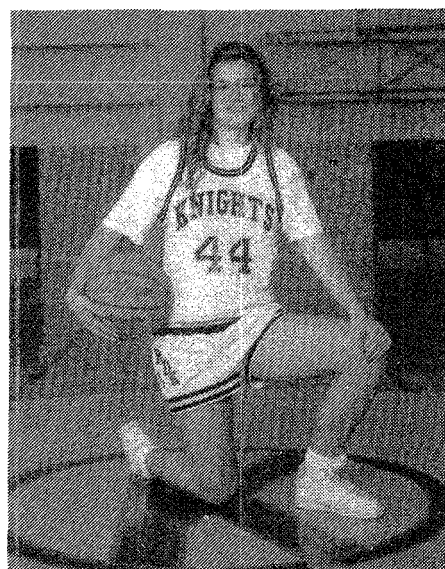
Mary Carne - Happy Valentine's
Day!

Love, Mike



YOU'RE MY
VALENTINE

- Love, Ed



HAPPY VALENTINE'S
to a GOOD SPORT - Love, Dad

HAROLD G. - You get home!
Enough is enough!

CHELSEA HAS AN EXTRA
GRANDMA who loves her and
wishes she (Chelsea) lived at her
house.

Curiosities

BABY ELENA MARLEE VOYLES -
Happy first Valentine's Day. Parents
who love to get up with you in the
night (as yours do) are few and far
between - Lucky girl!

February is a special month for the
Guenther Family.

JANET BURLEY SCHAPLOWSKY -
Call me in Northville or my Mom in
Plymouth. Kim
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Emma Rose is the sweetest
& Mom, Julie is too (P.S. you too,
Rich)

If anyone asks, Liz is FINE. Me

Mariah -

How quickly you are growing and
changing.
I love the person you are becoming.
You are beautiful, inside and out.
There is no one just like you
You are special to me.
Your heart is full of love.
Thank you for the happiness
you have given to me
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you!
- Mom

I only want one friend, just one.
Some understanding soul.
Who knows my moods and attitudes
and loves me part and whole.

A friend, who when I'm sad and
glum
will take me by the hand
and make me feel with friendly zeal.
That he can understand.

And who, when I'm in merry mood
a dozen minutes after,
will not repress my foolishness but
Join me in my laughter.

A friend who gives his best to me,
and, who with stubbornness
demands, you see the best in me
and will accept no less.

I only want one friend
just one.
Like this will amply do
A friend in need, in thought, in
creed.
In other words, just you.

from Poems for the Ones I Love
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THANKS W. I. C. I. Detroit chapter friends for The Crier's "Diamond" award.

FOR SALE: old photos of felony-bound Clark Clifford on U. S. Supreme Court steps.

BEAUREGARD likes Jeanine and Ron's new backyard.

DID JIM LEWANDOWSKI find Big Al's Bar in Key Largo?

NANCY HAYES gets older soon.

VALENTINE'S DAY
is this
weekend!

Shop BOTH Helde's Flowers and House of Fudge, show one receipt to the other and save! How romantic!

ALEX LUNDBERG has FINALLY received his diploma from CMU.

Brent - The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. When I wake up next to you - I know my dreams have come true.

TOTO Stop hiding your dog biscuits under my pillow.

FRED HADLEY - "Clothes do not make the man" "a crown does not make a KING" "Wearing PHIL McGEE's hat does not make you PHIL McGEE!"

Curiosities

Wendy skips town!

THE GUIDE is coming!

LISA: murder is against the law . . . of course "Justifiable Homicide" is different.

THE CANTON PHILOSOPHER is on the mend. Get well soon.

IS JOAN BLOUGH buying lunch? M & E

ERICK CARNE - Thanks for the GREAT video tape! - Mike

Gary only has one friend, and Ellen took him away.

Peter - We'll miss you! Tip: Buy your toothbrushes in bulk.

Billy doesn't want to do the usual. He would rather throw drats.

When you're HOT, you're HOT, when you're not, they call you STEVE

Nancy it looks like you have the Big Ten wrapped up unless they slip & lose to somebody else besides U of M -

Answer to riddle of the week. Little Turtle. P.S. I wonder if Shirley was trying to tell her something.

