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## Have you seen this?

### Tax affidavit creates confusion; extension requested

BY CRAIG FARRAND

If state Rep. Deb Whyman (R-Canton) has her way, homeowners in Michigan will get some breathing room to let Lansing know that they want their homes taxed at the lowest possible rate regardless of the outcome of the March 15 sales tax vote.

On Friday, Whyman told The Crier that she had requested legislation be written that would extend a current March 1 deadline until April 4.

As it stands now, homeowners will have to let their communities know in less than a month that they want their homes taxed at the lowest rate to help pay for school finance reform.

Under the ballot proposal, homesteads will be taxed at 6 mills; the fall-back proposal — which will take effect if voters say no to a 2-cent increase in the state sales tax — is 12 mills.

Non-homestead property in Michigan will be taxed at 24 mills in either case.

To notify their local community of the information, homeowners must complete and return by March 1 a signed affidavit identifying a specific piece of property as qualifying for the homestead tax rate.

The problem is, however, that not only was the response form just created, but also that the deadline for response is only a month away.

"I don't know how our people are going to meet this deadline," said Mary Brooks, Plymouth Township's treasurer. "As of Friday, we haven't even seen the form.

"And what concerns me is that we have many residents who have gone to Florida for the winter — and don't even know

about this form."

It is this deadline problem that has prompted Whyman to seek legislative relief.

"We know there are snowbirds out there that aren't even home right now," Whyman said.

Her formal request to draft the proper wording for the legislation was made Monday. An office spokeswoman expects that legislation to be ready for introduction by the end of the week.

Adding to the confusion surrounding the affidavit is the fact that the state is sending out forms directly to property owners only if the local community doesn't send out its own version.

These versions would already include the homeowners property tax ID number. The state version would have the ID number filled in the the property owner.

In a memo issued by Bobbie McKennon, special assistant to state Treasurer Douglas Roberts, the state is delaying the actual mailing of their blank forms until later this week — until local communities have a chance to create their own versions.

In either case, officials are recommending that

the form be returned to the local taxing unit.

This delay, however, only further compresses the response time.

In Canton, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said that as of Monday night township officials have decided *not* to send out their own versions of the form.

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## Kaufman probe in hands of prosecutor

BY CRAIG FARRAND

A decision is expected later this week on whether to pursue criminal charges in connection with a Jan. 15 incident involving Plymouth Township police and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman.

County prosecutor spokesman Richard Padzieski told The Crier Monday that he was expecting a report from Michigan State Police investigators yesterday, but that he would have no further comment until his office had time to review the matter.

That report was being compiled by State Police Lt. Richard Duthler, who confirmed that he planned on delivering his report to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office late yesterday afternoon.

When asked if his investigation involved only the Township officers' handling of the incident or would also involve taking a closer look at Kaufman's actions, Duthler said it was up to county prosecutors to determine "any further action on anything."

"I was only on a fact-finding mission to determine what happened," Duthler said. "Basically, there was a lot of information out there — rumor and innuendo — that I tried to check out."

The probe involves a Jan. 15 incident in which Kaufman was pulled over by an officer who suspected the judge of smoking marijuana. He was released with a warning and has not been charged with any crime.

A spokeswoman for the judge told The Crier Monday that he would have no comment on the matter.

Duthler told The Crier that he also had attempted to interview Kaufman as part of his investigation, but that the judge "had an attorney and exercised his rights not to make any comments."

As part of his investigation, Duthler said he not only reviewed written accounts of the incident compiled by Township officers days after the incident, but also interviewed Township officers.

"The (Township) police department

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Michigan Department of Treasury  
T-1056 (1/84)

Issued under P.A. 331 of 1993, or P.A. 312 of 1993.  
Filing is required if you wish to receive an exemption.

### AFFIDAVIT FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM SOME SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES

This affidavit allows you to claim an exemption of your homestead from a portion of your school property taxes. For your homestead to be eligible, you must own and occupy it as your legal principal residence. You may claim an exemption for only one homestead and for eligible agricultural property. You must complete all sections of this form that apply to you and sign it. If you do not, your exemption may be delayed. File this form by March 1, 1994 with the township or city where your property is located.

**Section 1**  
If there are more than 2 legal owners, attach a separate list giving the name and Social Security number of each.

<p>1. <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 250px; height: 60px;"></span></p> <p>Check one:    Township    City</p>	<p>2. Owner's Social Security Number <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/></p> <p>3. Co-owner's Social Security Number <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/></p> <p>Street address of property if different than 1 <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p>
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4. This is your property tax identification number.

**If you live in a one-family home, classed residential, and own no agricultural land skip sections 2, 3 & 4.**

**Section 2: Agricultural Property.** If your homestead is located on land classified by the assessor as agricultural or is adjacent to property you own that is classified as agricultural, place an X in the box to the right and complete the next four items.

a. Is your principal residence located on the parcel identified in item 4?    Yes     No

b. If no, is the parcel identified in item 4 unoccupied, classified as agricultural, and not rented to another person?    Yes     No

c. Is the parcel identified in item 4 adjacent or contiguous to your homestead?    Yes     No

d. Did your 1993 gross receipts for your entire agricultural/horticultural operation exceed your household income (as defined for income tax purposes)?    Yes     No

**Section 3: Multi-unit and Multi-Purpose Buildings.** If you own and live in a unit in a multiple-unit dwelling or in a multi-purpose building give the percentage of the entire building that your unit (your principal residence) occupies. This information is necessary for your township or city to adjust your property taxes properly.

**Section 4: Cooperative housing corporations.**    Number of leased units?     Total number of units?

**Certification:** This affidavit is invalid unless it is signed.  
I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I own (or co-own) the property claimed on this affidavit, that it is my principal residence (or eligible agricultural property), that I am filing an affidavit for only one dwelling, and that all information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Owner's Signature	Date	Co-owner's Signature	Date
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**As it stands now, most residents will have to include their own property tax ID number on this form and then return it to their respective treasurer's office by March 1. If state Rep. Deb Whyman gets her way, however, the deadline will be extended until April 4.**

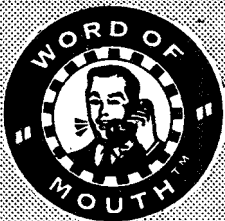
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# Ice storm delays buses; residents help stranded children

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Last Thursday's ice storm caused havoc with Plymouth-Canton school buses, stranding some students for hours, and leaving parents anxious and, in some cases, angry.

There were no injuries.

But Dale Goby, director of transportation and safety, said that his department did the best they could under the circumstances.

"We had drivers return as late as 1 (p.m.) saying the roads were OK," Goby said. "Between 1 and 2 we got hit, and experienced difficulties as soon as high school buses went out."

He did add that a decision would have had to have been made by 10 a.m. to let school out early, but that the

road conditions didn't warrant that action.

One specific area that was hard-hit was the Joy and Ridge Roads area — where four buses went off the road.

Goby said that the drivers stayed with the children until parents could pick them up, and added that there was some confusion as to who was where.

"When parents called, we reassured them that their children were safe, and tried to direct them to the proper area," Goby said. "It wasn't the cleanest operation in the world, but we tried our darndest."

One bus involved 13 to 15 elementary school children who were taken to Ridge and Ann Arbor Road to await their parents.

Denise Truesdell, an area resident who was home at the time of the incident, and said that although one boy

was quite scared, the drivers did a good job at the scene.

"Under the circumstances, they (drivers) kept calm and kept the children relatively quiet," Truesdell said.

She did add however, that buses get stuck at Joy and Ridge at least once a year, and that school officials should have known.

She said that she knew of at least one parent that called the school and tried to warn them about the roads in the area.

Truesdell said that several neighbors pitched-in to help, and made phone calls to help alert families of the drivers and children.

Some of the children, who left school at about 4 p.m., didn't get home until almost 7:30.

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## A clear sign of action

*Resident says delays have gone on too long for Sheldon work*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

When you drive down Sheldon Road between Canton Center Road just before Warren Road, you'll notice that the pavement gets a little rough.

And then you'll notice the sign.

The one that says "Tommy gonna...FIX THIS ROAD."

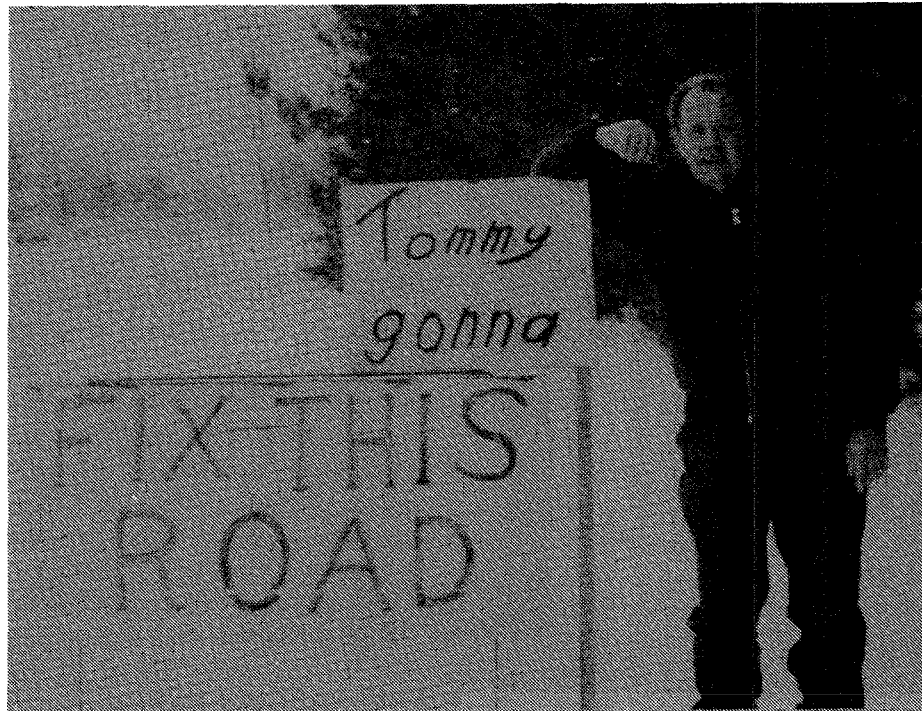
According to Eugene Daley, who lives on Sheldon Road and posted the sign — which is directed at township Supervisor Tom Yack — the pavement has been neglected for too long.

"I put the sign up in August when the township was talking about fixing other roads," Daley said. "The county said that they were going to cover the road in blacktop."

Daley, who is a former township trustee, planning commissioner and a member of the zoning board of appeals, said that the letter he got from the township assured him repairs on the road would begin in the fall and be finished in the spring.

According to Daley, the county didn't make too many stops out by his house.

"One man from the county was out here once," Daley said. "He made one



Eugene Daley wants Sheldon Road fixed — and he wants it fixed now. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

cut and never came back."

According to Yack, the sheer size of the job has slowed down the paving process.

"There is a lot of work to be done," Yack said. "The county was going to do the overlay but when they found out how much time it would take they said they would wait for the spring to start the job."

"As much as we want Sheldon done the road is Wayne County's responsibility," Yack said.

According to Yack, Daley was not the only Canton resident that got a letter in reference to the condition of Sheldon Road.

"Many letters were sent," Yack said.

"We have a duty to inform people if there is going to be an inconvenience."

## SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

### Supt. search profile meetings begin today

The Plymouth-Canton School District's superintendent search firm will be conducting in-district interviews today and tomorrow with community leaders and union members to help provide a working outline of idea candidate.

Although special sessions have been set for specific groups and individuals, an open meeting will be held for the general public tonight at 7:30 at the board office.

The three questions being asked of all groups are:

1. What do you perceive to be the three or four most significant strengths of the community and the school district?

2. What do you perceive to be the two or three most important challenges or issues facing the district in the future?

3. What kind of administrative leadership should the next superintendent offer in terms of:

- areas of special expertise, competencies, etc.
- administrative "style," characteristics, etc.

Answers to these questions will help the consulting firm screen applicants for final presentation to the school board.

