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Buyout may leave schools scrambling to fill teacher jobs

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

As teachers with seniority in the Plymouth-Canton Schools prepare to take the district's offer for early retirement, the schools now have to get a system in place for replacing them in time for the 1995-96 school year.

The severance plan is open to all teachers at the top step of the pay scale.

The first plan pays out \$60,000 — \$500 a month for 120 months — and a major portion of the taxes on the employee is paid by the board.

The second plan offers employees eligible for the state retirement system the option of taking \$10,000 up front to the retirement system and the annuity reduced to \$50,000 over the next 10 years

According to P-C Schools Superintendent Chuck Little, the district will have to wait until April before finding out how many teaching positions it will have to fill.

"The figure we threw out was 60 to 100, but I have no idea until after April 10," Little said.

"We have received over 150 inquiries so far, but we haven't got any exact numbers. We have to get a system in place now though."

Little said that the district is looking at taking each of the new teachers through a training session in a mock classroom. The teacher would then teach the class of adults who would then evaluate them on their performance.

"We're working with the teachers, the principals, the PTO's," Little said. "They are all going to be in on the meetings — like the goals committee."

Little said that the hiring process would try to do everything possible to attract minorities and have all of the positions filled by the end of June.

"There are a number of people who are expected to leave," Little said. "60 may be a very low number."

Canton's 'diplomat of change' dies at 65

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE and W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The sweet corn in Canton just won't be as sweet anymore.

Services will be held today for lifelong Canton farmer and former Canton Trustee, Richard Palmer, 65, who died Friday. Since he was injured when hit by a car in 1993, Palmer's health had worsened.

Palmer's love of Canton bridged the burgeoning community's old agricultural ways to its modern community role.

In addition to serving as a Canton trustee, he also served on the planning commission from its inception to 1993—except for one two-year period. On that body, he served under every one of the seven Canton supervisors since Louis Stein

Palmer also served on the Canton Board of Review, the Canton Economic Development Commission and was inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame.

An injury eventually contributed to his death — an injury he suffered while trying to help others. It was a snowy day, Jan. 12, 1993, when Palmer noticed a car had gone into the ditch in front of his house on Warren Road between Beck and Ridge.

As Palmer was attempting to push the car back onto the road, another car lost control and struck him and the car he was pushing. He never fully recovered from the accident.

This helping incident was typical of Palmer's life.

"There wasn't a thing he wouldn't do



Dick Palmer, longtime Canton farmer and former Trustee, died after a long battle with an injury he suffered while doing what he did best — helping others.

for you," said John M. Hoben, former Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent and an old friend of Palmer's. "Dick was one of the first people I ever met when I got here in 1955

His wife, Joan, recalled that he was "fiercely proud of Canton Township. He

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

 What is variety? Variety is...1995 will host its 30th annual anniversary of the talent show that features talented students from Canton and Salem High Schools. There will be singing dancing and comedy as well as the P-C Symphony Band, the Concert Band, the Honors Choir, the Chiefettes, the Rockettes, a percussion feature, a color quard feature and the awardwinning PCEP Marching Band. The show will be on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem Auditorium. Reserved seating is \$6, \$4 for general admission at the door. For more information, call Mike Chappell at 451-0063

SPECIAL

 Winners of the Plymouth Afghan Contest can come to the offices of The Crier to pick up their afghans.

Winners: John Anderson,
Dorothy Simescu, Amy
Renaud, Diane Macik,
Barb DeRosa, Janice L.
Meyersand Pauline L.
Green have afghans waiting for them to come and claim.

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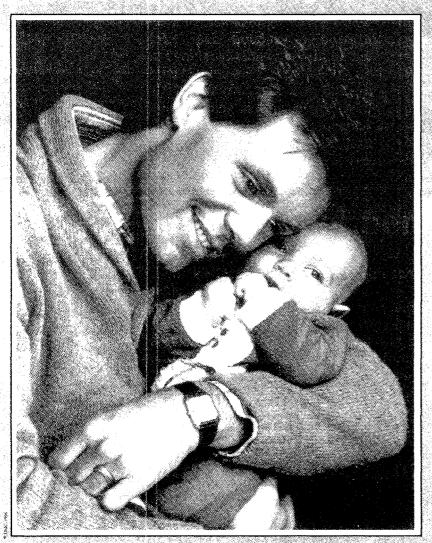
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Q.Who is my child's school principal?
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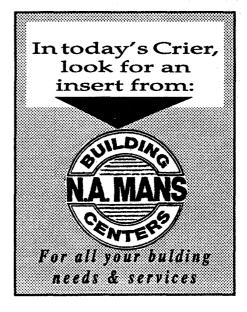
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Sunshine Honda wants Oakview Road closed

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

What will become of Oakview Road? Sunshine Honda has petitioned the county to have Oakview Road in Plymouth Township closed at Ann Arbor Road.

According to Tom Bohlander, owner of Sunshine, the closing of the road will allow him to better serve his customers.

"We're going to use the area as additional parking," Bohlander said. "There are no plans at this time for facilities expansion."

Bohlander said that Sunshine has made their request to the county and is currently awaiting a response. He also said that the closing of the road at Ann Arbor is a good thing for the community.

"We're following the findings of the Ann Arbor road committee," Bohlander said. "It's good for the community, it's good for us."

According to Plymouth Township Director of Public Services, Jim Anulewicz, the drive to close the street is not in the township's sphere of influence.

"Sunshine Honda is behind this," Anulewicz said. "The county is the one doing this, they have total jurisdiction over this."

Annulewicz said that the township did

not have a problem with Sunshine Honda asking to have that road closed.

"Our feeling is that any reduction in the amount of curb cuts onto busy roads is better than what we have now," Anulewicz said. "With the amount of streets between Sheldon and Main there is a high amount of cut-through traffic."

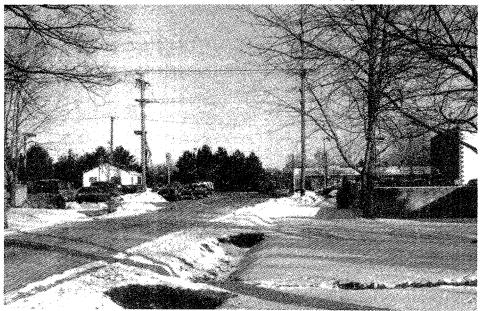
According to Wayne County Department of Public Services Public Relations Manager John Roach, there is a three-step process to having a road closed in the township.

"First they have to petition the county to close the street then the county sends a notice of a public hearing to the residents of the area," Roach said. "The township then has the hearing and makes a reccommendation to the Wayne County Commission. Then the commission decides what to do."

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth said that he communicated his needs to the county concerning the move.

"I contacted them and said that there would have to be either a cul-de-sac or a T-bone intersection there," Groth said. "I need to have access there and I don't want to have to back fire equipment into that area. That's not safe."

Bohlander said that he was interested



If Wayne County gives Sunshine Honda the go-ahead, the view at the end of Oakview Road will be nothing but cars. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

in the t-bone intersection, which would be cut from the existing property he owns on Oakview.

Dorothy Davison, who lives on Oakview, doesn't think that the traffic conditions around Oakview is bad enough to warrant its closure.

"We've been living here for 45 years," Davison said. "The only accidents that we've seen are idiots driving out of Sunshine Honda."

Davison said that she has mailed a letter concerning the effort to close the road to her neighbors and plans to fight to keep Oakview open.

"Bohlander (owner of Sunshine Honda) has a lot more money and influence than we do," Davison said.

Library, road bond questions share ballot in Canton's April special election

\$12 MILLION ROAD IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to place a general obligation road improvement bond issue on the April 18 special election ballot.

The proposal that will go before the voters calls for the creation of a multiyear bond program to fund a \$12 million road improvement package.

The Wayne County Road Commission is in charge of road improvements, maintenance and upkeep for all townships in Wayne County. If the bond issue is passed, Canton would be the first and only township to take road improvement into their own hands.

The \$12 million bond program must be approved by the voters since it will call for a millage increase of approximately .67 mills for use in paying off the bonds.

One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 valuation of the taxpayer's home. The total tax increase on a \$120,000 home with a state equalized value of \$60,000 is \$40.20 per year.

The administration and board studied several options, which included becoming a city, increasing the general millage and keeping the system the same — with Wayne County directing road improvement.

The proposals — developed over the past four months by Yack along with

other top Canton administrators, including Chief Financial Officer John Spencer, Township Engineer Tom Casari, and Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik — were first brought before the board during a study session Jan. 17.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said it is the administration's responsibility to identify need in the community and propose a solution. "This way, the taxpayers will decide if it will happen," he said.

"If the electorate chooses to tax themselves, at least it would be them that would have the say. Regardless, we will do the best possible job whether they say no or yes."

Wayne County Commissioner and Canton resident Bruce Patterson praised the board for bringing the issue before the voters.

"As a member of your community," he said, "I use these roads often, so I know the condition they are in.

"...I applaud you for taking this coura-

geous step. I know none of us want to raise taxes."

The board voted 5-1 in favor of putting the road improvement bond proposal on the ballot.

The one dissenting vote came from Bob Shefferly, who said he favors the use of a voted, dedicated 1 mill road improvement millage.

