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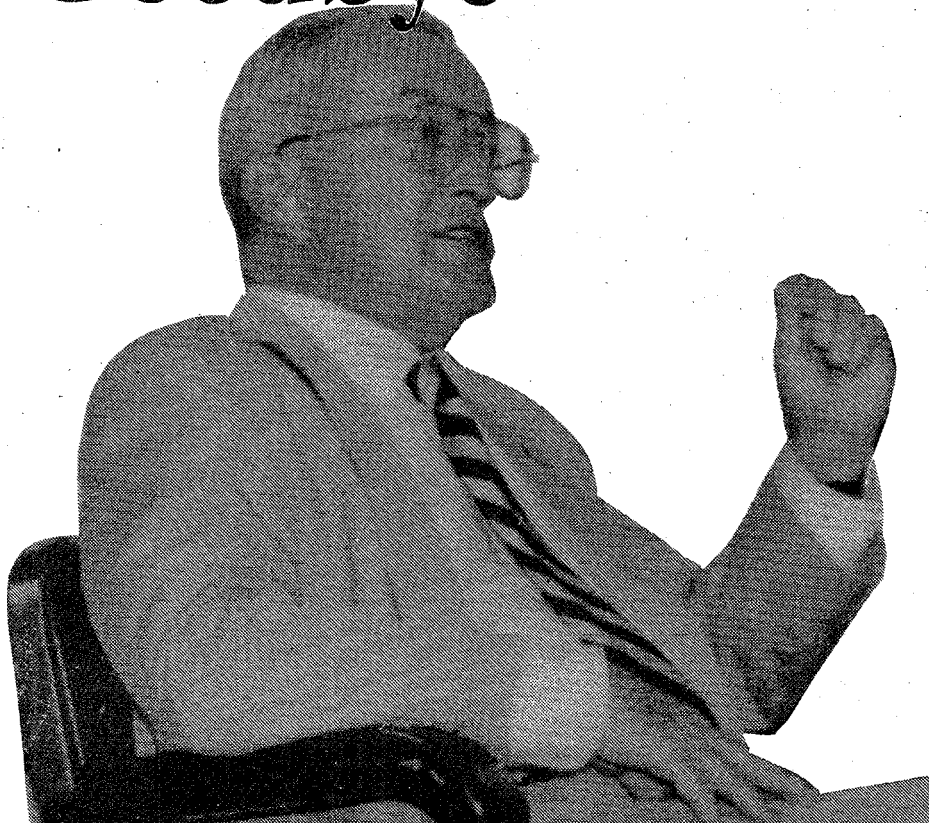
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Goodbye



U.S. Rep. Bill Ford had just added Plymouth to his district this session.

Bill Ford announces retirement after 30 years in U.S. House

BY CRAIG FARRAND

After 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, Bill Ford has announced that he is retiring from public service at the end of this congressional session.

Ford, who was first elected to the House in 1964, is a throwback to the liberal heydays of the Democratic party under President Lyndon Johnson.

His 13th congressional district — known by other designations in other decades — once encompassed nearly all of western Wayne County and parts of Washtenaw County, a solid Democratic stronghold.

With the 1990 U.S. Census, however, Ford's district moved north into the two Plymouths and Canton, entering for the first time strong Republican opposition.

It was the last redistricting in 1992 that ended with Carl Pursell retiring from Congress: He and Ford would have been forced to face off in a newly realigned district.

Ford, 66, began his public career as a justice of the peace in then-Taylor Township. After stints as attorney to

both Melvindale and Taylor, he was elected to the state Senate in 1963.

As powerful chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, Ford was one of two Michigan point men for President Bill Clinton's new legislative agenda; the other was Ford's longtime friend and fellow Downriver Democrat, John Dingell.

Prior to his Education Committee chairmanship, Ford was chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee — a role that helped bring more than half a dozen new post offices to communities in his district.

In a statement he issued yesterday, Ford said: "My polls tell me that my district is a stronger Democratic district than it was two years ago and that my chances of re-election are excellent."

"But time has snuck up on me. As I approach my 67th birthday, it is time for me to focus on my remaining years."

Because of the term limit law in Michigan, Ford would have faced an automatic end to his tenure after the next term.

State, county probe Twp.'s handling of Kaufman case

*Judge was pulled over for suspected
drug use and released with warning*

BY CRAIG FARRAND

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W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Did Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman receive favored treatment by Plymouth Township police who suspected him of smoking marijuana in his car?

Plymouth Township officials are awaiting the results of investigations by the Michigan State Police and Wayne County Prosecutors Office that could answer that question, which stems from their department's handling of a Jan. 15 incident involving Kaufman.

Kaufman, who was released with a warning, has not been charged with any crime and has not returned phone calls to *The Community Crier*.

By filing under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, *The Crier* obtained a report prepared for the prosecutor's office which gave the following account of the Kaufman incident:

On Jan. 15, Kaufman, who lives in the Township, was pulled over by Officer David Hayes who reported by radio that he saw the judge smoking a marijuana cigarette while driving his car on Ann Arbor Trail east of Sheldon.

After calling police Sgt. James Jarvis to the scene, Hayes released Kaufman without issuing a ticket or filing an incident report.

Both Hayes and Jarvis had been responding in separate cars to a residential burglary alarm call — which ultimately proved a false alarm — when Hayes saw Kaufman drive by.

According to Township Police Chief Carl Berry, neither Hayes nor Jarvis

brought the matter to his attention until last Wednesday.

"The officer properly exercised his discretion at the scene," Berry said, adding that after he was made aware of the incident, he directed both officers to document the matter.

Those reports, plus Berry's own report, and copies of the police radio transmissions were given to the prosecutor Monday and were then obtained by *The Crier*.

Berry said that prosecutors have asked the State Police to do an "independent review" of his department's handling of the matter.

The chief was scheduled to return from a training session in Lansing yesterday to discuss the incident with the Plymouth Township Board last night.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Richard Padzieski told *The Crier* that he was awaiting a final report from the State Police. "Until I receive (that) report, I won't be in a position to make a determination," he said.

"And until then I have no comment."

Repeated calls made to investigators at the Michigan State Police post in Northville were not returned.

According to the Township reports, Kaufman was pulled over after Hayes radioed Jarvis that he had witnessed a driver of a car stopped at a red light "smoking a joint."

Jarvis then responded "go get him."

The report says that when Kaufman was pulled over and confronted by Hayes with his suspicion that the judge had been smoking marijuana, Kaufman is quoted

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P-C-N offers library resources

Studious residents of Plymouth-Canton-Northville don't have far to travel when it comes to library resources of information. There are three public libraries in P-C-N, members of the Wayne County Library Federation (WOLF). Each has a library card at these locations to use the resources of other libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Resources abound in our local libraries. These libraries house video, audiocassettes, magazines, local newspapers, microfiche, documents and other materials. They are a great place to go for local history information.

Librarians also staff reference desks to answer questions over the phone.

Libraries also sponsor educational programs for children and adults. The libraries of Plymouth and Northville are served by the Canton Public Library, at 223 S. Main Street, open from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

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

The library is now open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

The phone number of the Northville Library is 349-3020. Residents of Northville and Northville Township pay for the library operations, but funds are appropriated through the general fund budgets of each government. There is a special millage levied to operate the library.

Northville Library Advisory Commission: library director, Patricia Orr; Barbara Gougeon (1993); chairperson, Paul Dawson (1994); John Buckland (1993); Frances Mattison (1994); Wendy Gutkowski (1992); Sally Williams (1993); and Lynn Parklas (1993).

Steve Harper (1992), P.O. Box 401, Plymouth, 465-8484. The Canton Public Library moved to its independent facility just south of the township Administration Building on Canton Center Road almost four years ago now. Since then the facility has become one of the most widely used library facilities in western Wayne County. The building is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Rd.

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

The phone number for the Canton Library is 397-0699. Canton residents pay 1.70 mills for the operation of the library.

Canton Public Library Board: library director, Jean Tabor; Katherine Baldrice (1992), 43057 Devon Lane, 981-5102; David Bone (1992), 6849 Carriage Hill, 981-2657; Mary Gyorke (1992), 8451 Orhan, 463-8416; Beverly Polcyn (1992), 1529 Ranier, 981-1445; James Gillig (1992), 4750 Napier, 465-4750; William Simmerer (1992), 39763 Cheviot, 397-3463.

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Happenings in the community

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

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

The first two months of the year also offer residents plenty of chances to enjoy the various winter recreational facilities available for fighting cabin fever. There are sports

tournaments, skating, sledging, skiing at nearby parks, and lots of concerts, plays, fun fundraising events, and school shows to fill the evenings with something new each night.

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

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

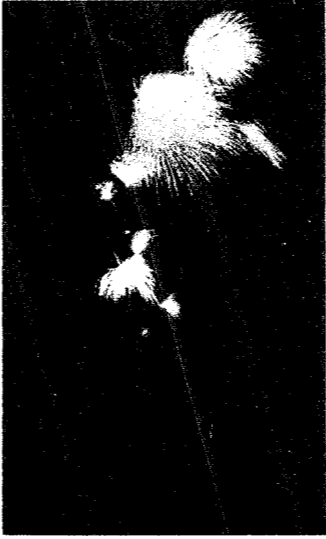
For culture lovers the local theatre group, community band, community chorus and symphony wrap up their seasons during these months.

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

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

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

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



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Ice gold?

Look for a familiar face in Olympic competition this year

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Area residents may see a familiar face on the TV next month during the winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

Northville native and ice dancer Jerod Swallow and his wife Elizabeth qualified at the National Ice Dance Championships in Detroit earlier this month, and will help represent the United States in the 1994 Olympics.

Gay Swallow, Jerod's mother, said that it took 19 years to get to this point, and added that it wasn't always easy, but when her 27 year-old son performed and qualified in Detroit, it was all worth it.

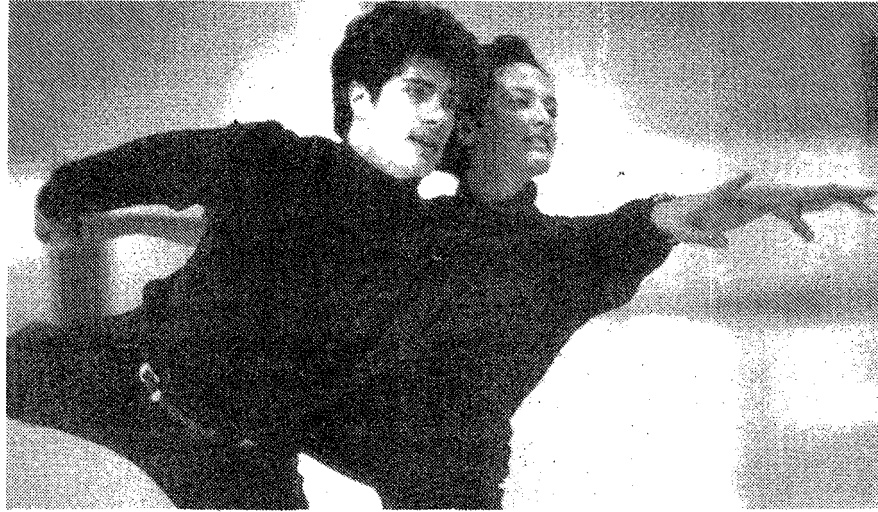
"Jerod and Liz's championship (in Detroit) was doubly sweet because of the hometown audience," Swallow said. "They could hardly hear the music over the crowd noise."

She said that Jerod began skating at the age of 9, and often skated at the Plymouth Cultural Center and two other area skating rinks.

Swallow said that Jerod first wanted to play hockey, but was of slight build so lessons were in order.

Jerod's priorities soon changed, and he entered his first competition at age 10. He placed 14th out of 14 skaters.

