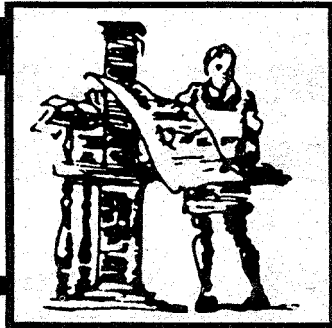


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Finance director fired

Graham's work performance called into question by City Manager

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The City Finance Director was fired by the Plymouth City Commission Monday for alleged poor job performance.

Bill Graham, who has been with the City for nine years, could receive \$7,500 severance pay and retirement benefits if he signs a "departure agreement" — also passed by the City Commission last night.

City Manager Steve Walters said Graham's performance had dropped over the past several years. Graham and Walters had reportedly been negotiating Graham's leaving for three weeks. "It's not one little thing — this or that," Walters said. "But there were some negative descriptions in the audit report."

The annual audit was presented to the City Commission at the Jan. 16 meeting. The auditor called the City's accounting "clean," but added that there were some com-

puter problems and mentioned slow billing. The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority has complained that its statements — compiled by Graham — have been slow in coming.

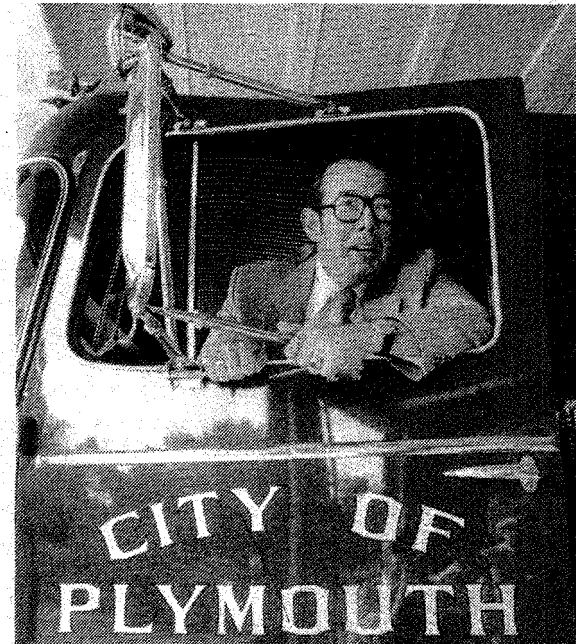
Attorney John Thomas, who is representing Graham, said even though the City passed a termination agreement, nothing has been signed by his client.

"He (Graham) has announced what he thinks the terms of termination would be," Thomas said. "He did not agree to it. In fact, there is no agreement."

Walters said the structure of the treasury, finance and assessing department will remain the same. "(Treasurer) Theresa Cischke, myself and the auditors will fill in until a replacement is hired," he said.

According to Walters, Graham's last day is March 27.

Thomas said it was not Graham's idea to leave City



Graham began his career with City of Plymouth nine years ago. City Manager Steve Walters cites poor work performance as the reason for his dismissal. (Crier file photo)

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History lesson *Wooden doors will again grace Geer School*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton Schools got a history lesson recently.

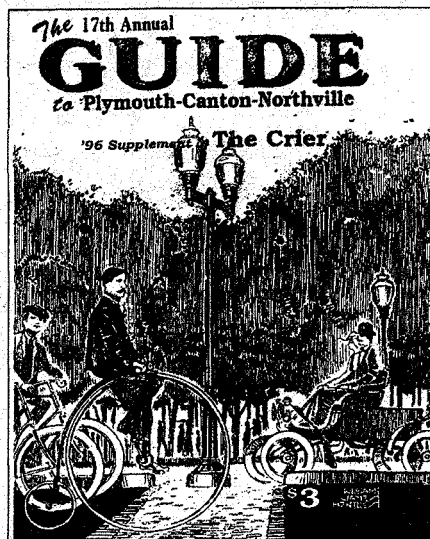
After being informed they were violating an ordinance with the Washtenaw County Planning Commission, the P-C Schools have decided to reinstall wooden doors at the historic Geer School in Superior Township. They had been removed and replaced with

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metal doors that did not reflect the building's heritage. "Basically, we have to rectify it," said Director of Business and Operations John Birchler. "We definitely realize we did something we shouldn't have done."

The decision to reinstall wooden doors was made after a discussion Birchler had over the phone with Denis Schmiedeke, past president, Washtenaw County Historical Commission. "He was very helpful," said Birchler. "He gave us a lot of options, and we've been given names to help with the restoration."

"He talked very cooperatively," said Schmiedeke, "like he didn't know, which is understandable because he hasn't been on his job very long. He probably wasn't acquainted with it."

Birchler is in his first school year as director of business and operations; he replaced Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations Ray Hoedel, who retired last summer. "When I heard about it I thought there had to be a misunderstanding," said Kate Otto, chairperson of Geer restoration, who added she was unfamiliar with situation because she had been out of town.

The issue arose two weeks ago when three white wooden doors were removed from Geer School, and replaced with gray, metal doors — a request made by Administrator in Charge Cheryl Clason. "Cheryl had commented that the back door at Geer School needed to be replaced," said P-C Schools Community Relations Judy Evola, "and the front doors needed to be looked at and/or replaced."

Superintendent Charles Little and Birchler said the wooden doors were removed and replaced at a cost of \$3,000 because they were rotting and insecure. "The doors were deteriorating, literally falling off," said Little, "and there were some concerns about security."

