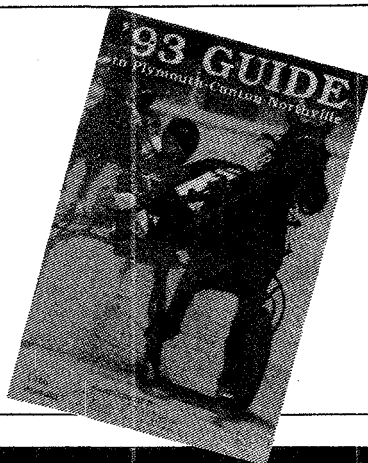


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Board almost settles on 4-mill increase; gets surprise instead: deficit left out

*Administration
figures fail to
include \$5 million
projected shortfall*

BY CRAIG FARRAND

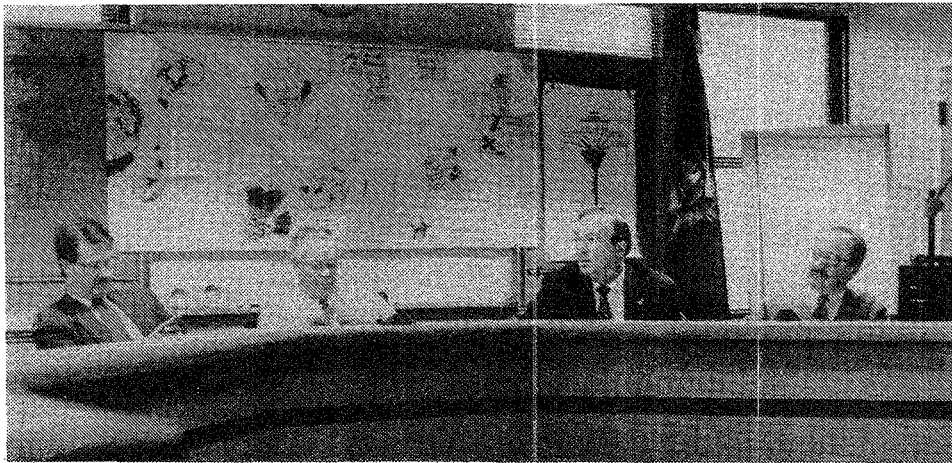
Just as the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education appeared close to agreeing on the idea of a 4-mill tax increase request for the June ballot, a surprise revelation may have set the entire process back two steps.

After nearly an hour of discussion over what programs might be reinstated were a tax increase to be sought — which also determined the size of that increase — the board learned that the already expected \$5 million deficit for next year had not been included in the calculations.

As a result, the 4-mill idea falls nearly 2.5 mills short of what would be necessary to erase the deficit and reinstate most district programs.

Caught completely by surprise by the development, with many board members visibly upset by the discovery, President Roland Thomas asked for a report yesterday detailing the impact of the deficit on the recovery plan.

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State Rep. Jerry Vorva (left), school board President Roland Thomas, state Sen. Bob Geake and board Trustee Jack Farrow were among those state and local officials who met Friday to discuss various plans for altering state funding of education. (Crier photo by Craig Farrand)

Board meets with state lawmakers; discuss finances, Lansing plans

BY CRAIG FARRAND

While many people were still getting ready for work Friday morning, a handful of Plymouth-Canton School District officials were getting ready to sit down with three local state lawmakers to hear of educational developments in Lansing.

And what they heard almost sent them back to bed.

Starting at 7:30, six of the seven board members heard state Sen. Robert Geake and Reps. Jerry Vorva and Deborah Whyman give broad outlines of several

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Thomas issues list of areas for cutbacks

BY CRAIG FARRAND

No more busing, the closing of a middle school and the move to five-hour school days are among the list of cuts being considered by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in light of an expected \$5 million shortfall next year.

Even if voters approve an expected 17.74-mill renewal — worth nearly \$35.5 million, or half the district's operating budget — some cuts will be necessary, board members have said.

As a result, the board is reviewing a laundry list of potential cutbacks totaling more than \$10.4 million that was distributed by board President Roland Thomas Thursday.

On Monday, Thomas announced that the cuts would be discussed in detail at next Monday's board session once all the "implications" of each cut could be determined.

Those implications include such factors as contractual obligations which

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Who plows and salts your roads when it snows?

BY AMY KIDWELL

Snow can be great for a lot of reasons. Just ask anyone who loves to ski or ride snowmobiles.

When it comes to driving, however, snow can be very frustrating — and even though by Monday, temperatures were rising into the 40s, it was only a week ago that drivers were coping with nearly a foot of snow.

And so were the area's road crews, whose responsibility it is to keep the roads open.

But *which* road crews? The city? The township? The county?

Well, that depends on where you live.

Pat Hogan, deputy director for the Wayne County Road Division, said the county is responsible for main roads in the townships of Plymouth, Canton and

Northville.

But the cities of Plymouth and Northville are on their own, taking care of most of its own streets, but leaving others to the county or state.

To deal with Wayne County roads, the roads division goes through approximately 120,000 tons of salt per season, according to Hogan, who added that each ton costs about \$25 — a price

that doubles when employe and truck maintenance expenses are factored in.

So what about this year? As of Feb. 17, the county has gone through more than 24 tons of salt due to the heavy snowfall.

Each year, the county's road division is given a budget and a portion of that is allocated toward winter maintenance,

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Officials, lawmakers meet to discuss plans

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property tax reform measures taking shape in Lansing.

But with the district's own budget deadline running out, officials heard only that every plan on the table — each of which could have a tremendous impact on the district's finances — was far from being finalized.

The problem for the district is that its budget, which must include renewed as well as new millage revenue, has to be approved by June 28 and can't wait for the state's August primary for Lansing to act.

"We have to have our budget by June, so need to know what's happening in Lansing," board Treasurer Dean Swartzwelter said.

"In fact," he said, turning to board President Roland Thomas, "by April we have to go out with pink slips, if that's what we decide."

Already, the district is anticipating a more than \$5 million deficit at the beginning of the next fiscal year — even with the approval of an expected 17.74-mill renewal.

It would need another 2.5 to 3.8 mills in new taxes to prevent cutbacks and also reinstate previously eliminated programs. (See related story.)

Friday's meeting began with a brief overview by Whyman and Vorva of three different proposals currently circulating in the Legislature: the so-called Team 16 proposal, which calls for tax rollbacks and a sales tax increase; Gov. Engler's proposal, which rolls back taxes by reducing the current 50 per cent SEV rate over a period of four years; and the so-called BLT plan, which proposes a complicated process of tax shifts from property to sales or income taxes.

For all three lawmakers, the key issue was the need by some to tie the concept of property tax relief with educational funding reform.

"I think the main issue here," Geake said, "is whether we're going to do a property tax cut by itself or link it with the (school) equity issue.

"I'm on the side of the tax cut issue by

itself," he said.

Similarly, while Whyman recognized that "the House is divided on whether the two issues should be dealt with separately or combined," she felt they were just "too complicated an issue to mix."

Overall, however, those attitudes didn't sit well with district officials, who saw the two inextricably linked — at least financially.

To a person, both board members and administration officials have consistently been concerned about state proposals that reduce property taxes — the largest revenue source for school districts — but fail to make up the loss in other ways.

In fact, the biggest criticism leveled at Engler's proposal — derisively known by some as the "Son of (proposal) C" — is that it includes no provisions whatsoever for school reimbursement of lost revenue.

The only program drawing growing support in Lansing as well as around the state is a recently drafted Team 14 plan — also known as the Bipartisan Legislative Team (BLT) proposal. (For more on this proposal, see story at right.)

Regardless of how local officials felt about any of the plans, Geake put the entire process in perspective when he said the key now is to "try and determine with the governor's office what will fly."

The problem is, however, that the time

needed to come to an agreement in Lansing may be too late to help the state's school districts as they plan their new budgets.

"Any plan we come up with must be out of committee and on the floor by June," Whyman said, "otherwise we'd miss the summer tax time.

"We could reimburse in December, but I'd prefer June."

The problem with that scenario, though, is that any increase in the sales tax would require an August primary vote of the people (at the earliest), and wouldn't be in place until September.

In addition, several board members were skeptical of any tax increase that would be "earmarked" for education, instead of statutorily added directly to education funding.

"We've heard that word, 'earmark,' before," Thomas said.

"Well, if it turns out like the lottery, I'll let you know," Whyman answered.

Summing up the hour-and-a-half meeting, Thomas cautioned the three lawmakers about where their allegiances lie.

"You've got to deal with us first," he said, "not the chambers of commerce; this constituency is first; it's the most important."

BLT plan includes local income tax provision

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Of the various state property tax reform measures circulating in Lansing, the latest seems to address all the concerns of both taxpayers and state educators — but also raises some of the most radical ideas in paying for it, such as creating a local school district income tax.

The so-called "Team 14" plan — or Bipartisan Legislative Team (BLT) plan — calls for a \$300 million property tax cut to be made up by an increase in either the state sales or income tax.

According to information released by the bipartisan group last Wednesday, the plan provides two levels of property tax relief: a residential and agricultural reduction of 50 per cent, and a business cap at 1992 levels.

In addition, the personal exemption on the state income tax would rise from \$2,100 to \$3,000.

To pay for these changes, the plan calls for an immediate increase in the state income tax rate from 4.6 to 6 percent that could later be dropped if voters approve a 1-cent increase in the state sales tax in November 1994.

In addition, the plan also calls for allowing local school districts to levy a residential income tax that would be collected by the state "to avoid additional administrative costs," according to a state analysis of the plan.

This new income tax would require local voter approval and have a 10-year expiration period, at which time it would be subject to a renewal vote.

On the school funding side of the equation, the plan calls for public schools to receive a basic grant of \$4,700 per student in the 1992-93 school year. Currently, the Plymouth-Canton School District spends \$4,681 per pupil.



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Is a public hearing in the future for Mettetal?

BY AMY KIDWELL

Following several weeks of public debate about the state's planned purchase of Mettetal Airport, the public may soon get to debate the state face to face.

State Rep. Jerry Vorva (R-Plymouth) said Monday that he has issued a formal request to the state Bureau of Aeronautics to hold a public hearing on the matter.

Local governments have yet to take official positions on who should own Mettetal, but Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said attorneys are looking into options, such as a contract that would ensure that the airport not be expanded.

She added that at the township's Monday night study session she would

bring up a possible joint board meeting with Canton to discuss options and exchange information.

At the same time, Richard Jackson, assistant deputy director for the Bureau of Aeronautics, confirmed that he is still in the process of putting together an information packet at the request of Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Much of the debate centers on local homeowners' concerns that once the state buys Mettetal, it will expand its runways.

State officials, however, have consistently maintained — in writing — that they have no plans to expand the site and only want to purchase it to preserve it as a small airport.

Robert Zaetta, a member of a concerned citizen group, said the group does not want state ownership of Mettetal, fearing that the state can do what it pleases once the papers are signed.

One question brought up by a citizen last week is whether of not Mettetal keeps jet aircraft at a higher altitude — a point addressed by Jackson:

"If Mettetal were not there, the FAA would have the option of lowering the jets (going in to Metro Airport)."

Another point brought up by the concerned citizen group is that the state did not tell local officials their intentions and that no public hearing was set.

Jackson answered those questions by saying that the state is not required to

inform local officials about the state's activity and that the information was available through the open meetings act.

Nevertheless, Jackson and Bill Gehman, the bureau's director, later apologized for not informing anyone.

Concerning his request, Vorva said: "I asked the director for a public hearing; how much more formal can you get?"

"I think it's preposterous that the government can do something like this without holding a public hearing."

Vorva added that he is in the process of proposing new legislation that would require the state hold local public hearings before taking action in a specific area.

"The fact that it is not already a law upsets me," Vorva said.

Apartment residents to get their own police patrols

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Residents in the Canton Commons apartment complex may soon be able to sleep a little better.

Pending the outcome of its application for state grant money, the township hopes to assign an officer full-time to patrolling the area — the site of a rash of break-ins during the past year.

Canton Township Board approved the grant application Feb. 23, which seeks slightly more than \$23,000 in state money to be matched by township.

As part of this new crime prevention program, according to Officer Tammi Colling, the officer also would work with businesses, schools, and groups in the community.

That, she said, would include giving crime prevention talks to the schools and groups in the Canton Commons area.

The apartment complex is located on Haggerty, just north of Palmer.

Kim Scherschligt, manager of Canton's resource development department, said the \$47,600 price tag represents the labor costs of the program.

"That is the cost of the salary and benefits of a senior police officer," Scherschligt said.

In describing the effort, Colling said the program would be similar to a neighborhood watch.

"An officer would be assigned to patrol that area exclusively," Officer Colling said.

According to the plan for Canton Commons, a police officer would be assigned to the area during a time period that would be best for that area.

"There will be only one officer assigned," Colling said. "We can't work him or her 24 hours a day."

"If the program works, meaning if the people like it," Colling said, "the program could be expanded to other areas."



Sweets for the sweet

Brownie troop #449 from Bird Elementary School sold Girl Scout cookies this weekend outside Blockbuster Video. From left to right, they are: Mary Magnusson, Jennifer Wert and Michelle Jurcak. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)

Resident arraigned on CSC charges

Plymouth resident Barbara Lance, 26, faces preliminary examination Friday in front of 35th District Court Judge James Garber after being charged with sexually assaulting an 87-year-old woman at West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth.

Lance pleaded innocent at her arraignment on Friday. Bond was set at \$50,000. She remains in custody.

According to city police, the elderly woman said she was allegedly assaulted by the nursing home employee as she was

being put to bed the night of Feb. 22.

The police report stated that the woman tried to yell for help but the door was shut.

The elderly woman is blind but said in the police report that she felt the woman who put her to bed was the person who assaulted her.

Bonnie Bannon, director of the nursing home, said she suspended Lance the day she heard of the incident.

Bannon added that she had scheduled a

meeting last night for families of the patients and employees.

"A lot of families have questions and want to know what we're going to do to protect their loved ones," she said.

"The staff needs support, too."

In April, the Michigan Department of Public Health cited West Trail with some minor violations.

"That was part of our annual state inspection," Bannon said. "They were corrected."