He didn't give up or get discouraged at that point, said Swallow who was soon driving 98 miles a day for practice



Northville native Jerod Swallow and his wife-partner, Elizabeth Punsalan-Swallow will be competing in the ice dancing competition during the winter Olympics in Norway.

at two sites, and wearing out several cars in the process.

Jerod soon had two partners; one at the Brownstown County ice arena and another at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Swallow said that Jerod almost gave up skating at age 12 after he broke his knee at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

But, she said, his older brothers, Adam and Seth knew his passion for skating and talked him into sticking with it.

Jerod was on his way to national prominence, winning the Ice Dance National Junior Championships, and taking second in the para-skating championships.

Jerod first saw his wife, a Sheffield Lake, Ohio native, nine years ago when she came to Detroit for a competition.

His mother said she remarked at how beautifully she danced on the ice, but Jerod, with two dance partners already, wouldn't even consider pairing up with a third.

They met again four years ago after they both went to Colorado Springs, Co., for Olympic training.

Swallow said the two were paired together, and immediately knew there was a connection.

Their first competition netted a fifth-place finish, but by 1991, they had rocketed to first-place in national competitions.

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Twin crashes investigated; cause could be snow piles

BY GARY GOSSELIN

State and Wayne County officials are conducting an investigation into whether snow plowing during the recent cold snap may have contributed to two separate car accidents that resulted in the death of a Washtenaw County woman.

The victim of the other accident, a 67-year-old woman from Dearborn Heights was treated for injuries.

Both accidents occurred near the I-275/M-14 interchange, and involved the two cars leaping over snow piled on the shoulder of the road and falling to the railroad tracks below.

The first accident occurred on I-275 near the I-96/M-14 exit Jan. 12 when the Dearborn Heights woman swerved to avoid a disabled vehicle.

Her car went onto the mounded snow and over the concrete barrier and came to rest on the railroad tracks below.

The woman was transported to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment of facial lacerations and leg and chest pain.

The second accident occurred less than a week later on M-14 west of Sheldon.

The Washtenaw County resident apparently lost control of her vehicle, which went over the piled snow and concrete embankment and landed on its roof on the railroad tracks 65 feet below.

The woman died at the scene.

Michigan State Police has jurisdiction over accidents that occur on the freeways, but couldn't provide accident information.

One state police officer said that the M-14 accident was being investigated by the Wayne County Road Commission.

Road Commission officials in turn said that the State Police should be investigating, but suggested that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) might also have jurisdiction.

MDOT officials told The Crier that the freeways in question are the jurisdiction of the State Police and that if anyone had information, they would.

Sources familiar with both accidents said that the reason for the cars jumping the barriers was likely the hard-packed snow and ice on the shoulder of the roads.

Yack to give 'state of Canton' Feb. 2

On Feb. 2, Canton Township's 1993 will be summarized by its Township Supervisor, Tom Yack, at the State of the Township Address at Fellows Creek Country Club.

"This is going to be a "Where are we now — where are we going" kind of speech," Yack said.

The address, which will be accompanied by a breakfast buffet, will center around what Canton is involved in now, as well as what happened in the year past.

3 city water mains burst in cold weather

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Even though the temperature has climbed above zero, the bitter weather has left the City of Plymouth with a legacy of broken water pipes.

Over the weekend, three water pipes froze and burst, leaving more than a dozen people without water.

A 12-inch water pipe at Forest and Wing left a watery mess, said Mark Hammar, assistant director of the DPW for the city.

He also said there was a water main break on Arthur St., and another on Maple, east of Sheldon.

Hammar said that the DPW was working on these problems right through the weekend, and had the problems under control by Tuesday afternoon.

Hammar said that two employees worked 14 hours of overtime during the weekend to correct the problems, and said that they tried to thaw one pipe for more than six hours.

He said the problem stems from the protracted sub-zero temperatures.

"What happens is that the frost and ice in the ground seeks colder areas," Hammar said. "Even though the weather outside is warmer, the frost (underground) is still penetrating."

He said that at one location, frost had penetrated three feet in an area where frost usually only penetrates one-and-a-half feet.

Hammar said that those that have had pipes freeze, or have shallow water lines would be well advised to leave a tap dripping to keep water flow through the pipe.



Afternoon accident

A Plymouth resident was struck by a vehicle yesterday afternoon while crossing Main Street at Penniman. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital, treated and released. The driver of the car was ticketed for failing to yield to a pedestrian in cross-walk.

State, county probe Twp. handling of incident

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as responding: "You got me, I made a mistake."

Nevertheless, Hayes conferred with Jarvis (who had been called to the scene) and gave Kaufman a verbal warning and released him.

Neither Hayes nor Jarvis searched the car or its other occupants. According to the written report, when Kaufman was asked if there were any other drugs in the car, the judge answered that "no, that was all we had."

According to police and the reports, there were three other passengers in the car. Because Hayes did not file an incident report, however, he did not ask for formal identification of the passengers at the time.

Kaufman had been chief judge of the circuit court until this year. His father, Charles Kaufman is a retired circuit court

judge who now serves as a visiting judge in the 35th District Court.

Countering charges that his department might have been covering up for Kaufman or that the judge was given special treatment because of his position, Berry was adamant:

"If someone thinks this was some kind of obstruction of justice, then explain why we documented everything and turned it over to the prosecutor's office," he said.

"If it had been a coverup, the officer would never have reported it in the first place.

"And did the judge use his position to influence the officer? No, absolutely not," Berry said.

Hayes, who stopped Kaufman is a five-year veteran of the township force; Jarvis has been a policeman for eight years.

In his written report to Berry — which is part of the documentation given to prosecutors — Hayes described himself "an excellent officer, and an officer that has shown sound judgment when it comes to officers (sic) discretion."

In closing, the officer wrote "I feel very comfortable with my decision regarding the incident."

"I was not influenced by the fact that Mr. Kaufman is a judge. Due to the small quantity of marijuana, I felt a warning was warranted in this case."

In an interview with The Crier, Berry said that Hayes was working well within the parameters set for policemen, although he declined to identify the officer.

"Has he taken similar steps in the past?" Berry added. "Yes, he has."

Although the chief has not held any departmental meetings with his officers to discuss the matter, he said he would be distributing copies of an article written by a New Jersey undersheriff concerning the limits of discretionary police powers.

Unwilling to go into details about the investigation, Berry nevertheless called the probe a "witchhunt" by county prosecutors.

"They're just looking for something on (Kaufman) because he's been so tough in the past," Berry said.

"It's a matter of a lot of do being made out of nothing.

"In our line of work, everybody gets a chance to second-guess your work,"

Berry said. "But on the streets you have 20 seconds to decide what to do."

Berry told The Crier that he had talked to Kaufman on Saturday and that when he asked the judge whether he had any statement to make, he declined.

According to the prepared reports, Kaufman is quoted as telling Berry: "I didn't do anything wrong, but upon the advice of counsel, I will not have anything further to say."

When Berry then asked the names of those riding with Kaufman, the report went on, Kaufman responded: "Again, on the advice of counsel, I nothing further to say."

According to the reports given to the prosecutors office, the patrolman would be willing to testify to "observing the actions of the defendant, driving, smell of suspected marijuana, and the confession/admission by the defendant."

Cop investigated

A Plymouth Township police officer has been suspended with pay during an investigation into alleged missing items from the police property room.

Police Chief Carl Berry said that the Michigan State Police were called in to investigate the matter, and an answer should be known within a week or two.

Berry also said that his department will also conduct an internal investigation after the state police are finished.

The state police would not return calls.



Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED PLYMOUTH KELLOGG PARK HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth's Historic District Study Commission will be holding a public hearing.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 2, 1994 in the Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed creation of the "Plymouth Kellogg Park Historic District". This meeting is being scheduled pursuant to Michigan Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, and will be provided with an opportunity to be heard. In addition, written comments may be submitted at the hearing, or addressed to the "City Clerk" prior to the hearing. The Commission Chambers are handicapped accessible and meet ADA requirements. If you need further assistance, please make arrangements by telephoning (313) 453-1234.

Linda J. Langmesser
City Clerk

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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: Plymouth Salem High School Additions and Renovation work. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after January 17, 1994:

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c/o Plymouth-Canton Schools
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313/451-6611

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m., local time, February 1, 1994 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

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

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John F. Farrow
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WHAT State House District am I in in Canton? Answer: See pages 8 and 9 of **The '93 Guide!**

WHERE is the Plymouth Township Hall? Answer: See page 86 of **The '93 GUIDE!**

WHEN is Fall Festival held in Plymouth? Answer: See page 71 of **The '93 GUIDE!**



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Gary Knurek, a seventh-grader at Pioneer Middle School was named Little Caesar's Pizza Player of Tomorrow. The award is given to young hockey players who show hard work and discipline on and off the ice.

Knurek also enjoys karate and rollerblading, he hopes to receive a college hockey scholarship.

The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced their academic Dean's List for the fall semester.

Brett Jason VanderMeeden of Plymouth was one of the honorees.

To be eligible for the list, students must achieve a 3.20 gpa out of a possible 4.0.

Army 2nd Lieutenant Scott Schwartzwelter of Plymouth has graduated from the engineer officer basic course at Fort Wood in Missouri.

Training included leadership, weapons, equipment and fundamental techniques utilized by an engineer platoon leader.

Army Corporal Matthew Foley has completed U.S. Army primary leadership course. The training was completed at the Grafenwoehr Training area in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Training included supervisory skills, leadership principals and small unit training techniques.

Air Force 1st Lieutenant Kevin Krasko has arrived for duty at Davis-Monthan Air Force base in Tucson, AZ.

Krasko, a Canton resident, is a targeting officer.

Air Force Airman DeShante Starkey, Airman James Karmann and Airman Chad Getyina, of Canton, graduated from Air Force training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio TX.

Training included Air Force mission, organization and customs and human relations.

Air Force Reserve Senior Airman Keith Hatten, of Plymouth, has graduated from the electrician course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX.

Training included fundamentals with emphasis on the installation and maintenance of interior electrical systems and equipment.

Aftershock

After 26 years of separation, the L.A. quake threatens a Canton man's newfound family ties with his daughter

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

When 1994 began, Walt Montgomery couldn't have cared less about what was going on in California.

Two weeks before the earthquake however, all that had changed.

Prior to Jan. 5, Montgomery had little idea that he had a daughter and a family living in California.

Earlier this month, Montgomery received a phone call from a telephone operator in California. She asked him if he knew a woman by the name of Ann Curry.

He said he did, and then asked why. "She said that there was a woman in California who said that she was my daughter and was trying to get in touch with me," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said that the operator could not give his unlisted phone number to the woman.

She said that she did have a number that he could use to get in touch with her. He made the call and asked for April Curry Weber.

"When I told her who I was she cried so much that she couldn't talk," he said.

The story begins back in the mid-1960's, when Montgomery was a sailor in the Merchant Marine and was dating a California woman named Ann Curry.

"We had dated for a while and then parted," Montgomery said. "I was going all over the world."

He did. During his stint in the Merchant Marine between 1961 and 1964 Montgomery had been up and down all of the coasts of North America, been to India, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Japan, and Germany amongst other places.

"During the war we made 25 trips to Vietnam," Montgomery said.

