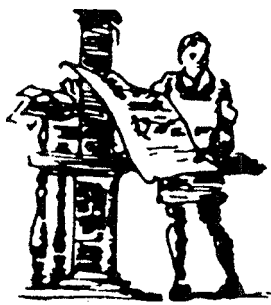


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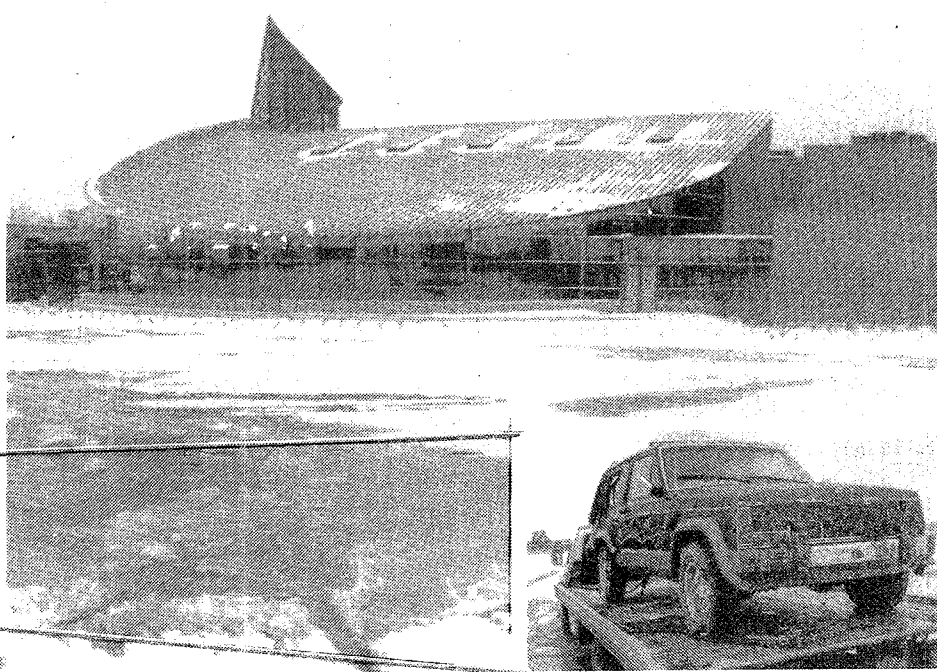
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Cold dip in Summit pond



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Although temperatures dropped into the single digits, the pond at the new Summit on the Park community center in Canton was not strong enough to hold the weight of a Jeep. According to the Canton Police Department, the driver pulled onto the pond Sunday, thinking it was the facility's parking lot. When the front tires of the

vehicle broke through the ice, the driver managed to get out before the car sank into the pond. By Monday morning, the only part of the Jeep visible was the ski rack. The Canton Police Department, divers and tow trucks spent most of Monday chipping the vehicle out of the ice. (Crier photos by Rob Kirkbride and R. Alwood Jr.)

Canton shuffles administration

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

In response to the incredible changes and growth the community has undergone over the past five years, the structure of the Canton administration is being shaken to its core.

The Canton Board of Trustees tentatively agreed to change the organizational structure of the community, as recommended by the consulting firm of Bartell & Bartell.

Most of the changes will be limited to the financial operation of Canton. The current structure separates the budget and finance functions into two areas, with a Chief Financial Officer reporting directly to the Canton Supervisor and a Financial Services Manager reporting to the Administrative Services Director.

The coordination and control of the budget and finance operations is separated in the current structure. The Bartell & Bartell report suggests combining the two areas to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

If the report is followed, the organizational changes would be sweeping. The report suggests:

- Creating a new position of Finance and Budget Services Director and recruiting and hiring a qualified Finance and Budget Director to fill the newly created position.
- Restructuring and consolidating the budget and finance

operations under one department — a Finance and Budget Services Department. This would be accomplished by eliminating the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Services Manager positions and moving the current Financial Services Division from Administrative Services Department to the new department.

- Restructuring the Administrative Services Department and Municipal Services Department by moving Parks & Recreation Services from Municipal Services and placing it under a renamed Administrative and Community Services Department.

- Recruiting and hiring one new position of Accountant II.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said he does not think the changes are drastic. "We haven't done anything (to restructure administration) in five years," he said. "The changes are not as widespread or broad as in 1990. I feel this is a fine tuning. Others see it differently."

Canton's current financial organization has been in place since 1990. At that time, the Chief Financial Officer position

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United Way nears goal, needs last push

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

They are almost there.

The Plymouth Community United Way has raised 95 percent of their \$750,000 goal, according to Executive Director Marie Morrow. "We're still working on the campaign," she said. "This year, we had to extend it into December."

Morrow said donations are still needed to help local charities. "All the money stays locally and is used to provide services, grants and other allocations at groups such as Growth Works, Angela Hospice and First Step," she said. "This is the last push."

It's not too late to donate time and money to the Plymouth Community United Way. Send donations to: 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, P.O. Box 356, Plymouth, MI 48170-0356.

Future Car

Local student takes auto design to new, futuristic level

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Velvet Plum

Plymouth business makes home decorating come to life

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Spike

Salem volleyball team places second in Madonna tourney

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Canton FD rescues man from burning home

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A Two-story, historical Canton home went up in flames early Saturday morning trapping one of the residents in the home, said Canton Fire officials.

According to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, the residents of the house were a 73-year-old woman and her developmentally disabled, 54-year-old son.

"The woman was able to get out of the house," said Rorabacher. "When the crew got there she was trying to re-enter the house to get her son.

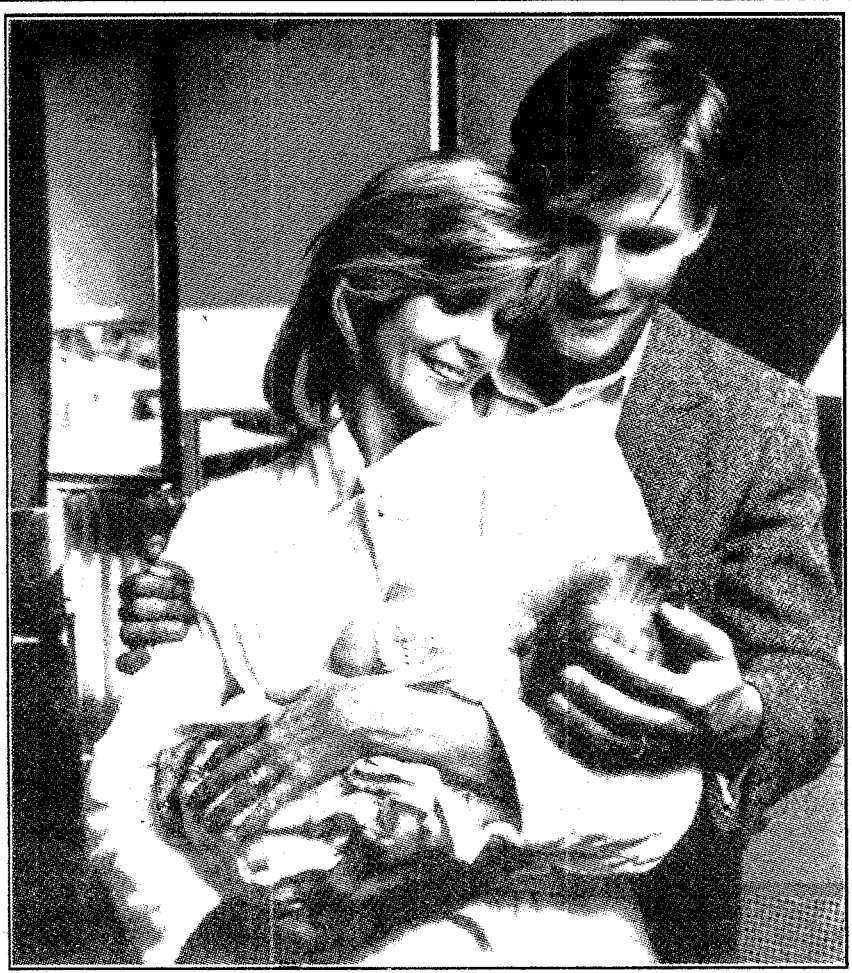
"We were able to rescue the man."

Both the woman and her son were transported from the scene to Annapolis Hospital, where they were treated for minor smoke inhalation, according to Rorabacher.

The damage estimate for the fire, that started in an electrical outlet on the floor, is approximately \$75,000, according to Rorabacher.

"It was a historical home so it could be worth quite a lot," he said. "Most of the contents in the home were destroyed."

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'Summit Fever' reaches peak

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Interest in Canton's new Summit on the Park community center has reached a fever pitch.

Summit staff is bracing for the grand opening of the facility, scheduled for Jan. 6. The interest in the facility, which includes a banquet and special events center, meeting rooms, crafts rooms, aquatics center, gymnasium, racquetball and fitness areas, reached its peak as approximately 2,500 residents attended the annual Canton tree lighting ceremony Nov. 30. Staff members expected 200 for the event held at the Summit.

Community Center Manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said interest in the community center has been incredible. "We've sold more than 1,000 annual passes," she said. "We expect many more than that when people can actually see the facility."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the Summit has become the show-piece public recreation facility in the state — and has also

“**(The Summit) sends a message of progressiveness. I think there will be a lot of envy coming from other communities.**
—TOM YACK

become the center of the Canton community. "It's incredible to be involved in this type of project," she said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the response to the Summit during the tree lighting ceremony "opened the eyes" of the Canton administration.

"(The Summit) sends a message of progressiveness," he said.

"I think there will be a lot of envy coming from other communities. But really, with the Summit, we're playing a little bit of catch-up. For all these years, our recreation department has been working out of the basement (of Township Hall) and out of the senior center on Michigan Avenue."

Yack said Canton administration will do their best to respond to interest surrounding the Summit.

"It will take a couple of months for people and the building to develop a rhythm," he said.

Tuning in on local cable

	Ameritech Franchise Approved?	Ameritech System Underway?	Continental Franchise Approved?	Continental "signing bonus"
Canton	√	√	√	\$325,000
Plymouth	√	√	√	\$80,000
Plymouth Twp.	√	√	√	\$80,000
Northville	√	√	√	\$80,000
Northville Twp.	√	√	Still under negotiation	?

