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Survey: taxpayers cut administration, busing

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton School District apparently feel that the first thing to be cut should be a June millage increase fail at the polls are administration staff levels and paychecks, according to the results of a readership survey conducted by *The Crier* two weeks ago.

Coming in second was the shuttering of two elementary schools, followed by the elimination of all but mandatory busing.

The results of the public poll were in subtle contrast to the polling of the Board of Education last week, when trustees placed the shuttering of the two elementary schools at the top of their list, followed by the elimination of extracurricular activities.

Third on the trustees' list was the elimination of custo-

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dial overtime — which ranked fifth on the public survey. The elimination of busing ranked fifth on the board's list.

Coming in dead last in the public survey was the question of reducing the school day by one hour; the board ranked the idea 16th — or last in cuts totalling \$5.8 million.

The *Crier's* unscientific survey of 63 responses were ranked in much the same manner used by the board: The ranking of each item on the list was determined according to the total number of first-, second- and third-place votes it received.

Based on this method, the total savings realized in the

top five categories was \$2,864,199, or about 57 per cent of the \$5 million school officials project will have to be cut if a new millage proposal is rejected in June.

Based on last week's meeting, the board is eyeing a 4-mill increase in addition to the 17.74 mills already up for renewal.

Although cutting administration staff and/or salaries by 10 per cent would save the district only \$372,400, it was clear by many of the responses that this area of cut-backs was viewed as symbolic as well as practical.

Some respondents, however, felt the cuts in this area didn't go deep enough, with several writing separate notes asking for cuts from 15 to 20 per cent, and others asking that the superintendent's district car be taken away.

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For sale

12-year-old Jessica Justice displays the necklaces and chocolates she was selling at the Spring Arts and Crafts show this past weekend. The show was held at the Plymouth Cultural Center and sponsored by the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Townships to get legal advice on Mettetal

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The township boards of Plymouth and Canton will hold an unprecedented shared governmental meeting at 7 p.m. March 25 in Canton over the future of Mettetal Airport.

Among the items to be discussed, according to one township official, is the possibility of legal action against the state over its plan to purchase and operate the airport.

Ken Voyles, assistant to the Canton supervisor, termed the open meeting as "purely informational," but also said it would be more than just a study session.

Because the conference is being referred to as a "special meeting," there two boards have an opportunity to vote on an issue if they so choose.

According to Voyles, the main purpose of the meeting will be to hear from Canton Township Attorney Andrea Fischer.

"Fischer's report will basically be about what legal options the townships have in regards to the Mettetal situation," Voyles said.

Also expected to be on hand for the session are state Reps. Jerry Vorva (R-Plymouth) and Deborah Whyman (R-Canton), retired U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell and Wayne County Commissioners Bryan Amman and Thaddeus McCotter.

receive no recovery for their investment.

The Plymouth office is located on Sheldon Road in the Northwest corner of the city. Prior to becoming a Highland office, the site was used by Western Electric.

City Manager Steve Walters said that he and Mayor Robert Jones had met with the company CEO Ira Mondry to discuss anything the city could do to help.

"There didn't seem to be too much we could do," said Walters.

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Employees showed up at the Westland store yesterday only to find a notice on the front door that the store was closed for inventory and it would open soon.

When the 30 stores, located in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, do open, they will be conducting liquidation sales. Company officials have not said when the stores will open for those sales.

Under a liquidation plan, shareholders

The end: Creditors reject Highland plan; stores to liquidate

BY AMY KIDWELL

The end is here for Highland Superstores, a chain of appliance stores that is headquartered in the city of Plymouth.

The company, which has a 60-year history, announced yesterday that it will be closing after its creditor's committee rejected Highland's reorganization plan.

Highland filed for chapter 11 in August and since that time had been working to reorganize and stay alive. Without the committee's approval, however, its reorganization plan was not possible.

Taxpayers say cut administration

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One person suggested an across-the-board 10 percent pay cut for all district employees, saving — by his calculations — more than \$6.6 million, while another suggested that replacing the board “would be a good start.”

Of all the items listed, the idea that received the strongest “no” vote was the move to a five-hour school day.

The personal responses here ranged from “last resort” to “no way,” with one person calling the idea “devastating to our children’s education.”

Concerning the rest of the cuts necessary to total the \$5 million needed, the public survey results indicated a wide range of opinion after the initial three items, although three other items received strong general support: the restructuring of the district TAG program, the elimination of custodial overtime and the closing of the Central Middle School swimming pool.

To reach the remaining \$2.1 million in cuts, the general consensus among survey respondents was to reduce a little in almost all areas not directly related to education.

The P-C Board vs. the Public

How they compare in suggesting the top five areas of potential cutbacks

Item	School Board Rank (dollars)	Public Rank (dollars)
•Admin. cuts (10% or more)	(not ranked)	1 (\$372,400)
•Eliminate m.s. extra-curr.	2 (\$100,506)	10
•Don't open 2 schools	1 (\$900,000)	2 (\$900,000)
•Eliminate busing	5 (\$1,403,024)	3 (\$1,403,024)
•Eliminate h.s. extra-curr.	4 (\$381,506)	11
•Restructure TAG program	9	4 (\$73,775)
•Eliminate custodial OT	3 (\$115,000)	5 (\$115,000)
Total savings	\$2,900,036	\$2,864,199

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Twp. to deal with deteriorating golf clubhouse

BY AMY KIDWELL

Just in time for early bird golfers, the Plymouth Township board has begun the process for replacing the deteriorating clubhouse at the Hill Top Golf Course.

And that process began last week with news that Chief Building Official Charles McIlhargey will be condemning the existing building in a couple of weeks.

"I will not let any people in(side) this spring," he said. "I'm worried that the building will collapse."

As a result, at last week's meeting, the board authorized Supervisor Keen-McCarthy to not only make arrangements for the use of a mobile office on the course, but to also seek recommendations for building a new, permanent clubhouse.

The board set a \$325-a-month budget for the use of a temporary facility, plus a one-time transportation fee of \$200.

Shifting of the building, sagging floors, buckling walls and roof deterioration are a few faults that an independent engineer noted in a report on the building's condition issued in December.

Once the building is condemned, the township will have a contractual obligation to provide a building for the lessee, John Jawor.

Jawor's attorney, however, has said that the amount of money set aside for the temporary building is probably not enough to provide a barrier free facility.

Officials seem to agree that the cost for repairing the

building is the same as replacing it.

Estimates for replacing the building were more than \$600,000 and McIlhargey mentioned three ways for the township to fund the project.

The first is to sell municipal bonds and the second is to borrow the money from the water and sewer department and pay it back in 10 to 12 years. The third option is to have Jawor fund it and pay him back by rewriting the lease.

Replacing the clubhouse would solve the safety problems, but construction of the building would cause problems during the 1993 golf season, according to Ronald Burke, Jawor's attorney.

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Life of a saleswoman

This coach does more than lead cheers, she sells the sport, too

BY CRAIG FARRAND

When you first meet JoDee Dillon it becomes quickly apparent why she's coach of the Plymouth Salem Cheerleading Team.

The first words out of her mouth have a resonance and cadence that almost makes a listener start doing one-man waves.

But the tell-tale signs don't end there: Her enthusiasm for the sport and for her team is wrapped up in one word — sales; she quite simply is the best possible saleswoman the sport could want.

And that salesmanship was clearly evident after her team returned from its first foray into national competition in Orlando, FL.

"What I liked about this year most of all was that we ended by going to something of this magnitude," she said. "It opened up whole new avenues and expectations."

And like any good saleswoman, the conversation quickly turned to positives — to next year — and, specifically, to recruiting new team members come next month.

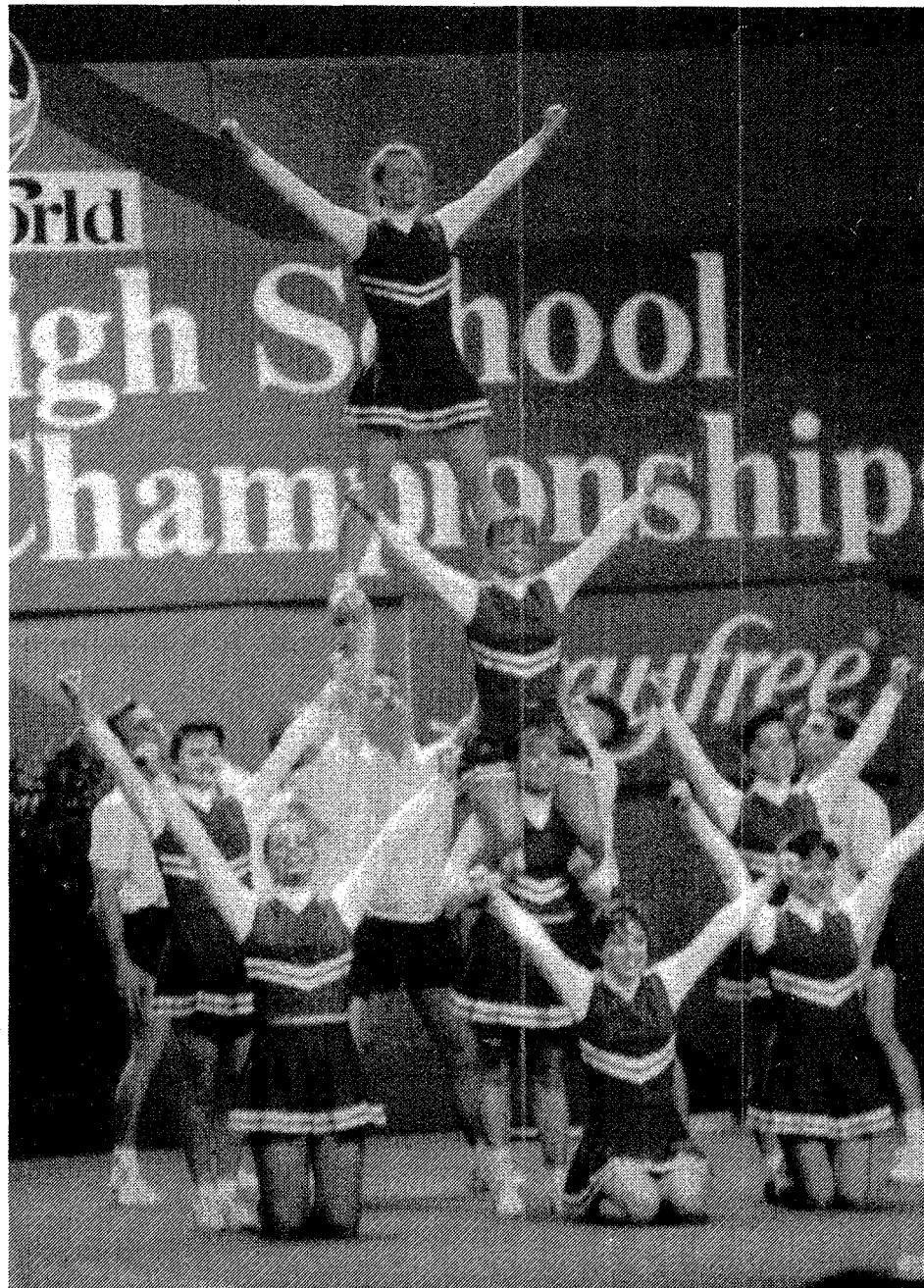
"Yeah, we've got quite a few (graduating) this year — five girls and three guys," she said, but without skipping a beat, she added, "and I'm looking forward to continuing our co-ed squad."

