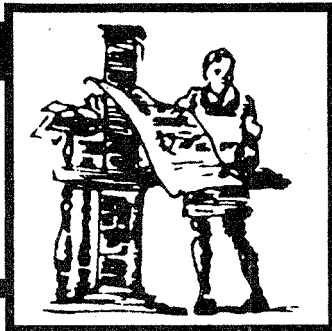


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Salute to Lincoln



The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presented selections designed as a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln Friday at the Salem High School Auditorium. The concert was sponsored by First of America Bank. The concert was just one of the many events held in conjunction with Presidents' Day. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

Morgan appointed city attorney

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller announced Plymouth-resident Don Morgan as his choice as the next city attorney. Morgan is a partner in Cameron, Miller & Associates and is a former Plymouth Township attorney.

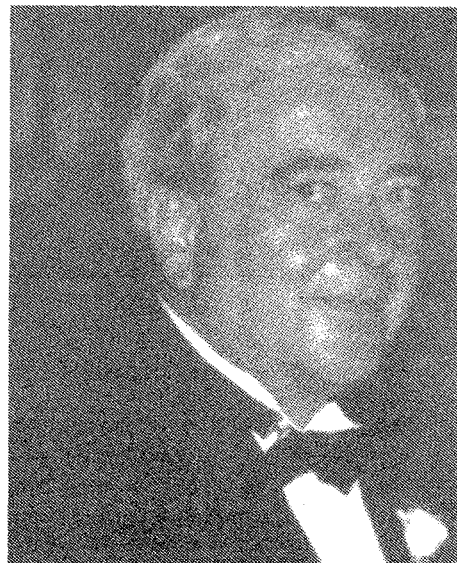
Miller said although all the candidates were strong, Morgan stood above all the rest.

"Morgan came to the top as the 'best of the best,'" he said.

Ultimately, Miller — as defined in the City Charter — has the power to make the final selection to fill the vacant city attorney post. The City Commission will have 30 days to approve or reject Miller's nomination. If no action is taken, the candidate is automatically approved.

"We were all impressed by quality of people we interviewed," Miller said. "We have been pleased through whole process.

"We had 11 requests, all good responses, and we were pleased with all four interviews. All did a good job.



Don Morgan

"It's a hard decision to make, and I feel fortunate — any decision we could have made would have been good for the city."

Schools join City, Twp. to buy voting machines

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

At Monday's meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, the board moved to join the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township in requesting bids for voting machines.

According to P-C Schools Superintendent Chuck Little, all three entities have much the same problems.

"Our voting machines have gotten old," Little said. "The City and Township are also making an effort to update their machines."

Little said that the schools did not consider Canton in the decision because their voting precincts did not overlap.

"We can get bids, purchase the machines jointly," Little said. "We get joint use and only have to make one software purchase. This is a wonderful oppor-

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Republican Club will host an educational forum addressing the issue of "double bunking" at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility on Five Mile Road. The forum will take place at 6:30 p.m. after a 6 p.m. dinner on Thursday at the Water Club Grill. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-4676.

THE WEEKEND

- The WLAA Conference Preliminary diving meet will be held at Salem High School at 2:30 p.m. Friday. The finals are Saturday at 1 p.m.
- The Salem Volleyball team competes in the WLAA Conference meet on Saturday. Drawings for where and when the event will be decided today

UPCOMING

- The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will hold a family concert at 3 p.m. on March 11 at the Canton High School Cafeteria and at 3 p.m. on March 12 at the Novi High School Auditorium. For more information, call Bonnie at 455-4279.

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Where are you?

Students from P-C Schools will compete in Lansing for right to represent state in National Geography Bee, \$25,000 scholarship on the line

"Trinidad, and the big Mississippi and the town Honolulu and the lake Titicaca...the Popocatepetl is not in Canada rather in Mexico, Mexico, Mexico..."

— *The Geographical Fugue*

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Do you know where you are?

More than that, do you know where everything else is?

Six students from the Plymouth-Canton Schools will take their knowledge of the world's geography to Lansing in April to vie for a crack at a \$25,000 scholarship in the Seventh Annual National Geography Bee in Washington D.C., which is scheduled to take place May 30 and 31.

The contest is sponsored by National Geographic World and the Chrysler Corporation. According to West Middle School Teacher Ray Sypniewski, schools from all over the state are taking part in the competition.

"This has been going on for years, it's the same as a national spelling bee," Sypniewski said. "100 of the top kids will compete at the state level."

The competition kicked off on Dec. 5 with competitions at five schools in the Plymouth-Canton district. The winners of those bees: Andrew Wagner (fifth grade, Bird Elementary); Michelle Leach (fifth grade, Hoben Elementary); Ben Brockschmidt (fifth grade, Tonda Elementary); Adrienne Muncy (seventh grade, East Middle School); Ben Heller (seventh grade, West Middle School) and Jeremy Murray (eighth grade, Central

Middle School) will take a written test as part of the state bee.

According to Sypniewski, the winner of the state competition will then be taken to the nation's capitol.

"The winner of the state bee and a teacher-escort will go on an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the national bee at the National Geographic Headquarters," Sypniewski said. "There they'll take part in the national championship."

At the national level, the competition will include students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories.

The national bee will be moderated by "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebeck and will be televised on PBS on May 31.

The first place winner of the national bee will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, second place will receive a \$15,000 scholarship and third place will win a \$10,000 scholarship.

The bee was developed in response to a Gallup Poll survey that showed people in the U.S. ages 18-24 are the least geographically literate of the 10 countries surveyed.

Arson fires set at 2 Canton apartment complexes

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Canton Fire department has been kept busy over the last week, responding to and investigating suspected arsons at apartments in the township.

The first, which happened at Stonybrook Apartments, started early on Valentines' Day.

According to Canton Community Relations Officer Lou Stevens, the fire started in the building's storage area.

"We got a call at 3:53 a.m. and police and fire were dispatched to the scene," Stevens said. "When we got there we could see smoke coming out of the building. We evacuated the building."

Stevens said that the fire, which was close to the building's electrical boxes, destroyed all electrical service to the 26-unit apartment building.

"No one was hurt," Stevens said. "All of the people in the building have been reassigned to other units."

According to Canton Fire Inspector Art Winkle, the fire at Stonybrook was not electrical in origin. "The fire was in the storage cages in the basement of the building," Winkle said. "But because there didn't seem to be any natural causes the arson team was called in."

Winkle said that because of the quick action of the Canton Fire Department, none of the units were damaged beyond the loss of their electricity. The storage area, Winkle said, is a different matter.

"There was about \$50,000 in structural damages and another \$5,000 of damage to the contents of the storage lockers," Winkle said.

The other suspicious fire in Canton, this one at Honeytree apartments on Joy Road, was somewhat less than an inferno.

"Canton police and fire were dispatched to Honeytree Apartments on Saturday responding to reports of smoke coming out of the building," Stevens said. "It was a pile of clothes and papers in the basement, there were no injuries."

Winkle said that the fire at Honeytree was not much to worry about.

"By the time that we got there the fire had burned itself out," Winkle said. "It wasn't big enough to burn an eight by 10 inch piece of paper. There was no damage, it was just a nuisance."

Winkle said that the complex had been the target of vandalism for some time.

"There was a lot of vandalism in the storage areas," Winkle said. "We would like for people to report the suspicious activities to the police. If they see someone hanging around their complex they should report it."

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Joint services still sought by local elected officials

City, Twp., Canton leaders discuss hot issues at Canton Economic Club lunch

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Leaders from Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township met last Wednesday at the Canton Economic Club to answer questions about The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The yearly event, which was moderated by Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, was attended by Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Although the questions asked were diverse, many of the answers given by the area's elected officials were similar.

SHARED SERVICES

Yack said that although the public does not pay much attention to the issue, the elected officials are attempting to work together — and hopefully save money for the taxpayers.

"There are many changes in the liability laws that make working together very important," he said.

PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING

All three of the leaders feel something needs to be done with public transportation, but feel what's being done now is not the right path.

"I work in Detroit," said Miller. "I'm a supporter of public transportation — a supporter of public transportation that works. Right now, it doesn't work."

McCarthy said public transportation is important for area senior citizens. "The way the service is being delivered is so piecemeal," she said. "As a region, I think we'll have to provide dedicated funding. I don't think the property tax funding has any basis."

Yack said the problems with public transportation stem from the area's history with automobiles. "We are a car driven area," he said. "A system is in place, but it's substandard. Starting from scratch is probably not a bad idea."

OMNICOM

Yack said the negotiations for the renewal of Omnicom's contract are proceeding and the consortium of communities negotiating (Canton, the Plymouths, and the Northvilles) is holding strong.

"It's a long process," he said, "and it's not going to be easy."

"We've been involved in the informal process and are now embarked on a more formal process. I hope the informal process will bear fruit."

CANTON ROAD BOND ISSUE

Yack said the decision to place the road bond issue on the ballot was not taken lightly.

"Canton spent over \$7 million improving roads," he said. "We felt we shouldn't wait any longer. So we asked voters if they wanted to reach in their pockets and pay for road improvements."

"Our job is to identify needs and give options. As far as paying for those options — that's up to the voters."

TOWNSHIP TAXATION

McCarthy said the Township has no specific plan to raise taxes.



(l to r) Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, and Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson debated the future of the community at last week's meeting of the Canton Economic Club. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

"The millage rate is being looked at closely," she said, "but we have not made a decision to ask for more money."

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

McCarthy said Township officials can understand the confusion over the issue, but added that the laws must be followed.

"All government agencies are charged with maintaining the health and safety of the entire community," she said. "There were ordinances and state codes that were violated. A decision needs to be made whether these laws are important and if they should be enforced."

PLYMOUTH CITY ATTORNEY

Miller said the city received 11 good responses to their request for a new city attorney and that the top four have been interviewed.

"We are doing a background check," he said. "I hope to recommend a new city attorney at Tuesday's meeting."

Starting with nothing

Canton police arrest suspect in September Canton Commons slaying after starting with little evidence, detective team given credit for nabbing suspect

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With nothing as simple as an eyewitness to guide them, the Canton Police Department pulled in a suspect in an early September shooting at the Canton Commons apartment complex.

Michael Christopher Warriner of Garden City will face a preliminary exam in 35th District Court tomorrow on an open murder charge in the homicide of Wayne resident Russell Lee Harmon.

According to Canton Police Captain Alex Wilson, the Canton detective department had next to nothing to go on when they started the investigation.

"Basically, we started with nothing," Wilson said.

"The investigation started with the victim's history; locales he frequented, his friends, his enemies and we build a history on him. That's when the suspect came into play."

Wilson said in the course of the investigation, a number of people came to their attention, including Warriner. Wilson said that the process of elimination brought Warriner up as the likely candidate.

"The suspect was the only one that we found that wasn't eliminated in the process," Wilson said. "All of the evidence was circumstantial, we didn't have an eyewitness, we got enough to convince the prosecutor to press charges."

Wilson said that the investigation revealed that the victim returned home, began going through a regular ritual of settling in, when the suspect followed him in, called his name, and shot him.

"The victim was shot in the face at close range," Wilson said, "probably about one foot from contact range."

Wilson said that the perpetrator was seen leaving the area on foot by some kids in the complex.