Geer School, which the P-C Schools use to let students experience the days of the one-room school house, sits on a dark and desolate stretch of Plymouth Road. "There's not a lot of people out there everyday," said Birchler.

Besides securing the building better, Birchler said he thought he would avoid replac-

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Liberty

Plans made for 5th annual Liberty Fest in Canton

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Sundance

Plymouth resident makes a living helping others in need

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Both Canton and Salem make it to state level in gymnastics

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Tobacco ordinance drafted by City to fight teen abuse

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Young smokers, beware.

In an effort to combat underage tobacco use, the Plymouth City Commission passed the first reading of an ordinance that will make smoking or chewing tobacco a civil infraction — punishable by fine and community service time.

City Attorney Cameron Miller said the ordinance was drafted following a number of concerns voiced to the commission.

"As it stands now," he said, "if minors are prosecuted under the state ordinance, it's a non-action. This will provide better

control and enforcement for us."

Miller said kids caught smoking will be charged with a civil infraction instead of a misdemeanor. "This way, they won't have a criminal record," he said.

In addition to a \$50 fine, the court may also order the person to perform 16 hours of community service or participate in a health promotion program. For subsequent violations, the community service hours jump to 32 and 48 hours. The Plymouth Department of Public Works will provide and administer the work.

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City fires Graham

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employment. "The City Manager wanted to make this change," he said. "It was not his idea to leave."

Graham could not be reached for comment as of press time.

"Obviously," Walters said, "this is not an enjoyable process for the City or him."

Graham was recruited to Plymouth by former City Manager Henry Graper. When Graper was fired, Graham served as acting City Manager and was in charge of "cleaning up" Graper's reimbursement of "expenses" to the City.

Graham follows other City of Plymouth department heads who have left following the arrival of current City Manager Steve Walters.

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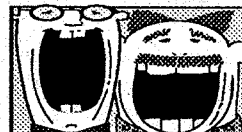

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Construction begins on Whalers' facility in Plymouth Township

BY BRIAN CORBETT

This is a whale of a story for local hockey fans.

Construction on a 150,000 square foot arena began Monday on 26 acres of land on Beck Road, between M-14 and Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township.

The 4,000 seat facility will be the home for the Detroit Junior Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League and the Detroit Ambassadors of the North American Hockey League. Whalers Assistant General Manager Kerry Kerch said construction will be completed in six months. "They're planning on having it done by the end of August," he said. "I think it is an aggressive schedule. But the company that is building it has built many arenas in the past, and they're always on time. They're always on budget, and they believe they can have it done by the end of summer."

The Junior Whalers, who currently play home dates at The Palace and Oak Park Arena, will play 33 games plus playoffs at the new arena. The Whalers' schedule for the 1996-97 season won't be released until June, but Kerch estimated the first home game will be in late September or early October.

Team owner Peter Karmanos is building the arena with Thomas Thewes, who shares ownership of the NHL's Hartford Whalers with Karmanos, and Thomas



Mullen, owner of Plymouth Township-based TNT-EDM, Inc. Seven teams for youngsters, sponsored by Karmanos-founded Compuware of Farmington Hills, summer hockey schools, figure skaters, tournaments, adult leagues and public skating will also utilize the facility. To better accommodate the demand, the arena will have two rinks, in addition to private boxes, a restaurant and pro shop. "There's such a demand for use around the Metro area," Kerch said. "The Plymouth community rink (the Cultural Center) is probably sold out on ice all the time. That's why we threw down two sheets here, so the kids don't have to travel to other rinks across town. We're going to accommodate everybody."

If that statement holds true, the

Plymouth Cultural Center rink may experience a decline in use. Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director Tom Willette said if the new arena focuses on just hockey, then the effect may not be that great. "Obviously, it's going to have some impact," he said. "It's just a matter of waiting to see how much."

The arrival of the Junior Whalers will give residents of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community top notch junior hockey. Last year, Whalers' defenseman Bryan Berard was the first pick overall in the NHL draft, and Eric Lindros played in the OHL before emerging as a superstar with the Philadelphia Flyers. Kerch anticipates plans for season ticket packages will soon be released.

"We don't have anything yet," Kerch said. "We will be announcing our season ticket package early (this) week. I can tell you this: they will be very affordable tickets. For the money, they'll be great hockey value."

While local skating enthusiasts are sure to benefit, Kerch said the Whalers are excited about the move too. "We averaged about 8,000 the last few years at the Palace and at Joe Louis," said Kerch. "And probably during the season we've had crowds of about 4,000 and you don't have the intimacy you will in Plymouth. I'm sure we'll have a full house every night."

The cable television War begins

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The first volley in the cable television war in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community was launched last Thursday.

Ameritech/Americast filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) charging Continental Cablevision and Home Box Office, a subsidiary of Time-Warner, with unlawfully denying consumers in the four-community consortium of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Canton, along with Northville Township, access to HBO and Cinemax programming.

Americast representatives claim an exclusive contract allegedly signed by Time Warner's HBO division and Continental Cablevision in 1989 does not apply to the former Omnicom properties.

The U.S. Congress passed the Cable Act of 1992. A portion of this act outlawed exclusive contracts, but "grandfathered" any such contracts signed before June 1, 1990.

The question becomes: Does Continental's contract with HBO apply to new acquisitions such as their recent purchase of Omnicom?

Greg Brown of Americast said it does not.