"I don't like paying \$6.5 million in interest on a \$12 million loan," he said. "I think we can do a good job on the roads—we just don't need \$12 million tomor-

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who voted "yes," said she did so only because it was her only option.

"I disagree with the bond issue," she said. "It is not good for us as a community to take on a 15 year debt for a product (roads) that will be used up by the time it is paid off.

"It seems we're taking a risk putting the bond issue out considering the volatile state of the economy in Michigan."

\$8.9 MILLION LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to place the library millage bond issue on the April 18 ballot.

Jean Tabor, the director of the Canton library, said with the growth Canton is experiencing, the library is in desperate need for more seating.

The library will be asking voters for a

bond issue of \$8.9 million, which will be used to expand the library and roll in the debt on the six year old building.

Plans include an increase in seating by 220, more quiet study areas, three new group study areas, drive-up book drop, genealogy room, gift shop and an advanced technology multi-media room.

Cable TV legal battle heats up

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The cable television battle between Omnicom Cable and a governmental consortium that includes the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton is far from over—and if a report given by Omnicom's attorney to the Canton Township Board of Trustees last week is any indication, the cable company looks to be digging in its heals for a long and bloody legal fight.

Scott Hamilton said the multi-government consortium violates Omnicom's due process rights under Section 626 of the Federal Cable Act.

"The issues for all the municipalities are different," he said. "Lumping everything into one is not a practical solution for anyone.

"This will not save anyone any money. It is a cumbersome and unworkable process"

Hamilton said Omnicom has the right to negotiate with each governmental unit independently.

"I urge you to proceed with extreme caution," he said alluding to the possibility of a prolonged legal battle.

Robert Edick, special counsel for the consortium on the due process issue, said the municipalities' issues may not be identical, but they are substantially the same.

"The (specific community issues) are slightly different," he said, "but not enough to call this a major cause of the problems we're having."

The communities and Omnicom have been in negotiations for more than a year to settle the cable franchise dispute.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1995

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 13, 1994, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Mueller.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 20, 1994, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller abstaining due to her absence

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 10, 1995, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 10, 1995, Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Suppoted by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill requested that the agenda be amended by removing Item J.1 Amendments to Water & Sewer System Industrial Waste Pretreatment - Ordinance No. C-95-01 for First Reading. With that change, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as amended for the January 24, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read into the record and then presented proclamations to Fred L. Knupp, Fred Honke, Chief Larry Groth, Marilyn Massengill, and Thomas R. Hollis for their 25 years or more of service.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Dean Swartzwalter, Plymouth Township resident and member of the United Methodist Church addressed the Board regarding the church's program of providing shelter to the homeless.

Mr. Thaddeus McCotter, Wayne County Commissioner, expressed his commitment to continue working with the Township on behalf of shared constituents.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the extension of the Final Preliminary Plat for Heather Hills Subdivision No. 2 to December 20, 1995. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the application of S & N, Inc., Application No. 1278/1094, to rezone property located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Five Mile Road, tax identification number 005-99-0001-001, as described on the attached amended zoning map, from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District, to C-2, General Commercial District. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the application of S & N, Inc., Application No. 12808/1094, to rezone property located on the southeast corner of Beck Road and Five Mile Road, tax identification numbers 010-99-0017-001, 010-99-0022-000, as described on the attached amended zoning map, from R-1-H, Single Family Residential District, to C-2, General Commercial District. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adopt the First Reading of Amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code, Chapter 60, of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the administration to negotiate a contract with Motorola for equipment, software and services with a cost not to exceed \$185,000. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the administration's recommendations regarding compensation for non-represented, technical/clerical employees as outlined in a memo date January 16, 1995. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Mr. Curmi moved to amend the motion by removing item number 6 of the recommendations for compensation for the non-represented employees which addresses establishing a program to provide medical coverage for retiring employees and recommended that this issue be studied further at the work session schedule for February 14, 1995. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The original motion, as amended, was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Brooks moved that the Charter Township of Plymouth offices close Monday, December 25, 1995 in observance of Christmas and Friday, December 22, 1995 in observance of Christmas Eve and that the offices close Friday, December 29, 1995 in observance of New Year's Eve and Monday, January 1, 1996 in observance of New Year's Day. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all with Ms. Arnold voting no.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 95-01-24-01 granting the request from Shawn Patrick, Inc., to transfer ownership of the 1994 Class C licenses business located at 1507 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, Wayne County, from J.B.C. Inc. to Shawn Patrick, Inc. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy.
Nays: None.

Resolution declared adopted

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 95-01-24-02 granting the request from Best Choices, Inc., Mr. James G. Grutza, President, at 9439 Tecumseh-Macon Road, Tecumseh, Michigan, 49286 to be considered "above all others" for one of the two liquor licenses available in Plymouth Township subject to the applicant proceeding with his expansion within one year. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy Nays: None.

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the River Oaks Sewer By-Pass increasing the contract amount to \$114, 193.46 and extending the contract completion time to February 28, 1995 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Easement for Beck Industrial Center Limited Partnership. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Police Officers Association of Michigan. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller informed the Board that SEMCOG is looking at different ways to accommodate transportation throughout the industries and companies within the community.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy congratulated Mrs. Mueller for her appointment as Township Representative to the Transportation Committee with SEMCOG.

Mr. Den Swartzwalter addressed the Board requesting that the Township not be overly bureaucratic in applying rules, codes, and regulations to situations where legislative law and case law is already indicating which way it's going in the country.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized Carol Pyykkonen, Fire Chief Groth, Patrolman Eric Anderson, Captain Randy Maycock and Firefighter Dan Phillips, Chief Carl Berry, Shirley Barney and the Police Department for their letters of appreciation.

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

At 9:44 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Ms. Arnold that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. RE: to discuss an opinion letter from the Township Attorney concerning an employment agreement. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

This is a permissable purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978 Article 15.268. Sectopm 8, Paragraph h.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting of January 24, 1995 back into open session at 10:30 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the employment contract between the Charter Township of Plymouth and Rebecca Armstrong, as discussed. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on January 24, 1995. 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 28, 1995.

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/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabioities 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, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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Library board will fill open position by appointment

The Plymouth District Library has received 13 letters of interest from residents of the city and township indicating their interest in being selected to fill a vacancy on the library board.

The vacancy was created when Judy Morgan resigned from the board in December.

The applicants are: Kevin Albaugh, Brian Barbuto, Robert Cohen, Karl Dalal, Jon P. Gutek, Hugh L. Harsha, Joseph C. Koch, William James Mosher, Michael F. Pappas, John J. Ronayne III, David A. Russell, Brian J. Stacey and Jean A. Weishaar.

The opening occurred — so soon after the Nov. 8,

1994 election — when Javeed Froozan resigned from the board and former board member Judy Morgan was appointed to the seat on July 19, 1994.

"I was appointed to fill out this year," said Morgan before the November election.

"Then we found out the law said for the rest of the term (two more years)."

Confusion arose before the election on how the position would be filled. There was a question as to whether five would be elected to the board at the November elec-

The four elected to the Plymouth District Library

Board in November were: Kimberly A. Hickey, Jim Jabara, Sheryle Tripp Khoury and Mary S. Mackie. The fifth place finisher was Mary Ann Prchlik, who is not seeking appointment.

In distant sixth place was Hugh Harsha with 2,637

The library board will interview all candidates at a special meeting to be held Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Plymouth City Commission Chambers.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. The library board will select a candidate from the group to fill the vacancy at their Feb. 21 regular meeting.

Canton gives non-union workers 3.5 per cent raise

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to increase pay for all non-union classified employees hired or promoted after Jan. 1 by 3.5 per cent.

Administrative Services Director Dan Durack said the pay increases, recommended by the Canton Merit Commission, reflect community growth and changes in job descrip-

"These (pay scales) haven't been looked at for a long time," he said.

Durack said employee concerns that the new tier schedule would place them in a

lower pay scale are unfounded. "The scale has been adjusted so that it will not have an adverse affect," he said.

Trustee Phil LaJoy said the raises and tier pay scale adjustments are long overdue. "I think this looks good and it makes sense," he said.

Benefits will change for the non-union employees as well. Changes include: paid funeral leave; a longevity pay increase from \$50 per year for every year over three worked, to \$75 per year; a life insurance increase from \$35,000 to \$50,000; and a reduction in minimum seniority needed to receive health benefits from 25 to 15 years.

Civitan contest probes questions of youth violence in America

Entering its third decade, The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest is now in progress and will continue until the March 15th deadline.

This year's topic, "The Youth Crime Epidemic: How Do We Save a Generation That is Killing Itself?," is particularly timely and relevant for many students and their educational environments today.

Chairperson Jerry Thompson, Canton English teacher, identified the following possible considerations for students to examine: Who is to blame?

What are the causes? Why are young people involved in crime activities, such as "gangs?"

Should children be tried and sentenced as adults? Is the solution to "get tough?" How effective is rehabilitation?

How much crime is drug-related? Are jobs and education effective preventative measures?

Does the media accurately report the problem?

Will stricter gun control laws and enforcement help?

Contest participation enables most students to enlarge their personal views or perceptions in regard to the rights and responsibilities of citizens everywhere, according to Thompson.

Other worthwhile outcomes include

valuable experience in : developing a theme, concept or premise; researching available references or documentation; presenting a convincing argument or defending a point of view; improving organizational skills; becoming more knowledgeable about a specific subject or field within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District are eligible to enter the essay

All entries must be submitted no later than midnight on March 15, 1995.