Wilson said that the credit for the arrest and the investigation should go to his team of detectives for bringing the suspect in with very little to go on.

P-C Schools to join City, Twp. in voting machine purchase

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tunity for cooperation between the municipalities."

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Ray Hoedel said that buying the machines and their programming jointly would be a big savings for all involved.

"We'll save \$74,000 over purchasing the equipment alone," Hoedel said. "That's a savings of \$165,000 for all."

Hoedel said that there would still have to be a development of policies concerning operating agreements, storage and maintenance costs for the machines.

Plymouth City Commissioner Bob Jones said there was a reason that the specifics of the plan were not formalized.

"The reason that all of the details are not in was we wanted to see if you (the Board of Education) were interested," Jones said. "If not, the City would have

pursued this with the township alone."

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said that the City needs new machines because the ones it currently owns are not going to last too much longer.

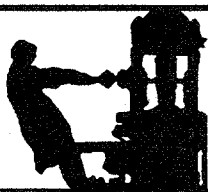
"We have the same type of voting equipment that the schools do," Walters said.

"There are no parts made for these machines anymore — they're hard to

repair because you have to pull parts from other machines to get them to work."

He also mentioned that the Township was not happy with the machines that it currently has and is looking to go to a new system.

"The City and the schools have a need," Walters said. "The Township wants a change."



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

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

Mrs. Massengill requested that the agenda be amended by removing Item J.1 Appointment of Board of Review Members for 1994-95. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda as amended for the February 14, 1995, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Mueller.

Mr. Arnold moved to approve the Board of Review Guidelines for Hardship Appeals, the Board of Review Guidelines for Value Appeals and Resolution No. 95-02-14-05.

Mr. Harvey reviewed the Board of Review Guidelines for Hardship Appeals, the Board of Review Guidelines for Value Appeals and Resolution No. 95-02-14-05.

Following discussion, it was suggested that paragraph No. 8 in the Guidelines for Hardship Appeals would read "the total of all household assets, not including the homestead, shall not exceed \$25,000."

Mrs. Mueller moved to postpone the approval of the Board of Review Guidelines for Hardship and Value Appeals for further review. MOTION failed for lack of support.

Following additional comments, Mr. Curmi moved to amend the motion by changing paragraph no. 8 of the Guidelines for Hardship Appeals by striking "household" and inserting "liquid" and striking out "\$25,000" and inserting "\$50,000", so that that sentence would read "The total of all liquid assets, not including the homestead, shall not exceed \$50,000." Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Massengill
Nays: Griffith, Brooks, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Motion fails.

Mr. Griffith moved to amend the motion by changing paragraph no. 5 of the Guidelines for Hardship Appeals by striking out the words "if it feels it is necessary", so that the sentence reads "The Board of Review may require proof of identification" and in paragraph No. 8, striking out "household" and inserting "liquid" so that the sentence reads "The total of all liquid assets, not including the homestead, shall not exceed \$25,000." Supported by Mrs. Brooks. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's office.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Arnold, Mueller, Griffith, Brooks, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Curmi, Massengill
Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 95-02-14-03 setting the date for the public Hearing of Necessity at a Special Township Board meeting on March 21, 1995, and to authorize the Township Clerk to send proper legal notification as required by Public Act 188 for paving of Clemons Drive under a Special Assessment District. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. The entire resolution is incorporated in the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen McCarthy
Nays: None.
Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Brooks moved to approve Resolution No. 95-02-14-04 setting date for the public Hearing of Necessity at the regular Board of Trustee Meeting scheduled for March 28, 1995 and to authorize the township Clerk to send proper legal notification as required by Public Act 188 for paving of portions of Powell and Ridge Roads under a Special Assessment District. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen McCarthy
Nays: None.
Resolution declared adopted.

At 8:24 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mrs. Massengill that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing Labor Agreement between the Firefighter Association, IAFF Local 1496, and Letter of Understanding between the Charter Township of Plymouth and IAFF Local 1496.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, paragraph (c). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Ms. Arnold to call the Special Meeting of February 14, 1995, back into Open at 8:54 p.m.. Ayes all on a roll vote.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Labor Agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Plymouth Community Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 1496, effective from April 1, 1994 through March 31, 1997, and the Letter of Understanding between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the IAFF, Plymouth Community Professional Firefighters, Local 1496. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 1995 at 12:00 Noon.

The Regular Board of Review session will begin after the Organizational Meeting is adjourned on:

<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1995</u>	<u>12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1995</u>	<u>3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.</u>
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995</u>	<u>12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.</u>
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995</u>	<u>3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1995</u>	<u>12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.</u>
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1995</u>	<u>3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.</u>

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A WRITTEN PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE before an appointment can be made to appear before the Board of Review to protest your property's TAXABLE VALUE. Petition forms can be obtained at the Treasurer's Office located on the first floor of City Hall beginning Wednesday, February 22, 1995.

Persons wishing to APPEAR IN PERSON before the Board of Review must file a petition with the Treasurer's Office by 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 8, 1995.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of additional meeting of the Board of Review will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City as soon as the additional meeting are scheduled, and also in the local newspapers. The City bulletin boards are located at: City Hall, Kellogg Park, Central Parking Lot and Starkweather at the corner of Liberty Street.

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Twp. paint booth fire second in 8 months

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

A paint booth at Sun Plastic Coating Company burst into flames last week, sending a Detroit woman to the University of Michigan Burn Center with first degree burns.

The fire at 42105 Postiff in Plymouth Township was the second in eight months in the same paint booth according to Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth.

The booth, which is being removed by the company because of the accidents, was also the site of a fire in June.

"The employee was cleaning the filters when some of the dust came off and ignited on an open burner or pilot light," said Groth.

"The victim was released (from the hospital) at 9 p.m."

The dust is an aluminum-ceramic material used by the company to coat automotive and industrial parts.

George Osterhaut, the general manager of Sun Plastic Coating said the employee is doing well and will be back to work in two weeks.

Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

P-C Schools' paraprofessionals want 'fair contract' negotiations

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With a group of members walking the picket lines outside Eriksson Elementary School, members of the Plymouth-Canton Paraprofessional Association made impassioned pleas to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for what they call a "fair" contract.

Mary Patterson, a paraprofessional at Hoben elementary school, said her love for the job is not enough to compensate for the lack of a higher wage.

"I love my work," Patterson said. "I love the people there and the job that I do. But we're being asked to do a lot of things that aren't being paid for."

Patterson said that she was asked to take part in the school's teacher review process as a volunteer.

"I am being asked to do something that someone else is being paid very well to do," Patterson said. "I feel that the board's counter offer is a slap in the face."

Pat Kaman, a paraprofessional at West Middle School and Pioneer Middle School, said that the offer of \$.13 more per hour for a first year paraprofessional was not enough.

"How many pairs of shoes can \$.13 an hour buy?" Kaman asked. "I've been here for 17 years, I must not be worth much."

Kaman continued by telling the story of the "Trail of Tears," where two U.S. Presidents marched Native Americans across the country — to the deaths of thousands of them — in order to pay off their "cronies."

"They did that to them because they thought that the Indians weren't worth much," Kaman said.

Trustee Mark Horvath was not pleased with the comparison.

"Since I'm not 150 years old I am not responsible for the Trail of Tears," Horvath said.

"I am also not responsible for the state plan for funding."

Canton's tax abatement program means money for charities

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

As new Canton businesses grow, so will the coffers of local charity organizations.

The Canton Board of Trustees approved a preliminary list of organizations eligible to receive donations under Canton's tax abatement agreement program.

Part of Canton's tax abatement agreement program includes a clause stating companies must contribute 5 per cent of their abated taxes each year to one or more local charities. The charities that receive the percentage is up to the discretion of the business owner, not Canton.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Mama Mucci's Pasta, which recently moved from Plymouth to Canton, is the only company involved in the program thus far. Although a final decision has not been made, Mama Mucci's is expected to donate their 5 per cent to the Canton Foundation.

"These charities are well known to you and the community," said Yack.

Groups that want to be added to the list must provide documentation proving they meet the following criteria: Must be recognized as a non-profit, charitable organization; must be located in Canton or predominantly serve Canton residents; must be involved in on-going work or special project(s) of social, educational or cultural significance that benefits Canton residents or groups.

The preliminary list of eligible organizations, which will be updated every six months, includes: Canton Community Foundation; Canton Goodfellows; Canton Historic District Commission; Canton Historical Society; Canton Lions; Canton Rotary Foundation; Canton Veterans of Foreign Wars; Child & Family Service of Washtenaw County; Family Service Detroit & Wayne County; First Step; Friends of Canton Public Library; Growth Works; and Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force.

The standardized tax abatement agreement was approved by the board in 1995.

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Neighbors in the news

Navy Seaman Recruits Timothy A. Radtke of Canton, Stephen A. Juhasz of Canton, David C. Nevi of Plymouth and Jamie L. Houmard of Canton have all completed U.S. Navy basic training at Great Lakes, IL. During the eight week program the four men completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, naval customs, first aid, fire fighting and water safety and survival.

Navy Lt. John R. Flipse of Plymouth recently departed for a six month overseas deployment to the western Pacific Ocean aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation. Flipse, one of 5,630 crew members aboard the 1,062 foot long ship, is a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. He has a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

Navy Lt. William C. Murphy of Plymouth recently received the Navy Commendation Medal. Murphy was cited for meritorious service while serving as a supervisor aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Cleveland. Murphy was singled out for a Navy commendation medal because of his initiative in making a significant contribution to the accomplishment of the command's mission. He is a 1977 graduate of Canton High School.

Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Richard L. Conner of Canton recently reported for duty with the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 in Kaneohe Bay, HI. He joined the Marine Corps in 1973.

Marine Cpl. Steven C. Sullivan of Canton has returned from operations to rescue Haitian migrants in the Caribbean Sea. Sullivan was one of 190 Marines assigned to the Hospital Ship USNS Comfort, which was used as a processing center for Haitian migrants. He provided security and assistance to the 700 medical personnel and crew members on the ship.

Daniel S. Millward of Canton joined the Air Force in January. Upon completing six weeks of basic training in San Antonio, TX., he is scheduled to receive technical training as an imagery interpreter apprentice. Millward is a 1994 graduate of Canton High School.

The buddy system

Bluegraye and Turner mix up the musical landscape with the unlikely combination of harp and flamenco guitar

BY BRIAN CORBETT

D.L. Turner isn't interested in following that old, beaten path while on his musical journey. He has no precedent to follow. He's not going to change his course. And he doesn't plan on stopping to ask where he's going.

He has his own directions to success.

"If you're on the cutting edge, you're chances of success are phenomenal," Turner said. The Plymouth resident currently forms one-half of the musical duo, Bluegraye and Turner, who play the Mayflower Hotel on Fridays and Saturdays.

Turner plays the harp and Gariolan Bluegraye joins him on flamenco guitar. The combination blends a wide spectrum of musical styles.

Bluegraye brings with him a progressive feel, while Turner lists jazz, folk and classical as influences. "The music we have is appealing to all age groups," Turner said.

Bluegraye and Turner have been together four years now and their hard work and groundbreaking material has not gone unnoticed. "We're gearing up right now for a tour," Turner said. There's a possibility we may be doing a cruise."