Canton police will get new cars

"...Looked in the mirror, red light was blinkin', the cops was after my Hot Rod Lincoln."

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

And soon the cops in Canton will be chasin' your hot rod Lincoln with Fords just as big: nine new Crown Victorias.

The Crown Victorias, Ford's top-of-the-line large sedan, will replace the Chevrolet Caprice Classics currently used by the police.

Following township board approval Feb. 23, the township will be purchasing the cars from Jack Demmer Ford.

Like the Caprices before them, the Victorias will have full option packages: Power steering, antilock brakes, power windows, power seats, air conditioning, and a driver's side airbag.

According to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, the cars will have special seats as well.

"There will be built-in restraining back seats," Santomauro said. "They will be made entirely of plastic."

There are two reasons for this, he said: The one-piece bench rear seats can be cleaned with a hose, to minimize the threat of exposure to blood-borne

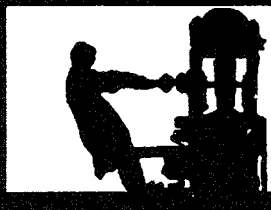
pathogens (AIDS, hepatitis); and since they have no cushions, there's no place to hide weapons, drugs or other contraband.

According to Canton Chief Financial Officer John Spencer, the decision to move from Chevies to Fords was a purely economic one.

"The Chevies were less fuel economical and cost more to do repairs on," Spencer said. "Ford got the state bid this year."

The state bid, according to Spencer, allows communities to save money by buying their squad cars together, getting

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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: Allen, Bird & Smith Elementary School Additions and Renovations. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after February 18, 1993:

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All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 P.M., local time, March 09, 1993 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1993

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:32 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 1993 Work Session meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 1993 Regular meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the agenda be amended by adding Item J.3 Request Planning Commission's Review of Zoning Ordinance and Item J.4 Approval of an Amendment to Easement, and after the completion of the agenda a Closed Session Meeting be called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. With these additions, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the February 23, 1993 as amended. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation request from the Woman's Club of Plymouth
"March 4, 1993 as the 100th Anniversary"

WHEREAS, the WOMAN'S CLUB of Plymouth, Michigan, is celebrating its 100th anniversary on March 4, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the oldest woman's group of Plymouth, Michigan was organized on March 4, 1893 and incorporated on May 6, 1920; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Plymouth, Michigan is known for its generosity and involvement in the betterment of this community through its civic activities, raising monies for the support of local organizations, contributing to college bound high school students through gathering scholarships and honoring these students at recognition dinners and giving fellowship to women in this area;

THEREFORE, we at the Charter Township of Plymouth would like to wish the WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN a Happy 100th Anniversary and recognize this special WOMAN'S CLUB day of March 4, 1993, with gratitude for the encouragement that they have given to enrich the many lives of people in this community.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Jim Miller, Mr. Mike Stankov, and Mr. Bob Zaetta expressed their continued concerns regarding Mettetal Airport.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. as requested by the Michigan Instrumentation and Controls, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Mr. Jim Miller addressed the Board stating his opposition to the granting of tax abatements. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 93-02-23-07 granting the request of Michigan Instrumentation and Controls, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for property located at 46200 Port Street within the Plymouth Corporate Park Subdivision, Parcel B. Supported by Mr. Curmi.

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

Mr. Curmi moved to amend Resolution No. 93-02-23-07 granting the request of Michigan Instrumentation and Controls, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for five (5) years for property located at 46200 Port Street within the Plymouth Corporate Park Subdivision, Parcel B. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Roll call:

Ayes: Curmi, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: Brooks, Griffith, Mueller, Arnold

Motion defeated. 4 - 3

Mrs. Mueller moved to amend Resolution No. 93-02-23-07 granting the request of Michigan Instrumentation and Controls, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for six (6) years for property located at 46200 Port Street within the Plymouth Corporate Park Subdivision, Parcel B. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy, Massengill, Curmi

Nays: Brooks, Griffith

Motion carried. 5 - 2

The following roll call vote was taken on the motion offered by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mr. Curmi,

granting the tax abatement to Michigan Instrumentation and Controls, Inc., regarding Resolution No. 93-02-23-07.

Roll call:

Ayes: Curmi, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy, Arnold, Griffith, Mueller

Nays: Brooks

Resolution declared adopted.

NOTE: Paragraph 3 of Resolution No. 93-02-23-07 was amended to read "The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued, shall be and remain in effect for a period of six (6) years after completion."

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of the Rocker Special Assessment District. The following residents expressed their opposition to the Special Assessment: Ron Finney, Ardyth Sockol, Michael LeBlanc, Iva Sanders, Nikki Novotny, Brad Cotner, Stuart Delaney, Robert Baron and Vern Stefanski. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy closed the public hearing at 8:59 p.m.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 93-02-23-08 establishing the Rocker Street Special Assessment Paving District No. 1 and confirming the Assessment Roll as presented subject to providing a thirty (30) day period to permit any person having an interest in the real property to file a written appeal of the Special Assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Supported by Mrs. Brooks.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

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

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve Change Order No. 2 extending completion date of Eastlawn Sewer Separation until April 15, 1993 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute same. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the adoption of the 1993 Budget for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund as presented by the Finance Director. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that the Board has been asked to request the Planning Commission to review the zoning ordinance, specifically the rear yard setback requirements and its support of the revised Master Plan.

Mrs. Mueller moved to request that the Planning Commission give consideration to reviewing the rear yard setback requirements in residential districts in advance of their full review of the zoning ordinance. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Amendment to Easement document, which corrects an error in the legal description of the July 27, 1989, recorded easement, locating the easement wholly on lot 9, in Metro West Technology Park Subdivision, where the utilities are actually installed. The amendment to Easement has been approved by the Township Engineer as to form and the Township Attorney as to form and content. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Patty Schmidt asked questions of the Township Engineer.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the following Township personnel that received letters of appreciation: Phil Kamm, Don Hahn and Don McDurmon, Plymouth Township Fire Department; Sergeant Robert Smith and Officer E. Anderson, Plymouth Township Police Department; and Cathy Broadbent, Human Resource Director.

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

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mrs. Brooks to move into Closed Session at 10:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph e.

It was moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Ms. Arnold to return to the regular meeting at 10:34 p.m. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Mueller and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on February 23, 1993. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 9, 1993.

School board changes park's name

What's in a name? A lot, if you ask residents in Canton.

Which makes Monday's action by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education all the sweeter: PCEP no longer means what it used to — it's now the *Plymouth-Canton Educational Park*.

With a unanimous vote —

following a brief discussion that centered on whether the hyphen should be replaced by "and" — the board action was seen as "a change that more correctly reflects the community now," board Treasurer Dean Swartzwelter said.

Until Monday, PCEP stood for Plymouth Centennial Educational Park.

New cars for Canton Police Dept.

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good deals by buying in bulk with other police departments.

The difference this year is that Campus Ford in Lansing, which won the state bid, is not the only dealer from which communities can buy.

When Chevrolet won the state bid, individual dealers could not compete with that bid. Ford, on the other hand, allows its dealers to compete with their state bid.

And Jack Demmer underbid Campus Ford's deal on the cars by nearly \$2,000.

According to the amount of money allocated by the township, each car will cost the township about \$14,300.

And, said Demmer Fleet Manager Bob Walewski, that's an extremely good price on a fully loaded Crown Victoria.

"A fully optioned Crown Victoria would cost a member of the general public around \$23,000," Walewski said.

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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.

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Thomas issues list of potential cutback areas

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might restrict the elimination or reduction of a specific program.

The only option to making the cuts, district officials have said, it to ask for new millage in addition to the renewal in June and hope voters approve the request.

A renewal of somewhere around 4 mills, according to district documents, would offset the cuts, but may not leave enough to reinstate previously eliminated programs. (See related story.)

The potential cutback areas listed by Thomas include the loss of busing for two-thirds of the district's children, the closing of one middle school and the boarding up of two new elementary schools that had been scheduled to open in the fall.

Not all the reductions are necessary, but the list was created to give board members a wide variety of reduction options.

In addition to the cutback list, however, Thomas' four-page memo itemized areas of restoration, should a millage increase be approved by voters in June.

On this list — totaling more than \$9 million — the restoration of programs includes a return to 1991-92 staffing levels and the go-ahead with opening the two new schools.

Similarly, the restoration priority list

gives the board flexibility in reinstating previously cut programs and services.

The board was asked by Thomas to review both lists and indicate not only which area(s) are considered priorities for cutbacks or restoration, but also how much money should be saved or spent.

In Thomas' cover letter, he asked the board to prioritize each (or any) programs in order of most desirable to cut or restore, and then indicate the actual dollar amount — up to a stated maximum — of

Restorations listed

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Up to that point, however, the seven members — previously polled by Thomas as to their preferences in restoring programs — had essentially agreed on restoring up to nine priority items, including a provision to establish a \$4 million fund balance level in order to meet state financing guidelines. (See chart.)

The money needed for restoring all nine items totals \$7,775,700; a 4-mill increase would generate \$8 million in new revenue for the district.

The problem, however, is that erasing the projected \$5 million deficit first would require 2.5 mills by itself.

restoration or reduction.

In the areas of cutbacks, for example, Thomas indicated that up to \$1,403,024 could be saved by eliminating busing; likewise, up to \$1,816,000 could be saved by reducing the school day at the middle and high schools by one hour.

In the area of restorations, the list ranges from \$37,000 to extend media

center hours to \$4 million to bring the district's fund balance into line with state preferred levels.

(For a closer look at the specific areas of reduction being considered by the school board — and an opportunity to voice your own funding and educational preferences — see today's Opinion pages.)

AREAS OF RESTORATION	
These areas are listed in order of priority as agreed to by the P-C school board Monday night, with the amount of money it would cost to restore.	
AREA	COST
1. Staffing levels to 1991-92	\$ 2,500,000
2. Fund bal. to 5% of budget	4,000,000
3. Improve block grant to 91-92	198,000
4. Eliminate participation fees	140,000
5. Improve assessment testing	55,000
6. Extend media hours	37,700
7. Support staff to 1991-92	520,000
8. Improve staff development	275,000
9. Improve marching band funding	50,000
Total	\$7,775,700
AREAS NOT TO BE RESTORED	
10. More elem. counselors	500,000
11. Maintenance to 91-92	340,000
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For a look at areas of potential cutbacks, see today's Opinion pages.	

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We'd like to invite you to tell us what you think about your community and about *The Crier*.

GIVE A LETTER GRADE by

circling the answer on topics on this page and over with which you are familiar.

This survey gives you a chance to rate a number of community services you frequently read about in your newspaper. We'll publish the results once they've been tabulated and then those findings will be used to help our editors better serve your needs by focusing on the issues most affect-

ing you.

While obviously this survey won't produce a scientific sampling, it's still one way you can register your opinions. Of course, *The Community Crier* is always willing to hear your opinions — either by phone (453-6900) or by mail (821 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI 48170), but you can start by completing the survey.

To add some friendly encouragement, all completed surveys will be entered in a drawing for four "dinners-for-two" at four different restaurants in *The Plymouth-Canton Community*.

Please return your survey to: **The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI 48170 by:**

5 p.m. Friday, April 2, 1993.

CIRCLE YOUR GRADE ○

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS

City of Plymouth Commission	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Board	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Board	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth-Canton Schools Board	A	B	C	D	E

SERVICES PROVIDED BY

Plymouth-Canton Schools (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Elementary Schools	A	B	C	D	E
Middle Schools	A	B	C	D	E
High Schools	A	B	C	D	E
Community Continuing Education	A	B	C	D	E
School Superintendent	A	B	C	D	E
Central Administration	A	B	C	D	E
Building Principals	A	B	C	D	E
Teachers	A	B	C	D	E
Parent-Teacher Groups	A	B	C	D	E
Schoolcraft College	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Library	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Library	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Huron-Clinton Metroparks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Rink	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth City Manager	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Supervisor	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Manager	A	B	C	D	E

PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Plymouth Police	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Police	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Police	A	B	C	D	E
35th District Court	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Circuit Court	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Sheriff	A	B	C	D	E
State Police	A	B	C	D	E

City of Plymouth Fire-Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Fire & Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Have you ever called police?	Yes _____	No _____			
Have you ever called fire-rescue?	Yes _____	No _____			
Do you feel safe here?	Yes _____	No _____			

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Omnicom Cable	A	B	C	D	E
WSDP	A	B	C	D	E
The Community Crier	A	B	C	D	E
The GUIDE to P-C-N	A	B	C	D	E
Oakwood Hospital (Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
McAuley/Arbor Health (Plymouth, Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
St. Mary's Hospital (Livonia)	A	B	C	D	E
Henry Ford (Plymouth, Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
M-Care (Plymouth, Northville)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community United Way	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Foundation	A	B	C	D	E
GrowthWorks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Family Services	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Family Services	A	B	C	D	E
First Step	A	B	C	D	E
Salvation Army	A	B	C	D	E
Goodfellows	A	B	C	D	E
Service Clubs	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Senior Citizen programs	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Senior Citizen programs	A	B	C	D	E
D.A.R.E.	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Chamber of Commerce	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Chamber of Commerce	A	B	C	D	E
YMCA	A	B	C	D	E
Close-up	A	B	C	D	E
Community Literacy Council	A	B	C	D	E
Secretary of State (Canton office)	A	B	C	D	E
M.E.S.C. (Canton office)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Post Office/Delivery	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Post Office/Delivery	A	B	C	D	E

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EVENTS

Plymouth Fall Festival	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Liberty Fest	A	B	C	D	E
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	A	B	C	D	E
Art-in-the-Park	A	B	C	D	E
July 4th Parade-Fireworks	A	B	C	D	E
Thanksgiving Celebration	A	B	C	D	E
Santa Comes to Canton	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	A	B	C	D	E
Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Small Businessperson of Year	A	B	C	D	E

CULTURAL

Plymouth Community Arts Council	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Symphony	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Seniors' Kitchen Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Theatre Guild	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Band	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Park Players	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Marching Band	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Symphony	A	B	C	D	E

YOUR COMMENTS ON ISSUES:

- Should Canton build and operate a Community Center? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Plymouth build a new library? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Mettetal Airport be preserved? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Plymouth Township develop a recreation program? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Plymouth-Canton Schools seek a millage increase to maintain programs? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Plymouth-Canton Schools seek a millage increase to improve programs? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Miller Woods be fenced? Yes ___ No ___
- Should the 35th District Court add a third judge? Yes ___ No ___
- Should downtown Plymouth change its parking requirements? Yes ___ No ___
- Should downtown Plymouth add a new streetscape? Yes ___ No ___
- Should local governments share
 - police services Yes ___ No ___
 - fire services Yes ___ No ___
 - dispatch services Yes ___ No ___
 - recreation Yes ___ No ___
 - public works services Yes ___ No ___
- Do you get your money's worth for local governmental taxes in
 - City of Plymouth? Yes ___ No ___
 - Canton? Yes ___ No ___
 - Plymouth Township? Yes ___ No ___
- Do you get your money's worth for Plymouth-Canton Schools taxes? Yes ___ No ___

If one road/intersection were to be improved in 1993, it should be _____

YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THESE – or other – ISSUES:

(EDITOR'S NOTE: these may be quoted with the tabulated report on this survey.)