And that's a key point to this dynamo: When she "inherited" the team three and a half years ago, it was purely a girl-oriented program, but this year she brought guys into the equation.

Realizing that she's at the cutting edge of a new level of competition, Dillon said her goal is actually two-fold:

First, she wants to recruit new, excited team members of both sexes. To that end, Dillon said, her squad will be performing in the district's middle schools in the coming weeks and months to stir up even more interest.

Her second goal is to educate the public about the dynamics of the sport.



Members of the Salem cheerleading team perform a "stunt" — two-tiered "pyramid" with Adrienne Auten at the peak — as part of their routine in Orlando. This kind of routine is one of the selling points being used by coach JoDee Dillon as she seeks new recruits to the squad. (Crier photos by Maryann Jenkins)

And, she's quick to say, it is a sport.

But, she's equally quick to say, it's also a total lifestyle in other parts of the country:

"Down South it's almost a religion; entire families follow their team around

the country to various meets."

A case in point, she said, was the national competition at Orlando's Sea World park.

"There were teams there with enough

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Taxpayers begin appeal process with review board

BY AMY KIDWELL

How are properties assessed, and how can someone convince a Board of Review to lower a tax assessment?

Those questions were on the minds of hundreds of citizens who appealed their tax assessments this month.

The City of Plymouth received more than 238 cases of people who thought their assessment was too high.

As of Monday, the Canton board heard about 600 cases, and Plymouth Township's case load is more than 410.

But how do citizens convince them that the property assessment is too high?

Be prepared.

"The burden of proof is on the taxpayer," said Judy Zirblis, the residential assessor for the City of Plymouth.

She commented on a case that had just previously been argued where the individual was well prepared.

"He had figures from when the house was first built," she added.

"He convinced me," said one of the board members.

Barbara Pray, secretary for Plymouth Township's Board of Review, said the easiest way to convince the board is to compare your property with similar properties. "Make sure they are exactly the same and compare assessments," she said.

She added that sometimes the appraisal on the property could be wrong. For example, it could say there is a deck on the property when actually there is not.

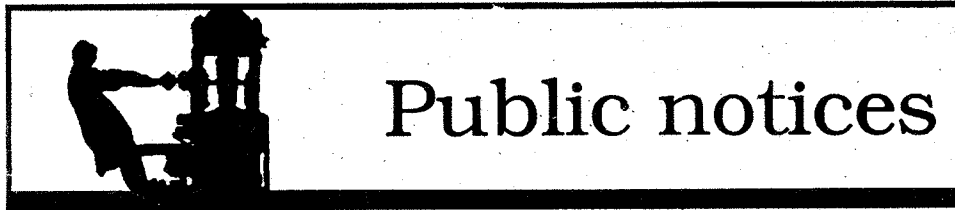
Some business owners from Plymouth argued Monday that their assessment was unfair because comparable businesses did not receive as high an assessment.

"Our assessment went up 42 per cent," said the complainant, "Our neighbors' didn't go up nearly that high."

To argue a case, one needs only to present the information to the board. Board members then review each case and make a decision.

Each complainant then receives a letter with the decision in April.

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Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: East, West & Lowell Middle Schools Library & Cafeteria Furniture. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after March 3, 1993:

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

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 P.M., local time, March 25, 1993 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Raymond K. Hoedel
Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
454 South Harvey Street
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The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

David P. Artley
Secretary Board of Education

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Man sought after trying to buy baby

Canton police are looking for any leads in what they are calling a failed kidnapping at the Meijer's on Ford Road in which a man offered a Redford woman \$100 for her infant.

According to police reports, the woman was shopping at the department store with her 9-month-old baby on Monday at approximately 1:25 p.m. when she was approached twice by a stranger.

When the man came back, police Officer Tammi Colling said, he lifted the child from the shopping cart and offered the mother \$100 for the baby.

According to the report, the woman took her baby back and went to find Meijer's security officers.

"It was during this time that they (store security) think the suspect left the store," Colling said.

Canton police are looking for a 6-foot white male between the ages of 55 and 60 years old, with dark, greying hair. The report also said that the man had a heavy accent.

According to the report, the suspect was wearing a purple jacket, dark-colored V-neck sweater and a white T-shirt.

Twp. deals with Hill Top golf clubhouse

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"The time required for this (construction) would extend on into the major balance of the golfing season," Burke said in a proposal.

He also noted construction would "probably" limit the use of the first and 10th tees.

To address those problems, Burke proposed replacing the clubhouse with modular units, built in a factory and

assembled on the site.

He estimated that the modular unit project would cost up to \$125,000.

Appeals under way

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By getting the letter in April, each complainant has enough time to take the appeal one step higher, the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1993

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present with an exception of Kay Arnold and K.C. Mueller who were excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 1993 Work Session meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 1993 Regular meeting as submitted. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the agenda be amended by adding a Closed Session Meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation as requested by the Township Attorney. With that addition, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of March 9, 1993 as amended. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy welcomed Boy Scout Troop No. 1535. Troop No. 1535 attended the meeting to fulfill requirements for their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy presented the following Proclamation to Mona Patel of the Chamber of Commerce:

"Ann Arbor Road Charette Week" March 14 - 20, 1993

WHEREAS, a charette is a group assembled to examine an issue, aided by specialists and make an intensive effort to complete an architectural design project; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Road Charette is a design competition involving architectural and design student teams from local universities who will vie to create a theme design concept for the enhancement of the Ann Arbor Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Road Business Team; as one of the various committees of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is dedicated to the ongoing development and improvement of the Ann Arbor Road corridor; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy of the Charter Township of Plymouth, declare March 14 - 20, 1993, as ANN ARBOR ROAD CHARETTE week.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read the following Proclamation:

"Building Safety Week" April 11 - 17, 1993

WHEREAS, the safety of buildings we occupy in our everyday lives is essential to the well-being of the citizens of the Charter Township of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, among our basic laws and ordinances are those which provide standards for safe construction in the home and workplace; and

WHEREAS, for building and related construction codes to be effective, understanding and cooperation must exist between code officials and the people they serve - building occupants and all sectors of the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the construction made to the health, safety and welfare of our built environment by dedicated professional code officials may not be fully realized by the public at large; and

WHEREAS, units of state and local government across the United States along with such prestigious organizations as Building Officials and Codes Administrators (BOCA) International, the Council of American Building Officials (CABO), and the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (NCSBCS) - are joining to promote safe buildings through the observation of National Building Safety Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Building Safety Week has been designated as "Building Safety is No Accident";

NOW, THEREFORE, I Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Township Supervisor of the Charter Township of Plymouth, do hereby proclaim April 11 - 17, 1993 as

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK in the Charter Township of Plymouth and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of modern construction codes and the vital contributions rendered by the dedicated individuals who administer them in the Charter Township of Plymouth and elsewhere.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Lynn Ehrle expressed his concern regarding Mettetal Airport. Ms. Patty Schmidt asked the engineer a WTUA question. Mr. Harry Wilcox stated his support of the state's purchase of the Mettetal Airport.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. for discussion of the 1992 Reallocation and 1993 Allocation of the Community Development Block Grant Funds. Mr. Lynn Ehrle asked the total

grant allocation for 1992 and 1993. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. Mr. Griffith moved to approve the expenditure of the 1992 Community Development Block Grant fund as follows:

\$15,420.00 for Senior Citizen Transportation
\$30,000.00 for the purchase of a Senior Van
\$20,000.00 for improvements and equipment for the Senior Center
\$10,280.00 for Administration Costs
\$27,100.00 for the American Disability Act Accessibility Program Plymouth Township Facility Alterations and the expenditure of the 1993 Community Development Block Grant funds as follows:

\$18,000.00 for Senior Transportation
\$12,000.00 for Administration Costs and
\$90,000.00 for the American Disability Act Accessibility Program Plymouth Township Facility Alterations Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Cluster Housing Option for Trillium Woods, Application No. 1187. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Stipulated Amendment to the Consent Judgment and Relandscaping plan for All State Development Company vs. Township of Plymouth, et al. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adopt the Schedule of Building Permit Fees as submitted effective immediately. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved that the Township Board authorize the Supervisor to pursue the installation of a mobile office on the golf course grounds to serve as a temporary golf course club house; and further, to request that a recommendation be prepared regarding a permanent club house. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance C-93-02 to amend Chapter 73 of Part 7 of the Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth modifying the Water and Sewer rates. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Roll call: Ayes: Griffith, Curmi, Brooks, Massengill, McCarthy

Nays: None

Absent: Arnold, Mueller

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy announced that the Special Assessment District will not proceed for Plymouth Colony Subdivision due to the removal of names from the petition resulting in a decrease to 45.4%. 60% is required. No further action by the Township will take place.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the following Township personnel that received letters of appreciation: Firefighters Phil Kamm and Chuck Mann and Police Officer Lego; Police Officer Mayernick and Township Attorney Tim Cronin; Police Officer Mayernick; and Police Officer Steve Cheston.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications and Resolutions as listed. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mr. Curmi to move into Closed Session at 8:32 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.