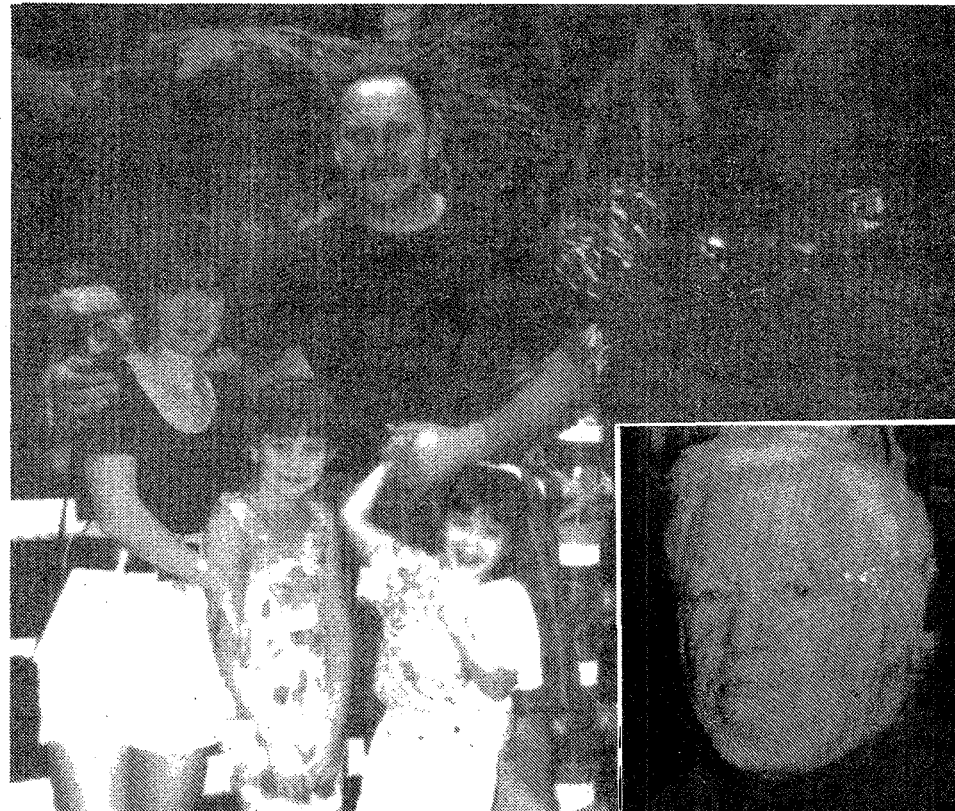
When he found out that Curry had been pregnant and he was the father of three-year-old April, hard decisions had to be made.

"There was never any talk of marriage," Montgomery said. "I had already been married at that point."

He said that he and Curry decided that it was best that April keep the surname of her half-siblings. He also decided that it was best that he stay out of her life. April, however, had worried about making contact with her father for most of her life.

Montgomery said that it was probably the death of her mother last year that prompted April to make contact.

"She had been thinking about calling me for years,"



Walt Montgomery (inset) had just established contact with his daughter, April Weber, before the earthquake hit. April (left), and her husband, Eddie, and their children, Lisa and Crystal, were shaken up, but came out of the earthquake safely.

Montgomery said. "She was worried that I wouldn't want to talk to her, that I would reject her."

On Jan. 10, Montgomery received a package with pictures of his daughter and her family — husband Eddie and daughters Lisa and Crystal — and drawings done by his granddaughters.

On Jan. 17, the news of the devastating earthquake in California gave Montgomery a real scare. April and her family live in Van Nuys.

"The earthquake really worried me," Montgomery said. "I didn't want to think that I had found her and was going to lose her."

Montgomery said that after trying unsuccessfully to call his daughter (phone lines into the area were jammed), he got a call from April's half-sister in San Diego.

The family was safe and sound, if a bit shaken up.

"Her husband, Eddie, has his work cut out for him," Montgomery laughed.

"He works for Los Angeles Water and Power."

Familiar face will appear on Olympic ice in February

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tion.

The couple has competed throughout the world, and in November, and placed second — only behind a Russian team — at an international competition in Paris.

Swallow said that skating has always been a passion for Jerod, not something

he was pushed into or made to do.

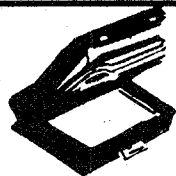
"As parents, we did all we could to support him," said Swallow.

"This was his quest, and now it's his and her quest."

Jerod and Elizabeth will perform on Friday, Feb. 18, Saturday, Feb. 20 and Sunday Feb. 21. Swallow said the performances should be televised.

She said that the family hopes to attend the competition in Norway, but that brother Seth is involved in the California earthquake and won't be able to make it.

Swallow said her son has high hopes for the games, and also said he's looking towards a competition in Japan, and world championships next year.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



The Costantino Family

The Costantino family have announced the opening of their new restaurant Rose's, located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

The restaurant specializes in homemade Italian dishes right from the family recipe book.

Plymouth resident Steve Katz, Evening People Productions and St Colette Parish are hosting a comical murder-mystery "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Renaissance," at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12.

The fund-raiser will benefit Angela Hospice and will be held at the Father Ferens Activity Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and drinks. Call 464-7810 for more information.

Plymouth auto dealer Blackwell Ford has been honored by Ford Motor Co. with the Best Getting Better Image Challenge award.

The dealership competed with 30 other metro area Ford dealers for the award which recognizes professional inside and outside appearance, and quality customer service.

The Canton Business and Professional Women's Club will host a dinner/seminar "Buyer Beware" at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Mayflower Hotel.

Ms. Leslie Kusek will discuss property liability in the state. The cost is \$9.50 per person. Call Salemae Burkholder at 453-3699 for more information.

Plymouth business, Lina's Bridal, will host a wedding extravaganza at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sun. Jan. 23, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The program costs \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door, and will benefit Project Smile at St. Mary's Hospital and Angela Hospice.

On hand will be a bridal gown made of human hair. For information, call 462-0770.

Grand opening

McCabe family marks 101 years with new home

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The McCabe family has brought more than 100 years of history and a family business to Canton.

McCabe Funeral Home on Canton Center Road celebrated their grand opening last week, and held an open house for the public on Sunday.

The long family tradition started in Detroit at Grand River and Cass Avenues with Francis McCabe opening his first funeral home.

The business grew and changed location several times over the next 34 years when, in 1927 Francis' son Clifford joined the business.

The McCabes ran the business together until 1950 when Francis died.

By 1956, L. David McCabe, grandson of the founder graduated from Wayne State University and joined his father in the business.

The client base at McCabe continued to grow, and another home was opened in Farmington Hills in 1971.

Continuing the long family tradition, Kevin McCabe joined the firm in 1981 after graduating from Wayne State University.

Kevin is now the Chief Executive Officer, and works closely with his father.

The family teamed-up to open the newest facility in Canton and, Kevin said, have also committed themselves to the community.

"I think it's just super here," McCabe said.

"This is a very family-oriented community, and we're a family-oriented business."

McCabe often speaks to various



Sandy and Kevin McCabe with employees Ron Novack and Rick Garofola display the commemorative 100 year plaque the McCabe family received from the State of Michigan for 100 years in business. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)

groups about death, dying and funeral issues.

He averages about 70 speaking engagements a year.

McCabe also serves as an advisor and lecturer for "Kids In Crisis," a volunteer group that works with schools to assist students in coping with the death of another student of teacher.

The new facility in Canton houses two large viewing rooms which can each be divided into two separate rooms each.

There's also a casket display room and two family lounge areas.

Above the funeral home is an apartment where employee Rick Garofola, his wife and baby will live.

McCabe said this is another example of the McCabe commitment of keeping close to the community.

Kevin said he and his father L. David will be splitting their time between the Farmington Hills and Canton offices, but that they're always available.

'European' style graces new florist shop in Canton

BY GARY GOSSELIN

"Walk in and smell the flowers."

That's the catch phrase for Ray and daughter-in-law Peggy Mierzejewski at their new flower shop, Piccadilly Petaler, in Canton.

The Mierzejewski's opened their 'European Style' flower shop in November, and said it's the first store of a franchise operation based in Denver.

The concept, said Ray, is based on flower shops in Europe where the customer chooses the flowers themselves.

Piccadilly Petaler is patterned after that concept, with a 12 by 15 foot cooler near the front register.

Mierzejewski readily invites customers to step in, smell the flowers, and take their time choosing the right selection.

Ray might not be the type of person one expects to own and run a flower shop

at first glance, but said he's 'grown' into the business.

"I was a terminal foreman at Mobil," Mierzejewski said. "I was used to dealing with truck drivers not flowers."

He said that after 26 years at Mobil, he was part of the recent downsizing craze, and was 'downsized' out of a job.

Mierzejewski was bought out in Oct. 92, talked to the franchise operator by February, got together in April and signed a contract by July of last year.

He said that the transition hasn't been all too difficult, saying that the customers and neighbors at the F & M mall on Ford Road have helped soften the blow.

Mierzejewski also emphasized that the Canton Planning Department also had a lot to do with the early success the store has experienced.

"We stumbled a lot," he said about getting the shop ready to open. "But the

planning department helped pick us up and really worked with us so we could open on schedule."

Much like the European concept, Piccadilly Petaler had help from friends and family as well.

Mierzejewski said that his sons, in-laws and family friends all helped put the store together. He added that the only item in the store not built or installed by family and friends was the front counter.

Business has been good at the flower shop with repeat customers making up a large part of the business on three months after opening.

"Word of mouth has been great," Mierzejewski said. "We've even gotten word of mouth business from Plymouth."

Mierzejewski said he's looking forward to even more repeat business, and said European-style shops like his are here to stay.

Towing company employe charged with theft from car

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Westland resident Pat Edward Wisenbaugh, 47, was arraigned at 35th district court Thursday on charges of larceny over \$100.

He was released from the Wayne County jail Sunday after posting 10 per cent of the \$5,000 bond ordered by Judge John McDonald.

The preliminary exam will be held Friday.

The charges stem from an incident on morning of Dec. 23, when Wisenbaugh, a driver for B&B Towing, allegedly took \$210 from the car of an arrested person.

B&B Towing is one of the companies under contract with the township for towing.

The driver of the vehicle had been arrested in Plymouth Township, and B&B was called to tow the man's impounded vehicle.

The man left his wallet in the car.

When officers asked the man for his license at the station, he advised them that it was still in his car.

Police returned the man's wallet minus \$210.

Wisenbaugh was then called back to the station for questioning when, according to the report, he denied taking the money.

He then consented to a police search of his vehicle. The search produced a plastic Pepsi bottle with \$210 under the seat.

Wisenbaugh allegedly told police that he took the money because his boss didn't pay him for the work that he performs, and that he needed money for Christmas presents.

Wisenbaugh has apparently been fired from his job at B&B Towing, but owner Jim Haverstick wouldn't return numerous calls.

Symphony League antique show set

The Plymouth Symphony League will be holding its 9th Annual Winter Antique Show at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

The show, which will run on Friday and Saturday (10 to 8 p.m. and 10 to 6 p.m. respectively), will display several different kinds of exhibitors. There will also be 36 antique dealers from all over Michigan and Ohio.

There will be American, European and English furniture, children's toys and other items, linens and china, folk art, estate and antique jewelry, lamps, primitives, maps and prints, silver, furniture caning, furniture in pine, oak and walnut, glass and other collectible accessories.

There will be a \$3 donation at the door and a reduced rate for seniors and those who have flyers.