"This boils down to customers having a choice," he said. "The law says all programming should be offered to consumers."

In a written statement, Continental Cablevision said Americast's claim has no legal merit. "Continental's contract with HBO predates and is grandfathered by the 1992 Cable Act," the letter said. "We will provide the FCC with whatever information it requires to confirm the facts of the matter, but we do not intend to discuss our HBO contract publicly as its terms are proprietary."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said he and the other communities are involved with the cable battle because the individual municipalities approve the cable franchises. "We just want an

equal playing field," he said. "We are here to lend our support to the notion of competition."

Yack said the communities will "look into" the possibility of using their franchise agreement as leverage to force Continental to the negotiating table. "We haven't had enough time to study that," he said, "but we will be looking at it."

"Each community would agree that what we're trying to accomplish is to create competition in the community. The way it is now, it undermines what we were trying to accomplish at the negotiating table."

Brown said a ruling from the FCC may take several months to arrive, but added that Ameritech plans to begin offering Americast home entertainment services beginning this summer in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Americast is the telecommunications-programming venture of Ameritech, BellSouth, SBC Communications, GTE and The Walt Disney Company.

"This situation is unique to the five communities here," he said.

"We have HBO available to other communities in the Midwest."

Brown said their attempts to negotiate with HBO have been unsuccessful for The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. "We've pursued this diligently," he said. "We want true competition and choice for this community. HBO is a very popular channel. This is simply anti-competitive. They want to defer, deny and delay competition."

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is the first in the nation to see true cable competition. A franchise agreement with Ameritech/Americast was reached with the municipalities of the community in less than one year. It took nearly three years for the communities to reach a franchise agreement with Continental Cablevision, and before them Omnicom.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Newcomers Club meeting and craft night is set for tonight at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse.

THE WEEKEND

- An antique show will be held Friday and Saturday in Northville. Call (810) 349-0203 for times and more information.
- Canton Clean-Up weekend is set for Friday and Saturday at CWR. Call (313) 397-5801 for information on what will be accepted and drop-off times.
- Canton Project Arts is holding an "Evening of Broadway Music" in conjunction with the Michigan Opera Theatre Saturday at the Summit on the Park. Call (313) 397-6405 for ticket availability and information.

NEXT WEEK

- Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters is presenting "A History of City Hall" March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.
- Shine up shoes and polish your jewelry. March 16 is the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Auction/Dinner Dance at the Summit on the Park. Call the chamber to reserve your tickets for the event.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES-REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Ms. Arnold who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the February 13, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the amended by adding item 1.2 Partnership Agreement between the American Golf corporation and Plymouth Township for the Golf Course lease. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the amended agenda for the February 27, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing on the proposed use of the 1996 Community Block Grant Funds at 7:42 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Griffith moved to approve the expenditure of the 1996 Community Development Block Grant funds as follows:

\$ 6,000.00	Plymouth Council on Aging
10,000.00	Senior Transportation Program
88,692.50	American Disability Act Accessibility Program- Plymouth township Facility Alterations
11,632.50	Administration

Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing on the proposed establishment of an Industrial Development District at 7:45 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 96-02-27-02 creating an Industrial Development District for the Industrial Zoned Properties located south of Ann Arbor Road, east of Lilley Road north of Joy Road and west of Haggerty Road, and north of Ann Arbor Road, east of Lilley Road (Mill Street) to the north boundary of Plymouth Township and west of the C&O Railroad tracks described in the attached legal description. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

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

Resolution declared adopted

Mr. Mueller moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement and the Partnership Agreement within 24 hours between American golf Corporation and Plymouth Township to lease Hilltop Golf Course. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize a Limited Time Open Window Retirement Program for full-time, non-represented employees with eligibility, enrollment period and benefits as recommended by the Finance Director. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to amend the 1996 General Fund Budget to increase manpower in the Assessing Department by one clerical position and to appropriate \$25,000 in Assessing to fund the new position. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mrs. Brooks moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the revised Letter of Understanding between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Plymouth Community Professional Firefighter's Association, regarding the waiver of medical benefits. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Utility Easement for Ted & Linda Boloven, located on lot 19 of Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks thanked Chief Berry for informing Board members of what is happening in the Police Department. Being informed allows Board members to respond to questions by residents more affectively.

Senate Bill 766, which prohibits governmental entities from requiring individuals to reside within certain geographic areas or specified distances or travel times from their place of employment as a condition of employment or promotion was discussed.

Mr. Curmi requested that Chief Groth and Chief Berry look at methods to reduce the number of false alarms received by the township.

Mr. griffith moved to receive and file Reports as listed. Seconded by Mr. Brooks. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on February 27, 1996. The full text is available in the Clerk's office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 12, 1996

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON MARCH 19, 1996

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary will be held in the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in order that the Democratic and Republican voters in Michigan can nominate from among the candidates of their respective parties, the person they wish to have nominated from Michigan for the Office of the President of the United States.

Applications for absentee ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main street, Plymouth. Phone Number 453-1234 extension 234 or 225. For the Charter Township of Plymouth, applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Phone number 453-3840 extension 224 or 228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the respective Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. On Monday, March 18, absentee voters may receive their ballots and must vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the City of Plymouth and Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

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Sealed bid proposals are due on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 1996. Bids will be opened and read publicly at that time. Thereafter, proposals will be referred to the administrative selection committee for evaluation and recommendation to the Board of Education.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Susan E. Davis, Secretary

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Super K opposition sputters in Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Expecting heavy public opposition, the Canton Board of Trustees approved the special land use and site plan for the Super K-Mart store.

