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Joint failure

Future city

City Commissioners contemplate future of joint purchases

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The breakdown in the joint purchase of voting machines has left a bad taste in the mouths of some Plymouth City Commissioners.

Commissioner Doug Miller said he is disappointed the City, Plymouth Township and the Plymouth-Canton School Board could not come up with a compromise to jointly purchase voting equipment.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees agreed to purchase their own voting equipment and the P-C School Board discussed sharing Plymouth Township's equipment.

"I am really disappointed with the way this has unfolded," Miller said. "We went into this and tried to do our best for voters of the region. One reason we did this is clearly to save money. Another was to simplify the system for the voters."

According to Mayor Ron Loiselle, if the school board deal to share equipment with Plymouth Township goes through, the schools have agreed to give the City their used voting machines.

"The schools indicated that they
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(left to right) Special Awards Judge Terry Jacob of Detroit Edison inspects the work of Our Lady of Good Counsel students Laura Adams, Gregory Lenhoff, Alexis Thebolt and Justin Kuxhaus. The OLGC students took second place in the Detroit Regional Future City Competition recently. The team competed against 32 other middle schools in the competition sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) and ESD — The Engineering Society.

Twp. police follow string of evidence in pavilion fire

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Arson or accident?

Plymouth Township Police would like to know the intent of the three individuals that witnesses said they saw in the area of the Jan. 6 fire that destroyed the pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, causing \$125,000 in damage.

Sgt. Bob Smith said witnesses saw three teenagers running from the pavilion towards Hamden Court and Glenview, which are subdivision streets east of the park.

Smith said police will continue to talk with witnesses. "We need the help of the community," he said. "The things we need to do are find these people, and find out if

they meant to set this fire."

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth and the Michigan Arson Task Force have posted a \$5,000 reward for individuals responsible for the fire. Anyone with information about the fire should call Smith at 453-3869 or Groth at 453-3840, ext. 221.

Investigations are still continuing and Smith said it is a possibility additional suspects may develop. "There could have been more (people at the scene)," said Smith. "They might have split off. Right now, we know there was three people running from the scene."

Smith said the pavilion has been a gathering area for youths in the past. This time it appears the partying got

out of hand. A holiday twelve-pack of Budweiser was found partially consumed, and fires were started in two 55-gallon drums and the pavilion's fireplace.

"So they came home smelling like smoke and beer," Smith said.

The fire spread to the roof and engulfed the pavilion at approximately 2 a.m.. Firefighters extinguished the blaze, but the building could not be salvaged and was torn down Jan. 11.

The pavilion was built in 1978. In a report to the Board of Trustees, Director of Public Services Jim Anulewicz expressed his desire to have a new building in place by June.

Radio

WSDP offers radio class for middle school students

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Java jolt

New Plymouth business great for those who love coffee

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Rocks rule

Salem slams Canton at 10-team Plymouth Invitational

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Suspect in Canton sexual assault case arrested

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A suspect in the Dec. 28 sexual assault of a Canton woman and her husband was picked up in St. Louis, MO this week.

"He's just a suspect," said Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens, "we're not releasing names or anything like that."

Stevens said the suspect fits the description of the black male, 30 years old, 6' tall, 200 pounds with brown hair

and eyes who used is accused terrorizing a Canton couple in their Warren road home, just east of Napier. In addition to sexually assaulting the woman, the suspect, according to police reports, stole cash and clothing before forcing the couple at gunpoint to drive him to Detroit.

The suspect could face charges of first degree sexual assault, armed robbery, kidnapping, and use of a firearm during a

felony. "He faces a lot of charges against him in Detroit too," Stevens said.

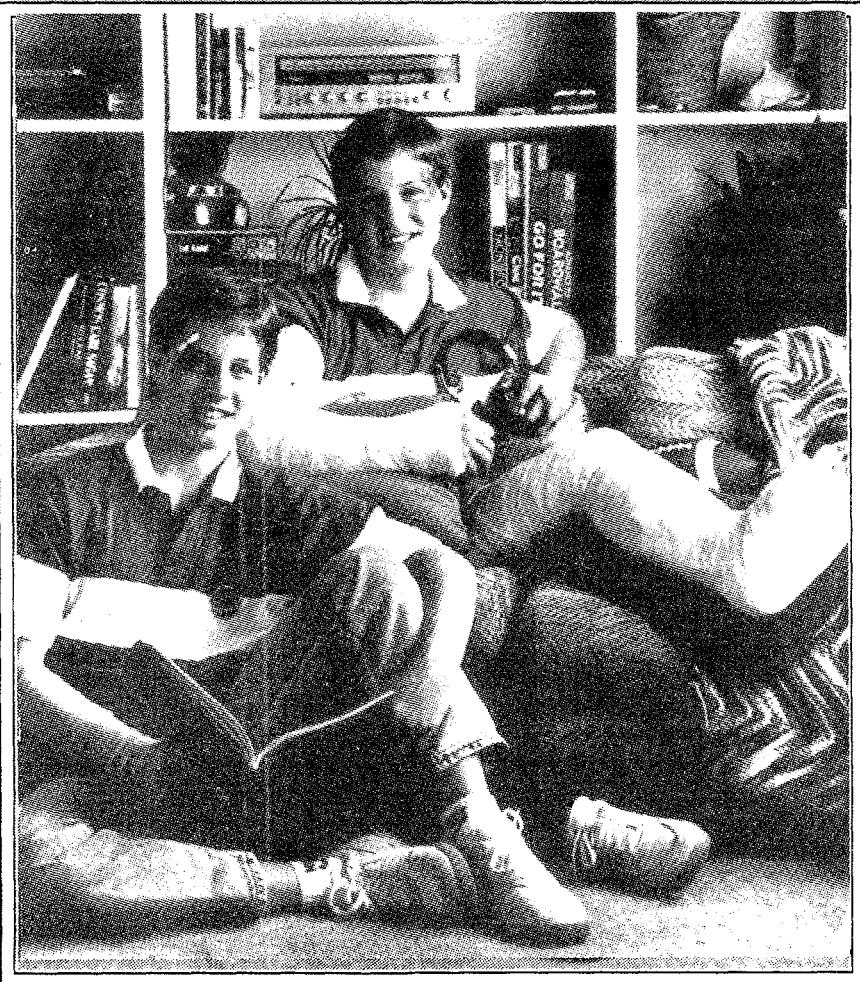
The suspect faces a possible sentence of life in prison.

"He's one of the guys we've had our eyes on," Stevens said. "We're just waiting for extradition."

Stevens said the extradition process could take two or three days or as long as two weeks

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Judge could close Northville Downs

BY JILL HAAKE

Northville Downs was betting that new legislation would help a dragging horse racing industry, but the track may find itself the loser if a judge orders the track to cease operations until it complies with the law.

The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association (MHHA) filed suit last week in Ingham County Circuit Court against the track claiming Northville Downs is illegally operating without a contract with a certified horsemen's organization.

Northville Downs continues to operate — the current meet runs from Jan. 4 through March 31 (63 dates, plus matinees). It has also applied for simulcasting year-round and begins that as soon as it gets state approval and resolves the horseman's dispute.

The Horse Racing Law of 1995, which was passed by Gov. John Engler earlier this month, requires tracks to have a current written contract with a certified horsemen's organization before conducting live or simulcast races with pari-mutuel wagering.

Northville Downs was under contract with the MHHA during 1995, but recently signed with a new group, The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association, which has applied for and is awaiting recognition and certification from the Office of the Racing Commissioner.

Nelson W. Westrin, the state racing commissioner, and The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association also are named as defendants in the suit.

"It's all brand new. This requirement is brand new," said Kenn Christopher, executive secretary for the Office of the Racing Commissioner.

Horsemen's groups that had written contracts with tracks during 1994 and 1995 were automatically grandfathered in for certification under the new legislation. All other groups must apply for certification through the Office of the Racing Commissioner.

Christopher said the office is unsure how long the approval process may take.

"The commissioner is trying to do this as expeditiously as possible, but we just don't know because there's no precedent," he said.

Westrin conducted hearings last week with all parties involved to determine if he should suspend or revoke the track's 1996 race meeting license until the track signs with a certified horsemen's group.

Westrin also could decide to fine the track up to \$25,000 a day for each day it conducts pari-mutuel wagering not in compliance with the new law.

As of Monday, the commissioner had yet to decide whether to take action against the track or approve The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association's application.

The issue may not be resolved until next Wednesday, when all parties will plead their case before Ingham Circuit Court Judge Michael G. Harrison.

Christopher said the confusion should not take away from the many benefits the new legislation provides.

"This is historical squabbling among racing groups," he said. "It's not unexpected; it's unfortunate...At the dawn of a new age of racing, one group is suing to stop racing at a major track."

MHHA also claims that The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association is interfering with an existing contract between itself and Northville Downs.

Larry Mallar, MHHA general manager, said the association's year-long contract with Northville Downs includes an extension that runs through June 30.

But Margaret Zayti, Northville Downs executive manager, said the track did not ratify or approve an extension with MHHA.

Zayti said track officials decided to team up with The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association because, "we felt the new horsemen's group better represented drivers, owners and trainers at our track."

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Canton Police nab drive-by suspects

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Two Belleville men were charged Friday for allegedly participating in a drive-by shooting in Canton Thursday night.

Edward Allen Oliver, 22, and Zane Garth Sturgill, 36, were charged with four counts each of discharging a firearm in or at a building, discharging a firearm from a vehicle, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle and felony firearm.

According to Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens, the two allegedly fired five rounds at a mobile home at 51074 Mott Rd. after feuding with the occupants.