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)

EDITOR'S NOTE: four survey respondents will be picked at random for "dinner-for-two" at Plymouth-Canton restaurants)

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Jennifer Beetler of Northville was one of twelve Madonna University students participating in Habitat for Humanity's 1993 Collegiate Challenge. As an alternate to the usual spring break, the students spent Feb 26-March 6 helping low income families in Morehead, NC build houses.

Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the fall semester includes four local students: **Jennifer Pye** of Canton; and **Barbara Baldwin** and **Suzanne Oday**, both of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Pfc. Douglas B. Rich, son of **Kenneth** and **Diana Rich** of Plymouth, is a petroleum supply specialist assigned to U.S. Army Task Force 5-158.

Several local residents were among those who have received advanced degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

From Plymouth, **Sandra J. Hanson**, **Jane M. Krawczak**, and **Mark A. Zink** received MA's, **Daniel S. Bedrosian** was awarded an MBA, **Curtis D. Wensley** obtained an MS and **George M. Hirt** received an MLS and **Janice R. Davidson** from Northville was awarded an MA.

Canton students **Christina D. Caastellano**, **Birgit D. Collier**, **Jean E. Eberts**, **Thomas A. French**, **Kristen R. Khorshid**, **Pamela A. Killam**, **Lisa L. Nickel**, **Deborah D. Rodgers**, and **Diane M. Sobell** all received MA's.

Also from Canton were **Michele A. Cauley**, **Thomas C. Jones**, **Gary D. Moorgan**, **Deborah S. Moss**, and **Todd H. Stein**, who received MBA's; **Catherine A. Cooney**, **Hyungsub Kim**, **James H. Milanowski**, **Michael D. Pomerson**, **Danging Wang**, and **Robert A. Young**, who received MS's; and **Barbara M. Faler**, who was awarded an SPA (Specialist in Arts).

Pat Pulkownik was recently chosen as Secretary of Our Lady of Providence Developmental Council Board. The center, located in Northville Township, provides educational and rehabilitation services to girls and young women with developmental disabilities.

'It's amazing!'

Local girl survives explosion at World Trade Center

BY AMY KIDWELL

Friday started as a normal day for **Susan Stone**, a Canton resident who recently moved to New Jersey.

She started her one-mile commute to work with a 20-minute walk. Her first stop was the usual bagel shop and then on to the subway.

From there, she took a 10-minute ride to work, arrived at 8 a.m., helped herself to coffee and dug into some paperwork that had to be completed that day.

It was a typical morning for Stone.

But the rest of Friday was anything but: In fact, it is a day that will go down in the history books.

Stone, 22, works as tax accountant for **Deliotte and Touche** in New York's World Trade Center. She was on one of the tower's 101st floors when the lunchtime explosion in the complex' underground parking lot shook the building.

"Around 12:15, all the lights went off and you could feel the building move. It felt like an earthquake. Then someone went into the hall. It was already filled with smoke," Stone said.

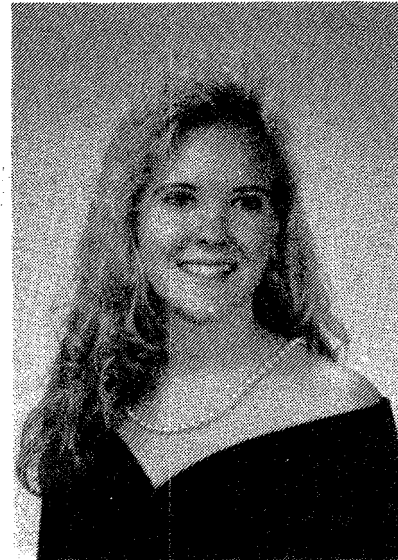
At that point, she said, everyone left the office and headed down the stairs. She grabbed her coat and purse and joined the crowd.

She and the crowd headed for two hours of walking down what seemed to be an endless staircase, not knowing what had happened or the magnitude of the event.

"The whole staircase was full, like a crowd at a concert going into one door.

"At level 50, the smoke got really bad; We had scarves over our mouths. At 40, people started to collapse.

"By level 30, the smoke was like campfire thickness and hot. It was like standing directly over a campfire. A lot



SUSAN STONE

of people were leaving their bags; they were exhausted.

"The last 20 flights were in complete darkness."

During the two hours in the smoke-filled, hot staircase, Stone was receiving unconfirmed reports of what was going on via a radio headset that she had with her. "I was able to keep people updated, but we had no idea what was really happening."

Once on ground level, Stone said EMS units were all over the area lending aid.

"They were there with oxygen masks as soon as you stepped out. They were well-prepared by the time we got there.

"It felt so good to breathe," she said. "I remember looking at myself in one of the mirrored buildings and thinking 'Oh my God, where did all that black come from?'"

"My hair was wet because I was sweating. That was when I realized the magnitude of what had happened.

"It's amazing," she said. "I had been

there (in the underground train station) four hours earlier. I can't imagine; now it's not even there."

Stone escaped the towering building with no injuries but said she has a sore throat and extremely sore legs.

For the time being, she said, she will be working in Midtown, which is about two miles from the World Trade Center location.

"It's amazing how fast we were able to get everything set up (for the temporary office)," she added. In about two weeks the office will be moving back to the World Trade Center.

A Canton resident most of her life, 1988 graduate of Canton High School, Stone studied accounting at Michigan State University. After receiving a bachelor of science degree in June, she began working for **Deliotte & Touche**, a large accounting firm based in Stanford, CT.

"When we sent her off, we were not concerned with anything like this," said her mother, **Judy Stone**, principal at West Middle School.

Fortunately for the family, Susan was able to contact them before they heard about the explosion on the news.

The World Trade Center is the world's second tallest building and houses numerous companies.

The explosion killed at least five people and injured hundreds more. Stone said she didn't know anyone who was killed or injured.

Reports Monday said the bomb was made of conventional dynamite.

Numerous people have called authorities claiming responsibility.

The FBI is investigating the explosion and looking for whomever (group or individual) had the means and motive to set the bomb.

From Germany to Somalia

Plymouth resident turned serviceman helps needy in African nation

BY AMY KIDWELL

When Plymouth resident **Douglas Rich** entered the Army, he knew he would have to prepare for battle, but he didn't expect to be battling the hot, dusty temperatures of Somalia.

PFC Rich, an alumnus of Canton High School, was sent to Somalia a couple of months ago to help with Operation Restore Hope.

He is working as a petroleum supply specialist, assigned to Task Force 5-158 which consists of more than 500 soldiers, most of whom perform support roles.

Rich, 24, joined the Army more than two years ago and spent most of his service time in Germany.

He is the youngest child of **Kenneth** and **Diana Rich** and has one brother and two sisters.

According to his father, he hasn't seen the family in 18 months.

They keep in contact via the mail and occasional radio conversations.

In a letter to his parents, Rich wrote, "It (Somalia) is hot, dusty and full of snakes."



DOUGLAS RICH



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Ford says watch bonds, not stocks to judge Clinton

BY CRAIG FARRAND

If you're wondering how President Clinton's new economic plan is going to work, don't use the stock market as a barometer — use the bond market.

That's the advice from U.S. Rep. Bill Ford who said Friday that the long-term impact of the president's plan is already pushing interest rates down to — and below — the 7 per cent level.

That, he said, indicates that the bond market feels that Clinton's deficit reduction plan will work, lowering government borrowing and freeing up money for business and individuals.

Robert C. Wade, PE, chairman and CEO of Wade-Trim, Plymouth, has been presented the President's Award by the Consulting Engineers of Michigan (CEC/M) for outstanding contributions to the CEC/M and the consulting engineering profession.

Boston Chicken, a nation-wide franchise has recently opened a restaurant at 560 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Boston Chicken offers rotisserie roasted chicken, hot vegetables and a variety of salads for dine-in or carry-out.

K.T. Accounting, Inc., recently opened at 44968 Ford Road, Suite P. The corporation is owned by Kay "Kati" Berry and her five children, two of whom work at the business.

K.T. Accounting Inc., provides services in all phases of personal and business accounting and tax preparation.

Weight Watchers is holding a new meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

The 30-minute express meeting will take place every Thursday evening at 5:45 p.m. beginning tomorrow. For more information, call 1-800-487-4777.

Schoolcraft College students Kimberley Ferrell, Patricia Gardner and Lori Gatzkey are the most recent recipients of funds from the Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club Career Development Program.

Playin' around

Kids and parents have a chance to play together here

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The idea is simple: walk in, leave shoes at door, receive I.D. bracelet, go play in 12,000 square-foot playpark.

At least that's the formula being used by Pat and Cindy Harrington and Dennis McCreary at their Kid Kingdom in Canton.

The playpark, while modeled somewhat like Chuck E Cheese, offers a different type of entertainment than video games and animated characters.

At the door, children — and sometimes, parents — check their shoes. Next, all are given I.D. bracelets with names, and number of people in the party.

"The I.D. bracelets are a security measure," said manager Ann Masterson, "they allow parents to relax because we won't let children out until they're matched with the adult they came in with."

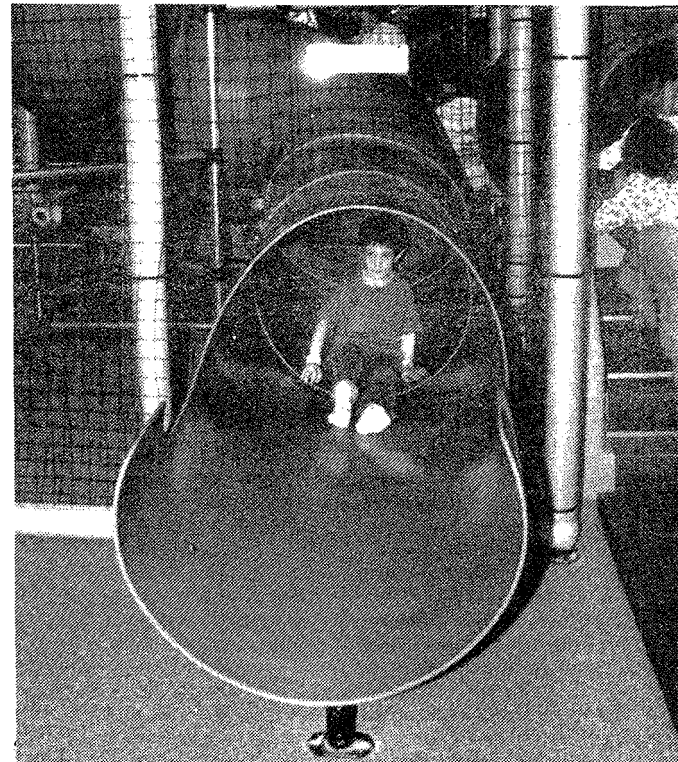
After check-in, the group has unlimited time in the play area, which boasts giant human gerbil tunnels that crisscross the central play area. These tunnels lead to a variety of slides, stairs and different play areas, and are, by the way, big enough for adults.

The play area also provides colorful ball pits, swinging enclosed bridges and various observation ports, all designed for active play and exploration.

"We're an indoor playground," said Masterson, "we encourage children—and adults—to play and interact with the environment around them."

To complement the central play area, Kid Kingdom also has a games-of-skill area, which includes basketball shooting, skee-ball and hammer-the-gopher games. Children are able to win tickets at these games for prizes.

"These are not video games," said



Andrew Stapleton of Canton has fun in the new Kid Kingdom indoor playground located on Ford Road. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)

Masterson, "these are games of skill that help teach children challenge and coordination."

Kid Kingdom employs 50 people said Masterson, and they're very evident around the play area. These play supervisors — mostly high school students — watch slide areas, help kids into the tunnels and are often seen climbing through the labyrinth to assist and direct.

To the side of the play area are several rooms for party packages where a group can celebrate in relative seclusion.

The business, located at 42599 Ford Road, is also a SPAD'S pizza franchise, and serves pizza, pop, ice cream novelties and hot dogs in the dining area. They also offer a carry-out service.

Masterson said that in the two months since opening, attendance has been better than expected.

"We've already doubled business, and are already seeing repeat customers," she said. "We've had to order more booths to accommodate the high volume."

Masterson said that the owners are even contemplating a franchise operation, and said that although they target the same audience as Chuck E Cheese, they see no real problem.

"We really complement them," said Masterson, "we offer an active play environment, while they offer a different type of entertainment altogether. I see no problem with them taking business from us or vice-versa."

Ford dealers offer new sales incentives

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Area Ford dealers have joined forces to offer a set of incentives and celebrate last year's sales coup over Honda.

The program offers a free cellular phone and vehicle tracking to anyone purchasing or leasing a new Ford vehicle.

"We're excited about the program," said Blackwell Ford General Sales Manager Len Gossman. "We did this to spur sales, and celebrate our No. 1 status."

The Pactel Teletrac vehicle tracking system provides 24-hour vehicle monitoring. Once the car has been hot-wired, a hidden "locator" device is activated, and sends a signal to the control center.

The car can then be tracked, "within 100 feet" according to Pactel Teletrac, and

notify police of the whereabouts of the vehicle.