That opposition never came.

The meeting room of Canton Township Hall was packed with extra chairs for the meeting to approve the 27-acre, 200,113 square foot complex that will be built behind Builders Square on Ford Road. The visible opposition to the project was limited to three.

One was Ron Zonca, who said more would have attended the meeting if notice would have been given. "I had no idea we were going to meet today until very late," he said. "If we'd have known, we would have packed this place."

Zonca said residents are concerned that traffic and noise will ruin the peaceful subdivisions located near the construction site. "This is going to affect us for years to come," he said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the community's hands are tied when it comes to approval of many of the projects that come to the trustees. "The game we play is spelled out by the State of Michigan," he said. "What we have to do as a community is zone.

Then we have to develop zoning ordinances. Beyond that, we have virtually no control. Our hands are tied."

Construction is expected to begin in May. Maureen Kingsbury, who lives directly behind the construction site, said she is concerned about a long summer, full of the noise and dust that goes along with construction. Kingsbury asked representatives of K-Mart: "Do I have to watch you build this store?"

City drafts tobacco ordinance

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Miller said the 35th District Court judges are prepared to handle the tobacco violations.

"It was a program the 35th District Court was already looking at," he said. "Frankly, the judges have been looking

forward to something like this coming through."

Miller said the ordinance was also drafted as a way to stop youth crime from escalating. "Quite often youths who smoke we see down the road in other trouble," he said.

Schools scrap metal doors at Geer School

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ing rotting wood doors in another five years by installing metal doors, which would be painted white in the spring so they wouldn't be so noticeable.

But the doors had already been noticed by several local residents, who informed the Planning Commission and Historical Commission. Planning Commission Administrative Coordinator Eve Wuttke quickly notified the P-C Schools they were in violation of a 1989 Historic District ordinance, which required the owner of Geer School to notify the Planning Commission of repairs and/or alteration. "They failed to notify the commission," said Wuttke, "and that is in violation of the Historic District."

Violators of the ordinance face a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail. But Wuttke said no threats were needed to convince the P-C Schools that the metal doors were

affecting the building's aesthetic value. "Mr. Birchler has been so agreeable over the phone," said Wuttke. "He asked for a copy of the lease so he can look at it."

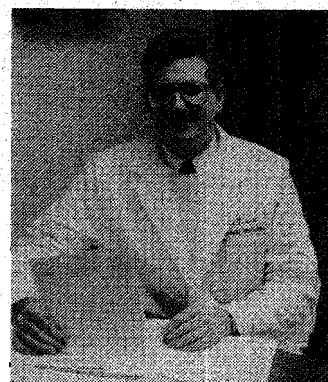
After reviewing the ordinance, Birchler said, "They're (the doors) are pretty much going to have to come back to be in compliance with the ordinance."

Conversations between Birchler and Schmiedeke have proved fruitful. "I gave John a number of a very good carpenter," said Schmiedeke, "who just spent 10 years working at Greenfield Village as a master restoration technician."

It is a possibility, Birchler said, the three original doors may be returned to Geer School. Even though the Historical and Planning commissions will discuss the situation at a meeting tomorrow, the door has apparently been shut on the Geer School problem. "Historic preservation isn't easy," said Schmiedeke.

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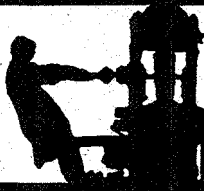
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NOTICE 1996 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 1996 at 12:00 Noon.

The Regular Board of Review session will begin:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996	12:15 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1996	12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996	12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1996	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1995 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 6, 1996 by 9:00 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative, agent must have written authority to represent owner, by Monday, March 18, 1996.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (313) 453-1234 x 223.

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Neighbors in the news

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is accepting scholarship applications now through April 1 for the spring 1996 semester. The number of scholarships awarded will depend on available funds and most awards will pay for tuition.

Applicants must submit college transcripts and a 150-word statement on career goals and how they are financing their education. Students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Applications are available at the Schoolcraft College Financial Aid office, located on campus in the McDowell Center. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at (313) 462-4433.

Laura Reyes Kopack of Plymouth was recently recognized for serving as secretary of Boysville of Michigan at their Annual Appreciation Dinner at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Effective immediately, the American Red Cross Canton Donor Center, located in the Westgate Plaza at 6700 Canton Center Rd., will operate under new extended hours designed to be more convenient for volunteer blood donors.

The new hours are 1-7 p.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, whose district includes Canton, attended every Senate session held since his election to the post, and did not miss a single vote during 1995.

Bennett is one of only six state senators present for all 92 session days, and one of only four senators to cast his vote the 811 times record roll call votes were taken in 1995.

Andrew Ealovega, Brian Oprisiu, Douglas Mouch II, Martha Bielecki and Naomi Pack of Canton and Karin Kangas and Matthew Mosley of Plymouth were named to the fall semester academic honors list at Ferris State University. To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of work.

David G. Lee, son of Terry and Sherry Lee of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force recently. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the electronics career field.



1996 marks the fifth year of the successful Canton Liberty Fest. The event mixes activities for young and old as seen in this picture from the 1994 event. (Crier file photo)

Liberty in Canton

The hard work of organizing what will be the fifth annual Canton Liberty Fest has begun.