War of the Wires

Cable TV battle will benefit consumers, municipalities

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The battle of the cable giants will soon begin in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

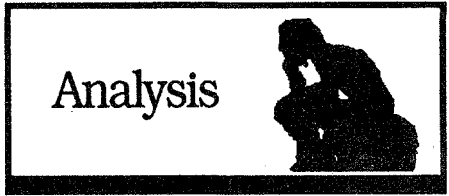
With franchise agreements signed with all communities in the cable consortium (Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville), Continental Cablevision will lock horns with Ameritech-New Media Enterprises. The two media moguls will compete for the community's viewing public.

Will competition mean reduced cable prices for residents in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community? The answer to that question is unclear.

It is clear that the community will benefit in many other ways including updated technology, better repair service and a wider variety of programming.

Cable customers are not the only ones to benefit. Municipal government will also reap benefits from the consortium cable agreement.

Most of the financial benefits will come from Continental's "signing bonus" to be paid to each of the governmental



units in the consortium based on subscribers.

Canton, with nearly 50 percent of the subscribers in the local Continental system, will receive \$325,000. Plymouth Township, Plymouth and Northville will each receive \$80,000.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said Canton's share of the money will go to help build the new community access television studio, which is part of the Summit on the Park community center, and to improve the quality of Canton Board of Trustees cable access broadcasts. The other communities will use the funding to set up government access programming — including the broadcast of city commission meetings and township board meetings.

Ameritech will also kick in funding to support community and government access. Under the contract negotiated with the consortium, Ameritech agreed to pay 1 percent of their gross revenue to support the programming.

Instead of running two, independent public and government access channels, Continental and Ameritech will share access channel public and government access programming. Continental will provide the signal feed and Ameritech will provide the broadcasting capabilities. Both systems will run the identical public and government access programming to avoid confusion.

Although Canton will be the only municipality to use the studio at the Summit on the Park, all communities will have access to new Continental Cablevision facilities being built in Plymouth Township at Metropark West.

Northville Township is not part of the local cable consortium, but has an agreement in place with Ameritech. Northville Township is currently negotiating with Continental on a cable franchise.

Agenda

F.Y.I

- The Plymouth Post Office has extended its hours for the holiday season. The Penniman Avenue office will be open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Clipper Road office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The hours for both offices are effective through Dec. 23.

THE WEEKEND

- Calvary Baptist Church in Canton is holding a Christmas concert Sunday at 6 p.m.
- Mel's Golden Razor in Plymouth will be the pick-up site for a toy collection Saturday. The toys and donations will go to benefit Mott Children's Hospital and needy area families. Drop donations off at 595 Forest Ave.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at City Hall on Main Street.
- The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road. The board is holding a regularly scheduled study session.

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The Crier's annual Year In Review is coming Dec. 27.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

JAUNITA KAHRL

Juanita Kahrl, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 3, 1995, at the age of 83.

Mrs. Kahrl came to Plymouth when she was 16. Mrs. Kahrl worked as a secretary for the Plymouth School System in the Administration Building calling in substitute teachers. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth and the Salem Historical Society. Mrs. Kahrl was a night caller for F.I.S.H. organization in Plymouth. Mrs. Kahrl taught the Bible through the mail to Zimbabwe.

Mrs. Kahrl is survived by her daughter, Iva Lou Wolf; son, Harold (Sue) Taylor; 10 grandchildren; eight grand grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mrs. Kahrl were held at the Church of Christ with arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to F.I.S.H. or the charity of choice are appreciated.

MARGUERITE M. HUGHES

Marguerite M. Hughes, a Livonia resident, died Dec. 2, 1995, at the age of 81.

Mrs. Hughes is survived by her daughters, Mary Lou (Del) Johnston and Blanche M. (Alan) Bobowski; sons, Neil P. (Betty), Gary M. (Pat) and Keith C. (Debbie); eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Hughes were held at St. Valentine Catholic Church with Rev. Thomas A. Belczak officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to the Arbor Hospice or mass offerings are appreciated.

CHRISTINA L. FOSTER

Christina L. Foster, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 9, 1995, at the age of 84.

Mrs. Foster was a press operator for office machine manufacturing. She was a member of the Plymouth Vivians.

Mrs. Foster is survived by her daughter-in-law, Shirley Foster; brothers, Paul and Jess Hockenberry; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial tributes to the American Lung Association are appreciated.

JOHANNA HALL

Johanna Hall, a Livonia resident, died Nov. 21, 1995, at the age of 84.

Mrs. Hall retired in 1980 after 15 years as a bookkeeper for the Northwestern Guidance Clinic in Garden City. She moved to Livonia three years ago after having lived in Plymouth for 18 years. Mrs. Hall is a long-time member of Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia and was currently serving as a volunteer at the Plymouth District Library. She was a former Docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts and a volunteer at the DIA gift shop in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Mrs. Hall is survived by her daughter, Jo-an (Adam) Frent; son, Rick (Shila); grandchildren, Mark Adam, Susan Jo Carter, and

John and Jesse Carter.

A memorial service was held at Mt. Hope Congregational Church with Pastor Steven B. Schafer officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial tributes may be made to Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI or to Navajo Missions, Inc. P.O. Box 1230 Farmington, NM, 87499.

MIRIAM PETERSON

Miriam Peterson, a Northville resident, died Dec. 3, 1995, at the age of 68.

Mrs. Peterson was a water systems businesswoman.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by her sons, Thomas R., Jerry F. and Robert R. (Annette); grandchildren, Chelsea and Ryan.

Services for Mrs. Peterson were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Sorensen officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Angela Hospice are appreciated.

Jane T. Shaw, 82, homemaker

Jane T. Shaw, a Canton resident, died Nov. 30, 1995.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathrine (Perry) Vitto; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Wanda Marie Wisniewski, 81, homemaker

Wanda Marie Wisniewski, a Westland resident, died Dec. 5, 1995.

She is survived by two daughters; son, Harold (Mary) and one other son; one sister; 10 grandchildren; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Richard Catholic Church with Fr. John Hall officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Frank R. Hlavin, DM, 79, doctor

Frank R. Hlavin, DM, a Canton resident, died Dec. 7, 1995.

He is survived by his son, Frank (Sara); and grandsons, Richard and David.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. Chris Maus officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Oren S. Fisher, 80, auto worker

Oren S. Fisher, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 7, 1995, at the age of 80.

He is survived by son, Allen (Marion) and one other son; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

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Will HB 4526 save horse racing?

Northville Downs pushes for legislation, fate of industry may be at stake

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The struggling horse racing industry may be receiving some much needed help if current legislation is approved by state lawmakers.

House Bill 4526 would provide tracks with a tax break and a wider variety of betting options. "Hopefully, what it will do, through simulcasting," said State Rep. Gerald Law, "is get people to bet on races other than those races currently at the track and raise more money."

State Rep. Eileen DeHart also supports the bill. "I think anything that's going to save the race tracks and keep some of the \$1 million a day that goes over the river to Windsor is going to help," she said, adding she will introduce a bill to increase punishments for race track crime.

The bill is currently in the State Senate

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 and will return to the State House of Representative for amendments, according to Law.

The horse racing industry has suffered since Casino Windsor opened two years ago. Northville Downs was down \$100,000

per day in handle last year, and the Michigan's eight other race tracks are down in handle by at least 25 percent. "We're just hoping this is going to be a little salvation," said Northville Downs Executive Manager Mary Zayti, "because we're down 25 to 30 percent."

HB 4526 requires tracks to pay all the money remaining after payouts from pari-mutuel proceeds — or tax on all money bet — and simulcast wagering directly to municipalities, eliminating the state's role in distributing funds.

Currently, tracks are rebated half of the money remaining after payouts. If HB 4526 passes, the 4.5 percent pari-mutuel tax is eliminated on live horse racing and reduced to 3.5 percent for simulcast wagering beginning in 1997. "We will receive a tax break on the amount of money the state takes," said Zayti.

HB 4526 would also establish the Michigan Agriculture Equine Industry Development Fund to ensure that tax receipts are restricted and used for certain programs, including county fairs and 4-H clubs, one of the reasons Law supports the bill. "Horse racing has been here a long, long time, in southeast Michigan anyway. It's an interesting industry," said Law. "It's a big employer in the state. It has a big impact."

Some economists' impact study results paint a bleak picture if state laws are not changed to permit horse racing to compete with other gaming options. "The results

indicate a significant economic rippling effect which begins at the tracks ultimately affects an intricate network of farms, vendors, and supplies throughout the state," said Senior Economist Robert Kleine, Public Sectors Accountants. "For example, of the 42,000 jobs dependent on horse racing, nearly 32,000 of the jobs come from farm operations across the state creating more than \$181 million in income...The collapse of the horse racing industry would have a major effect on Michigan's economy."

Suspect in Twp. break-ins caught in Monroe County

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Plymouth Township police have their man.

According to Investigator Steve Mann, Neal Kudla, a 20-year-old Canton resident with a Plymouth Township warrant for his arrest, was turned over Friday by Monroe County police officials.

"They had him in custody for two

break-ins in Monroe County," said Mann. "They turned him over to us Friday."

Kudla was wanted for a Nov. 2 Plymouth Township break-in, said Mann. "We identified him by fingerprints at the scene (of the crime)," said Mann.

Kudla was arraigned Saturday on one count of home invasion, second degree.