The prize structure for winning essays is as follows: first place - \$125; second place — \$75; and third place — \$50. As an incentive for increased student participation, for each additional five entries beyond a minimum of ten, \$25 will be added at each prize level.

Total awards will be capped at \$300, \$200, \$100 for first, second and third respectively.

Essay evaluation will be conducted by a panel of eight judges representing the English and social studies departments of both Canton and Salem high schools. Press representation from The Community Crier and Plymouth Observer will provide additional insight.

For more information, contact Jerry Thompson at 416-2850 or Joe Henshaw, Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, 453-7569.



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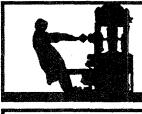
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold a special meeting to interview Library Board Trustee applicants. The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, 1995 beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Commission Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

The Plymouth District Library 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 seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

> Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified firms in the area to participate in a bid for a <u>USED 1994 or 1995 FORD</u> F-350 XL. Specifications and forms are available from the Purchasing Office, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth Michigan 48170. The deadline for submitting bids is 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 10th, 1995.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any, or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Davis, Secretary **Board of Education**

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The R.A. DeMattia Company, the Plymouth based design, construction and land development firm, is pleased to announce design/build construction project for Winter 1995. DeMattia will construct a 101,000 square foot manufacturing facility in the Metro West Industrial Park for Rowe Thomas Displays III. DeMattia will also renovate the 201,000 square foot Highland Appliance Corporate Headquarters Building for Office Depot, Inc. Office Depot will use the facility as a warehouse for its office supplies, equipment and furnishings.

John McArdle, CRS, a Plymouth realtor at Remerica Hometown, attended the Certified Residential Specialist annual sales training in San Antonio, TX. McArdle was the only realtor representing the western Wayne and Oakland area. He went through three days of specialized training in successful marketing techniques, tax and financial strategies. Less than one-half of one per cent of all real estate licensees achieve the CRS designation.

Brass and Iron Beds, Country Charm, Wild Wings and Native West Gallery are proud to be participating in this Spring's Home and Garden show at the Novi Expo Center. Starting tomorrow and lasting through Sunday. Native West Gallery will be featuring a Southwest look that's versatile enough for everyone: country, traditional and, even, contemporary. They'll be handwoven baskets, dye charts, handpainted gourds, folk art, handcarved furniture, handwoven rugs, drums, shields, pipes and other replicas. Admission is \$6 for adults, seniors and children are \$4 and children six and under are free. Coupons for \$1 are given at these four businesses.

Tim McGee of Plymouth has been named project manager, process and packaging development for Diversey Corporation's Corporate Technology Centre(CTC) in Plymouth. McGee will lead the scale-up and process development work for the formulas developed at CTC. McGee has 10 years of engineering experience, including the last three with Diversey. CTC is Diversey Corporation's primary research facility, serving all 57 operating companies. Diversey is a global manufacturer and marketer of sanitizing, cleaning. management and surface treatment products and systems.

Bowling = Big business

Canton bowling tournament may bring in \$2 to \$3 million

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Bowling for dollars will bring on a new meaning for the Canton business community.

Starting this Saturday and running through June 11, the Canton SuperBowl, 45100 Ford Rd., will host the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Tournament. General manager Randy Gutowski said, "We bid on the tournament years ago."

Most tournaments usually award the winners prize money. But this time, the winners will be local businesses. "It should bring in \$2 to \$3 million dollars," Gutowski said. Linda Shopona, of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, said, "Hotels, restaurants, gas stations, doctors, gift shops, pharmacies; they'll all be affected."

The Michigan Women's Bowling Association Tournament will be held every weekend for five months. It will attract women bowlers from all over the state. "Sometimes it's first, sometimes it's the second largest in the nation," said Pat Russell, the secretary of the Tri-City Bowling Association. Gutowski said, "Detroit is the bowling capital of the world."

Approximately 17,000 women will visit Canton and the surrounding area. And some Canton businesses have already noticed some precursors to the onslaught. Mellisa Miller, manager of the Fairfield Inn, said, "Over a period of time, we've booked a couple of groups." Applebees, 43500 Ford Rd., is planning speciality menus and is adequately staffed for the

increased clientele. Manger James Mace said, "We are expecting big crowds." Of course, the SuperBowl will be hiring score keepers and other workers. Gutowski said, "We'll have to hire extra help."

In order to host the tourney, the SuperBowl beat out hundreds of competitors from all over the state. Shopona said, "They really want this to be a success." She explained a good impression was imperative because the SuperBowl will become a stop on the pro tour. Shopona said, "I think the number one thing is that they'd want to come back again. Customer service is of the utmost importance."

The Chamber of Commerce has worked closely with the SuperBowl and other businesses since the very conception. "We want to make sure the women fell comfortable," Shopona said. "That they know everything they need to know when they come to downtown." Shopona also said that the Chamber of Commerce got its money figures from previous women's tournaments in Michigan. Therefore, estimates should be reliable.

Shopona said, "The women spend a lot of money when they come to town."

With bowlers and spectators the tourney will average a 1,000 people a weekend. There will be 3,000 teams competing. At the conclusion of the tourney, a banquet will be held for all the women involved.

CFCU opens Canton office

The Community Federal Credit Union(CFCU) opened a new office at Canton Center and Hanford Roads replacing the previous location at Sheldon and Ford Roads. The Canton office hours and telephone number will remain the same

According to CFCU President Jim Cantrell, the move went smoothly and everything is fully operational at the new building. Construction began in 1994 and was completed last month.

Space had become a concern for CFCU, who is serving an increasingly

larger population in Canton. Cantrell said, "We needed a little larger quarters. We needed a drive-thru." The new CFCU building also features six teller windows, private loan closing offices and a drive-up ATM.

"We think it's easily accessible. It has easy road access," Cantrell said. "We didn't want to get too far from where we were." Staying in Canton was one of Cantrell's prequisites to the move anyway. He said, "There was never any consideration of not staying. We're happy with Canton."

Bankers were hardly affected by the move, except for one day when neither ATM was in service. But Cantrell had mailers sent out to his customers, telling them what to expect and listing other locations they could seek service. He said, "We notified everyone by letter." Also, before the old CFCU office closed, there was literature and maps available.

For patrons who frequented the previous location and knew the staff, the same familiar faces will be at the new building. Cantrell said, "People moved over from the old office."

MedHealth donates \$2250 to Plymouth Playscape project

MedHealth Fitness & Wellness Center announced their support of the Plymouth Dream Playscape Project with a donation of \$2250. (I to r) Jack Moores, president and owner of MedHealth; Marybeth Yanik and Cathy McKinstry of the Playscape Project.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael G. Schut, a 1988 graduate of Salem High School, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with the second Assault Amphibious Battalion, second Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. He joined the Marines in 1993.

Kalamazoo College has named 260 students to its fall Dean's List. To achieve this honor, students must achieve a 3.5 gpa or better. Plymouth residents named are: William F. Ernzen, Jessica K. Moyer and Craig S. Provenzano.

University of Memphis student Bernard A. Licari of Plymouth, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Central Michigan University has named nine Plymouth-Canton residents to its fall semester's Dean List. Tracy C. Huth, Jennifer C. Krieger, Sara E. Madsen, Blaine N. Schaefer and Randall J. Whittaker are from Canton and Kevin P. Cummings, Kimberly A. Goff, Sara R. Miller and Kurt L. Singleton from Plymouth.

Plymouth resident John Rittenhouse has been named to Cleary College's Dean's Honor List for fall 1994. Rittenhouse was required to earn a minimum of a 3.5 gpa while carrying at least nine credits.

Plymouth residents Joseph Volstromer and Steven Yeomans received Bachelor's degrees of Business Administration from Clearly College in December.

Grand Valley State University wishes to acknowledge the achievements of the students placed on the Dean's List for the fall semester. Plymouth residents are: Kenneth C. Coker, Susan L. Daost, Joshua W. Stickney and Chad M. Zelvalkink. From Canton: Damon O. Collier and John M. Derbin.

The interesting musical ministry of **Bob and Becky Brunton** will be featured in concert of sacred music at the First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Rd. in Plymouth. The concert is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. The husband and wife vocal duet team has been touring together since 1979.

Golden music

Plymouth Symphony celebrates 50 years of musical bliss

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Symphony Society(PSS) is ushering in 1995, their 50th anniversary year, with a concert and officer appointments.

On Friday, Feb. 17, the common beat of music has five community groups working together in harmony. The education committee of the Plymouth Symphony Community Arts Council, the Landmarks committee of the American Association of University Women and the Plymouth-Canton Schools have pooled their resources to provide an opportunity for area students to experience the impact of Abraham Lincoln. Bonnie Holyoak of the PSS said, "It's kind of like the community is cooperating."

Lincoln, who signed the Emancipation Proclamation and made the Gettysburg Address, left a legacy of knowing the inherent worth of each human being. "While students and adults are basically familiar with our 16th president, 'Another View of Lincoln—Through Music' will introduce them to his words of healing for a nation and to the music of America," said Linda Alvarado, a member of the Plymouth Symphony Education committee.