Members of the organizing committee have begun meeting in an effort to make the annual event bigger and better than the successful festival in 1995, when more than 45,000 people visited Heritage Park over a three-day period.

The 1996 Liberty Festival committee is led by Bob Dates, recreation supervisor, but also includes Canton staff members Marianne Stewart, Barb Adkins, Gordon Stevens, Donna Theeek, Michelle Murch, Dianne Neihengen, Kathleen Salla, Anna Stump, Lisa Lenaghan and Ken Voyles. The Canton Chamber of Commerce is represented by Linda Shapona, while the Canton Foundation is represented by Joan Noricks. Also on the committee are Sharon Dillenbeck and Brian Lawrence.

The group will continue to meet monthly in preparation for the special fifth anniversary event, which is being expanded to four days this year from June 20-23.

This year's list of happenings during the festival includes: Saturday night fireworks; a special presentation of the movie "Pocahantas" in the park amphitheater; a litany of local performers on the amphitheater stage; special concerts on Friday and Saturday before the fireworks; bingo and Vegas-night events; an expanded classic car show running two days and hosted by

1996 marks the fifth annual Canton Liberty Fest. Many new events will be added to this year's schedule.

America's Most Wanted Car Club; fine arts booths; arts and crafts booths; an art workshop for youths; "kids mania" mini-midway; paddle boat rides in the main Heritage Park pond; lots of food; wandering clowns, musicians and bal-

loon animal makers; a special "Taste of Canton" food concession featuring local restaurants; the annual DARE/Outback Steakhouse dinner on Sunday; displays by Canton's Public Safety SOT and K-9 units; special events at Pheasant Run Golf Club; and much more.

Most of the events are free and all are held in Heritage Park.

There are a wide variety of sponsorships available to any local groups or businesses interested in helping. Sponsorships can range in value from \$50 to \$75, up to and beyond \$1,000. Individuals who donate \$500 or more are considered fest "patrons" while those who donate \$100 to \$499 are recognized as fest "friends."

Specific sponsorships for a wide range of activities and services are also available by contacting Dates at (313) 397-5110.

Salem students take top scholastic honors in math

Salem High School seniors Neelesh Varde and Steven Decker have placed in the top 105 out of 15,500 high school students in the 39th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Varde and Decker will be honored at an awards banquet March 2 at Grand Valley State University.

The top 50 award winners will receive college scholarships totaling more than

\$31,000 donated by ITP Publishing, Ford Motor Company, Jerome J. Kohel, Meijer, Inc., the Matilda Dodge Wilson Foundation, the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Upjohn Company.

Neelesh Varde is the son of Lata and Keshev Varde of Plymouth. Steven Decker is the son of Mary and Frederick Decker of Plymouth.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

ROGER WILLIAM STANLEY

Roger William Stanley, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 22, 1996 at the age of 58.

Mr. Stanley was born July 25, 1937 in Mancelona. He came to the Plymouth community in 1973. Mr. Stanley was the president and founder of Effective Management Consultants. Mr. Stanley received a BA in philosophy in 1959, a Master's Degree in theology in 1963 and a PhD in behavioral sciences from the University of Michigan in 1984. Mr. Stanley was ordained a Catholic priest in 1963. He also worked for Ford Motor Company and taught youth leadership seminars and counseled youth in communities.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his daughter, Sara of Plymouth; sons, Dan Burke and Eric both of Plymouth; sisters, Karen (Phil) Tietz of Grand Rapids and Nancy both of Grand Rapids; brothers, Robert of East Lansing and Richard of Wayne.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Rev. George Charnley officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at Oakgrove Cemetery in Dixboro. Mass cards to church as memorial tributes are appreciated.

BERNICE M. MORPHEW

Bernice M. Morpew, a Westland resident, died Feb. 29, 1996 at the age of 67.

Mrs. Morpew was born in Highland Park on July 6, 1928. She worked as a file clerk for a publishing company.

Mrs. Morpew is survived by her husband, Eugene; daughter, Mary (John) Marasco of Canton; sons, Richard (Karen) of Cadillac, Charles (Barbara) of Littleton, CO, and James (Cindy) of Canton; brother, Carl Ziehm of Arvada, CO; and 10 grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Morpew were held at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Armand Ulbrich officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes to the Karmanos Cancer Institute are appreciated.

MARION WILMA GALE MATHEWS

Marion Wilma Gale Mathews, a Plymouth resident and long time Plymouth school teacher, died March 2, 1996 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Mathews was born in Salem Township on Dec. 30, 1915. She retired from teaching in 1984 after spending 34 years at Central Elementary and Smith schools. Mrs. Mathews spent her entire life in the Plymouth community. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, the American Association of University Women, Salem Historical Society, 60+ in Plymouth, the Plymouth Women's Club, Plymouth/Canton retired teachers, United Methodist Women and Mature Singles. Mrs. Mathews graduated from Plymouth High School. She attended Eastern Michigan University where she did her undergraduate work and received a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan.

Services for Mrs. Mathews were held at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth MI 48170 or The University of Michigan Medical Center Dedicated to Cancer Research, Ann Arbor, MI.

LOUISA M. (DOHERTY) WRIGHT

Louisa M. (Doherty) Wright, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 23, 1996 at the age of 82.

Ms. Wright was born July 28, 1913 in Detroit. Ms. Wright was an accountant, working for as many years at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.