Mr. Tim Cronin, Township Attorney and Carol Rosati, Cummings and McClury, spoke to the Board concerning Keller vs. Charter Township of Plymouth law suit et al, Case No. 92-202345CH.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Mr. Griffith to return to the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to instruct the Township Attorney's to proceed with the Consent Judgment and Mutual Release and Settlement Judgment, as discussed in Closed Session. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to instruct the Township Attorney's to proceed with the Consent Judgment and Mutual Release and Settlement Judgment, as discussed in Closed Session. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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 March 9, 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 23, 1993.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Ronald Lieberman has been named Canton's new planning commissioner, finishing the term of Melissa McLaughlin.

Lieberman has past experience working with Canton's Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Canton Library.

McLaughlin was elected to the Board of Trustees last fall. Lieberman's term ends Dec. 31, 1994.

Four local residents were among those recently honored by the Growth Works for their volunteer work with area youngsters in the areas of substance abuse and delinquency.

Nic Cooper, a counselor at West Middle School, was recognized in part for his role in developing the school district's substance abuse policy.

Cooper also founded both the student service center in Plymouth-Canton High School and the learning options alternative education program.

Canton residents Glenn and Rita Lowenstein were honored for their efforts within the local chapter of Families Anonymous.

Also honored was Madelon Hudson of Plymouth, who was recognized for volunteering one day a week for the past year to perform clerical tasks for the agency.

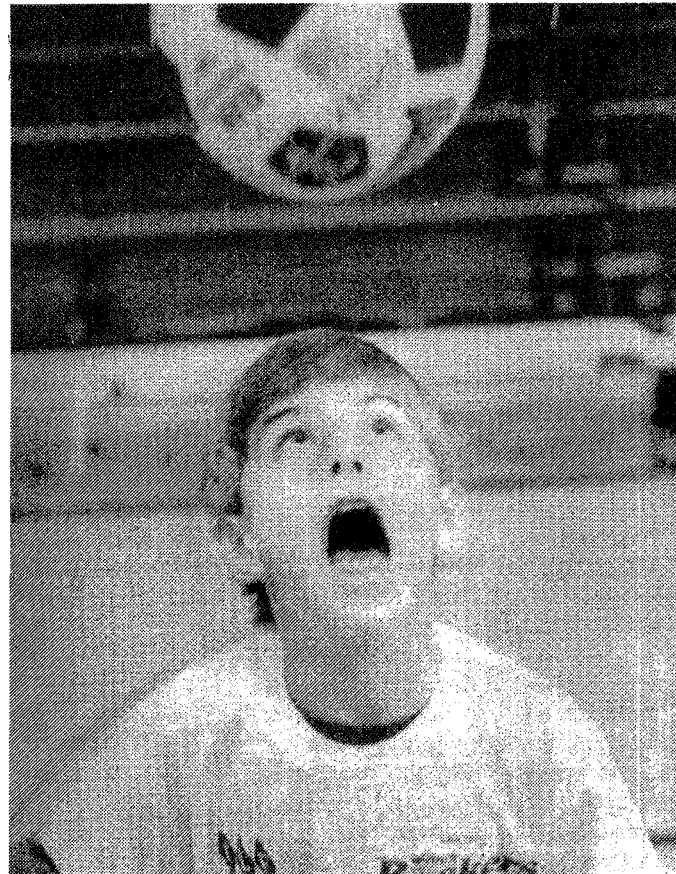
Several area students attending Sienna Heights College were honored recently by being listed in the Academic Achievement List. Plymouth students John D. Deblen, Cynthia Halleck-Belanger, Bryan W. Staub, and Amy L. Thomas were included, as well as Northville's John G. Porter, Jr. and Richard A. Bailey and Steven Mushinski from Canton. The Academic Achievement List recognizes the accomplishments of part-time students, much like the Dean's list for full time students.

Plymouth student Amy M. Dobbs, an environmental studies and English major at Western Michigan University, was one of 34 WMU students participating in an "Alternative Spring Break." The students spent Feb. 26-March 6 in one of three locations: a homeless shelter in Detroit, a poverty-stricken community in Virginia, and an Indian Reservation in Louisiana.

Kickin' for kids



Evan Baker of Canton (right) enjoys playing soccer during a preliminary competitions held at Central Middle School as part of a fund-raising effort sponsored by the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Final competition will be held between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cobo arena before the Rockers game. Awards will be given during half time. Tickets to Friday's game are \$4. (Crier photos by Eriq Lukasik)



100 years young

Former township clerk celebrates special birthday

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Life-long Canton resident and a township clerk for 24 years, Andrew G. Smith Sr., has been honored by the Canton board for a lifetime of service to the community.

Smith turned 100 years old on March 11.

The former township clerk (1932-1956) said he remembers when

Canton's township hall was a one-room building on Cherry Hill and Canton Center Road.

Canton honored Smith at its March 9 meeting by acknowledging his achievements as a community member.

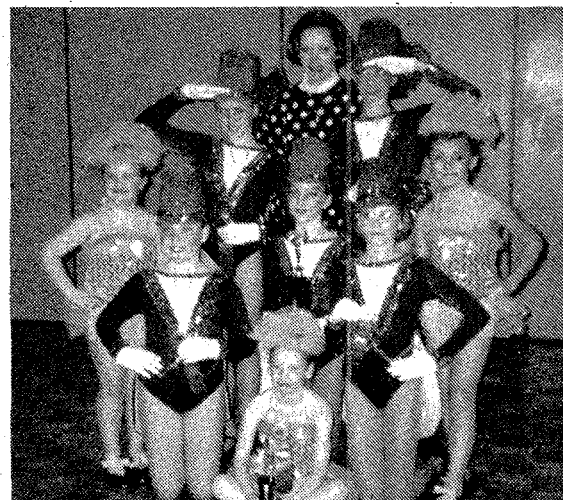
Smith's family — one sister, three children, 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren — commemorated his 100th birthday by buying a personalized brick in the pathway of the 4-H Children's Garden at Michigan State University.

According to the family, Smith wears no hearing aid, takes no medication, and



ANDREW SMITH

spends his time in Canton when not snowbirding to his second home in Punta Gorda, FL.



Li'l dancers

These K & L Dance studio dancers recently took third place in the semifinals of the Stars of Tomorrow National Talent Competition: Lauren Foley (sitting); Mary Kryska (kneeling, left), Lisa Baker and Mellissa Wilks; and Megan Kryska (standing, left), Rachel Jones, instructor Kristin Kern-Spickerman, Holly Warne and Kelly Baker.

Symphony, choral groups to perform Beethoven

A special presentation of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9 in D Minor" will be performed by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, the Plymouth Oratorio Society, and the Great Lakes Quartet at 8 p.m. Friday.

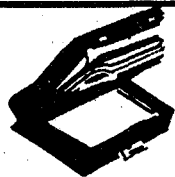
The combination concert will be held at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road in Plymouth, with a reception in Fellowship Hall following the performance.

Also featured in the program will be PCEP student Susan Bozell, flutist and Youth Artist winner. Bozell will play Hue's "Fantaisie," followed by the Symphony.

An afterglow will be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

Tickets — priced at \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors or college students, and \$5 for students K-12 — will be available at the auditorium box office 30 minutes before the performance.

Advance tickets may be purchased from Beitner Jewelry or Evola Music Center in Plymouth, Gitfiddler or Bookstall on the Main in Northville, or from the Dearborn Music Company in Canton.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

What's happening with the Unisys plant in Twp?

BY AMY KIDWELL

Is Unisys closing?

Several people have expressed concern that the end is in sight for the Unisys plant located at Haggerty and Plymouth roads.

Authorities at the companies Pennsylvania office will not confirm or deny the rumor.

"We have made no public announcement of that...I have found no indication that it is closing," said Mark Lipscomb, a company spokesperson.

He went on to say that most of the companies restructuring has already been done, referring to number of plants that were closed a couple of years ago.

He did say that the number of employees is expected to go down due to not replacing people, not because of layoffs.

Highland to close

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"They talked about hosting a sales outlet (which would require rezoning from the City Commission), but they didn't pursue it," Walters said.

By that time, he added, "they saw the end in sight."

Walters said the reason for Highland's fall is because it was, "facing very stiff competition."

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has elected its new officers for the 1993-94 season.

Elected president was Tom Adamusik; administrative vice president and government relations, Ron DeLamielleure; vice president of membership development, Ed Link; vice president of operations, Ken Cary; vice president of business and economic development, Kaye Woodbeck; and treasurer, Janet Volante.

Four Plymouth businesses — Wild Wings Gallery, Mark J. Baldwin & Associates, Lumber Mart, Inc. and Intelli Systems — will have exhibits at the Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show opening March 20 at Cobo.

Community Federal Credit Union will be closing its commercial drive-up window on Maple Street in April.

What's a charette?

College architectural students to descend on Ann Arbor Road

Charette: A group of people assembled to examine an issue, aided by specialists. An intensive effort to complete an architectural design project.

BY GARY GOSSELIN

For 21 teams of university architecture and planning students this Saturday, the word "charette" will mean Ann Arbor Road.

As in: redesign the corridor to make it more pleasing and effective.