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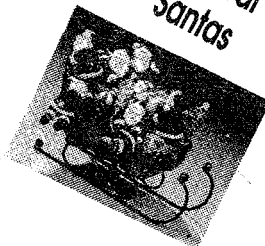


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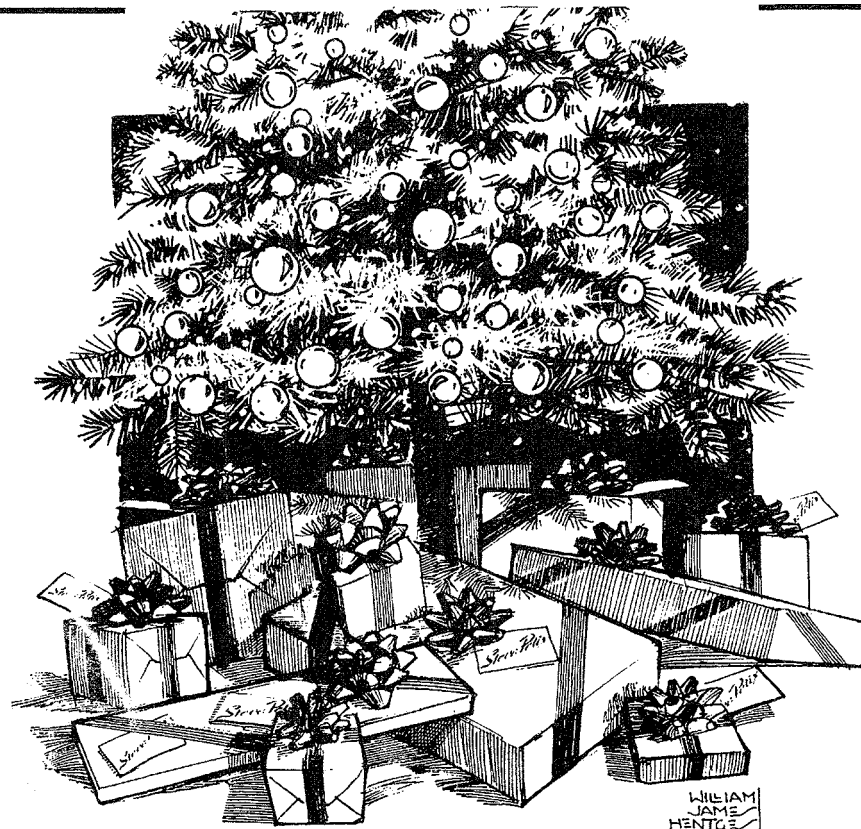


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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Sarah E. Olender, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Olender of Plymouth, will play one of the townspeople in Adrian College's production of "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail."

Several local residents will graduate from MSU following the Fall semester.

From Canton: Gary Bergman, Michele Clingenpeel, Bradley Fisch, Mykel Johnson, Nicole Mckeith, Heather Meyer, Elizabeth Rickard, Michelle Stuber, Jason Tatterton and Stefanie Turek.

From Plymouth: Christopher Berg, Craig Erickson, William Flynn, Scott Jones, Kimberly Madson and Elizabeth Moylan.

From Northville: Ann Duwel, Corbin Elliot, Lisa Gordon, Tricia Holm, Jennifer Koppy, Renee Larabell, Dana Lehmkuhl, Christopher Lemmon, Auralyn Method, Kelly Miltimore, Dale Morgan, Richard Mort, Joseph Riehl, Manoj Shah and Jeffrey Todd.

Several Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students qualified for the second part of the 39th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition held Dec. 6.

From Canton High School: David Chan, 12th grade; Jacob Montgomery, 12th grade; Paul Moore, 12th grade; Betsy Oatley, 11th grade; and Angkana Roy, 11th grade.

From Salem High School: Steve Decker, 12th grade; Erin Reid, 12th grade; Matt Suksi, 12th grade; and Neel Varde, 12th grade.

In order to qualify for last week's competition, the students placed among the top 6 percent out of approximately 16,000 participants in an examination given at over 360 schools across the State of Michigan.

Plymouth resident Tom Delegarde and Canton residents Al Smolarey and John Duca were among the volunteers from the Plumbing and Heating Industry of Detroit's fourth annual Heat's On/Water's Off program.

The local volunteers joined with more than 185 plumbers and pipefitters in providing free plumbing, heating and smoke detectors to more than 100 homes in four hours.

If you have a poem in your heart the New Voices High School Poetry Competition wants to hear from you.

Those interested in submitting poems should sent three to five poems to The New Voices High School Poetry Competition-December, C/O Cafe' Bravo-Coffee Connections, 110 Maincentre, Northville, MI, 48167.

Super car

Canton resident takes automobiles into 21st century

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A 21-year-old Canton resident may affect what kind of mileage your car gets in the near future.

Mike Taila, a senior engineering student at Lawrence Technological University (Lawrence Tech), is co-manager of Lawrence Tech's project team working on FutureCar.

The FutureCar Challenge is a competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the United States Council for Automotive Research (USCAR), and a consortium formed by Ford, General Motors (GM) and Chrysler.

The Lawrence Tech team, which is made up of 40 engineering students, was asked to submit a proposal on what approach they would use to build a car that can get 80 miles per gallon, carry five passengers and be capable of powering air conditioning and other consumer amenities.

The team's proposal was one of just 12 that were selected from universities across the country.

"It's a very challenging project," said Taila. "We have a lot of good minds on our team working on this."

The competition will actually last two years, according to Taila.

"We submitted the proposal in March, the car was delivered during the summer and we started the design process in September," he said.

The students will need a workable car ready for the first competition scheduled for June 10, 1996.

The cars will be judged on emissions, acceleration, range, handling, energy efficiency, design and consumer acceptance.

The final stage of the two-year competition will be held in mid-June 1997.

That means Taila, who will graduate

"It's a very challenging project."

—MIKE TAILA

" in June from Lawrence Tech, will miss out on the final year of competition.

"We get new people on the team

every semester," said Taila. "I've been on the team since the birth of the project.

"When I graduate I'm sure I'll be consulted."

Taila said that the idea behind the competition is to pick the brain of the college students.

"What they're doing is using the schools to spark new ideas," he said.

Local talent



The University of Michigan Marching Band, possibly one of the best known bands in the country, is well represented by members from Plymouth and Canton. (front, left to right) Bianca George, Katie Konovaliv, Oriana Vigliotti, Ryan Derderian (back, left to right) Michael Bishop, Redcloud George, Rob Schikora, Geoffrey Kandes, Michael Schneider and Jeff Blaszkowski took a break recently during the Ohio State game.

Bennett airs new cable program

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Canton residents have a new cable hook up to the state government.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, whose district includes all of Canton, recently kicked off his new cable television program, which can be seen on Channel 15. The show airs Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

"The premise behind the program is I'm trying to disseminate as much information as possible," said Bennett.

According to Bennett, the program does not use any state funds.

"There are no state resources being used to fund this program," said Bennett. "It is a public access program."

Bennett tapes a new program each month at a local cable com-

pany in Lansing.

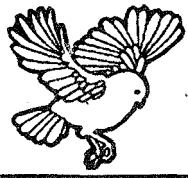
"It won't be just me like a talking head," said Bennett. "I'll be interviewing people about different state government issues."

Bennett said he hopes the residents he serves will help him with each of the show's topics.

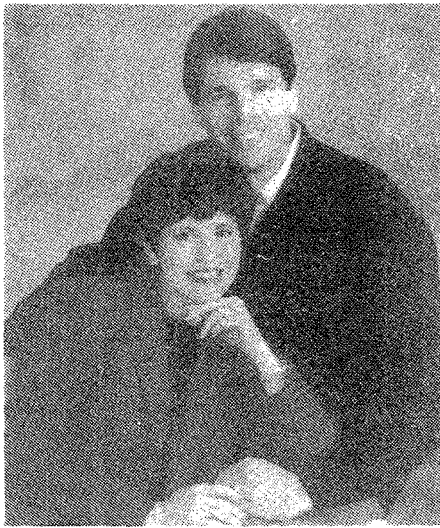
"If I get some letters from individuals with questions or concerns about something, I'm going to invite the person from the government that can come on and address those questions and concerns," said Bennett.

Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfield will head up Bennett's program for the month of December. The conversation, according to Bennett, will focus on children's rights.

If you have questions or comments for Bennett or about the TV program, call (517) 373-7350.



Engagements & weddings



CROSBY—BRANDON

Jan Crosby and David Brandon of Plymouth are planning for a July, 1996 wedding.

Brandon is the president and CEO of Valassis Communications.



FROST—HALL

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence H. Mueller of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Frost to Ruffin Lewis Hall, son of Mrs. Janet Hall and the late Mr. R.C. Hall of Fayetteville, N.C.

An April wedding is planned.

The bride received her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and her master's degree from the University of North Carolina. She is employed by PHP, Inc. as a professional relations specialist in Wilmington, NC.

The groom received both his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina. He is employed by the City of Wilmington as a management auditor.



EVERITT—KIRKBRIDE

Stephanie Leanne Everitt and Robert Joseph Kirkbride were married Oct. 7 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The ceremony was performed by Judge Ron Lowe.

The bride's matron of honor was her sister Doreen Kephart of Marine City and the best man was Tim Sokoloski, a close friend of the groom from Grand Rapids.

Bride's maids were: Jenny Magda of Plymouth Township; Leah Murphy of Pouslbo, WA; Andrea Gault of San Antonio, TX; and Lori Molnar of Detroit.

Groomsmen were: Chris Kirkbride of Grand Rapids; Rich Markules of Grand Rapids; Dan DeWitt of Grand Rapids; and Kurt Slinglend of Orono, ME. Shannon Thorsby of Anchorage, AK and Heather Kubiak of Grand Rapids performed the readings.

The bride, daughter of Tom and Kathy Everitt of Medford, OR graduated from Central Michigan University where she received a BA in fine arts. She is the art and production director of The Community Crier.

The groom, the son of Doug and Sue McKay of Grand Rapids and Bob and Bonnie Kirkbride of Clearwater, FL, graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in journalism. He is the editor of The Community Crier.

The reception, held in Plymouth, was catered by the Thai Bistro, located in Canton.

The couple enjoyed their honeymoon on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.



MCCUBBREY—ROGERS

Doris Ann McCubbrey and Jeffrey Allen Rogers were married June 24 in an outdoor ceremony in Tawas performed by Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher.

The bride's maid of honor was a close friend, Kristine Haws, and the best man was Joseph Rogers, a brother of the groom. A niece of the bride, Alexandra McCubbrey, was the flower girl, and the groom's nephew, William Rogers, was the ring bearer. The usher was David McCubbrey, brother of the bride. The music was performed by flutist Douglas McCubbrey, brother of the bride, and violinist Teresa Nagy. Readings were performed by Robin Chaney and Paige Glass.