Ms. Wright is survived by her nieces, Joan M. (Joseph) Santoro of Old Hickory, TN, and Barbara Perry of Stanton, CA; and neqhevs Ronnie C. Lorenzen of Chelsea, Frank Taft of Plymouth and Tony (Judy) Lorenzen of Hendersonville, TN.

Services for Ms. Wright were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes to Individualized Home Hospices, 3003 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Ruth C. Simons, 89, homemaker

Ruth C. Simons, a Westland resident, died Feb. 28, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Robert L. of Plymouth and one other son; four grandchildren; and one brother.

A private service will be held at a later date. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



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Neighbors in business

Shawn Patrick's Press Box, 1507 Ann Arbor Rd., will celebrate its one-year anniversary March 13 by serving sloppy joe's and hot dogs to its patrons from 8-11 p.m. It's the beginning of a busy month for Shawn Patrick's. St. Patrick's Day is March 17 and the bar's namesake turns three-years-old March 30.

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc. 575 S. Main St. in Plymouth, has received a three-year accreditation for its substance abuse day treatment, intensive outpatient and outpatient services from CARF, a private, nonprofit group committed to enhancing quality rehabilitation services utilizing a peer review process.

The accreditation outcome, which represents the highest level of accreditation, is awarded to organizations that show substantial fulfillment of standards set by CARF and clearly indicated that present conditions represent an established pattern of total operations that is likely to be maintained and/or improved in the foreseeable future. It is the second consecutive three-year accreditation awarded to Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc.

Jill Andra Young, owner of Jill Andra Young Photography, 825 Penniman Ave., will be participating in the 78th annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show on Sunday at Cobo Hall. The show begins at 7 a.m. \$9 admission for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12. Young will be on hand to answer questions and book sittings (25 percent off/free drawing).

Plymouth resident Creon D. Smith, owner of the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, has recently become a member of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Advisory Board. The center, located in Farmington Hills, has been a home for children in need for 66 years.

Johnson Controls, Automotive Systems Group 49200 Halyard Dr. in Plymouth Township, and Inoac Corporation of Nagoya, Japan agreed to form a joint venture called Intertec Systems that will produce instrument panels and other interior components for major automakers. Johnson Controls said the joint venture will boost its capabilities for developing and delivering interior systems for automakers around the globe.

Improving the

Quality of Life

Plymouth's Matt Gantz helps make living a bit easier

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Rehabilitating people with closed head injuries requires a lot of patience.

"It's difficult," said Plymouth resident Matt Gantz, who has helped rehabilitate people for seven years, "it absolutely is. You have to have the right mind set to work with these people. But you get to see the results, and improve this person's quality of life."

Gantz would have to call upon this strength in his personality when he decided to open the recently Adult Foster Care (AFC) licensed Sundance Rehabilitation Network with his father, Marvin, and his uncle, Steven. "It was a nightmare," Gantz said of the state approval process.

The first Sundance facility, which has been finished since October and is located in South Lyon at 10024 Marshall Rd., is finally accepting patients. According to Gantz, the long delay was because of new state laws. "There are new licensing rules," he said, "which are a lot more strict, which is good, the rules are there for a reason."

Not only were they new to Gantz and his family, they were also new to the representative of the AFC-Department of Social Services. "They were learning them too," said Gantz. "We worked at it, but it was definitely getting frustrating. We had people who wanted to come, and

they couldn't because we weren't licensed."

Now people who have suffered a closed head injury will have another springboard to jump back into an active life, which is gravely needed, according to Gantz. "There are more people with head injuries," he said, "then there are beds."

At Sundance, patients address functioning skills, behavioral deficits, daily living skills, speech and memory deficits, vocational development, and socialization and leisure skills during a typical 18 to 48 month stay, with the circumstances based on each patient's needs. "It all depends on the person," Gantz said, "where the injury occurred. One of the hardest is socialization. Socialization is one of the most difficult, you know, everything follows suit after that."

The road to recovery for the five or six patients at Sundance will be paved by the staff, currently at five people but growing to as many as 20 in the near future. "We're not going to be top heavy," Gantz said, "with a lot of high salaried, title positions. We all have administrative, management experience. We're going to be doing everything. It's going to be a team effort."

Sundance employees, who have 35 years of experience, are all trained in

crisis intervention, First Aid, CPR and nutrition. Gantz also required Sundance's staff to take an additional 16 hours of training, usually reserved for management.

Beyond general rehabilitation, patients will go to Tiger games and concerts. "We take them everywhere," said Gantz.

And when they do go out, Gantz said, their destination is never far away. "South Lyon," he said, "as far as we're concerned, if you were looking for the middle of southeastern Michigan, it falls on South Lyon. It brings the convenience of being close to Ann Arbor, Brighton, Ypsilanti."

If things go well, Gantz, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin and Wayne State University, has a five-year plan for expansion that will add two more facilities to the Sundance Rehabilitation Network. "We're definitely planning on growing," he said.

Toney, Schultz appointed to Governor's Workforce Development Board

Two prominent Plymouth business people have been appointed to Gov. John Engler's Workforce Development Board.

Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, and Carl Schultz, president and CEO of Sealant Equipment and Engineering recently became members.

The Workforce Development Board is the instrument chosen by Engler to implement and administer his new "No Wrong Door" approach to the delivery of job training, employment and skill development services. This board will replace the current Private Industry Council (PIC) and become the policy-making authority for all state and federal

job training funds for the region, which is about \$25 million annually.