HELEN C. - You are becoming more beautiful all the time and the chicken dinner you had in your hand for me has nothing to do with it. Thank you.

Curiosities

ZACK - You didn't tell us you had a nice big brother named Steve. We would have put his name in the paper with yours if you had. He must be pretty special! Hello Steve!

BRUCE RICHARD nails his points home.

DO MARGARET COONEY CASEY GARY FAJA and JIM FRENZA read The Curiosities? Ask Craig Brass

THE GUIDE will be here soon! Are you in it? Are you up-to-date?

JIM VAN FLEET gets older soon in Maine.

GENEVA - did you find the bowling alley yet?

PRESIDENT BILL - I once hired an illegal alien . . . but he's gone back to Venus, now. MR. VACATION

Don't forget to call your Ad Consultant if you're not in the '93 GUIDE. Time is running out.

J.J. & Jerry - 6 games in a row (of course they were playing Bobby & Billy). Then Christy & Jack stepped in and showed them how to play.

Boy was Peter ever popular last week - Everybody called him.

Sue and Ken. Your brand new daughter has a lovely name. Where did you find her second name? There is a very old nursery rhyme that sounds somewhat similar.

Alan O'Dell - Thank you for the flowers. They are blooming beautifully and I send you a "thank you" message every time I look at them. I really needed them!

GEORGE O'LEARY isn't getting older, he says.

Curiosities

GEORGE OLSEN: congratulations.

FLEET STREET PIGEONS join the homeless. (It's about time.)

BREADWINNER sticky buns interest Beaugard.

THE FABULOUS FLYING CORRIGAN BROTHERS eat Mike's "gourmet" burgers (but John gets his "to go".)

Mike likes his accounting class, except when he gets his tie caught in the "debit" column (or was that the "credit" column?)

MOM ON MELTON found the easiest way to do her taxes???

PETER: buy a round-trip ticket good for 90 days. (Seriously - good luck)

SALLY'S IMPROVING at UNO

WAS MARK HYLAND LOST at Main St. and Penniman Ave.?

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY . . . early

GREAT ROAST MOM! And rutabaga too!

Welcome back, Elaine. Did you miss us?

SONIA - Thank you. No wonder I'm getting fat. I had your turkey and all the fixings for dinner and for breakfast the next day.

TINA - You really did look lovely. Good enough to eat.

DONNA G. - has lost her voice and doesn't know where to find it. QUIET ISN'T IT MIKE?

PETER - A lot of us are going to miss you and some of us are going to starve to death. Who is going to buy our lunch?

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Curiosities

Diane A. - This PLUS section's for you!

Ask Karen about her recipe for "Beer-N-Potatoes"

SUE VOYLES: all your W. I. C. I. friends say, "Hello and Congratulations!" - Sally and Ed

GARY THE GOOSE: did you tell Nancy WHERE you left your coat? Does she not appreciate the Anchor Bar?

Why does Brian have to go to the doctor everytime he uses his head?

"Vicky is not only a great worker, she's also a great entertainer" the Boss

Someone should tell her sister how hard she works.

Auctions

Collectors' Auction, Plymouth, MI Cultural Center, 525 Farmer - Sunday, February 14, 1pm. Tool collection, gold, silver, costume jewelry, sport items, paper-back books from 1950's, baseball cards, sport illustrations, large coin collection, gold coin. Over 2,000 items too numerous to list. J. C. Auction Service, 451-7444.

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Roy Larson

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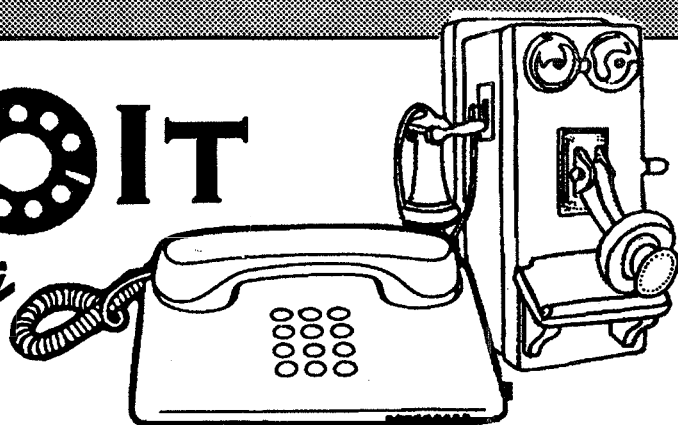
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Community opinions

Why Bobby Puckett got beaten up by the girls

While writing this column I have been warmly reminded of the lack of gangs and danger while growing up in Plymouth-Canton.