Stevens said there were seven people inside, including children, when Oliver and Sturgill allegedly fired shots from a Chinese-made SKS assault rifle, according to the Canton Police report.

Stevens said the victims recognized the car as it left the scene — and gave police the name of whom they suspected.

"A Van Buren Police Officer must have been monitoring the channel, because when the name went out over the radio, he recognized the suspects," said Stevens.

"He saw the car drive by and stopped them at the corner of Belleville and Ecorse roads."

Stevens said a gun was still in the car when the suspects were arrested.

Oliver and Sturgill are being held on \$25,000 cash bonds.



The traffic island on Ann Arbor Trail was run over early Saturday morning. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Ann Arbor Road traffic island damaged Saturday

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Plymouth Township Police arrested Westland resident Kenneth Roberts for drunken driving early Saturday morning after allegedly running over the traffic island on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, running into a limousine and striking a pole. According to Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins, the City is charging Roberts with leaving the scene

of an accident and reckless driving.

Plymouth Township Police reports said Roberts was apprehended on Ann Arbor Road while driving a 1992 Chevrolet Camaro with no front tires on the car. The report said officers saw the Camaro traveling eastbound on Ann Arbor Road with severe front end damage, no lights on and with sheet metal dragging from the bottom of the car.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter will address the Plymouth Republican Club tomorrow, with information on the proposed Willow Run Tradeport. The meeting will be held at the Waterclub Seafood Grill at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

THE WEEKEND

- The Plymouth German-American Club will hold their Fasching Party Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost of the event is \$6. Tickets can be purchased by calling Maria Mulzer at 453-5839.
- The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present a chamber concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Canton High School "Little Theatre." Tickets are \$8 for adults.
- Members of the Detroit Red Wings face off against the Canton Fire and Police Union in a benefit hockey game at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Proceeds go to the Trauma Burn Center of the University of Michigan.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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BETTY J. WEDEMEYER

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Betty J. Wedemeyer, 78, of Northville, passed away Jan. 14, 1996 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington, MI.

Mrs. Wedemeyer was born Feb. 9, 1917 in Columbus, OH, to Alexander and Anna B. Fisher. Retired from Hudson's Westland, Mrs. Wedemeyer was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Plymouth. She was past matron and treasurer of Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star in Northville.

Mrs. Wedemeyer is survived by her husband, Herman A. Wedemeyer, Sr. of Northville; children, Dianne E. Barrows of Los Angeles, CA, and Herman A. Wedemeyer, Jr., of El Cerrito, CA; son-in-law, Craig R. Barrows; daughter-in-law, Chansonette Wedemeyer; grandchildren, Susan E. Barrows and Sara N.

Wedemeyer.

A memorial service will be held Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Northville Masonic Temple at 106 E. Main St in Northville. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be made to The First Church of Christ, Scientist in

Plymouth; Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star in Northville or the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma, MI.

HELEN MILLER

Helen Miller, a Livonia resident, died Jan. 13, 1996, at the age of 71. Mrs. Miller was born Aug. 19, 1924 in Blythedale, PA. She worked for 35 years at Unisys (Burroughs Corp.) in Plymouth.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband, Thurlow; son, Robert Forsythe of Novi; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mrs. Miller will be held later at the Vermeulen Funeral Home. Final resting place will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

ALDEN RAY CASTRO

Alden Ray Castro, a Canton resident, died Jan. 12, 1996, at the age of 69. Mr. Castro came to the community in 1973 from Wyandotte. Mr. Castro served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 and the Army Air Corps from 1947 to 1950. Mr. Castro was employed as a painter and decorator for more than 30 years. He retired in 1988. Mr. Castro was a member of Painters Union Local #22 and the Church of God of Prophecy for 33 years where he often sang, both solos and in a quartet. Mr. Castro also played the harmonica.

Mr. Castro is survived by his wife, Wilma; sons, Daryl (Jan) of Canton and Daniel (Robin) of Westchester, OH; sisters, Natalie Gibbs of Birmingham, MI, and Jackie Hercula of New York; brothers, Mike of Linden, MI, Delray of AZ, and Clayton, of FL; 17 nieces and nephews; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services for Mr. Castro were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Pastor Richard Q. Wix officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Memorial tributes to the American Diabetes Association, Suite 2255, 30600, Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI, 48025-4532 or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI, 48072.

GORDON H. BANKS

Gordon H. Banks, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 20, 1996, at the age of 85. Mr. Banks was a tool and die maker at Ford Motor Company. He retired in the late 1960s. Mr. Banks came to the Plymouth community 30 years ago. He was a Shriner and past master of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M. Mr. Banks was a worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 115. He was chaplain of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Banks was deputy district instructor for the State of Michigan. Mr. Banks was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton. Mr. Banks loved to camp.

Mr. Banks is survived by his wife, Dorothy A. (Claeys) (Carnegie) Banks; son, Charles (Trudy) of Toole, UT; granddaughter, Margot (Randy) Daugherty of Maineville, OH; great grandchildren, Katie and Eric Daugherty; brother, Robert (Pauline) of FL; sister, Louise Robinson of Tampa, FL; and preceded in death by wife, Wilma Banks.

Services for Mr. Banks were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home under the auspices of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M. Memorials to the Michigan Masonic Home, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801.

MARCELINA M. GATIOAN

Marcelina M. Gatioan, a Canton resident, died Jan. 13, 1996, at the age of 73. Mrs. Gatioan was born Jan. 1, 1923 in the Philippines. Mrs. Gatioan was homemaker. She is preceded in death by her husband, Mamerto.

Mrs. Gatioan is survived by her daughters, Jenisia G. (Daniel) Calma of Canton, Edralina of England, Merlita of England and Edna of Canton; son, Dante (Encarcion) of the Philippines; nine grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Gatioan, with Brother Jose Joson, Church of Christ, officiating, were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens. Memorial tributes to charity of choice.

VELMA N. CONKLIN

Velma M. Conklin, a Superior Township resident, died Jan. 22, 1996, at the age of 84.

Mrs. Conklin was born Oct. 3, 1911 in Marstellar, PA. Mrs. Conklin was a homemaker. Mrs. Conklin had a centennial farm in Superior Township. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth. Mrs. Conklin was married 46 years to her husband, Kenneth, who died in 1973.

Mrs. Conklin is survived by her sons, Benjamin (Dorothy) of Whitmore Lake, MI and Edwin of Lander, WY; sister, Millie Hard of CA and preceded in death by eight sisters; brother, Frank Davis of Plymouth and preceded in death by four brothers; many nieces and nephews; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Conklin were held at the Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth with Rev. Arthur Magnuson officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Memorial tributes to the Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.



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Court decision could close Northville Downs, Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association braces for fight

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"We thought they had a better understanding of our needs, and so did our owners and trainers," she said.

The Milford-based Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association was formed about a year ago and represents about 300 standardbred owners, trainers and drivers, said the group's president Minnie Greenlee.

Zayti said she is unsure what the track will do if Westrin does not recognize The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association's application.

In the meantime, Mallar is urging the Office of the Racing Commissioner to be leery of the new group's application, saying the group's proposed contract calls for horsemen to share in some expenses previously paid for by track operators.

With track operators paying less for certain expenses, Mallar contends operators will be able to pay less without adding more to purses.

"We want the tracks to make money but not all of it," he said.

Mallar said he fears other state tracks will be attracted to such a contract, an attraction he said could cost millions in purse losses. "If I'm another track operator and if I think I can make more money with another group, I'm going to," he said.

Zayti said she could not comment on Mallar's allegations but said she's confident the owners, drivers and trainers will be well represented under the proposed new contract.

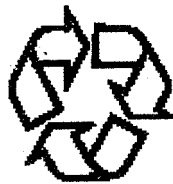
Greenlee said purse pools won't be decreased in any way under the group's contract, adding that savings to Northville Downs will be used for promotional purposes.

"The extra that we bargained with was for promotion to get more people to come in and to enhance attendance," Greenlee said.

Greenlee added that the group's contract calls for substantial increases in medical and life insurance coverage for horsemen.

If The Michigan Pari-Mutuel Harness Association's application is approved, the group's contract with Northville Downs could be extended for four years at the year's end.

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by January 26.

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The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is presenting a chamber concert featuring Alex Cheung, Ruth Myers and select members of the PSO Saturday at 8 p.m. The concert will be held in Canton's "Little Theater." Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students.

Recognition for outstanding scholarship has been extended to the following Plymouth residents and Schoolcraft College students who were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1995 semester: Michelle Alcini, Heather Allen, Robert Anderson, Stacey Anderson, Hunkar Atasavun, Leanne Boughner, John Buzuvis III, Katelyn Crissey, Thomas Dankert, Bonnie Foster, Jennifer Harper, Hunter Hinchcliff, Tina Marie Holliday, Amy Leshan, Allen Lock, Nicole Marcinkowski, Wendy Mayer, Brent Merlington, Deborah Muir, William Mullen, Deborah Muncy, Sheryle Patterson, Loraine Potochick, Brian Schott, Natalie Simms, Christina Stansell, Jennifer Staszal, Karen Swierb, Adam Tardif, Jessica Young and Wendy Zundel.

Washtenaw Community College associate degree recipients for August 1995 and candidates for December 1995 degrees and/or certificates were recently announced. The graduates and candidates from Canton include: Donna Agnew, Stacy Evans, Robert Lyons, Deborah Peck and Susan Dowswell.

The Delta Kappa Gamma sorority raised and donated \$1,000 to the Community Literacy Council this past fall. The DKG is a professional sorority of teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kari M. Pawenski, daughter of Michael and Audry Pawenski of Canton, recently completed the Job Oriented Basic Skills (JOBS) Operations Rating Strand II course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, TN. Pawenski is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.