The Workforce Board goes well beyond the former PIC authority by encompassing the responsibilities of the former Job Service Employment Council and the School-to-Work Board, as well as having administrative influence over other programs like adult education, vocational education and welfare to work programs.

The Workforce Development Board will be responsible for policy making functions including budgets, contracts, hiring of the organization's leaders, direction of staff, monitoring and follow up. It will meet on a monthly basis.

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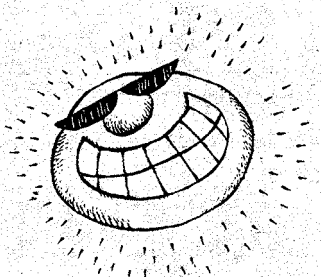
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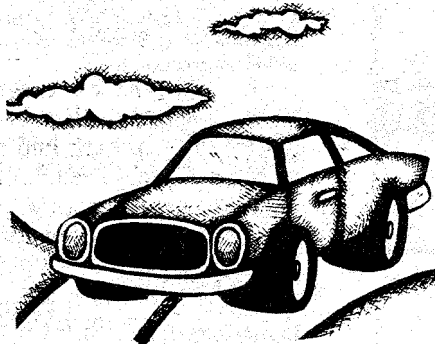
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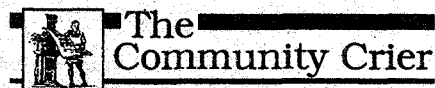
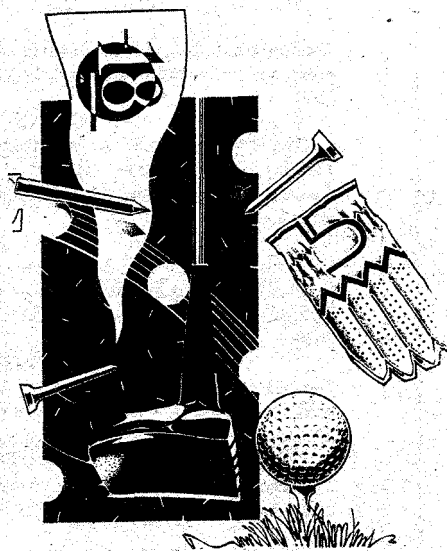
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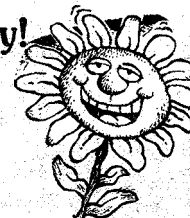
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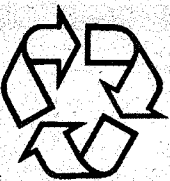


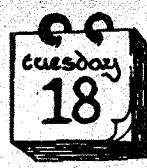
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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by March 22.

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THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE
 Will hold its annual Game and Card Party March 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fox Hills Country Club. For tickets and information, call 459-3156.

V.F.W. POST #6695/SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN
 At the V.F.W. Post, 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth, March 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. Sgt. Jim Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police will explain the procedures shown on the video tape. Open to the public. No charge. Refreshments served. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, call 459-2394.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING MONTHLY MEETING
 Monday at 2 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Masterworks of the DIA by Ruth Lefkowitz and information on mobile donors.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY STORYTIME GROUPS
 Register for spring storytime at the Plymouth District Library. Toddler/Family groups register today at 7 p.m. in person or 7:30 p.m. by phone. Choose a 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. group. Other family members are welcome when a tot, ages two to three and a half, is registered. For more information, call 453-0750

M.O.M. GROUP MEETING
 Meet Other Mothers is a support group for mothers that has been meeting for seven years. The next meeting is Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 Church St. in Plymouth, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Topic: Preventative Safety in the Home. Child care is provided for a nominal fee. For more information, call Catherine at 420-4380 or Cathy at 451-8245.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH NURSES CLUB
 Thomas Renkes, BSN, M.S., RN will speak on Teen Alcohol and Substance Abuse March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at 44800 Warren Rd.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS
 Tomorrow from 9-11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 N. Church St. Plymouth Nursery representative will offer gardening tips and answer questions. R.S.V.P. by Monday. Babysitting is available. The \$8.50 fee, includes continental breakfast. For more information, call Lori at 416-9001.

AARP-FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS
 The tax aide program sponsored by AARP is entirely free until 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.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE SERVICES GROUP COUNSELING
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THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE
 Register March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria, ages seven to 15 for boys and ages seven to 16 for girls. Fees vary from \$55 to \$65 per player. Family plan available for \$140. Birth certificate required. Playing age as of July 31, 1996. Adult help is needed. Call 453-2040 or 455-1402 for baseball and 455-3422 for softball.

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.

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. For more information, call 397-5110.

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 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. For more information, call 454-4061.

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 until Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB
 The club is offering two scholarships for women who live in the City or Township, are a single head of household; have financial need, high school or GED diploma; and be accepted to or attending school. Apply throughout the year. Awards need based. For more information, call 453-4845.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB
 The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

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 McLoughlin 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.

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This survey gives you a chance to rate a number of community services you frequently read about in your newspaper. We'll publish the results once they've been tabulated and then those findings will be used to help our editors better serve your needs by focusing on the issues most affecting you.

While obviously this survey won't produce a scientific sampling, it's

still one way you can register your opinions. Of course, The Community Crier is always willing to hear your opinions — either by phone (453-6900) or by mail (821 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI 48170), but you can start by completing the survey.

To add some friendly encouragement, all completed surveys will be entered in a drawing for four "din-

ners-for-two" at four different restaurants in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Please return your survey to:

The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI 48170-1624 by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 1996.