"It takes a whole community to educate a child. We are exemplifying this proverb, through the various groups and projects," said Sue Feiten of the Plymouth-Canton School Board. "The variety of these projects enhances the message brought by Lincoln; the message of respect and freedom of the individual."

The Plymouth Symphony will perform Aaron Copeland's "Lincoln Portrait" with narration by Dr. Weldon Petz, a noted Lincoln scholar. Petz has been lecturing for 50 years and will put his Lincoln exhibit on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum. He said, "I started when I was very young... it's become a vocation to me. He's always been a hero to me."

Included in Petz's collection are some

of Lincoln's law book, plaques and an actual lock of his hair. There is about a 1000 items total. Petz said, "I've had exhibits at the Plymouth Historical Museum before. They do a nice job. I always feel comfortable putting an exhibit there."

The PSS took care of its bureaucratic necessities when it elected its officers and appointed its directors for 1995. Several area residents were nominated to several posts. Donald Rupp, of Plymouth, is the new vice president; Liz Johnson, also of Plymouth and a member of the Symphony, was re-elected to recording secretary; Carolyn Tower, of Northville, as the corresponding secretary; and Alan Stuart, of Plymouth, is one of the two newly elected directors.

Johnson and the other officers will urge fellow residents to get out and see the Symphony. She said, "The main thing we encourage is for everybody to come out to our concerts. It's a unique aspect of the community."

Info Superhighway begins at local libraries

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The "information superhighway" has two on-ramps in the local community. The Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth and the Canton Public Library offer such computer services as CD-Rom and the Internet. And both libraries have will upgrade their systems after various construction plans are completed.

Canton library director Jean Tabor said, "We've had Internet. You can go all over the world with it. It's worked out real well for people." Technology has made a lot of typical library uses easier to complete. Plymouth library director Patricia Thomas said, "We've had an on-line catalog instead of a card catalog for quite a while. We closed the card catalog years ago."

Some other uses include reference and research work, reading magazine articles, viewing a song index and sending e-mail. Thomas said, "There's a place out there on the 'net that has just zillions of songs." Tabor said, "I frankly use it for e-mail. I use it to mostly communicate."

However, what both libraries offer to residents could improve dramatically within the next two years. The Canton Public Library recently won approval to have a bond issue, for \$8 million, placed on the April 18 ballot. "We could take care of our debt and pay for the addition," said Tabor. She said, if the bond is passed, a 24,500 square foot expansion is planned for the library. "It will provide a lot more seating and parking," Tabor said.

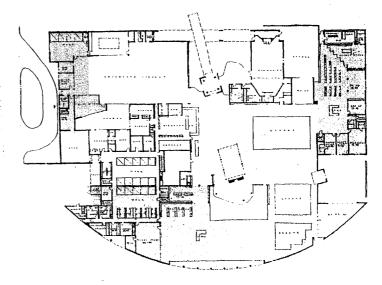
Four new group study rooms would be added. "We've had a lot of demand for that." Tabor said. There would also be two new quiet rooms, a genealogy lab, a Michigan history room, a library store and a multimedia training room with a large screen projection.

The computer system could also be improved, updated and augraented. "Internet, CD-Rom are things we have now, but they at a transfer to the transfer and the system of th

For Tabor the computer network isn't a privilege, but a necessity. She said, "It would allow us to continue and be proactive in what we provide."

Over at the Dunning-Hough Library, Thomas and her staff have to deal with the space and electrical constraints of the archaic building.

She said, "For years and years we've been so cramped here."



Plans for Canton's library expansion have been in the works for the past two years. The shaded areas are where the construction will take place.

Relief will come in Spring of 1997 when the old building will be demolished and replaced by a new two level library. "They've voted on this as worthwhile," Thomas said. "We're pleased with that."

With more room for parking, sitting, meeting rooms, books, storage and modern technology, the Dunning-Hough Library will better serve Plymouth residents. Thomas said, "We're not as advanced as the Canton Library, but we're moving in that direction."

Thomas said that Plymouth is still looking for a site to house the library facilities for the two years it will take to build the new library.

"We're looking for space around town," Thomas said. "So far we haven't got anything promising."

Canton's 'diplomat of change' dies at 65

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bristled if they said anything bad."

But during the raucous political times when Canton supervisors were thrown out after every term, much was written about the township's political turmoil. "He didn't like the bad press that brought," Joan Palmer said.

Palmer's son Rob recalled how that love of the community motivated his dad in another way.

"He could spot a 'dumper' a mile away," he said, explaining that in the old days of the farmlands in Canton, city folk would drive down the dirt roads to dump trash or unwanted animals.

Palmer would chase and apprehend them.

"That was part of his love or Canton,"

Rob Palmer chuckled

The Palmer farm on Warren Road — now surrounded by Royal Pointe subdivision — was where many young men in The Plymouth-Canton Community got their first jobs as corn pickers.

Palmer would work alongside with them, encouraging a sort of "Name that Tune" sing-along as they went.

When the Palmer barn was torn down two years ago, a group of friends and family gathered to watch the early-morning razing. Many tears and a little scotch were spilled that morning of Canton history.

Hoben described Palmer as "one of the best read people" in the community and had the added benefit of "more than a fair share of common sense."

Rob Palmer said he instilled that com-

mon sense "in all his children. And he taught me about honor and how to be honorable."

Palmer's loyalty to his community and his neighbors and his love of people barely outshone his "farmer's sense of humor." After he graciously told two young men who rented the farmhouse across the road to "help themselves to a little corn," the two young men jokingly set up a card table in the front lawn with a sign saying, "Corn - 5 cents." Palmer shaking his head, enjoyed the joke at his expense.

As Joan Palmer said of all those qualities, "How many people thought of him as their best friend?"

But it was that love of Canton that endured to make Palmer the "diplomat of change" as Canton marched from its agricultural roots to modern times.

"He started out as the young snotnosed kid on (the newly-formed Canton Planning Commission) and ended up the old man."

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Fr. Robert S. Shank, Jr. officiating.

Surviving are: his wife, Joan; sons Rick, of Kalamazoo, and Rob, of Canton; daughter Wendi Duran; three grandchildren, Lou, Aaron and Lilli; brother, Russell, of Canton; step-mother, Alice Palmer, of Canton; step-brother, Cliff McClumpha, of Canton; and many antique tractors and tractor parts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Historical Society.

One, possibly two school seats open in June 12 election

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

For those who think they can do a better job of running the Plymouth-Canton Schools, the time to put your money where your mouth is is rapidly approaching

Those wishing to become P-C Schools trustees will get their shot at two four-year trustee positions in the upcoming June 12 election.

The posts are currently being held by Sue Feiten, who has not yet decided whether or not to run, and Roland Thomas, Jr., who is retiring.

According to Thomas, 13 years of service on the school board is quite enough.

"It's time for a change, for me and the community," Thomas said.

"I want to spend more time with my wife, there are 13 years of things to do around the house to get to."

Thomas said that he would stay active in the community in other ways, possibly coaching recreation league basketball.

According to Thomas, the passing of time has changed his outlook on the board.

"My kids are out of school, my perspective has changed" Thomas said. "People on the board need to have kids."

Thomas said that he would not rule out the possibility of running for the school board or another public office in the future.

According to Feiten, family issues are also at the heart of her choice of whether or not to run — but for different reasons.

"I have family concerns," Feiten said.
"I've got one child in Kindergarten and another in the fourth grade.

"I work and I am active in the community, I have to look at the effect that this is having on my family."

Feiten, who beat out her two closest competitors in the June 1994 school board election by 1000+ vote margins, said that her decision has nothing to do with electibility.

"There is a lot to do in the job, it's more than just two meetings a month," Feiten said. "I really like the job and — this sounds corny — but I am grateful for the opportunity to do the job. But I have to keep my priorities clear."

To run for either of the positions, a district resident who is registered to vote can pick up a nominating petition at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center.

Deputy treasurer was hardworking employee, very detail conscious

Canton Deputy Treasurer Sandy Setlock, 48, died Sunday, Jan. 29 from cancer.

Setlock, who worked for more than 15 years in the Canton Treasurer's office, was know as a hard working, valuable employee by her co-workers and friends, including Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"She was a quiet individual," Yack said.

"She had a desk that was tucked way

in the back of the (treasurer's) office.

"That reflected the kind of responsibility she had.

Sandy was one of the most detail conscious people you will ever run across."

Setlock is survived by her husband Gary and sons Dan, 19, and Jeff, 16.

"Anyone who ever ran across Sandy sings her praises," Yack said. "She was very service oriented and she was a friend."

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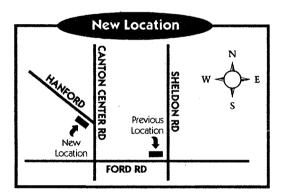
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

BEASLEY-ZALENSY V.F.W. MEETING

The Plymouth Township Beasley-Zalensy post 112 and the newly forming Ladie's Auxillary Unit will hold their regular business meeting at 11 a.m. on Feb. 12 at 344 Elizabeth St. in Plymouth. Also, a Four Chaplains Memorial Service will be held at 12:30. For more information, call 451-3574.

SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Symphony League will be selling Entertainment 1995 coupon book as a fundraiser for the symphony. Books are \$40. For more information, call 453-3016.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

NURSING HOME PLANNING

Financial expert Paul LeDuc will hold a discussion of the "Catastrophic Care Act of 1990" and alternatives to prevent spousal impoverishment by nursing homes at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Feb. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. The discussion is open to the public and is free of charge.

LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

Ladies golf leagues are now forming at Oasis Golf Center for spring and summer of 1995. Space is limited. For more information, call 420-4653.

PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at

KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners are also placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-

C.H.A.D.D MEETING

C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

WSDP FUNDRAISER

WSDP 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station, will hold their annual radio auction from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 13. Items auctioned off will come from local businesses. For more information, call Bill Keith at 416-7732.

COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

The Detroit Country Dance Society will be at the Masonic Hall at 8 p.m. on March 11, Dave Glick and the starry Night Ramblers (\$6). For more information, call Karen at (313) 995-1336 or Steve at (810) 968-3565.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mellissa McLaughlin at

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

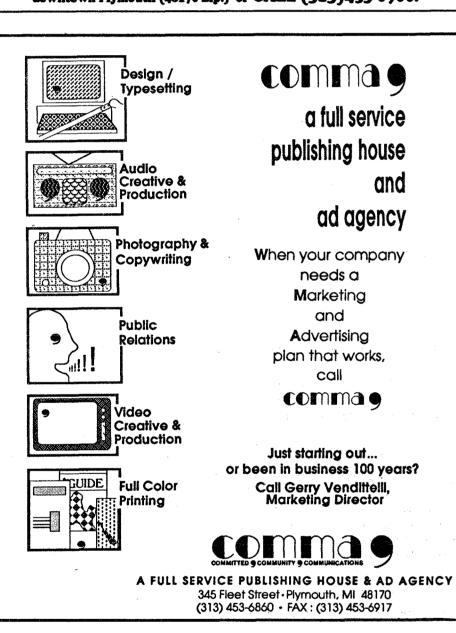
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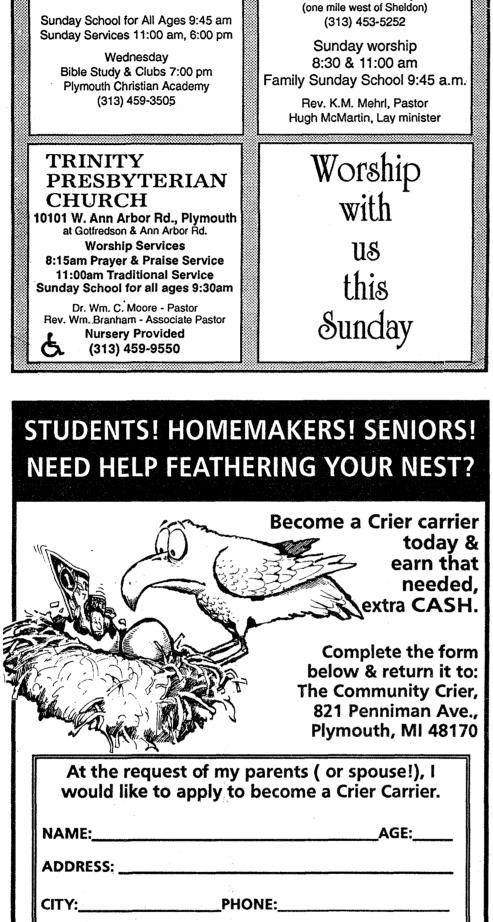
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.







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"THE KING AND I"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will perform the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" on Feb. 24, 25 and 26 and March 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11 at the Northville Water Tower Theatre. The Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., Sunday performances are at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and youths. For more information, call (810)

YOUNG MOTHER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Young Mother's assistance Program is looking for female mentors from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities to help pregnant and parenting teens in your area. Training is ongoing.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley health building will hold a stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding a 4 on 4 beach volleyball tournament. Fee for full members is \$15, \$20 for program members, \$28 for non-members. Signup ends at 2 p.m. June 30. For more information and to register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

CANTON NEWCOMERS GENERAL MEETING The Canton Newcomers will hold their next general meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the Sunflower Clubhouse. The speaker will discuss the spring fundraiser. For more information, call 981-4915, 416-0284, or 453-3693.

"SESAME STREET LIVE"

Canton Parks and Rec will offer a family trip to "Sesame Street Live" at the Fox Theatre from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 4. The cost is \$10.50 per person. Registration ends Feb. 2. For more information and to register, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA administrative office on Feb. 15. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB

The Plymouth Woman's Club will host Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," for the program, "If it Doesn't Work, Together We Can Fix It," at the First United Methodist Church at 12:30 p.m. on Feb.3.

60+ CLUB The 60+ Club will meet at noon at the First United Methodist Church on Feb. 6. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass for the potluck. The program will follow.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM The Vermeulen Funeral Home will be offering a grief recovery program from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4. Enrollment is limited to 20, registration is

required. For more information and to register, call 459-2250.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH The New Life Lutheran Church will hold its third formal worship service at 10 a.m. on

Feb. 5 at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman Ave. There will be a Holy Communion and a visit by the senior choir from Trinity Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. For more information, call Rev. Ken Roberts at 420-1023 (office) or (810) 442-7243 (home). AARP TAX AID PROGRAM Volunteers are needed to do tax returns for seniors (IRS provides instruction) for 4 hours

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YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run, clerical, babysitters, and program assistant. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING

There will be a meeting to plan the 20th high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975. For more information about the meeting, call 455-

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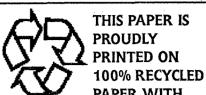
PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

The Plymouth Breathers Club, sponsored by Catherine McAuley Health system, will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health building on March 8. The program is open to anyone with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases. For more information, call 712-5367.



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Growth in community continues to roll this year, next

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The year 1994 was a year of unprecedented growth in Canton, according to information reported by Canton Municipal Services staffs. Planning Services staff reviewed 23 industrial projects with a total of 652,600 square feet of industrial space in 1994. In addition, 10 commercial projects totaling 86,000-square feet were taken through the

from 538 single family residential housing permits issued in 1993 to a total of 773 at the end of 1994. A total of 38 residential subdivisions were under development in 1994, including larger subdivisions in central and western Canton, plus smaller, in-fill subdivisions in the Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the growth is a mixed

blessing.

"The upside is the synergy and feeling of growth around the community," he said.

Canton continues to lead the state in new housing starts, jumping

"The downside is things like dirt on the roads (from construction)

of a major sewer improvement on Ford east of Sheldon to maintain and improve system capacity.

Information Coordinator for Municipal Services Casey Hans

Canton," she said. "Although our growth is rapid, it is fairly controlled." Hans said people often overlook the industrial growth in Canton and

focus on the residential development. "Industrial growth means a growth in the tax base," she said. "That's

not including the record single family growth. The last 20 years, there has been steady growth in Canton, but the last year of building was certainly a record."

Yack said there is not a lot they can do to slow the growth.

"We will continue to do what we've done in the past — make the developments the best they can possibly be," he said.

"We are also going to diminish the number of concept meetings we hold to one per month — and

then only review a couple of projects." Yack said the community

will continue to try to take advantage of the sellers market. "We've paid a lot of attention

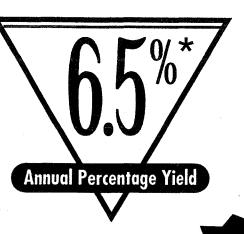
to new development in the past," he said.

"Now we will push the envelope, so to speak, by working on the older developments."

In-fill development, development between existing subdivisions, will expand according to Yack. As for new developments, he said the

"The high level of

and an increase in traffic." A Great Rate on 1 Year With an increase in traffic came a boost in road and infrastructure improvements in Canton including the paving of Palmer Road from Lotz to Certificates of Deposit Hannan; the paving of Beck Road from Ford to Warren; installation of traffic signals at the Ford/Beck intersection; installation of a passing lane on northbound Canton Center at Hanford Road; and completion



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said Canton is still a great place Bentley Elementary celebrated their dedication in Canton late last year. market will quiet down in the The school, which is the newest in the district, is an example of the coming year. 'We are very blessed in enormous growth the area has undergone in the last several year.

Plymouth brokerage to expand location

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Roney and Company brokerage firm, 505 S. Main, will maintain its commitment to Plymouth by expanding their offices within their current building.

"We're in Plymouth to stay. We just signed a five year extension," said Craig Fleming who is a co-manager and general partner with Tim White.

The space currently occupied by Roney and Company is 4,000 square feet. "We just broke through a wall and we're adding two offices," Fleming said of the addition. When it's completed, two brokers will be added along with 1,500 square feet of new office space. Fleming said, "That's a pretty good size operation."

Fleming and the seven other brokers employed with him, brought the building back from extinction in 1992. Fleming said, "This building was vacant about three years ago."

It ended a 23 year journey for Fleming, who witnessed brokerage business competition in Plymouth go full circle. He said, "When I first came to Plymouth in 1969, there was only six individuals in the whole town. Here we are today... A lot of these firms have come and gone. We've kind of gone around the block."

The fact that Roney and Company still operates under the same title since it was founded in Detroit by William

C. Roney in 1924, is a testament to its consistency and dedication. "It's highly unusual that this company is still in existence today with the same name," Fleming said. Mergers and takeovers were the reasons for the disappearance of many these firms. "T've seen it happen to my competitors," Fleming said.