The bride, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David McCubbrey of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Plymouth, graduated from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan, where she received a Ph.D in bioengineering. She is employed by the University of Akron in Akron, OH. The groom, son of Ms. Janet Rogers of Royal Oak and Mr. John Rogers of Auburn Hills, graduated from Kimball High School in Royal Oak and the University of Michigan with a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Babcock and Wilcox in Alliance, OH.

The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Glacier National Park, Montana. They are currently preparing their new home in Canton, OH.

MORELLI—TAYLOR

Amy Morelli of Northville was married to Dan Taylor of Plymouth March 18.

They were married at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth by Pastor John Shinn.

The couple is living in Canton.



POMEROY—BALLOU

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pomeroy of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Ann Pomeroy to Nathan Andrew Ballou, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ballou, also of Canton.

The wedding date has been set for early summer of 1996 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

The groom will graduate from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Upon graduation, Nathan will be commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy and plans to become a Naval Flight Officer. The bride is currently employed in Chicago as a flight attendant for American Trans Air airlines.



DEPUTAT—SMITH

Donna Marie Deputat of Clinton Township and Michael D. Smith of Port Huron are planning an April, 1996 wedding.

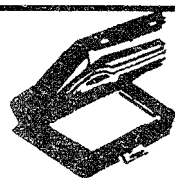
Michael works at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Donna works at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Send your engagement or wedding announcement to:

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Read about your friends in The Crier's Curiosity Section.



Getting down to business

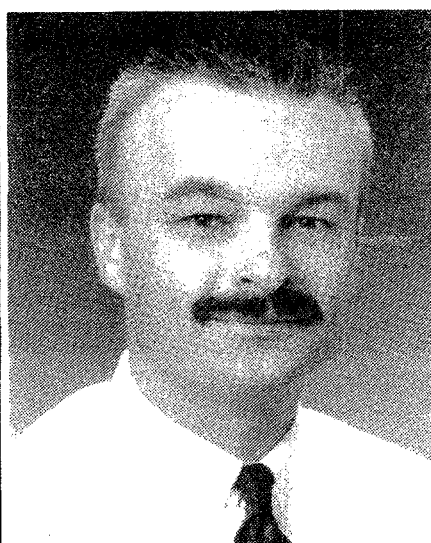
Neighbors in business

Century 21 Suburban, 188 N. Main St., was recently recognized for their outstanding monthly sales performance. The office was acknowledged for receiving recognition in the Century 21 Great Lakes President's Circle for the month of September.

Johnson Controls, 49200 Halyard Dr. in Plymouth, outranked all other North American suppliers in the most recent consumer research study of automotive seating quality and received the J.D. Power and Associates' "Highest Quality Seat Supplier" award for 1995.

Madonna University recognized Northville resident Thomas Coseo, assistant professor of management/marketing; Plymouth residents, Louis E. Brohl III, director of admissions; Robert Smith, instructor of criminal justice; and Leonard Wilhelm, vice president of business and finance, for 20 years of service.

Toltest, Inc., 44191 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., announced Daniel L. Hassett has joined the company as manager, air quality services. Hassett brings 15 years of experience with him. Paul G. Page has joined TolTest as lead for air quality services. Page brings 15 years of experience to his new job.



EDWARD T. CANN

Edward T. Cann, president of Aerations, Inc. in Plymouth, was appointed general supervisor of custodial services and grounds in EMU's Physical Plant by the EMU Board of Regents. Cann is a Plymouth resident.

A plum sprouts in Plymouth

Interior designer brings wide ranging background to downtown, items from across country stock store

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Jennifer Imamura was in the midst of a dilemma.

She didn't want to send her children, Sabrina and Tatiana, to day care, but she wanted to work outside of the house. She came to a compromise when she recently opened The Velvet Plum, 595 Forest, an interior design service store. "The store was for rent; it was a good location," said Imamura, who resides in Plymouth. "And it has a back room, which made it more interesting. That way the kids can be in the back room some of the time. I think we came in here on Friday and signed the lease on Monday, so it was very spur of the moment."

Not only did Imamura and her husband, Nich, get what they want, The Velvet Plum's customers do too. "A lot of my clients were asking about accessories," said Imamura, "and it's very difficult to stock them at home."

Now Imamura can fulfill special orders for anyone who doesn't find what they like among The Velvet Plum's Baroque, contemporary, traditional and neoclassical items, furniture and women's clothing. "I think there's something here for everyone," said Imamura, "and I'm trying to make it so there's something different for everyone."

She spent three months collecting items from around the U.S. to try and live up to that goal. "This stuff comes from all over: New York, Boston, Chicago, and even here in Michigan," Imamura said.

Even with such a wide collection,



Jennifer Imamura, owner of The Velvet Plum, 595 Forest, can give homes a different look without much cost by rearranging existing furniture and adding very few accessories. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Imamura knows that some customers will only be pleased by seeing what they want come to life, that is why The Velvet Plum offers custom painting and florals, which are completed by an artist and floral designer. "But I like to oversee all those jobs because I am a floral designer," Imamura said, "and I love to paint."

Imamura's talents stretch farther than that. Interior design is just another professional career. She has a degree in marketing, and spent time in New York,

Boston and Los Angeles during a modeling stint.

They were fun times. But she wouldn't change the combination she has now. "Being a mom will always be number one," Imamura said. "It's (interior design) a lot more fun than marketing. It's more creative."

She enjoys it enough that she wants to expand to other locations. "We'll have to see what the market bears," Imamura said.

"I'd like to have more shops."

Winkelman's parent company files for bankruptcy, officials say jobs safe for now

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The parent-company for Winkelman's, a clothing store headquartered in Plymouth Township, has declared bankruptcy.

Petrie Retail Inc., a privately held company, has filed a voluntarily petition to seek protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

Winkelman's employees directed all questions to Petrie Spokesperson Jim Weiner, who said filing Chapter 11 has not effected Winkelman's operations. "None of the store closing announcements made by the company, to date, include Winkelman's stores," Weiner said.

Petrie cited difficult retail industry conditions and resulting pressure from factors and trade creditors as reasons for its financial difficulties.

Petrie operates 1600 stores; there are 57 Winkelman's outlets. In addition to the headquarters in Plymouth Township, there is a store in Canton at 44540 Ford Rd. More than 350 people are employed locally by Winkelman's. Weiner said he did not know what the future of Winkelman's was saying only that, "The company hasn't

made any announcements about Winkelman's."

Weiner said Petrie filed Chapter 11 with the intention of conducting business as usual, continuing to implement its strategic plan to invigorate the business and retain the confidence of vendors and other creditors. A \$115 million debtor-in-possession financing facility, subject to court approval, from Chemical Bank will fulfill obligations associated with running the business. Employees will be paid in the normal matter and basic benefit programs will continue.

Petrie Chairman Verna Gibson said, "Since our new management team and investor group came to the company to effect a turnaround of Petrie Retail's operations in December 1994, business has begun to demonstrate improvements. We have assembled one of the best managements teams in the industry, rebuilt our merchandising and store organization, have more current inventory in place, and have introduced new products that emphasize fit and quality. Unfortunately, our efforts have coincided with most difficult industry environment anyone has seen in the last 30 years."

Gibson said, "We look forward to emerging from Chapter 11 as soon as possible."

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- "Gifting is still the easiest, least expensive method of estate planning." -Ted Boloven

If any of these thoughts make sense, and if you're looking for DIRECTION IN YOUR BUSINESS, call Ted Boloven for a few more business-like (a.k.a. Nuts and Bolts) thoughts.

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Health...

EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. Call 455-7526 for an appointment.

FITNESS FACTORY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

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

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.

Schools...

STUDENTS/SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletes will serve as bell ringers from 3-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road until Dec. 23.

PLYMOUTH SALEM LINEBACKERS MEETING

The December meeting has been cancelled because of the holidays. The next meeting for general membership will be held Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. For more information on upcoming meetings or activities call Dan Lehane (455-3179) or Henry Schlusler (455-4348).

TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM SCREENING

Parents of second, third and fourth need to contact their school office for a nomination form and return the completed form to their building principal no later than Jan. 22. An informational meeting regarding TAG is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Miller Elementary School Gym, 43721 Hanford Rd. in Canton. For more information, call the TAG office at 416-4867.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

PAGE POSITIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Four page positions are open for a one-year term. Applicants must be full-time college students. Duties include attending Senate sessions, pick-up and delivery of documents and messages, and general staff assistance. Positions must be filled by mid-December.

Upcoming...

POST OFFICE EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS

These hours are effective through Dec. 23. Penniman Avenue Post Office: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beck Road Post Office: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Dec. 10 and 17).

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT CALVARY

"Twinkle and the All-Star Angel Band" Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd. Call 455-0022.

CANTON GAURENTEED WHITE CHRISTMAS

Canton Parks and Recreation will cover the winners' front yard with snow on Dec. 22. No fee to

enter. Ages first grade and up. Call 397-5110 for more information. Deadline is Friday.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE DRIVE

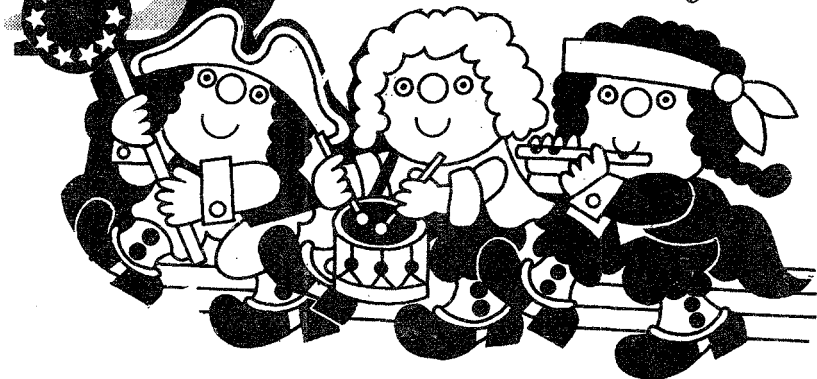
The first nine days has collected \$20,560.60. The kettle drive continues through Dec. 23. If you miss seeing one of the bell ringers around The Plymouth-Canton Community, mail a donation to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 384, Plymouth MI, 48170. The goal for this year is \$200,000.