Air Force Senior Airman Jack J. Massarello has arrived for duty at Mildenhall RAF, England. Massarello, a fire truck mechanic, is the son of Jack and Cecilia Massarello of Canton.

'For the Love of ART'

PCAC announces theme of 5th annual dinner performance

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is holding its fifth annual dinner performance, "For the Love of ART," on Feb. 17. The event is set for Fox Hills Country Club.

An art auction and cocktails will begin at 6:30 with a gourmet dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing following the performance. The evening is planned to be a perfect culmination to Valentine's week.

The event is organized to benefit the PCAC, with proceeds going to renovation of the group's building on Sheldon Road. Since moving to the new facility more than a year ago, classes and programs have rapidly expanded, requiring reconfiguration of the building space to allow for all the activities.

Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased at the Francis Jewelry Gallery and the Little Professor Book Center. They can also be purchased directly from the PCAC office daily from 9 a.m. to noon.

The evening will feature local jazz favorites Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Band with special guest Larry Nozero on sax.

Walker has headlined at Metro Detroit's finest night spots. She frequently appeared with noted Australian vibist Jack Brokenshaw at his restaurant. For two decades, she was the featured vocalist with the 21-piece Brookside Jazz Ensemble.

Walker performed in many Montreux Jazz Festivals and was active on the commercial scene, winning a CLIO Award for the best vocal performance on a commercial. She is actively involved with education and jazz clinics at local universities.

Buddy Budson's keyboard expertise has made him a mainstay of the Detroit professional music world. In addition to backing such performers as Buddy Rich, the

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Ty Wilson

Four Tops, Henri Mancini and Mel Torme, he is an accomplished composer and orchestrator. Budson and Walker are partners in marriage, as well as being musical partners.

WSDP offers radio class for middle school students

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Will the next J.P. McCarthy be found in one of the Plymouth-Canton middle schools?

WSDP Station Manager Bill Keith hopes to find out.

WSDP, Plymouth-Canton's student radio station, is offering an "Introduction to Radio" class for middle school students. The class will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult and Community Education program.

"I always thought it would be interest-

ing to tie the radio station in for more students," Keith said. "This is one way to develop new people — to get them at least vaguely familiar with what we do at the station."

The class will be taught at WSDP's studios at Salem High School. Topics to be covered include news, production, on-air announcing and promotions.

The class will be taught by Keith, along with Assistant Station Manager Lisa Cioffi.

"Eventually," Keith said, "I would like

to earn my teaching certificate and teach radio as an actual class (for school credit)."

The class is limited to 10 students. Each person completing the class will receive a WSDP t-shirt and certificate. The class is seven weeks long and registration is \$31. They will be held on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 2.

For more information, call WSDP at 416-7732 or Community Education at 416-2937.

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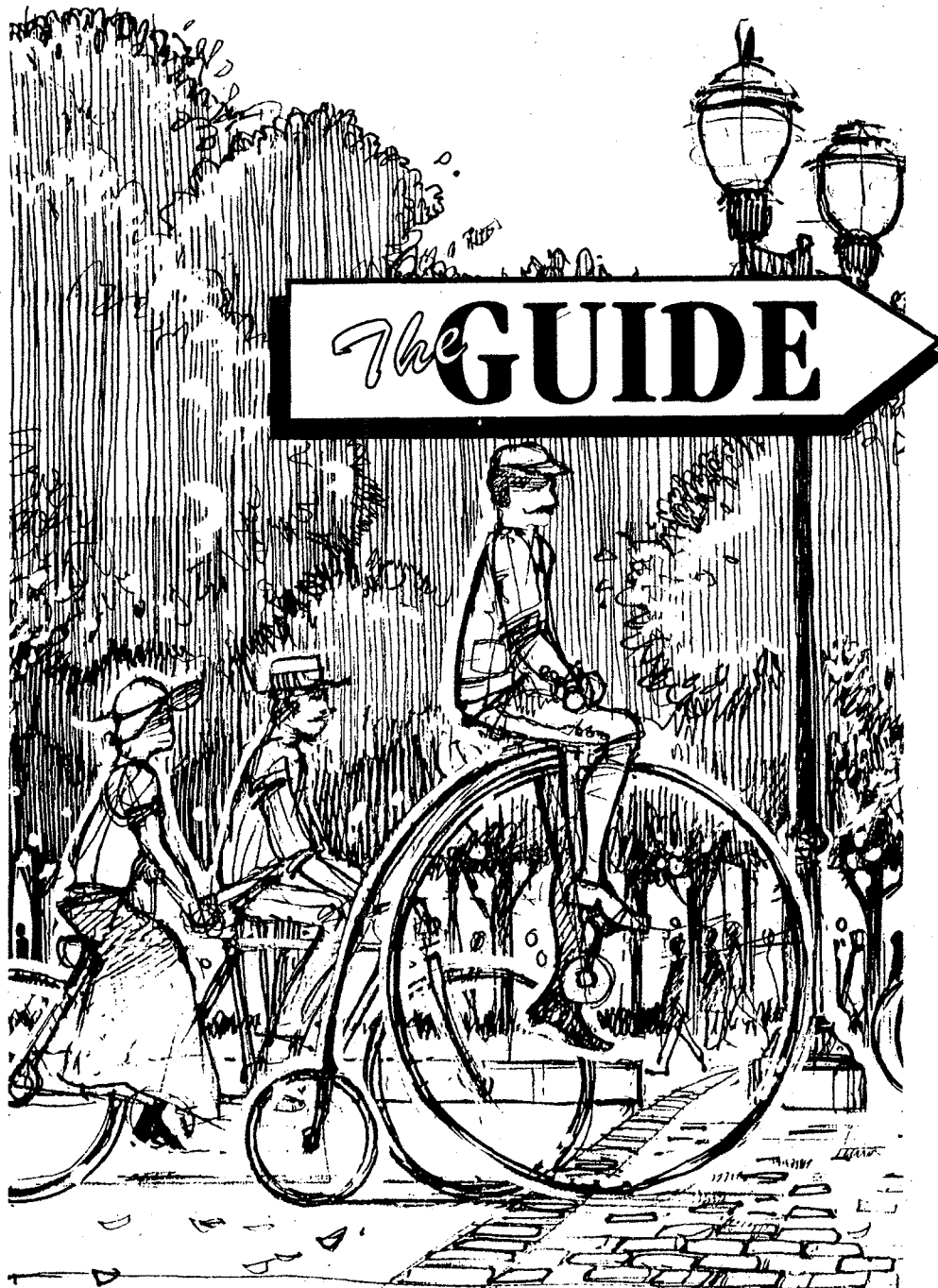
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Neighbors in business

Community Hospice Services named former Our Lady of Good Counsel Pastoral Associate Dr. Michael Meyer as its director of bereavement and spiritual care. Community Hospice Services has an outlet at 127 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

For the third year in a row, Little Professor Book Centers, Inc. — the Ann Arbor-based bookstore franchise, which has a store in downtown Plymouth across from Kellogg Park — participated in the American Cancer Society's yearly Relay For Life. This year, Little Professor was the largest contributor of donations, raising \$4,411.

Canton resident Jessica A. Bentley joined Lipson, Neilson, Jacobs & Cole, P.C. as a litigation paralegal. Bentley is responsible for assisting the firm's litigation department in the preparation of pleadings and discovery materials. Bentley has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Boloven, Shamie & Company, P.C. announced the relocation of their offices to 44315 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. There will an open house Feb. 9 from 3-8 p.m. RSVP by Monday. Call 453-9985.

Plymouth resident Marianne Hanley was named manager of physician marketing for Oakwood Healthcare System. Hanley is responsible for system-wide marketing of individual physician practices, management of the Physician Referral Service and other related marketing activities and special events.

Canton resident Michael Mikulski was named director of physician services for St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Mikulski has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and is working on a master's degree in business administration from EMU.

New Plymouth business helps with Java jump start

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Coffee to go.

It's often an early morning request. Now it's a business too.

Last week, Plymouth resident Colleen Podlaha opened her in-house beverage supplies company. "It's exciting," she said. "I was a buyer for a vending company and decided to try something on my own. I have a two-and-half-year-old son, so this gives me a little more time."

Her previous position came in handy when she started placing orders for inventory since she was familiar with most of the distributors. "They were really helpful," Podlaha said. "It helps when you know them ahead of time."

The variety of her items, which includes coffees, creamers, candy bars, chips, teas, waters and juices, is proof Podlaha has connections. "There's over 100 items we have right now," she

said. "I wanted to try and pick a variety of everything for those people who say, 'I really don't like coffee.' That's why I have tea and cocoa."

It's these specific needs that bigger companies often miss, Podlaha said. "Hopefully," she said, "I'll be able to fix that glitch and be a little more personable. Waiting for the phone to ring is not the way to go."

Podlaha has already begun to practice what she preaches by visiting potential customers as well as calling them, making for a hectic first seven days of business. "The first week was a little crazy," said Podlaha said. "I just got my fax machine set up."

It's just the beginning; Podlaha hopes a retail business is in her future. But for now, Podlaha will concentrate on getting her phone orders (207-3574) delivered within 24 hours, and adding health foods and different coffees.

To your health

Health Exposure brings 'natural goodness' to community

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Nothing against doctors, but Jenna Paunovich has a more natural way to take care of the human body.

"I definitely think the world of doctors," said Paunovich, owner of Health Exposure, an organic food and vitamin store in downtown Plymouth at 831 Penniman. "If you're sick, you're sick, you got to go to the doctor. But I also see the benefits of this too."