After visiting with my sister, Cynthia, in Sarasota, FL, this last Christmas, I have had my reminiscence revised! Seems there was a gang in Plymouth-Canton that called itself "the sixth-grade terrors" — and terrors they were.

A femi-Nazi-style organization of little girls that so terrorized a young Charles Starkweather that the grade school allowed him to leave for home early every day in order to escape the terrorists' wrath.

These little girls — my sister, Beverly Hokeson, Vivien Belisle, Jana Arnold, Bettis Bilow and nine or 10 others my sister unable to recall the names of — while skating on Wilcox Lake, would sit down on the ice, form a circle and kick their skates down on the ice, daring anyone to enter their "sacred circle."

Apparently, Bobby Puckett did, and got beaten up for it.

These are some dark memories from the 1943 time zone in Plymouth-Canton; however, my other sister, now Mrs. Edward Johanson of Garden City, NY, while remembering, had the most devilishly delighted expression and would enjoy hearing from any of the "terrors" in order to share recent adventures.

Over the Christmas season, as we reminisced, we missed enjoying the

holiday stoelen that the Lutheran minister, the Rev. Heine Hoenecke and his wife, Nada, used to make for friends and parishioners.

Nada would make dozens every year, and Plymouth-Canton friends cherished them for generations by pouring a little brandy on them each new year to stretch them as long as possible.

Cynthia and I still wonder if it was their daughter, Lois, who showed up at our Halloween party dressed so cleverly that no one knew who "it" was. "It" never said, so that mystery remains here, now 45 years later.

Old Plymouth High School had more than a few characters of its own. My favorite was a lady named Neva Lovewell. Miss Lovewell had a physical malady that caused big bumps on her skin and gave her a hunched-over appearance. She never noticed it, so no one else did, either.

She was a beautiful giant, so respected and feared that no student ever concerned being unprepared in her classroom.

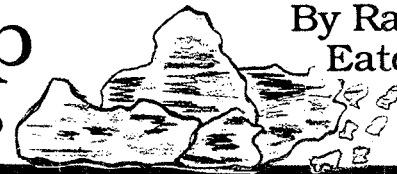
When she walked, she took up a lot of space, so big was her presence and being.

One winter, when my parents were away on holiday, she was gracious enough to have me in as a house guest and suggested that I invite a friend over for her regular Sunday drive in the country.

Bob Isbister was the unfortunate guest of ours that day (Bob's dad was the superintendent of schools then). Miss

Picking up the chips

By Randy Eaton



Lovewell bundled us into her gigantic Hudson Hornet's backseat and roared backwards out of her driveway, slamming us into a car parked directly behind her in the driveway.

As we hunkered down not to be seen, Miss Lovewell was out of that car of hers in a flash, storming up to the house behind the parked car (now with a caved-in side) to insist that the owner of the car come right out and see what he had done.

The unfortunate owner stood there, slack shouldered, as Miss Loveless told him how stupid it was of him to have parked right behind her driveway. Didn't he know she would probably back right into his car?

Civics classes at Plymouth-Canton will never be as well and thoroughly taught with Miss Lovewell's passing — for she was adored, admired and listened to like no other.

Bob and I listened in wonder as the man apologized to her, promising to never do it again.

My sister's favorite teacher was Mr. Ross Hendricks, the old biology teacher at Plymouth high. He, of ruffled appearance and forgetful demeanor, was also loved and admired by his many students.

Who are your favorites? Why not write in to the editor and share a memory or two?

For those of you who remember my sister, Cynthia, she is very well, having raised two gorgeous children with her husband, Ed. Ed's mother and father were Edward ("Jo") and Blanch Johanson: he ran the Western Electric Co. out on Sheldon Road until they retired to Estes Park, CO., where they were instrumental in founding a retired people's organization.