The system also has a roadside assistance "button" which can be used to summon emergency roadside assistance.

"This is the cutting-edge of technology," said Gossman, "and we're here in the Detroit area offering it to our customers."

But, as with most service-oriented offers, while the giveaway is worth \$1,133, there are other costs involved.

The cellular telephone requires a \$35 activation fee, and the recipient must sign a 12-month contract to use Cellular One service, which starts at \$24.95 per month.

"This is pretty much a standard contract," Gossman said. "People usually sign-on to a service contract even when they purchase a cellular phone."

While the cellular phone fees seem quite simple, combine that with the Pactel Teletrac system, and the situation gets a little more complicated — and costly.

The tracking-system requires a \$99.95 installation charge, a \$15 monthly service fee, and a one-time activation fee.

Combine the tracking system with the cellular phone and one must add at least \$135 up-front fees, plus monthly fees of \$40 or more.

"Considering the package you get with this system, the phone, service, tracking and roadside assistance, it's a very good deal," Gossman said.

One salesman at Jack Demmer Ford said that he hasn't gotten many responses, but added that the program runs until March 31 and, "it's still early yet."

Who salts roads when snow falls?

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Hogan said, adding that the winter maintenance budget for the entire county is around \$7 million.

The salt is stored at 17 locations throughout Wayne County. Some of the locations that serve this area are the Norton Yard at Inkster north of Plymouth, the Phoenix Yard at M-14 and Northville Road, one of Yost Street south of Michigan Avenue and one on Howell and Michigan Avenue.

When it comes to plowing and salting the roads, the cleanup sequence follows a basic priority list, with the first roads to see salt being state highways like M-14, I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, which is considered a state highway.

Next are primary and secondary roads like Lilley, North Territorial, Joy and Haggerty. After those are complete, the county moves on to bus routes and then subdivisions.

So why does it take so long for your subdivision to be treated?

Simple: When the snow comes down continuously, as it has in the past weeks, the county has to go back and salt the highways and primary roads again before it has time to finish the subdivisions.

If you live in the cities of Plymouth or Northville, however, most roads are the responsibility of that city.

"We handle all 38 miles of city roads," said Paul Sincock, acting director for

Plymouth's Department of Public Works, adding that the figure does not include county roads.

He said the city has plowed residential streets about three or four times in the past couple of weeks. It's a very busy time for us," he added.

To fund plowing and salting, the city receives money the state's highway gas and weight funds — money that the townships do not see.

"It helps," said Sincock, adding that the remainder of the funds come from the city's taxpayers.

In truth, the townships are often prohibited from plowing and salting local road. According to Jim Anulewicz, director of public works for Plymouth Township, his office's responsibilities "are township properties; we salt interior parking lots and sidewalks."

The only instance when the township can plow and salt streets without facing liability is when an emergency situation is declared.

If the roads are impassible to emergency vehicles, Anulewicz said, the police and fire chief can declare an emergency.

Of course, once the snow clears and the weather brightens, all of these crews shift to another responsibility: potholes.

"We like to do that as soon as possible," Hogan said.

But that's another story.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The children's Leukemia foundation is still in need of volunteers from The Plymouth-Canton Community.

This Sunday, it will start its "Kicks for Kids" program at Central Middle School. It is an opportunity for kids to learn and compete in soccer. Finalist will then compete at soccer.

Adult volunteers are needed to help run the preliminary competitions, held March 7 and 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call Carole Slotkin at (313) 353-8222 for volunteer information.

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival will hold its regular meeting today at the Plymouth Township Friendly Building Annex at 7:30 p.m.

Applications for the 1993 Fall Festival will be handed out to service clubs. For more information, call 397-3173.

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.

HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, with offices in Garden City and Plymouth, is offering free Grief Support Groups to the community. They are held on the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m., and the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call 522-4244.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHEF'S SEMINAR

Schoolcraft College's Fifth Annual Chef's Seminar will be held on March 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Eight different cooking workshops will be offered, featuring Detroit's best chefs. The \$150 fee includes lunch. To register call Continuing Education at 462-4448.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S NEW EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Historical Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit featuring "What Men Collect." This display contains over 35 unique collections from men in the Plymouth/Canton community, and will run until June.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth and is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$.50 for students (5-17), free for under age 5, and there is a family rate of \$4.

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. on March 8, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. The topics of long term care and home medical equipment will be discussed by Mike Conners and Mary Jane Dillon, RN.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catherine McAuley Health System needs volunteers for the Growing Tree, a program for children three to eleven whose parents or siblings are chemically dependent.

Volunteers are also needed as facilitators for the Parent Support Group. This group helps members give, as well as receive support for family members who are or have been chemically dependent.

At St. Joseph's hospital, volunteers are needed for non-medical duties in the Chronic Pain Clinic and the gift shop.

A four hour shift per week and a six-month commitment is requested. To make an appointment for an interview, call 572-4159

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.

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE SEMINARS

Washtenaw Community College is offering seminars on various topics of business interest. The Management Skills Seminar Series will take place on March 4, 8, 11, 12, and 18. The Women in Business Seminars are offered on March 10, 13, and 15. The Entrepreneurial and Small Business Management Series will involve seminars on March 3, 7, 17, and 24., and the Deloitte & Touche Seminar Series for new business owners takes place March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Times and costs vary for each seminar. For more information or to register, call the Continuing Education Registration Office at 973-3616.



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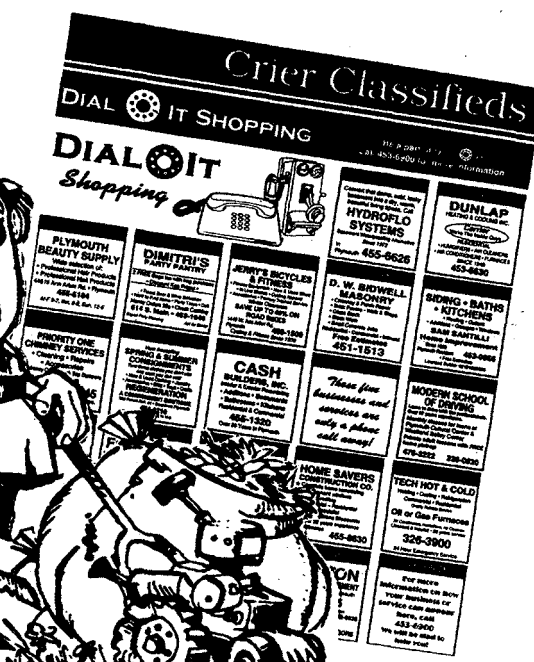
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Becoming a member of Community Federal is easy. To be eligible to join, all you have to do is live or work in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, or in the northern Michigan counties of Otsego or Montmorency. Joining usually takes less than 10 minutes, just deposit \$10 or more into any account. The Credit Union's convenient locations include Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Gaylord, Hillman, Atlanta and Lewiston.

As a member you earn high interest rates of return on the money you save and pay low rates on the money you borrow. In addition, you receive friendly, responsive service from a staff that really cares.

Community Federal stands behind a commitment to provide its membership with a complete range of financial services while at the same time supporting the communities they serve. You're not just a number . . . you're a neighbor at Community Federal.

The membership and staff are both dedicated to the credit union philosophy of "people helping people". Community Federal provides academic scholarships to assist young men and women in achieving a higher education. The scholarships are offered through the Margaret Dunning Scholarship Fund, established in honor of

Margaret Dunning's 23 years of dedicated service to Community Federal Credit Union.

Community Federal is actively involved in community programs and supports a variety of events, including the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Northville's Victorian Festival, Canton's Liberty Fest, Gaylord's Alpenfest, Lewiston's Winterfest, Hillman's Career Days and Atlanta's Elk Festival. Community Federal also supports organizations to help the less fortunate, such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, March of Dimes, Special Olympics and the United Way. They are involved with projects like D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education for children) to make our communities better places to live and work.

In addition, Community Federal opened student-operated credit unions at Amerman Elementary School in Northville, Field Elementary School in Canton, and Elmira Elementary School in Gaylord. The students have the opportunity to open accounts, make deposits and withdrawals, and to learn first hand how a financial institution operates.

For these reasons, many of your friends, neighbors and co-workers are already enjoying the benefits of Community Federal membership. Why not join them?

Uniquely Governed

Community Federal is governed by a group of member volunteers that make up the Board of

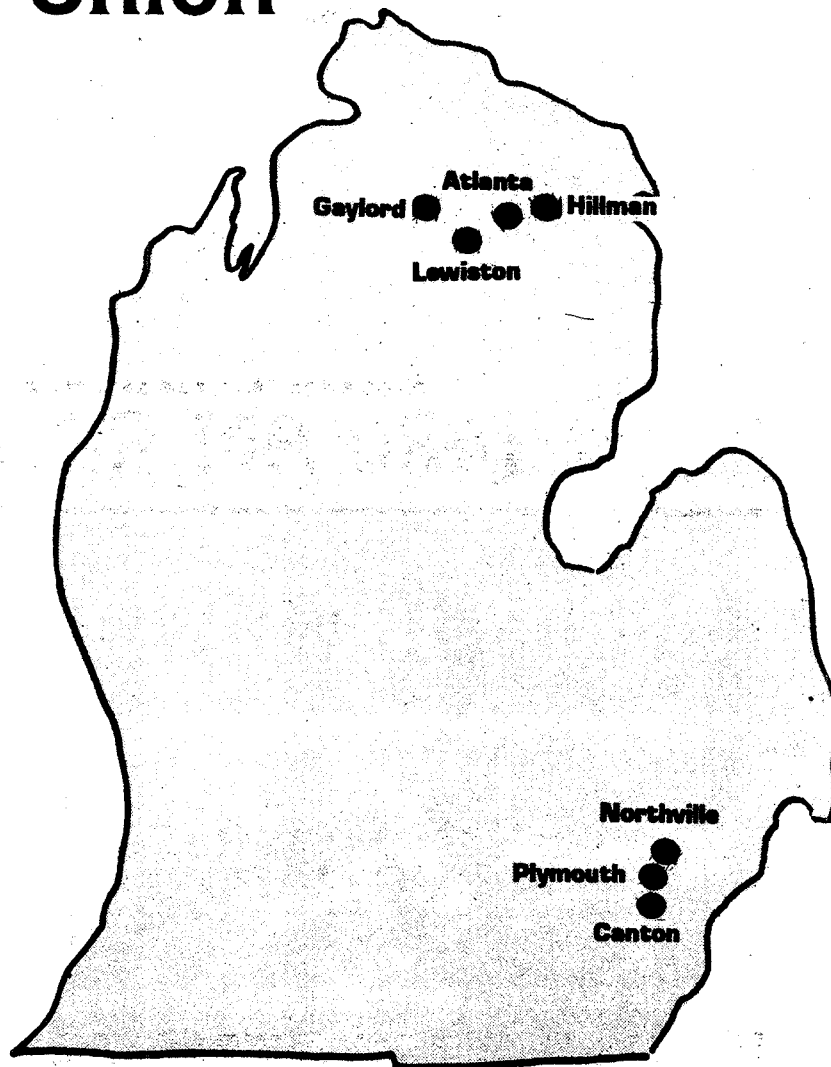
Directors. These credit union directors serve without pay on an 11-member board for three-year terms. Their role in the credit union is to provide direction, leadership and a representative voice for the credit union membership.

Each year an election is held to give members an opportunity to choose the directors they want to

serve as their representatives. Being able to elect individuals who represent the membership is one of the unique aspects of a credit union.

1993 Community Federal Board of Directors and the communities in which they live:

Elaine Ableidinger, Hillman/North District
 Kay Arnold, Plymouth
 Albert Berrie, Plymouth
 Ron Griffith, Plymouth
 Larry Groth, Plymouth
 Daniel Herriman, Plymouth
 Roger Marquardt, Hillman/North District
 Phyllis Redfern, Canton
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Community Federal Credit Union's Mission Statement

"To serve all members with competitively priced,
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How Community Federal was born, grew

The proud history of Community Federal Credit Union began in 1952 — more than 40 years ago!

Employees of Daisy Manufacturing Co. started an employee credit union to foster savings from their wages earned in making the popular Daisy Air Rifles for distribution the world over. The one-room office served 250 members.

But in 1958, the "Air Rifle Capital of the World" was stunned when Daisy announced it was moving operations to Rogers, Arkansas.

The credit union members applied for a federal charter and became the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union. A temporary office was opened in the Mayflower Hotel and on Main Street in the former Christian Science Church, where the Plymouth City Hall is now located.

By the early 1960s, the credit union hit its first \$1 million in assets. With 1,870 members, the credit union purchased the former Episcopal Church at Harvey and Maple which continue to serve as the main office and headquarters to this day.

In 1962, the credit union charter was amended to become the larger-based community credit union serv-

ing anyone who lived or worked in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton Township.

A four-lane drive-in was opened at the Plymouth office in 1976.

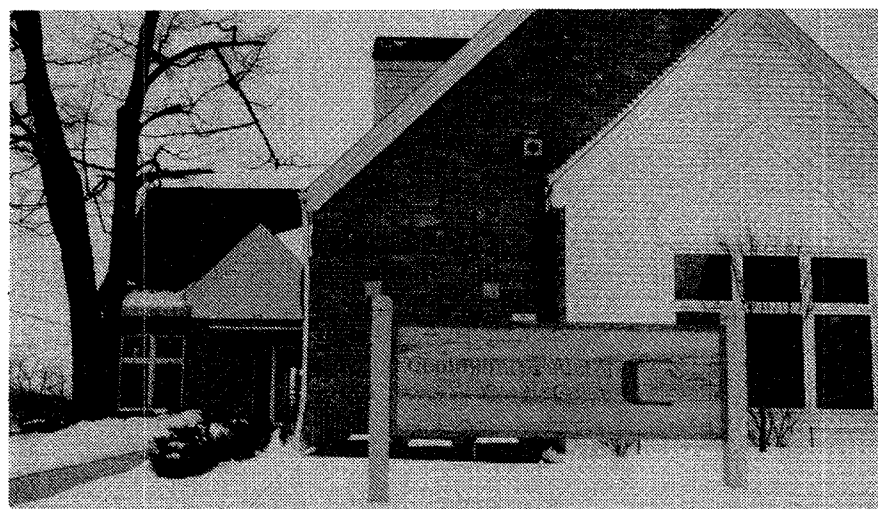
In 1977, the credit union's charter was enlarged to include Northville and Northville Township — making all residents and employees there eligible to join. The name was officially changed to Community Federal Credit Union and a Northville office was opened.