18TH ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION

For Mott Children's Hospital and needy families at 595 Forest Ave. Saturday. Donations also accepted. Call 455-9057. Toys must be in good condition.

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Groups...

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Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. 50 cents for skate rental. For more information call 455-6623.

CANTON PARKS AND REC

The Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road will be available for community group and individual rental through April. Canton groups and residents only. Call 397-5110 for more information.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY

HSHV holiday cards are available at Speciality Pet Supplies in Plymouth.

AAUW DECEMBER BRANCH MEETING

The American Association of University Women will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Members and guests will tour the exhibits. Please bring appetizer and donations for First Step. For more information call 455-4041. There will be no meeting in January.

AMERICAN LEGION PLYMOUTH PASSAGE

POST 391

Will meet at the Legion Post, 173 N. Main St., tomorrow at 8 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION/BEASLEY-ZALESNY

POST 112

The Beasley/Zalesny Post is accepting registrations from students who desire to compete in this year's American Legion National Oratorical Contest. The competition will be held Jan. 14. Call 451-3574 for more information on Beasley/Zalesny.

PLYMOUTH KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Club is holding its third annual \$1,000 a month raffle. Tickets are \$100, and entitle the holder to a chance for \$1,000 each month of 1996. Winning tickets are placed back in drawings. Call 453-7091.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. Call 454-4061 for more information.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 starting Sept. 7 and ending Jan. 15. Call 453-8253 or 728-7619 for more information.

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 Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

V.F.W. FISH FRY

Every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St. Call 459-6700 or 459-2394 for more information.

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Travels to Mt. Brighton every Friday and Saturday evenings (except holidays). Register Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria. Fee is \$97, which includes transportation, chaperones, tow tickets and lessons. Information is available by calling 416-2937.

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SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is taking reservations for Saturday Kids Club, which runs Sept. 16 to May 18, 1996. Games, field trips, and arts and crafts. Call 453-5464 for more information. The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who will be four by Dec. 1, 1995 or three by Sept. 1, 1995 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

PCC FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling Entertainment books to help the chorus' charitable and educational activities. The \$40 books offer a wide variety of savings. Call Stan at 459-6829,

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY STORYTIMES

The Plymouth District Library offers storytime for ages 2 to 3 1/2 and 3 1/2 to 5. There are daytime and evening sessions and other family members are welcome. Call 453-0750 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. Call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for more information.

HORIZON COUNSELING

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

CLOTHING BANK

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

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 Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

U-W ALUMNI CLUB FUNDRAISER


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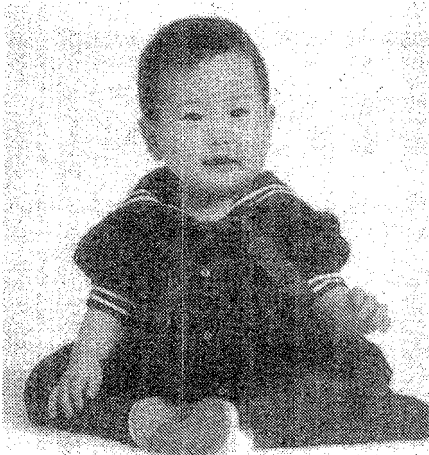


BILL AND PEG LEONARD

Bill and Peg Leonard of Plymouth are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 15.



Community births



NAOMI LYNN FRENCH

Naomi Lynn French became part of the French family of Canton April 27. Naomi joined her mother, Betsy, and father, Timothy, after being adopted from Korea.

Naomi has one sister, 10-year-old Tara and two brothers, Daniel, 7, and Thomas, 4.

TAYLOR GABRIELLE MUVRIN

Taylor Gabrielle Muvrin was born to Leanne and Joseph Muvrin of Plymouth

Oct. 27.

Taylor weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. at birth. Taylor's grandparents are Douglas and Beverly Becker of Plymouth and Charles and the late Eva Muvrin of Paw Paw.



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Larente faces manslaughter charges in death of Canton teen, defense questions legality of confession

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Jerome Larente was bound over in the Nov. 16 death of 17-year-old Canton resident Judy Rosin, yesterday at a preliminary exam at 35th District Court.

Larente faces charges of manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence causing death, operating under the influence (third offense) and driving with license suspended (second offense) following a car accident on Cherry Hill Road near Denton Road.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Auggie Hutting's first witness before Judge John MacDonald was Rosin's nine-year-old sister, who was in the car at the time of the accident.

"She asked me if I had my seat belt on," said Rosin's sister. "Then like five minutes later, I heard her (Judy) scream and then we hit the ditch."

Hutting also called the officer in charge of the case, Detective Bill Keppen, to the stand to testify to Larente's arrest.

"Mr. Larente told me that night (Nov. 16) he went to a bar in Redford where it was common to meet friends on Thursdays. He said only one person he



(left to right) Defense attorney Kevin Ernst, defendant Jerome Larente, Detective Bill Keppen and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Auggie Hutting prepare for the preliminary exam at 35th District Court. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

knew was there," said Keppen. "He told me he had 10 beers while at that bar."

Keppen added that Larente was supposed to meet his ex-wife in the parking lot, but after she didn't show, he left.

"He said he left, at about 10-10:30 p.m., with the intention of driving home," said Keppen. "He said he was traveling I-96 with the intention of getting off at I-275, but he missed it."

hit the car.

Following the proceedings, Larente's defense attorney, Kevin Ernst, raised questions regarding the supposed confession.

"I believe there were some irregularities (regarding Miranda rights)," said Ernst, "based on voluntarism and compliance with Miranda and right to counsel."

Ernst seemed to be questioning whether the conversation, which was not recorded, even took place.

"The fact that the statement wasn't written down and then signed by my client or that it wasn't recorded raises a lot of questions," said Ernst. "You type out a statement and have it signed when it's done properly."

Larente's arraignment at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit has been set for Dec. 26th.

Rosin's family said that they are pleased he'll be facing all four charges.

"I'm glad he'll be off the streets for Christmas," said Jeanie Morgan, Rosin's mother. "We'll do whatever we can to keep him off the roads."

Larente is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$750,000 bond.

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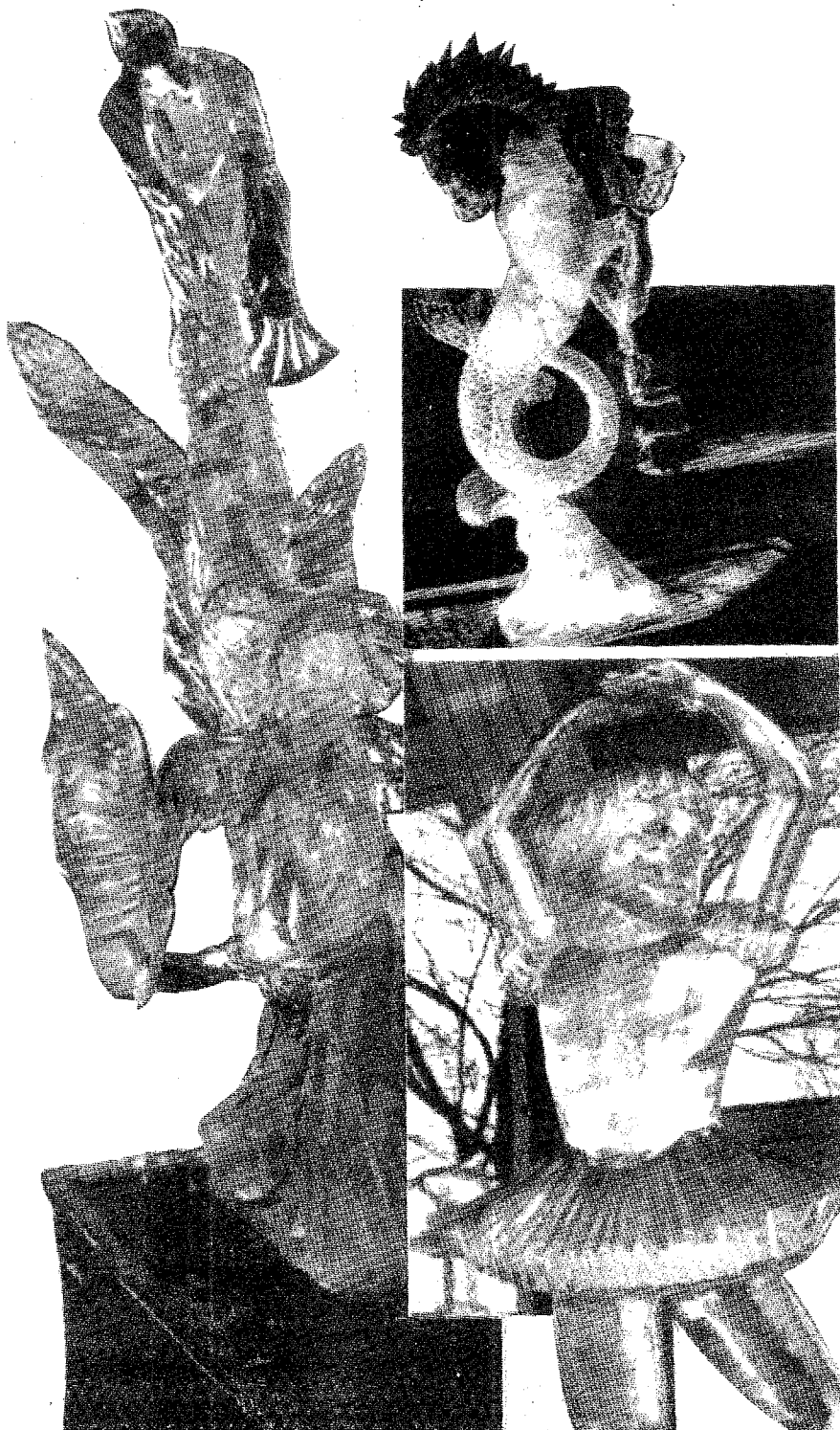
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Twp. trustees tee'd off over Hilltop situation

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Plymouth Township Trustees are tee'd off at the way the Hilltop Golf Course situation has been handled.

The township's lease agreement with John Jawor ran out Nov. 30. Knowing that it would soon run out, the board opened the lease to bids with a deadline of Sept. 29.