The plan calls for the 80 students to converge on East Middle School Saturday morning and create workable ideas for the redesign of the area.

"We're looking at lighting, curb treatments, poles and wires, traffic flow

and at the overall theme," said Marcia Marsh, a member of the Ann Arbor Road business team.

After a full day of design work — broken by a lunch and dinner provided by area businesses — each team will then be given up to 10 minutes to present its ideas to four judges — all of whom are landscape architecture professionals.

"Our main criteria in judging is creativity," said Plymouth Township Director of Public Services James Anulewicz.

While funds have yet to be allocated to implement any ideas that may come from the charette, spirits are running high.



This is the art logo being used by organizers of the ongoing "charette" aimed at getting college student input on the redesign of Ann Arbor Road.

The teams will be competing for prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 for their respective schools. Funds for the project are coming from Ann Arbor Road businesses and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

What if? Business owners need to plan ahead for disaster

BY GARY GOSSELIN

In the wake of the bombing of the World Trade Center and the weekend snowstorm that paralyzed the eastern seaboard, an interesting question has begun to surface in the business community:

"What would I do if my business suffered a catastrophe?"

And while the specific answer is as varied as each business, the place to begin is the same:

"The No. 1 priority is to plan ahead and discuss contingency plans *before* the problem occurs," said Tom Caviston, owner of Caviston Insurance in Plymouth.

To that end, Caviston has a company manual that outlines precautions and steps to follow in case of an emergency. All aspects of the plan, he said, have been discussed with his employees.

"Your employees are your most important asset," he said. "They'll be the ones you have to count on to get your business through."

Being so well-prepared, Caviston strongly suggests that other businesses do the same: devise a plan, put it in writing, distribute it to all employees and then discuss any problem areas.

"When a catastrophe hits," he said, "you don't have time to think about where to go or how to get basic business instruments," such as letterhead, computers and desks.

"You have to be able to control the situation, not let it control you."

Caviston said that with the plan he has, he can be at full production within a day; without pre-planning, his business would lose seven to 10 days reorganizing

HOW TO PLAN FOR DISASTER

- Create a plan of action before disaster strikes; sit down with employees and discuss options.

- An off-site location may be necessary to continue business, so discuss what location could be used.

- Make arrangements to get necessary emergency funds with a local financial agency.

- Always back-up your computer system and keep separate files off-site. Arrange an off-site computer hook-up if possible.

- Have a copy of employee addresses and phone numbers off-site. Find out where temporary help could be located quickly.

- Keep some supplies off-site, such as letterhead, paper, pencils, pens and forms.

after a disaster.

The manual at the Caviston Agency covers areas such as community disaster, agency disaster and personnel disaster.

Each area has specific instructions from the time of disaster to the end. In the event of a community or agency disaster, for example, Caviston's manual offers instructions about everything from where to get paper and pencils to the fastest way of re-occupying the office.

Caviston had help with this plan from his main office, but many business people aren't as fortunate.

So where can one turn for help to devise a plan of action? One answer is the Service Core Of Retired Executives

(SCORE), or your local insurance agent.

SCORE, located in the McNamara building in Detroit, is composed of retired executives who offer their expertise to businesses needing answers to specific questions.

Most insurance agencies offer interruption insurance to cover losses in a disaster, Caviston said, and most of those carriers would be happy to discuss a specific contingency plan.

If you're thinking that local help might be available if disaster strikes, think again: Local government agencies have other priorities:

"There are two approaches to take in a disaster, one is the insurance company (and) the second is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), said Canton Township Fire Department spokesman Don Adams.

Even the second, however, isn't much help in a business crisis. Like the fire department, he said, FEMA addresses basic needs before it can worry about area businesses.

"FEMA brings in the Small Business Administration to deal with emergency loans and some assistance," said Adams, "but the best idea is to have business interruption insurance and/or a contingency plan."

Neither the Plymouth nor Canton Chamber of Commerce had any disaster plans or outlines available, but spokeswomen from both groups did suggest contacting SCORE or the SBA for more information.

The number for the United State Small Business Administration office in Detroit is 226-6075. To make an appointment with SCORE, call 226-7947.

Belleville man killed after getting hit by two cars at Michigan and Lilley Road

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A 41 year-old Belleville man was killed Thursday evening after being hit by two automobiles as he was walking near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Lilley Road in Canton.

Walter Brutkiewicz was pronounced dead on the scene after being struck by a southbound vehicle on Lilley Road and then an eastbound vehicle on Michigan Avenue.

According to police reports, Brutkiewicz was walking west on the

north side of eastbound Michigan Avenue when he was hit by a Ford Ranger headed southbound on Lilley Road.

The report went on to say that he was then hit again by a Toyota truck headed eastbound on Michigan Avenue.

There have been no arrests made in connection with the incident. Neither of the two drivers involved had been drinking, police said.

Canton police, who said they were awaiting information from the medical examiner's office, continue to investigate.

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Board, teachers reach agreement

Negotiators from the Plymouth-Canton School District and the teachers union have reached a tentative agreement for a one-year labor contract for the 1993-94 school year.

According to district officials, members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association are expected to vote on the proposal next Tuesday and Wednesday; board action is expected March 29.

Although details were unavailable, and union representatives could not be reached, a district spokesman said that the contract involved "no dollars beyond what's in the budget."

Based on district figures, the 1993-94

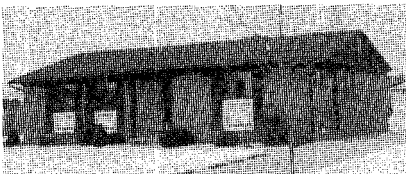
budget is expected to have a projected \$5 million deficit and does not allow for any new monies for labor contract increases.

When asked whether the new contract meant a shuffling of the existing budget or the agreement to a zero-increase contract, the spokesman would only say "that's a good question."

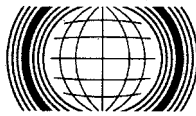
Shared meeting set

Officials from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township will be meeting in Northville Monday morning to review preliminary information on shared police services.

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

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.

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.

"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.

AAUW MEETING

The Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 on March 18. The meeting, to be held at Ernestos on Plymouth Road, will feature guest speaker Dr. Gail Griffin. For more information, please call 455-3662.

GETTING THE DRAGON OUT

The Friends of the Plymouth Library are offering a stress-free program at 7:30 on March 18. Health educator and author Lisa Johnson will speak on the topic "Stress: Get the Dragon Out!" There is no charge. Preregister at 453-0750.

IS IT TIME TO HAVE A BABY?

Catherine McAuley Health System is sponsoring its sixth annual "Is it Time to Have Baby" seminar at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Issues relating to prospective parents will be discussed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 20. Admission, including breakfast and lunch, is \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. For more information or registration, call 572-2357.

Also, on March 28 from noon to 5 p.m. will be the "World's Largest Baby Shower", featuring various services and products for babies. The \$1 admission will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, call 572-4000.

BE A JAZZERBUDDY

The Plymouth Fitness Studio is offering a "Jazzerbuddies" class for parents and their 3-5 year olds to jazzercise together. The class will be from 10:45 to 11:20 p.m. For more information, call Julie Huddleston at 426-9096.

CHURCH RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Five Mile Road in Livonia is holding their annual Rummage and Bake sale on March 19 and 20. On the 19th, the sale will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on the 20th. \$1 bag sale on Saturday at 9:30. Ten percent of the proceeds of the sale go to charity.

MUSICAL GROUPS PERFORM BEETHOVEN'S NINTH

The Plymouth Symphony Society, Plymouth Oratorio Society, and the Great Lakes Quartet will be teaming up to present Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 on March 19 at 8 p.m. The combined concert will be held at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial in Plymouth, and will also feature PCEP flutist Susan Bozell.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$5 for students K-12. Tickets may be purchased at the box office 30 minutes before the performance, by Visa or Mastercard from 451-2112, or from several area stores. For more information, contact Linda Alvarado at 453-8052.

CALLING ALL MOTHERS OF TWINS

The Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 18. For more information, please call Vicki at 722-0248.

SCHOOLCRAFT DINNER THEATER PRODUCTION

Schoolcraft College will host its winter dinner theater production of Eugene O'Neill's drama, *Long Day's Journey Into Night* in the Liberal Arts Theater on the evenings of March 19 and 27, as well as April 3,9, and 10. Gourmet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the performance at 8 p.m., at a cost of \$15. A show-only option is available for \$6 on March 20, 26 and April 2. For ticket information, call the campus bookstore at 462-4409.

ANN ARBOR WOMEN'S FLEA MARKET

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club is holding their annual flea market on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Club on Washtenaw Avenue. Admission is free, baked goods and coffee will be available. For more information, contact the City Club at 662-3279.

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW IN WESTLAND

The Lutheran High School Westland's Spring Arts and Craft Show will be held on March 26-27 at the school, on Cowan Road in Westland. Admission is \$1.50, bake sale and lunch also available.

GAME AND CARD PARTY

The Plymouth Symphony League is holding a game and card party from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 31. The \$15 admission covers all the day's activities, including pastries and coffee, luncheon, and an informal fashion show. Participants must bring their own cards or games.

All proceeds will go to support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. For more information, call 455-1727 or 451-9599.

OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT SHOW

The Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery, located in the United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, is holding an Open House and Craft Show. The craft show begins at 6:30 and ends at 9 p.m., and the open house runs from 6-7 p.m. Parents and children are welcome.

Applications for nursery for fall '93 will be available. Classes run two days a week for 3 and 4-year olds. For more information, please contact Cherie Kolodziejczak at 462-3687.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AUCTION

Tollgate Exceptional Equestrian Program for handicapped children is looking for volunteers to help collect and organize items for a major auction. Volunteers are needed with sales, phone, secretarial, corporate, or fund raising experience, as well as volunteers with no experience at all. Please call Cindy Richards at 347-3860.