If the cruise gig pans out, Bluegraye and Turner will entertain various ships while riding the high seas of the Caribbean. Turner is confident their style will be well-received by the local Salsa beat culture. "One of the things about our music, is that it's very Latin," Turner said. "It's got an island beat to it."

The two musicians met at Turner's Reel to Reel Productions in Plymouth in 1991. Bluegraye came into record a solo album after leaving the traditional flamenco band, Grupo de Espana.

"I always offer to my clients, that if they want me to record; I will," Turner said.

Turner's aggressive approach on the harp and Bluegraye's fire and rhythmic handling of the flamenco produced such



Gariolan Bluegraye (right) and Plymouth resident D.L. Turner use their musical talents to entertain at the Mayflower, and maybe later on "Late Night with David Letterman."

an interesting sound, that they decided to stay together and see where they could with it.

Normally, it would be a hard sound to sell.

But because Turner owns a production studio and a sound and light company, they don't have to concede to record companies demands to alter their music. "I don't have to sell out to anybody," Turner said.

Sharing their creative instincts, each musician has turned out impressive releases recently.

Bluegraye's "Fire Rose" is currently receiving airplay on over 150 radio stations in the U.S. and Canada. Turner's "Creation" is in great demand as classical new age sounds are sweeping the music industry. He said, "It took everything I had to make that album come together." Both "Fire Rose" and "Creation" can be purchased at Repeat the Beat in Plymouth.

Now that both men are in the public eye and ear, more dates are beginning to appear on the horizon, besides the

Caribbean shows. "We're working with an agent right now on a regular concert tour, but that takes financial backing," Turner said.

Also in the works, an appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman. "It's a real possibility," Turner said.

"In fact, our agent is working on it right now. We're working with their writers. That's going to be great publicity for us. That kind of exposure would be just dynamic."

If it happens, it would be a return to the spotlight for Turner. In the past, he has toured with John Denver and Crosby, Stills and Nash as a sound engineer. "John Denver was a really nice human being. Very genuine. Very pleasant person," Turner said.

Like a sage, he uses his experiences as advice for the young and aspiring musicians who walk in his door every day. Turner said, "Believe in you dreams first. Then, follow your dreams with all the vigor you have. There's only a few people who go the long haul. I'm one of those people."

Schall appointed to JFK School of Government

John Schall, the Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Michigan's 13th District last fall, has been appointed a Fellow at the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Schall will be a Fellow in residence at Harvard from Jan. 30 through May.

The Institute was established at Harvard in 1966 by the family of President John F. Kennedy as a living memorial to the late president. It's mission is to inspire young people to pursue careers in politics and public life.

Schall will teach a course in politics and government entitled: "The Contract With America: Are the 1994 Elections the

Beginning of a New Republican Revolution?"

As a Fellow at the institute, Schall joins past participants from Michigan such as Donald Riegle, David Stockman and George Weeks. Other past Fellows have included members of former President Bush's Cabinet, Lynn Martin and Lamar Alexander; and Clinton Cabinet members Ron Brown and Dick Riley.

"I'm proud to be a Republican voice at liberal Harvard University — or as I call it, the University of Michigan of the East Coast," Schall joked.

Schall is a 1982 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1984 Harvard grad.

School busses collide, nine sent to hospital

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Investigations are still ongoing into a traffic collision between two Plymouth-Canton Schools busses on Friday.

According to Canton Police Ofc. Lou Stevens, the accident on Lilley Road sent nine to the hospital.

"The busses were going down Lilley Road coming from East Middle School when one of them had to stop for a car in its lane that was trying to make a turn," Stevens said.

"The other bus rammed into it from behind."

Stevens said that the driver of the bus was ticketed for failure to stop.

Stevens said that Canton, Westland and Wayne fire units assisted in taking the injured to Annapolis Hospital. He said that there were no serious injuries but that those who were taken to the hospital were complaining of neck and back pain.

According to P-C Schools Director of

Transportation and Safety Dale Goby, the driver of the second bus said she was distracted by a student on the bus.

"The driver indicated some kind of student disruption," Goby said. "She was looking in her rearview mirror, when her focus returned to the road the bus in front had stopped. But that is no justification for the accident."

Goby said that both busses had taken moderate to heavy damage and have been taken out of service.

"This is not like a car that you can take to the body shop," Goby said. "All of the parts have to come from the manufacturer."

Goby said that the two drivers are still on the road and that no disciplinary action will be considered until all of the information about the accident is collected. "We're still continuing with our investigation, the insurance company is investigating as well," Goby said. "We're not going to make any decisions until all of the information is in."

Costs for Canton special election top \$40,000

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to increase the election budget by \$40,000 to cover the cost of conducting the March 7 and April 18 special elections.

The \$40,000 will cover the cost of absentee ballot request forms and envelopes, instructions and tools, ballots, and precinct supplies. The amount also includes \$7,700 to cover the cost of printing the absentee ballots and voting device pages for the elections.

Also covered is the cost of hiring approximately 110 precinct inspectors and absentee

counting board members, and the cost for the Canton Department of Public Works to deliver and pick up the voting equipment and signs. \$1,000 will be used for overtime needed in the clerk's office.

Connie Roessler, acting clerk, said there may be other costs involved such as supplies from the general stock.

Some of the \$40,000 cost of the election will be covered by the Canton Library, whose \$8.9 million library bond issue is also on the ballot.

Canton police looking for armed robbery suspect

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Canton Township Police are on the lookout for a suspect in an armed robbery at a convenience store last Thursday. According to Canton Police Officer Lou Stevens, the Hop-In party store on Michigan Avenue was

robbed at gunpoint at approximately 11:30 a.m. as the attendant was preparing to open the store's vault to make a cash drop.

"The clerk at the store was getting ready to make a cash drop in the store's safe when a man who was watch-

ing him in the store pulled a handgun," Stevens said. "He told the clerk to give him the money and left."

Stevens said that the suspect made off with approximately \$170 in cash. The suspect is described as a black male about 30 years old.

Cops to use siezed drug cash to buy command vehicle

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

When a disaster hits Canton, the police department will be ready to respond — thanks to funds seized from convicted drug dealers.

The Canton Board of Trustees voted recently to purchase a mobile command post, with half of the money coming from the drug forfeiture account. The vehicle allows for communication from the inci-

dent scene and serves as a command center for incident commanders.

The mobile command post is a converted motor home that will be purchased from H.W. White Motor Homes for \$39,997. The vehicle will feature the latest in communications equipment and will be used for a variety of incidents, such as police special operations team activations, major fires, hazardous mate-

rial incidents and drug raids.

"The mobile command post can move dispatch from on-site to the scene of the incident," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

Canton is currently using a 1986 Chevrolet rescue squad for their mobile command purposes.

"The vehicle has served our needs for many years," he said, "but the reliability

is a problem."

A mobile command vehicle bought commercially would cost up to \$100,000. By converting the motor home, Santomauro said Canton can save money.

"We located a vehicle that will meet our needs," he said. "This is about the best deal that we could get."

The existing unit will be used by the accident investigation team.

Canton administration sets priorities for road improvements

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton administration has prioritized a list of possible road improvements that would be made if taxpayers approve a \$12 million bond issue on the special election ballot April 18.

Canton Township Engineer Tom Casari released a chart detailing information about public road projects proposed, including estimated costs to complete each project.

Casari said the list will change as public comment comes in concerning the specific projects.

"This is not written in stone," he said. "I've already gotten some comment on projects."

The chart offers a breakdown of projects, by year, over an eight year period. It also includes cost for purchasing various road rights-of-way throughout Canton, which would be accomplished over the life of the project.

"My recommendations are made based on how quickly each project can be engineered and completed," he said, "and also on the traffic impacts each project will have on the community."

In setting priority, Casari said projects already in the pipeline would be completed first. He said road intersections are also a high priority.

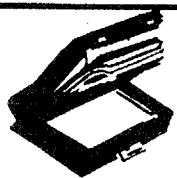
The ongoing road improvements, which are limited to approximately \$2 million per year under the bond issue, would begin immediately if approved by voters.

Scheduled for the first year of construction would be: Intersection improvement at Canton Center and Palmer/Summit — \$150,000; paving of Koppernick Road east of Haggerty — \$350,000; intersection improvement at Lilley and Ford — \$250,000; intersection improvement at Sheldon and Ford — \$250,000; new signal at Canton Center/Palmer/Summit — \$50,000; new signal at Joy and the high school entrance — \$50,000; new signal at Beck and Warren — \$15,000; new signal at Palmer and Sheldon — \$15,000; and a new signal at Canton Center and the high school entrance — \$50,000.

Copies of the suggested priorities can be obtained at the Engineering Services Office of Canton Township Hall.



The paving of Koppernick road east of Haggerty would be one of the first projects undertaken by Canton if the road millage passes on the April 18 special election. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Vermeulen Funeral Homes, Inc. have a video available to help children deal with grief. The video highlights 11 boys and girls, ages 4-14, discussing grief experience due to the death or chronic illness of a sibling or parent.

The R.A. DeMattia Company, a Plymouth-based design, construction and land development firm is pleased to announce the construction of a 75,000 square foot shopping center and theater section at Five Mile and Sheldon Road in the Charter Township of Plymouth. The shopping center will be anchored by a 45,000 square foot up scale grocery store operated by Busch's Valu Land. Additionally, there is almost 30,000 square feet of speculative space in the first phase of which the company is in the process of pre-leasing.

Mary Gladchun was recognized for being the number one producing RE/MAX sales associate in southeastern Michigan for 1994. The top producer award was presented to Mary by Ed Levoir, Director of the RE/MAX Detroit Metro Sales region at the 16th annual RE/MAX Detroit Metro Awards Banquet that was held on Feb. 18. Mary is an associate broker at the Plymouth location.

Wordhouse Financial Planning and Education, Inc., 9440 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, can teach parents how to develop childrens' money handling skills. Call Phyllis Wordhouse for more information at 459-2402.

Home-made success

Business moves from Northville to Plymouth selling products only Michigan has to offer

It was Michigan pride that was Jane Kuhns' inspiration.

"I was getting presents from my husband's family who live out of state," Kuhns said. So she thought it would be a wise idea to bring together a little culture of The Wolverine State under one roof. Michigan Made, Inc. was born.

After three years in Northville, Kuhns has moved her business to 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Michigan Made, Inc. will share the newly remodeled building with Wild Wings Gallery.