Health Exposure officially opened Monday, but Paunovich was welcoming people into her store while she was still putting vitamins in alphabetical order and placing herbal tea on the shelves.

This is Paunovich's first independent business venture, but don't expect any rookie mistakes, she believes she has the education of a veteran. "I'm majoring in kinesiology at U of M," Paunovich said. "It deals with exercise and the body, so that's where I'm getting some background from, as well as the knowledge I've gained on my own."

Paunovich grew up aspiring to be a doctor, enrolling in medical classes whenever she could. But then she was introduced to the alternatives to traditional medicine when she began working at a natural health food store in her hometown of Brighton. "I saw the other side," Paunovich said, "and I decided I liked this better."

Her love for traditional medicine

didn't wane, but she noticed natural items had no side effects, besides, she said, "nowadays, with health care and everything, it's defeating everything a doctor tried to become."



Jenna Paunovich hopes the health craze hits Plymouth. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

So she stayed with it. And after she had visited Plymouth to visit her aunt a couple of months ago, Paunovich knew she had found the home for her own business. "It interested me," she said. "I just wanted to do it I enjoy working with people, working in the business."

With a little help from her friends at the Brighton store, Paunovich began ordering her inventory. "I get the names of distributors," Paunovich said, "and I guess I have to choose wisely."

Making the right decision is important, Paunovich explained, because people are apprehensive of spaghetti that isn't Prego, or peanut butter that isn't Skippy. Forget the skepticism, Paunovich said, and you won't regret it. "It's all organic," she said.

"There're no chemicals sprayed. When they're in the factory there's no chemicals put on them, no preservatives. It tastes better."

And if the taste isn't noticeable, try it for you own health, Paunovich said, that is the reason natural foods, cosmetics, vitamins, lotions and liquids — all items stocked by Health Exposure — are so popular in the '90s. "The reason it's a booming industry," said

Paunovich, "is that so much is going on in the world with AIDS, infectious diseases, the ozone layer. People don't want to verbally admit it, but they're getting scared."

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The Chore Referral Program links seniors with workers who can mow lawns, shovel snow, wash windows, and do minor repairs. Workers are asked to charge seniors no more than \$6 an hour and must provide three references. For more information, call 722-2830.

COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL

Seminars will be conducted for people interested in becoming tutors. Reading, writing and speaking seminar will be Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the math seminar will be held Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. Both seminars will be limited to 20 people and will be held at the Canton Public Library. For more information, call 416-4906.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

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PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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.

CHURCH RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton churches are looking for residents to become CROP walkers and seek financial pledges to help alleviate hunger. For more information, call 459-8181.

Upcoming...

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 1-3 p.m. Free of charge. "How To Reduce Taxes To Heirs," presented by financial expert Paul Leduc. Question and answer session will follow. For reservations, call 455-6623.

ARBOR HOSPICE CARE FOR KIDS

Children's grief support group Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Open to ages five to 18. Groups are age specific. \$30 per week. For more information, call 677-0500.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

St. John Neumann's Singles Group, located on Warren Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center roads, is having a Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 10 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dance, pizza, pop, raffle, tickets, prizes and music by James Dunn BYOB. No jeans please. \$8 admission. For more information, call Pat at (313) 277-6083 or Marilyn at (313) 591-9269.

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Hosted by the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., March 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 24 from 12-5 p.m. 65 crafters. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 455-6620.

BABYSITTING CLASS

The Plymouth District Library is offering a seven-week program of training for ages 11 to 15. A certificate will be awarded to those meeting attendance requirements, but CPR is not included. Registration begins Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet Wednesdays, Feb. 14 through March 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

The tax aide program sponsored by AARP is entirely free. From Feb. 1 to April 15 at the Summit on the Park, the Cultural Center and the Northville Senior Center. Home visits are available. Appointments are a must. In Canton, call 397-5444; In Plymouth, call 455-6620; In Northville, call (810) 349-4140.

CHARLES COLSON: RELUCTANT PROPHET

Pastor Roland F. DeRenzo and the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., invite the community to attend the film "Charles Olson: Reluctant Prophet" Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. The movie follows the journey of Colson from Washington insider to inmate to his conversion to Christ and his subsequent ministry. For more information, call 455-0022.

CANTON ECONOMIC CLUB

Jan. 31 at 12 noon at the Summit on the Park. Susy Heintz, state chairperson of the Republican Party and former Wayne County Commissioner, will be the guest speaker. To make a reservation, call 981-3002.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Feb. 9 at the newly renovated St. John's Seminary, time and communication between spouses will be discussed. There will be six more meetings this year. For more information, call 882-5959.

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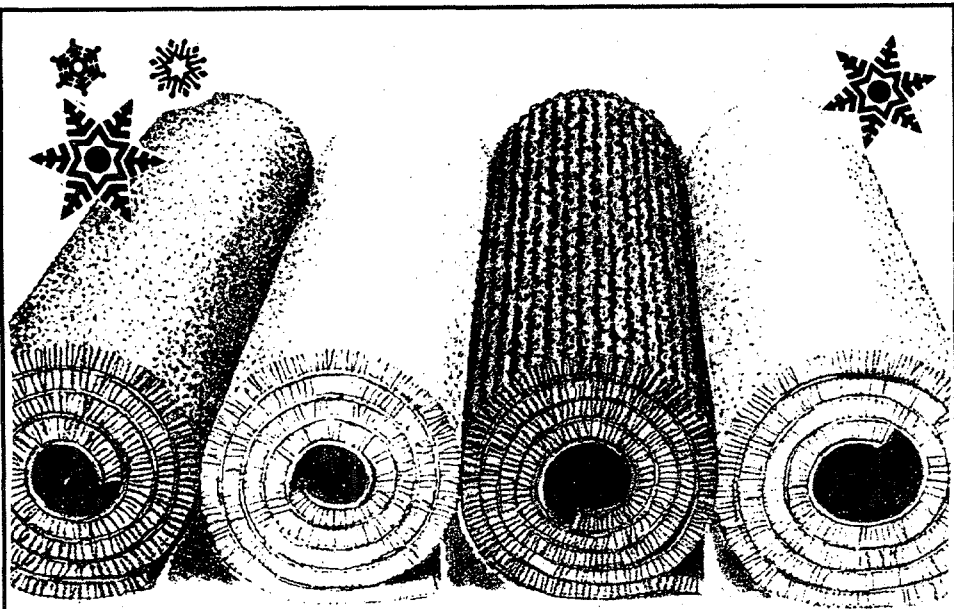


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Don't let the winter chills blow you away when it comes to those exterior home improvements. Believe it or not, now may just be the right time for you to consider having replacement windows and doors installed, roofing replaced or adding a dormer.

Although temperatures at this time of year can drop below freezing, now is the time when most contractors are in need of work. They need you, "The Customer!" Think about it... Not only are you doing these companies a service, but you may just be saving yourself a lot of time and hassle. In many cases, delivery dates and installation can be met quicker at this time of year since most homeowners tend to wait until the weather takes a change for the better.

Vice-President of Fairway Construction, Adam Helfman reports that homeowners fear the heat loss while installing roofing, windows, doors and room additions in the winter. Helfman says that if the job is handled correctly, heat loss should be the least of their concerns. He also feels that homeowners can take advantage immediate savings when completing exterior home upgrades in the off months.

When it comes to windows and doors, "special orders tend

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This year, warm up to winter home improvement

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to get filled faster in the winter," said Steve Cooke of the Window and Door Sales Department at N.A. Mans Building Center in Canton. He said by installing replacement windows and doors in the winter there will be less of a waiting period. "Not too many homeowners think about doing it now, but it's quite possible," he said. Cooke said winter door and window installation is "tolerable" for the homeowner. 20 to 30 minutes of cold is par for the course on a standard door replacement. If the job is going to take longer than estimated, it's as simple as closing the door to the room that's being worked on.

When polling roofing contractors about taking on jobs in the winter, there seemed to be a real consensus amongst the ranks. Most agreed that it's not impossible to replace a roof in the winter months, but that it's a bit more difficult to work outside.

Despite the fact that many companies are now available, don't get fooled by them. Make sure you do your homework by researching companies and obtaining referrals from satisfied customers of those companies from at least one year ago. Also, try to avoid the miniature door and window

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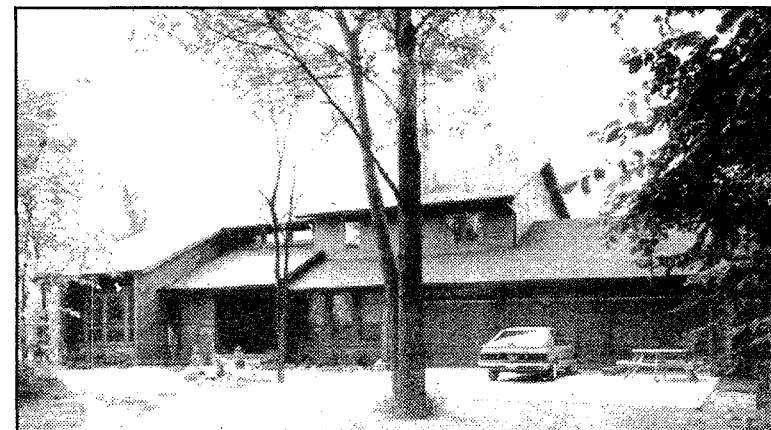
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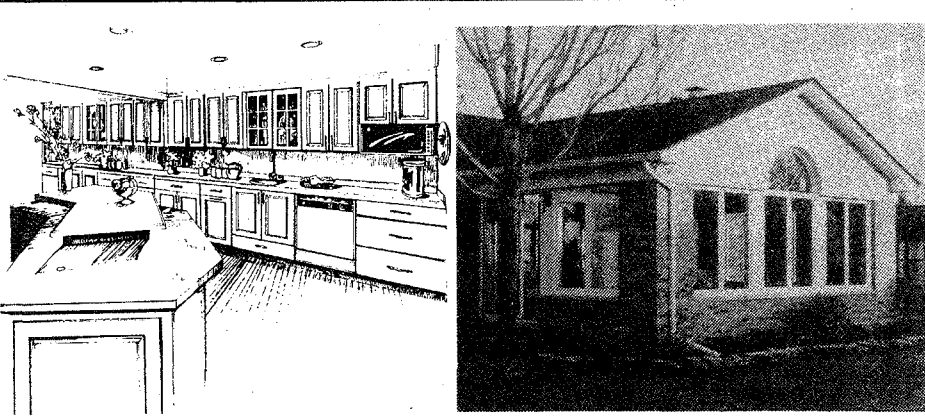
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After you've chosen your project, always comparison shop for products and most importantly, quality and workmanship. Although you may have chosen a beautiful new hardwood floor for your front entranceway, what kind of warranty does the manufacturer as well as the installing contractor offer? It's important to know what you're getting into before writing that big check.