### School realignment hearings to continue

The plan to redraw Plymouth-Canton school building boundaries — and save approximately \$1 million a year in the process — was modified Monday night when the school board removed from the plan a proposal to close Lowell Middle School.

Under the original proposal, Lowell, the Tanger and Starkweather sites and Gallimore Elementary School would be closed and the two new elementary schools — Tonda and Bentley — would be opened in September.

The school board is in the midst of a series of public hearings to discuss the realignment plan — with the next meeting set for the Canton High School Little Theater on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The remaining sessions will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21 at Pioneer Middle School; 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the board office; and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 at the board office.

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## Bennett appointed to governor's environmental panel

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton Township Clerk Loren Bennett has his hands full these days.

Not only is he going to be running for the state Senate, but he also is the vice-chair of one of Michigan's environmental cleanup boards.

According to Bennett, the process started with him sending his application to Lansing.

"It put my name into the governor's appointment office with my application and resume," Bennett said. "When they asked which board I wanted to serve on, I said wherever the governor wants me to

serve."

The third week in December, Bennett got the news that the governor wanted him to join the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assistance Act (MUSTFAA) policy board.

MUSTFAA is an environmental fund for commercial owners of underground storage tanks.

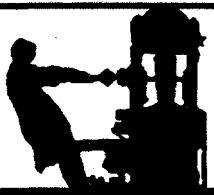
It was set up in the wake of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) edict that all commercial owners of underground tanks must have some sort of insurance — either through a firm or self-insured — to handle the cleanup of a

possible spill.

According to Bennett, MUSTFAA was set up because a lot of people who have underground tanks on their property can't pay for that kind of possibility.

The way that the fund works is that every time that a petroleum-based product is bought in Michigan, 0.875 cents of every \$1 goes to MUSTFAA.

Commercial owners of storage tanks who have followed the fund's guidelines (registered, leaks reported to the Fire Marshall, regular reports) will be able to submit their bills for cleanup of spills to



## Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1994

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the minutes of the January 25, 1994, meeting be corrected on page 6, under Item L. Public Comment, by striking out Essad and adding Cronin, so that the sentence reads: "Mr. Edwards expressed concern regarding the transfer of Legal Services proposal submitted by the Law firm of Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczyk and Gillary to the successor firm, Hemming, Polaczyk & Cronin, in 1993, when the township was seeking proposals for attorney services." With that correction, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 1994 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as corrected. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all with Mrs. Brooks abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding "Police Chief's Report" following item F. Public Comment and Questions. With that change, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as amended for the January 25, 1994, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Chief Berry addressed the Board concerning a police incident that took place on January 15, 1994.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Final Plat for Application No. 1187C/194, Trillium Woods Subdivision, located on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, north of Joy Road, west of Canton Center and east of Westbriar Village Subdivision No. 2, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$144,575 as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish February 15, 1994 as a public hearing date for transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 90-068 from Spicer Tool to National Riggers & Erectors, Inc. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to adopt the Charter Township of Plymouth Water Distribution System Analysis Volumes 1 and 2 dated June, 1993 as the Township's Master Plan for future expansion and improvement of the Township's water system. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the reappointments of Joyce Dasher, Gerald Schwartz and Gene Hood and to appoint Dennis Robare, Robert F. Samoray, Lawrence E. Pulkownik, Daniel Herriman and Maryann Cary to the Plymouth Township's Board of Review with all terms expiring December 31, 1994. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy updated the Board on the status of the E911 legislation. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the Fire Department for their quick response time and for their professional manner in responding to a house fire in the City of Plymouth.

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

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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## Bennett appointed to state panel

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the fund.

Lansing then would pay all but 15 per cent of the cleaning until the 15 per cent passes the \$15,000 co-pay limit; after that point the state picks up the whole bill.

According to Bennett, he feels that the governor appointed him to the board for his work on the Wayne County Solid Waste Implementation Committee.

Even though Bennett helped write the five-year solid waste management plan for Wayne County, the appointment left him with a lot of questions.

"I knew absolutely nothing about MUSTFAA," Bennett said. "I used the time before the Jan. 19 meeting to educate myself about the issues."

Bennett read up on MUSTFAA, he looked over its history and accomplishments. At his first meeting with the board he was named vice-chair.

According to Bennett, the job of the board is to decide appeals to the fund.

"The board hears the appeals of those who were denied funds for some reason or another," Bennett said.

One example that Bennett cited was a woman who had entered into a land con-

tract agreement to sell some land that she owned. When the EPA studied the land, they found underground storage tanks.

She said that she had no idea that the tanks were there.

"Even though the tanks were not registered, she made every effort to get the paperwork finished and correct," Bennett said. "She was approved because she had shown substantial compliance."

Bennett said that part of MUSTFAA's problems stem from a vagueness about the rules as they apply to the contractors that are hired to do the cleaning.

"There's no list of rules and regulations that says what the state expects from a cleanup job," Bennett said. "Basically, if your contractor gets paid, he did the job right."

"Common sense says that you wouldn't take the job if you didn't know if you were going to get paid for it."

Bennett said that the governor understands the problem with MUSTFAA and is anxious to get it working the right way.

"Someone knows what the rules are," Bennett said. "We need to make the rules more accessible to the people that need to abide by them."

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held January 25, 1994. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on February 15, 1994.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling Catherine A. Broadbent, ADA Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, (313)453-3840, T users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

### CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

#### CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MARCH 15, 1994, SPECIAL ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE: that February 14, 1994, is the last day to register for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 1994. Registration for City electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street in Plymouth; Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, or for either at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the City Clerk is 453-1234 X 234; that of the Township Clerk is 453-3840 X 224. The Offices of the City Clerk and the Township Clerk are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours a call to the respective Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Linda Langmesser, City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

Marilyn Massengill, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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## Plymouth girl seriously injured in car-train crash in Huron Twp

A 16-year-old Plymouth resident was injured Sunday morning after the car she was riding in tried to beat a train — and lost — according to Huron Township Police.

Kristy Hoff was a passenger in the back seat of the Camaro driven by an 18-year-old New Boston girl.

Hoff was airlifted to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor with a broken pelvis and foot. Her condition has been upgraded from critical to serious.

The driver is in critical condition, and a 17-year-old male passenger was treated for a broken arm and released.

According to police, the driver ignored

the flashing lights at the railroad crossing on Sibley Road near I-275, and went around the gates.

Police said that the train was west-bound, traveling at an estimated 35 to 40 mph when it struck the vehicle.

Police also believed that the victims were not wearing seatbelts, and were not sure whether drinking was involved.

### Commission meets tonight on proposal

The Plymouth City Commission will hold a special public hearing tonight at 7 to discuss the proposed historical district downtown.

## Buses stranded during ice storm

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When asked about the lack of county trucks, Goby said that he called the county, and they indicated that they had road graders and trucks in the area, but didn't get to the Joy-Ridge area until Friday.

He said that his department has two service vehicles on the road, and had help from the maintenance department along with several wreckers, but added that due to road conditions, even wreckers were having trouble.

Goby said that three dispatchers were on duty trying to sort out how to connect parents with children.

He said that three dispatchers have never had to be used before, and that this was the worst time in his 13 years on the job.

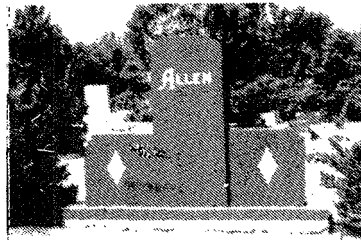
Some confusion was caused, Goby said, by the fact that some buses were dispatched to retrieve students from disabled vehicles, which added another variable to the mix.

Goby said that he's trying to figure out what to do next time.

"We're going over the situation and trying to figure a way to improve it," Goby said. "But our staff did an incredible job with a bad situation."

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Answer: See page 93 of **The '93 GUIDE!**

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Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm  
Plymouth Christian Academy  
(313) 459-3505

### Risen Christ Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)

46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth  
(one mile west of Sheldon)  
(313) 453-5252

Sunday worship

8:30 & 11:00 am

Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Rev. K.M. Mehri, Pastor  
Hugh McMartin, Lay minister

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Air Force Captain Lora Higgins, of Canton, completed her residency program at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro N.C.

Training included hundreds of hours of classroom education, direct patient care, research papers and a variety of projects.

From a pool of over 110,000 applicants, 1,814 semifinalists were chosen for the 1993-94 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. The 50 national scholars will receive \$20,000, the 100 regional scholars will receive \$4,000.

Sangita Baxi of Canton and Alyson Nounne of Plymouth are in the running for the scholarship monies.

Army Captain Mark Lukens of Plymouth has been sent to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk for a training exercise.

He will be trained in deployment and tactical operations under realistic conditions of low to mid-intensity conflict.

Robert Wilson has been named the director of development for Christian Children's Fund. As director, he will oversee fundraising, direct marketing, advertising, public relations and volunteer efforts.

Wilson grew up and attended school in Plymouth.

Eastern Michigan University's Honors Program has awarded 18 student undergraduate assistantships. Students and their faculty mentors apply jointly for the program which provides a \$1,200 stipend for each student.

Julia Gumber of Canton, a health administration major will work on developing time-management techniques for students with moderate to severe disabilities.

Heather Smith of Canton, a biology major, will continue research into fast gas chromatography of a 30+ component mixture of hydrocarbons.

Lauri Gaylord, co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad of Plymouth-Canton High School, went to England with 1200 other cheerleaders from all over the country to represent the U.S. as an All-Star Cheerleader.

The group performed in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade.

## Time pieces

*The Canton Historical District Commission works to preserve history; coexist with new development*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Established in 1980, the Canton Historical District Commission has been working steadily to preserve the historical buildings of Canton.

Since beginning, the commission has renovated three historic buildings and established the Cherry Hill Historical district.

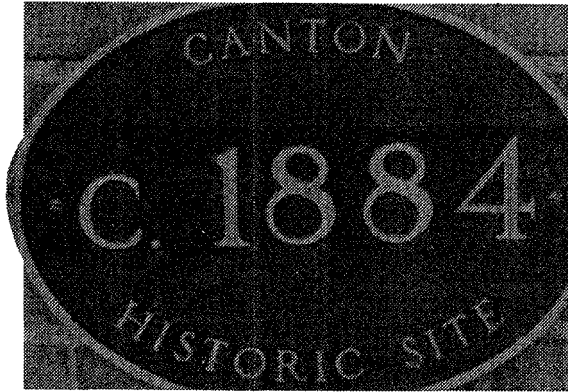
Maintaining the feel of rural Canton is the focus of the Rural Preservation District that the commission wants to develop.

The preservation district would encompass the area around the Cherry Hill district, which is primarily agricultural land.

Part of the district will be the renovated Travis House, which will be a "living museum" with a working farm.

According to nine-year commission veteran Secretary Melissa McLaughlin, preservation is the important part of the commission.

"We don't want to prohibit development in the district," McLaughlin said.



"We want to control the style of the development so that the rural flavor isn't disturbed by something that didn't look rural."

If the district is created, any development in the area would have to preserve open space.

McLaughlin said that any houses that would go into that area would have to be cluster developments or some other space-preserving design.

According to McLaughlin, while the creation of the district has been on hold

for a few years, the commission plans to address it again this year.

"The project was shelved when planners changed here," she said. "We decided to wait until (Community Development Planner Jeff) Goulet got settled in before bringing the project back."

Another project on the back burner is getting a Canton historical building a National Registry Nomination.

According to McLaughlin, there are some strict criteria that has to be met first.

"The building has to have been either designed by a master architect or done in a high style of architecture," she said.

"They also look at whether or not the building has historical significance."

Even if all of the other criteria had been met, there is another criteria that states that the building must be in good shape.

McLaughlin also said that the committee that decides on the registry doesn't like relocated houses.

## Travis house will be living museum

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In the interest of preserving Canton's historical heritage, the township is looking at an ambitious development in the Cherry Hill Historical District.

A living museum centered around the historic Travis House.

According to Canton's Resource Development Manager Mike Ager, the project is still in its planning stages.

"We'll be bringing plans for the development to the board in March," Ager said.

"We're going to be working with the planning commission to see that the Master Plan will accommodate the plan."