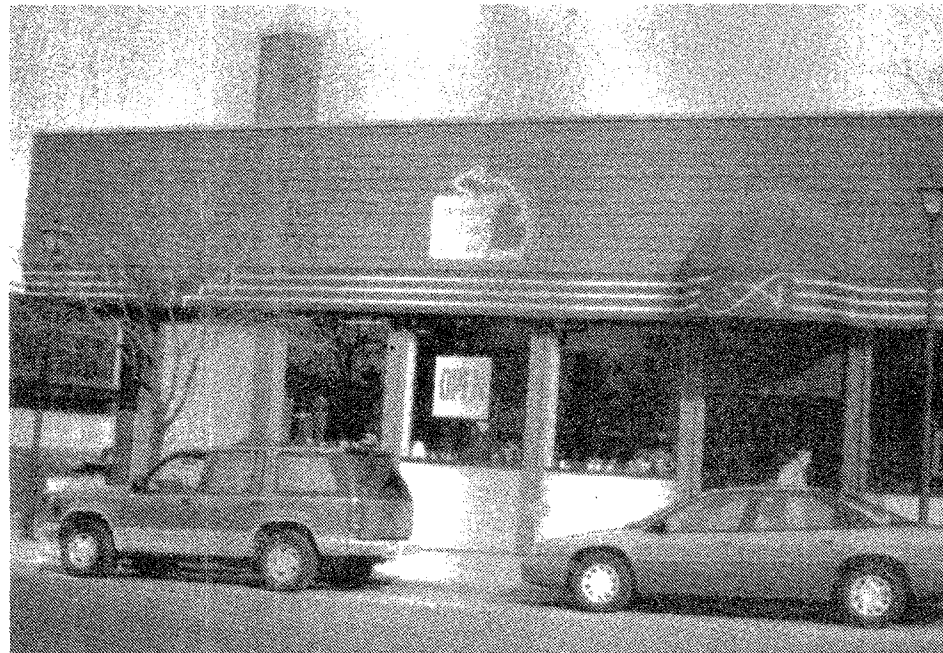
Kuhns, a Plymouth resident, said her new location provides a higher visibility and more room to showcase her products. "(The Northville store) was much too small," she said. "And this is a great location."

Kuhns' store acts as a museum and speciality shop for state goods. "Everything is Michigan made or pertains to Michigan," Kuhns said.

Most of products in the store come from retired or part-time artists and authors. Kuhns said, "Some of the people come to me with stuff." Other times Kuhns said she orders items from independent businesses.

Dealing with a variety of people from across the state has allowed Kuhns to put together quite an impressive collection. For instance, she has some rare Pewabic pottery made by Mary Chase Perry Stratton of Detroit. Pewabic is a ceramic art that is represented in many museums and is recognized as a National Historic Landmark.

Also, there are bird houses that have roofs made of out license plates. Some are from past years, others are in the



After getting their start in Northville, Michigan Made Inc. is now sharing one of the most visible spots in downtown Plymouth with the Wild Wings Gallery. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

colors of MSU and U-M.

Another corner of Michigan Made, Inc. is devoted to food. "Dried cherries are very popular. And, of course, Sanders is the old stand-by," Kuhns said. From Northville, there's cherries and chocolates next to barbecue sauce from Leland. When it's time to prepare all this food, there's Michigan cutting boards, for both the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula.

After a good Michigan meal, pick up a book about canoeing the state's rivers or historic lighthouses. "The lighthouse books do real well," Kuhns said. "People

are just crazy about them."

If the hundreds of items in the store make it too difficult to decide on one gift, Kuhns offers made to order gift baskets and will ship it to anywhere in the U.S.

Until Kuhns becomes settled into her new environment, she will continue to make adjustments to changing demands. She said, "I think I might be getting more college stuff."

If the first few days of business are any indication, Kuhns' future in Plymouth is bright. "It's great. For the first few days it's been great," she said. "It's a lot of fun for me."

Avoiding the investment gamble

Investing money can be risky. It's not the roulette wheel in Las Vegas, but it's a gamble. Fortunes can be won and lost. Futures are built and destroyed. Money changes hands.

But these risks don't have to be taken. Tonight, at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth, a representative from American Funds, presents a seminar on "Building Wealth Without Risking It All."

"He does speaking engagements across the Midwest," said Lynn Statler-Gauger, investment representative of Edward D. Jones & Company.

"It's one of a series devoted to types of investing." American Funds' company policy prohibits naming individuals publicly. But Statler-Gauger is certain that the representative's seminar will be highly beneficial. "He's going to center on investing for the 90's," Statler-Gauger said.

"He'll speak on the principals of sound investing and what to look for."

Statler-Gauger is hosting the event in conjunction Jeff Cunningham, another investment representative. The speaker from American Funds was chosen because his firm has a "long

relationship" with Edward D. Jones & Company. Statler-Gauger and Cunningham hope the seminar will raise awareness and interest in investment opportunities. "We don't play risky games," Statler-Gauger said about her company.

The seminar dinner is also a chance to test Plymouth as a site for possible expansion. Statler-Gauger said, "We have an office location in Northville and we're thinking of adding another location."

Ernesto's was the obvious choice for the seminar because Statler-Gauger works out of Northville and his Cunningham's office is in Livonia.

"It's centered between the two cities," Statler-Gauger said. "It has a good name. A good menu."

The 40 people who dine over an Italian dinner and then listen to the speaker's advice, likely will be a cross section of the investment community. "It's a little varied. Some of these seminars you have experienced customers," Statler-Gauger said. "You have others who are inexperienced. Most are trying to learn something."

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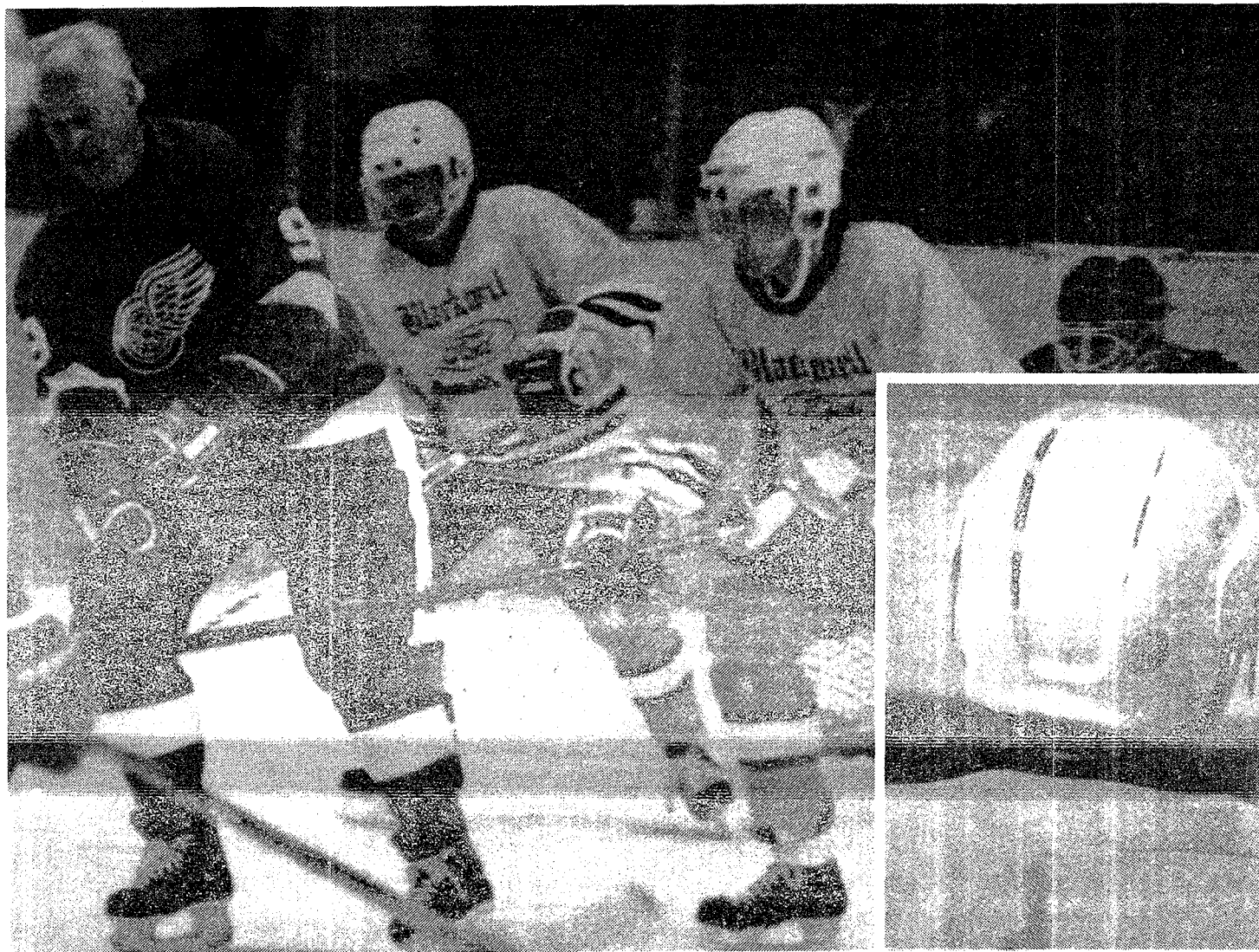
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Red Wings Alumni, Canton Fire



(left) Gordie Howe starts the break against the Canton Fire and Police Union team Friday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The benefit hockey game was held for Greg Unger, who is suffering from Cystic Fibrosis. Money donated will go towards Greg's surgery scheduled in St. Louis. (right) Dave Debol, former Hartford Whalers star, talks with one of Canton's finest, Henry Kline. (Crier photos by Craig Breil and Brian Corbett)



Sports reporter finds magic on ice at Plymouth Cultural Center Friday night

Old time hockey.

It was at the Cultural Center on Friday night.

And from the moment Greg Unger slapped down that puck for the face off in front of a packed house to the echoes of the Zamboni circling an empty arena, the night was magical. I was just one of the many fans with my face pressed against the glass, gazing upon the former Red Wing greats with starry-eyed amazement.

I've spent my entire life a confessed hockey addict. I'll watch any game, anywhere, anytime. It doesn't matter if it's midget hockey or Game Seven of the Stanley Cup finals. I'll watch it.

I've seen Wayne Gretzky turn a defenseman inside out. I've marveled at Sergei Fedorov blast a slap shot. And I've witnessed Steve Yzerman stop on a dime. But I've never, I repeat, never seen Number Nine from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan play a lick of hockey. Neither had Stephen Kelly of Canton, who was proudly displaying his Plymouth Sharks apparel. "I like watching hockey. I want to see Gordie," he said. "Me too," his younger brother Bryan added.

They've probably seen the same black and white photographs, a highlight film every once in a great while and, of course, stories and stories and more stories about "Mr. Hockey."

I know I've been showered with memories from an older generation whose hockey days consist of the Old Red Barn and the Original Six.

Well, the Olympia may be a parking lot now and there's 24 teams in the NHL this year — but Howe's legacy is still strong. His followers still fervent with passion for the man who brought four Stanley Cups to Detroit during the early 1950's.

Heck, my mom still gets angry when somebody tries to tell her Maurice Richard was a better player. "Richard was a cherry-picker," mom says.

Howe was a man who combined deceptive speed with a nose for the net and a physical presence that often went unchallenged.

And now here he was, smiling and meandering about the ice of the Cultural Center with other immortals of Red Wings' past. Alex Delvecchio. Johnny Wilson. Tommy Williams.

Their opposition wasn't the Toronto Maple Leafs. Nor was it the Charleston Chiefs. It was the Canton Fire and Police Union team with a roster full of names more famous for getting cats out of trees and directing traffic than scoring goals. Like Jim Davidson, who exchanged his firefighting gear for goalie's equipment and a once in a lifetime opportunity to make a save against Howe.

Or John Bartle, whose adrenalin must have been sky high as the ice emptied and the

Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



crowd rose to its feet for his penalty shot dual with goalie Eddie Mio.