PCEP'S WEST SIDE STORY

The Plymouth Park Players of Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton High Schools will be presenting *West Side Story* at 8 p.m. on March 26,27, and April 2,3. All shows will be held in the Salem High School auditorium at a cost of \$6 for reserved seats, and \$5 for general admission.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Canton Police Department is offering an educational program for residents and business owners who want to learn about police work. "Citizen's Police Academy" will run for four consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting April 24.

Each participant must be a Canton resident or Canton business owner and at least 21 years old. Participants are taken on a first-come first-serve basis. Only 30 people will be allowed to participate.

Completion of the program does not qualify an individual to do police work. It is imply an educational program for people who want hands-on experience of how police work is done. For more information, call 397-5344. To register, call 397-5353.

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Sports

Salem gymnasts No. 1 Rocks make history and take state title...

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

History was made for the Salem gymnastics team as they captured their first state gymnastics title Saturday in Trenton.

The Rocks racked up 146.55 points and beat out two-time winner Muskegon Mona Shores, who scored 145.25 for the state title.

"We went in with confidence," said Salem coach Johanna Anderson. "Our motto was we were here we might as well win."

The squad received a pep talk from athletic director Gary Balconi prior to the meet. Anderson said the girls took to heart what he said and went into the meet with the confidence to win.

The Rocks started out on the beam, which Anderson believes put a little pressure on the squad. The first two contestants were a little "shaky", but the team quickly lost its jitters and the gymnasts gave peak performances.

The floor has traditionally been a favorite event among Rock gymnasts and they each gave a phenomenal performance Saturday. Eight Rock gymnasts competed in the this event and three earned very high scores.

Courtney Gonyea gave an astounding performance and earned a 9.55. Kim Miller scored 9.45 and Melissa Hopson earned a 9.25.

The squad had spent the last week before the state meet diligently working on its vault routines to ensure enough



Melissa Hopson completes a vault during state competition in Trenton. (Crier photo by Rick Sperry)

difficulty to gain high scores, and the strategy work. The routines came off excellent and help guide the Rocks to a win.

Four athletes competed on the vault, Alysia Sofios, Hopson, Miller and Gonyea.

Going into their last event, the Rocks were fairly confident they would win the

meet. Mona Shores had finished competing before Salem started its last event and the Rocks needed a team total of 35 points on the bars for the win.

At recent dual meets, Salem gymnasts had been scoring high 36s on the bars.

"They knew what they needed and that gave them confidence," said Anderson.

Although Salem took no first place finishes, the team effort and individual performances won the meet for the squad.

Four seniors will be graduating from the state championship team. Miller, a three year competitor was an Elite All-American all three years. Her best routine was bars and she earned high scores in all events because she could work in a high level of difficulty into her routines.

Gonyea was a four-year All-American gymnast and a good team leader, according to Anderson. Gonyea was the most-consistent player on the team and had a flawless season on the beam this year, with no falls.

Dana Driscoll competed on the vault and floor for Salem. She was a powerful tumbler and gave the team a lot of depth with her floor routines.

Stefanie Anguilo competed on the beam and floor. She was very graceful in her routines and demonstrated a lot of showmanship on the floor, according to Anderson.

The seniors will be missed next year.

"It will be very challenging to improve on this year. We'll take next year next year."

...and Canton takes 9th place in state showdown

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

At the start of the gymnastics state meet, the Canton squad looked like it was heading to a top five finish, coming out of the first two events with 70 points, coach John Cunningham had visions of a 140 score for his squad.

But a six and a half hour wait from warm-ups to the last two events, a couple of quirk falls—with each fall costing the team a place—took its toll on the Chief gymnasts.

In the last two events, bars and beam, Canton gymnasts fell six times and finished the meet in ninth place with 134 points.

Kim Nowak fell during her bar routine, something she has never done in practice or in a meet. "She fell off and landed on her back and said 'How'd I get here?'" said Cunningham. "It was a fluke."

Jenny Tedesco missed on her giant (hand stand) on bars and didn't qualify for the finals in that event.

Kim Lewke gave an excellent bar routine but missed on her dismount. And missed on her beam dismount as well.

After a stellar season, senior Kim Rennolds finished her high school gymnastics career on the beam with two falls, taking 11th place in the state.

But the year did not end on a sour note for Rennolds. She was selected as Gymnast of the Year by the Michigan High School coaches and Judges Association.

It wasn't all bad news for the Canton gymnasts, it couldn't be with a score of 134 and ending as the ninth best team in the state.

Tedesco finished fourth in the state on beam, the best finish of any Canton gymnast.

Rennolds took seventh place on the floor with a 9.35 in the finals.

Two seniors will be graduating from the team, Rennolds and Tedesco.

Although Rennolds will be leaving her team, her name will live on in the records for a long time. She holds four of the school's five records. She broke records that had been standing since 1984 and 1981. "Her records will be tough to break," said Cunningham.

She was the only Canton gymnast to compete in division I, and the only Chief to include a double full in her floor routine. She won division competition medals all four years on the team.

Tedesco has been with the team for four years and served as captain for three years. She is the most-improved scorer on

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Salem swimmers place 15th at state meet

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Coming off a very strong dual meet season, the Salem swim team ended the year 15th in the state, scoring 29 points, giving their best state meet performance since 1990.

The Rocks set three new varsity records, Fred Locke took seventh in the 50-free, finishing in 21.68.

Scott Helmstadter, Alex Beard, Matt Erickson and Locke qualified in the 200-yard medley relay for all-American consideration, finishing in 1:38.39, setting a new varsity record in the preliminaries and took ninth place in the finals with a time of 1:39.41.

Locke, Beard, Erickson and David Bracht qualified for the second heat in the 200-yard freestyle relay and finished with the fourth fastest time in the state, 1:27.91, earning seventh place, the best finish they could have in their heat. They set a new school record in the process.

Tankers Joe Ervin, Helmstadter, Eric Seidelman and Bracht finished the in the

400-yard freestyle relay.

Justin Richardson was 20th in diving, Woody Thomas was 24th and Chris Obudzinski was 25th.

Salem will graduate nine seniors.

Erickson was part of both relay teams which set new varsity records and received all-American consideration. He was on the squad four years and was a tri-captain in his senior year.

Beard, a two-year varsity swimmer, gave more than his coach expected. He swam in both record setting relays and contributed to the team this season in the individual medley and breaststroke. He cut a second from his best time this year in the breaststroke over last year's best time.

Helmstadter was on the backstroke in the 400-yard medley relay and is an outstanding student athlete according to his coach. Helmstadter is carrying a 3.9 grade point average and is waiting to hear on his application to West Point.

Phil Hoffmeyer is a four-year varsity

swimmer and a team player with a team attitude according to his coach. At the state meet, Hoffmeyer was bumped to alternate as breastroker Beard stepped into the relay.

Chris Lynn, a tri-captain, is another four-year swimmer who was always there to count on, according to Olson. He was an alternate in the butterfly in the relay and the free relay.

Justin Richardson was a diver on the squad for four years.

Scott Wiklund scored a lot of points in league meets in his four year stint on the squad. He swam the butterfly and backstroke.

Fernando Domingo swam freestyle and backstroke. And Eric Livingston contributed to the team and was also manager for the girls team.

The Rocks finished this season as Western Lakes Activities Association champions, with two relay teams receiving all-American consideration and scoring 29 points in the state meet.

Rocks win district; head to regional

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Hitting free throws late in the game was the key to Salem's 80-75 win over Northville in the final round of district play Friday.

"Critical free throws down the stretch helped seal the victory for us," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach.

Brian Jensen and Brandon Slone were 4-4 at the free throw line in the fourth. Adam Hammons and Sanjeev Seth were 2-2 in the fourth.

Salem trailed in the first two quarters and didn't lead until the third as the Rocks began hitting their perimeter shots and making inside shots.

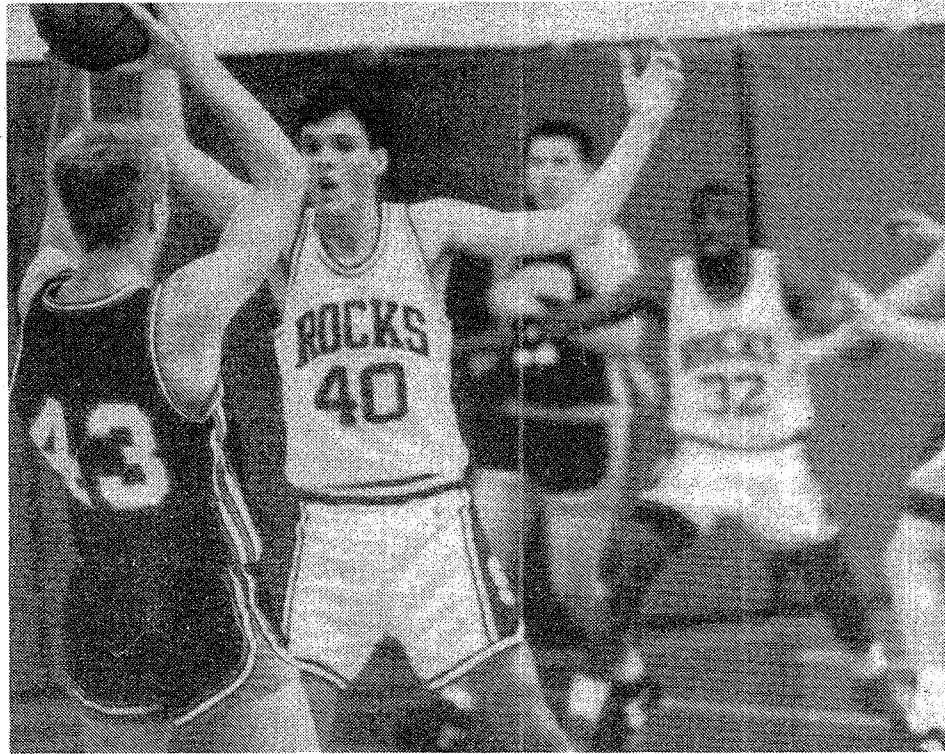
Mike Slone led the team in scoring with 26 points, including five three-pointers. James Head tossed in 22 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Northville led 16-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Salem tossed in 23 points, Northville added 21, and the Mustangs led by one at the end of the half, 37-36.