Also, Roney and Company always has top notch service because its interviewing process is highly selective. Fleming said that he generally looks for people who fit into the community. Fleming said he will be "very choosy" when considering the two new brokers Roney and Comany plans to hire.

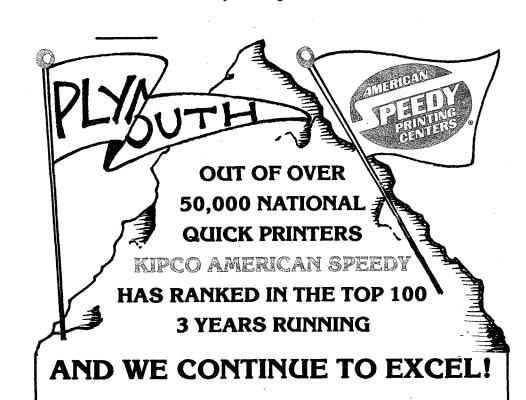
Roney and Company knew they wanted to stay in Downtown Plymouth. "We took a look at the space where Wild Wings (was at)," Fleming said. "Wild Wings is a premier location."

But with a cooperative landlord and a good lease, Roney and Company were satisfied with staying put. Fleming said, "We just want to be recognized as part of the business community.'

Roney and Company deal in financial and retirement planning, mutual funds, tax-free planning, annuities and financial products. The company has 23 offices throughout the state. "We're a Michigan company," Fleming said.

development can be attributed to a couple of things," he said. "One, is the buyer trying to get a lock in interest rates. Two, is the transfer tax increase under Proposal A. Three, is the reduction in taxes because of Proposal A."

Yack said with the cost of building materials rising and higher interest rates, 1995 should be a slower year for growth in Canton.



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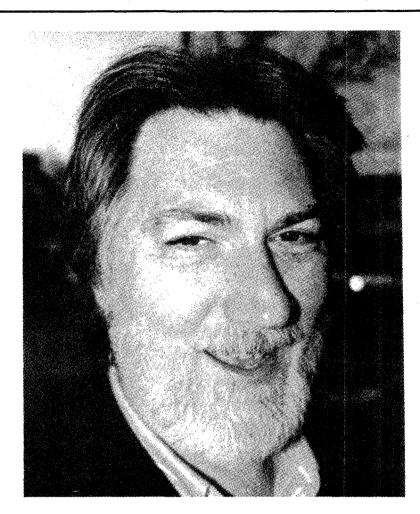
"How are we going to pay for college (?!) and how stupid it is to have to play the system to get through school. Just to become a neatly wrapped little package with a diploma on top. A lot of these people don't know a thing about living a life."

Nita Bharty Plymouth Resident

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Plymouth Resident

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-"Dead Dog Blues" Neal Barrett, Jr. St. Martins Press

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Jennifer Rice Canton Township

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"The last time I visited Plymouth I'm not sure I liked it. I loved being able to walk out of my house when I was a kid there, and head right into a woods to play. The woods are all gone now. I wonder what else went with them."

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Dave Kolb

Plymouth Resident

"We talk about money and what we'll be doing this weekend."

Stacy Don

Canton Resident

"We're tired from the pace of life now...It's all hurry to work, hurry home, sleep, the do it all over again. We don see an end to it, either. think the hurry is making per ple rude to each other."

Debbie Ash

Plymouth Resident



Community deaths

Anthony Vitale, 35, marketing director

Anthony Vitale, a marketing director from Canton, died Jan. 22, 1995, at the age of

He is survived by his wife; Kathy, son; Anthony, daughters; Giovanna and Gabrielle, and parents Pietro and Vita.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Vito Simonetti, 100, railroad repairman

Vito Simonetti, a railroad repairman with C&O Railroad from Plymouth, died Jan. 20, 1995, at the age of 100.

He is survived by his daughters Clara and Rosina (Dale), one son and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Elizabeth Dalley, 50, homemaker

Elizabeth Dalley, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Jan. 24, 1995, at the age of 50. She is survived by daughter; Janine, son; Matthew, a sister, brother, and several aunts uncles and nephews and nieces.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

DeVere Santhony, 77, GM employee

DeVere Santhony, a former employe at GM Spring and Bumper from Plymouth, died Jan. 22, 1995, at the age of 77.

He is survived by his wife; Nora, a son, a daughter, two brothers and four sisters. Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

Richard Palmer, 65, farmer

Richard Palmer, a farmer and lifelong resident of Canton, died Jan. 27, 1995, at the age of 65.

He is survived by his wife; Joan, son; Rob (Terri), brothers; Russell and Clifford, and mother; Alice and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Helen Sullivan, 73, homemaker

Helen Sullivan, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Jan. 27, 1995, at the age of 73. She is survived by her daughter; Connie (Arthur), two sons, one brother and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



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Robert Diederich, 59, automotive designer

Robert Diederich, a designer with the Chrysler Corp. from Plymouth, died Jan. 25, 1995, at the age of 59.

He is survived by his wife; Arlene, his father, a daughter, three sons, one brother and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Rathindra Ghosh, 73, supervisor

Rathindra Ghosh, a supervisor for a metal processing plant from Canton, died Jan. 25, 1995, at the age of 73.

He is survived by his wife; Gwendoline, daughter; Lalita, one son, three brothers, one sister and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Obituaries

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Christine Wilhelmina Werner

Christing Wilhelmina Werner, a homemaker from Southfield, died Jan. 23, 1995, at the age of 79.

Mrs. Werner is survived by her daughter; Janet (Kenneth), sons; Leonard Jr. (Carol) and David, sister; Nora, brother; Lester, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home were held at Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Damon H. Burkeen

Damon H. Burkeen, an engineer for the Burroughs Corp. from Canton, died Jan. 24, 1995, at the age of 70.

Mr. Burkeen, a WWII Army veteran, was known for his interest in gardening, antique clocks and stained glass.

Mr. Burkeen is survived by his wife; Jeanette, sons; Dr. W. Howard (Debra), Mark (Patti) and Gregory (Vicki), sister; Earline Douglas, brothers; Dwane and James, and 10 grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Burkeen were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home officiated by Dr. W. Howard Burkeen, Rev. Larry D. Rowland and Pastor John King — all from the First Baptist Church of Wayne. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

George T. Bugosh

George T. Bugosh, a GM employee from Winter Haven FI, died Jan. 24, 1995, at the age of 67.

Mr. Bugosh was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a 30-year employee at GM's Hydromatic Plant and a life member of the Lake Wales Fl. V.F.W.

Mr. Bugosh is survived by his wife; Anna, daughters; Cynthia (Mickey), Cheryl (Ron), Deirdre (Joseph) and Connie, sons; Tom (Pam), Mark (Jeannie), Larry (Jeanette) and Randy (Kathy), sisters; Catherine, Pauline, Marie and Dorothy, brothers; Ed, Paul and Phil, two grandchildren and 12 step-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Bugosh were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Phil Rogers of the New Focus Community Church officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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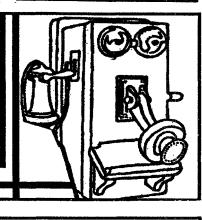
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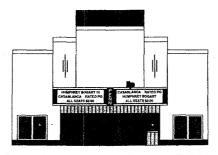
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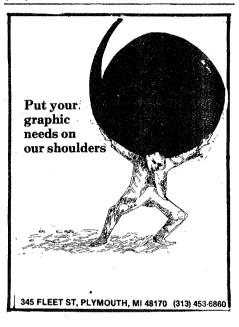
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Sports

Sports shorts

Steve Balog, a Plymouth resident and Salem High School graduate, earned his third letter at Saginaw Valley State University. Balog is junior defensive end for the Cardinals, who finished 6-4 overall and tied for fourth in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference

The Canton Parks and Recreations Services is sponsoring its annual Children's Valentines Party with special entertainment for the kids. Space is limited. Canton residents only please. Ages 3-12. No advance reservations necessary. The free event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 1995 at the Canton Recreational Center from 10-11 a.m. Call 397-5110 for more information

The Under-16 Plymouth Lighting Premier girls soccer team recently won the indoor championship in the Under-19 division at the Canton Soccerdome with a 9-1-0 record. Their opposition consisteed of four other teams from the metro area. The team also tied for first place in the Little Ceasar's Premier Soccer League. Under-16 division this fall. Plymouth residents on the team are Colleen Atkinson, Lisa Bacyinski, Jodi Coyle, Lisa Esper, Julie Hamrick, Julie Katcherian, Jennifer Martin, Kristin Mayer, Lisa Neu, Jill Peterson and Patty Lin Wong. Sara Campagna, Alicia Cirino, Maureen Murray and Emily Stachura are from Canton. The team coacher are Gerry Deren and Brad Coyle. The team manager is Joy

The following is a list of first place teams at the Canton Soccerdome for the first session of 1994-95. Plymouth Panthers (age groups-under eight; coach Mike McGraw), Austin(under nine; Ron Austin), Ann Arbor Blazers (under 10; John Bodley), Ann Arbor Storm (under 10 "b"; P.L. Brooks, Gators (under 11; Jim Palmer), Gummi Bears (under 13; Stephanie Thiess), 82' Flames (under 14 girls; John Shimmel), Pioneers (under 16; Ted Peters), Heat (under 17; John Shimmel), Plymouth Lighting (under 19; Gerry Deren), Sting (under 19 girls; Jeff Bobo), Equipo de falso (under 19; John Katsz), Dearborn (under 19 "b"; Tom Martin), Dearborn International (19 and over; Boris Andrices), Spartans (19 and over "b"; John Mikkelsen), A.A. Inter F.C. (30 and over; Dean Bowerbank).