The Travis House will be the centerpiece of a historical museum in the Cherry Hill District.

It will be an actual working farm that will incorporate an orchard, a barnyard complex, a petting zoo and crop space.

According to Ager, youths in the community will benefit from the "living museum."

"Kids don't have a lot of contact with the rural heritage of Canton," Ager said.

The project will start with the renovation of the house itself. According to Ager, that will be no small feat.

"The exterior of the house may take as long as a year," Ager said of the battered house.

"Everything needs to be fixed." Ager said that the township would

look for a preservationist to oversee the renovation of the house.

Once the house is finished, Ager said, the work on the surrounding land will begin.

"With all of the development in the area, we're trying to preserve the character of the area," Ager said.

"They are working to preserve the village hamlet feel."

Ager said that this renovation was good for more than just the Travis House itself.

He said that it would be good for the township as a whole.

"Historic renovation is a good economic development move," Ager said.

"One of the suggested plans for the area is to develop cluster housing in the area, historic areas attract homebuyers."



The historic Travis House, after being renovated inside and out, will become the centerpiece of a living farm museum in the Cherry Hill Historic District, complete with crops (Crier photo by George Gentry).

# County has Kaufman case

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has given use a lot of help in this investigation," Duthler said. "We've had good cooperation."

According to the report compiled by the Township, Kaufman 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 to be false — when Hayes saw Kaufman in his car.

Shortly after the investigation began, Township Police Chief Carl Berry told The Crier that Hayes was working well within the parameters set for police officers.

On Monday, Berry was angry about the entire probe, calling it "ludicrous" and "way out of hand."

"They haven't even told me officially

that they even are conducting an investigation," Berry said. "Usually when you conduct an investigation, you have to have charges made — but they haven't even come up with any charges."

Concerning Kaufman's alleged actions, Berry said that "if it's true, it's only a misdemeanor — it only carries 90 days in jail or \$100 fine at most."

"It's the same penalty for finding a beer can — yet, the amount of time being spent on this is astronomical," he said.

According to the report compiled by the two officers days after the incident, when Kaufman was confronted by Hayes with his suspicion that the judge had been smoking marijuana, Kaufman is quoted as responding: "You got me, I made a mistake."

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.

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

## WHERE

is the  
Plymouth Township Hall?  
Answer: See page 86 of  
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Is Fall Festival  
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# Tax affidavit causing confusion

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"We're going to let the state assume the entire responsibility for the process," she said, adding however, that she expected to be inundated with phone calls from residents seeking their tax ID numbers.

"If we have to, we'll add additional staff to handle those calls," she said.

Should property owners fail to receive any kind of form by Feb. 10, they're being encouraged to call their community's treasurer or assessor.

When asked what would happen if a property owner decided to declare expensive vacation property as a homestead

instead of a permanent resident, Whyman said there currently was no method of checking such declarations.

"It will probably be up to the local assessor's office to make a final determination," she said.

If caught, however, the property owner would be assessed the new tax rate plus a penalty of 1 per cent over the prime rate.

However, if someone tries to declare more than one piece of property as a homestead, Whyman said the state would catch that by Social Security number.

A person found to have deliberately disregarded the requirement, he would face a 25 per cent tax penalty; deliberate fraud carried a 100 per cent tax penalty.

## HOW

do I find  
Northville High School?  
Answer: See page 88 of  
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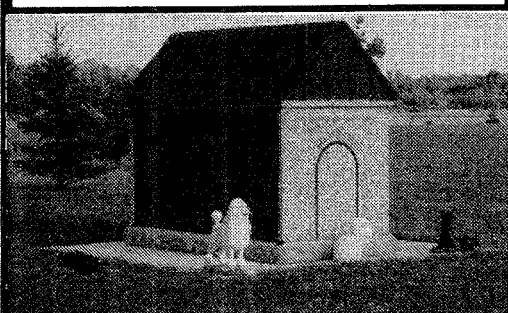
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# 35th judge's race: 4 hopefuls, battle of endorsements

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The race for the 35th District Court judgeship being vacated by the retirement of James Garber is off and running.

Four candidates are announced or strongly hinted in the race. The creation of a third judgeship of the court

awaits action by the Michigan legislature.

Announced candidates for the Garber seat include two assistant Wayne County Prosecutors; Kevin Simowski, of Plymouth, and Karen Woodside, of Northville.

Two other candidates appear to be waging the battle of

endorsements.

Plymouth City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury has announced for the seat with the backing of Canton Trustee Phil LaJoy, Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller, Plymouth-Canton School Trustee Jack Farrow, and Teacher Union President

Chuck Portelli.

Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe's friends have announced the encouragement of his candidacy by former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, Former 35th District Judge Dunbar Davis, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson.



## Getting down to business

### Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold a membership luncheon from noon to 1:15 on Wed., Feb. 9 at the Italian Cucina Restaurant.

Tickets are \$12, and include lunch and a presentation of the pro's and con's on the school funding ballot proposal.

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors is sponsoring a free seminar "How to Sell Your Home" at 7 p.m., Tue., Feb. 8 at the Holiday Inn Livonia West.

Canned goods for the Salvation Army will be accepted at the door. For reservations, call 478-1700 ext. 241.

Carl Pursell, former U.S. representative and Plymouth Township resident, along with Rep. John Dingell and Senators Donald Riegle Jr. and Carl Levin were recently involved in procuring an \$8 million grant from the U. S. Department of Energy for the introduction of the Positron Emission Tomography (PET) center at Children's Hospital.

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## Rolling on

### Tank tread producer to build \$3 million plant addition

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

At last week's meeting of the Canton Township board, Gil-Mar Manufacturing Co. was granted its request for a 12-year tax abatement for a 50,000-square-foot addition to its current facility that will last until the year 2007.

The \$3 million addition will serve the workers and office space being moved from Gil-Mar's Farmington Hills location.

Originally, Canton had intended only to offer the company a nine-year abatement because Gil-Mar does not own the land on which the addition would be built.

But Bob Zulker, representing Gil-Mar, said that the land was technically owned by the company.

"One of the partners in G & M Associates (the company that owns the land) is Gildo Ruicci (president of Gil-Mar)," Zulker said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said that one of the criteria for granting an abatement was the progress of the company over time.

Zulker explained that Gil-Mar is a defense and automotive supplier, and it would be around for a long time.

"Gil-Mar has always been growing," Zulker said. "Even when defense goes down, the automotive business is there to offset the lull."

Gil-Mar is the largest producer of tracks for tanks and other tread-driven vehicles in the United States. The company got an award for their work supplying the tracks for the armor used in Operation Desert Storm.

"The tracks lasted longer in the sand than anyone expected," Zulker said. "We got an award from Materials Command after the Gulf War was over."

Zulker said that the move from Farmington would bring several

employees into Canton to live.

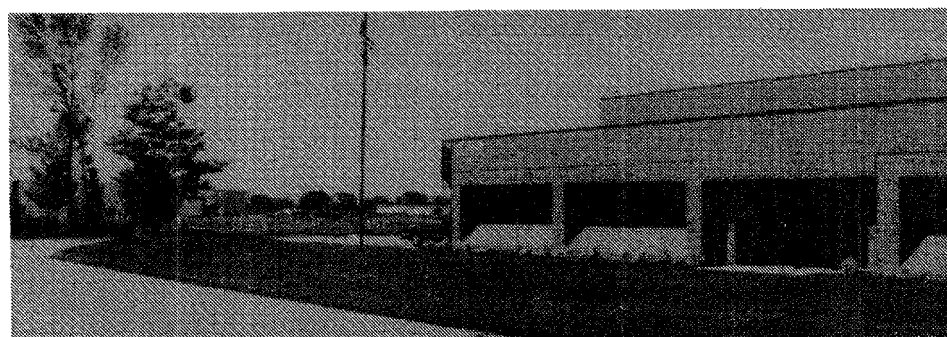
"Thirty-eight people from the Farmington Hills plant will be moving," Zulker said.

"There will also be new jobs opening."

Zulker added that a new contract with

the Ford Motor Co. would create 12 more jobs and relocate more staff into the Canton area.

Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter asked if Farmington Hills had offered Gil-Mar an abatement to stay where they were. Zulker said that they did not.



Gil-Mar will build a 50,000 sq.ft., \$3 million addition to its present site (above) on Ronda Drive in Canton Township (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin).

## Abatements are here to stay

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Abatements for businesses are not going away after the new school finance plan is settled, but may be drastically cut if the March 15 ballot plan fails.

Under the current plan, local government can abate up to 50 per cent of a businesses taxes for up to 12 years.

If the ballot plan passes, 6 mills would be levied on all property and an additional 18 mills on non-homestead property.

Local governments could grant a 50 per cent abatement, which includes the 18 mill school tax, two mills for intermediate schools and any enhancement millage.

Local governments would be able to abate for all units of government including the county, jail, college, library and Metroparks.

Under the plan, the state treasurer has the ability to exempt 50 to 100 per cent of the 6 mills if it is in the best economic interest of the state.

If the ballot proposal fails, the statutory plan takes effect.

This plan will include a tax of 12 mills on all property, and an additional 12 mills assessed on non-homestead property.

Local governments could then grant a 50 per cent abatement for local units of government excluding local school levy (12 mills), intermediate schools (2 mills), any enhancement mills and state education tax (12 mills).

Local units such as the county, library, cities and townships, colleges and jails may opt out of allowing abatement by a resolution of their respective governing boards.





# Community deaths

## Frank J. McCloskey, 70, carpenter

Frank J. McCloskey of Plymouth, a carpenter and independent contractor, died Jan. 24, 1994, at the age of 70. Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

## Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

### Gerald Whitmore

Gerald F. Whitmore, 75 of Plymouth, died Jan. 27, 1994 in Detroit. Born on Sept. 2, 1918, in Detroit, Mr. Whitmore worked in the transportation industry for 45 years.

Mr. Whitmore was both the president and a member of the board of directors of U.S. Truck.

He was a member of the Detroit Traffic Club, the Motor City Traffic Club, and the Lansing Traffic Club.

He was named Lansing Man of the Year in 1977. He was an avid golfer and outdoorsman.

Mr. Whitmore is survived by his wife Bernadine; sons David, Gregory and Kenneth; daughters Sharon, Kathleen, Mary and Deborah; three sisters, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services for Mr. Whitmore were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with a private burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, Focus Hope or Sinai Hospital.

### Howard Truesdell

Howard H. Truesdell, age 77, of Adrian Hwy, Adrian, formerly a resident of Sylvania, OH, died Friday, Jan. 28, 1994 at Bixby Medical Center. He was born March 21, 1916 in Plymouth, MI, to Fred and Jessie (Williams) Truesdell.

He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1932 and Michigan State University in 1936 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

He was a Registered Professional Engineer in Michigan and Ohio.

Howard was married to K. Virginia Spence on July 10, 1938 in Lansing, MI. He had formerly been employed at American Propeller and Martin-Parry in Toledo, Bridgeport Brass, Bohn Aluminum and Industrial Electric in Adrian.

He retired in 1982 from Commonwealth Associates in Jackson.

In addition to his wife, Howard is survived by two daughters, Kay Weaver of Phoenix, AZ, and Kathleen Truesdell of Ypsilanti; a brother, Kenneth Truesdell of Plymouth; a sister, Irene Truesdell of Plymouth; three granddaughters and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, on June 11, 1993; a brother, Horace and a sister, Vella.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no memorial service. The family will receive friends and visitors at the Anderson Funeral Home on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Memorial Contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

## John A. Sarcus, 89, Realtor

John A. Sarcus of Plymouth, who sold both real estate and business forms, died Jan. 25, 1994, at the age of 89. Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

## Asta Eva Schober, 86, bookkeeper

Asta Eva Schober of Plymouth, a bookkeeper, died Jan. 22, 1994 at the age of 86. Services were held at the Vermuelen Funeral Home.