Cynthia and Ed met when he appeared at our home on Maple Avenue expressing interest in assisting then-state Rep. Eaton in his campaign.

It took them a few years to realize how perfect they were for each other, and then they never looked back with regret.

Next week: Wrong way Vorva

Campbell fame flees fast; Pursell comes clean

The media's revelations have really been stirring the pot lately.

Two Plymouth-Canton men have been caught in the web.

The first, young Dave (M. David to be precise) Campbell, woke up two Saturdays ago to read his name in the Detroit Free News or the Detroit News Press (or whatever they call that J.O.A. Frankenstein). Dave, who works for the Michigan House Fiscal Agency, received a petty cash check for \$756 on Feb. 11, 1985.

According to the newspaper account, the check was "unexplained."

Dave scrambled to call his mom, Janet, and dad, Dave, before they got in the car to speed to his E. Lansing home. "The only reason it's unexplained," said Dave the Younger, "is because the reporter never called me to ask."

Even the State Police who are now investigating the House Fiscal Agency have accepted that the check was intended to pay Dave, then a part-time student, for his work at the agency and was properly reported.

What's it like to be painted with the brush of controversy?

"In any political war, the first victim is the truth," he laughed. "I feel like wearing a large sign that says, 'I'm not guilty.'"

Dave admits "I'm not the first victim of sloppy journalism," but argues that the temptation to try disproving something that didn't happen "counts against my 15 minutes of fame. I'm reluctant to waste it on this."

As his mother warned him about working for politicians, "You lie down with camels..."

Although Dave is escaping his brush with fame intact (and with a few good stories for — don't read this Janet — Dagwood's), another would-be politician has been forced out into the open.

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Phil Pursell, the car wash magnate rumored to be a candidate for Plymouth City Commission this year, called a press conference Monday to make a startling announcement.

Obviously driven by the problems exposed for President Clinton's U.S. Attorney General hopefuls in "Nannygate," Pursell made public Monday that he had twice hired a young boy to mow his lawn last summer and paid him cash without reporting it to the I.R.S. He broke down sobbing twice as he read his prepared statement.

It was unclear at press time whether Pursell's coming clean will affect his commission-race chances, but it certainly is a sign of the times.

COMING NEXT WEEK: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack played racquetball for free; Plymouth Mayor Robert Jones enjoyed a city park while a member of the City Commission; Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry rolled through a stop sign on his personal motorcycle without coming to a full stop; State Rep. Jerry Vorva jogged the wrong way down a one way street; former State Rep. Jim Kosteva performed auto transmission repairs in his front yard; and other juicy tidbits.



Community opinions

School public debate policy is hogwash

Hello P-C,

What are the obligations of a public body when it comes to listening to the public it serves?

Should it open the floor to open debate with no rules of engagement, no time limits, no pulling of the punches and no time outs?

Or should it require a well-mannered, almost genteel examination of information with little discourse, little interplay and an almost matter-of-fact resolution at the end of, say, 15 minutes?

I suppose in some settings, under some particularly unique circumstances, the latter might be rather pleasant — no shouting, no bantering back and forth, no discouraging words. And the skies are not cloudy all day.

But, hey, this ain't Sunday tea we're talking about here — this is American government, right? And so, the answer is the first one, no questions asked.

I raise this issue here, today, because of some disturbing trends I've been witnessing at the Plymouth-Canton school board meetings. And I call it "trend" only because, for me, this situation is relatively recent; the fact is, though, that it probably has been happening for some time and I'm just a recent observer.

The situation is this: To maintain a sense of decorum at school board meetings, the board uses what has become a very popular — but very anti-democratic — method of controlling discussion: fill out a card, listing your name and some identifying information and then wait politely to be called.

Oh, and no debating with the board, mind you; you can state your case, ask your questions, even offer your criticism — but don't hold your breath for any reasonable intercourse with the board members sitting front and center.

It just isn't going to happen.

In fact, what you run the very real risk of incurring is the wrath of the very panel you're facing should you waver from the straight and narrow politeness of being a good little citizen.

In short, you get told to sit down and keep quiet.

What hogwash.