Winning on a new team

From the national pasttime to the insurance game, Pat Sheridan is used to playing for a good team

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's the kind of story that Hollywood movies are made of.

The scored is tied.

The game is on the line.

A veteran pitcher, Tiger Milt Wilcox, is throwing heat on the mound.

Cutting them down, one after another.

A baby-faced rookie strolls to the plate. It's his first at-bat in the majors. He has a confident look in his eyes. An even swing. A good follow through. He wants to jack it.

The wind up. The pitch. The swing. The ash hits the horsehide. And it's-long gone.

Detroit native Pat Sheridan goes into the typical homerun strut around the bases. He had just put the Kansas City Royals ahead of his boyhood team. Sheridan said, "It was one of the biggest

Sheridan doesn't save games anymore with a spectacular catch or a big hit. Now he saves peoples' money working for Conrad Insurance, 8518 Canton Center Rd., in Canton. He said, "I try to advise on how to save some money. Most people don't even know what kind of insurance they have."

Sheridan got his start in the early 1980's, when he was drafted by the Royals and came up through their minor league system. He was often platooned throughout his career, which included stints with the Royals, the Tigers, the New York Yankees, the San Francisco Giants and the Chicago Cubs.

He retired in 1992.

Besides that dramatic entrance to the majors, Sheridan has many fond memories.

In 1985, he took part in the "I-80" World Series between the Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Kansas City won the seven game battle of Missouri, 4-3. "Being in the World Series, that's probably the ultimate team goal," Sheridan said.

He achieved that goal again in 1989 with San Francisco. Sheridan said, "That was an experience. With the earthquake and the World Series.'

A journeyman, Sheridan was fortunate to play with hundreds of players and experience the life of many different cities. "I really enjoyed K.C.," he said. "Just coming up through the system, you develop a deep-rooted friendship.

"But being at home in Detroit, I was here three and one-half years, it went by so quick. I enjoyed playing in Detroit just because it was Detroit.'

Tiger Stadium was also one of his favorite places to play. Sheridan said, "I think I always like the older stadiums." He singled out Fenway Park in Boston, because of its interesting features, as the best on the professional circuit. He said, "Just because it's an old stadium with the Green Monster."

But it wasn't all a "Field of Dreams" for Sheridan during his playing days. "The travel's hard," he said. "It gets a little old living out of a suitcase."

So when Mother Nature and Father Time had deemed his playing days over, Sheridan traded in his uniform for a suit and

He had been learning about insurance since 1987, dabbling with it off and on while still playing. Soon his office became a room with a desk and a chair, instead of rightfield. But Sheridan made a smooth transition

He started to work full time in 1993. And he's so busy with his work now that he hardly gets to keep in touch with the game that was his life for over a decade. Sheridan said, "I've devoted most of my time to working here. A handful of times a year I'll go to Tiger Stadium."

Also, Sheridan said that every year, after the season ends, he goes on a vacation with several friends from his Kansas City days. George Brett, Dan Quisenberry and Bret Saberhagen are just some of the great baseball players that Sheridan remains in contact with.

If the Major League Baseball players continue to strike, Sheridan might be asked to share more than his memories, but also his money saving techniques. He was always good at stretching his checks because when he broke into the majors, salaries weren't as generous as they are now. He said, "Baseball wasn't great for money.'

He might also be asked, since he's at a relatively young age for a retiree, to be a replacement player this spring. "Scouts have said; 'They're willing to offer you a contract.' But I won't cross the line," Sheridan said. "That's part of the union, you hold

Though he understands the struggle between the owners and the players, perhaps, a little better than the average fan. His frustration and contempt for how the labor strife is being handled equals that of every baseball fan. "I wish they would get it settled," Sheridan said.

"They should try and work things out. They shouldn't just meet once a month or once every three weeks. They should go in there and pound away at it."

Whatever the future may hold for baseball, Sheridan will watch it develop from behind his desk. Where he is content with his insurance job, but also truthful. He said, "It's a job, but it's

Salem volleyball hot after slow start

BY BRIAN CORBETT

After a slow start at the beginning of the season, Salem volleyball co-head coach Allie Suffety was disappointed with his team. He had eight returning seniors. But they weren't playing with the typical team instincts that made them Lakes Division champions last year.

Then Salem came crawling out from underneath the rock they were hiding behind. They began playing with some of the skills and maturity that were missing in their early matches. And they began

The Rocks are 20-5-1, currently riding

a 17-3-1 hot streak, which included going undefeated at the Salem Invitational. Suffety said, "The kids are really playing well right now. They're just starting to gel. We just have to stay focused on the game."

Last Wednesday, the Rocks continued rolling, beating North Farmington 15-4, 15-2, 15-3. Senior mid-hitter Paula Dornbrowski had four kills. Junior midhitter Shellye Sills and senior outside-hitter Kelly Johnston had two kills apiece. Suffety said, "There was hardly any offense. There was a lot of errors committed on their side of the net."

The defense held strong and the backcourt was steady, allowing the Rocks to coast by their Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) foes. "We're getting good play in our backcourt," Suffety

Two days earlier, the Rocks had a surprisingly easy time with another WLAA team, Stevenson. "It shocked us," Suffety said. "It all started with the first couple of volleys...and I thought; 'We're going to be here all night.' Then the kids just got real confident."

The Rocks won 15-0, 15-3, 15-2, in a

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Salem volleyball hot after slow start

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superb performance that Suffety thought was a fine all around effort. He said, "Here's a good game in terms of balance."

The dominance of Stevenson came while the Rocks' hands were still hot from spiking their way to the Salem Invitational title.

Leading the charge was Sills, who had a game that Suffety was able to describe with one flattering adjective. "Incredible," Suffety said. "She works hard to get better. She's reaping the benefits of her hard work."

For the day, Sills had 74 kills, seven solos and three assists. Suffety said, "She just had an outstanding day."

Johnston had 23 kills as the Rocks disposed of Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Novi, Hazel Park and Farmington with a tenacious attack. Suffety said, "We were running our offense pretty good."

Karen Grindley, Julie McGurrin, Erin Coch and Courtney Sheldon are all seniors who have also improved the Rocks' quality of play. "If we can peak at the right time," Suffety said, "this team's going to be great."

When Salem's competition in their four losses is taken into account, the Rocks' record looks even better because all are teams ranked in the top ten in the state.

One was Portage Northern, ranked first in Class A. Suffety said, "They're pretty much a machine."

Other setbacks came against second-ranked Temperance-Bedford, fifth-ranked Kalamazoo Central and seventh-ranked East Kentwood. Suffety hopes that playing the top-ranked programs will benefit his team at season's end. He said, "That was early in the season. Hopefully, we can learn something from those."

PCJBA finals: Celtics, Hawks take number 1 spots in 'A' league

Final standings are in for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association.

In the Girls "A" League tournament, the Rockets blasted by the Pistons 31-26 and the Celtics made short work of the Bulls, 41-28. In the finals the Celtics squeaked by the Rockets 34-27.

In the Boys "A" League tournament, the Hawks swamped the Lakers 76-71.

In the Girls "B" League, the Pistons remained on top with a perfect 6-0 record. The Celtics and Lakers are tied at 4-2; the Rockets are 3-3; Bulls are 1-5; and Kings are winless at 0-6.

Girls "B" League action included a 44-27 win by the Lakers over the Kings. The Pistons pounded the Bulls 36-25 and

the Rockets fried the Celtics 28-25.

The Hawks and Knicks are tied at the top of the Boys "AA" League National Division with 3-0 records. They are followed by the Bulls and Rockets at 2-1; Celtics and Jazz at 1-2 and Nets and 76ers at 0-3.

In the Boys "AA" League American Division, the Pistons and Pacers are 3-0. They are followed by the Hornets and Spurs at 2-1; Bucks and Lakers at 1-2; and Kings and Sonics at 0-3.

The Jazz blew by the 76ers 93-84 in Boys "AA" League action. The Hawks put out the Rockets flame 92-72; the Knicks gored the Bulls 90-76; the Celtics creamed the Nets 86-71; the Spurs stuck the Bucks 77-70; the Pacers out-paced the Sonics 96-83; the Hornets stung the

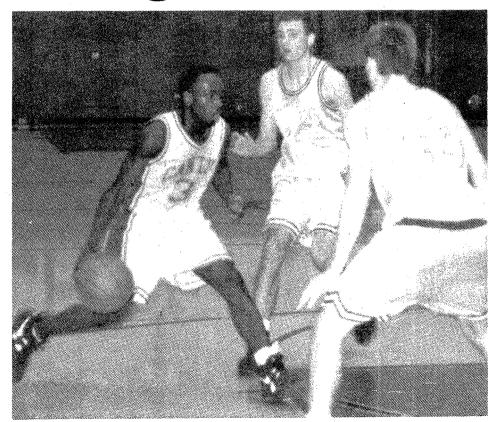
Lakers 88-85; and the Pistons out-scored the Kings 104-102.