And Tom Davidson, whose claim to fame can be that he dumped Delvecchio — and got away with it.

Gary Bergman. Nick Libett. Dennis Hextall. Dwight Foster. They were all on the ice that I've skated on a handful of times with my friends.

It's also the same ice that Scott Garrison of Novi was planning to play on. "We came for open skate. We thought there was open skate, but I don't mind. I like watching Gordie," Garrison said as he shoved his bag containing all his hockey necessities off to the side.

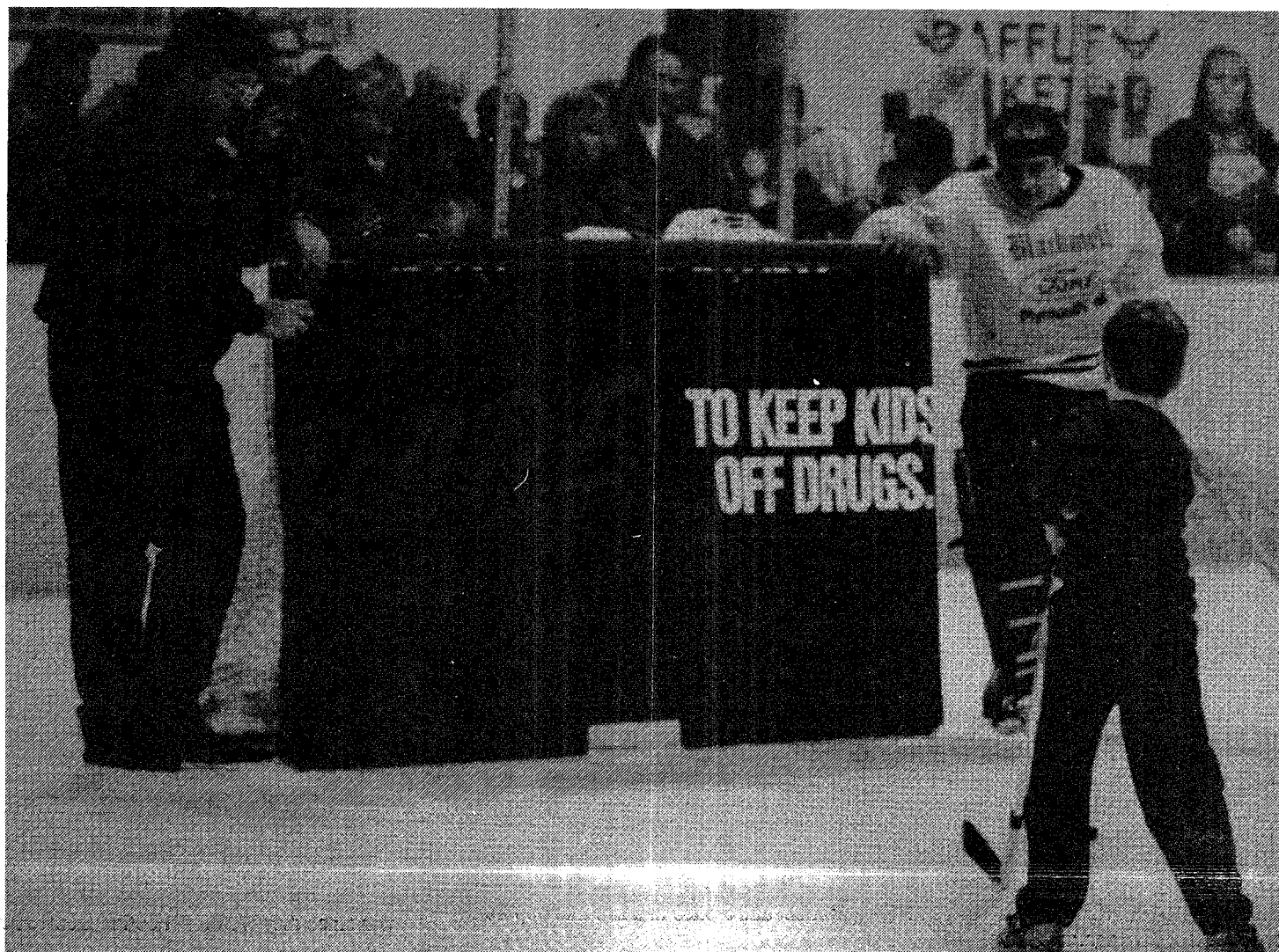
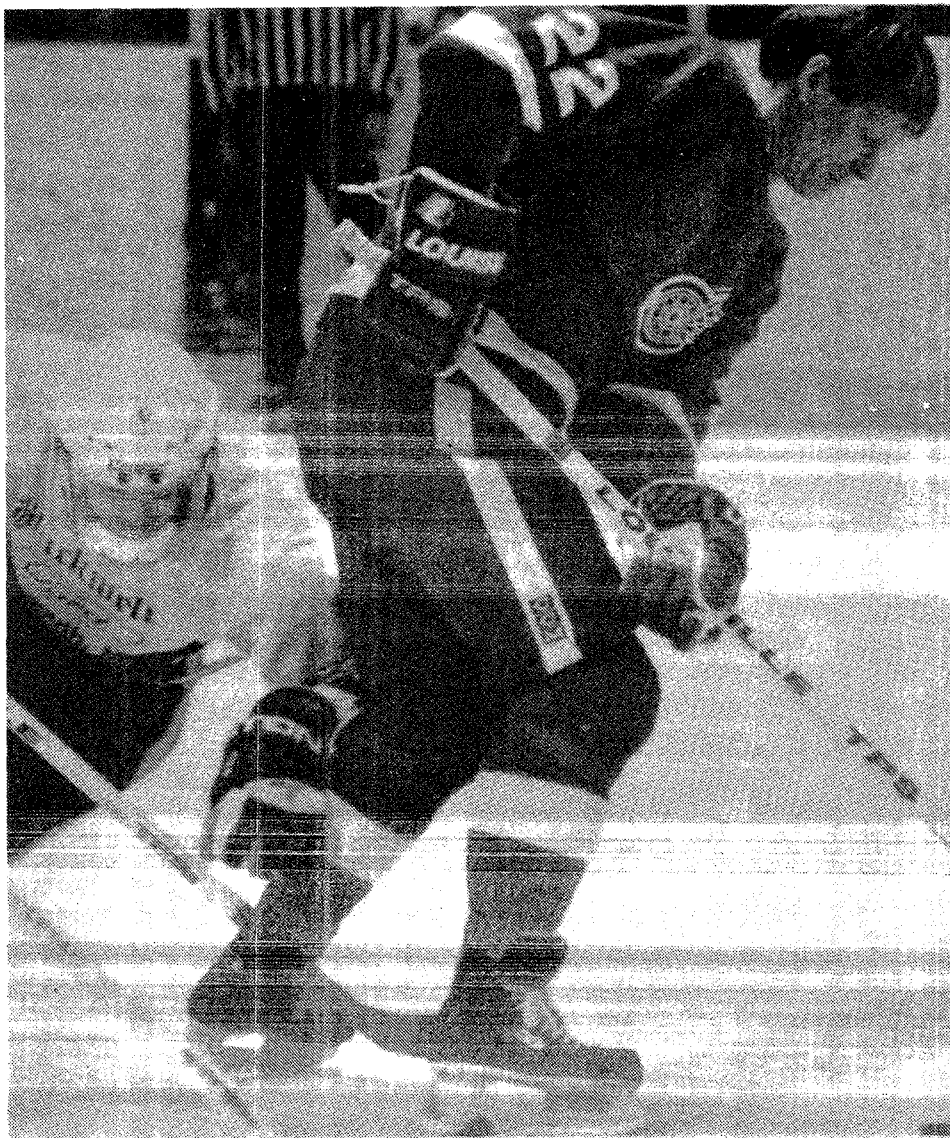
Garrison and the rest of the Cultural Center rose to their feet as Howe, Delvecchio and Wilson took the ice — the Wings' first line. If anyone was wondering if these guys could still play, Delvecchio quieted any doubts almost instantly. With the puck in the fire and police union end, Davidson wandered out of the crease to try and clear the puck past Delvecchio. Big mistake. Delvecchio nonchalantly swatted the puck out of the air, turned at the top of the circle and slid it casually, just enough to tease Davidson, into the open net.

Seeing that Davidson tried his hand at becoming a sixth skater, Mio decided to give it a go. On the first save he made, Mio skated out of the net past the blue, past the center line and into the fire and police union's end. The crowd roared in approval. Of course, his net was wide open, but the union couldn't take advantage of Mio's impersonation of Tim Cheveldae.

Just seconds later, the moment a lot of us had been waiting for happened, when Howe put his first goal of the night past Davidson. Should we count that as goal number 802? Look out Wayne-O, old Gordie's coming on strong.

Between the first and second period, area youngsters tried their hand at Scorio, the game made famous at Joe Louis Arena. Unlike The Joe, they actually had a chance to win since they weren't shooting from center ice.

and Police Union skate for Greg



(top left) Gerry Abel, son of former Red Wing Sid Abel, takes a break from the action. (top right) Dennis Hextall trips up one of the Canton Fire and Police Union team players as he goes for the puck. (right) The charity event was more than just a hockey game. This "junior Red Wing" tries his luck at Scoro, a game made famous at Joe Louis Arena — home of the Detroit Red Wings.

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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) 349-7110.

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. For more information, call Joan at 513-7598.

PCAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will held a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 13. The speaker will be screenwriter Jim Burnstein. For more information, call 416-4ART (4278).

YANKEE AIR FORCE DINNER-DANCE

The Yankee Air Force of Belleville will hold their annual fund-raising dinner dance at 6:30 p.m. at the Local #735 meeting hall on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Admission is \$25 per person, proceeds will go to the restoration of the club's B-17G Flying Fortress Bomber. For more information, call Beverly at 562-2727.

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All interested in joining the Plymouth Newcomers Club can come to the coffee at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23. For more information, call either Kathy at 455-8336 or 454-3363.

SMOKE STOPPERS

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

JAYCEE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for community businesses to help support their 1995 Fourth of July parade. Donations can be mailed to the Jaycees at PO Box 700123 Plymouth, MI, 48170-0942. For more information, call the Jaycees at 453-8407.

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

The Three Cities Art Club will hold their next meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 6 at Plymouth Township Hall. Edith Newborn will demonstrate Chinese brush painting. For more information, call Joan Baker at 420-2874.

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

The Canton Newcomers will hold their general meeting at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse on March 1. The program will be a craft night, there will be a \$3 cost for supplies. For more information, call 981-4915, 416-0284 or 453-3693.

PCAC DINNER THEATRE

The PCAC will hold their annual dinner theatre on April 1 at the Fox Hills Country Club. The featured performers will be Bolcom and Morris. For more information about the event, call Nancy Pilon at 455-4681.

FIRST AID COURSES

The American Red Cross will be offering classes in first aid and safety on March 7, 9, and 14 at the Canton donor center. Cost for the course is \$42. To register for the classes and for more information, call (810) 967-0336.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Vermeulen Funeral Home will be offering a grief recovery program from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 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.

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 on March 3 at the First United Methodist Church. The program will be "An oral history of our community" with a panel of four members. This month will recognize past presidents (white gloves and hats).