## Grace D.M. Kalik, 61, nurse

Grace D.M. Kalik of Plymouth, a registered nurse and a antique dealer, died Jan. 24, 1994, at the age of 61. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Kenneth W.C. Siegner, 71, accountant

Kenneth W.C. Siegner of Plymouth, an accountant, died Jan. 22, 1994, at the age of 71. Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

## Shirley M. Caloia, 69, homemaker

Shirley M. Caloia of Plymouth, a homemaker and V.F.W. Auxiliary member, died Jan. 14, 1994 at the age of 69. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Wilfred Fields, 79, GM employee

Wilfred Fields of Canton, a 28-year veteran of General Motors Hydromatic, died on Jan. 20, 1994, at the age of 79. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral home.

## Helen L. Fields, 72, GM employee

Helen L. Fields of Canton, a seamstress at the Fisher Body Plant for 10 years, died Jan. 18, 1994, at the age of 72. Services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Virginia L. Hicks, 64, homemaker

Virginia L. Hicks of Canton, a homemaker and mother of three, died Jan. 28, 1994, at the age of 64. Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.



RUBY REAM

### Ruby Ream

Ruby M. Ream, 102, of Plymouth died Jan. 16, 1994 in Westland. Born on July 28, 1891 in Selkirk, MI, Mrs. Ream taught all throughout Michigan.

Mrs. Ream got her degree from Ypsilanti State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University). Mrs. Ream came to the Plymouth Community in 1988 from Indian River.

Over her 45 year career, Mrs. Ream taught in Alpena, Hilman, Ohioville, Wildwood, Gaylord, Caro and Wolverine.

She was a member of the Indian River Methodist Church and the Michigan Education Association.

Her hobbies included oil painting, needlepoint, button art, pastry baking and gardening.

Mrs. Ream is survived by her stepson, James Ream, four nieces and four nephews and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Ream were held on Jan. 20 at the Schrader Funeral Home with interment at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

### Mary Wrathell

Mary A. Wrathell, 55, of Canton, died Jan. 27 1994 in Canton. Born on May 13, 1939 in Detroit, Mrs. Wrathell was a bookkeeper for a construction company.

Mrs. Wrathell is survived by her husband George, daughter Yvette (Bruce), son George (Theresa), grandsons Shawn, Ryan and Kyle, sister Rita and brothers Donald, Jerome, Robert, Michael and Skip Hattie.

Services for Mrs. Wrathell were held on Jan. 29 at the McCabe Funeral Home with a mass at St. Thomas 'A Beckett Catholic Church with the Fr. C. Richard Kelly, Jr. officiating.

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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 tomorrow night 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.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY FAMILY YMCA**  
 The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will be holding their annual meeting on Feb.16 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the YMCA Administrative office on 248 Union Street. For more information, call 453-2904.

**MARQUIS THEATRE TALENT SEARCH**  
 The Marquis Theatre in Northville will be conducting a talent search for children ages 6 to 16 who can act, sing and dance. Registration for try-outs will not be taken after 12 noon on Feb.10. For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 349-8110.

**VALENTINE'S PARTY — CLOWN SHOW**  
 Canton Parks and Rec will be sponsoring its annual Children's Valentine party with games, refreshments, clowns and a movie on Feb.12. Attendance is limited to Canton residents only and by reservation. To reserve a spot and for more information, call 397-5110.

**A MUSICAL CELEBRATION**  
 First Presbyterian Church of Northville will host twins Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits "Gemini" on Feb.20 at 7 p.m. The pair will sing songs for "Children and the whole family." For more information, call the First Presbyterian Church at 349-0911.

**ALPINE VALLEY SKI TRIP**  
 Canton Parks and Rec is taking a teen (13 to 18 years old) ski trip to Alpine Valley on Feb.18. The bus will leave at 5 p.m. and return at midnight. Prices include lift tickets and equipment if necessary. For more information call 397-5110.

**SESAME STREET LIVE**  
 Canton Parks and Rec will be taking a trip to the Fox Theatre to see Sesame Street Live on Saturday. The bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 1 p.m. Price for Canton residents is \$10.50 per person. For more information and reservations call 397-5110.

**PLYMOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL**  
 The Fourth Annual Plymouth Choir Festival will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on Feb.6. The choirs of First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Our Lady of Victory will take part in the benefit for the FISH Community Project. For more information, call 455-2300 or 453-5280.

**MOM'S THERAPY GROUP**  
 The Canton Community Foundation will be hosting a Mom's Therapy Group beginning Feb.12 and lasting through April 9. Fee for the group will be based on an ability to pay. For more information, call the Canton Community Foundation at 981-3002.

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will host Jazz Plus, featuring Alexander Zonjic and his quintet at Novi High School on Feb. 26. For more information and ticket sales, call the Symphony Society at 451-2112.

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE**  
 The Plymouth Rotary is currently seeking host families for international youth exchange students. Students are available immediately. For more information, call Marie Morrow at 453-6879.

**NORTHVILLE GENELOGICAL SOCIETY**  
 The Northville Geneological Society will meet on Feb.10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village. The featured speaker will be Ruth McMahon who will speak on Ontario research. For more information, call 348-1857 or 380-0803.

**SCHOOLCRAFT WINTER REGISTRATION**  
 Schoolcraft College is currently accepting registrations for winter classes in February. Registration will be today. For more information on registration and classes available, call 462-4448.

**PREPARED CHILDBIRTH CLASSES**  
 St. Mary Hospital will be offering classes on what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery bases on the Lamaze Method taught by a registered nurse Monday through Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. The classes will be open to all expecting parents, cost is \$50. For more information, call the hospital at 591-2922.

**GROWTH WORKS AWARD DINNER**  
 The Board of Directors of Growth Works Inc. will be holding their Sixth Annual Recognition Award dinner tomorrow at the Plymouth Manor. For more information and to RSVP, call the Plymouth Manor.

**6TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE CANTON DINNER DANCE**  
 Canton Township and the Canton Community Foundation will host the 6th Annual Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance at the Fellows Creek Country Club on March 26, cocktails at 6 p.m.— dinner is at 7:15. Tickets will be \$35 per person. For more information and reservations call Darlean Francis at 981-3002.

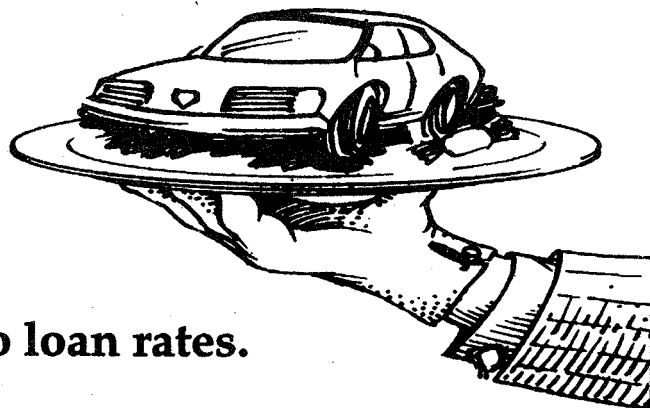
**PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB**  
 At the next meeting of the Plymouth Woman's Club, there will be a tea and local author S.K. will speak on "How to Become an Author on One Not-So-Easy Step." The meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church on Friday at 12:30. For more information, call 453-5925.

**V.F.W. BOWLATHON**  
 The Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post and Auxiliary #6695 will be holding a bowlathon for multiple sclerosis and the "Make a Wish" Foundation. It will be at the Plaza Lanes on Plymouth on Feb.12 at noon. For more information, call Lucille T. Allen at 453-4669.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB**  
 The Business and Professional Women's Club will be hosting Leslie Kuseck who will discuss property liability under Michigan Public Act 307 on Feb. 21 at the Mayflower Hotel. The cost is \$9.50 and includes dinner. For more information, call Marcia Rapnicki at 699-0702 or Nancy Simpson at 981-1985.

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## What's Happening

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

### 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 Saturday. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at Me and Mr. Jones in Plymouth throughout January. For more information, call 453-3016.

### KIWANIS BREAKFAST RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club will sponsor a raffle each month of 1994 for \$1,000. Drawings will be on the third Wednesday of each month. For more information call 455-3340 or 454-9555.

### MOTHER OF TWINS CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will meet on Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. for their annual craft night. For more information, call Shelly at 326-1466.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

The New Morning School will be holding their 18th annual auction on March 26 to raise funds for the school's programs. There will be dinner and an open bar. For more information, call 420-3331.

### 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 DISCUSSED

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

### SENIOR TRIPS

The City of Plymouth will be offering a group of trips for seniors through March. There will be coffee concerts, musicals, a tour of Alaska and a trip to historic Roscoe Village. For more information call Plymouth Parks and Rec at 455-6620.

### CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Canton Public Library will host Pat Montgomery, Ph.D. for a session on home schooling. The session will be on Saturday from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. For more information, call the library at 397-0999.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County will be holding eight-week volunteer training sessions at their Plymouth location. The classes will meet weekly February through March. For more information, call 459-0548.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL

New Morning school will be holding preschool and early primary classes, parent toddler classes and Lego Logo classes. For more information, call New Morning school at 420-3331.

### LIBRARY RED CROSS BABYSITTING PROGRAM

The Plymouth District library will offer a babysitting program which will lead to a Red Cross babysitting certificate. Registration is limited and can be completed by phone. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

### CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Suburban Children's Co-op nursery has immediate openings in their toddler with parent (Wednesdays 12:30-2 p.m.), 3-year-olds (Mon. and Wed. 9:15-11:15 a.m.) and 4-year-olds classes (Tuesday and Friday morning and afternoon). For more information, call Nancy at 729-1495.

### INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

The AARP will be holding tax help sessions for seniors in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. There are also provisions for home visits for shut-ins and the handicapped. For more information, call 349-4140 in Northville, 397-5444 in Canton and 455-6620 in Plymouth.

### SMOKE STOPPERS FREE INTRODUCTION

The Arbor Health Building will be offering free introductions to Smoke Stoppers by appointment. Patch users are invited to attend. For more information call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College will be offering a group of classes in physical fitness for the winter. There will be different fees and starting dates for each activity. For more information about the classes, call the Continuing Education Services office at 462-4413.

### GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

### S.A.F.E. (SETTING ADDICTS FREE ETERNALLY)

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton has started a ministry to help substance abusers. The S.A.F.E. recovery group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday for the chemically dependent and their families. For more information, call 453-4785.

### ENTERTAINMENT '94 COUPON BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimists Club is selling Entertainment '94 coupon books. The coupons offer up to 50 per cent savings on dining, movies and special events around Michigan. All of the proceeds will go to Children's Causes throughout Michigan. The books will be on sale through Jan. 15 and will be delivered to your door. For more information, call Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

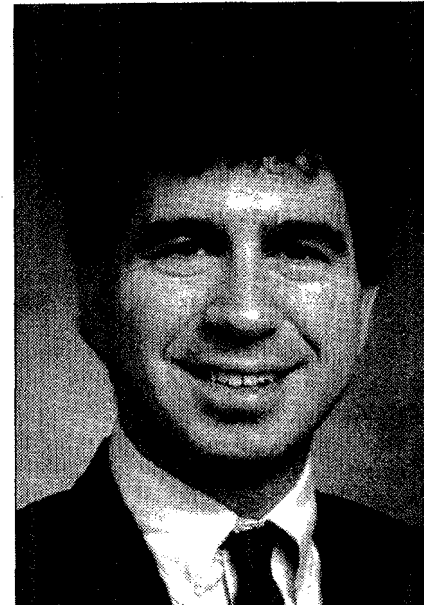
### ADULT DAY CARE

Child and Family Services will be opening an adult day care center in Canton. The center is designed for the victims of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders. The center will have recreational and therapeutic programs to build self-esteem, promote social interaction and maintain patient independence. Call Cindy Lockman or Kristin Witte at 397-8665.

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The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to drive cancer patients living in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties to and from medical facilities. If you have a car and are willing to offer some of your time, please call the patient Services Department at 1-800-925-2271.

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# GROWTH IN 1994

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Today: Canton and Plymouth; next week: Plymouth Twp. and the Northvilles

## Bang for the buck

*Canton offers the most home for the dollar*

*"We're bringing down the curtain on thinking about where we are in relation to other communities. We're looking at where Canton is going in the future."*

—Canton Supervisor Tom Yack

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton is growing. What was once the sweet corn capital of Michigan is now the fourth fastest growing community according to SEMCOG.