The Bucks and Lakers are on top of the Boys "B" League American Division with 5-1 records. They are followed by the Sonics, 76ers, Hawks and Kings at 3-3; Nets at 2-4; and Rockets at 1-5.

In the National Division, the Celtics, Jazz and Pistons are all 5-1. The Spurs are 4-2; Pacers 3-3; Bulls 1-5; and Hornets and Knicks are 0-6.

In Boys "B" League action, the Rockets blasted by the Knicks 52-51; Sonics blasted the Hornets 43-31; 76ers shot down the Bulls 58-56; Pacers cut the Nets 44-32; Spurs crowned the Kings 50-40; Celtics danced by the Hawks 49-37; Lakers flooded the Pistons 56-49; and the Bucks ended the Jazz's music 41-39.

Higher learning



Canton's senior guard Ted Docks drives against Farmington Hills. Docks has signed to play college ball at Moorhead State. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chief cagers play the Franklin Patriots away on Friday at 6 p.m. and Farmingon away on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

The Canton Wrestling team travels to Harrison tommorrow for a 6:30 p.m. start and to the Belleville Invitational on Saturday at 11 a.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

The Canton gymnastics team is at home tonight against John Glenn at 7 p.m. and hosts the Plymouth Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. On Monday, the team travels to Northville at 7 p.m. and will take place in the Canton/Salem "B" Meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Volleyball team is on the road versus Churchill tonight at 6 p.m., at the Schoolcraft Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. and is at Salem on Monday at 6 p.m.

SALEM BASKETBALL

The Salem Basketball team host the Farmington Falcons on Friday at 6 p.m. and the Harrison Hawks on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

The Salem Swimming team is at North Farmington at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

SALEM WRESTLING

The Salem grapplers go to John Glenn tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. and then will take part in the Holt Tournament on Saturday.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

The Salem Gymnastics team is at North Farmington at 7 p.m. tonight and will host the Plymouth Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. The team will then take part in the Salem/Canton "B" Meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Salem spikers are at home tonight at 6 p.m. versus Franklin. On Saturday, the team is in the Schoolcraft Invitational at 9 a.m. Monday, the Rocks face city rival Canton at home at 6 p.m.



Community opinions

Boss Farmer

Canton farmer Dick Palmer taught work ethic to entire generation of kids

It would be way over 100 degreess in the corn field, the corn stalks would be tearing little cuts into your cheeks, the sweat making them burn like heck. Still you kept plunging down one heavy foot after another in the rutty, muddy corn field twisting off ear after ear of the best sweet corn this side of heaven, then toss the ear into the big wagon trailing along near you.

There would be about eight of us, eager-beaver young football players out there in Canton, on the 2,000 acre corn field, getting ready for the coming season by working for the local farmer who was always in the field with you, leading the way: not yet realizing we were in training for life. That funky, creaky, crusty farmer next to us, working harder than we ever could...being our teacher-trainer.

Once that darned wagon would be filled, we'd ride it back to the barn where we'd have to handle all that corn once again. Bag it, ice it, twist it closed then stack 'em in the cooler. We'd know when we could take a break when Boss Farmer would hand us a cold beer and say, "Well, let's take a break until the semi gets here."

Native Son

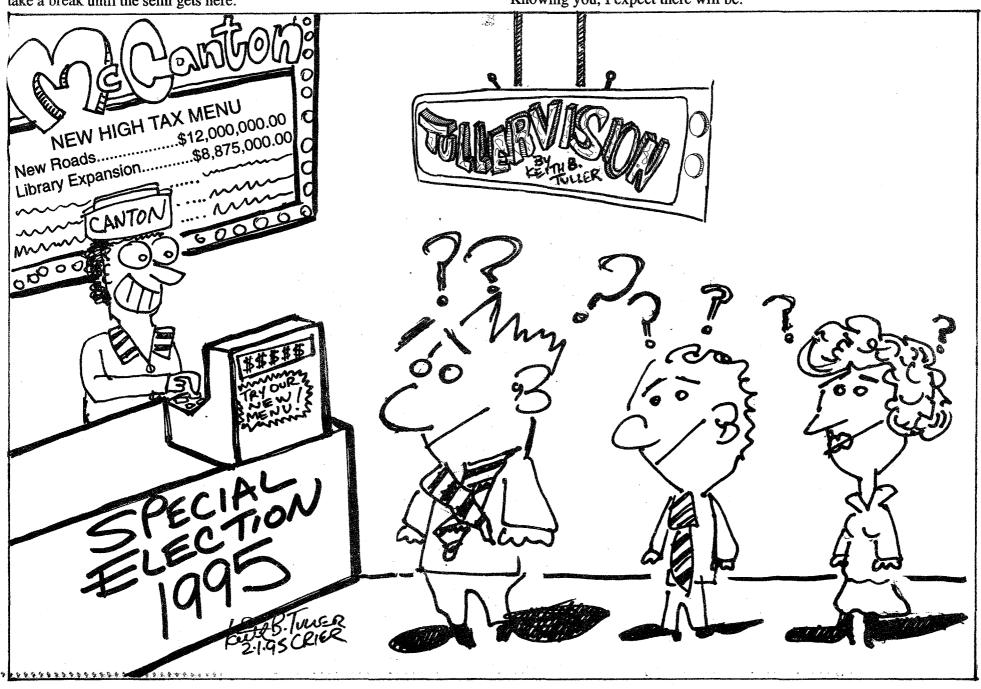
By Randy Eaton



Boss Farmer: blonde hair, lively red cheeks, stocky build, hands as tough as the leather of the dusty old horse's bridle hanging in his barn, big grin hanging there on his American face. He worked harder than any of us young pups. Well, he and his brother Russ.

Boss Farmer, Dick Palmer, has gone to The Big Corn Field in the sky. He taught many of us how to work. Taught us how to have fun while working.

For his family he taught them love and adoring for that is what they have felt for him. Dick, may there always be tall corn where you are. Knowing you, I expect there will be.





Community opinions

Plymouth District Library Board appointee was selected by voters in November election

The Plymouth District Library Board must choose who will replace Judy Morgan, who resigned from the board in December.

The best way to make this decision is to look to the voters. In the November election, voters were asked to choose the four new board members. Kimberly Hickey, Jim Jabara, Sheryle Tripp Khoury and Mary Mackie were elected.

The logical way to replace Morgan would be to choose the next highest vote getter — Mary Ann Prchlik. Unfortunately, Prchlik did not choose to apply for the vacant position.

The next highest vote getter who did indicate interest for the office is Hugh Harsha. Harsha received

2,637 votes in November, placing sixth.

Even though 12 others applied for the position — several of whom ran for the spot in November — Harsha is the best bet.

In addition to following voter preferences, Harsha would be best for the position because of his strong commitment to local government. He is not a new-comer to politics in our community, which would be helpful with the library's upcoming construction project.

The voters have already made the decision for the library board.

The board needs to follow their wishes. THE COMMUNITY CRIER

City should chose attorney from outside area

EDITOR:

In deciding who might best represent the City of Plymouth as the new City Attorney, I would hope that members of the City Commission and the Mayor would take into account a certain unavoidable characteristic of the human mind.

That characteristic is that no human being can put a steel wall down through the middle of their brain and separate these two aspects of their professional activities:

•Those where he or she is func-

tioning as City Attorney...and hence City Prosecutor...of all who become alleged defendants in criminal matters.

•Those where he or she is functioning as a practicing attorney with a diversity of clients, business and personal, within the Plymouth area.

There just could be too great a potential for conflict of interest when such an attorney functions in both areas in the same community. How does one not let confidential information learned in one area not color his or her thinking...and

acting...in the other area, consciously or otherwise?

And since most attorneys are humans, I don't think that we should subject them to this schizophrenic posturing.

The solution?

Select one that does not otherwise practice or live in the Plymouth community. Only then could the City Attorney be able to carry out his or her duties with either minimal...or no...potential conflict of interest. No steel wall needed.

GREGORY DONOVAN

High school performance was wonderful

EDITOD.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25 our high school kids presented "Journey to Bohemia."

There weren't many parents there, and it's probably a good thing. Some moms and dads may have had a problem with the choice of words and subject matter of the poets. I'd have been expelled from school in the '60s for saying those things on school property.

But I am proud of these creative, expressive teens. They explored issues basic to anyone: experiencing emotions, budding adulthood, life, living inside one's own mind. With beauty and grace, talented dancers expressed total individuality.

Musicians had great sound equipment thanks to Arnoldt Williams Music.

Future recording artists sang to an appreciative audience of their peers. Oh, and at least one mom, who commends them on a thumbs up show, and for being so shamelessly open and succinct.

REBECCA L. PAVY

Jaycees thank community for food, donations, support of programs that help area people get by

EDITOR

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees would like to take this time to thank all the people in the community, who donated food and non-perishable items in Area Stores.

We would also like to especially thank the following for all their

help with either donations or letting us put boxes into their stores for food storage: Burger King, Spartan Stores, Cottage Inn Pizza, Kroger Stores, Olive Garden, MC Sporting Goods.

Thanks for the gracious help on our holiday food baskets. Also a

special thanks to all the Plymouth/Canton Chapter Members who helped on this project.

It's because of everyone's efforts we were able to help those in need.

JENNIFER STUSCAVAGE

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