The two month delay according to trustee Kay Arnold was that the committee was waiting for an expert to go over the applicants.

"We were waiting for a consultant to get back from Florida to sit in on the meetings," said Arnold.

The situation has left some wondering why. "Why are we even at this point," said Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill. "We should've been able to make a decision by the 28th (Nov. 28th) or a month earlier for that matter."

Because Jawor was still in the building even after the agreement ran out, the board voted on and approved a Letter of Understanding (LOU) between the township and Jawor that would require Jawor, who is still on the Hilltop property to maintain the electricity, water and sewer-

age, propane gas and the alarm system and monitoring services. The LOU states "In the event that Mr. Jawor is not awarded a new lease to operate Hilltop Golf Course by Dec. 19 then he will have until Feb. 1, 1996 to vacate the premises. The LOU goes on to state that between Dec. 19 and Feb. 1 no business will be conducted in the building, that the purpose of the

extended occupancy is for storage only.

Charles Curmi, who voted against the LOU, said he is upset with the entire situation. "I'm not happy at all with this situation," he said. "We should not be here giving him an extension."

The board will interview six applicants at a special meeting Thursday at Township Hall at 6 p.m. The applicants

are: Jawor, John Jawor Inc.; Karen Peck, American Golf; Gary Whitener and Jim Dewling, Whitener/Dewling; Jim Szilagyi, Plymouth Golf Management; Daniel Ross, Fellows Creek; and Douglas Moffatt.

The board will vote on the new course management at Tuesday's regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Canton reorganizes administration structure

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was established. At the time, the trustees attempted to copy business organization when the financial positions were created in separate departments.

Unfortunately, said Yack, the separation of the financial elements caused confusion and ambiguity instead — especially in recent years as the community has grown.

"In September and early October," he said, "there seemed to be a perception of imbalance between the two departments. That's when we decided to consult Bartell & Bartell."

When Financial Services Manager Susan Kopinski resigned this fall to take a job with Wayne County, Yack moved to reorganize the departments. "I saw a rare opportunity," he said.

Yack said he gave Bartell & Bartell "carte blanche" to make any recommendation they saw fit. As the consulting firm examined Canton's administrative structure, it became clear that more was needed than a simple reorganization.

"It was like a set of dominoes falling," Yack said. "When they

looked at the organization, they realized changes in the financial structure would have an impact on Administrative Services and Municipal Services."

According to Yack, the changes proposed by Bartell & Bartell would not include job cuts or increase the overall size of the organization. The impact to the Canton budget would be a slightly lower cost.

Although Chief Financial Officer John Spencer's job would be eliminated under the new system, Yack said he has the opportunity to submit an application and resume for the Finance and Budget Services Director position. "The board said that if he's interested in applying...he will automatically be in the final group of candidates to be considered," said Yack.

Although the Canton Board of Trustees has not formally voted on the changes, Yack said the wheels of change are already turning. Formal approval of the restructuring and hiring of the Finance and Budget Director is expected to take place at the Jan. 8 board study session.

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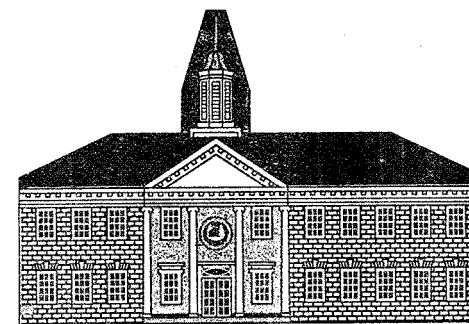
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Curiosities

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--Ron Craddock

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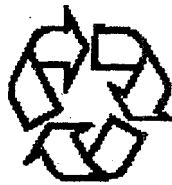
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Sports

Sports shorts

Geoffrey John Rahie of Plymouth has been awarded a Chrysler Junior Golf Scholarship of \$1000. Rahie, 16, is one of only 40 young Americans selected from thousands of applicants to receive this prestigious award, now in its second year. Rahie is currently a junior at Catholic Central High School and counts golf caddying among his most important extracurricular activities for what he learns from golfers.

The scholarship program is operated in conjunction with the American Junior Golf Association. Winners were selected based on a series of personal essays and parent, teacher and/or mentor recommendations.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to the all new Nickelodeon Mega Mess-A-Mania Live Show at Joe Louis Arena on Dec. 28.

A bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 2 p.m. and returns after the show. The cost of \$14 includes a seat at the show and bus transportation. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its winter session of men's recreational basketball for Canton residents only. The league begins on Jan. 10 and runs for 10 weeks at Field Elementary School from 6:45-9:45 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Registration ends Jan. 8. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Plymouth YMCA is holding a "Y" Kids program from Jan. 8 to Feb. 23 at the YMCA Grange Building. Choose any combinations of days and times ranging from 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The philosophy of "Y" Kids is to help each child develop socially through the process of adapting to his or her peers through play. The sessions are designed to promote enjoyment through work and play, refine large and small motor skills, promote physical coordination and encourage self development. Call 453-2904 for more information.

Good start

Canton, Salem off to hot start in 1995-96 basketball season

BY MATT HUCAL

CANTON

The season is looking promising already for the 1995 Canton basketball team. After pulling off a minor upset last Tuesday against Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs opened up at home on Friday and beat Monroe, 55-39.

With balanced scoring Canton took it to Monroe with Ron Hunter leading the way with 15 points, Rob Johnson with 13, Nick Hurley with 10, and Mark Bray with nine.

Along with the scoring, the Chiefs played sound defense, allowing only 33 percent shooting. Monroe scored 11 points in each of the first three quarters and only six in the fourth.

"We're playing some real good ball," Canton coach Dan Young said. "I thought our defense was really solid and didn't allow much."

Last Tuesday, Canton opened the season with a win against a strong Wayne team, 64-60, in double overtime.

"That was a big win," Young exclaimed. "It gave us the confidence we need to know we can beat a good, talented team. But we've got to be ready to play good with these tough games coming up."

The Chiefs played Adrian yesterday and play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Thursday.

SALEM

The Rocks lost a tough one last Friday at Southfield, 67-49. Plagued with the turnover virus, Salem gave the ball up 36 times. They gave it up four times down the stretch that put the game away for Southfield.

The game was close with a 19-15 Southfield lead after the first quarter and a 37-27 Southfield lead at halftime.



Canton's tough defense held Monroe to just 33 percent shooting from the field. Monroe scored only 11 points in the first three quarters and only six in the fourth. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Salem got close in the third and cut the lead to 45-40, and early in the fourth quarter they were within two points. Southfield then pulled away.

Adding to the frustration was Salem's free throw shooting. They made just 12 out of 28 attempts. The Rocks also allowed Southfield to grab 22 offensive rebounds.

"It was amazing we were able to hang in there as long as we did with all the mistakes we made," Salem coach Bob

Brodie said. "But the guys worked hard and continued to compete to keep it close."

Leading Salem in scoring was Andres Lopez with 14 points and Kirk Kraggs with eight.

"Right now everybody's playing and we're trying to find the right chemistry," Brodie said.

Last Tuesday, Salem beat Monroe, 56-53. They played Ypsilanti yesterday and take on Ann Arbor Huron Friday.

Chief grapplers will tap coach's experience

BY MATT HUCAL

With a new season in front of them, a new coach and a new winning attitude — the Canton wrestling squad is hoping to bank on coach Ernie Krumm's credentials and are looking to turn those credentials into pins.

Krumm coached the Canton wrestling squad for four years and was a Canton football coach for eight years up until 1990, at which time he spent three years at Manistique High School in the Upper Peninsula. He helped turn around that wrestling program — and he hopes to do the same for Canton.

Krumm is currently a teacher, a football coach and girls track coach at Belleville High School.

"Wherever I've been, I've always won," Krumm said. "I'll try and bring those different experiences to Canton."

This season, Krumm will have to muster up all his experience to help his young Chief team win. He has a team consisting of two seniors, two juniors and six freshman.

The inexperience of the Chiefs showed as they were handled easily by Salem, Farmington and Monroe last week in a four

team tournament.

Against Salem, the Chiefs lost, 60-17, and against Farmington they were beaten, 54-24.

Senior heavyweight Doug Cooper — a regional qualifier last season — is 2-0 and will be the big gun this year for Canton. Senior Tom Keeling will also be making an impact at 152 lbs.

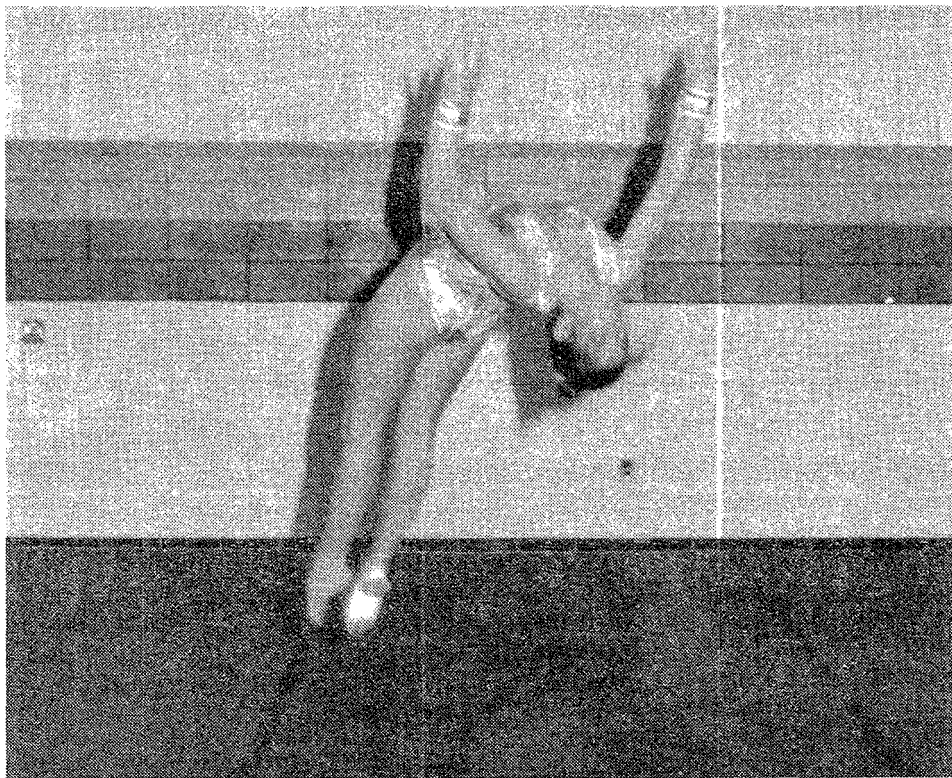
At the Belleville J.V. Invitational, Krumm saw some potential with his youngsters as they placed third out of 10 teams. They placed eight wrestlers in the top four, with two first-place finishes.