What this school board needs to do is let its residents — no, let its bosses — speak their minds when and for as long as reasonably possible and expect a decent reply in return.

Instead, and I've seen this enough to know I don't care for it, what has happened far too often is that someone stands to speak his or her piece, sits down and is then prohibited from speaking again — even though the board members, one at a time, may commence to comment incessantly about the same subject; in effect spouting some common, genteel policy statement, while completely ignoring the point made by the citizen.

Think I'm kidding? Exaggerating?

Try Monday night's meeting: A resident stands to voice his concerns about an incident on a school bus. His point is that the board and administration were slow in reacting to the situation — and he wanted to know why.

The fact is that he was a rather pleasant fellow, demonstrating all the manners my mother ingrained in me a lifetime ago — but when he sat down, it was as if his right to speak ended right then

Twp. ZBA acted, based on presentation

EDITOR:

Your Feb. 3 article on the zoning variance being sought by Mr. and Mrs. Nimmerguth for an addition to their home in Plymouth Township contains comments by the Nimmerguths which imply that Charles McIlhargey was responsible for the township's denial of the requested variance.

This is not correct.

Any application for construction which does not meet the requirement of the township zoning ordinance must be denied by the township Building Department which is headed by Mr. McIlhargey.

The standards in the zoning ordinance are provided for the benefit and protection of all residents, and Mr. McIlhargey has no authority to vary the requirements of the ordinance.

The Nimmerguths submitted two separate applications for a permit for construction, both of which were denied by the Building Department for failure to comply with the zoning ordinance.

In each case, the applicants then appealed to the township Zoning Board of Appeals and requested a variance. The zoning board has only limited power to grant a variance from the standards of the zoning ordinance in the case of

exceptional conditions applying to a particular property and subject to compliance with all of the requirements for issuance of a variance under the ordinance.

Each appeal is decided on its own specific facts and merits. In this case, the members of the zoning board of appeals were unable to find that the applicants had satisfied the requirements for issuance of a variance, and Mr. McIlhargey had no involvement in the board's unanimous decision.

GORDON DIDIER,
CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



and there.

The board proceeded to listen to administrator after board member after administrator explain their versions of the story, but when the resident began to protest, offering his version as well, he was told in no uncertain terms that such discussion is just plain not wanted here.

I've watched my share of governmental meetings — from Taylor school boards, to Melvindale City Councils, to Wayne County Commissions to even hearings by committees of the state Legislature. And you know what?

I've never seen such a sorry display of public involvement in the governmental process.

Oh sure, I can hear the board already: "Hey, we have all kinds of public committees and meetings and workshops and everything..."

The problem is, however, that every one of those board-sanctioned activities fall under the same well-manned spell.

Where's the indignation? Where's the moral outrage? Where's the open and active debate over the issues?

The fact is that while the school board may feel safe in controlling public access — and I mean *real* public access — to its meetings, to its deliberative processes, it is in fact treading in very unsafe territory.

It may, instead, be entering into territory where it slowly erodes its very important relationship with the public it not only serves, but also needs.

Desperately.

I've seen it happen before: The board begins to think it can act, can talk, can refuse to listen with impunity and within a short time it begins to wonder why millages fail, why there's an undercurrent of distrust and disbelief.

Sure, I come from the journalistic world, where there's no such thing as a bad idea or wrong thought — but consider, if you will, the words of Thomas Jefferson, who once wrote that if given the choice between a government without a free press or a free press without a government, he would surely choose the latter.

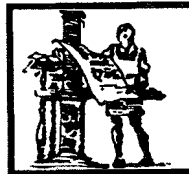
And now, substitute, *free speech or open debate*, and a *full exploration of the issues* for the term "free press" — and you get my drift.

Dear Plymouth-Canton Board of Education,

Forget the niceties and engage your public before they decide they no longer want to engage you.

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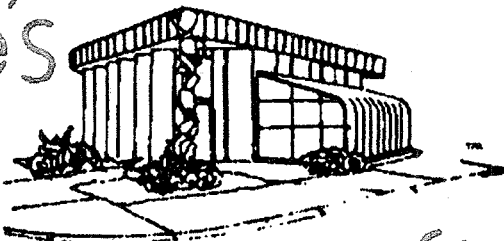
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