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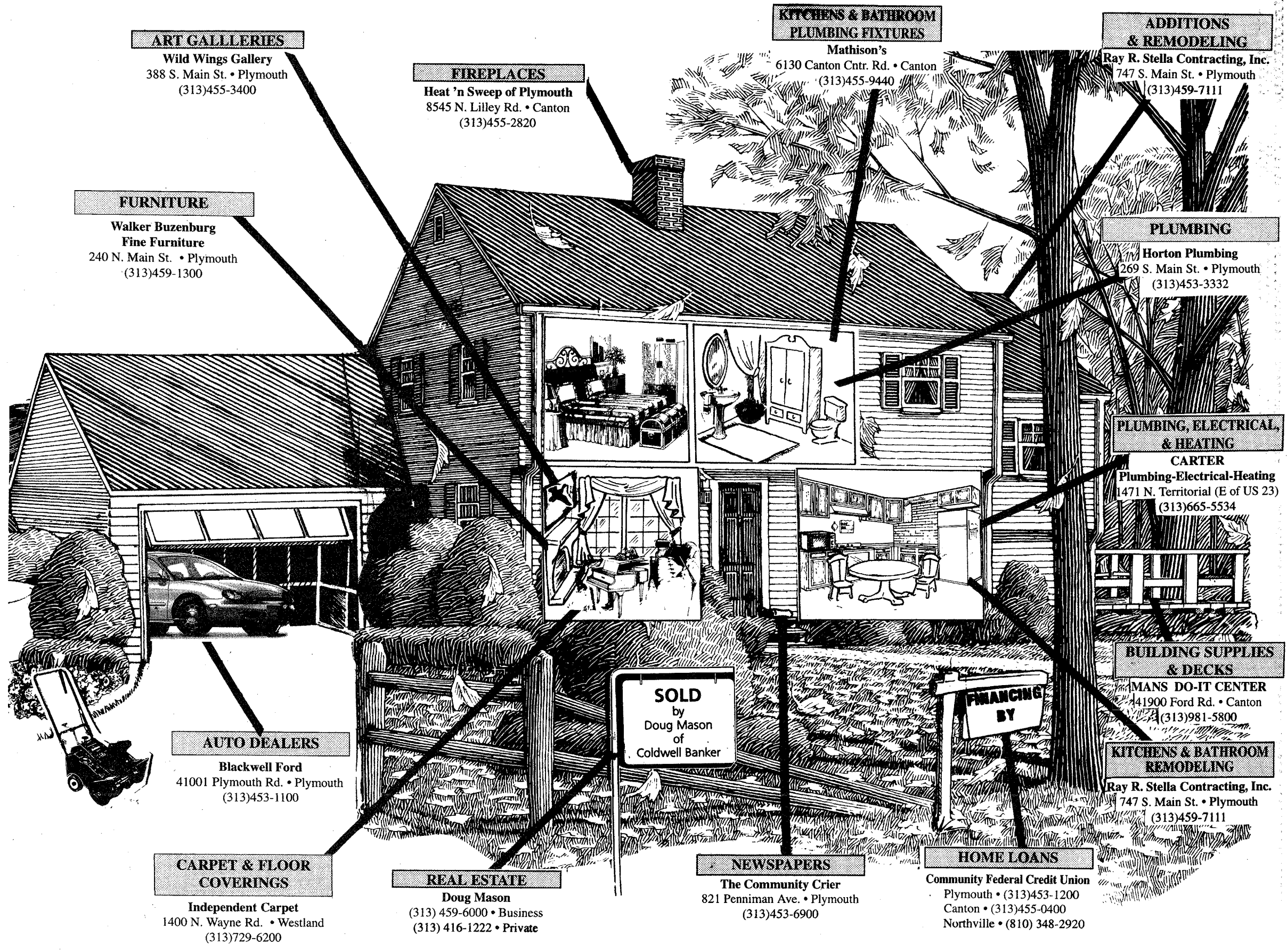
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Summit code of conduct developed

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The enormous crowds using Canton's new Summit on the Park community center will have some new rules to follow.

Canton officials are working on a "code of conduct" to snuff out poor behavior before it begins.

According to Summit Manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, unattended kids are the main source of problems at the community center.

"We're getting a fair amount of people dropping children off, who are basically unsupervised," said Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

"It's okay that they're there in the building as long as they're there for a purpose. There is expected behavior."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said they have had a few problems with kids hanging out at and around the facility. She said they are paying overtime to a Canton Public

Safety Officer to supervise the facility during busy weekend and evening times.

Weekday crowds at the Summit are averaging 1,300 visitors per day. On the weekend, that number swells to between 1,800 and 2,000. More than 3,500 season passes have been sold to the Summit.

"Safety is very important to us," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "We will not compromise safety to get a few more people in."

The code of conduct is intended to expand upon rules and regulations already in place for use of the building's various recreational areas and addresses issues such as foul language, smoking, public decency, loitering, and the improper use of the facilities or violations of other Summit rules.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said that a violation of rules at the Summit can result in any number of things happening including: expulsion from the building; a denial of use of the building for six to 12 months; permanent expulsion from the facility; issuance of a ticket or citation; restitution payment; and even criminal prosecution.

Canton's Board of Trustees will be asked to formally approve the code of conduct sometime in the near future.

Parents demand orchestra

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board recently faced the music concerning the absence of an orchestra program in the middle schools.

"The orchestra program must be returned to the middle schools where it belongs," said Felise Kruk.

Currently, middle school students must travel to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to attend orchestra

classes. "The current set up of students going to the high school during high school periods doesn't work for the students or their parents," Kruk said. "They've been deprived for 10 years — and that's 10 years too long. And we simply won't wait another 10 years."

In a letter written by Martha Suchanski and read out loud by Kruk, Suchanski implored the school board to reinstate the orchestra program in the

middle schools because it provides children with social graces that other classes can not. "Please consider this matter seriously," Suchanski wrote, "and reinstate the orchestra program. Children will forget calculus, they'll always remember music."

Warren Huff called the school district "miserably deficient," regarding music and the arts. "I know your plate is full," he said, "but listen to this old farmer: Don't overlook the soul of this community, which is represented by music and the arts."

President David Artley said the orchestra program will be considered in the budget process. "We are, actually, starting to look at the budget for next year," he said. "They do consider all options during the budget process."

City joint meeting plan on hold

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

A plan to set up a joint services steering committee between the City, Plymouth Township, the P-C School Board and Canton was tabled by the Plymouth City Commission last week.

Commissioner Doug Miller said wounds need to be mended following the failure of attempts to jointly purchase voting machines. "I guess I would rather talk to people instead of passing more resolutions," he said.

The plan to form a steering committee was proposed by Commissioner Joe Koch.

"I don't know what the best way is to approach them," he said, "I just want to approach them. At least we would be doing something proactive instead of reactive."

Koch's plan is to form a steering com-

mittee consisting of two members from each board or commission to work on joint services issues. "We need something to get the ball rolling," he said, "something to let them know we're interested."

Currently, Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and P-C Schools' Superintendent Charles Little meet every other month. Koch said his plan would bring together more elected officials.

"We can sit here and talk about it and talk about it," Koch said, "but I want to get the ball rolling. I'm willing to give my time on this."

The City Commission agreed to wait until Walters meets with the other community leaders to get their input before passing a resolution.

Vandals strike Twp. builder

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Bonadeo Development has had to deal with more than the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees to build houses in Plymouth Township.

Police said, the houses Bonadeo is building on Countrywood and Woodgrove drives, located southeast of Ann Arbor and Ridge roads, have been the target of vandalism. "They're just damaging property," said Sgt. Steve Rapson.

Rapson said one or more suspects break into the houses during the night, damage cabinets and counter tops, and smoke cigarettes. Police have no suspects, but Rapson acknowledged a group is probably responsible. "I'd say there are more than one," he said.

Rapson reiterated the police department's call for community involvement to prevent crime. He said the breaking

and enterings on Countrywood and Woodgrove weren't noticed until at least the next day. "The workers will go in a couple of days later, or the next day," he said, "and they find the damage."

Rapson said any suspicious vehicles or individuals should be reported to the police at 453-3869.

Breakdown in dialogue kills joint purchase

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wouldn't need their 40 voting machines," he said. "That would give us plenty of voting machines and plenty of spare parts. We could be well supplied at no cost."