What causes this kind of growth? How does a once sleepy farm-driven area living in the shadows of its northern and easterly neighbors rise to become one of the most vital communities in the state?

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, while it is hard to say what drives industrial development, the driving force behind Canton's growth is homes.

"Homes are Canton's economic engine," Yack said. "That's where the growth is coming from."

Yack said that Canton has all of the criteria that people look for when they shop for a home.

"They look for a school district with a good reputation and they want the most home for their dollar," Yack said.

He also said that one of the things that people look seriously at when they are buying a home is whether or not the community fits their needs.

"Canton is family oriented," Yack said, citing family skate nights and children's programs run through parks and recreation, "It also has a for lower crime rate than



Fairway Pines is part of the Pheasant Run golf course/residential community offering close proximity to both the police station and the soon-to-be-built Summit on the Park community center (Crier photo by George Gentry).

communities to the east."

He said that Canton's proximity to I-275 and I-696 make it very accessible to the rest of southeast Michigan.

He also cited a lack of development that has made Canton attractive to homebuyers.

"There is a lot of open space left in the township," Yack said. "It doesn't have that mass-produced housing look."

All of these things, according to Yack, have changed Canton's image from within and without.

"People feel better about living in Canton," Yack said. "People on the outside are seeing Canton in a new light."

Yack cited the visit by then-President George Bush during the 1992 campaign and the Canton Economic Club luncheons hosting the likes of Detroit City Mayor Dennis Archer and Gov. Engler for changing the image of Canton for the better.

Yack said that another reason for the change in perception is the way that the township government is run at the board meetings. Yack calls it "quiet government," one that emphasizes communication over argument.

"Through study sessions and communication before the board meetings we can find out more," Yack said. "We go to the board with issues completed and totally fleshed out."

He said that he wants that kind of government to continue in Canton. He has ideas along those lines.

"We're ready to reach out more," Yack said. "We're thinking about a government administration workshop at Summit on the Park. Maybe even for college credits if we can get a college sponsorship."

## Mature decisions

*City's growth based on existing boundaries*

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The City of Plymouth might seem like an unlikely subject for a growth section. The city is mature, and at its limits for expansion or much new building.

But City Manager Steve Walters defines growth in the community differently than a younger, expanding community.

"Our goal is not so much growth," Walters said. "But to stabilize and maintain industrial and commercial areas."

And to achieve that end, Walters said the city has a three-pronged approach, and three specific areas to look at.

"First we're looking at business recruitment and promotion," Walters said. "Second, we're looking at infrastructure improvements. And the third is to review the zoning ordinance and look at historical districts to define unique areas."

The three areas the city is concentrating on are Old Village, the Ann Arbor Road corridor and the downtown area.

Walters said that Old Village is getting attention from the city on a number of fronts. He said that the city is looking at forming a historical district in Old Village which

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
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The city plans to concentrate on Old Village and two other areas (Crier photo by George Gentry).

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would not only designate the area as unique, but also make it more attractive for potential developers.

Walters said that the city has also started an analysis of the basic business set-up of the area which includes parking and floorspace.

Another area that the city is looking at is the Ann Arbor Road corridor that's shared with Plymouth Township.

"We're looking at cooperation with the township," Walters said. "It's different than Old Village. It's not a cluster area, and it won't be pedestrian area but we want to establish an identity and add aesthetic improvements."

Walters said that before major improvements can be made to the corridor, the city and township must dovetail zoning requirements so that improvements are in-line on both sides of the road.

He said that he expects one or both communities to give a little on zoning, and said that cooperation is the key

The third area that the city will concentrate on, Walters said, will be the downtown area.

He said that the main thrust of the downtown plan is still the streetscape, and said the plan will proceed if the sales tax plan on the March 15 ballot is not approved.

He added that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been very active in pulling customers into the area, and works with the city as well with business recruitment and retention.

While Walters said that the city isn't growing in terms of area of size, there's plenty to keep him busy.

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# Sports

## Canton volleyball beats Franklin in five sets

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton volleyball team outlasted Franklin Wednesday in a five game match at Franklin.

Canton lost the first game 15-7, came back to win the second 15-10, the third 15-3, lost the fourth 15-11 and won the match with a 16-14 win in the fifth and deciding game.

Canton coach Melinda Cain said the Chiefs fought back to win the fifth game.

"The fifth game was really weird," she said.

"It was 5-5 with both teams siding out. Both teams were running out of subs.

"It ended up that they went up 13-9. Laura Logsdon got us back in the game, making it 13-10 in Franklin's favor.

"Michelle Moreno served six straight points for us, including the game winner. She is a great role player for us, coming in when we really need her."

Edu Okwumabua led the Chiefs with 15 kills. Beth Ostach and Janet Zabivnik had five kills each.

Canton had five service aces. "We are

not a real strong ace serving team," said Cain, "but we have a very high percentage of serves that are in."

Zabivnik, Shawn Chaplin and Kristie Drinkhahn, the main passers for the Chiefs had an outstanding match.

The three had less than 1 percent passing error for the match.

"It was a very good night for our back row," said Cain.

Amber Wells had 22 assists for Canton. Katie Ray had 10.

Logsdon and Ostach played a big role

for the Chiefs up front. Each had ten blocks.

"Ostach made a big play for us," said Cain.

"Franklin was having a service run when Ostach blocked a serve in the fourth game, which got us out of the service rotation.

"Even though we lost the game 15-11, they were up 11-3 at that point."

Canton plays tonight in the Plymouth Salem tournament. Saturday the Chiefs play at the Schoolcraft Invitational.

## Rock basketball holds off Farmington for win

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem basketball team held a 10 point lead in the first half, but let the lead slip away in the second half Saturday at Farmington.

The Rocks held off Farmington to win the game 60-57 and improve their record to 10-1 on the season and 5-0 in conference play.

Salem coach Bob Brodie said he is

happy with the way the defense played. "We held them under 60 points in the game," he said. "Anytime you can hold a team under 60 you have to be happy with the defense."

The Rocks were hot in the first half, but cooled down after the break.

"We played well in the first half," said Brodie, "but we slowed down in the second. We were lax at both ends of the

floor in the third and fourth quarters."

Salem showed a balanced scoring with nine players in the scoring column.

James Head lead the team with 11 points. Head also pulled down 10 rebounds.

James McDonald grabbed 12 boards for the Rocks. Salem dominated underneath.

The Rocks had 45 rebounds and held

Farmington to just 23.

Salem was not as successful from the field. The Rocks made 54 percent of their shots, making 22 of 41 attempts.

They hit on 50 percent of 20 free throws attempted, but only two of 12 from three point land.

Salem plays North Farmington at home on Friday. Brodie said the game is important for the Rocks.

## No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



## Super Bowl fever hits Canton

'Big' game is a holiday across the nation

Ho, hum.

Another Super Bowl is over, with the Buffalo Bills on the short end of the "big game" stick.

We had seen it all before. The Bills dominated throughout the playoffs, only to be trounced when the gun sounded at the end of the game on Sunday.

But even though the game was as boring and predictable as the three previous Super Bowls, the festive atmosphere was still there.

No where was this more apparent than at Bob and Barb Carson's house in Canton.

The couple held their annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, complete with plates and napkins that were decorated with a football design and a gigantic party submarine sandwich, big enough to feed a small army.

It was truly a family event. Kids sat in their father's laps to get a better view of the game. It was a time to spend the day with friends. For most of those who came to the Carson's, it was a chance to see old friends. For me, it was a chance to make new friends.

More than 20 people crammed into the house to sit in front of the two television sets that were placed at opposite ends of the house. One set was for fans of the Dallas Cowboys and the other for fans of the Bills.

In the middle was the food. Along with the sub was brats, chips of all kinds, Jell-O spiked with vodka and Wilderberry Schnapps and a wide assortment of beer.

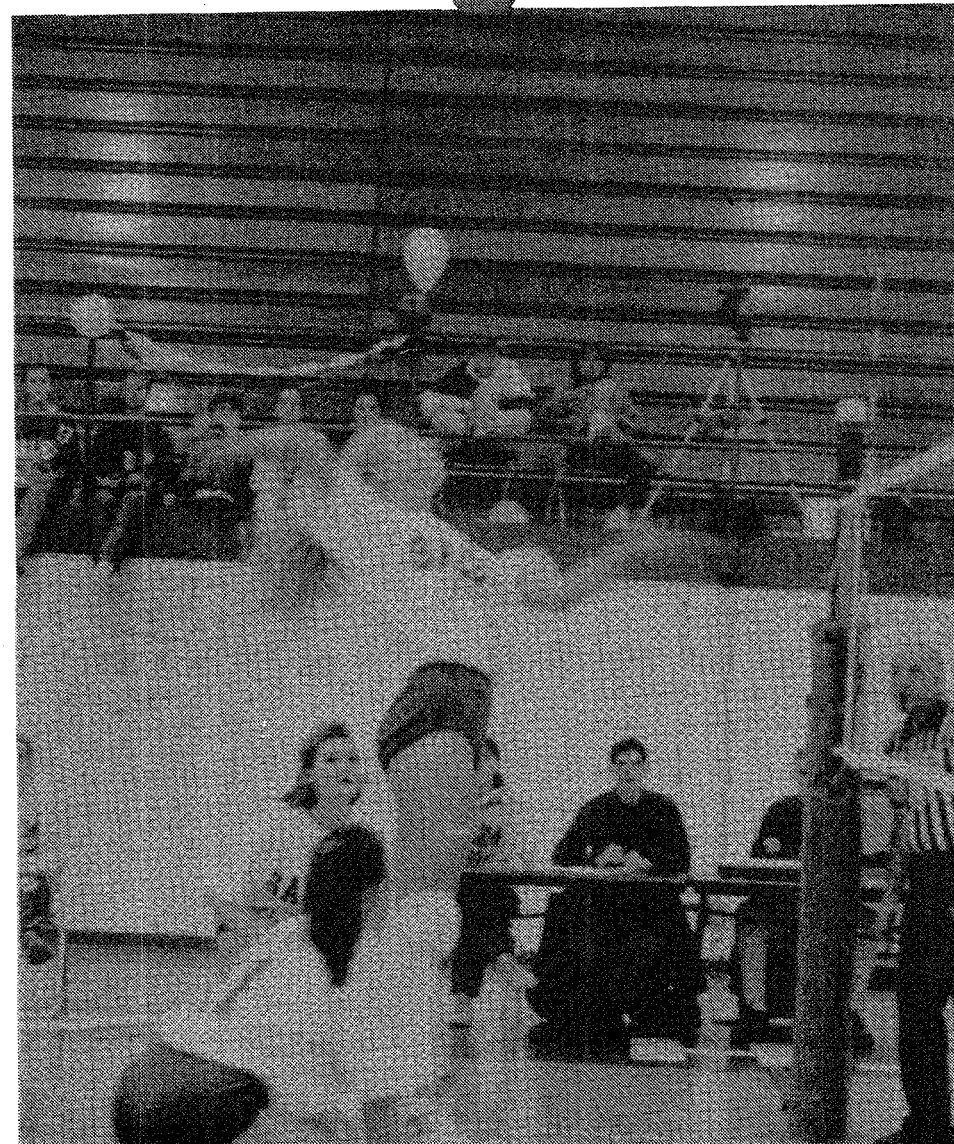
There were harmless bets made by those who thought the Bills would finally win the big game and by those who knew the Bills would fail again.

The party was much better than the game. I guess that's the way it goes during holidays in the United States. It seems we forget why we gathered to celebrate and just concentrate on the celebrating.

Some tickets sold for more than \$1,000 a seat. People from around the world tuned into the game and advertisements ran about \$800,000 for each half minute.