Sophomores Derrick Runnill at 125 lbs. and Brent Buttermore at 135 lbs. — along with freshman Kevin Stone at 130 lbs. — were placed on the junior varsity squad from the varsity for the tournament to gain some experience. Krumm is expecting a lot out of the youngsters this year.

"We'll be starting with a lot of young kids. We'll just have to learn as we go on this year," Krumm said.

Canton's first dual match is tomorrow at home versus Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Grace and strength



Salem senior Zoe Yockey punches a flip during her floor routine Monday during the season opener against Ann Arbor Huron. The Salem gymnastics team is expected to be one of the top teams in the state once again this year. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Rocks 2nd in Madonna volleyball tournament

BY MATT HUCAL

After losing many players from last year's dominant team, the 1995-96 Salem volleyball team is out to show what they're made of.

In the Madonna Invitational Saturday, the girls finished in second place against a very strong group of teams. The tournament was organized as pool play and Salem won their pool with what they're known for — tough playing.

The Rocks opened up the season and the tournament with a victory against Farmington Hills Mercy in the first round by the scores of 15-7 and 15-11. In the second round, they faced off against Parchment and defeated them, 16-14, 15-6.

Salem's third-round game was a little tougher than the first two. They split the match with Temperence Bedford — the second ranked team in the state last year — by the score of 18-16, 3-15.

Since Bedford lost to Mercy, the Rocks won their pool and played the second-place team from the other pool — Centerline St. Clemens in the semifinal. Salem beat Centerline, 15-10, 15-8 to move on to the finals.

Kalamazoo Central was the opponent for the Rocks in the final. A powerhouse, Central handed Salem their first defeat of the young season, 9-15 and 5-15. Salem was in the driver's seat in the first game, 9-3, before Central scored 12 unanswered points to change the tide of the match.

Their second-place finish and 3-1-1 record after the eight-team tournament is a start that made co-coach Allie Suffety

pleased.

"We're a fairly young team and we'll only get better," Suffety said. "We saw a lot of positives come out of this tournament."

The senior captains led the way for the Rocks throughout the tournament. Shellye Sills turned in a strong offensive performance with 36 kills and added defense with 27 digs, 11 solo blocks and six assist blocks. Kim Sheldon had 12 kills, 41 digs and seven aces.

Others contributing their share were Karissa Socia with 30 kills and 26 digs, Amanda Abraham with 15 kills, three solo and three assist blocks, and Nicole Van Hees with 15 kills, six solo and three assist blocks.

The area of the team with the least experience — the setting position — was filled nicely by Karen Springsteen and Nicole Bolton. Springsteen converted from a passer and assisted 43 times out of 131 attempts. Bolton, playing her first full-time match, assisted 29 times out of 71 attempts.

With almost a month off until their next competition — the Portage Northern Invitational on January 6 — Salem has time to work on their weaknesses and continue to improve.

"This tournament let Brian (Gilles, co-coach) and I see where we are so far, and showed us what we have to work on," Suffety said. "We have a lot of offensive weapons. As long as we can pass to the setter, we'll be in good shape. We're really excited."

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

At Ann Arbor Pioneer tomorrow. At home versus Ypsilanti on Tuesday.

CANTON SWIMMING

At Salem for conference relays on Saturday at 1 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

At home versus Ann Arbor Pioneer tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. At the Salem 8-Team Tournament on Saturday.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

At Freeland on Saturday at 11 a.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At home versus Ann Arbor Huron tonight at 6 p.m. At Allen Park Invitational on Saturday.

SALEM BASKETBALL

At Ann Arbor Huron on Friday.

SALEM SWIMMING

At home for conference relays on Saturday at 1 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

At home against Catholic Central/John Glenn tomorrow at 5 p.m. At home for the Salem 8-Team Tournament on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Pistons top PCJBA 'A' league

These are the current standings for the week of December 9 in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association.

Boys "A" League.

National: Pistons 9-0; Pacers 8-1; Spurs 5-4; Celtics 5-4; Hawks 5-4; Sonics 4-5; Bulls 3-6; Kings 1-8.

American: Rockets 8-1; Jazz 5-4; Bucks 5-4; Knicks 5-4; Magic 3-6; 76ers 3-6; Lakers 2-7; Nets 1-8.

SCORES: 76ers 75 - Bucks 60. Magic 65 - Nets 62. Pistons 80 - Bulls 69. Celtics 66 - Kings 62. Rockets 72 - Lakers 63. Knicks 71 - Jazz 59. Pacers 68

- Sonics 67. Hawks 68 - Spurs 57.

Boys "B" League

National: Knicks 2-0; Jazz 2-0; Celtics 1-1; Lakers 1-1; 76ers 1-1; Spurs 1-1; Pacers 0-2; Rockets 0-2.

American: Bulls 2-0; Nets 2-0; Pistons 2-0; Kings 1-1; Sonics 1-1; Bucks 0-2; Hawks 0-2; Magic 0-2.

SCORES: Lakers 34 - Rockets 32. Jazz 48 - Pacers 34. Nets 54 - Magic 39. Bulls 55 - Hawks 34. 76ers 38 - Celtics 27. Knicks 59 - Spurs 58. Kings 57 - Bucks 46. Pistons 36 - Sonics 31.



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Community opinions

Good eats

School lunch program moving in right direction, more progress needed

Yes, I do want seconds.

It is time for another serving of information on the Plymouth-Canton Schools lunch menu.

In October, I took a sampling of what Director of Food and Nutrition Services Verna Lee Hill and her staff were doing to make sure the students of the school district were not just eating, but eating healthy.

It is their job.

What I discovered was the Food and Nutrition Services — just like so many other classes or services in the school district — are on the cusp of a breaking national wave.

In the case of school lunches, P-C Schools was one of only 12 school districts in the nation to implement a pilot program with the goal of meeting the 1996-97 revised U.S. Department of Agriculture's guidelines, which calls for meals with less fat and more fruits, vegetables and grains.

Hill, Assistant Food Service Director Teresa Arnold, the Parent Advisory Committee and the cafeteria managers, used October as their base month to see how far off they were from meeting the dietary requirements, and what changes would be needed. The Plymouth-Canton

Educational Park, Lowell and Central middle schools, and Bentley and Hulsing elementary schools were chosen — with each principal's approval — as model schools for the pilot program.

The menu was designed so that students would receive 30 percent or less of their calories from fat. In this format, students only had to take three out of five meal components. Unfortunately — and as I expected — fruits and vegetables were frequently left out of student lunches.

As a result, calories from fat were as high as 34 percent. Also, lunches fell short of their goals for calorie intake at all school levels. There was some good news. Requirements for calcium, vitamin's A and C, and protein were met with ease. Even iron requirements were on target in elementary schools, which is impressive because too much or too little of it can be harmful.

Still, Hill and her cohorts were not satisfied — and they shouldn't be. School lunches are just as important as school classes because food provides students with the energy needed to learn. Also, a good understanding of a nutritional diet now, will undoubtedly encourage students to eat healthy in the future,

Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



especially in college, which is a breeding ground for late night, fast food feasts.

"In November all of our model schools began using the Food Based Menu Planning System," Hill said. "The changes in the Food Based system from the current menu system are increased portion sizes of fruits and vegetables and more portions of the bread, cereal and grain products."

This is what I like to see: not just talk — but action too.

Students were offered additional bread items with their lunches such as rice and baby bagels, as well as fruited gelatin. "With just these changes, we were able to reduce the percentage of calories from fat at Canton High School from 32 percent to 30," Hill said.

That statistic is impressive considering 85 percent of the students chose French fries as their vegetable of choice. Hill said she has considered removing French Fries as the vegetable of choice. I think

she should, at least a couple of times a week, and replace them with baked potatoes. Hill said potatoes are offered and that French fries will stay for now because students are making other healthier choices. "Nearly every student took two fruits and vegetables with their lunch," said Hill.

That is good. But I still can't believe a taco or cheese pizza, which 252 of 485 students who bought lunch at Canton one day in November chose to eat, is an appropriate lunch — regardless if the pizza meets requirement for fat grams and calories. Pizza should not consistently be a student's lunch. It's just not a good eating habit. Meanwhile, healthier items such as grilled chicken and salads lagged far behind, purchased by just 97 students.

Although I have been told by past and current students they are encouraged to eat healthy, that effort has to be stepped up.

Offer students low-fat protein alternatives, for example, beans and tuna fish. "We have begun to receive a number of requests from students for vegetarian meals," Hill said, "and with the NuMenu system we would be able to provide them that."

The NuMenu system, which will be implemented first at Lowell and Bentley in January, allows for a more flexible method of planning meals by analyzing them over a school week and making appropriate adjustments to meet nutritional standards. Also, the nutrient analysis would be "weighted" to reflect the nutrient and calorie levels that each menu item or food offered actually contributed to the meals, rather than just an average of the nutrients.

For example, a meatless spaghetti would be compensated with more pasta. Hill said a new USDA recipe book will be helpful in increasing a wider selection of low-fat lunches. And Hill promises to keep at her customers to chose healthy side dishes. "There will be a concentrated effort to make fruit, vegetables and grain products a more attractive choice for the students...Most of all, we want to keep our most important customers, the students, happy with our meal service," Hill said, "and ultimately help them improve their nutritional choices."

You already are.

At your own risk...

City must improve pedestrian safety in crosswalks

Somebody correct me if I'm wrong, but I always thought cars were supposed to stop when pedestrians are in a crosswalk.