Miller said using the school board's old equipment would only be a temporary solution.

"These machines cost a lot to maintain and set up," he said. "They really are antique pieces of equipment. Ultimately, this is not the solution. We are delaying the inevitable."

Miller said City Clerk Linda Langmesser's advice to upgrade

the equipment should be followed. "I have a tremendous amount of confidence in our clerk," he said. "She has a track record of running good elections."

The cost for upgrading the City's voting equipment to the optical scanning equipment proposed by Langmesser is \$46,000. If an agreement could have been reached to jointly purchase the equipment, the City's cost would have been \$21,000.

The City Commission voted to rescind their vote to work with the Plymouth Township and the P-C School Board to jointly purchase voting machines.

Future planning



(left to right) Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry, Dick Egli, Mike Kolb, Pam Arntz and Barb Vigiletti discussed the future of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday at the Mayflower Hotel. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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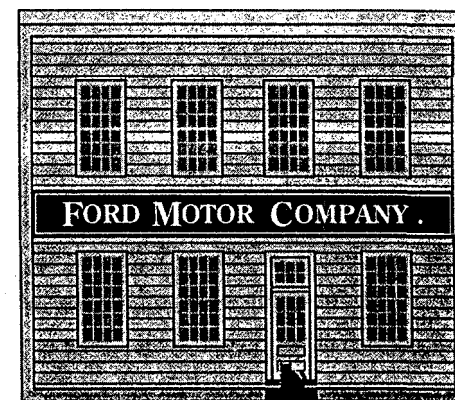
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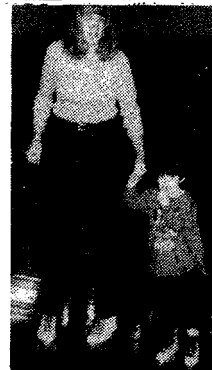
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KAREN--I'm still looking for another frog. G.G.

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Sports

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Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring various events taking place soon.

A teen ski trip to the Alpine Valley Ski Area on Friday for the ages 13-18. A bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately midnight. The cost for teens with their own equipment is \$22 and without it is \$29. Fees include bus transportation, all area lift tickets and rental equipment (if needed). Registration ends tomorrow.

Beginners cheerleading classes will be starting Tuesday and will run every Tuesday for 10 weeks. Classes will be at the Canton Recreation Center and will be \$25 per person. Ages 5-6 will have class from 7-7:30 p.m. and ages 7-11 from 7:30-8 p.m. Students will learn pompon and dance routines, basic cheers and jumps.

Family skate nights in Heritage Park will be on the next Thursdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. It will be free, warm refreshments will be available, and the pond will be lit.

Youth floor hockey skills clinics and league begin the week of Jan. 29 for boys and girls in grades 1-5. The cost is \$35 and locations are scattered among elementary schools. The registration deadline is Jan. 25.

Call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at 397-5110 for any information in these events.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Tours is offering a trip to the Windsor Casino tomorrow. The \$26 cost includes round trip transportation, lunch at a local Windsor restaurant, \$10 of Canadian tokens, and plenty of time at the Casino.

The City of Plymouth is now taking Spring soccer registration the entire month of January during business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Fall classes. They offer programs to ages ranging from tots to seniors. The classes include art, dance, self-defense, martial arts, trips, gymnastics, cheerleading, crafts, roller skating and more.

Call the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for information on any of these events.

Holland stops Canton gymnasts again in tourney

BY MATT HUCAL

The two tournaments that the Canton gymnastics team has been a part of — the Salem Invitational on Jan. 6 and the Rockford Invitational on Jan. 13 — they've found that although they do well, a Holland team seems to always get in the way.

The Rockford Tournament was sure to be a very strong one with the first, second, fifth, and eighth-place teams in the state participating along with 12 others. The team ranked best in the state, Holland, took the top spot with 141.25 points while Canton ended up a close second with 134.80 points.

Individually for the Chiefs, Brie Wall put in a second-place all around effort with 34.65 points and Brooke Larson and Kim Nowak tied for fifth place with 33.80 points each.

On the vault Wall finished fifth with an 8.5 score, Larson was 12th with an 8.2, Nowak was 16th with an 8.05, Beth Muylaert was 24th with a 7.95, and Nicole Vangeres was 34th with a 7.75.

The bars had Wall finishing second with an 8.8 score, Nowak in fourth with an 8.65, Vangeres in 13th with an 8.15, and Larson in 15th with an 8.05. Larson and Nowak tied for third place on the beams with an 8.55, and Wall came in 10th with an 8.2.

Chiefs remain unbeaten in dual meet play, continue to compete with best in state

In the floor exercise, Larson finished with an even 9.0 for second place as Wall came in third with an 8.95. Nowak came in eighth with an 8.55, Sandy Mulder was 13th with an 8.4, and Vangeres was 26th with a 7.8.

Last Wednesday the Chiefs pulled off a 135.7 to 104.9 victory over North Farmington, which raised their unbeaten records of 6-0 in dual meets and 2-0 in the league.

Wall had a great day and the order of finishing was almost the same in every event.

Wall took the all-around with a personal best score of 36.65 and Nowak was second with 34.95 points.

The bars were won by Wall with a 9.2, Nowak was second with an 8.7, Larson was third with an 8.5, and Jenni Demsky was fifth with a 5.85. Wall then won the vault with an 8.85, Marcie Emerick was second at 8.55, Larson was third at 8.5, and Nowak was fourth with an 8.25. Wall also won the beam with a 9.3, Nowak second with an 8.7, Larson third with a 7.65, and Vaagenes fourth with a 7.55.

On the floor exercise Nowak with a 9.3, Wall with a 9.2, and Larson with a 9.15 placed one, two, and three.

Rock hoopsters fall to Walled Lake

BY MATT HUCAL

They had a chance.

In a game where the Salem basketball team could've edged in front of a good Walled Lake Central team at any time, they consistently trailed by three or four points and weren't able to pull ahead at all.

The Rocks ended up losing last Friday, 70-62, and dropped their record to 5-4 overall after a week layoff.

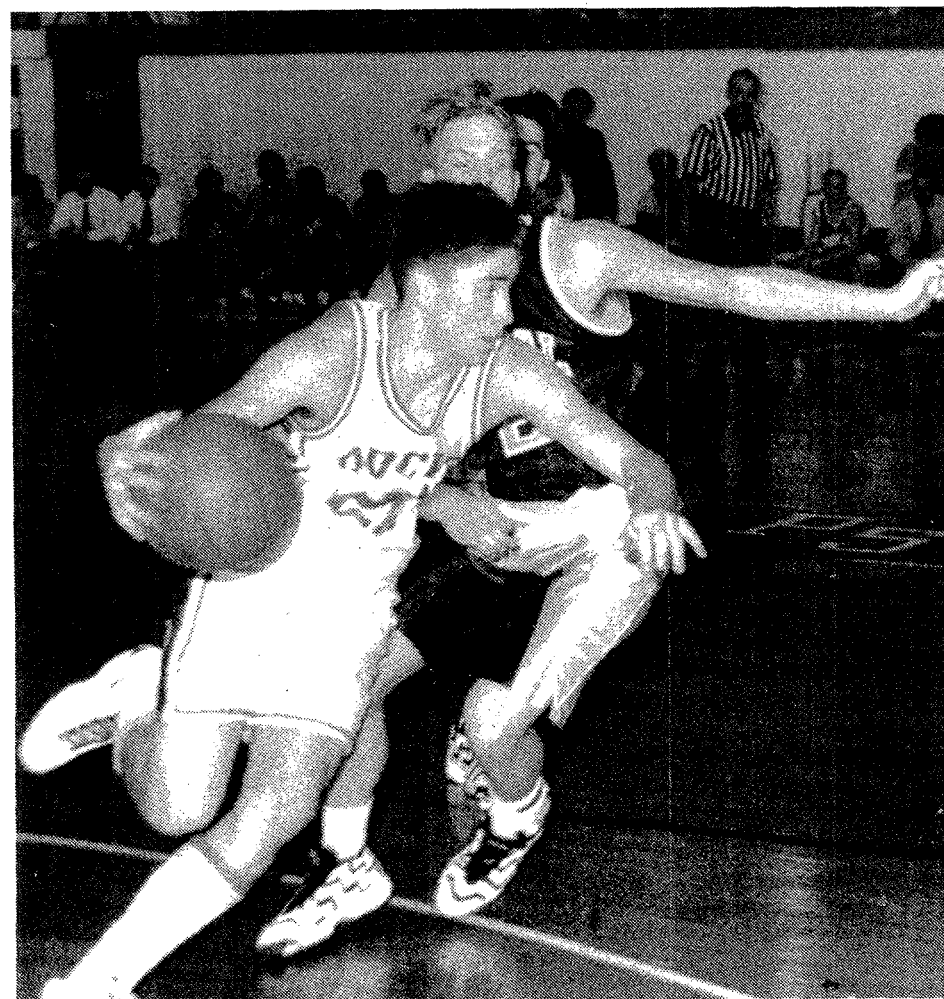
Salem coach Bob Brodie was pleased with the way his squad hung in the game, but he knows the foul shooting situation was a major factor. Central was given 32 opportunities on the foul line and converted 22 shots while Salem was only given 13 chances at the line and made eight of them.

"They (Western) capitalized on their opportunities and a few possessions, and they just maintained their lead," Brodie said. "We were forced into a foul situation. That 22-8 point spread in foul shooting was big."

The Rocks rebounding woes continued as they were taken in that department 32-20. Ryan Andrezjewski led the team in scoring with 20 points and Andy Power also contributed his share with 13 points.