The Rocks tossed in 23 points in the third, the Mustangs added 20, and Salem led at the end of the third by two, 59-57.

In the fourth, Salem scored 21 and Northville had 18.

Salem (20-3) faced Berkley (13-10) in



Mike Slone (40) puts on the pressure against Northville, helping Salem win 80-75 and move into regional play. (Crier photo by Rick Sperry)

the first round of regionals yesterday. Results were not available at press time. If the Rocks win, they will face the

winner of the Detroit Pershing vs. West Bloomfield game on Friday at 7 p.m. at Southfield Lathrup.

Spano falls in wrestling quarterfinals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton senior Nick Spano (135) finished his high school wrestling season with a 41-2 record Friday as the only Chief grappler to make it to the state finals in Battle Creek.

Spano was undefeated until Friday and did not advance to the finals.

Spano faced Braden Gruchow of Rockford in his first match of state competition Friday and won on a 17-6 decision to advance to the quarter finals.

He faced Dan Windhradsky of Holly in his second match and lost 6-1.

Spano qualified for the consolation matches after his first loss. There he faced Temperance Bedford's G.W. Phebus.

Spano had beaten Phebus 6-5 in the final seconds of the regionals two weeks ago, but Phebus was stronger at the states, winning the match 6-2.

Although his high school career ended last weekend, coach Jim Eddy says a couple colleges are looking at Spano to join their ranks.

"There are a number of colleges interested in talking to Nick and Nick is interested in wrestling in college," said Eddy.

Four additional seniors will be graduating from the Chiefs squad this year, Ryan Conner, Bill Buslepp, Dave Smith and John DeKiere.

Eddy is looking ahead. "This was a rebuilding year," said Eddy. "We know we have a lot to do over the summer to improve our results. I see evidence the kids are doing what they have to do to help them to do better next year."

Salem loses to Stevenson; exit volleyball regionals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

A tough Stevenson team knocked Salem out of the regional volleyball competition Saturday.

Although the Rocks beat Stevenson in regular season play, they fell in two games to the Spartans, 7-15, 9-15.

Salem met the Spartans after defeating Ferndale 15-9, 15-5 in the first round of regional competition.

The Rocks ended the season with a 37-14-4 record, the best record they've ever had.

"We would have liked to have been playing next week," said Salem coach Allie Suffety. "We hope Stevenson goes far because they are representing our league."

It was a bad game for Salem against Stevenson. The squad just didn't gel. The Rocks had 27 attacks on the day, and against Stevenson they had 16 digging errors and 18 serve return errors.

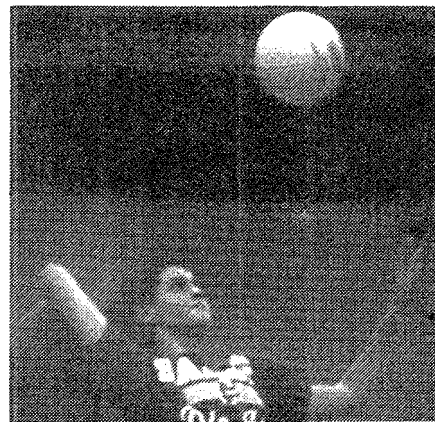
Cyndi Platter had 16 kills on the day, but only two against Stevenson.

Caryn Tatterton had 26 assists on 65 attempts. She was 18-41 against Ferndale, and 8-24 against Stevenson.

"We played poorly in the first game," said Suffety. "The kids played hard and did the best they could in the second game to stay with them."

Four seniors made the nucleus of the team this year. Graduating from the squad will be Platter, Jenny Garvey, Tatterton and Jenna Stanton.

In the four years Suffety and Brian Gilles have co-coached this squad the programs continually improved. The Rocks went from five wins the first year,



Salem's Cyndi Platter goes for a kill. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

to 10 the second year. They chalked up 32 wins last year and 37 this year.

Canton finishes 9th

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the team, upping her all around scores to 36 in dual meets this year.

She holds the highest finish on beam in the state of any Canton gymnast.

The Canton gymnasts finished with a 10-2 record.

"Last year we were ranked 20th in the nation and I expect well be close to that this year with the team scores," said Cunningham.

"I'm very pleased (with the team performance at the state meet). We're a good team and we had a good year, we didn't finish (as well as he had hoped)."

Although he's only losing two seniors, they are top scorers on the squad and will be hard to replace.

Canton tankers 13th in state

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Two Canton swimmers made all-state last weekend at the state meet as the Canton tankers tied for 13th place with Catholic Central and scored 31 points.

Mike Orris set a new varsity record in the 200-yard freestyle, cutting three seconds from the previous record, finishing in 1:43.36. His time was good for fifth place.

Jeff Clark took sixth place in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing in 21.68, setting a new varsity record for Canton.

Three additional varsity record were set: Clark took ninth place in the 100-yard freestyle, 47.86; Mike Orris took ninth place in the 500-yard freestyle—cut 10 seconds from the previous school record—4:44.01; Craig Steshetz, Paul Montesor, Orris and Clark took 11th in the 400-yard freestyle relay, 3:16.80.

Steshetz gave his season best performance in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing in 1:02.26, taking 18th place.

"I'm real pleased," said Hooker Wellman. "This is the highest finish in the state meet since I've been here. And it's the first time we've had two all-state swimmers, we had an all state diver in the past, but not a swimmer."

Two state meet scorers will be graduating this year.

Steshetz had a good season and did a little of everything to contribute to the team, according to Wellman.

Orris was sick early in the season and stepped up once he returned, demonstrating his leadership. He competed in the individual medley, was a freestyle sprinter, breaststroker and was on the relays.

He was co-captain and is planning on swimming next year at Eastern Michigan University.

Ryan Henkel was co-captain and swam four years on the team. His strongest event was the 100-yard breaststroke.

Bill Gildhaus spent four years on the team and swam the breaststroke and butterfly and placed in both events at the conference meet.

Brian Tertel was a valuable distance freestyler in the dual meet season. He spent four years on the squad and was a distance freestyler, swimming in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle.

Wellman has a crew of young swimmers who have shown improvement and did a good job this season.

Juniors Clark, Orris and Montesor all showed great improvement in their events this year.

Sophomore Jason Fowler qualified for the state meet and placed 21st.

Juniors Joe Foster and Jason Lehn had good season, as did sophomore Jason Sterling.

Up and coming freshmen include Scott Mulder, Scott Belisle, Jason McMann and Tim Fanning.

Wellman said the key to the finish this year was the continual building of depth. Earlier in the season they lost to Salem because of the Rocks strong depth, both in dual meet and the conference meet, but finished ahead of them at the state meet.



Community deaths

Beitner, 72, interior designer

Allie Mae Beitner, 72, of Plymouth, died March 14, 1993 in Ann Arbor, MI. Born on July 24, 1920 in Dickson TN, Beitner was an active member of the Plymouth community for almost 40 years.

Beitner came to Plymouth in the mid-1950's from Tennessee and was an interior designer at the House of Maple in Livonia for 21 years before retiring in 1983. She was a past member and president of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club. She was also a member of the Riverside Park Church of God.

Beitner is survived by her husband, Frederick; three brothers Glenn, Ralph, and B.C. Kimbro; and sisters Rose Fuqua, Beatrice Middleton, and Lucille Hix.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack C. Dunn officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City.

DeRosa, 25, church member

Patrick Mark DeRosa, 25, of Canton died Sunday, March 14, 1993 in Northville. Born on Sept. 6, 1968 in Libertyville, IL, DeRosa was a recent transplant to the Canton community.

DeRosa, who came to Canton five years ago from Lowell IN, was a student at Western Michigan University for three years and at Indiana State University for one year. He worked as a porter for Bob Sellers Pontiac in Farmington Hills. He was also a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

DeRosa is survived by his parents, Nicholas and Barbara of Canton; sisters Catherine Haling of Dearborn and Elizabeth and Bridget DeRosa of Canton; grandparents William and Dorothea Quinn of Hanover Park IL, and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 10a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Matthew Ellis officiating. Services were arranged by Schrader Funeral Home.

Jean, 49, Ford engineer

Gary Joseph Jean of Canton, a veteran who served in the Vietnam War, died Feb. 17, 1993, at the age of 49.

Mr. Jean, who was an engineer with Ford Motor Co., was a member of the Ford-Mercury Restorers Club and the Wayne State University Alumni Club.

He is survived by his wife, Cecile; son, Robert; daughter, Jennifer; mother, Freda of Westland; brother, Meril of Livonia; and three nieces and nephews.

Services were held Feb. 22 at the Shrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Myers officiating. Entombment was at the St. Hedwig Cemetery Mausoleum in Dearborn.

Davis, 81, retired pipefitter

George D. Davis of Plymouth, a retired pipefitter from General Motors, died Feb. 19, 1993, at the age of 81.

Mr. Davis, who was born Nov. 19, 1911, in Obion County, TN., is survived by his wife, Lois of Plymouth; sons Bob and Thomas of Plymouth and Jimmy of Stockbridge; daughter Sonja Sneddon of Grand Rapids; one sister; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held Feb. 22. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Prutki, 80, Yugoslav immigrant

Katica Prutki of Canton, a retired clothes presser for a local dry cleaners, died Feb. 22, 1993, at the age of 80.

Mrs. Prutki, who was born March 17, 1912, in what was then-Yugoslavia, moved to Canton eight years ago from Dearborn. She is survived by her daughter, Janet Perry of Canton; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held Feb. 25 at St. John Neumann Church, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

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family members to have an entire cheering section," she said, adding that with audience participation an important facet of the competition, the built-in voices give a definite advantage to some teams.