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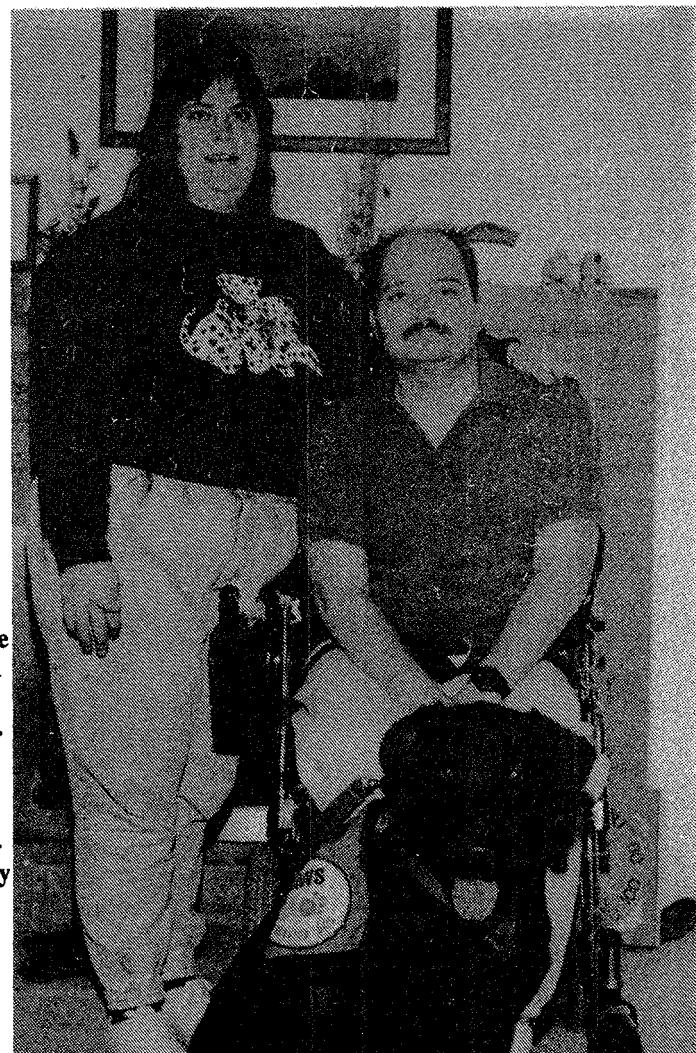


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Karen and Darryl Kotcher are now waiting for Buggy — a 2-year-old chocolate Lab — to be certified sometime this spring as an aide for Darryl. This would allow Buggy permanent access to all public buildings and restaurants. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

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FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Canton Parks and Rec will be holding a family skate night at the ponds behind Canton Township Hall on Feb.3 from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is open to everyone and there will be refreshments and lighting. For more information, call 397-5110.

SCHOOLCRAFT WINTER REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College is currently accepting registrations for winter classes in February. Registration will be at Feb. 1 and 2. For more information on registration and classes available, call 462-4448.

INDOOR GARDENING

The Plymouth Public Library will hold a free workshop, the Indoor Gardener, conducted by Wesley Berry Flowers. There will be a free gift for all who attend. For more information and registration, call 1-800 628-9371.

GROWTH WORKS AWARD DINNER

The Board of Directors of Growth Works Inc. will be holding their Sixth Annual Recognition Award dinner on Feb. 3 at the Plymouth Manor. For more information and to RSVP, call the Plymouth Manor.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE DINNER DANCE

The Plymouth Symphony League will celebrate 40 years of support with its "Hearts and Flowers" dinner dance at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club, on Feb.5. For more information, call 453-3016.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEPTION

The Plymouth Business community will welcome the Plymouth City Commissioners at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow from 8 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Fran Toney at 453-1540.

Canton couple finally gets a trained dog to help wheelchair-bound man

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Christmas came a year late for one Canton couple.

But when it did come, it arrived on four legs, sported a chocolate brown coat of fur and was the best present of all.

It was December 1992, that Darryl and Karen Kotcher first asked the public for help in getting Darryl a special kind of dog; one that would literally open doors for him in his wheelchair-bound world.

But it would be another 11 months — until Nov. 12, 1993 — before "Bugsy" would arrive.

Today, however, it's as if Bugsy — a 2-year-old (he'll actually be 2 tomorrow) chocolate Labrador retriever — has been in the Kotchers' home for years.

And not only does Bugsy act as personal valet and doorman for Darryl at home, but he also acts as his personal extension at work — grabbing a briefcase or a fallen pencil and otherwise acting as frontman and protector.

Still, while Bugsy acts and performs exactly as his training taught him, his learning curve is far from completed: The first six months of his schooling came in Grand Rapids, at the national headquarters for "Paws with a Cause."

The remaining six months is being conducted right in the Kotchers' Canton home, in area malls and on the job.

The Kotchers' story began in 1985, after Darryl was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Following surgery, Darryl underwent radiation therapy that, according to Karen, overexposed his spinal column.

By 1986, she said, his spinal column

had begun to shrink and he has since been confined to an electric wheelchair.

Enter "Paws with a Cause."

By late November 1992, the Kotchers had contacted the national organization and applied for a dog for Darryl. From there, however it was up to the couple to raise the more than \$6,500 needed to train a dog specifically for Darryl's needs.

And money wasn't everything: Even today there is an 1,800 person waiting list nationally for a dog just like Bugsy.

Still, once their application was received, the wheels began turning, and by May 12, Bugsy was in training to help a person he wouldn't meet for another six months.

"It's a half-and-half training," said Lori Paradise, central regional director for "Paws."

"The dog works with a trained specialist for six to eight months and then I get involved as a field trainer," she said.

In fact, during the initial training period, Paradise — who has been training dogs for 16 years, the last five with "Paws" — does role-playing herself, sitting in wheelchairs and dealing with obstacles to get a better feel for what the dog must contend with.

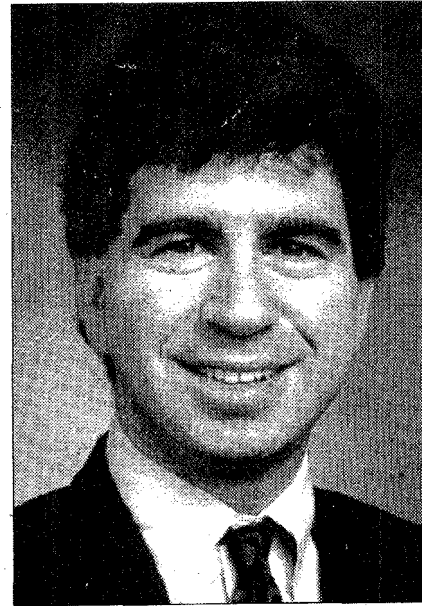
It is during this period of training that Paradise and other experts begin making matches of dogs and humans.

"After Darryl applied for a dog, we performed a pre-visit to his home to assess his needs.

"We then try to match the personality

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DEMARIS FINE ARTS AWARD

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announced the 16th annual Demaris fine arts award for middle school students. Applications will be accepted at the PCAC office and at both Canton and Plymouth public libraries. For more information, call the PCAC office at 455-5260.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE EXPLAINED

WSDS, 1480 AM will be holding a series of shows throughout January and until Feb. 27 on Christian Science. The broadcasts will be on Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m.. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science Churches.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY

The Plymouth Symphony Society will be holding their chamber concert with their youth artist winner. It will be at the Novi Civic Center on Friday at 8 p.m. and at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth on Saturday at 8 p.m. For more information about tickets call 451-2112.

SESAME STREET LIVE

Canton Parks and Rec is sponsoring a family trip to see Sesame Street Live on Feb.5 at the Fox Theatre. For reservations, tickets are \$10.50 per person, call 397-5110.

FINANCIAL SEMINARS

The City of Plymouth will be sponsoring two seminars on financial planning. The financial Side of Retirement Planning, will be at the Cultural Center on Jan.31 from 1 to 3 p.m. Both will be hosted by Paul LeDuc and are free to the public. For more information, call 455-6623.

Special dog joins family to help wheelchair-bound man

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of the individual with the personality of a given dog," she said.

At the time Darryl was looking for help, for example, Paradise said their were four dogs that would have been ready to move in with the Kotchers — but it was Bussy who best met Darryl's needs.

To underscore the pre-screening that goes into the matchmaking, Paradise said that Bussy and Darryl didn't even meet until their pairing was already a foregone conclusion.

Since their pairing, Paradise has spent the last two months working with both Bussy and Darryl simultaneously.

"After the dog goes through the initial

training," Paradise said, "the next step is to have the dog work with the person in his or her own environment for six months.

"That means I go to the house and spend the time actually following the two of them around, making corrections; I also go to work with them to help them both adapt to the office environment.

"Originally I worked with them three times a week, but now I'm down to once or twice a week," she said.

"He's really a fast learner," she added, referring to Bussy.

The last step for Bussy and Darryl is the dog's official certification as an aide dog, one that meets the same criteria as a leader dog and can therefore gain the

Think about donating money and your home

While "Paws with a Cause" certainly can use monetary donations from the public to help pay for the cost of training their special dogs, there's one kind of donation needed above all others right now, according to Lori Paradise:

Foster homes for puppies — golden and Labrador retrievers — that will one day become aides for humans.

Paradise, the central regional director for "Paws," said there is a critical need for people to raise the puppies until they're 15 to 16 months old, at which time they'd be turned over for training.

While the task seems arduous — housebreaking puppies but not being able to enjoy the result for very long — there are benefits.

The care of the dog is tax deductible.

And, Paradise said, if the puppy becomes one of the 2 per cent of their dogs who don't work out in the care field, the foster parent has first rights to take the dog back.

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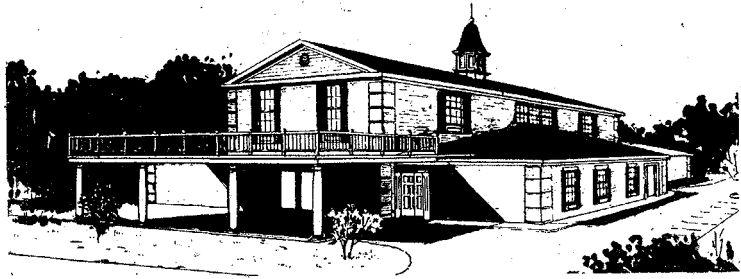
For now, according to Karen, there hasn't been any problem with Bussy getting into malls and the like, but once he's certified, his access is backed by state and federal law — the most recent being provisions within the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act."

That certification — according to the

Kotchers and Paradise — should come sometime this spring: An official from Paws will run Bussy through his paces at home, on the job and in public venues (such as area malls) and videotape every move.

At the end of the process, Bussy will either pass or fail — with passing resulting in complete certification as an aide dog.

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Community deaths

Michael Modras, 14, high school student

Michael J. Modras of Plymouth, a student at Canton High School, died Jan. 21, 1994, at the age of 14. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home on Jan. 22.

Paul Dunbeck, 63, teacher

Paul E. Dunbeck of Plymouth, a special education teacher in Garden City, died Jan. 20, 1994, at the age of 63. Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church on Jan. 22.

Donna Pingel, 86, homemaker

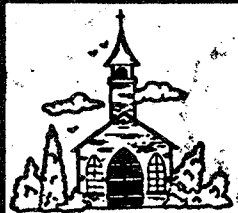
Donna M. Pingel of Plymouth, a homemaker in the Community since 1968, died Jan. 20, 1994, at the age of 86. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home on Jan. 22.

Charles Stobar, 88, design manager

Charles T. Stobar of Plymouth, a design manager for Ford Motor Co., died Jan. 15, 1994, at the age of 88. Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Jan. 19.

Abella Estandian, 69

Abella Estandian of Canton died Jan. 12, 1994, at the age of 69. Funeral services, arranged by the Pawlus Funeral Home, were held on Jan. 17.