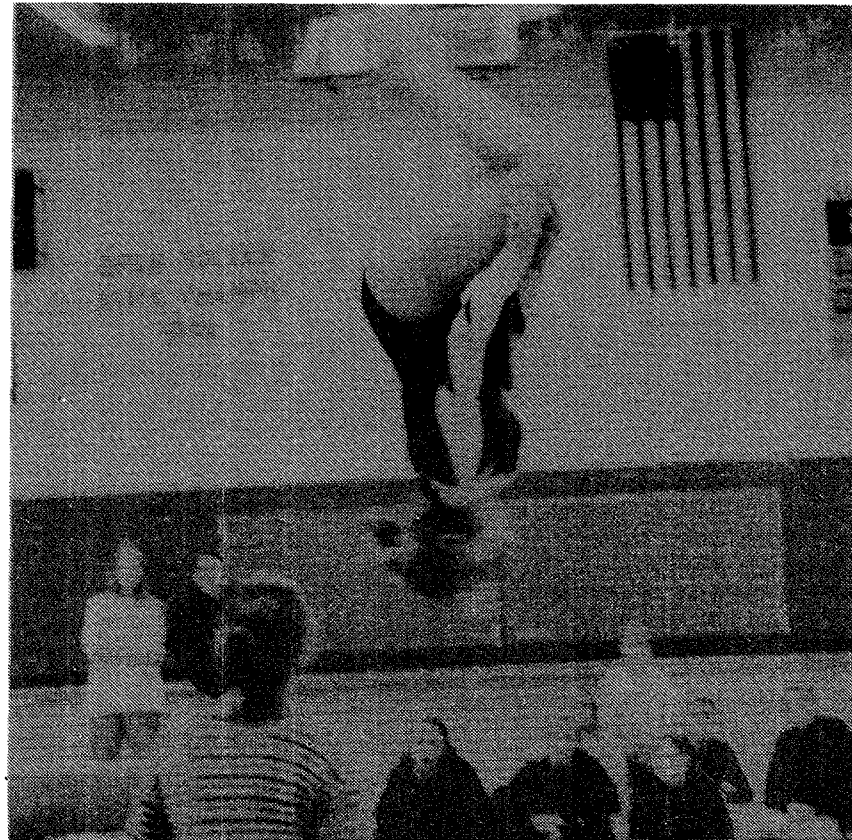
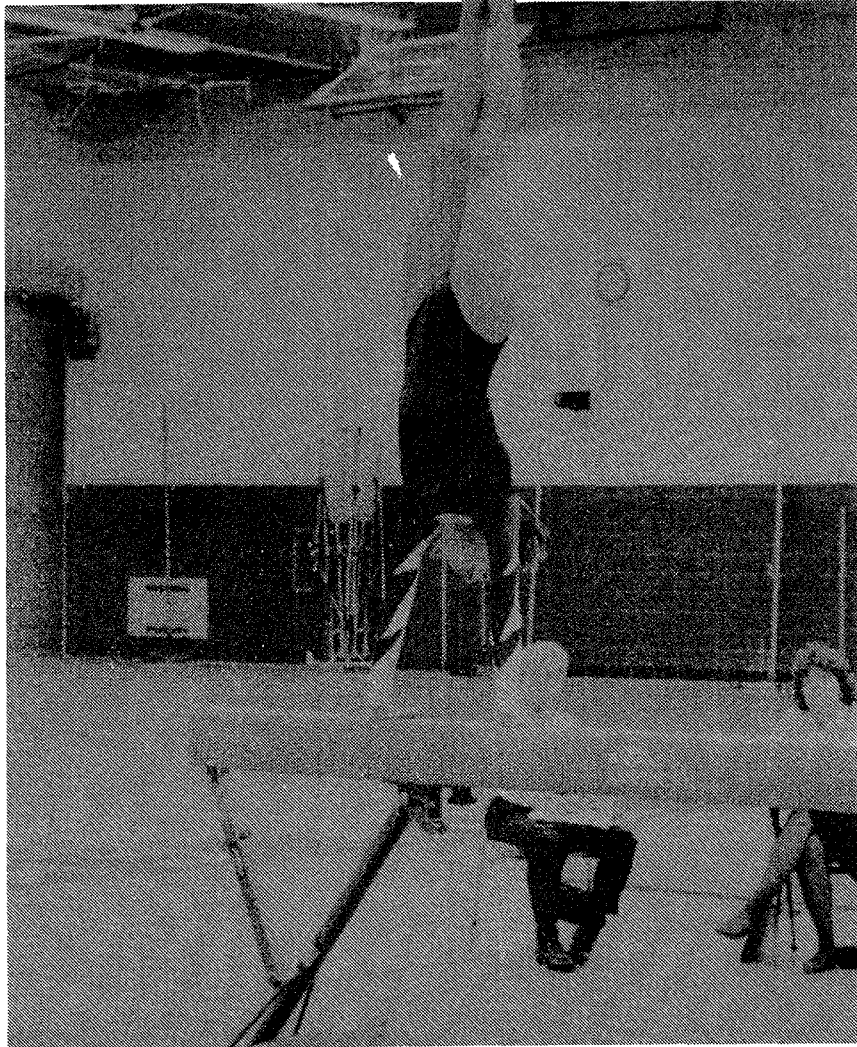
Too bad the Lions can't seem to get in on the Super Bowl action. The Carson's and their guests would really have something to cheer about.

Oh well, even though the Lions are no where near making the Super Bowl game, the Carson's will continue to throw the Super Bowl of Super Bowl parties.



A Salem spiker goes for the kill during their match against Harrison last Wednesday at home (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride).

# Rock gymnasts tie state high score



Salem's gymnastics team scored a 140.7 against John Glenn last Wednesday. Plymouth Salem's Sarah Makins (above) and Melissa Hopson (left) competed in the meet, Hopson took the all-around honors for the Rocks. The score is the highest recorded in the state this year. Holland also scored a 140.7 earlier this season. Canton and Salem face off Saturday at the Plymouth Invitational (Crier photos by George Gentry)

## Tops in state

*Gilles takes 4 events in Canton win over N. Farmington; ranked 1st in state*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton gymnastics team improved its record to 5-1 with a 132.85 to 128.0 win over North Farmington last Wednesday.

Katey Gilles won every event to help the Chiefs to the victory.

Gilles took first in the vault with a 9.1. Gilles was followed by North Farmington's Michelle Tsai with an 8.7. Brie Wall tied North Farmington's Alyse

Turner with an 8.3 for a share of third place. Kari Jackson took fifth for the Chiefs with a score of 8.1.

Gilles' score on the uneven bars was even more impressive. She scored a 9.25 to take first for Canton. Gilles was followed by Tsai who scored an 8.75 in the event. In third place was Wall with a score of 8.15. Turner took fourth place for North Farmington with an 8.0.

Kim Nowak was fifth for Canton with

a 7.8.

Gilles took first place on the balance beam with a score of 9.15. Tsai took second for North Farmington with an 8.55. Adrienne Brenner scored an 8.3 for Canton to take third.

Turner took fourth for North Farmington with an 8.2. Michelle Cimeot scored a 7.8 for Canton to take fifth in the event.

Gilles ran away with the floor exer-

cise. She scored a 9.35 to take first for Canton. Her nearest competitors were teammates Nowak and Angie Lamerato, who each scored an 8.55

in the event. Tsai took fourth for North Farmington with a score of 8.35. Brenner took fifth for Canton with an 8.25. Wall was fifth with an 8.05.

Canton faced Ann Arbor Pioneer Monday and will compete in the Freeland Invitational on Saturday.

The Hawks are on top of the Boys "B" League, National Division of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association with a perfect 7-0 record.

The Hawks were 10 better than the Jazz, winning the game 41-31.

The Hawks are followed in the National Division standings by the Jazz, who boast a 5-2 record.

The Blazers, Magic and Bulls are 4-3 on the season.

They are followed by the 76ers and Kings who are 3-4. The Nets and Lakers are 1-6.

The Bucks and Celtics share the lead in the American Division with 6-1 records. The Spurs are next with a 5-2 record. The Sonics and Knicks are 4-3 on the season. The Rockets are just below .500 with a 3-4 mark. The Pacers are 2-5 and the Pistons are 1-6. The Hornets are looking for their first win of the season. They are 0-7.

The Magic squeaked by the Blazers 53-52 in Boys "B" League action. The Bucks beat the Nets 51-34, the Sonics got by the Pistons 44-39, the Pacers crushed the Hornets

## PCJBA standings

47-30, the 76ers beat the Lakers 44-40, the Bulls were nine better than the Kings, winning the game 40-31, the Knicks defeated the Spurs 56-47; and the Celtics beat the Rockets 49-44.

The Rockets remained on top of the Boys "AA" League National Division with a 5-0 record. They are followed by the Bulls with a 3-1 record, the Knicks, who are 3-2, and the 2-2 76ers. The Celtics and Nets are 1-4 and the Hawks and Jazz are in the basement with 0-4 records.

The Lakers are on top of the American Division with a 4-0 record. The Pistons are in second with a 4-1 record.

The Pacers and Spurs share third place with 3-2 records and are followed by the Hornets and Kings who are 2-2. The Bucks are 2-3 and the Sonics are 1-3.

In Boys "AA" League action, the Sonics beat the Jazz

77-69, the Bucks clobbered the Nets 104-88, the Lakers trounced the Bulls 76-64, the Rockets got by the Pacers 78-77, the Spurs were 10 better than the Hawks 93-83, the Hornets beat the 76ers 83-66 and the Pistons crushed the Knicks 66-47.

The Pistons are on top of the Girls "B" League with a 6-1 record. The Celtics are second with a 5-2 mark. The Kings and Lakers are knotted up with a 4-3 record. The Nets are 2-5 and the Rockets are 0-7.

The Pistons beat the Rockets 44-31, the Celtics beat the Nets 36-30 and the Kings beat the Lakers in a low scoring game 20-18.

In the Girls "AA" League, the Pistons remain on top with a 4-0 record.

The Kings and Celtics are a distant second at 2-2 and the Lakers are 0-4.

The Kings beat the Lakers 65-53 in the first game and 47-36 in the second. The Pistons won two over the Celtics winning 49-40 and 37-36.

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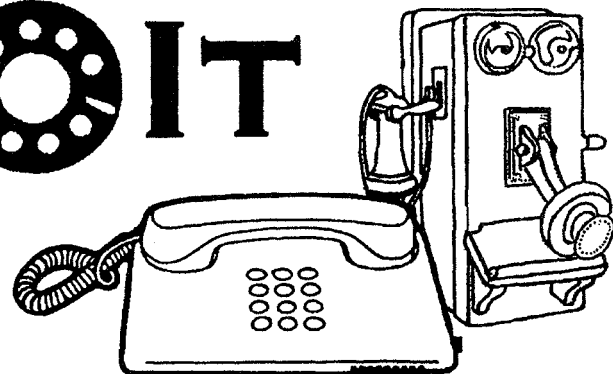
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desk; oak 3 drawer dresser; nice oak library

## Antique Auction

table signed larkin; oak dresser w/ beveled  
mirror; small oak bachelor's chest; oak parlor  
table; walnut marble top 1 door stand; pine  
cupboard w/ glass doors and 2 drawers; oak  
smoking stand; child's school desk w/ drawer;  
meat market butcher block table; dropleaf  
kitchen table; brass torchiere lamp; beautiful  
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## Antique Auction

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"I don't want to get into too much detail - my  
life is too big and there's a limit of 10 pages on  
this chapter." Billy Corrigan, speaking about  
his autobiography.

## Curiosities

MIKE CORRIGAN: Between your swimming  
and your new aquarium, I wonder if next you'll  
start growing gills...?

TONI & HAL - You've made a few  
Wednesdays much easier for us. Thanks  
bunches!

WATCH OUT CAMPBELLS!  
Toni's on a rampage.

"INVISIBLE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY?"  
(Call me "Burt")

HELEN GARBER - "The River Forever Flows  
Singing Along. The Rose on it bank bends  
adown to its song." And you are our rose,  
Helen. And you sing the song to us. And  
when you are feeling better, tell us the name of  
the poem and the author. Give up? In the  
meantime, we are sending our love notes to  
you. YOUR FRIENDS

MOM - WE MISS YOU! Maggie et al

JACK AND JACKIE SELLE IN FLORIDA our  
carrier pigeon has been flying around in  
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is following the straight and narrow right to  
you. Look for your Crier and let us know.