By contrast, the Salem team had its 11 members plus five adult chaperones, which included Dillon and her husband, Paul.

The team members are Pete Tenbroeck, Julie Larsen, Kathy Beale, Angie Scoggins, Susan Croft, Kelli Leskowski, Adrienne Auten, Katherine Saelzler, Rocky Johnson, Kristin Honecker and Tom MacDonald.

Even though the team finished 27th out of its 33-team bracket, Dillon wasn't the least bit disappointed.

"We were very good, considering this was our first time at the nationals," she said. "In fact, I thought our routine was an outstanding performance — but we just didn't know what we were up against."

Now, she said, they do: Some teams were, in fact, not the regular cheerleading squad for their schools' athletic teams: "They have a sports cheerleading group and a separate competition squad."

"Those squads are just awesome," she said. "They practice seven days a week just on routines for competition."

"We, on the other hand, only practice three days a week for competition, and the other two days we practice for games."

With that level of competition, one might think the Salem team came home

feeling a bit inadequate — but Dillon said just the opposite was true. Between practices during their stay, the team and coach had a chance to meet and observe the other teams in relaxed settings, learning and exchanging information.

"It was enlightening to hear what they go through," she said. "The whole conditioning routines they go through."

"I definitely brought back both specific ideas for new routines and ideas for training and conditioning."

What happens next for the Salem squad depends in large part on how successful Dillon is on the recruitment trail. Kidded that maybe she should be called "Bo" Dillon — in recognition of former University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler's successful recruitment history — she acknowledged that the co-ed aspect will be the key to the unit's continued success.

Aiming for an evenly split squad of six or seven boys and girls, Dillon emphasized that "having guys makes all the difference."

"Only when you have boys on the team can you get into partner stunting (flipping and holding aloft a female partner)," she said, adding that her charge of males have improved dramatically since joining the team this year.

In fact, she said, one boy already has been offered a scholarship to one Michigan university as a cheerleader.

"When we first got these guys, they weren't gymnasts; they came from literally nothing."

"But now we have one actually being recruited by the colleges."



JoDee Dillon and Maryann Jenkins stay loose between practice and competition during the national meet at Orlando. (Crier photo by Jackie Dyr)

The members of the Salem Cheerleading squad, which recently performed at the national meet in Orlando, are: Katherine Saelzler (top row, left), Tom MacDonald, Rocky Johnson, Pete Tenbroeck and Julie Larsen; Kristin Honecker (middle row, left), Keli Laskowsky, Susan Croft and Angie Scoggins; and Adrienne Auten (bottom row, left) and Kathy Beale. (Crier photo by Maryann Jenkins)



If that wasn't enough incentive for other boys in the district to shown an interest in coming out for the team, the other incentive might be: another trip to the nationals.

"Of course, we don't know if we'll go next year, but we *did* go this year — which I'm using as a selling point."

To get to Orlando this year, the Salem squad had to first take the top prize at

cheerleading camp and then wait for an invitation to the regional meet in Indiana.

After competing successfully at that level, the team had to wait for a bid to the nationals — hardly a guarantee.

Still, Dillon said, "that's my selling point."

And like any good saleswoman, she continues to drive that point home at every opportunity.

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JAN B - Being with you was a special treat adding our dinner to it was beyond a birthday celebration. Thank you. Sonia and Geneva.

Mike, by the time you read this I will be in California. In fact, we may be in Reno. Jack.

Princess, don't forget our lunch date.

I wonder if ? will take up wallyball. I know she's already an expert at shopping.

Sorry Michele, I didn't hold up my end.

I can't believe John didn't remember me.

MYLES, TIM, TED and all my other accounting friends: I think my accounting class teacher is a DEMOCRAT! - Mike

TIM NIELAND - Did you get your tie caught in the last election? - Mike

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Happy Birthday Karen! We won't TELL the world your age. But you do look half your age. Boy I wish I looked 25.

Carol should call Karen to see how it feels.

Diane looks up to animal. Of course Diane looks up to everyone.

D.D.A. is forming another STUDY group...

Alex said it's harder to work in heels.

MATT AND ED - two ungrateful pilgrims missed a concert in Cleveland that was to be given by the "Grateful Dead" weather permitting. The weather did not permit.

Curiosities

THE CRIER ET AL - Harold thanks you and so do I for the lovely azalea plant. We needed that!

THIEVES

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HAROLD - KIM - TORBE AND MIKE, How lucky you are to have this birthday girl in your lives!

Happy Birthday Karen!! From your COMMA, pals.

Curiosities

Karen's going to have to take a snowblower with her to Tennessee.

Happy 27th Birthday to John Patrick Hale, my favorite Irishman - Love Wendy.

MOM ON MELTON: Boy, you'll miss me again on Friday night. We'll make up for it on Tuesday.

Jim - what an ego trip for me. Never could I imagine anyone asking me for a recipe. Brave soul that you are, you did!

Andrea's Mom is coming to town. WELCOME!

Harold is home again and he'd better stay!

Little Ron Ron (a.k.a. Aaron Cunningham) said "Annie" on Sunday March 14, 1993 at Kmart. Put this in the baby book Mom.

Answer to riddle - as far as I can tell the only thing she collects is children's drawings. Evidenced by the art work around her desk.

ED - Couldn't you have harnessed some of those dogs to a sled?

SAM ROBERTS
Turned 30

Not at the lumberyard but on the cruise

GENEVA: you can't really be having ANOTHER BIRTHDAY! Hope it's grand! -- Jessica, Sally, Beauregard and Ed.

KAREN GUYOR reminds all her friends and family that "paybacks are" and that she can sneak things into Curiosities... so take it easy on her 60th birthday tomorrow.

Mike Schneider looks older doesn't he?

Curiosities

Happy Birthday to my favorite "older" friend Many, many, more. - Margaret.

It's wonderful to know 3 ladies with birthdays all on the same day. I hope each of you have a grand time on March 18. Mary Faith, Karen & Geneva. Enjoy your day!

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Steve roots for losers.

She can't be 50 can she?

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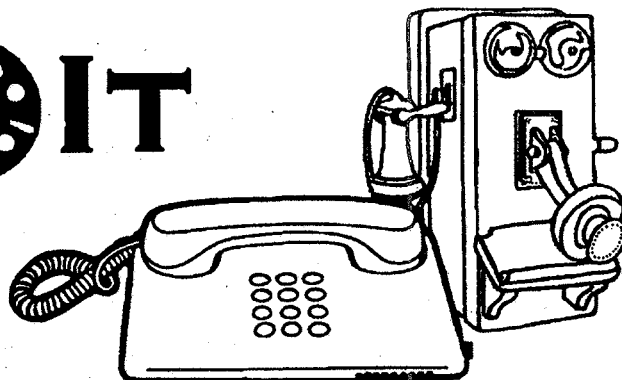
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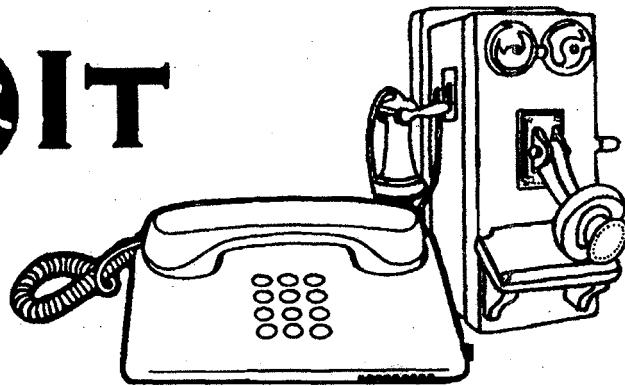
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Community opinions

Credibility gap?

District's response to own mistake makes one wonder whether it understands fragile nature of public perceptions

Funny how news sometimes gets twisted around; it's almost like the old kindergarten game of whispering a secret and passing it around a circle: the final version never seems to match the original.

Such is the case in the Plymouth-Canton School District where a unique form of revisionist history seems to be at work. At issue: The failure of the board three weeks ago to let the public know of a little "correction" in the information concerning whether or not a projected \$5 million deficit had been left out of restoration computations.

The day the story broke, various district officials called The Crier office to complain of a misleading headline and story; the fact was, they said, that the board had received a clarification *in private, during executive session* that the deficit was *indeed* included in the calculations. In addition, they said, a separate meeting had been held among administration officials the following morning further emphasizing that the figure was included.

The problem: No one ever told the public. In fact, during a phone call to the district offices that morning a specific question was asked about that issue and the response was that nothing had happened. Later, as many people already know, it turns out that the board and administration had been remiss in failing to inform the public.

But you wouldn't know that from the letter issued by Richard Egli,

Newspaper thanked for 'accuracy' in reporting deficit story correction

EDITOR:

When newspapers generally print corrections, they get buried inside the paper.

That's why I was both surprised and pleased to see your correction of the March 3 headline. You even boxed the change to further call attention to it.

Since a number of people had originally shared with me their confusion based on the headline, it was particularly appropriate that the change was noted on the front page.

Thank you for your pursuit of accuracy.

RICHARD A. EGLI
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

associate director of community relations for the district. According to Egli — and one has to assume, the rest of the district, since he is the official spokesman — the newspaper made the mistake of reporting accurately what occurred during public discussions of public issues; he then had the decency to congratulate us in our "pursuit of accuracy." Ironically, this newspaper was the only outside source to attend EVERY public session (including the 7:30 a.m. Friday workshop), having

made every effort to get all facts about the millage proposal — including running a high-public-response survey (see story on pg. 1).

With so many serious issues facing the district — all of which hinge on the fragile relationship the district has with its constituency; read: credibility — what must be first and foremost in the minds of everyone concerned is an active and aggressive pursuit of honesty. To twist this latest issue from a simple, and rectifiable misunderstanding to a grandstand play threatens that tenuous relationship between the school board and the public.