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Obituaries

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David Thomann

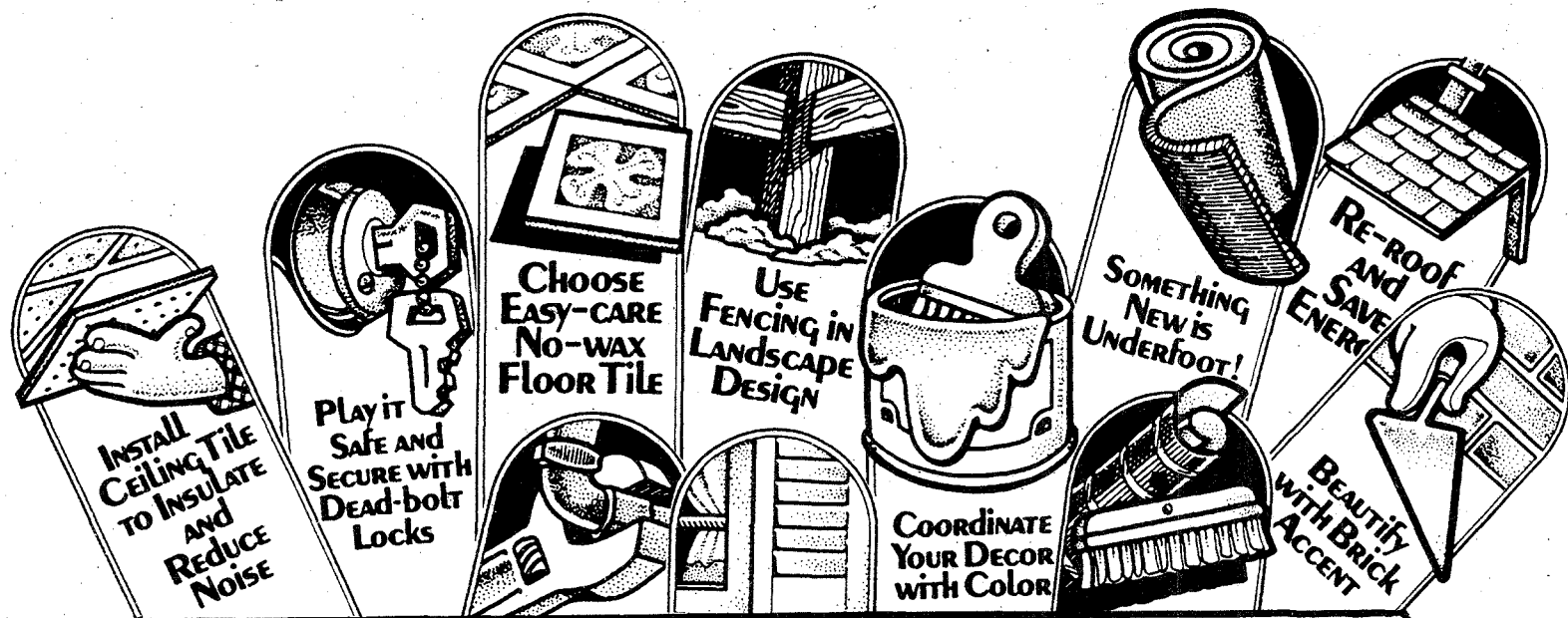
David G. Thomann of Plymouth, a teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Pioneer Middle School, died suddenly Jan. 18, 1994, at the age of 48. Mr. Thomann was born in Highland Park on March 2, 1945.

Besides working as a teacher, Mr. Thomann was also a football coach for Canton High School, as well as a former coach of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and Ypsilanti High School.

He also was a tutor for the University of

Michigan Athletic Study Table, and a member of the Livonia Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Thomann is survived by his wife, Kathryn; daughter, Tanya; brother Fred of Plymouth; sister, Gloria (Gary) Shelton; and his mother, Beatrice of Taylor. Services were held Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harvey Heneveld officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.



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BY ALEX LUNDBERG

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Semaan said that a satellite dish can

compression technology."

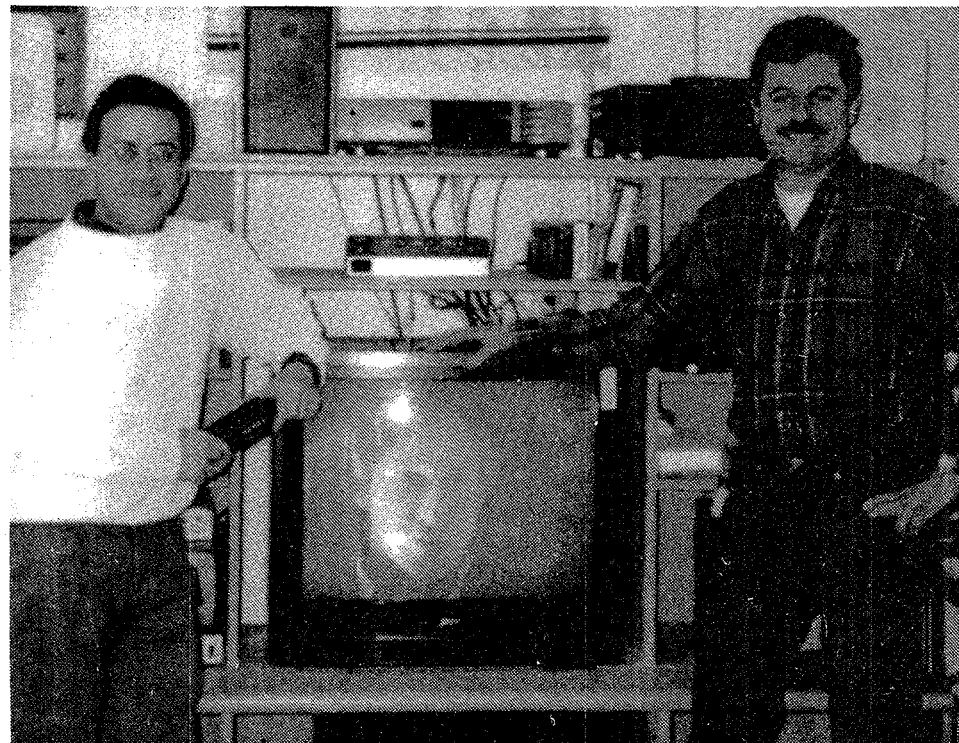
Semaan said that the 18" dish could retail for as little as \$700 apiece, installation on the dishes can vary between \$100 and \$250.

Those buying a dish will immediately get over 150 free channels of television from all over the world. Not only that, there are services that can bring whatever kind of programming you want right into the home.

"One package offers five different HBO's, three Showtimes and other movie networks," Semaan said.

For those who are concerned about the shows that their children might gain access to, there are safeguards on satellite television that no simple ratings system could ever emulate.

"If you are leaving the kids alone with the babysitter, you can tell the satellite to set a ratings ceiling and lock out any



Advanced Satellite co-owners Gus Semaan and Cliff Engerer enjoy their place in the top four satellite television dealers in the state (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg).

cost anywhere between \$1,495 to \$2,500. He says that there is no comparison of satellite reception to cable reception.

"With a satellite, you get twice the reception of a cable signal," Semaan said. "And the audio is digital, compact disk quality."

Advanced Satellite, which according to Semaan is one of the top four largest retailers of satellite dishes in Michigan, will soon sell a far more revolutionary kind of dish.

"The ones that will go on sale in April will be as small as 18" across," Semaan said. "RCA makes them using video

rating you choose," Semaan said.

For instance, you can set the television not to show any programming with a rating higher than an R, or a PG-13, and the show will not appear on the screen.

For crafty youngsters, there is a password lockout that can foil attempts at releasing or raising the ceiling.

The same system also allows the viewer to see the show they are watching in terms of rating and running time.

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Hearth *Fireplaces offer both good looks and economical heat*

BY GARY GOSSELIN

What addition can you add to your house that's both practical and good looking?

One that'll pay for itself usually within seven years?

One that'll keep you warm in the winter?

Why, a fireplace of course.

The old explanation of fireplaces being very inefficient or even sucking warm air through the chimney were true,

But with the new wood-burning stoves and zero clearance fireplaces, energy inefficient fireplaces are a thing of the past.

Brad Lewis of Heat-N-Sweep at the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road said that his store carries 20 different types of stoves and fireplaces.

"A masonry fireplace is at best 10 per cent efficient," Lewis said.

Our wood burners and zero clearance fireplaces range from 60 to 80 per cent efficiency."

He said that because of rules imposed by the EPA, fireplace and stove makers have had to create cleaner, more efficient equipment.

The result, he said, is less maintenance and more burn for the buck. The consumer wins.

Lewis said that woodburners cost from about \$849 to \$1,999 with installation and piping an additional \$650 to \$1,150.

He said that a fireplace is usually between \$3,000 and \$4,000 but said a

masonry fireplace can cost \$4,000 to \$8,000, but is usually closer to eight.

Lewis said that installing a stove or fireplace is relatively easy, and the homeowner can have it installed within two weeks of ordering.

He also said that most customers use the stoves and fireplaces to supplement their heating needs.

"People can load up at night, and let the fire burn all night," Lewis said. "It will burn all night and still have heat the next morning."

He cited the example of a friend that uses LP gas which costs about \$400.

He now burns about \$70 in wood, and rarely uses the gas.

Lewis also cited one customer that spent between \$110 and \$130 per month for natural gas.

That customer now spends about \$50 for gas and \$40 for wood.

He added that the fireplaces can be installed with a minimum of disruption, and look good too.

"These fireplaces can be add-ons after you've already built," Lewis said. "It'll look like it was always there — not like an after thought."

He said that the models his store carries come with five to 20 year warranties and only have to be cleaned once a year.

Lewis said that his store has six or seven units operating — heating the store — so customers can drop in to see the product in action.

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In fact, a break in the weather offers an opportune time to give your heating system a once over before it shuts off for the spring. And that once over should include — if it hasn't already — a major service check by a reliable heating and cooling technician. (That examination should be every two years for gas furnaces; every year for oil burners.)

Dirty filters is a No. 1 call for heating

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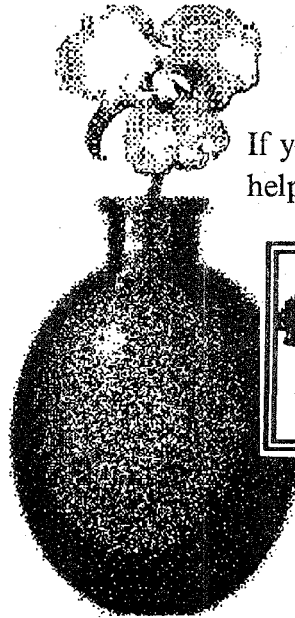
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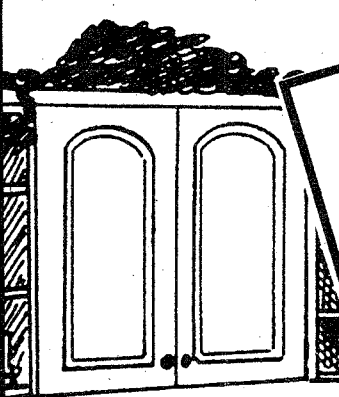
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Care for your overworked furnace

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specialists, according to area experts. As a result, even though winter is half over, filters should be changed every month — or at least every other month.

And that means at least one more time until spring.

"We had one customer whose heating bill went down 20 per cent, just by changing the filter," said one heating specialist.

Besides the filter, another telltale sign of a poorly operating furnace is the kind of flame produced: A solid blue flame is the best, a blue flame with orange tips is OK and a yellow flame indicates a problem.

The signs can tell you whether you are either getting too much gas or not enough. The yellow burning flame can cause soot to build up in the sections of the heat exchanger — which brings up another problem: your chimney.

If you think you've been having problems, first check for blockages in your chimney or furnace outlet.

In milder weather, animals can get into the chimney and block the air exchange. In cold weather, make certain that ice overhangs haven't restricted any airflows — especially in closed systems that draw air directly from the outside and vent

cooler exhaust directly outside.

On some homes, these side-mounted ducts can create icicles that are not only dangerous to people standing below but that can constrict exhaust gases — particularly in extremely low temperatures.

Although winter is almost over, now that the frigid weather has passed — for the moment — it would be wise to also simply vacuum around the outside of your furnace. A professional should always do the inside.

Another important step is the oiling of your furnace's motor (if it requires oiling); for many homeowners, it was during the winter that they noticed the most noise from dry bearings (since the motor ran more often) — so act while you remember!