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.


AARP TAX AID PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to do tax returns for seniors (IRS provides instruction) for 4 hours a week from Feb. 1 to April 15 at locations in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. For more information, call Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

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.

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20-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The 20-year high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975 will be held on Oct. 7 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia West. Call to update your address. For more information, call Robin at 459-6950 or Mark at 459-9896.

"JUPITER GETS A BLACK EYE"

The Plymouth District Library will host astronomer, journalist and lecturer Mike Best for a program for children grades one through five highlighting the asteroid collisions with Jupiter in 1994 from 7 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 at the library. Registration begins Feb. 21. To register and for more information, call the library at 453-0750.

BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON

The friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries will hold their ninth annual author luncheon at noon March 9 at Fox Hills Country Club. The authors in attendance will be Jan Greenberg and Karen Katz. Tickets are \$16 and available at all four libraries. For more information and to reserve seating, call Betty at (810) 349-7502.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

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.

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.

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.

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 459-6896.

MEET OTHER MOTHERS

Meet Other Mothers will hold their next meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 24 at the First Presbyterian Church. The program will feature an expert on handwriting analysis. For more information, call Toni at 453-6134.

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 420-0782.

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.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers will hold their March general meeting at Home Sweet Home on March 9. An expert from Walker Buzenberg will talk about interior decoration and furniture. The cost is \$15. For more information and to RSVP, call either Kathy at 455-8336 or Bev at 454-3663.

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 495-0304.

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Community deaths

Annetta G. Carnes, 51, registered nurse

Annetta G. Carnes, a registered nurse formerly from Plymouth, died Feb. 8, 1995, at the age of 51.

She is survived by her son, two sisters and a brother.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

John H. Fitfield, 40, registered nurse

John H. Fitfield, a registered nurse and anesthesiologist from Plymouth, died Feb. 10, 1995, at the age of 40.

He is survived by his wife; Debra, daughters; Sara and Ashley, son; Brian, his parents, two brothers, five nieces and a nephew.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the First United Methodist Church.

Arthur F. Clark, 58, engineer

Arthur F. Clark, a material handling engineer for the Ford Motor Co. from Canton, died Feb. 11, 1995, at the age of 58.

He is survived by his wife; Karen, daughters; Christine and Jennifer, son; Michael, and two sisters.

Services, arranged by the McCabe Funeral Home, were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Claire G. Sullivan, 90, supervisor

Claire G. Sullivan, a district supervisor for Cunningham Drug Stores from Plymouth, died Feb. 2, 1995, at the age of 90.

She is survived by her daughter; Jacqueline, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Northrop Funeral Home, will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Feb. 24.

Sylvia T. Czopp, 64, telephone operator

Sylvia T. Czopp, a former telephone operator from Superior Township, died Feb. 16, 1995, at the age of 64.

She is survived by her husband, son; Gary and one other, one daughter, mother; Charlotte Kostielney, two brothers and eight grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the McCabe Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Lawrence E. Hartz, 71, tool setter

Lawrence E. Hartz, a tool setter at the Ford transmission plant for 25 years from Plymouth, died Feb. 15, 1995, at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife; Patricia, daughters; Denise (Robert) Ploucha, Christine (Gerald) Gutowski and five others, two sisters, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Obituaries

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

John Mesko

John Mesko, a restaurant owner from Canton, died Feb. 14, 1995, at the age of 56.

Mr. Mesko was the owner of Jonathon Family Dining in Detroit from 1987 to 1989 and before that the owner of Fine Time Foods on Burt Road in Detroit and Stark Road in Livonia.

Mr. Mesko is survived by his wife; Mary, daughter; Yvonne (Anthony) Sahl, sons; John and Jason, sisters; Laura Kobosky, Joan Spangler and Katherine Summers, brother; Frank and mother; Laura Turcki.

Services for Mr. Mesko, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Cherry Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the family fund or in the form of mass offerings.

Kimberly Anne Failing

Kimberly Anne Failing, a student at Eastern Michigan University from Birmingham formerly from Plymouth, died Feb. 18, 1995, at the age of 24.

Ms. Failing is survived by her mother; Paula Morris, father; Robert Failing, grandmothers; Marion Failing and Laura McGill, dearest friend; Steve Hyder.

Services for Ms. Failing were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Bernard O'Connor officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Wilbert (Bob) Orton

Wilbert (Bob) Orton, a tool and die setter from Plymouth, died Feb. 15, 1995, at the age of 65.

Mr. Orton is survived by his wife; Mary, daughter; Karen (Richard) Orlandi, son; Thomas, sister; Ruth Murphy, brother; Robert, and grandchildren; Daniel and Stacy Orlandi.

Services for Mr. Orton were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond L. Zips officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Plymouth Branch.



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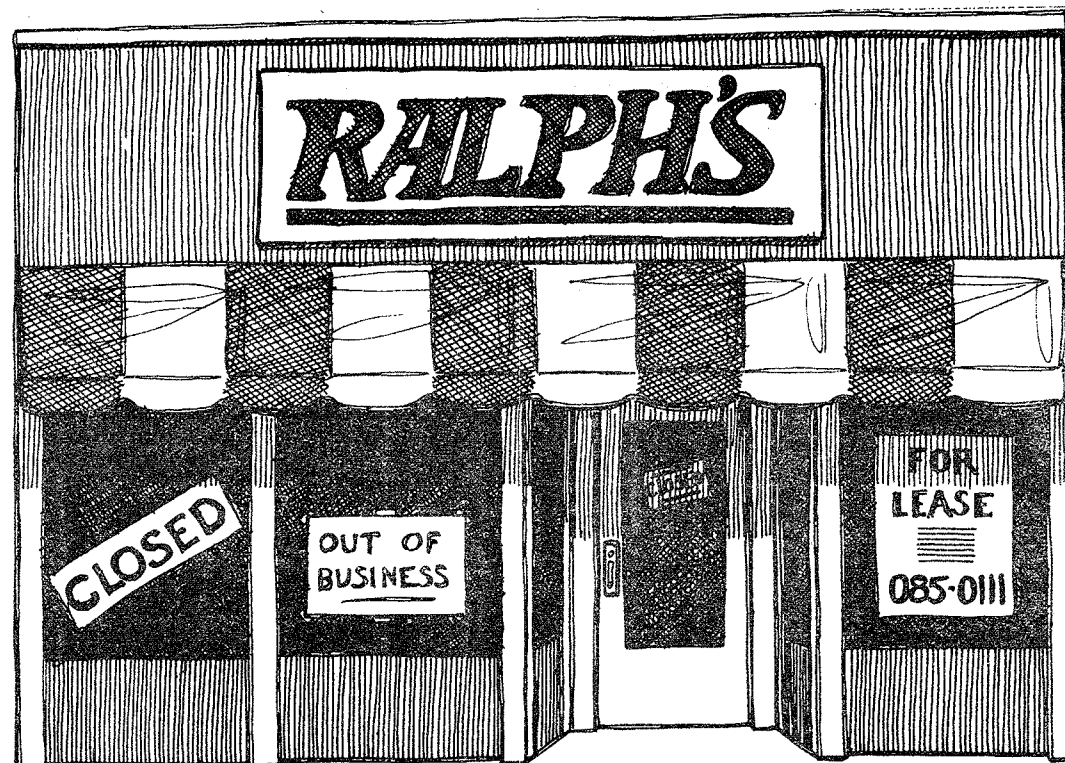
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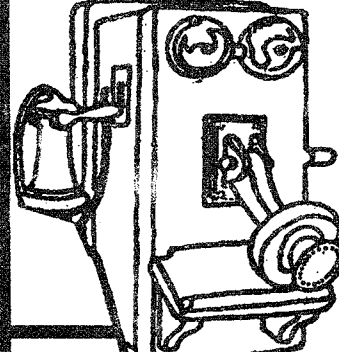
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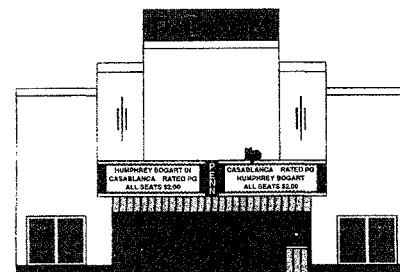
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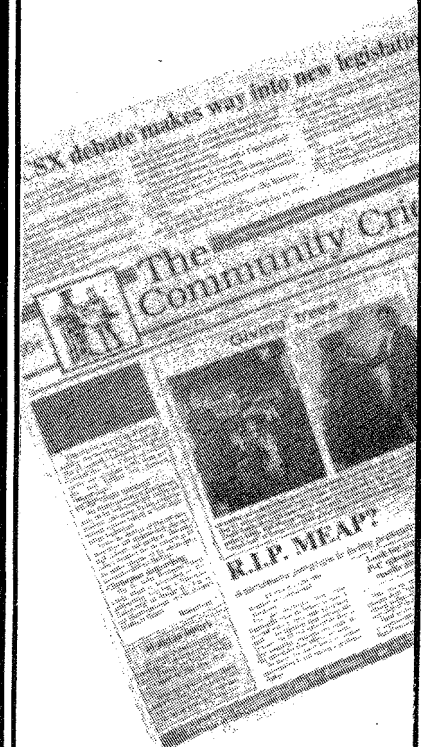
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Plymouth-Salem Baseball team Youth Baseball Clinic on Saturday, March 25 and April 1. Cost is \$15. Ages 11-15: 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Ages 7-10: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch included, served 12-1 p.m. Registration at Canton Cafeteria Feb. 18: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Feb. 22: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call Alice Jordan at 459-0984 or Bill Styles 453-1679 for more information.

Juniors and Ladies Golf Leagues are now forming at the Oasis Golf Center in Plymouth. Ladies leagues begin the week of April 17th and junior leagues begin the week of June 22. Ladies league times are available Monday-Wednesday mornings and Monday-Thursday evenings. Reserve by phone 420-GOLF.

The Detroit Pistons and Builders Square have teamed up to provide high school seniors with financial assistance. Twelve \$1000 college scholarships to high school seniors who live in any county that has a Builders Square. The Plymouth-Canton Community is eligible since there is a **Builders Square in Canton**. To apply, seniors must submit an application form, a high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores, one letter of recommendation from a faculty member and an essay (500 words or less) entitled "The Importance of a College Education." Applications must be received by March 1 and can be obtained at any local Builders Square.

The Canton Fire and Police Union will hit the ice again March 31 for a rematch against the Detroit Red Wing Alumni squad.

All the money collected will go to help Greg Unger with his fight against Cystic Fibrosis.

Call the Plymouth Cultural Center for more information and ticket prices for the big event.

At Friday's game, the union raised more than \$12,000 for Greg. Call the Canton Fire Department for more information on how you can donate to help Greg.

It's crunch time for Canton, Salem

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's crunch time.

It's reached that point of the winter sports season when prime time players that have talked the talk, are expected to walk the walk.

Teams from both Canton and Salem are preparing to make this one of the most exciting playoff times in recent memory.