"We've been shooting well recently, but sometimes when we shoot the ball well we seem to lose, but if we shoot bad we sometimes win," Brodie said. "We've been playing some quality teams lately and have some tough games to come, but we're staying close in those games."

Salem plays at John Glenn on Friday.



Junior guard Nate Gray powers past a Walled Lake Central opponent. It wasn't enough for the Rocks to win. Salem fell, 70-62. Salem's record fell to a disappointing 5-4. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Rocks crush Chiefs

In the battle of volleyball titans, Salem proved who's the top team on the PCEP campus

BY MATT HUCAL

At the 10-team Plymouth Invitational held last Saturday at Salem, there was a very good chance that rivals Canton and Salem would end up colliding after the first round of pool play and some sparks would be flying. Well, they collided, but the spark wasn't there for the Chiefs once it happened.

Canton coach Steve Anderson knows that his team's loss to Salem in the semi-finals 2-15, 12-15, could have ended differently if the mental mistakes weren't so abundant.

"The whole day we weren't playing like ourselves," Anderson said. "We had a lot of little mistakes and it seemed that mentally we weren't concentrating."

The first team Canton encountered in the tournament was Harrison, and they ended up splitting with the Hawks 7-15, 15-11. They then took on Garden City and won 15-6, 15-2, with 14 of their 30 points coming off service aces. Anderson was disappointed with the outcome of the next match against Franklin when they split 15-2, 13-15. He believes they should have handled them better. They finished their pool play against Romulus with a 15-2, 15-4, win.

The Chiefs had tied for first in their pool with Harrison, but

because Harrison had won by more in the head-to-head, the Hawks were ranked first. So Canton faced off against Salem — the winner in their own pool — in the semi-finals.

In the second game of the Salem match the Chiefs were ahead, 8-0, before their service errors started mounting up to eight.

"If our serving had been on I'm sure we would've forced a third game," Anderson said.

Some individual performances that held the Chiefs together included some strong inside play by Beth Ostach, as she pounded down 16 kills and Nikki Kovachovich was their top server with 16 aces. Leading the team in digs were Kristi Drinkhahn with 36, and Jessica Orleman and Amber Welles with 25 each.

As a team, the Chiefs tallied up 49 aces along with a disappointing 34 errors.

In the digs category they dug 152 times, averaging about 15 per game.

"Our serving had a lot to do with our loss (to Salem). We were missing key serves in key situations all day," Anderson said.

"We're hoping that all these little things that have been happening to us will be resolved by the end of the season. As long as we work on that we'll be alright, because we have the talent."

Bulls lead PCJBA Boys 'B' League

These are the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association standings (PCJBA) for the week of Jan. 13.

Girls "A" League Tournament.

First Round: Pistons 42 - Kings 32. Celtics 48 - Bulls 33.

Second Round: Pistons 46 - Lakers 36. Magic 43 - Celtics 38.

Boys "A" League Tournament.

First Round: Rockets 57 - Kings 49. Sonics 64 - Knicks 60. Bucks 79 - Bulls

63. Magic 63 - Celtics 61. Spurs 68 - Jazz 54. Pacers 84 - 76ers 66. Lakers 56 - Hawks 55. Pistons 83 - Nets 62.

Boys "B" League

American: Bulls 4-0; Pistons 4-0; Nets 3-1; Sonics 2-2; Kings 1-3; Magic 1-3; Hawks 1-3; Bucks 0-4.

National: Knicks 4-0; Jazz 4-0; Spurs 3-1; Celtics 1-3; Lakers 1-3; Rockets 1-3; 76ers 1-3; Pacers 1-3.

SCORES: Hawks 47 - Kings 44. Bulls

41 - Bucks 32. Spurs 55 - Lakers 47. Pacers 46 - Celtics 28. Sonics 34 - Magic 20. Pistons 37 - Nets 30. Jazz 57 - 76ers 34. Knicks 35 - Rockets 24.

Devilish grins



The Plymouth Canton Devils, a pee-wee hockey team, finished their regular season with a 19-1-3 record. They combined for 113 goals and nine shutouts, while only allowing 21 goals. The Devils are the Plymouth Canton Pee-Wee champions and are now off to districts. They defeated both the Plymouth Canton Wizards and the Turbo Sharks to earn the privilege of going to districts. The members of the team are led by captain Steve Rapson and assistant captains Jason Knurek and Adam Dilley. The others are Troy Starkey, Dustin Smith, Tyler Lang, Ryan Stipp, Nick Northville, Andrew Plagens, Joe Rzyzi, Jeff Fabry, Jack Ware, Bobby Breen, Travis Pyle, Andrew Martin, and James Dogonski. They are coached by Phil Lang who is assisted by Jim Urick and Tim Smith.

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

At home versus Northville on Friday. At home versus North Farmington on Tuesday. At Harrison on Feb. 2. At John Glenn on Feb. 6.

CANTON SWIMMING

At home versus Churchill tomorrow at 7 p.m. At home versus Stevenson on Tuesday at 7 p.m. At home versus Walled Lake on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

At Northville tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. At Belleville on Saturday at 10 a.m. At Salem for a four-way meet with Franklin and Stevenson on Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. At Garden City for the Observerland Invitational on Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

At home versus Hartland a week from today at 7 p.m. At home for the Plymouth Canton Invitational on Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. At John Glenn on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At Harrison today at 6 p.m. At Dearborn for the U of M Varsity Invitational on Saturday. At home versus Farmington on Monday at 6 p.m. At Franklin a week from today at 6 p.m. At the Schoolcraft Invitational on Feb. 3 at 9 a.m.

SALEM BASKETBALL

At John Glenn on Friday. At home versus Churchill on Tuesday. At home versus Stevenson on Feb. 2. At home versus Franklin on Feb. 6.

SALEM SWIMMING

At Stevenson tomorrow at 7 p.m. At home versus Dearborn on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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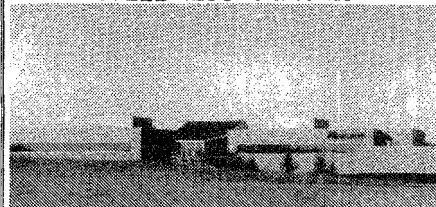
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Community opinions

Pass the baton

New retail association should be given chance to set focus of Plymouth retailers

All good things come to an end.

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has been a positive vehicle for many things, but circumstances change and its ability to be the best vehicle for leadership — in some areas — has changed as well.

In particular, while the major thrust of the Plymouth Chamber's promotional efforts have historically focused on the "downtown" of Plymouth, other forces have stepped forward to carry the ball and left the Plymouth Chamber's Retail Committee, a frustrated and helpless lot, with members in deserved full-scale desertion.

The bickering and divisiveness, which has turned the downtown retailers away from this Plymouth Chamber effort, has now reached fatal proportions.

Ironically, before the Plymouth Chamber's blowup last week, a new approach has been gaining favor — a Downtown Plymouth Merchants' Association — fueled in part by a different approach than any chamber of commerce can take.

Just as times changed and the Plymouth Rotary Club passed the Fall Festival baton to the Plymouth Chamber, the Chamber then passed the baton on to a now-35-year-old independent Fall Fest

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



Board. (That structure has proven a time-tested community benefit.)

Other events here — often hosted in other American towns by a chamber of commerce — have gone that independent route in Plymouth. Art in the Park and the Ice Festival are independent events, just like the Fall Festival.

So what does the Plymouth Chamber Retail Committee do?

Its only major, newly successful effort was the Artrageous galleries' promotion. (For that, the organizers deserve support!)

The Santa-arrives, tree-lighting, pumpkin-carving, midnight madness, sidewalk-sales, early shopping, etc. promotions are old and uninspiring. Retailers participate in the events less than they are supportive.

Added to the Plymouth Chamber's Retail Committee woes is the awkward challenge of promoting throughout The

Plymouth Community (city and township) when obviously its promotion focus sits downtown.

The thrice-seriously-rejuvenated Old Village (a.k.a. Lower Town) Movement is now in full force. Although there have been many more minor sightings of Old Village organization there, this could be THE major launch. Its thrust has been shown little interest by the Plymouth Chamber Retail Committee.

Last week's Plymouth Chamber Retail Committee meeting was a crowning glory — especially since the Merchants Association meeting had already been called.

Before the Retail Committee meeting even officially began last Tuesday at the Plymouth Chamber offices, sniping between downtown businesses became the major focus, and other unsuspecting, uninvolved businesses became caught in the bicker. After word of the meeting's

unsuccess spread through town, several business owners-managers-staffers said, "See why we don't bother to participate?"

Plymouth Chamber critics say simply, "What's new?" or "Where's the leadership?"

Plymouth Chamber officials walk the usual line, "Don't blame us for individual comments or a failed meeting" even though they took credit the next day for the Retail Committee's existence and try to diminish the negatives. The Plymouth Chamber once again seems more adept at taking credit for minor goodness than for accepting responsibility for its overall efforts.

A more reasoned, calm approach (than the growing number and verve of Plymouth Chamber critics) asks, "What can replace this ineffectiveness?"

Timing is everything!

Before last week's Gunfight-At-The-OK-Corral (a.k.a. the Plymouth Chamber Retail Committee), the call had already been sent out to Downtown Plymouth Merchants to attend a meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Mayflower Hotel's Colony Room.

The purpose?

Should an independent Merchants' Association be formed?

Before the "independent" label gets TOO attached, it should be noted that the official blessing of this idea comes from the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Careful watchers of The Plymouth-Canton Community may recall that the DDA and the Plymouth Chamber had dueling information booths across the street from each other at the Ice Fest two years ago.