Finally, remember these important points that — unfortunately — only surface during extreme cold when a furnace is almost constantly running:

If you notice that your plants have been turning yellow, or that family members have been getting headaches or nausea, there could be carbon monoxide coming back into the home.

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BY GARY GOSSELIN

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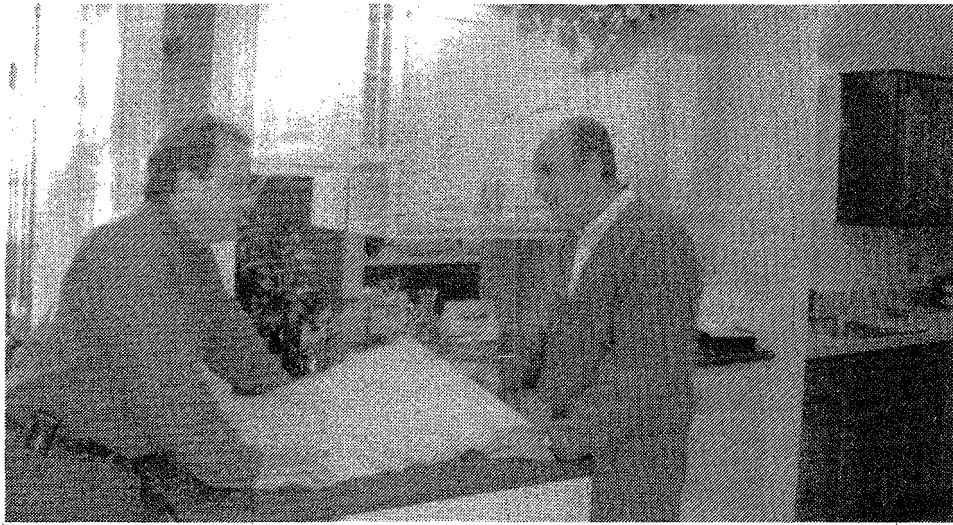
"Indoor remodeling is going pretty strong," said Jeff Stella, of Stella Contracting in Plymouth. "Kitchens are big right now, historically they're pretty big the first quarter of the year."

"The average kitchen takes about two

Attic bedrooms return 94 per cent on investment, while bathrooms yield 80 per cent, and kitchens return a whopping 91 per cent. Adding additional living space returns a handsome 70 to 80 per cent.

Stella said that if you plan to live in your home for any length of time, "the sky's the limit" for home improvements. He said that not only will you recoup your monetary investment, but you'll be making an investment in comfort as well.

Cost for a complete kitchen



Jeff (left) and Ray Stella of Stella Contracting discuss plans at one of their in-house kitchen models (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin).

weeks," he said. It takes only about a week to 10 days for a bathroom, and that's from start to finish."

He said that a family basically loses use of the kitchen for the remodeling period, but said with microwaves and paper plates, the wait can be relatively painless.

Stella is a certified kitchen designer, — one of about only 35 in the state — and said that dealing with a nationally certified designer has its advantages.

"This certification means I'm bringing the rigid rules of the National Kitchen and Bath Association into the kitchen design," Stella said. "This gives our customers a professional level they can depend on."

The Stella family also has a kitchen showroom at their office on Main Street in Plymouth.

Stella said that the several kitchen examples they display help people decide what ideas they can use and how they would look.

"Basements are also big this time of year," he said. "Rather than add-on to a house, many people are utilizing the space they already have."

"We can install a drop ceiling, insulation and drywall and fluorescent lighting," Stella said. "We can turn that dungeon into a bright family room."

He said that many improvements yield high returns, citing figures from the trade magazine Remodeling Magazine.

remodeling job will usually average \$8,000 to \$10,000, bathrooms average \$5,000 to \$8,000, and basements can cost from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

One trend that Stella said he's seeing now is updating the home interior to reflect the brighter, more open style of the 90's.

"We're doing a lot of facelifts," said Stella. "Often, we're taking dark paneling off walls and installing drywall. We're taking out a lot of the dark wood accents that were big in the 70's and making homes more bright for the 90's."

When deciding on a contractor, Stella said that references are an important indicator.

He also said that finding an established business is also important, adding that if a company has roots in the community, it is likely that they'll stand behind their work.

He said that using an unlicensed contractor might save money now, but usually catches up in the long run.

"You can pay now or pay later," Stella said. "With a licensed and stable contractor, you don't have to worry about where they'll be down the road if you find problems."

He said that the local building department is an excellent source for questions about a specific contractor. He also said that most reputable contractors are licensed, and can be checked through the Department of Licensing and Regulation in Lansing.

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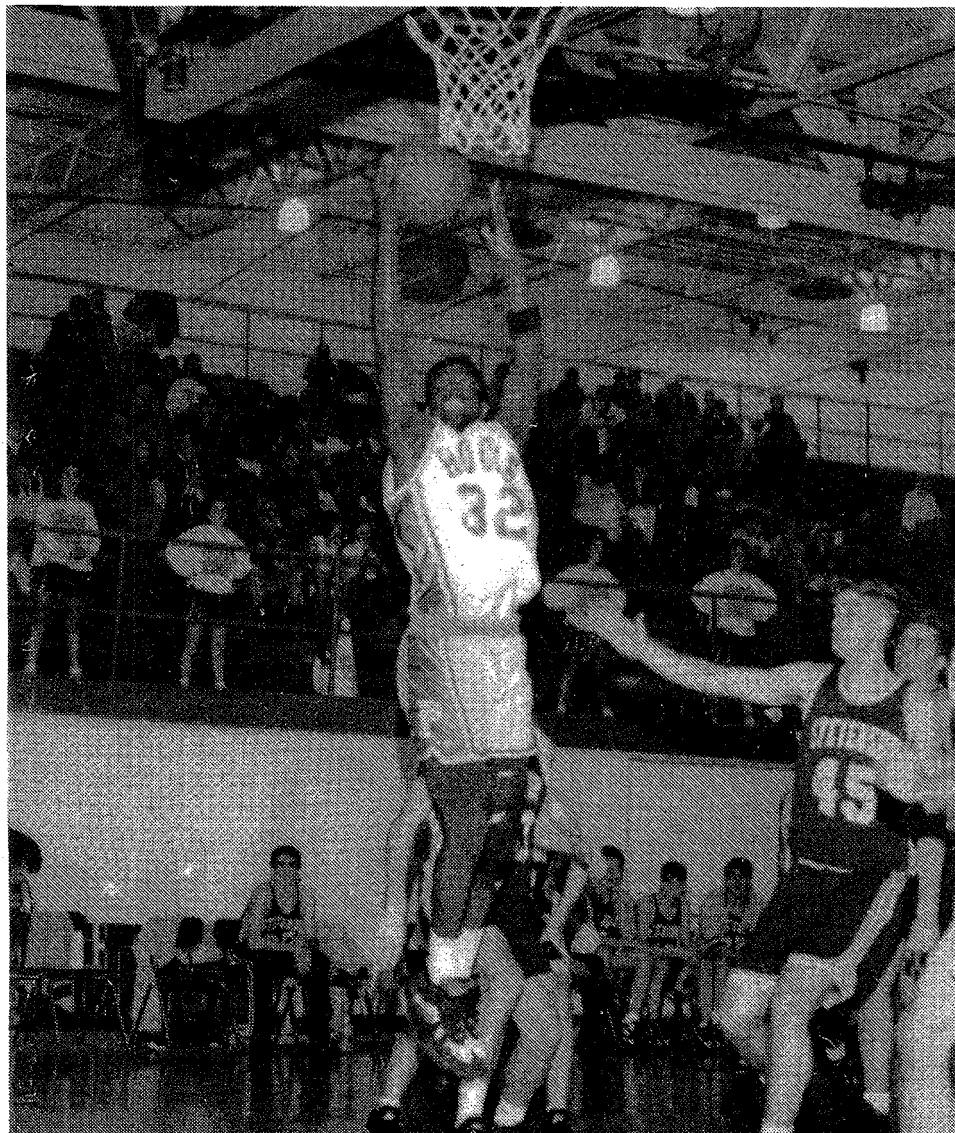
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Sports

Seth leads Rocks to win over Stevenson



Harold Shanks goes up for the easy two in Salem's victory over Stephenson Friday (Crier photo by George Gentry).

Canton swimmers face the best in the state

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton swim team struggled at the Monroe Invitational on Saturday, but several individual team members had an outstanding meet.

Jeff Clark won the 50 free and the 100 free, while Mike Orrif took second in the 200 free.

Jason Fowler and Darrin Ballios showed why Canton is a force to be reckoned with in diving.

Fowler took second and Ballios followed his teammate with a third.

"It was a weird week," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "With the time off school (because of the cold weather), our kids were really flat."

Canton finished in fifth place out of the nine teams that competed in the Monroe Invitational.

The Chiefs take on Walled Lake at home on Thursday.

Salem grapplers had tough tourney in Romulus, against Pontiac

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem wrestling team finished ninth in the Romulus Invitational Saturday.

John Svec took second place in the 171 pound weight class.

Svec defeated Deneko Howard from Pontiac Northern, one of the best

wrestlers in the area in the weight class, to advance to the final match where Svec was defeated.

"It was a big tournament and there was good representation from all around the state," said Krueger.

The Romulus Invitational hosted 16 teams.

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Sanj Seth led the Salem basketball team to their eighth win of the season, hitting for 24 points during a 79-60 win over Stevenson Friday at home.

Seth hit six 3-pointers in the game, which helped the Rocks move to 8-1 on the season and a perfect 3-0 in league play.

Seth was not alone in making a big impression in the scoring column. James Head scored 17 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Adam Hammons scored 12.

"We played a pretty good game defensively," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, "but we gave up a lot of offensive rebounds, which gave them too many second shots."

Although the Rocks got off to a quick start in the first quarter scoring 23 points and holding Stevenson to 15, the third quarter would decide the game.

Stevenson came back in the second quarter, outscoring Salem 18-17, but the Rocks still held a 40-33 lead heading into the locker room at the half.

"It was a real close game until the third quarter," said Brodie. "We blew it open in the third and spread the lead in the fourth."

Salem exploded in the third quarter, scoring 25 and holding Stevenson to 17.

Defense sealed the victory for the Rocks in the final quarter.

The offense patiently scored 14 in the fourth and held Stevenson to 10.

Salem shot 48 percent from the field, hitting 23 of 48 shots.

The Rocks also connected on 69 percent of their free throws, making nine of 13 from the charity stripe.

The battle underneath was won by Salem as well. The Rocks grabbed 32 boards. Stevenson pulled down 24.

Salem will face Farmington on Thursday at Farmington.

"Farmington is definitely tough," said Brodie. "They have only lost two ball games all season."

"They are an excellent ball club on their home floor. Farmington is always a tough place to play."

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



This is the good kind of wrestling you won't see Sunday mornings

In a world where kids grow up on junk food and sodas, and where the most discipline some kids show is their determination to make it past the third world in Super Mario Bros., it would seem that the sport of wrestling would fall out of favor with high school jocks.

But don't worry sports fans, wrestling is still alive and well at Canton and Salem high school.

The teams have suffered some tough seasons where wins were rare and falls were common.

This season looks like it will be about the same for the two schools. But there is

a bright spot at the end of the tunnel.

The youth is slowly turning into experience and the "rebuilding" years seem to be numbered.

The hard work is paying off for area wrestlers, but the road to the top is never easy.

Wrestlers compete in weight divisions, so not only do they have to keep their weight down, they have to keep it constant. These are professionals folks, don't try this at home.

They are a rare breed and are often misunderstood.

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weight down when school is canceled," said Krueger referring to the school closing on Wednesday and Thursday because of the cold weather.

While the more experienced wrestlers competed in the Romulus Invitational,

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Canton blows lead, holds off Harrison 61-60

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

It looked as if the Canton basketball team was taking lessons from the University of Michigan basketball team.