•BASKETBALL• In hoops, the Rocks and the Chiefs field formidable teams. Salem finished the regular season 14-3 overall and tied for second in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA). It was a spectacular campaign that ended on a sour note last Friday night, with a 76-75 loss at Walled Lake Central. "It's only a three game playoff so anything can happen," coach Bob Brodie said. "It's a new season." Forward Dan McKian, who scored 26 points against Central is vital to the Rocks' playoff aspirations. The Rocks must also get backcourt consistency from Doug Herriman, who struggled in the Central game, and contributions from Dave Bol and Andres Lopez. For Canton (13-4) senior guard Ted Docks will be counted upon to be a perimeter shooting threat, taking some of the heat off forwards Ron Hunter and Mark Sanborn. The Chiefs carry the momentum of a 65-44 victory over Walled Lake

Western into the playoffs. Central and John Glenn enter the playoffs as the team to beat.

•SWIMMING• A 107-79 victory wrapped up a perfect 9-0 dual meet season for the Rocks. "There's a lot of work yet to be done. But they've certainly measured up to every expectation I had of them as a high school swim team," coach Chuck Olson said. WLAA prelims will close out this week. Though Stevenson and Churchill may put up a fight, Salem is widely considered the favorite because of their strong relay teams led by Eric Seidelman and Andy Dettling. Canton, who's been in the middle of the WLAA pack all season, will look to dominate the diving competitions. Jason Fowler and Darryl Ballios are a fabulous tandem.

•WRESTLING• A weak spot in winter sports for the last few years, Salem and Canton made strides this year in rebuilding their programs. Salem finished second in the WLAA and won its district last week by beating Canton and Belleville. Tonight, the Rocks travel to the team regionals to tangle with Brighton, Stevenson and Northville. "Our goal was to win team districts," coach Ron Krueger said. "We knew what our limitations were. Anything we achieve now is going to be overachieving." If the Rocks are able to pull off a major upset, Clayton Walker (185 lbs.), Nate

Morland (215 lbs.) and Jeremy Breithaudt (160 lbs.) will have to come up with victories. Scott Hughes (119 lbs.) and Phil Mitchell (134 lbs.) have qualified for the individual regionals on Saturday. Canton's wrestling teams is done for the season, finishing 1-6 in duals. But Dan Gruenwald (100 lbs.) and heavyweight Doug Cooper will participate in the individual regionals this weekend. "He stuck everyone," coach Ray Givens said about Gruenwald's performance at districts. "He didn't play games. He was for real. There was a whole lot of quick ones. He just did what he wanted to do, it was the best I've ever seen him wrestle."

•GYMNASTICS• "It'll be down to Canton and Salem again," Salem coach Pam Yockey said about the WLAA meet tomorrow. "We will have to hit almost everything perfect." Zoe Yockey, Kristin Kosik, Mellisa Hopson and their teammates hope to revenge their 138.2-136.2 loss to Canton last week. On the Chiefs' side, coach John Cunningham's team depth has carried him through an injury plagued season. Katey Gilles, Brie Wall, Brooke Larson and Kari Jackson have their sites set on a return to the state finals.

•VOLLEYBALL• Canton head coach Melinda Cain wishes she knew which

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Former Red Wings, Canton Fire and Police Union skate for Greg

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The teams took to the ice with the Red Wings up 5-2 and immediately returned to their playful nature. At one point, Foster sent a union team member sprawling to the ice and Referee Art Skov sent him to the sin bin. "He lost his balance," Foster said, laughing.

A short time later, Rick Pomorski of the union team tripped up Howe. Poor Rick, he must have wondered what was going on. Here he is, part of the home team and he's met with a chorus of jeers for tripping a member of the visiting team. No one ever said it was going to be a run-of-the-mill hockey game.

It sure wasn't for Greg Unger who wore a red sweater, picked up a hockey stick and talked with Howe during the second intermission.

"He's having a great time," said Bill Unger, Greg's father. "He's just loving it."

Rightfully so, because this game was a time for Greg to forget about the challenges of the future and enjoy the present. "We want to thank you all for coming out and supporting us. You've touched our lives," Bill said as he walked off the ice clutching a \$12,000 check that will soon send his son to St. Louis for treatment for Cystic Fibrosis.

"I love it," Howe said as he watched the smiles appear on all the Ungers' faces. "We do a lot of this, but this is kind of special."

It was a special night for the Howe family too, it was Colleen Howe's birthday. She was honored with a bouquet of flowers and a rendition of "Happy Birthday" that only The Plymouth-Canton Community could offer.

The third period was like the last day of school. Spirits were

high and smiles were common. And so were pranks. "I want to get number six with it," Howe said to Hextall, who was holding a lead puck. By the time the Red Wings got to play their joke, they had settled on Bartle.

With the puck at center ice for a penalty shot, Bartle skated around his own net to gain speed. The cheering of the crowd kept him in a rhythmic stride as he put his stick on the ice to meet the puck and carry it the rest of the way. The only problem was that it didn't move, it was stuck to the ice. Bartle had to stop, turn around and do the whole thing over again, leaving the crowd to think he had just plain missed it. The Red Wing bench broke up in laughter.

The union team got the last laugh, however, when the entire bench cleared for the last two minutes of the game making for a 15 on five power play. A standing ovation greeted the players as the buzzer sounded marking the end of the Red Wings' 8-4 victory. A strange game when considering the only "normal" thing to happen was that somebody threw a dead octopus on the ice.

Everyone shook hands and the crowd filtered out slowly. About 50 people hung around hoping to get autographs, but to no avail. Most of the Wings departed rather quickly for a game in Sault Ste. Marie. But have no fear, autograph seekers will get another chance on March 31 when the Red Wings Alumni return for a rematch with the Canton Fire and Police Union team. The game will again benefit Greg Unger, which is just fine for everyone involved.

"I think it all went excellent," said Tom Willette of the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. "We're done about 45 minutes early. It went very well. Hopefully, it will all go well when we do it again on the 31st."

Balance beam event lifts Canton to gymnastics victory over Salem

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Canton gymnastics team avoided a Salem sweep of winter sports last Thursday, defeating the Rocks, 138.2-136.2.

Canton's basketball, swimming and volleyball teams had all lost in head-to-head competition with Salem this year.

"It was a great meet, it really was," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "We just had depth on the beam. That's why we won."

The victory lifted the Chiefs' dual meet record to 8-2. The win not only kept Cunningham and crew in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) title hunt, but also proved that Canton had the maturity to bounce back from a shocking loss to Northville. "We got ambushed a little bit," Cunningham said about the defeat at the hands of the Mustangs.

Sophomore Katey Gilles, coming off a third place all around finish at the Freeland Invitational, placed second with a 36.75. Salem's Mellisa Hopson grabbed first place in the all around by posting 37.15 points.

Cunningham said, "Katey excelled. She was able to score nines in every event, which carried us."

Salem's Kristin Kosik, Canton's Brie Wall, Salem's Zoe Yockey and Canton's

Brooke Larson rounded out the top six in the all around.

The meet was a dead heat through all four events. On the vault, Gilles and Hopson tied for with a 9.1 score. Kosik's 8.95 was good for third place, Canton's Kari Jackson was fourth with an 8.7 and Yockey landed in fifth with an 8.55.

Salem led 34.25-34.1.

Next up was the bars and Gilles lifted her team into first with a 9.3, her highest score of the night. Hopson, Kosik, Wall, Yockey and Kim Nowak, filling in for Jackson, followed Gilles.

Now Canton had pulled ahead, 68.05-68.00. Cunningham was surprised with the lead changes. He said, "With (Salem's) Brooke Kilby out, I thought we'd have a little breathing room."

Cunningham was wrong.

The Chiefs tried to pull away from Salem by dominating the Rocks on the balance beam, 34.7-32.7. Hopson won the event with a 9.3, but Canton took second through sixth. The result was a slim 102.75-100.7 Canton lead.

Salem coach Pam Yockey said, "The kids didn't have a good day on the beam at all."

The Rocks answered back during the floor exercise when Hopson just missed being perfect, finishing with a 9.6. Kosik, only a sophomore, was right behind her

teammate posting a 9.35. Gilles' 9.3 score and second place finish, was the highest for the Chiefs on the floor. The Rocks won the event, 35.5-35.45.

Even though each school won two of the four events, Canton walked away with the victory. Cunningham credited both teams' efforts rather than single out personal performances. "It was more of team performance. We needed good scores from four girls in every event and we got them," Cunningham said. "Salem had an excellent meet too." Yockey said, "We've got such a good working relationship. It's a very amicable type relationship. The kids were cheering for each other, it's almost one of those meets you hate to have."

Canton's win gives the Chiefs bragging rights for one more year. "This is the second year we beat Salem in duals, but we practice together," Cunningham said. "It's not like football or basketball. I would've been happy if Salem would've won."

Both teams will participate in the WLAA league meet tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. at John Glenn.

Cunningham hopes it's just the beginning of many achievements for his gymnasts. "Regionals and the state meets is where we hope to perform," Cunningham said.

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

The Canton Basketball team play off opponent was not determined at press time. The game will be held on Friday at 6 p.m. on the road.

CANTON SWIMMING

The WLAA conference preliminaries are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Salem. Friday is the WLAA diving competitions at Salem at 2:30 p.m. Saturday is the WLAA conference finals at Salem at 1 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

The Canton Wrestling team is done for the season. But individual regionals will be Saturday at Walled Lake Western at 10 a.m. Keep an eye on senior Dan Gruenwald(100 lbs.) and heavyweight Doug Cooper.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

The Canton Gymnastics team will travel to John Glenn tomorrow for the WLAA conference meet.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Volleyball team has its conference meet on Saturday.

SALEM BASKETBALL

The Rocks play off opponent was not determined at press time. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday at home.

SALEM SWIMMING

Salem will host WLAA prelims at 1 p.m. tomorrow, WLAA diving at 2:30 p.m. Friday and WLAA finals Saturday 1 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

The Rocks will advance to team regionals at Brighton, tonight at 5 p.m. Individual regionals are at Walled Lake Western at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

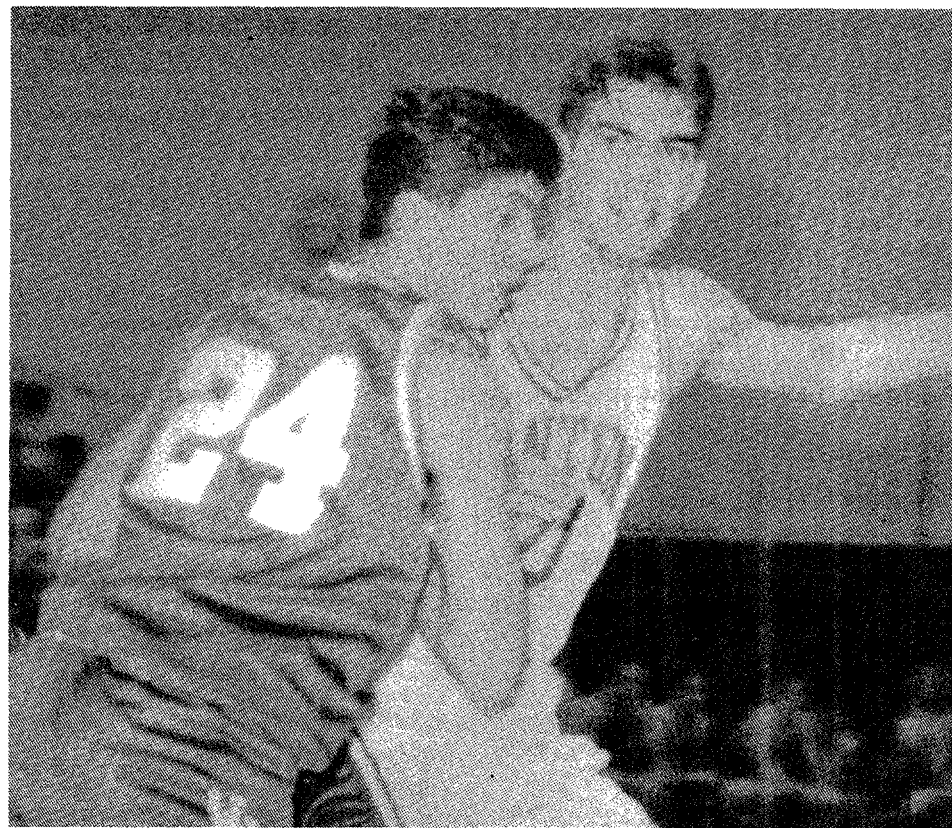
The Salem Gymnastics team travels to John Glenn for the WLAA conference meet tomorrow night.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Salem Volleyball team has WLAA conference meet on Saturday. Districts are March 4. Drawings will be held today.