This also underscores the danger of public officials meeting in private where they talk only to themselves.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Mayflower is vital to maintaining downtown Plymouth's attraction

EDITOR:

One of the principal attractions to living in The Plymouth Community is the character of its downtown business section, including Kellogg Park.

The primary contributor to the downtown character is the very well-maintained, attractive Mayflower Hotel complex.

For over 20 years I have been selling Plymouth land to housing developers. When I have done so, I have always made it a point to take them to the Mayflower for lunch so that they could get a sense of just what it is that makes the Plymouth area such a nice place to live.

However, a major threat to all of the foregoing now exists. Picture downtown Plymouth with lumber all over the windows and doors of the Mayflower hotel. We already have an ugly eyesore caused by the closing of the Amoco Station at the same intersection.

How then do you hype the Fall Festival? The Ice Festival? The Art in the Park affair? Or any other downtown community event?

I personally feel an obligation to somehow help the Mayflower facility stay alive. Strangely, I believe that it is in the best interests of all Plymouth-area people to help the Mayflower survive.

This concern should also be at the top of the agenda for all meetings of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

I suggest that each of us that uses either a restaurant, hotel, motel or meeting facility now and then, should make every effort during this present crisis to make that facility the Mayflower.

Should the Mayflower fail, the quality of life for all of us will go down at least a notch. Let's not let that happen.

Use the Mayflower facilities now.

GREGORY DONOVAN

Mettetal:

With state budget problems, how can government buy Mettetal?

EDITOR:

President Clinton has asked that we sacrifice (pay higher taxes) to reduce the national debt. Gov. Engler has pledged to downsize state government and privatize Michigan institutions.

So how can there be any justification for the expenditure of \$3 million to \$4 million, using state and federal funds, for the state's purchase of Mettetal, a small unprofitable private airport located in an area where a public airport is not wanted?

If, as its proponents insist, this airport is to be maintained at its present small size, with accommodations for only a few, it is a shocking misuse of taxpayers' money.

If it is to be expanded, the agencies involved should be honest enough to inform those whose property values will be affected.

There have been enough decisions made in secret regarding Mettetal Airport.

MARIAN GOTSHALL

What about 'privatized' Mettetal?

EDITOR:

It amazes me that in these times of austerity and budget cuts that government money can still be found to purchase a small recreational airport.

Whatever happened to Gov. Engler's platform of less government and more privatization? Or was that another "read my lips?"

Is this another "big brother knows what's best?" — no public hearings for a project that takes privately owned property off the school and community tax rolls.

Who do you think will be called upon to take up the slack in taxes?

RAYMOND SMITH



Community opinions

Salem draws fire for taxes, attorney

Between recent assessment increases and board, things aren't well

EDITOR:

Property taxes getting you down? Between assessment increases and the recent actions of the Salem Township board, we taxpayers aren't faring too well here in Salem.

You should have been at the township's 1993-94 preliminary budget meeting Feb. 9 and 16. Keep in mind they've just hired a new zoning assistant to the Salem zoning administrator, Fred Verran.

The assistant, Mr. Hagman, is now being paid nearly \$40,000, including benefits. Mr. Verran, who is Mr. Hagman's superior, is paid \$24,000, with no benefits.

The meeting opened Feb. 9, and discussion centered on the township's revenues, but quickly proceeded to the disbursement column of the budget.

Aha, disbursements. This is where the "golden goose" resides: wages, the board's wages. Geiger senses some hostility in the public that is present. She decides to hold off on wages and go to the other line items that dealt with office supplies, maintenance, street lights, etc. This was quickly accomplished.

Back to wages, Geiger asks Baxter how he feels about the compensation package he's receiving as a trustee. He stated the township would be best served if the trustees (received) \$3500 annually. (Trustees currently receive \$70 per meeting. At two meetings a month, that's \$,1680 annually).

With this, the township taxpayers that are present become very aroused. It's 10 p.m., the board decides to adjourn until Feb. 16.

On Feb. 16, the board re-convenes amid rumors that the supervisor, clerk and treasurer wanted to declare themselves "full time" and set their salaries at \$35,000, plus the same benefits they're paying their new zoning assistant.

Trustee Penn, being the reputed architect of this scheme, quickly sees a big problem with the crowd and evidently decided at this point to back off the big raise. He proceeded in recommending that the supervisor, clerk and treasurer's salary be set at \$21,000 and the trustees remain at \$70 per meeting.

Treasurer Witthoff was visibly upset, maybe incensed is a better term. She clearly was displeased with the \$21,000 figure. This still represents a 10 per cent increase for her and Clerk Van Fossen. It's 18 per cent for Supervisor Geiger. The other board members displayed no visible emotion.

Witthoff's true nature was further revealed when she suggested the board levy a township operating millage. No other board members supported her on that thought. After the meeting she was overheard to say, "Do they think we should work for nothing?"

This taxpayer is not of the opinion that her current salary of \$19,000 for a part-time position is "working for nothing."

ARLENE DEFOREST

Are some of these 'services' actually just self-serving?

EDITOR:

1. By attempting to justify pay raises for the clerk and treasurer, Nancy Geiger is completely ignoring the Administration Committee position.

2. Susan Witthoff yields to public pressure and changes her position for raising taxes but still wants full time pay for her part-time job.

3. Van Fossen is making a profit center from township office services.

4. Trustees want to be put on salary.

Is defending unjustified pay raises, creating full-time positions or making a profit on township services self-serving? When Nancy Geiger campaigned for change, is this what she meant?

With a surplus of funds due to BFI revenues, it's about time a clearer focus on the township needs to be made. If the board spent quality time working on township projects rather than figuring out ways to raid the treasury — things like pay raises would fall in place. Why can't a strategy be defined and priorities established with township interests being No. 1?

JOHN GOWANS

Who runs Salem Twp. when it comes to controlling the attorney?

EDITOR:

Who runs Salem Township?

On March 5, I was at the Salem Township hall trying to obtain some information under the Freedom of Information Act.

My request for this information had been denied until this date because Harvey Berman, township lawyer, had not authorized its release.

While discussing this matter with Marcie Van Fossen, township clerk, Mrs. Geiger, township supervisor, joined this conversation over the cost of my obtaining this information.

Subsequent to this matter, I asked Mrs. Geiger about the township attorney, Mr. Berman, attempting to sway public opinion by his comments (in a local paper) relative to the Ray

Givens case.

I asked why as a township supervisor she allowed this type of activity by Mr. Berman to go on. She told me she had no control over Mr. Berman's remark to the paper. Who has control over Mr. Berman?

Due to the divisive nature of this case in Salem Township, I believe Mr. Givens and the residents of this community deserve to have this case resolved in court and not discussed and tried in the newspaper.

Maybe this brings up the larger issue of who controls Mr. Berman. Evidently it's not our Supervisor Mrs. Geiger.

O'NEILL MUIRHEAD

Board has been a 'busy' group when it comes to salary levels

EDITOR:

Our Salem Township board (members) were certainly a busy group at the last budget meeting.

Pay raises for themselves and deputies, fringe benefits, expense accounts, vacations and a \$25,000 computer along with an increase for legal fees to \$117,000.

With this background, Marcia VanFossen claimed Fred Verran was costing the township \$44 an hour.

Witthoff wanted to know how long this would continue. Baxter looked around and said since Fred was not present, he could not freely express himself.

"We are stuck with an unfortunate situation." Nancy Geiger, a longtime working associate and proclaimed friend said *nothing*.

Obviously, her interpretation of friendship and loyalty are misguided. The Verran family have been very generous in giving their time and service far and beyond the call for civic duty.

What kind of board have we elected? Instead of expressing gratitude and appreciation, the board gives us contemptuous innuendoes.

This board again gives the appearance of actions that would be expected from gutless hypocrites.

ROBERT J. UHEREK, SR.

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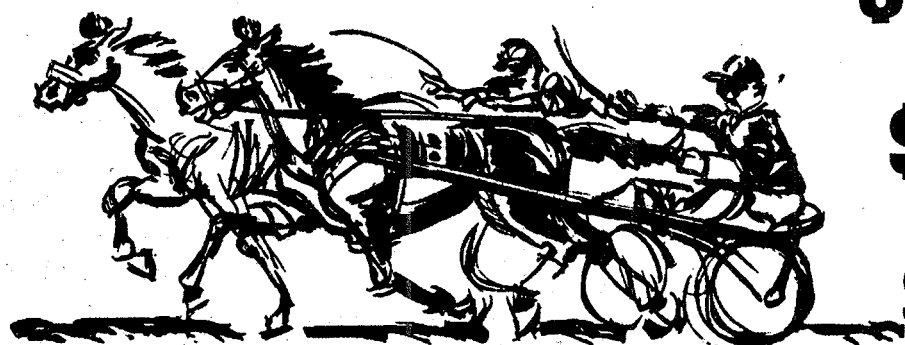
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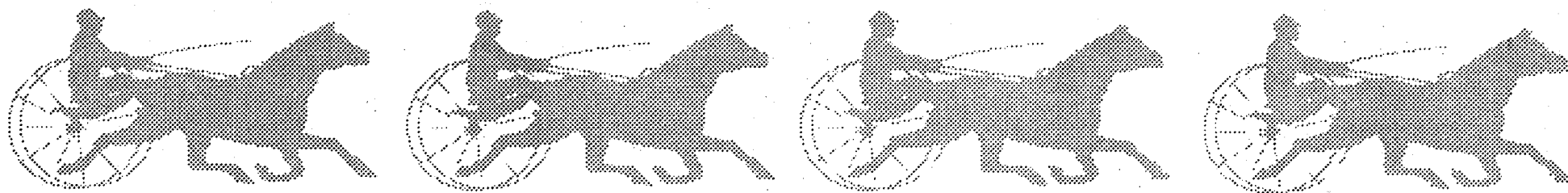
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