By 1982, reflecting the large population growth of the late 1970s and early '80s, a Canton office was opened by the credit union in New Towne Plaza on Ford Road at Sheldon.

During 1983, Community Federal Credit Union merged with the former Montsego Credit Union which had offices in Gaylord, Atlanta and Hillman. A year later, a Lewiston office was added to the northern district.

With a growing membership that saw "life in the fast lane" need for convenience, Community Federal's main office drive-in at Harvey and Wing streets was expanded to eight lanes, making it the largest in Michigan.

A new Gaylord office, in the Alpine



The Northville office, opened in 1990.

motif, was opened just off I-75 at the town's Northern exit in 1986. That year also saw the Community Federal offices linked by "M.O.M." automated teller machines and tied into the Magic Line system, giving members even more accessibility to their accounts.

In 1990, the new Northville office was opened to add drive-in facilities and more space for member services.

In 1992, to accommodate the growth in the North district, the Hillman office added drive-in facilities.

The phenomenal growth and history of Community Federal Credit Union can be laid to its principles:

*Membership is open to everyone

who lives or works in the chartered area.

*Members are treated equally.

*Credit Unions operate autonomously, making decisions based on member's best interests.

*Credit unions are neutral in race, religion and politics.

*Credit unions are a pool of money saved by the members, under control of the members, existing for the use of the members.

From its start as a one-room office with 250 members, Community Federal now boasts \$93 million in assets and some 23,000 members — all built because its roots lie in the communities it exists to serve.

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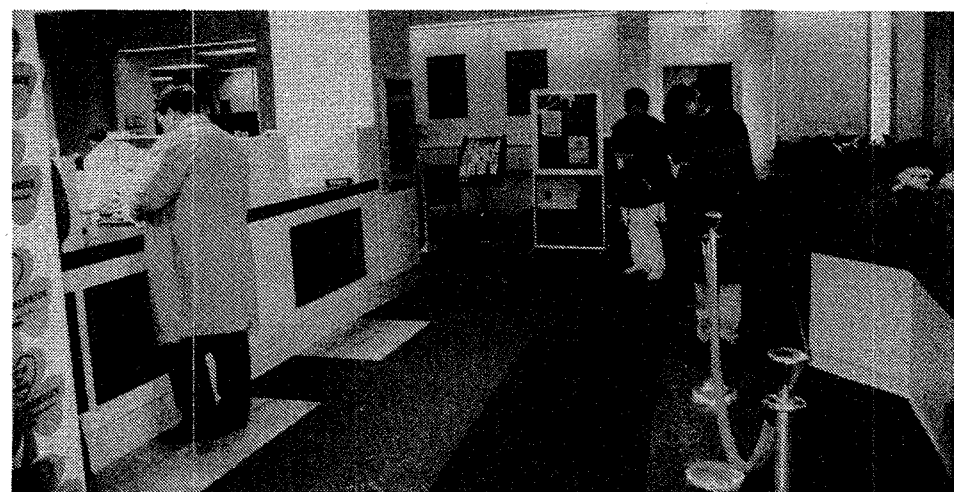
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Community Federal Credit Union's original building at the current location. Gaffield Studio file photo.



The recently remodeled interior of the Plymouth office.

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To meet the changing needs of the membership, Community Federal offers a variety of programs with several savings, checking and borrowing options.

You'll find that the dividend-earning savings and checking accounts provide members with little or no fees. Additionally, your savings account, in combination with your checking, can be used as free overdraft protection.

You can also take advantage of additional services, including a Payroll Deduction Plan. This provides a time-saving way to deposit part or all of your paycheck into any of your accounts without waiting in line every payday.

The Community Federal Christmas Club offers the opportunity to save money all year long for the Holiday season. Annually, on November 1st, the balance is automatically transferred into your Member Savings Account.

The Community Federal 100% Club is a direct deposit program that gives you many advantages such as free checking, free money orders and free travelers cheques. You can also open or add to your Money Market Accounts, Certificates of Deposit and IRAs. You can even make loan payments automatically, without having to write a check.

Want to escape to paradise? Build your dream house? Send your child to college? Or buy that new car? When it comes to borrowing, there are as many ways as there are reasons at Community Federal. You can apply for any type of low-interest loan at any Community Federal office, and many loans can be approved within one day. You can also take advantage of a Community Federal VISA card, with a low interest rate, low annual fee, and worldwide acceptance.

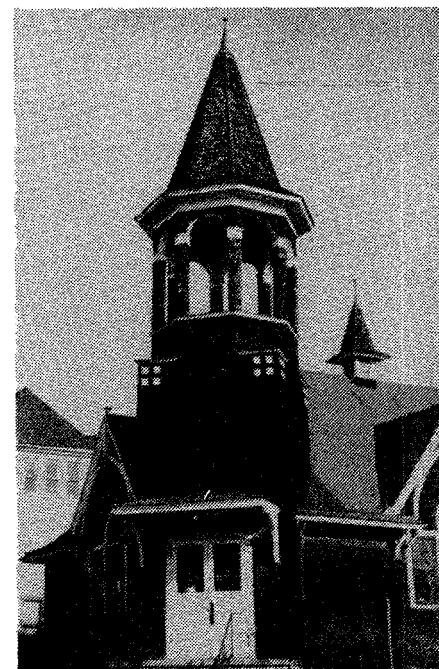
Your time is valuable, so Community Federal offers business hours that meet your needs at convenient branch locations. And Community Federal provides 24-hour service with the Automated Teller Machines that access the Magic Line and CIRRUS systems statewide. You can also use your ATM card on additional systems throughout the country.

Community Federal strives to continue providing competitive rates and quality service. This, in turn, strengthens the cooperative spirit that is the basic foundation of all credit unions.

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- Line of Credit Loans
- Consolidation Loans
- Signature Loans
- Boat and Recreational Vehicle Loans
- Payroll Deduction
- Direct Deposit
- Christmas Clubs
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Assets: Something of value such as loans and investments that creates the income used to pay dividends on members' deposits.

Reserves: A deposit maintained by a credit union as required by its regulatory agency – the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). Reserves are the net worth of Community Federal.

Investments: Funds not loaned out to members are placed with other organizations or government agencies to earn interest or dividends. Credit unions are restricted by the NCUA to low-risk investments.

Shares & Share Certificates: These are the members' funds deposited with Community Federal which are insured and earn competitive rates of dividends.

Income: The earnings Community Federal derives from loans and investments that are used to operate the Credit Union and pay member dividends.

COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	
STATEMENT OF CONDITION	
ASSETS:	December 1992
Loans to Members.....	\$ 43,062,226
Visa Loans	2,095,627
Cash.....	3,588,898
Investments	41,258,436
Other Assets	3,336,581
TOTAL ASSETS	\$93,341,768
LIABILITIES:	
Shares.....	\$ 67,842,357
Share Certificates	18,698,114
Payables	804,365
Other Liabilities	414,113
Reserves	2,762,345
Undivided	2,820,474
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$93,341,768
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE:	
INCOME	
Income on Loans	\$ 4,371,112
Income from Investments	2,632,136
Other Income	1,007,720
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,010,968
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$1,922,978
Office Occupancy	298,243
Office Operations	570,740
Educational/Advertising	173,416
Outside Services	270,845
Other Expenses	365,006
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,601,228
NET INCOME	\$4,409,740
DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS:	
Reserves, Undivided,	
Loan Loss	\$1,305,463
Dividends	3,104,277
	\$4,409,740

Dividend: Similar to interest, dividends are the monies paid to members who deposit funds at Community Federal.

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SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE GROUP

An evening support group is available for those family members and friends who have had a loved one die by suicide. The group meets at Westland Convalescent Center (36137 West Warren) from 7-9 p.m. every Monday night. There is no charge, and the group is co-led by a professional and a survivor. Call 224-7000 anytime and leave a message for Mary Leonhardi for additional information.

SCHOOLCRAFT OFFICE AND TAX COURSES

Schoolcraft College is now taking registration for two Saturday morning courses beginning March 13. The Office Administration and Communications course will meet for three weeks from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at a cost of \$35. The Personal Income Tax Update and Review will meet two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., costing \$22.

To register or obtain further information, contact Continuing Education Services at 462-4448.

FREE TREES FROM ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering ten free Colorado blue spruce trees to anyone who joins the foundation this March. The six to twelve inch trees will arrive postpaid at the proper planting time during April or May, along with instructions.

To become a member, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN BLUE SPRUCES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by March 31.

"SHARE AND CARE" FOR CANCER PATIENTS

McAuley Cancer Care presents "Share and Care," a free cancer support group for patients and their significant others. The group will meet Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting March 24 and ending May 12. The meetings will be held at the Reichert Health Building Room 1014, on the East Huron River Drive campus of the Catherine McAuley Health System in Ann Arbor. For further information or to register, call Linda Eidelman at 572-3958.

SCHOOLCRAFT TRUSTEE POSITIONS OPEN

Schoolcraft College will be holding elections for two positions on its' Board of Trustees. Candidates must be residents of the College District and registered voters, and obtain signatures from 50-200 qualified voters. Nominating petitions are available in the President's Office, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on April 12. Please call the College at 462-4460 for more information.

WEST END PRESENTS "THE GINGERBREAD LADY"

West End Productions presents Neil Simon's dark comedy "The Gingerbread Lady" at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium March 5-7. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 22 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8, or \$7 for students and seniors. For more information or reservations, call Sally Dubats or Francine Hachem at 544-4079.

WSDP TO BROADCAST QUIZ BOWL

WSDP, 88.1 FM, will broadcast a Faculty-Student Quiz Bowl competition at 3 p.m. on March 4. Teams from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools will face off against teachers from each school.

WSDP is owned and operated by The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and has been serving the community since 1972.

DISCOUNT TREE OFFER

Womack Nursery Farms in McMinnville, Tennessee is offering red maple shade trees at a discount price in honor of Project Earth. Four 1-1/2 feet tall trees will be shipped to any address for \$3, including postage and handling. Their address is: RED MAPLES, Caller Box 500-NP, McMinnville, Tennessee 37110.

BAND COMPETITION

The Plymouth Centennial Winter Guard is presenting the first annual winter guard competition on March 6, 1993. The show, which will be held at Central Middle School, will begin at 6 p.m. with the award ceremony starting at 10 p.m.

The group is an outgrowth of the two time national championship Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. For further details, contact Larry Fontana at 455-4968.

STORYTIME REGISTRATION

The Plymouth District Library (Dunning-Hough) is taking registrations this week for Storytime.

Registration for the Pre-school program begins today at 10 a.m. for in person registration and 10:30 for phone registration.

Registration for the toddler and family session begins tonight at 7 p.m. for in person registration and 7:30 p.m. for phone registration.

SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW

Apply now for Schoolcraft College's Spring Craft Show, to be held March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Building. Booth spaces available are: 12x12 feet (\$60), 10x10 feet (\$45) and 8x9 feet (\$35). All booths include two chairs, tables are not provided. Electricity is available for \$10. For an application call 462-4417.

Admission to the show is \$1.50 and includes parking and hourly drawings for items donated by the featured crafters.

Open House Sunday, March 7 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Rock swimmers mop up; win conference

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

All season long, those "in the know" were telling Chuck Olson that his team couldn't win the conference meet because he didn't have enough superstar swimmers.

But the coach — who has relied heavily on the depth this season and has won more than one meet with fewer first-place finishes than his opponent — didn't listen to them, and went about his job preparing his squad for the end of the season.

And Friday night he proved his skeptics wrong.

The Rocks racked up 477 points in the conference finals and earned their seventh Western Lakes Activities Association's conference championship since the league's inception.

Not since 1990 has the Salem swim team claimed the championship.

Salem is now ranked seventh in the state.

Northville placed second in the conference with 467 points and holds the

eighth ranking in the state.

Livonia Stevenson was third in the conference with 418 points and is ranked ninth.

No other conference in the state has more than one team ranked in the top 10.

"It wasn't easy," said Olson. "We only won by 10 points."

"When scoring 477-467, it doesn't take long to make-up or lose 10 points."

He credits the dedication of his assistant coaches for the team's peak performance Friday night.

North Farmington was fourth with 381 points.

Canton finished fifth with 286.5 points, .5 ahead of Farmington.

Depth has been the major factor in Salem's performance this season, and the conference meet was no exception. Nearly every Salem tanker scored in the conference meet, and 85 percent of the team gave personal best performances.

The Rocks scored three swimmers in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke, and scored four tankers in

every other individual event. The top 18 finishers score.

"They finally figured out they could win and that always helps," said Olson, regarding the peak performance by so many swimmers in the conference finals.

"It was a real good met for the guys; a real team effort."

Fred Locke claimed the only first-place finish for Salem, winning the 50-yard freestyle in 22.45.

"I didn't think we'd get any (first place finishes)," said Olson. "I'm real pleased."

"When I thought I couldn't rely on a first place, Locke stepped up and did a nice job on that (event)."

The 50-free was dominated by PCEP swimmers as Canton's Jeff Clark took second in 22.52 and Craig Steshetz took third in 22.53.

All three qualify for the state meet in this event.

Salem's Joe Ervin, Eric Seidelman, Matt Erickson and Locke qualified for the state meet in the 400-yard freestyle

relay, finishing in 3:22.46, good for fourth place.

Two Canton relay teams made the state cut. Mike Orris, Steshetz, Joe Foster and Clark qualified in 1:41.82, taking fifth place in the conference.

Clark, Paul Montresor, Orris and Steshetz made the state cut in the 400-yard freestyle relay, finishing in 3:22.58, taking fifth place.

In diving competition, Canton's Daryl Dallios finished third and Jason Fowler finished 10th. Salem's Justin Richardson, Woody Thomas and Chris Obudzinski finished sixth, seventh and eighth respectively. All have qualified for the regional diving competition on March 9.