Big win

Canton's Matt Ammons struggles to break free from a Walled Lake Western defender. The Chiefs came away with a 65-45 win. The game was the last regular match-up of the season. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)



Playoffs mean crunch time for Canton, Salem

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version of her team decides to show itself at the WLAA conference meet. "If the kids show up and play, we've got a good chance of being in the (WLAA) final four," Cain said. "But we've been up and down all year." To make the situation worse for the Chiefs(22-10-2), Amber

Wells, the team's best offensive threat, may miss the meet because of the flu. Junior Kristi Drinkhahn is also questionable. If Wells and Drinkhahn sit out, Beth Ostach, Jessica Orleman and Laura Logsdon will have to fill the void. Over at Salem, the situation is much different. There's no injuries and confidence runs

the gambit.

"This is a very good team we've got," co-head coach Allie Suffety said. "The kids are ready to take on the challenge." Shellye Sills(55 kills at the Creston Classic) and Karen Gundry(41 digs at the Creston Classic) will have to turn back Churchill, Franklin and Canton to win

Community opinions

Trains

The whistle of trains brings back fond memories for local lad

I hopped a freight train once with a film star friend in Los Angeles. When the railroad dicks arrested us, we were only saved by the fame his last film provided. "Say, aren't you..." they asked, and he was, then putting their handcuffs away, they suggested we go to a near by cafe for autographs and talk. Not an offer you turn down in these circumstances!

Finally our chat ran out as I was telling them about the train history of my home town, and Plymouth's old Coffee Cup Cafe, where for a buck you could buy a monster meal. Patronizing a fellow train fan, and wanting to please my friend, they personally placed us on an outgoing freighter while keeping the railroad dogs at bay.

If you live, or have lived, in Plymouth you know the wail of our trains. I had forgotten. And, you may not even, in an everyday way, be aware of their music. I only remember marginally being aware of their background wail when growing up here.

Then, there always have been the many stoppages at the train crossings. I'll bet many of you, like myself, have been upset at having to slow down and wait while a train bumps, clangs and rattles by.

Being back now, living in Plymouth has awakened the thousands of train whistles in my memory bank. They are echoes from my past...I believe every other train whistle I have ever heard around the away-from-



Native Son

By Randy Eaton

home world of my life has strummed a memory string. "Ah...safe, home, Plymouth, Mom and Dad, a safe track in front of me" my soul would whisper. I love our trains. Their soft whistling-wailing a musical daily, hourly sing song of Plymouth.

And, don't you think it's not a bad idea to be interrupted in our busy, helter skelter, hustle around day to have to pause now and again for an old train wending it's way along? Do you look for hobo's tags like I do? Wonder where that train might be going? Trains are so powerful, we have to wait for them, for their commerce, for their promise, for their invitation to imaginary adventure.

In my heart I will always be waving my powder blue cowboy hat at the rushing along train out North Territorial way, while racing it accross Eaton Estates on my speedy quarter horse, Dusty. Hi-O Silver trains — and away.

Local pharmacist makes great save

EDITOR:

There has been much in the news of late of the problem of prescriptions being filled improperly. This, of course, is a serious concern and I am sure there are many reasons for such mishaps. Very often though, pharmacists discover problems with prescriptions and assist the customer with resolution to the problem and no one reports in the news that, "Pharmacist makes great save."

One such incident I'm now happy, very happy to report occurred here in Plymouth.

My son's pediatrician called in a prescription for him for an ailment which he was being treated. The first part of the problem began with someone at the doctor's office calling the prescription into the wrong pharmacy. Then, either the caller related it incorrectly to, or it was taken inaccurately by the pharmacist.

After tracking down where the prescription

was I was told that they were out of that medication. This pharmacy then called Wiltse's Pharmacy who said they had it and the prescription was transferred to them. While filling the prescription, the pharmacist Lori Malm began to ask questions concerning my son's ailments, allergies, age, weight, etc. Upon completing her questioning, she said that although she was not

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Community opinions

Local officials' actions anything but grand

EDITOR:

Mr. Kirkbride's viewpoint relating the grand actions of local elected officials is indicative of a small newspaper's inability to do real investigative journalism on issues outside the local councils and township boards and to rely instead on press releases from the officials themselves.

A more serious student of politics would view the actions of Mistrs Bennett, Patterson and Ms. Whyman in a different light. And as a Milliken-Bush Republican I'd like to share my perspective.

Sen. Bennett's DNR "survey" is bound to reveal little truth from

anyone who hopes to have any future dealings with the Department and at worst could end up with an embarrassing litany of complaints and statements from those dissatisfied with the Engler administration's handling of affairs.

Ms. Whyman's radical right affiliations with the Michigan Militia and Operation Rescue types have labeled her as being off the deep end in Lansing and therefore she will have little beneficial impact for The Plymouth-Canton Community on anything except the most trivial of issues.

Mr. Patterson has also quickly relegated our area to second class

status by naively challenging the McNamara administration. Democrat or not, McNamara has brought greater stability and service to Wayne County than any administration in a generation. To take on the man who holds all the cards is politically foolhardy in a person's first two months on the job. Besides what great benefits has Commissioner McCotter brought that warrant any kudos for Patterson's alignment with him?

Seems to me that Canton's new elected "leadership" is suffering the same growing pains as the community itself. Let's do our homework Rob.

MATTHEW NITTNER

Angry Canton resident tells Travis(ty) Tale

EDITOR:

Once upon a time, in the Kingdom of Yack, there was an astute real estate person who had a dilemma. He had an interest in a parcel of property that was zoned commercial, but had an old house on it that was in need of major repair. The porch was falling off, windows rotted, roof leaked, floors sagged, etc. Now he could fix it up (very expensive), demolish it (also expensive), but he did not think anyone would want to move the dilapidated wreck of a house (also expensive).

Well, now guess what? Uh huh, that's right! Someone heard about this old house and thought that it would make a great addition to the community's historical district.

A proposal was made to the Rulers of the Kingdom, who unanimously voted to accept the house and have it moved to the historical district at a cost of thousands of dollars (taxpayer's naturally). The Rulers had spent a few thousand more for a basement to set this historical house on. The house was moved, with great fanfare by the Rulers of the Kingdom, the news media, and by members of the Historical Commission, to which one of the rulers belonged, along with the wife of one of the rulers.

Now this so called historical house has languished for a few years during which time the interior has been gutted, some windows have been replaced, but not of the original style, and a railing has been added instead

of replacing the cover porch that used to wrap around two sides of the house. This was done after hiring an alleged expert architect, at added expense. This house no longer resembles what it looked like before, inside or out.

It seems that the Ruler, who also is a member of the Historical Commission, thinks that a quarter of a million dollars (that's \$250,000) isn't too much to spend on this boondoggle. (MM must stand for MO MONEY). But then again it's only taxpayers money, and they didn't get to vote on it. After all, the Rulers know what's best for the people.

This historical house is to be a focal point for something, but none of the Rulers had any idea what to use it for when they decide to spend thousands of dollars to have it moved, and they still have no idea what to use it for, but are ready to spend thousands more on it.

I understand that the house sits on a 20 acre site that could be used as a demonstration farm. I know where some long eared critters can be found to stock it, and they are not jack rabbits.

There seems to be no end to this Travis(ty) Tale. An announced candidate for a Rulers' vacancy is all in favor of continuing the saga.

What ever happened to the Hasselback Barn that was dismantled by the numbers for reconstruction by this "Hysterical Commission?" How much did that cost the taxpayers?

GENE DALEY

Plymouth pharmacist makes great save

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a medical doctor, she thought that not only that this could be the wrong medication, but that if it was correct, the dosage was too high. She then advised me contact my son's doctor.

Upon speaking with his doctor, it was discovered that this medication was not what was prescribed.

Now, this medication would not have had life threatening effects, but would have made my little guy

very ill.

Thanks to the excellent professional work of Pharmacist Lori Malm, my son was saved this pain.

JERRY VORVA

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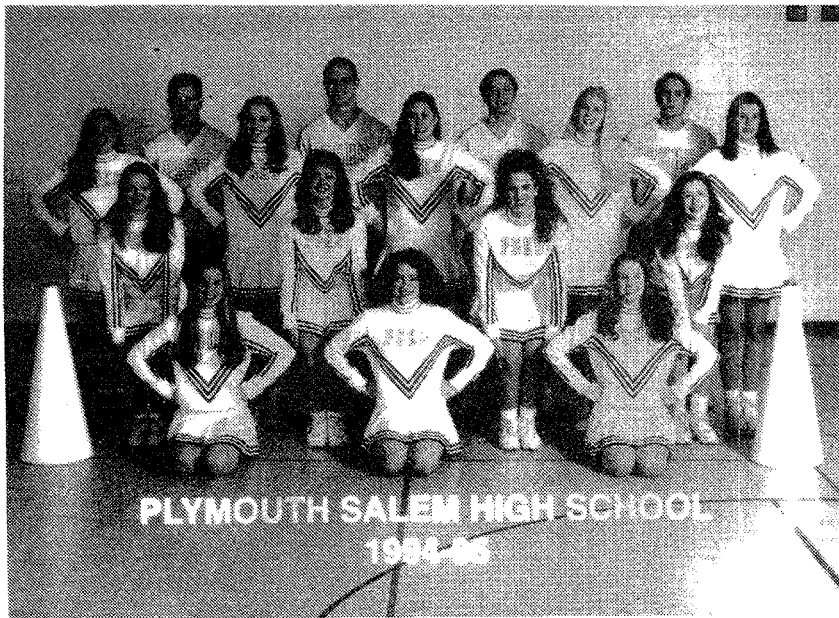
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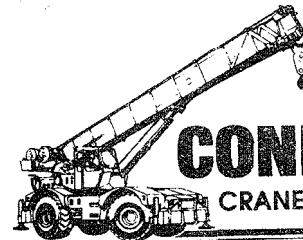
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