That's right. The same DDA that ignored Bill Beitner's advice and constructed — at taxpayers' expense — a traffic island on Ann Arbor Trail that was wiped out for the first time just last weekend, may actually be able to listen to retailers' advice? (The island was supposed to be for safety... fortunately no one was hurt when the car ran it down).

The catch is that the DDA is a forced, tax-supported downtown effort and has the likely chance to pass a two-mill "promotion tax" for downtown. (Probably a good idea — with restrictions... like putting Beitner on the board.)

By contrast, the Plymouth Chamber is a voluntary effort trying to suck up to everybody to get dues. It tries to please everyone and, thus, pleases few, if any.

The Plymouth Chamber Retail Committee's time has passed — it can't overcome its frustrations and leadership

Super K-Mart would hurt Canton

EDITOR:

Concerning the Super K-Mart to be constructed on the north side of Ford Road, west of Haggerty Road.

1. Did you know?
2. Do you care?

Do we need this project development and the problems we could have.

It will bring a considerable influx of people and traffic from other areas to Canton. Can we really handle all the traffic and inconvenience we will have to contend with at the Haggerty Road entrance for the semi-trucks and deliveries and the Ford Road entrance and parking lot for customers?

Noise, traffic and trucks night and day! What will happen to the present K-Mart anchor store at Ford Road and Sheldon Road and the adjoining strip stores? Will it sit vacant like the Farmer Jack store on Main Street in Plymouth and used as a write-off? How about the present K-Marts at Cherry Hill, Wayne, Ford and Middlebelt?

The Dearborn Super K-Mart resulted in a vacant K-Mart on Michigan and Greenfield; the Super K-Mart on Fort Street in Lincoln

Park resulted in a vacant K-Mart on Outer Drive.

The list could go on and on. What will happen to our Canton Meijer store? Will it still be profitable, or will they leave because of their other stores in Belleville, Westland and Northville?

Let's look to the future. Will our community and other communities have these vacant white elephants to contend with blighting our areas? We need to question the financial future of the K-Mart corporation.

Look at the over saturation of markets such as the Source Club at Newburgh and Warren, open for a short time, now sitting vacant for more than a year, closing of warehouse clubs, etc.

We can still be proactive and let our thoughts and feeling about the project be known to our Canton officials.

A Canton Board of Trustees meetings is to be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 5 in the meeting room of Canton Township Hall regarding this matter. Please call before hand, send letters, and attend the meeting to let them know of your concerns and opposition while you have the opportunity.

RICHARD AND DONNA BARGOWSKI

Historic house; historic guest?

If only old Ebenezer Jenckes Penniman was Catholic, Fr. John Sullivan might have a little help writing his homilies for parishioners at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in downtown Plymouth.

Not that Sullivan needs any help, but Penniman seems more than eager to be

Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



involved in the rectory's happenings.

The rectory — or the White House as it more popularly known — was

Penniman's home from 1840, when he first moved to Plymouth to, well, today.

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Community opinions

It's time to pass retail baton

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issues.

The Downtown Plymouth Merchants Association now gets a turn at the plate.

Can its DDA parentage see past the history of ignoring constructive criticism? (Beitner now joins the ranks of many prophets who would rather be proven wrong historically, than be correct in the first place. He's somewhat miffed though — it was Steve Mansfield of Heide's Flowers who won the pool on the ill-conceived Trail island, having picked the island's sixth week for its first obliteration).

Can the DDA help replace the Chamber's declining leadership when it spent money on out-of-town marketing, but nothing on the Ice Fest? Can the

DDA lead or help a retail group when it buys office furniture out of town?

Or will a DDA-driven Downtown Merchants Association give a true, locally-interested merchant group the authority to direct, promote, coordinate downtown activities?

If the DDA doesn't help the Merchants Association focus in a positive way, the new group will be no more effective than the Plymouth Chamber has become for retailing.

Meanwhile, the City Commission cannot shirk its downtown responsibilities by letting the DDA decide its major issues. The DPW should get back to picking up trash downtown; the Commission (not the DDA) should coordinate events; the Commission must

get off the dime on parking and loading zones and pedestrian access; the Commission should re-start commercial garbage collection, etc.

Despite those caveats...

A Downtown Merchants Association makes much sense and is worth a try.

It should replace the Plymouth Chamber's Retail Committee.

EVERY Downtown Plymouth Retailer should have a hand in the formation and attend the opening session of the new Merchants group. They should show up at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Mayflower.

The DDA should let this new group run with the ball — after all, the Plymouth Chamber couldn't do it and it's time to pass the baton.

Is Penniman visiting OLG?C?

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How is this possible? It seems as though Penniman has such a strong attachment to the magnificent house, he doesn't want to let the fact he passed away more than 100 years ago get in the way of being a playful and courteous host to his guests. "I had no idea of this when I came here," said Sullivan, who has been at Good Counsel for three years. "One of the priests told me, 'Are you the only in the Dioceses that doesn't know?' And I said, 'Know What?' And he said, 'There's a spirit there'."

Believe it or not?

Ripley hasn't visited. But there are many believers — and no objectors, not even Sullivan and the fellow priests who inherited a roommate that doesn't help with the electric or phone bills, and makes a racket when others are trying to sleep. "I don't want anyone to get an impression that there's anything fearful in here," Sullivan said, "because it's not."

Penniman certainly doesn't live up to the reputation of his first name — the same as an ornery character in "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Penniman couldn't be mean to Hillary Rodham Clinton (FYI: He was in Jackson in 1854 for the founding of the Republican Party.) But like the First Lady, people are always wondering what kind of trouble he's been into lately. "It's quite the conversation piece," Sullivan said. "People come in and they ask all kinds of questions; the kids get excited."

So what does Sullivan tell them? Well, if you're lucky enough to know Sullivan, he'll sit you down on Penniman's couch in the White House's front room, meticulously decorated in a Post-Civil War motif, and he'll relate to you all the fable's past on to him. And some personal experiences about a spirit visited.

Of footsteps across an empty hallway. Of the doorbell ringing, and no fingers pressing it at the other end. Of tapping at the windows. "It's coincidental, maybe," Sullivan said. "But these things that have happened, it doesn't seem to be the wind or the wood creaking. Explain to me: Why in the middle of the night a door would slam?"

Penniman must be a night owl because Sullivan said he has often been awakened from a deep sleep. "It was probably about 3:30 (a.m.)," said Sullivan about a recent occurrence. "I heard footsteps right outside my door, and then I heard movement at the bookshelves."

Thinking it was Fr. Jim Livingston catching up on some work, Sullivan returned to his slumber. At breakfast that morning, before Sullivan could ask Livingston what we was doing up so late, Livingston asked him why he was working through the night. There was nobody else in the house that night. "We both thought it was the other one," Sullivan said.

They were dreaming, you say?

Sullivan's brother-in-law was wide awake, volunteering his time to clean up the basement one day when Penniman decided to lend him a hand. With the sun going down, Sullivan's brother-in-law went to turn on a light so he could continue his work. When the light didn't come on, he tried in vain to fix it. Frustrated, and, perhaps, doubting the stories of Penniman, he decided to try something. "He said, 'Okay Ebenezer, if you're really here why can't you turn on these lights?'" Sullivan said. "And a few minutes later, the light above the refrigerator came on. It just kind of slowly came on. I heard him yell downstairs. I went down and the light was on. He didn't stay down there too much longer."

There's more. About 10 years ago a priest was staying in the house and woke up to a whole lot more than a ruckus at the bookshelves. "He woke up in the middle of the night," Sullivan said, "and happened to see a face. Now I don't know, that's pretty wild. That's one of the reasons I don't want to see the picture of Penniman's face."

Even more startling, a couple of Christmas's ago the Penniman family Bible was put out as a decoration. When Christmas had past and the decorations were being taken down, the Bible had strangely disappeared, only to miraculously reappear much later in Sullivan's bookcase. "Nobody admits to putting it there," he said, "and we don't have a lot of people coming in here. So it's in my bookcase behind the glass door, so everyday I check it to see if it's still there."

Convinced? If you're not by now, I don't know what will. Maybe Penniman will do something even more spectacular in the future. But you might be in for a long wait, Penniman seems to be on holiday recess. "Maybe he's giving us a break," said Sullivan.

I'm convinced, but I'm a mystery buff. What's not a mystery is Penniman's legacy. He is one the greatest figures in Plymouth's history. Penniman was a land developer, banker, merchant and served in the 32nd Congress from 1851-53. When Penniman left Congress, he donated a school he had built to the school system. He was a fierce opponent of slavery, and in 1861 worked with fellow resident and War Democrat Henry Fralick to raise and equip the first company of Michigan soldiers to serve the Union Army. He was very community-minded, building the first wooden sidewalk in 1872 and handing out quarters to children during Christmastime. "I guess that's why I'm not afraid," Sullivan said, "because I know I'm living in a house where people tried to help their neighbors."

And if Penniman should return to his pranks and odd hours? "It's not disrupting," Sullivan said. "It's playful. I'm not frightened to stay at home alone."

Then again, you're never really all alone are you Fr. Sullivan?

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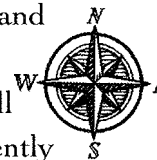
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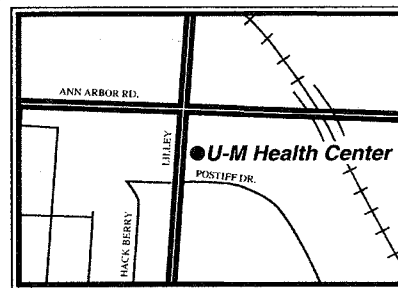
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