Chris Cichon placed 16th for Salem. Diving scores were not available at press time.

Scott Helmstadter, Phil Hoffmeyer, Erickson and David Bracht gave their season best performance in the 200-yard medley relay, taking fourth place in

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Sports

Taking it all

Salem gymnasts near perfect: sweep conference, set records

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Just when you thought they couldn't get any better, they did.

The Salem gymnasts went to even greater lengths Thursday as they:

- won the Western Lakes Activities Association's conference meet;

- set a new school record with 146.85 points;

- took first place in every event, including a first through fifth finish on the bars and all-around; and

- captured the conference championship.

Canton placed second at the meet, earning 138.15 points.

The Rock gymnasts executed near perfect routines with no falls the entire day.

Top four finishers scores count toward the team score, but on the bars, no one beat the Rocks.

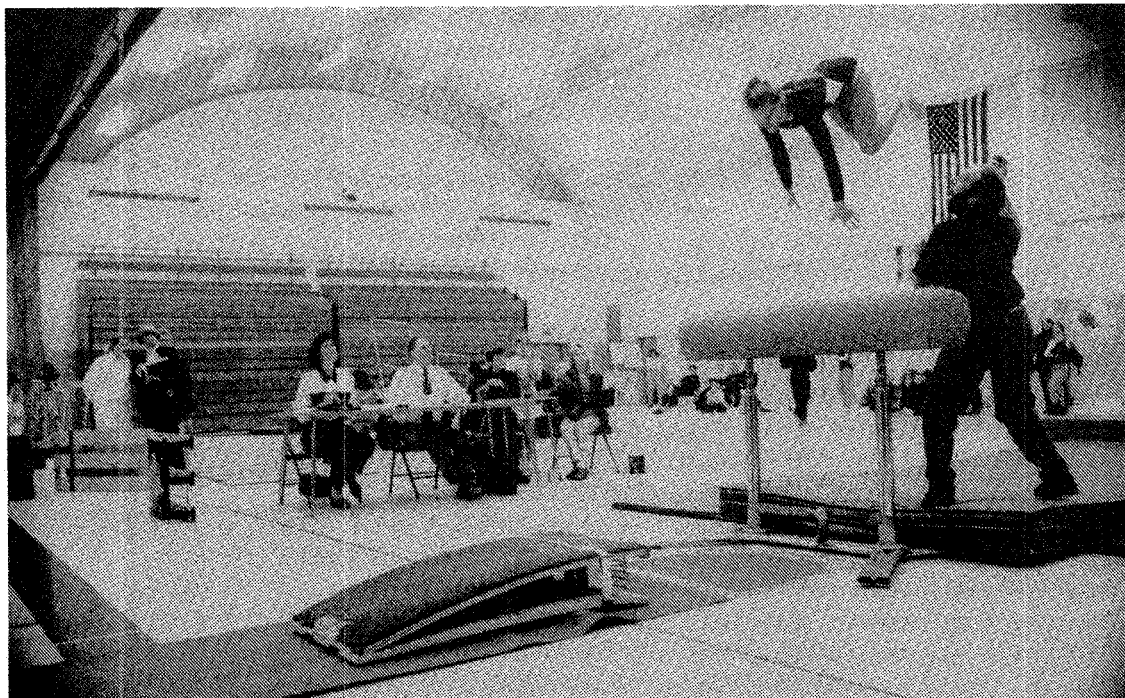
Kim Miller was first on the bars with 9.55. Alysia Sofios was second, 9.35; Melissa Hopson was third, 9.3; Courtney Gonyea was fourth, 9.2; and Sarah Makins was fifth, 9.15.

Gonyea took first on the vault, 9.2; Miller was fifth, 8.95; Hopson took sixth, 8.85; Sofios and Makins tied for 10th, 8.6.

Miller took first on the beam, 9.4; Gonyea and Makins tied for fourth, 9.15; Hopson was fifth, 9.05.

Sofios took eighth, scoring 8.8 and Stefanie Anguilo was 16th with 8.05.

Canton's Kim Rennolds completes her vaulting dismount during competition the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



The conference meet was the first time this season where all Rock gymnasts executed their beam routines without a fall, according to Salem coach Johanna Anderson.

On the floor, Gonyea was first with a score of 9.5, Miller and Sofios tied for fourth, with 9.3 and Makins was sixth with 9.0.

It was a first through fifth place finish for Salem in the all-around. Leading the squad in total points was Miller, 37.2; Gonyea was second, 37.05; Hopson was

third, 36.1; Sofios was fourth, 36.05; and Makins was fifth, 35.8.

"Everyone performed outstanding," said Anderson. "It was a very exciting meet."

"We hope to qualify five or six girls in each event, that will help us at the states," said Anderson. "We need a repeat of the conference meet to win the state."

Canton had six gymnasts compete in the all-around.

Kim Lewke took sixth place, scoring 35.30, her personal best all-around score.

Kim Rennolds was seventh with 35.15. Jenny Tedesco came in 11th with an all-around score of 34.4.

Kim Nowak was 14th with a score of 32.7. Adrienne Brenner took 17th, scoring 30.55. And Kari Jackson was 20th with 28.05.

Lewke gave her personal best performance on the beam, scoring 9.2, good for second place and the vault with a 9.1, also taking second place.

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Rock swimmers mop up; take conference

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41.77 for Salem.

Three tankers gave their season best performance in the 500-yard freestyle.

Aaron Berlin took seventh in 5:00.24, Tom Satwicz was 13th in 5:16.17 and Matt Martin was 18th in 5:24.41.

Ervin also scored for Salem in this event, taking ninth place in 5:12.81.

The 200-yard freestyle was a good event for the Rocks, as two freestylers gave their season best performance.

Seidelman finished 13th in 1:54.97 and Satwicz was 16th in 1:56.55, as they competed in the second heat.

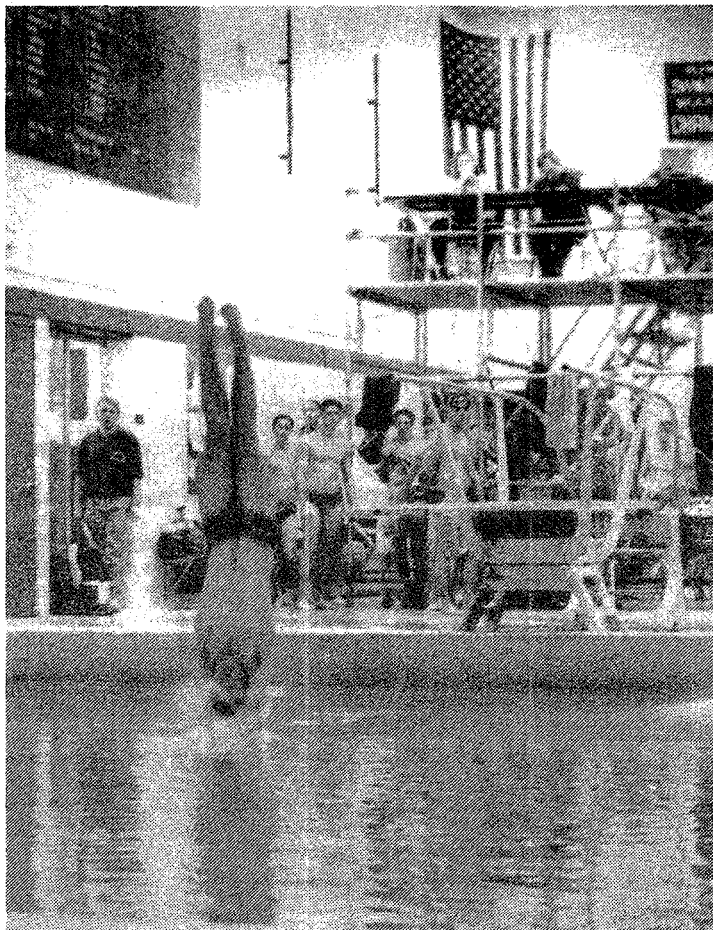
Berlin finished ninth in 1:51.88, and Ervin was 11th in 1:55.35 in the fastest heat.

Erickson was seventh in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:06.05. Teammate Alex Beard was right behind him in eighth place, giving his season best performance at 2:06.32.

Andy Dettling took 14th in 2:12.31 and Hoffmeyer was 15th in 2:12.86.

Ervin, Helmstader, Bracht and Locke gave an excellent performance in the 400-yard freestyle relay, finishing in 3:30.97, taking second place.

In addition to Locke's first place finish in the 50-free, Bracht took 10th place in 23.10 and Marc Levett gave his season best performance, finishing in



Salem diver Chris Obudzinski finishes his clean dive, ending up seventh in competition. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

23.56, taking 13th place.

Erickson was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing in 56.32. Scott Wiklund took ninth in 58.58, Chris Lynn was 10th in 59.08 and Brian McMullen

was 16th in 1:01.76.

Locke took eighth in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 50.31. Bracht was right behind him in ninth place with his personal best performance this season,

51.14. Helmstadter took 10th in 51.18 and Drayke Shackelford was 18th in 53.43.

Helmstadter was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke, 57.87. Chris Lynn took eighth in 1:00.14, Seidelman was ninth in 1:00.79 and Wiklund was 10th in 1:01.27.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Beard was ninth, 1:05.08, Hoffmeyer was 10th, 1:05.28 and Dettling was 12th, 1:06.13.

"We always had decent depth to win the conference, normally you have to be in the top six (in the state) to win this conference," said Olson.

"You can't count on scoring as many kids, I've never seen a team score this many."

Canton's Clark gave his personal best performance in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing third in 49.76.

Orris took sixth in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 1:50.35. Jason Sterling took 18th in 1:59.17.

Two Chief tankers scored in the 100-yard butterfly, Foster took seventh in 57.91 and Montresor was 14th in 1:00.43.

Orris placed fifth in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing in 5:00.29.

Ryan Henkel, Jason Sterling, Jason Nalepa and Foster placed seventh in the 200-yard freestyle relay, finishing in 1:36.27.

CEP Highlights

Basketball:

District play starts March 8 at Salem.

Canton: The Chiefs lost 49-44 in the first round of conference playoffs Friday night to Harrison.

Canton led by one at halftime 23-22 but were out scored in the second half.

Harrison was 16-30 at the foul line, Canton was 2-6. Brad Paskievitch and Owen Crosby fouled out.

Canton will play for third or fifth place in the conference finals Saturday at Salem. Game time is either 3 p.m. (fifth) or 1 p.m. (seventh). Results were not available from Tuesday's game at press time.

Salem: A strong second half was the key to Salem's 61-43 win over North Farmington in the first round of conference playoffs Friday night.

The Rocks trailed in the first half and North led 29-22 at halftime.

The Rocks will compete either for first (if they win Tuesday) at 7 p.m. or third (if they lose Tuesday) at 5 p.m. in the conference Saturday.

Games are at Salem.

Volleyball:

District competition starts Saturday at 10 a.m. at Novi.

Canton, 5-6 in conference, 3-2 in division.

The Chiefs were 1-5 in pool play Saturday at the conference meet.

Canton lost two games to Livonia Franklin, split with North Farmington and lost two games to Livonia Stevenson.

The Chiefs drew a bye in the first round of districts and will face the winner of the Salem/Churchill match in the second round.

Salem, 33-12-4 overall.

The Rocks now hold the best record in the history of the school, beating last year's 32-win record.

Salem came out of pool play undefeated, beating John Glenn 15-5, 15-6 in the first round, Walled Lake Western 15-1, 15-5 in the second round, and Farmington Harrison 16-14, 15-9.

In the quarter finals, they beat Franklin 15-5, 15-10.

The Rocks lost to Churchill in the semi-finals 8-15, 6-15.

Cyndi Platter had 28 kills and six service aces. Shellye Sills and Paula Dembrowski and Jamey Viau each had 10 kills.

Jenny Garvey had 11 service aces and Karen Gundry had 10.

Caryn Tatterton had 52 assists on 143 attempts.

Salem will face Churchill in the first round of districts Saturday.

Spano remains undefeated at 40-0

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

After executing a reversal in the last two seconds of his final match, Canton's Nick Spano (135) became wrestling's regional champ and remains undefeated this season with a 40-0 record.

Spano won the regional title Saturday after defeating three opponents.

In the first round, Spano faced Leroy Prince of Romulus and won 13-0.

Spano took on Dan Luna in the second round and defeated him 14-2.

In the final match, Spano was losing 3-4 to Temperance Bedford's G.W. Phebus, when in the final two seconds he was able to execute a reversal for two points and the win.

The move was so quick and close that the officials conferred to be certain it was

executed in regulation time before awarding Spano the victory, according to Eddy.

Spano will be competing in the individual state competition next weekend, March 12 and 13 in Battle Creek.

The regional ended a little disappointing for the three Salem hopeful grapplers.

Ryan Giuliani (heavyweight) was pinned in the first match and was eliminated.

Scott Hughes (103) lost his first two matches and was eliminated. Phil Mitchell (130) lost his first two matches and was eliminated from the regionals.

"All three could have done better," said Krueger. "They got beat."

Salem near perfect; sets records

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Her bars performance was also her personal best, scoring 8.2. She took eighth on the floor with an 8.8.

Rennolds took second place on the floor, scoring 9.4 She was sixth on the bars with an 8.85, and 8.8 on the vault.

Tedesco took seventh on the floor, scoring 9.0 and ninth on the bars with an 8.6, where she executed a giant (fully extended swing all around the bar).

Brenner finished in ninth place on the beam, scoring 8.65. Nowak took 11th, scoring 8.85.

"I'm pleased," said John Cunningham,

Canton coach. "We had our second highest score of the year."

His goal is to qualify as many gymnasts as possible for the state meet.

Canton ended its dual meet season with a 10-2 record. They beat Traverse City (eighth ranked team in the state) 137.70-133.10 and Farmington 136.95-116.7 in its last two dual meets.

Cunningham is going with 10 vaulters, seven contestants on the beam and floor, and five for the bars to the regional meet.

Both Canton and Salem will go to regional competition at John Glenn Saturday.



Community deaths

Thompson, 74, WWII veteran

Lee W. Thompson of Plymouth, who served in the South Pacific theater during World War II, died Feb. 22, 1993, at the age of 74.