ERNIE ARCHER AND JACK MURDOCK -  
THAT DAPPER DUO - came and picked up  
their own copies of The Crier. You scamps!

IN PONTIAC LIVES ONE SPECIAL GIRL!  
Isn't that true, Alex?

JOSEPHINE (JOSEY) CLAIRE MODRACK.  
Lucky Girl - Born - Friday Jan. 14, 1994 to the  
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will room with her big sister

## Curiosities

LESLYN - BIRD CATCHER PAR  
EXCELLENT - who bravely shooed a cold  
black bird out of our basement. Thank you!

Recently a committee of the faculty met in the  
staff lounge. Observant members noted a sign  
posted on the wall, "PLEASE LEAVE THE  
ROOM IN ORDER." The committee discussed  
the charge in great detail, and while they  
developed several hypotheses, they felt they  
needed further information in order to comply.  
They felt that perhaps the criteria for success  
meant to leave ALPHABETICALLY, or perhaps  
in order of INCREASING HEIGHT or some  
variable. A suggestion to order themselves by  
decreasing intelligence was voted down. Not  
knowing exactly what to do, they felt they had  
a good chance at guesstimating the criteria if  
they left the room in SINGLE FILE. They  
hoped that met the spirit of the charge; and  
that they did LEAVE THE ROOM IN ORDER!  
By the way, the entire committee noted that  
the empty coffee cups, dirty countertops, and  
used paper littered throughout the room was a  
MESS and gave the room an unkempt  
appearance. They strongly felt something  
should be done about that. - T. EVERITT in  
Alaska.

KAREN OCHMAN - TO SEE A NEED AND  
FILL IT IS THE FIRST SIGN OF MATURITY.  
In these inclement times, you saved me with  
your Dad's electric heater and a hot cup of  
coffee. Thank you both!

## Curiosities

DPW - ICE, SNOW, WATER EVERYWHERE,  
but nothing in my bathroom or my sink (for 3  
days) thank you for performing a major miracle  
for myself and many others by working hours  
and hours. Thirty-six hours continuously one  
time and that was just the beginning. Thank  
you again!

ANDREA - NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW,  
NOR BLACK OF NIGHT keeps you from your  
appointed rounds. Bless you.

ALEX - CINDERELLA COULD NOT HAVE  
HAD BETTER CARE. than I did riding in your  
chariot. thank you.

THE LOISELLE FAMILY - Is the baby sitting in  
a washbowl related to you? You may check  
The Crier bulletin board if you will. It's a  
darling baby.

ROB likes green mints - HURRAY!!!!

Can Kim get blonder - keep your eyes open.

K&D's goal for the summer of '94 is to beat  
J&C in a golf match - Ha Ha - what dreamers  
UofM in 1st place - ho hum -

The Guide is fast approaching - don't miss out.  
Everyone has normal photos & special photos  
- right boots?

It is necessary to leave a wide aisle at The  
Side Street whenever Jacquie or Joanne are  
waitressing.

We didn't win Emma.

Those "BOOTS" are walking all over Jack! Is  
that why she gets flowers?

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## Curiosities

ROB & KAREN did a super job last week. So what are you going to do for me this week?

I hope Pat & Larry have a great time in Hawaii.

Jenny, I've heard of.

"REMEMBER, there is a paper every week" Lisa.

"I will lie in my hole gracefully," said Johanna Anderson after losing a Super Bowl bet to a friend.

"I'll be there at 10 p.m.; said Boots. Gee, I wonder what happened to her? How wild. Or should I say, What a "wild" man.

Stop at Rose's in Canton for the best Italian food around.

The Carsons throw the best Super Bowl party in town - Rob

Welcome home Bethann Gryorke. It's nice to know you survived the U.P. - Rob

MOMS I & II: good luck mates!

VINCE eats Grandma's New Year's Eve chip dip.

LEAH WAVES from the Deli.

BUCKWHEAT plays Thursday.

DIANE HERBRUCK passes on oysters.

DEB MEIJER says "keep those Curios coming."

THE NEW GUIDE  
WILL FEATURE  
AN AREA CODE  
DIRECTORY . . .  
810 IS COMING!

Kelly & Sharon were spotted walking down Main St. Makes a person start wishing it was Summer

MAG is GAM spelled backwards - right K&S.

Sue and Bill Frank of Brighton, Michigan. Congratulations on the birth of your daughter Sarah on Thursday January 27.

She's beautiful! Love, Aunt Karen (BOOTS)

TONI at 885: "I'm not just another pretty face."

CHUCK SKENE has a clean windshield.

MARTHA & DUNBAR - your Christmas plant is still blooming here in the office, a gentle reminder of how much we miss you. The Crier Staff.

BULLWINKLE & ROCKY - the quotes and "F.Y.I's" have been much appreciated as you can see this week. Continue the flow, please! Snakebite: What's shakin'? (Besides the entire house!)

LAURA STEVENS got older again.

Jack leaves all the question marks out of his Curiosities, doesn't he.

Was the Amway Grand trying to make their pasta just like a fishing experience? (The salmon was hard to find.)

Get Well Soon, Simon! from Mickey, Meatball & Goombah

Original Mike Watts: How are you coming on those snowshoes? (and where can I buy tokens for the Plymouth-Livonia subway?)

E&P are cookin in F.P.!

WHY DON'T WE JUST INSTALL GATES that make the @#\$!%!! trains stop, until all the cars & pedestrians are clear???

"Strip that dry film down, boys, strip that dry film down! The only song I know to sing is 'Strip that dry film down!'"

Sue Nieland: Thanks for a wonderful Super Bowl party! Heavenly eats & company. (However, about the guys actually WATCHING part of the game - I think we've got a problem developing.)

Sally: That's more signatures than a Stroh Brewery tour! -Mike

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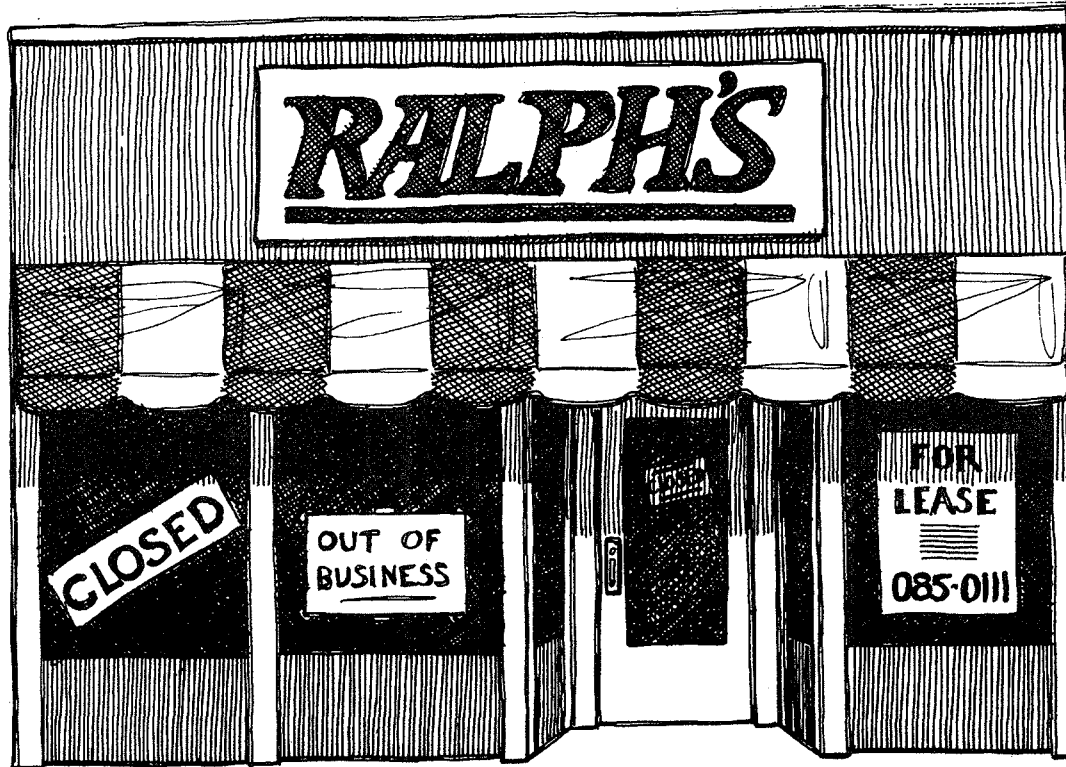
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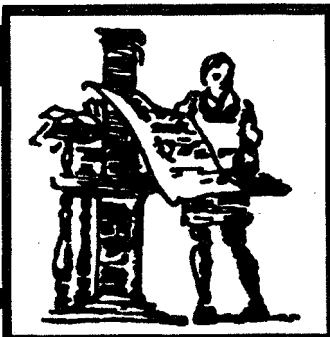
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# Community opinions

## Full disclosure

*Legislation too late to offset Canton decision, but sets sound rules for future*

Although it's too late to address the recently settled situation in Canton, it's about time that the state Legislature takes yet another step in making the workings of government a truly public function.

On the floor of the House is a piece of legislation — HB 4577 — that would force complete disclosure of the details of any legal settlement with a local unit of government. If enacted into law, this bill would prevent the kind of closed-door, behind-the-scenes settlement recently made between Canton and a township family that may have run upwards of \$600,000.

Of that figure, of course, the bulk was covered by the township's insurance carrier — but the township had to cover the \$75,000 deductible. In either case, taxpayers will never know the full amount of the settlement — but will ultimately be saddled with the loss: in the form of direct payments (the deductible) and no doubt higher premiums in the future.

It is this twin impact on taxpayers that should force this issue on the House (and then Senate) floor: If taxpayer money is involved, then details of the settlement — and the decision to offer and approve the settlement — should be public.

This is not to say that the entire legal fight should be completely public: the state Open Meetings Act specifically provides for closed-door government sessions to talk legal strategy. But certainly the final outcome should be made public — and the public has a right to hear its governing body decide the outcome of such a battle — *in public*.

The bottom line is that there has for too long been a convenient gray area when it came to government lawsuits, and this gray area needs to be painted white; the clear white of full disclosure, not the whitewash of secrecy.

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## Kaufman incident

*What exactly is going on with 'probe' into Township's handling of the case?*

As the story plays out concerning the Michigan State Police investigation of Plymouth Township's handling of the Judge Richard Kaufman incident, one question is beginning to surface:

Who exactly is being investigated here?

The way Township Police Chief Carl Berry sees it, it's a wonder that an investigation is being conducted at all: An investigation usually follows the accusation that a crime has been committed; it shouldn't be used as a fishing expedition to see if something may or may not have happened.

And yet neither Berry's police department, nor Judge Kaufman have been accused of a thing. Instead, a Wayne County Prosecutors Office spokesman says merely that a "decision" will be made once the State Police probe is finished.

A decision about what? That criminal proceedings will be instituted against the judge; that some other kind of proceedings will be instituted against the department?

The fact is that meter is running on county prosecutors to let the public know what they're up to, who they're investigating and where they're going with this whole thing. As time drags on, county officials walk farther and farther out on shaky ground — and serve no one. Including and especially justice.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## What's the real tax burden on residents?

EDITOR:

I'd like to thank the Plymouth City Commission for providing the opportunity for some of us in the community to comment at the commission's latest "goals setting" session.

At that session, there were a couple of subjects on my mind which seemed more appropriate to pass on in writing rather than taking time during the session.

Although I pass over many of the streets in Plymouth during the course of my activities, I did not fully realize the condition of some until I reviewed the city budget last spring and realized no street capital improvements were budgeted nor have any street capital improvements existed since 1986.

Shortly thereafter, I drove approximately half of Plymouth's streets. Not only was it apparent street construction was being delayed, but street repairs were being neglected also. Specifically, I am referring to the accepted practice of sealing the cracks in asphaltic pavement to reduce the damage to the street base.