The wise architects of Plymouth Streetscape project designed beautiful brick crosswalks into the project. Unfortunately for walkers in downtown Plymouth, motorists don't seem to understand the meaning of a pedestrian crosswalk.

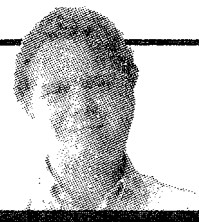
Most cars traveling through downtown Plymouth seem to think crosswalks are starting lines for drag racing. Instead of slowing down, I find cars actually speeding up to beat the pedestrians across as if they are prompted to stomp on the gas pedal by some invisible drag racing Christmas tree light.

Well, it's time for this dangerous, irresponsible, rude behavior to end.

As a downtown resident and employee who frequently walks in downtown Plymouth, I am officially calling on the City and Plymouth Downtown Development Authority to install signs

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



informing motorists they must stop when pedestrians are in a crosswalk.

But who am I to make this demand? I need your help. I'm sure there are many other pedestrians out there who dodge speeding traffic while walking downtown. There are probably a lot of business owners out there who are concerned for the safety of their customers. If you're one of these people, call City Manager Steve Walters at 453-1234 (ext. 203) or Steve Guile at the DDA at 455-1453. If you can't get in touch with them, give me a call at 453-6900.

We're lucky enough to live in the greatest walking city in Metro Detroit. Our streets are great for shopping and walking. The streets are safe from crime — it's time to make them safe for pedestrians.

We all appreciate the traffic islands that were designed as part of the streetscape, but the islands don't do much good when pedestrians must still race across busy lanes of traffic.

It's time for something to be done to fix this dangerous situation — before someone is hurt or killed.

Voice your opinion.

Write a letter to the editor.

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Community opinions

Cute couple, cute neighborhood

Santa, Old Village make great, classic combination

To those who braved the below zero windchill, snow and harsh winds Saturday to watch Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus renew their vows, my hat is off to ya.

To those who didn't — you don't know what you missed.

More than 50 wedding guests waited patiently, albeit coldly, for the arrival of the happy couple at the Old Village gazebo.

Mrs. Claus arrived with her matron of honor, Christmas Carol, aboard a horse-drawn sleigh. Her husband Santa, and his best man Steve Guile, opted for a more modern, well compared to the sleigh anyway, method of arrival — aboard an antique fire engine.

As the minister, Robert Burger from Cameo Wedding Center, spoke of everlasting love (the couple have been married for hundreds of years) spectators saw the broad smiles that Santa and Mrs. Claus wore.

Second Thoughts

By Janet Armstrong



Following the wedding, two warming stations were set up for wedding guests and shoppers to stop in, have some hot chocolate and warm their bones.

It was quite apparent that this event, which was the brain child of Gerry and Robin Sindici of the Robin's Nest, had a lot of support from Old Village business owners and the City of Plymouth.

Ron Loiselle, Plymouth's new mayor, was on hand to witness the renewal of marriage vows along with Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Larry Groth and Plymouth City Police Lt. Mike Gardner.

A lot of time and effort went into making this "Old Village" weekend

wonderful and to reintroduce community members to the Old Village — it worked.

To all those who planned, organized, shelled out money and presented this event — congratulations.

It's been quite a while since I've shopped in Old Village — that is one mistake that won't soon be made again.

You can find antiques, someplace to get a haircut, a deli, flowers, custom cycles — you can find anything you need, desire or want there.

But the best thing you'll find in Old Village is customer service. Stores in Old Village want your business and act like it.

School board money does not grow on trees

Despite what the Plymouth-Canton School Board and its administration think, money does not grow on trees here.

The seven board members and the central office administrators should pay back the \$21,900 they have frivolously spent on "long-range planning."

At the Nov. 13 school board meeting, the board unanimously voted to hire a firm to "direct focus groups to study what provides value to education in the district." This money could have been used to educate four students.

Phooey! It certainly didn't provide any "value to education" to waste that money.

The school board members are elected to serve as the long-range planning committee for the Plymouth-Canton Schools. Why is an outside source necessary to measure the value of our education in our district? When school districts were organized, wasn't the goal to keep education local?

Sorry for Canton tree lighting crowd problems

EDITOR:

It was truly a night to remember when we hosted our first tree lighting ceremony at the new Summit on the Park community center. We estimated the annual ceremony drew somewhere between 2,000 and 2,500 people.

It goes without saying that no one in our organization anticipated that kind of

turnout. In years past, 200 to 300 people have attended the tree lighting when it was held at the Canton Administration Building. Obviously, with that kind of crowd, there was an overwhelming crush of people in our banquet and pre-function areas. Every effort was made in advance to make this an enjoyable evening, but I know there were some unhappy adults and children because

and his associates, for their assistance in arranging a very appropriate funeral for Rey. He was laid to rest at Fort Custer in Battle Creek.

This community is very fortunate to have such a sincere and professional organization such as Schrader-Howell assist during these times of need. Again, with deepest sincerity, thank you.

BILL WARREN

With malice toward none



Administrators could measure the pulse of the community if they'd get out of their offices more.

In a more perfect world, David Castlegrant and Associates, who were hired for this project, would give the money back.

Failing that, the individual school board members and central office administrators ought to each kick in personally and repay the district. And while they're at it, they should do the job they're elected/appointed to do.

of the size of the crowd. I appreciate those who understood the situation and reacted with patience and understanding. But to anyone with unhappy or upset children, let me extend our apologies. Still, it was a tremendous evening. All-in-all, it was a wonderful kick-off for the Summit and the holidays in Canton.

I would also like to point out that the tree lighting was not publicized as a grand opening so that residents could see the entire facility. That will be held in January, and I hope to see you there. Finally, I wish to extend my thanks to all of the Canton employees who volunteered to help make the evening a special one for this community. Without their assistance, it would have been impossible to deal with the turnout. They helped turn a few frowns into smiles. Again, thank you for understanding.

TOM YACK-CANTON SUPERVISOR

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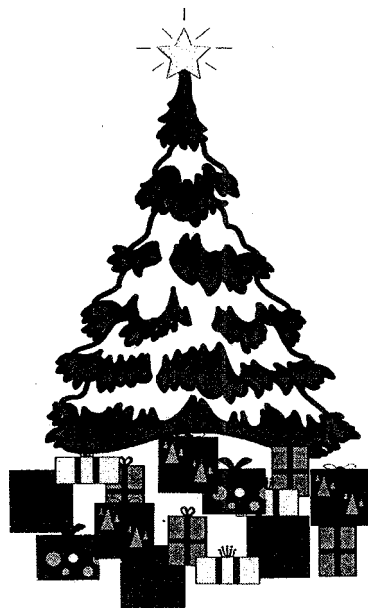
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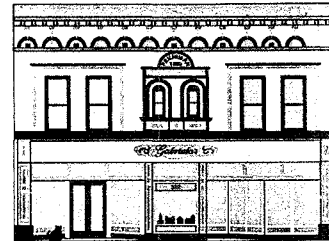
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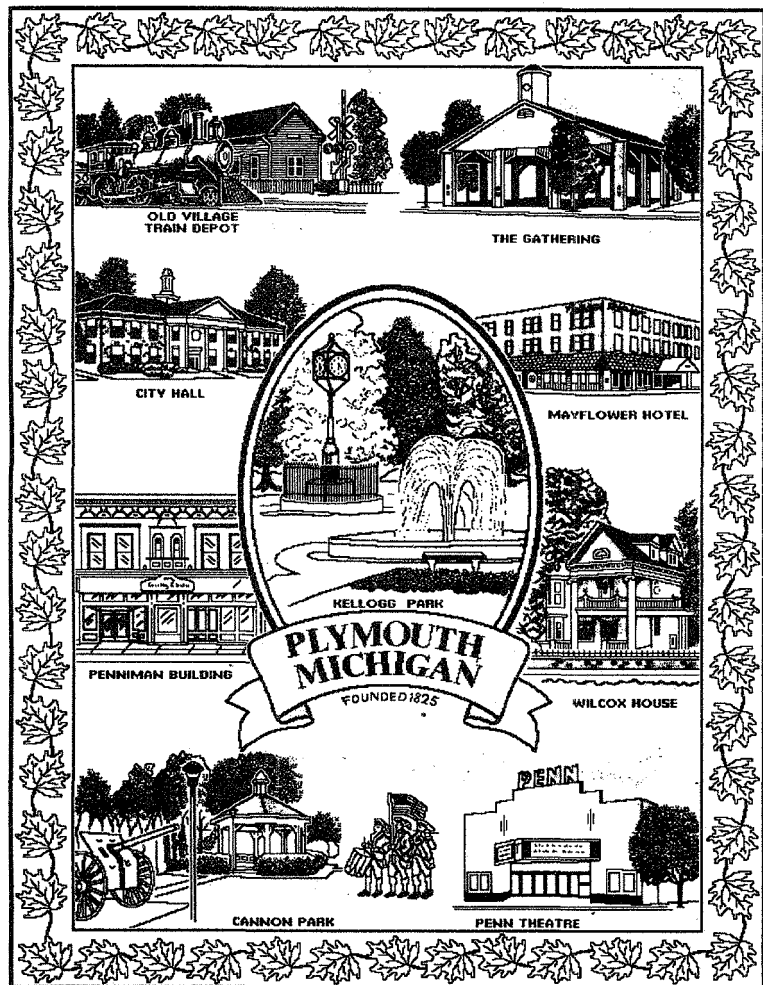
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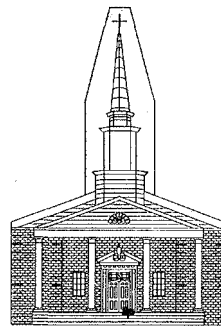
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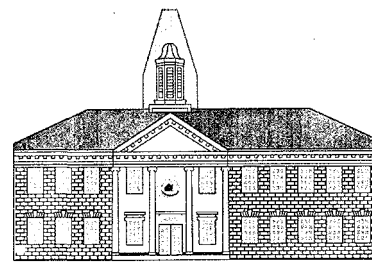
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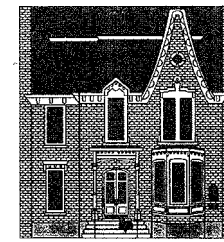
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