Mr. Thompson was owner of Thompson Tool from 1976 to 1982 and more recently worked at Tommy's Hardware in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Edith; brother Wayne of Tennessee; eight nieces and nephews; and several grand-nieces and nephews.

Private services were followed by interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions can be made to the Arbor Hospice.

Gebhardt, 83, retired salesman

Claude E. Gebhardt of Plymouth died Feb. 6, 1993, at the age of 83.

Mr. Gebhardt, who was born Feb. 25, 1909, in Ann Arbor, was a life-long resident of Plymouth and a retired salesman and bookkeeper at Mather Lumber Co. He was also member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

He is survived by his niece, Valerie Fry of Virginia and nephew, John Gebhardt of Maryland. Funeral services were held Feb. 11 at Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leland Seese officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Brown, 66, psychologist

Donald A. Brown of Canton, died Feb. 14, 1993, at the age of 66. Born in Detroit in 1927, Mr. Brown was a professor and psychologist who received his undergraduate, graduate and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan.

For seven years, he was a counselor at Northville High School and was president of the Northville Education Association

and Northville Optimist Club. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Roberta; daughters, Mary and Laura; and sister, Nancy Rabel.

Funeral services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held Feb. 17 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Harkins, 67, church member

James Harkins of Plymouth died Feb. 10, 1993, at the age of 67. Mr. Harkins came to Plymouth in 1968 and for 35 years worked as a machinist with a community college. He was born Sept. 5, 1925, in Scotland.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Harkins is survived by his wife, Rita; sons, Carmel of Plymouth and John of Livonia; three grandchildren and two brothers.

Funeral services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Good Counsel on Feb. 15, with the Rev. Dan Lesniak officiating. Interment was at John Cemetery.

Petersen, 92, yacht club member

Clara Marie Petersen of Westland, who was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club for 50 years - from 1937-1988 - died Feb. 14, 1993, at the age of 92.

Mrs. Petersen, who was born Nov. 23, 1900, in Ann Arbor and came to the area four years ago, was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Grosse Pointe Women's Club and a 1922 graduate of the University of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1966, and is survived by her son, Robert of Plymouth; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Abington Manor Westland, with the Rev. Leland Seese officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the Shriners Crippled Children Hospitals.

McGinnis, 89, autoworker

Peter L. McGinnis of Livonia died Feb. 11, 1993, at the age of 89. Before retiring, Mr. McGinnis worked 42 years at Dodge Main in Hamtramck. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and active in the St. Vincent DePaul. He was born Sept. 3, 1903 in Bad Axe.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa; daughters Patricia Denis of Lincoln Park, Mary Szetela of Livonia and Ilene Sabol

of Farmington Hills; son, Ronald of Plymouth; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Genevieve Catholic Church, with Rev. Kean Cronin officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield.

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Community deaths

Marrapese, 82, guild member

Susan M. Marrapese of Plymouth, a retired seamstress for 29 years for the Joseph and Feiss Co. of Cleveland, died Feb. 15, 1993, at the age of 82.

Mrs. Marrapese, who was born May 8, 1910, in Elmira, NY, was a member of the St. Kenneth Catholic Church and ladies guild in Plymouth. She was also resident of the Plymouth Square Condo Association.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Bianchi of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Shrader Funeral Home, were held Feb. 18 at St. Kenneth Church, with the Rev. William Pettit officiating. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Cleveland.

Dilworth, 88 homemaker

Ethel Dilworth, a homemaker from Livonia, died Feb. 18, 1993, at the age of 88.

Mrs. Dilworth, who was born Nov. 10, 1904, in Port Lambton, Ontario, is survived by son Robert of Livonia; daughter Ann McKernan of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; and two great-

grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were Feb. 20 at our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Baumgartner, 86, repairman

Walter F. Baumgartner of Plymouth, died Feb. 11, 1993, at the age of 86.

Mr. Baumgartner, who was born Nov. 22, 1906, in Detroit, worked for Ford Motor company as a machine repairman and his hobbies included gardening and feeding birds.

He is survived by daughters, Virginia Gibson of Plymouth, Margie McGarry of

Canton and Jean Kieffer and Linda Hieronymus — both of Livonia; sons, Robert of Brooklyn, MI and Richard of Plymouth; 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at Shrader Funeral Home. Interment was at Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township.

Neale, 94, church organist

Eva Edris Neale of Livonia died Feb. 12, 1993, at the age of 94. Mrs. Neale, who was born Sept. 28, 1898, in Toledo, worked as a homemaker and came to the Plymouth area in 1935.

For more than 30 years, she served as an organist for First Church of Christ, Scientist and was a member of the

Plymouth Garden Club.

She is survived by her son, Richard of Gladwin, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by Shrader Funeral Home and a memorial service may be held at a future time.

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Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

Lester, the mailman. Does anyone miss him?

Miss him? Of course we do, and I speak for all of Plymouth!

HAROLD — you aren't paying attention. You get home here!

SISTERS ARE WONDERFUL. Why doesn't someone recognize them in writing? It couldn't be just an article. It would take a book.

But, Geneva, you didn't know it was March!

DAVE PUGH has metal earmuffs.

JANET CAMPBELL introduced raspberries to chicken...the meeting was tasty.

Ed — was I supposed to show last weeks curios to my family?

Kay actually thought OSU had a chance to beat U of M. She doesn't know I called Fisher and told him to keep the score close right down to the end so she would have hope. Unlike a certain football game she stayed awake for the entire game.

Gary Stone. The stars in your crown are blinding all your neighbors. To "Snow Blaw" us is certainly beyond anything imagined. Thank you.

JANET C. a special lady. You epitomize the spirit we wish for all small towns and neighbors. To prepare dinner and deliver it for someone under the weather is one of the nicest acts anyone can do.

Q: HOW MANY CRIER folks does it take to change a light bulb?

A: That depends on how many times you want it changed...

D. ran out of PJ's so she wore regular clothes to work.

Curiosities

BABY VOYLES - Did you know that your name is mentioned in a very old Nursey Rhyme?

Elsie Marley, grown so fine,
she wouldn't get up to feed the swine
But lay in bed 'til half past nine!
Lazy Elsie Marley!

Our great Plymouth Chef Russ has come up with another great meal as if peanut butter & jelly rubens weren't bad enough. His delight is a bowl of shredded wheat topped with sweet pickle relish.

Jack — thanks for finding out which were the "no good" light bulbs. - Mike.

IF IT'S A HALF-HEARTED apology, can you make ONE amend, instead of amends? -- Josh White, Jr.

I wonder how the weather is in Tennessee?

Alas! your shoes didn't match. Wasn't it kittens who lost their mittens? Cinderella did lose one shoe, but you aren't exactly Cinderella.

"IT'S DANGEROUS to come to a conclusion when you don't have any facts." — Clint Eastwood as Dr. Hemlock.

I am neither for or against apathy.

Rita A: Are you still reading CURIOS? Did you think someone would say something to you? The dress looks great! (How many to go?)

NORMA — Too bad you had to use the fire extinguisher on your cake before anyone had a chance to count the candles.

BETTY STREMNCH — Wonderful to see you again. Norma's birthday dinner was superb and served with a great big touch of class.

Karen — do I even get my "ga-ga" disk back?

Curiosities

Jacque — Your favorite customer would like to know when round two is? Please give him enough time for his forehead to heal.

Sparky says the Ring Lady celebrates her birthday on 7-2.

How old will the Ring Lady be this year?

ENTERING 3rd WEEK CABIN FEVER: "I have to forage for MY food. You can go out." — Anonymous, 1993.

Real parties are given for pleasure only and never to mark an occasion. There can no more be a reason for a real party than there can be an excuse for what goes on after it starts. — P.J. O'Rourke, Feb. 8, 1993.

COUSIN: Nice to see you.

I'm a Nintendo widow.

"I HAVE TO GET MARRIED" — Dusty, on the new tax code

Brent & Mariah spend their evenings playing Nintendo - Lisa is taking up knitting.

I wonder if Sue's knuckles are all right. I hope she had gloves on.

Curiosities

Who is that good looking lady on page 120 of The GUIDE? The one with what's his name?

When Karen & Jack do a press check they do a press check!

We also do a great job on deserts.

Karen needs a vacation.

Steve and Zac Haar — thank you for your card. Your Grandma and Grandpa I'll bet are loving every minute having you both there. Did you get lots of sun and find many shells? I love you. Grandma G.

As nice as I am, how did I ever get in that Parapsychology class with that diabolical group?

MYRILLA — You looked so lovely, you made the rest of us look like "rag pickers," (which some of us are.)

LAURA WIENER gets older again this Friday. Happy Birthday!

CHRIS DENSMORE will age on Friday. How much? As much as turning FORTY ages you.

Congratulations Canton Gymnastics Team!

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Curiosities

Becca, how about some Mexican pizzas?
 Ferdi - love that new car. But where's the radio? And the left shock?
 Ang & Matt, I can't wait to go camping.
 Mike Dunn - you should wear the ski mask more often.
 Tracy, Stephanie, Becky, Ferdi, Anne and Josh - Stedding is too dangerous for us - let's stick to bowling!
 I only fell once skiing. The two off the chair lift don't count. That was Tracy's fault.
 Josh how does being thrown in the snow feel finally? It's payback time.
 Liz - I love you. Some say love it is a river...blah...blah...blah...
 Liz - I got me a Chrysler it's as big as a whale & it's about to set sail!! How 'bout those construction workers & karaoke night?
 Sara - you camp skipper! We're the bonded rejects.
 Becca - If I visit, would you buy me a Coke? - Angle.
 SALEM VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - CONGRATULATIONS AT NATIONALS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA!
 Matt - my house, The Little Mermaid & pizza again, O.K.? Ang.
 Kathy - you're black like that! Ang

Curiosities

Sue - What up. Hey little man! I missed ya Friday. We won by 12pts. Ang.
 Terri - Thanks for the pasta. Lunch sounds great. Maybe sweet aften? Sue.
 Jack is riding twice a day - he has to get in shape for golf
 I do peddle with my arms too.
 This weeks riddle: What lady is known as the wound upset and hoppinest girl in town. Hint she likes to travel.
 Peggy cannot play Lady Godiva anymore - but it is a nice hairdo.
 Well, here's what you've been waiting for...Your GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville. It meets all expectations.
 Get ready Florida here comes Double Trouble!
 Steve now knows BETTER than to give Sue any lip.
 MOM ON MELTON: I think it's almost spring!
 In the midst of winter,
 I finally learned
 that there was in me
 an invincible summer. Albert Camus.
 Andrea - my Christmas present? Maybe it's for next Christmas.
 Karen, what flavor cake do you want your file in? Sparky.
 I'm still looking for a nickname to use, Maybe I'll use ?.

Curiosities

PETER POULOS - Before you are worn out from visiting all the "spots" get the little body over to the Chicago Institute of Art. A blow by blow description please of the many faces of the museum. Don't forget the Thornton miniature rooms. If "Antiques" are your interest, they will teach you more about history and art than you can imagine. Love you!
 All the ladies are having hose problems. Right Ring Lady?
 "THE SINGLE MOST COGENT argument against closing the process (of selecting public university presidents in private) is it then affords the venal and the invidious too much opportunity to work their mischief." - Peter B. Fletcher, 1993.
 The GUIDE is really done now... Feb 26, 8:00a.
 NORMA - Sorry Grandma couldn't be there!
 Peter Poulos - miss you!
 Ann had a rough weekend, she had her Monday morning hat on.
 SEE THE AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT (largest national display in 1993) from May 20 to 23 at Cobo Center in Detroit.
 "Ask if we can use his paddles."
 Some of the nicest people were born in March isn't that right Karen?
 MIKE MAURER - Happy Birthday and many more to a very special Daddy.

Curiosities

Matt, how was the party Sunday night?
 Angle, you're going to have to find someone else to share a tent with - Liz.
 Your face is peeling Ang. There goes your Florida tan.
 Michigan white skdn???

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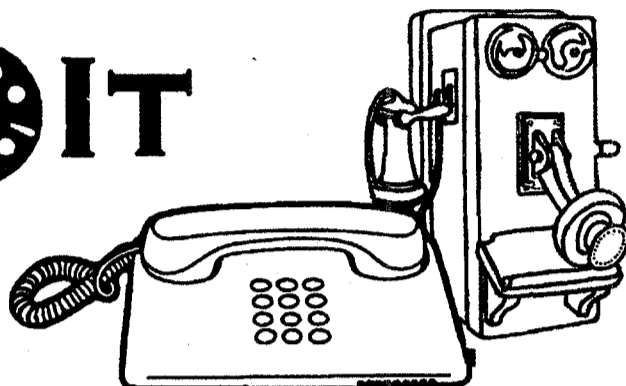
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Community opinions

Let's get on with debate over specifics of finances

It looks like push has finally come to shove for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education — and it's great to see the board doing the shoving: The time has come to deal in monetary terms with the district's future.

And that means set the amount of the tax increase everyone is waiting to hear about.

On Monday night, after months of sound, sober — and once in a while pedantic — discussion, board members hitched up their collective pants and came very close to letting the public know that answer.

Unfortunately, that try fell through — through no fault of their own — when the figures they had been talking about turned out to one number short: The size of the projected deficit for 1993-94 — \$5 million.

Elsewhere in this newspaper you can read about the areas of potential cutback or restoration and the number of mills needed to offset one and implement the other.

You can even read about the last-minute surprise over the revelation that the deficit was never factored in by administration officials when they gathered the information for deliberation.

But none of that will be discussed here. Instead, the topic here is one of public perception of not only the process of budgetary deliberation, but also the credibility of a school board entrusted with that deliberation.

By its own timetable, the board is still more than a month away from a self-imposed deadline for coming to grips with this issue; some board members individually felt that timetable was too lengthy and thought accelerated action was more prudent and truthful with the public.

The fact is that the board should be applauded for acting as prudently as it has; for acting as decisively as has been possible.

The truth is that the public has been expecting the worst for some time; money has tightened at all levels of government, and the local school district is not immune.