Canton led Harrison by 19 points at the end of the third quarter of Friday's game at Harrison only to be outscored 30-12 in the final period.

Canton held off the Harrison charge, which included seven 3-pointers, to win the game 61-60.

"We hung on to get the win," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner.

"We played real well for three quarters, but we broke down in the fourth.

"We played right into their hands."

The Chiefs improved to 5-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

"It was a good win for us," said Van Wagoner. "It was our first division game and we won it on the road."

Senior Matt Paupore was hot from the outside, scoring 18 points from his forward position, two of which were from three point range.

Point guard Ted Docks also helped clinch the win for Canton, hitting for 13 points.

"Senior forward Tim Moritz really stepped up and played a great game for us," said Van Wagoner.

Moritz scored nine points for the Chiefs.

Canton struggled from the field, hitting just 31 percent of their shots.

They hit 45 percent of their free throws, making 10 of 22.

The boards were just about even with Canton pulling down 29 and Harrison grabbing 28.

The Chiefs play Franklin on Friday at home.

Van Wagoner said Canton will be ready to play. "We are starting to play some good ball," he said. "I think if we continue to play well, we can beat anyone in the conference."

This kind of wrestling you won't see on Sunday morning TV shows

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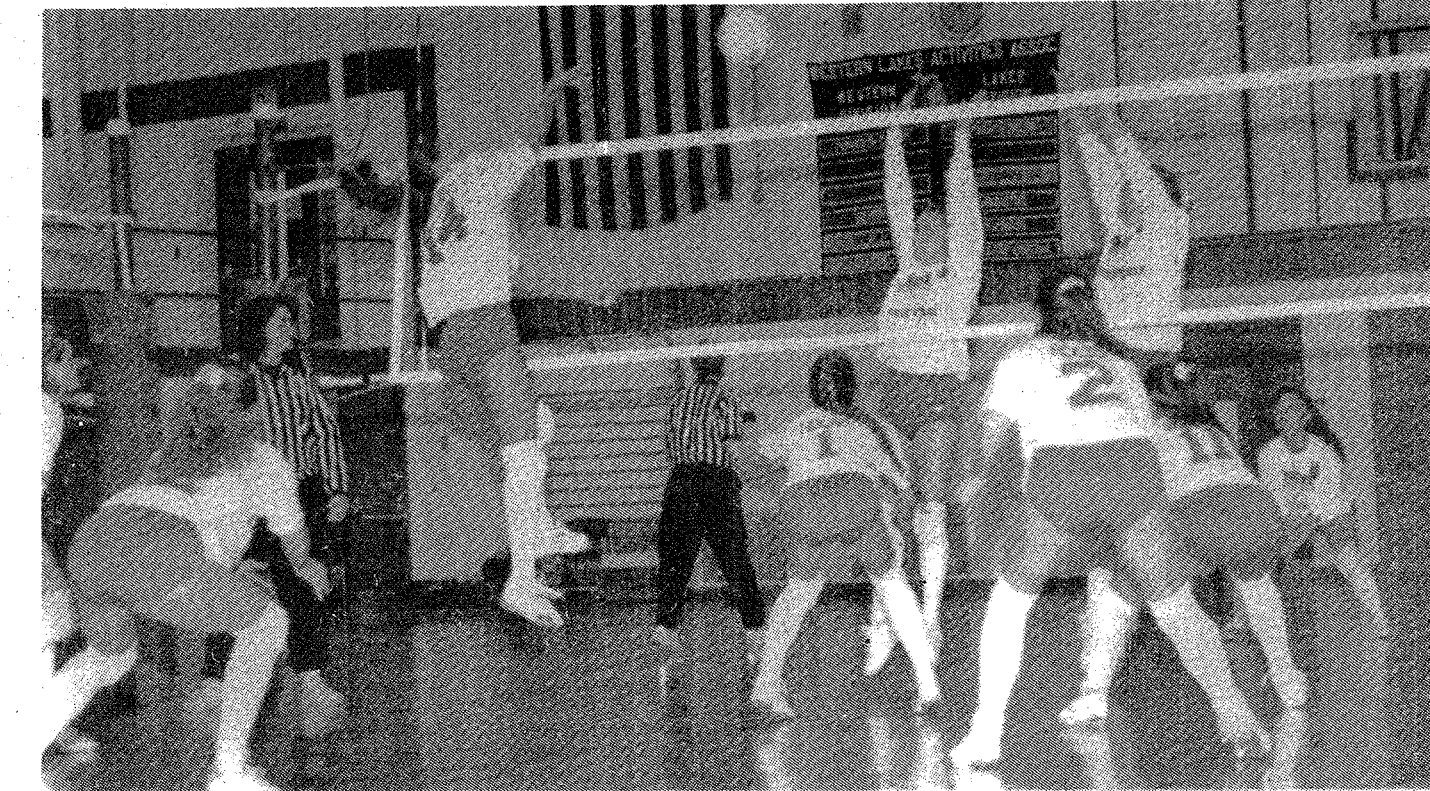
When most of us think of wrestling, we think of Hulk Hogan standing at the top of the ropes, waiting to pulverize his opponent who is lying on the mat, still groggy from the repeated punches to the head he received earlier in the match.

Fortunately, high school wrestlers don't compete under World Wrestling Federation rules (or lack of rules).

They are not actors. They are competitors.

And they work hard to become the best they can at the sport. Wrestlers work all week practicing and fasting for the meet.

Ah, the meet. Now we see why wrestling can be such a cruel sport. A



Salem's Paula Dombrowski spikes the ball past the Novi blockers Saturday at the Plymouth Varsity Invitational (Crier photo by George Gentry).

Canton wrestlers gain experience

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Doug Cooper wrestled his way to the tournament championship and most valuable wrestler honors for Canton at the Garden City Novice tournament on Saturday.

Cooper, who wrestled in the heavy-weight class, was named the outstanding wrestler in his division based on the most falls in the least amount of time.

Cooper notched three falls in four matches.

"We are very pleased with the way everyone wrestled," said Canton assistant wrestling coach Jim Eddy. "We got a lot of good, much needed experience at the tournament."

John Wright took fourth place in the 171 pound weight class, winning his first two matches, but falling in his last two. Freshman Adam Wenker took sixth place at 135.

Brian Vogen at 103 and Aaron Hess at 125 won their first match, but fell in their

next two.

Chris Majer at 119, and heavyweight Brian Poling were knocked out in the first round as was Tom Keeling in the 130 pound weight class.

The freshman and sophomore tournament was single elimination in the first round.

It was double elimination in the next rounds.

PCJBA hoop standings

The Pistons took control of first place in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association Girls "B" League in a first place showdown against the Celtics.

The Pistons won 38-27 to improve their record to 5-1. The Celtics dropped to 4-2.

The Lakers took a share of second place by beating the Rockets 36-27 and moving to 4-2.

The 3-3 Kings lost to the 2-4 Nets.

In the Boys "B" League National Conference, the Hawks remained undefeated by beating the Nets 59-34.

The 6-0 Hawks are followed in the conference by the 5-1 Jazz, 4-2 Blazers, 3-3 Kings, 3-3 Bulls, 2-4 76ers, 2-4 Magic, 1-5 Nets and 1-5 Lakers.

In the American Conference the Bucks, Celtics and Spurs are tied for the lead at 5-1.

The Sonics, Knicks and Rockets are 3-3. The Pistons and Pacers are 1-5 and the Hornets are 0-6.

In Boys "B" League action, the Jazz beat the Kings 36-27, the Bucks defeated the Knicks 34-25, the Rockets zipped by the Sonics 68-54, the Spurs beat the Hornets 33-26, the Blazers got by the 76ers 53-49, the Lakers trounced the

Bulls 56-47, the Spurs beat the Pistons 64-50 and the Celtics defeated the Pacers 40-34.

In the Girls "AA" League, the Celtics and Pistons remained unbeaten with a 2-0 record.

The Kings and Lakers are 0-2.

The Celtics beat the Kings 56-40 and the Pistons got by the Lakers 45-39.

In the Boys "AA" League National Division, the Bulls and Rockets are 3-0.

The Knicks, 76ers and Celtics are 2-1, the Nets are 1-2 and the Hawks and Jazz are 0-3.

The Lakers are in first place in the Boys "AA" League American Division with a 2-0 record.

They are followed by the Bucks and Pistons, who are 2-1, the 1-1 Hornets and Kings, the 1-2 Blazers and Spurs and the 0-2 Sonics. In this week's Boys "AA" League action, the 76ers crushed the Hawks 94-71, the Knicks squeaked by the Nets 71-68, the Lakers beat the Bucks 71-63, the Pistons fell to the Hornets 67-65, the Bulls out-scored the Celtics 101-95, the Rockets trounced the Jazz 102-88, the Blazers clobbered the Sonics 103-83 and the Spurs beat the Kings 81-67.

Salem grapplers had tough tourney in Romulus

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the novice Salem grapplers competed in the Bedford JV/9 Invitational.

"Romulus is a real tough tournament,"

said Krueger. "It's not the kind of tournament to take your freshman to."

Krueger said the team is young and will be a force to be reckoned with in the

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"We have a lot of young kids," he said. "We are working for the future. We are trying to bring them along."

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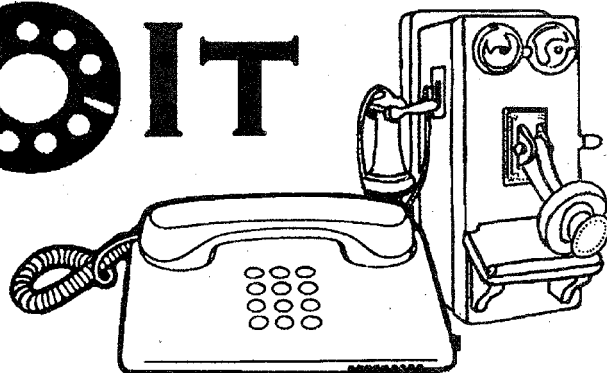
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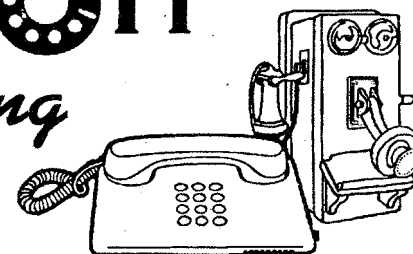
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DOROTHY SINCOCK - We, your friends, don't believe it. You've been in Florida for more than two weeks. We started counting after four days!

EMMA ROSE IS ON A DIET. No ordinary cookie will pass her lips "Little Brown Bears" are her specialty.

HELEN GILBERT STOP LAUGHING! You knew the word all along didn't you? Sorry about Phoebe! Glad you still have Katie, bored with her though you be. You rascal!

DOROTHY SAMPSON SEVERANCE. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to one of the nicest people anyone has ever met. I cherish your friendship today even as I did seventy years ago - one of my very best friends. Love you.

JACK WILCOX - A cheerful giver we know you are. However, you are in a class by yourself. Never knew anyone who gave away whole buildings. You really care about Plymouth, don't you? It may surprise you to know, many of us care a great deal for you too! Blessings!

ANN BOOAN AND BETTY CHAMBERLAIN - To be a better person for knowing someone and have that person better for knowing you is what life is all about. You two certainly are the epitomy of that Philosophy. You are an inspiration to the nest of us! Bless you both.

ED & STEVE - who would have believed it 20 years ago.

Curiosities

JOHNNIE CROSBY - HAWAII - So you and your sisters are having a wonderful time. Wish we were there!

HELEN CLINANSMITH - You look wonderful!
THE HUMMERS - How many of you are in Florida "living it up," - playing "golf" - "bridge" - and celebrating in your own inimitable manner! Have a good time, as if you aren't!
WHATEVER!!!