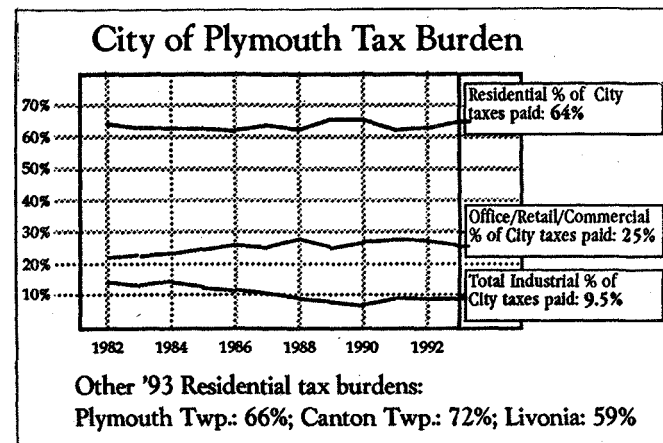
From the late '50s to mid-'60s, Plymouth embarked upon an aggressive street improvement program. Subsequently, streets were improved and maintained on a moderate schedule. However, in the early '70s a major street program was undertaken as a result of the commission, manager and engineer, as a group, driving almost every street in the city.

At the time, many streets were laid in concrete because of the favorable economics of a project large enough to warrant setting up a concrete bulk plant on a vacant industrial lot.

There is a strong argument that improved streets result in the continued maintenance an improvement of the adjoining properties. A specific example is Roe Street from Hamilton to the rail track. Every dwelling has been improved and every vacant lot occupied since this street was paved.

At first impression, it may seem commendable that the city millage rate has been reduced in recent years. It appears to me this has been possible partially due to neglecting capital improvements and repair.

Consequently, it seems prudent for the city to take an extended view of city street requirements and becoming aware of the latest technology. Particularly in preparing the base for recapping old concrete streets and being aware of existing



This chart was prepared by Mr. McKeon.

adverse conditions such as:

- Street failure caused by water mains improperly installed in Garling Subdivision.

- Improper base preparation when recapping streets (Particularly noticeable on Auburn, North Evergreen and Sunset. Some areas of these streets failed within three weeks of completion).

- Premature failure of North Main Street due to improper base preparation. Extensive failure within three years of completion.

An additional concern is the continuous decline of industrial tax revenues and the recent decline and commercial tax revenues as a percent of total tax revenues.

(The enclosed chart plots these trends back to 1982.)

The loss of Highland Appliance assesses personal property (rumored to be \$3 million) will extend these trends and will not be reflected until tax rolls are set in 1994.

These trends emphasize the need for continued diligence in a parking policy that will encourage a more productive use of currently zoned commercial property.

In addition, these trends call for unprecedented action to encourage more productive use of industrial properties.

Legislation to ease the burden of environmental and ADA (American Disabilities Act) remedies allowing older industrial facilities to compete with tax abated new construction would seem in order.

Locally, adjustments in industrial real estate assessments to reflect the loss of value caused by environmental concerns and to encourage personal property development may not be out of the question.

In summary, it seems to me new thinking is required by the Plymouth city government for a catch-up capital improvement program and to reverse the downward trend of industrial and commercial tax base as a percent of the total.

JIM McKEON



# Community opinions

## The March 15 sales tax vote

### Vote 'yes'

*Farrand's reasoning in opposition of tax proposal doesn't hold water*

EDITOR:

In his recent column ("Brace yourself: You're going to hear a lot about the new tax proposal from me"), Craig Farrand urged taxpayers to vote "no on the March 15th school finance ballot proposal, claiming that the back-up statutory plan is superior.

Mr. Farrand cited the loss of federal income tax deductibility as the main reason he favors the back-up plan.

The ballot proposal will provide a gross tax cut of \$1.4 billion. Even when you factor in the loss of deductibility — \$351 million — we get a net tax cut of \$1.06 billion in 1994. In addition, the ballot proposal would lower property tax rates in almost every school district to 6 mills, compared to a rate of 12 mills for the back-up plan.

And unlike the ballot proposal, the back-up plan contains no assessment cap.

What Mr. Farrand didn't mention is that only one-third of Michigan taxpayers itemize deductions on their federal returns. So, for the remaining two-thirds of Michigan taxpayers, Farrand's arguments are simply moot. They'll pay the income tax and get no deduction — hardly fair.

Mr. Farrand also ignores the fact that the sales tax is paid not only by Michigan residents but also by tourists and others traveling to our state.

Raising the sales tax to 6 per cent would put our rate on par with the rates in the neighboring Great Lakes states, and leave it below the rate in places like Chicago or Ontario.

The sales tax is also somewhat discretionary, in that the amount of tax paid depends on the personal spending decisions of consumers, not on the whims of government.

Under the ballot plan, items like food and medicine will still be exempt from the sales tax, and the tax on utilities will not go up.

And does Mr. Farrand actually believe that raising the state income tax to 6 per cent — the highest flat rate in the nation — and raising the single business tax are the best ways to create more new jobs and continue Michigan's economic growth?

Raising these taxes would be a job-killer for Michigan's future.

Finally, Mr. Farrand reasons that under the ballot proposal, taxpayers would lose the "tremendous power of deductibility." Apparently, Mr. Farrand thinks the government should take and hold taxpayer's money through higher income taxes, use the cash for whatever it pleases and then return a small bit of it as some great reward (a "refund") the following year.

I believe that given a choice — and the ballot plan gives voters a clear choice — taxpayers would rather pay a higher sales tax and a lower

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### Vote 'no'

*Governor's reasoning doesn't deal with real issues of the tax debate*

Hello P-C,  
The March 15 tax vote — part II:

As you can see by the governor's accompanying letter (well, it was actually written by his chief of staff), I'm full of the kind of stuff you might find on a nearby dairy farm.

But even if that's true, don't every accuse me of not being persistent — so here goes the second phase of my argument in opposition to Gov. John Engler's lousy sales tax plan.

Oh, and by the way (and in case you're wondering), I'm not responding to this letter, but to an appearance by the gov in my own back yard — Downriver — on Jan. 20, at which time he made these same lame points.

OK, here goes:

#### Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



#### Deductibility

The gov argues that since only a minority of Michiganians itemize on their federal tax returns, the issue of deductibility is simply not an issue.

In the same breath, he also says he disdains the statutory plan because of its increase in the single business tax.

Well, Mr. Engler, if your logic is good for one argument, let's use it for the other: If sheer numbers are the issue, who cares if the single business tax goes up, there are more private citizens than businesses in the state.

But, as you can well imagine, this is a silly argument, isn't it?

The point here is not just *how many* people are affected by either tax plan, but in *what way* they are affected. And therein lies the rub.

Since the entire concept of Michigan tax reform was in direct response to the immense pressure our existing tax structure placed on homeowners in the state — *and since homeowners invariably itemize* — isn't this the central issue?

I don't remember the Legislature or the gov saying they needed to do something about the terrible imposition our state income tax was or our state sales tax was.

Property taxes were the issue.

And property owners itemize.

Now let's jump ahead to the problem at hand: By the time the March 15 vote comes about, those of us who own homes and itemize our taxes will have been living under old rules of tax withholding, income sheltering and creating deductions for next year.

Then, two and a half months into the 1994 tax year, the rules are going

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## Goodfellows thanks those who helped with fund-raiser

EDITOR:

On the behalf of the Plymouth Goodfellows we thank you for your generosity.

Christmas morning 1993 was one of childhood delight for our community's less fortunate.

Your donation once again assured the Plymouth community would have 'no kiddie without a Christmas.'

The next meeting of the Goodfellows will be held

March 9.

Feel free to join us in reviewing the 1993 campaign. And again, thank you for your support.

Without people like you we would not carry out this special mission.

CLARA A. HILL

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PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS.



# Community opinions

## Obits should be free in Crier

### EDITOR:

We are charged and taxed from cradle to grave and now The Crier has found a way to go beyond the grave.

I am disappointed that you now demand payment for obituaries. For over 20 years, you printed informative obituaries and now if no payment is made, you just offer a one-liner death notice.

It was helpful to read the obituaries you used to print. Many times I learned of the death of a relative of past or current friends and acquaintances.

I was able to contact survivors and offer help, or an understanding ear.

Now I have no idea if the deceased person is related to someone I know.

It is sad to think a person's life is reduced to a one-line death notice.

I expect more than that from The Crier, whose motto is "The Newspaper with Its Heart in The Plymouth-Canton Community."

Please reconsider.  
ENID BAUER

## Vote 'no'

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to change. Great idea.

Now, if the sales tax increase is approved it will go into effect immediately — but all property tax aspects will be retroactive.

The same holds true for the income and the property tax aspects of the statutory fallback plan (we'd fall two and a half months short of withholding under an income tax increase).

But these points only show that the effective dates of both plans are flawed — beyond that, the sales tax proposal remains the lousier idea precisely because of the deductibility aspect.

By the way, the gov called the deductibility issue a "red herring" because no one has ever thanked an assessor for increasing property values so we could get a bigger deduction.

That's called a fallacious argument in logic because it has nothing to do with the dynamics of the current debate:

If taxes are going to be raised — and both plans raise taxes by the largest single rise in Michigan history — then let's keep the money in Michigan, not send more to Washington by eliminating taxpayer deductions.

### Statutory aspects

The governor has also pointed out in his road show that the statutory fallback plan leaves all future tax decisions in the hands of the Legislature.

Lawmakers, he said, could change the income tax or any other tax at will.

On the other hand, Mr. Engler said, the sales tax

increase will be a constitutionally capped figure that cannot be manipulated by legislative fiat.

True, gov, except for one little item:

Everything else under the sales tax plan is just as open to legislative whim as is the fallback plan — yet you're going to etch in granite one tax hike from the get-go.

Thanks.

### Assessment caps vs. inflation

Another one of Mr. Engler's selling points on the sales tax option is the cap on property assessment — to 5 per cent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

Now, I really like that idea — but I would have liked it better 12 years ago when property taxes started running people out of their homes.

But the fact is that property values have stabilized in Michigan — in large measure precisely because the national inflation rate hasn't even come close to 5 per cent.

(Last year's double-digit assessment increases were due to a stupid one-year assessment freeze that, when lifted, released all kinds of pent-up price pressures.)

The fact is that if the economy stays on its current modest growth curve — no '80s hyperactivity, thank you — property values will rise at realistic rates.

Still, what I do like about that plan is that any additional value over and above the cap will be assessed when property changes hands.

But let me reiterate: Why wasn't this *statutory* plan in place 12 years ago?

In short, a good idea, but too late to matter much.

Next week: TIFAs and DDAs.

## Vote 'yes'

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income tax. Then they could hold on to more hard-earned cash and make their own decisions regarding how they spend money for themselves and their families.

And considering the hike in federal income rates under President Clinton, doesn't it make sense to lower the Michigan income tax rate?

On March 15th, voters will have a clear choice: Vote "yes" on the ballot proposal for a lower income tax, lower property taxes, a cap on assessments, higher

sales tax and more control over your money.

Vote "no," or don't vote at all, and you'll get a higher income tax, a higher business tax, less of a property tax cut and no cap on assessments.

And worst of all, you'll be entrusting government to take and spend more of your money without your control, just so you can get a small "refund" a year later.

That just doesn't make sense.

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

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The library of Plymouth and Northville Township 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.

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Steve Harper (1992), P.O. Box 401, Plymouth, 466-8484.

The Canton Public Library moved to its independent facility just south of the township Administration Building on Canton Center Road almost four years ago. 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. - 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. In the summer it is closed Sundays.

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## EVENTS

### Happenings in the community

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

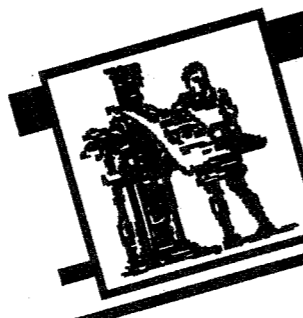
**JUNE:** June is a month for light outdoor activities throughout P-C-N, including Friday night street dances or music in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, concerts at Plymouth Township Park, the Summer Song Festival in Northville and now the Liberty Festival in Canton. Old Village offers a celebration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



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