What the public needs now — and the board has demonstrated it understands this — are the hard numbers. It is only at this point that the debate can move on from the whys and wherefores, or even quibbling about a dollar here or a dollar there; from here on out, each board member and each interested parent and taxpayer can channel their efforts to the central debate over the need of the money.

In the weeks and months to come leading to election day, the public should soon be able to focus its attention on the facts of the matter, and no longer wonder about their dynamics. In that time, the board and district officials will be able to present clear "this or that" financial support for the millage's approval and will be able to address head-on any dissenting voice.

This does not mean an open endorsement of the millage here and now, but merely a pat on the back to the board for getting close to setting something concrete in front of us all.

As the accompanying lists of restoration areas (on pg. 2) and cutback areas (at right) clearly illustrates, the prospect of reshaping a school district is a messy one, filled with potholes and speed bumps. But at least armed with these lists, P-C voters have a better understanding of their school district's budgetary context.

Let the debate begin.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Take a moment to complete our survey of services, issues

As an avid reader of The Community Crier, your opinion is valued.

In addition to inviting "Letters to the Editor" for the opinion pages, The Crier is asking your thoughts on a host of community issues and how you rank a large number of governmental and other service providers and events. Please turn to pages 7 and 8 in today's paper.

The Crier's editors are inviting you to join our "First Annual Readers' Rate" survey. Take a few moments, if you will, to thoughtfully tell us what you think. (The answers will be run in tabulated form in April.)

Speak up!

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

How would you pick and choose cutbacks in the school district?

How would you prioritize the cutbacks in spending in the Plymouth-Canton School District — and by how much? This list of potential areas for cutbacks was given to board members by board President Roland Thomas. You can cut any program but only up to the maximum number of dollars listed. You need to come up with a total of \$5 million in cuts. How would your decision compare with theirs? Why not let your school board know: Fill out this form and mail it or drop it to The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170.

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7) media (9-12)	\$ 99,000	_____	_____
C. Pupil services			
1) social workers	\$ 181,500	_____	_____
2) psychologists	\$ 198,000	_____	_____
3) speech pathologists	\$ 448,800	_____	_____
4) nurses	\$ 181,500	_____	_____
5) others	\$ 165,000	_____	_____
8. Restructure TAG to outreach program	\$ 73,775	_____	_____
9. Eliminate district textbook purchases	\$ 293,000	_____	_____
10. Close swimming pools			
A. Central Middle School	\$ 70,000	_____	_____
B. Plymouth-Salem	\$ 52,400	_____	_____
C. Plymouth-Canton	\$ 52,400	_____	_____
11. Eliminate employee assistance program	\$ 45,000	_____	_____
12. Eliminate custodial overtime	\$ 115,000	_____	_____
13. Reduce support staff (5%-10%)			
A. Clerical (5%)	\$ 92,250	_____	_____
(10%)	\$ 184,500	_____	_____
B. Maintenance (5%)	\$ 164,240	_____	_____
(10%)	\$ 328,482	_____	_____
C. Educational aides (5%)	\$ 65,300	_____	_____
(10%)	\$ 130,600	_____	_____
D. Administration (5%)	\$ 186,200	_____	_____
(10%)	\$ 372,400	_____	_____

(* Give a 1 to the item you would eliminate first)



Community opinions

Let's remember the 'second' tax impact

Hello P-C,

As the debate rages over the latest plan to revamp funding for public education in Michigan — the so-called "Team 14" plan — once again an aspect of this debate has been overlooked.

But before we review that point, let's take a closer look at the "team" plan, shall we?

The bi-partisan plan does indeed address two issues near and dear to my heart: It finally realizes that every child in Michigan has equal value and realizes that somehow the funding program has gotten completely away from reality.

But *how* it goes about addressing those issues is where I pull up short — yet this plan is no worse than any other I've seen from anybody else, including Gov. Engler.

First, let me set the stage: The "Team 14" plan (as with almost every other plan) calls essentially for a tax shift away from property taxes and toward increased income taxes in the short run, with the option of increased sales taxes in the long run.

The problem, then, is quite simply this: Under our federal income tax system, neither sales nor income tax is a deductible commodity — but property taxes are.

Which makes this a real problem for a lot of middle Americans who lost the last 10 per cent of consumer credit deductibility several years ago.

For us, our house is the last refuge for deductibility — interest and property taxes.

Yeah, I know, medical bills and the like are listed on that magic IRS form, but I've never qualified for many of those other deductions (how many of *you* have had normal, but costly, medical expenses exceed 5 per cent of your gross income?).

My house and home have been almost everything.

Nope, with two kids at home, two away and grandkids as well, my money goes directly to helping everyone have a healthy, safe life; not much is left for thinking about playing the market or buying \$10,000 lots of treasury bonds every so often — with their accompanying tax benefits.

And remember, with President Clinton's new definition of the

Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



"rich" in this country (no, I still don't qualify), and his bold move to address the deficit, my federal taxes are going to rise — which makes any deduction I can find that much more precious.

Of course, I'm not completely blind to the need for property tax relief; in fact, more than 10 years ago I wrote a lengthy piece about the need to front-load the circuit breaker for senior citizens so they wouldn't have to cough up property taxes in mid-year and then wait for refunds come income tax time.

I've also been an ardent supporter of regional or even statewide industrial tax pools, with all money being paid centrally and then divvied up across Michigan equally.

(Why? Quite simply because I resent my Edison bill periodically showing me how to evacuate should Fermi blow up — but having only the Airport School District in Monroe County reap the tax benefits from the power plant.)

In a detailed release issued by the Legislature late last week, proposal supporters listed several highlights of the "team" plan, including some "typical" examples of how the tax plans would affect both suburban and urban families.

The problem is, however, that none of the examples projected the tax shift impact beyond state ramifications; there was no exploration of its impact on federal income taxes.

Of course, I realize that such projections would be broad and vague, but let's just not forget that they exist, shall we?

As the Democrats and Republicans in Lansing boast about this new bi-partisan deal to lower property taxes, let's remember that while it appears sound, there is just plain more to it than meets the eye.

With malice toward none



A dime changes to a dollar to the delight of one man

A day late and a dollar short?

Not according to Lon Dickerson, the former owner of Dickerson Market at the corner of Liberty and Starkweather from 1950 to 1968.

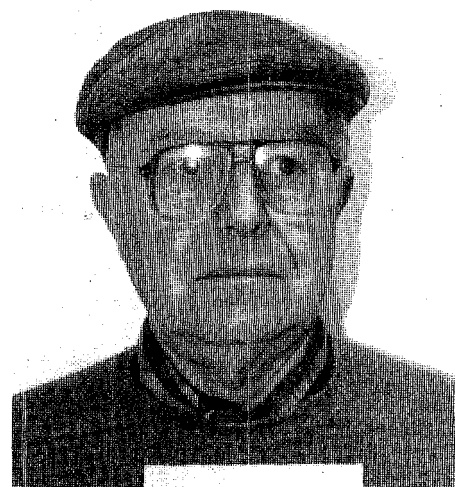
In fact, he's tickled about the dollar bill and the note that appeared in the mail. "Normally I get bills," he chuckled.

This note read: "Several years ago I was at your store, I picked up a dime on the counter and put it in my pocket. I am sorry; take this. Forgive me." Enclosed was a dollar bill.

Dickerson, 77, says he forgives the anonymous writer who had a change of heart over 25 years later. He's not going to cash the bill, and, he says,

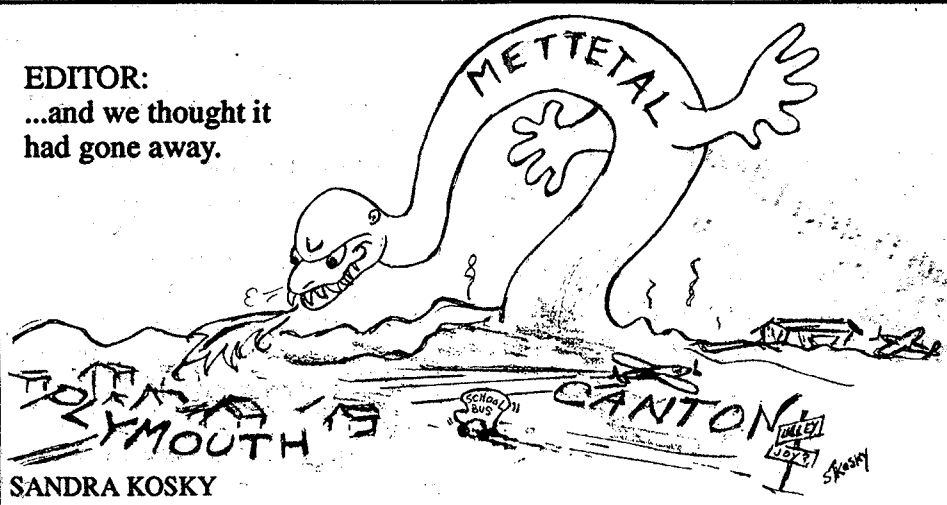
"If I could find out who it was, I'd buy them dinner for being so honest."

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LON DICKERSON

EDITOR:
...and we thought it had gone away.



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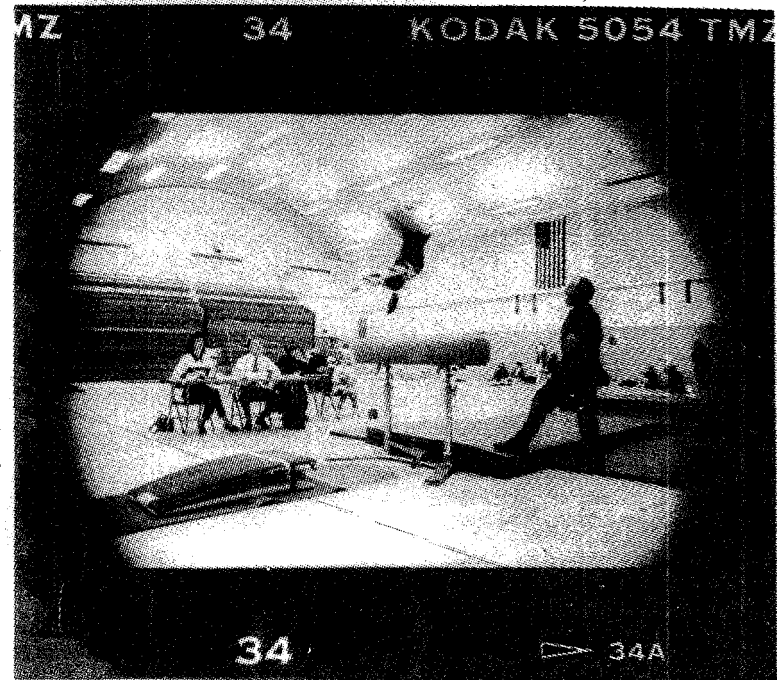
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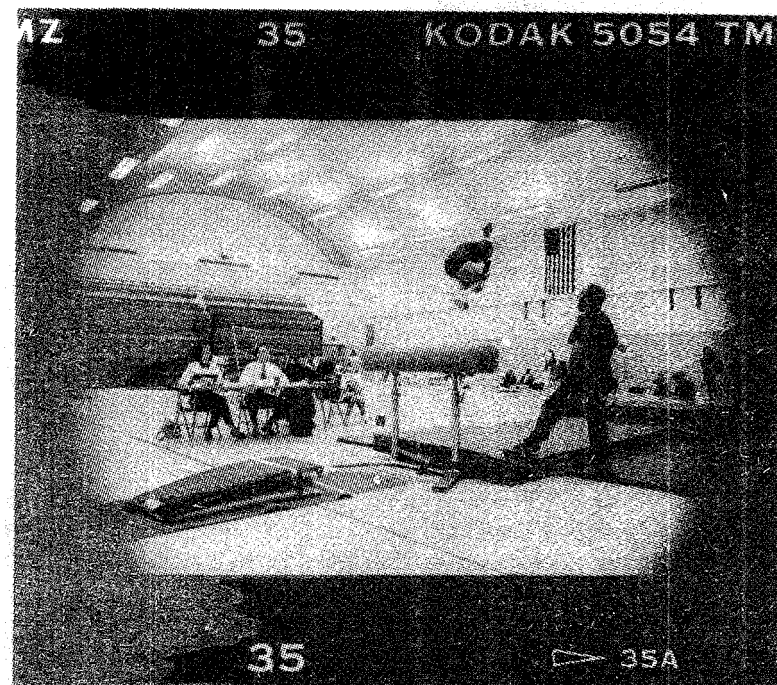
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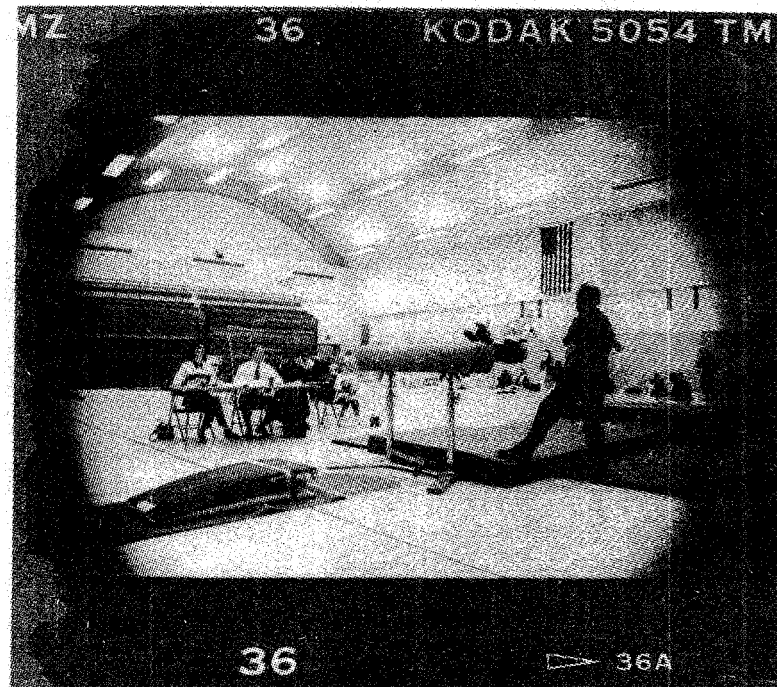
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