20 YEARS COMING UP! Steve, Mark, Ed
"ELVIS LIVES . . . IN 810" -- Alex Lundberg
"THE TROUBLE WITH WOMEN is they say 'yes' and 'no' in the same answer." -- Mark Ferraiuolo, 1994

"DON'T EAT yellow snow." Leah Varga, 1994.
WELCOME MCCABE FAMILY to Plymouth-Canton.
20 YEARS!!!

"I'M NOT ALWAYS WRONG, just occasionally." -- Charles Yerkes, 1994.

TOM YACK = thanks, the baby blue interior was a great idea, but I prefer to go "extra well done." - E.

"CHILI AND CHICKEN NOODLE are the meat and potatoes of the soup business. -- Russ Webster 1994 (without paint)

BIRD SCHOOL eats turkey sub sandwich or taco pizza tomorrow . . . will Jesse Varga also have veggie sticks?

Sally eats veggie burgers.
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JOAN BOWE is a thoughtful person who understands how important "family" is. Thanks for a 20+ year-old poem. -- Ed

FULL MOON ALERT! Duck Thursday.
DAVE MYNATT (P.H.S. Class of '60) was in town from Jacksonville, AL.

REGISTER TO VOTE for the March 15 election.

FAMILY ICE SKATING on Thursday, Feb. 3 7-9 p.m. on Heritage Ponds behind Canton Twp. Hall.

THE GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville is coming! Get your information in quickly.

JIM PRESTON puts ketchup on his eggs -- but never salsa.

DOES ROB KIRKBRIDE read Curiosities?
BEAUREGARD eats Ed's chili.

ROB HALL takes cold showers in the crawl space under the house.

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LESTIE AND BOB meet Mom II in St. Pete. (Sounds like a Saturday afternoon movie.)

Curiosities

ASK BOB RIFFLE to explain how to properly use a nose-hair-cutter.

CHRIS DAZER lost his mustache!
WHY DOES WJR PERSIST in playing the U of M fight song after State WHIPPED 'em at hockey?

Debbie can't wait for golf season. She says it won't hurt as much dropping a golf ball on her toes.

Karen got the flowers & Robs jealous.
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I bet Karen doesn't take anything from Rob.
I have to know when your moving before I can figure when I'm visiting Vegas.

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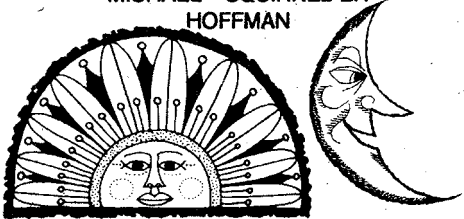
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-Unnamed Ice Fest Goer

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Community opinions

Township probe: *Justice must be applied to police department as well as judge's actions*

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In jurisprudence — the cauldron of justice — this equates into treating each case within a set of guidelines open to interpretation; not within a set of absolutes that eliminate the human factor.

And with good reason: We are not machines that fit into neatly defined statements of purpose, but are reasoning human beings who fit instead into broad strokes of behavior and expectations. Such is the case facing the community in the aftermath of the Judge Richard Kaufman matter.

The facts, according to police, are these: Judge Kaufman was pulled over by a Plymouth Township police officer on Jan. 15. He was then allowed to proceed on his way without receiving a ticket and without an incident report even being filed by the patrolman.

The subsequent facts are these: Days later, word leaked out that the incident had taken place and was eventually published in the media.

The questions are now these: Did the patrolman act properly? Did Judge Kaufman, by virtue of his position, receive special treatment? Did the Township Police Department in any way attempt to hide the matter? Did the Wayne County Prosecutors Office latch on to the issue as a way to strike back at a judge who has a history on the bench of being tough?

To answer the first three questions, one has to wonder how the same patrolman would have dealt with a 17-year-old caught in the same circumstances. The answer may be found in a set of written expectations being circulated in the Township Police Department that deal with police discretion:

Is the law enforcement profession being properly served by the use of discretion in this instance? Will the use of discretion in this case leave me, my department and profession open to criticism? Is this the ethical way to approach this situation? Is my use of education instead of enforcement a reasonable course of action in this instance? Will a timely word of advice rather than arrest be a more effective means of achieving a desired end?

According to Police Chief Carl Berry, the answer to these questions are yes, no, yes, yes and yes. By extension, then, Chief Berry is convinced that the officer acted in the same manner he would have given the same circumstances involving a different person. But he refuses to second-guess his officer — which is ultimately the correct response.

P-C school board should resign

EDITOR:

In an age which causes us all great concerns about the flagrant disregard of the law, and concerns of how we are to educate our young people to approach adulthood with a love for learning, a knowledge of how to live within a society and a respect for and obedience of the laws which that society has established to support and direct the standards of acceptable and unacceptable conduct within that society, our Plymouth-Canton school board has, apparently, re-defined its own role in this.

The recent "closed meeting" (on Jan. 6, concerning the confidentiality of superintendent applicants) of items of the agenda of an open meeting, for all to attend, has shown that the members place themselves above the law.

Education is best accomplished by

example, and the example the board has just given to the students is that "if you don't like a law or if you don't care to obey it, then that is OK. Just disregard it."

This unlawful conduct of the board is inexcusable.

The only way to correct this tragic message the board has plainly given to the students and the community is for the board members who voted in favor of and who participated in this unlawful meeting to submit their immediate resignations from the board, making room for persons of integrity.

It is time when education in this society may only have one focus: Education.

This is the educational reform that is truly needed.

And a new board is the first step.

DAVID McCARTHY

In fact, The Crier is aware of one recent incident when Township Police stopped a group of teen-agers found to have a small quantity of marijuana — and rather than arrest the youths, police gave them a stern warning, dumped out the drugs and released the kids.

That two patrol officers suspended their response to a residential break-in alarm — which could very well have involved a felony — to chase what is nothing more than the mildest of misdemeanors is the most serious question left unanswered by the incident. If nothing else, this demands an explanation of police priorities.

If a policeman is given authority to make a decision, that decision should not then be used to smear someone's reputation without benefit of a fair trial.

And what about the prosecutor's office? According to Berry, the entire matter was leaked to the media by that office — which invariably raises questions concerning prosecutorial motive. Justice is supposed to prevail.

But how does Judge Kaufman regain his reputation when he is smeared without a formal charge? Sadly, Judge Kaufman already has been tried in this case thanks to the leaking of information to the press, and already has been convicted in the court of public opinion — all without benefit of facing his accusers or pleading his own case. That's not how it's supposed to work.

A debate over what Judge Kaufman may or may not have been doing at the time is moot; no criminal proceedings were instituted by the officer on the scene, therefore nothing will likely come of the allegation.

The investigations will show that there is no cause for legal action and that policemen often use discretion — not just with a judge. And the sole criteria to be used is the application of consistency within given guidelines of expectations and behavior.

As a result, we look forward to obtaining a complete airing out of this episode — not only involving Judge Kaufman's behavior, but also that of the Township police — in the very near future. And we expect justice to be served in both regards.

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'95 Ice Fest may need your help

Check your calendar — because next year it could be up to you to remember when Plymouth's Ice Festival is going to be held. That is, if this year's Ice Fest was any indication.

While several things could be blamed for the lower attendance at this year's event — Arctic temperatures, the loss of corporate sponsors (save one) and the general "down-sizing" of the displays — what also needs to be considered is the overall lack of pre-publicity.

On the plus side, of course, the displays enjoyed an extra weekend of exposure, thanks to the same brutal temperatures that may have kept original crowds at bay. But who knew?

The fact is that official word about this year's Ice Fest, including a blow-by-blow of each day's events, came less than three weeks before the ice arrived. And that's just too late.

By the calendar everyone knows when Christmas presents need buying, when the Thanksgiving turkey needs baking and when the Fourth of July picnic needs to be planned. But events like the Ice Fest — which *should* draw tens of thousands of people — aren't national holidays. They need help.

Care must be given to getting the word out loudly and often in the months leading up to this fine tradition. Otherwise, someday we may be left with enjoying only the ice that Mother Nature brings.

So mark your calendar now: Jan. 11-16, 1995.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Community opinions

'Civic horticulturists' just aren't

Quietly, in meeting-after-meeting, the concept of shared services between Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles is getting closer.

But Civic Horticulturists stand in the way.

Those are the folks — some elected, some hired — who are busy protecting their turfs.

They believe their jobs are more important than the well-being of the 126,200 residents they work for in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Their attitude is reminiscent of the workers at Dow Chemical in Midland who protested when the United States decided it would stop using Napalm during the Vietnam War.

"What about our jobs?" argued these folks, who would rather see us burn women, kids and villages.

Take, for example, the Plymouth Township fire-fighters.

As township residents realize every time they drive by infamous Fire Station No. 3 and see the clock tower, "you don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows" (Dylan) or a clock to tell the time of day.

TAXES WILL BE GOING UP... the price of public safety in Plymouth Township exceeds the levy. Originally, the township firefolk insisted on a millage to support a staffing level that allows two of them to take fishing vacations together.

Then, when they find out that the Plymouth Township power-that-be said she prefers a combined fire-police millage, the firefolk say, "No deal. Too much would be diverted to POLICE and not to FIRE!" they say.

So how will they be voting in August?

There are other Civic Horticulturists too.

Which chief is in charge if services are combined?

And then, there are the Provincial Horticulturists, too.

Which name goes first on the new sign?

Where is the combined jail going to be? If the jail is in Canton (it will be), will City of Northville and City of Plymouth taxpayers' hard-earned money be siphoned off?

Will the new combined public safety communications center be in Canton (probably yes) and use Plymouth Township's state-of-the-art software (yes)?

Will the radio system be upgraded at the same time (or before Plymouth's and Northville Township's radios die?) the shared system is inaugurated (looks doubtful)?

Can a "concerned" citizens group from one community or another resist pamphleteering with a "Giant Sucking Sound" anti-tax-hike broadside that is merely provincialism (doubtful)?

How long will it be before someone suggests painting each of the five communities' 68 police cars and 68 fire rigs differently on each side?

(Super-Five-Public-Safety-Chief John Santomauro's Memo No. 1 will read, "All patrol cars will drive East-to-West when responding to an incident on the North

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toward none

By W. EDWARD
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side of the road in Canton in order to display the appropriate logo.")

Certainly there are legitimate concerns blocking shared services of one type or another: funding, liability, widely disparate levels of service, union contracts, even different laws governing the services and employes.

These concerns need to be weighed and then changed if shared service is otherwise desirable.

In other cases, the differences are too great.

"Nobody wants to talk to us about recreation," says Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, who is thinking of moving his own offices into the ice rink.

Shared services is really about the future — not about lower taxes or service levels today.

As Canton puts on its happy face building a new indoor water slide — with building costs of \$13 million, and annual operating cost as yet unknown — it isn't real interested in signing onto an expensive ice rink.

But it won't be long before all those Canton folks in nice new homes realize a third fire station will be more important than a golf course or a municipally-owned aerobics room.

The future.

Those involved in the shared service debate can look at next week's pay check or at our community's well-being 20 years from now.

It's a "politician" that thinks of the next election; a "statesman" thinks of the next generation.

And the "horticulturists" think of themselves.

Energy and faith personified

ALL HAIL RUTH THOMSON! The Plymouth-Canton Community lost one of its true gems when Ruth died Jan. 15 at age 87. Her boundless energy and faith was a constant uplift to the many Canton senior citizens and others that she befriended. She also goes down in history as the best-known of the "Cow Chip Queens" — back when Canton had a sense of humor and held an annual contest to throw dried cow dung. The retired school teacher was a lifelong resident of Canton, a supporter of the Humane Society, a 1924 Plymouth High School graduate, and an active church member.



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