Please do not fax survey response! Faxes will not be tabulated.

CIRCLE YOUR GRADE

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS

	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth Commission					
Plymouth Township Board					
Canton Township Board					
Plymouth-Canton Schools Board					

SERVICES PROVIDED BY

	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth-Canton Schools (overall)					
Elementary Schools					
Middle Schools					
High Schools					
Community Continuing Education					
School Superintendent					
Central Administration					
Building Principals					
Teachers					
Parent-Teacher Groups					
Schoolcraft College					
Plymouth Library					
Canton Library					
Canton Recreation & Parks					
City of Plymouth Recreation & Parks					
Plymouth Township Recreation & Parks					
Wayne County Parks					
Huron-Clinton Metroparks					
Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Rink					
Plymouth Township (overall)					
Canton Township (overall)					
City of Plymouth (overall)					
Plymouth City Manager					
Canton Supervisor					
Plymouth Township Supervisor					

PUBLIC SAFETY

	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth Police					
Plymouth Township Police					
Canton Township Police					
35th District Court					
Wayne County Circuit Court					
Wayne County Sheriff					

	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Fire-Rescue					
Canton Township Fire & Rescue					
Have you ever called police?	Yes _____	No _____			
Have you ever called fire-rescue?	Yes _____	No _____			
Do you feel safe here?	Yes _____	No _____			

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

	A	B	C	D	E
Continental Cablevision					
WSDP					
The Community Crier					
The GUIDE to P-C-N					
Oakwood Hospital (Canton)					
McAuley/Arbor Health (Plymouth, Canton)					
St. Mary's Hospital (Livonia)					
Henry Ford (Plymouth, Canton)					
M-Care (Plymouth, Northville)					
Plymouth Community United Way					
Canton Foundation					
GrowthWorks					
Plymouth Family Services					
Canton Family Services					
First Step					
Salvation Army					
Goodfellows					
Service Clubs					
Plymouth Senior Citizen programs					
Canton Senior Citizen programs					
D.A.R.E.					
Plymouth Chamber of Commerce					
Canton Chamber of Commerce					
YMCA					
Close-up					
Community Literacy Council					
Secretary of State (Canton office)					
M.E.S.C. (Canton office)					
Plymouth Post Office/Delivery					
Canton Post Office/Delivery					

CONTINUED

YOUR COMMENTS ON ISSUES:

EVENTS

Plymouth Fall Festival	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Liberty Fest	A	B	C	D	E
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	A	B	C	D	E
Art-in-the-Park	A	B	C	D	E
July 4th Parade-Fireworks	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Small Businessperson of Year	A	B	C	D	E
Santa Comes to Canton	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Chamber Auction/Dinner Dance	A	B	C	D	E

CULTURAL

Plymouth Community Arts Council	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Symphony	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Seniors' Kitchen Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Theatre Guild	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Chorus	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Park Players	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Marching Band	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Symphony	A	B	C	D	E

- Should Plymouth Township develop a recreation program? Yes ___ No ___
- Are you happy with the final appearance of Summit on the Park? Yes ___ No ___
- Is there an area of the Summit that should be expanded? Yes ___ No ___
- Is Hilltop a satisfying golf course compared to other local courses? Yes ___ No ___
- Do you believe Hilltop's new leasee will have a profound effect upon the course's presentation? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Plymouth and Plymouth Township combine dispatch and lock-up? Yes ___ No ___
- Should downtown Plymouth change its parking requirements? Yes ___ No ___
- Do you favor shopping in the downtowns of Plymouth and Northville (as opposed to shopping malls on Ford Road in Canton)? Yes ___ No ___
- Should Plymouth City and Plymouth Township unify into one? Yes ___ No ___

- Should local governments share
 - police services Yes ___ No ___
 - fire services Yes ___ No ___
 - dispatch services Yes ___ No ___
 - recreation Yes ___ No ___
 - public works services Yes ___ No ___

- Do you get your money's worth for local governmental taxes in:
 - City of Plymouth? Yes ___ No ___
 - Canton? Yes ___ No ___
 - Plymouth Township? Yes ___ No ___

- Do you get your money's worth for Plymouth-Canton Schools taxes? Yes ___ No ___

If one road/intersection were to be improved in 1996, it should be _____

YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THESE – or other – ISSUES:
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: these may be quoted with the tabulated report on this survey.)

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS (VERY OPTIONAL)
 EDITOR'S NOTE: four survey respondents will be picked at random for "dinner-for-two" at Plymouth-Canton restaurants

Name _____

Address _____

RATE YOUR COMMUNITY CRIER: (CIRCLE ONE)

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IN THE CRIER?

	A	B	C	D	E	Run More	No Change	Run Less
School coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canton coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Plymouth coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plymouth Township coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police-Court coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opinion pages	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letters to the Editor	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends and Neighbors	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places to be/What's happening	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local History	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classified Ads	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curiosities	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Display Ads	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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READERS NOMINATE THE BEST

- Best coffee spot — dine in
- Best cup of coffee — to go
- Best burger.....
- Best pizza.....
- Best meal
- Best store to shop at
- Best barber/stylist.....
- Best bank/credit union teller.....
- Best police officer
- Best waiter/waitress
- Best bartender.....
- Best doughnut/bagel/muffin.....
- Best breakfast spot
- Best lunch spot.....
- Best dinner spot
- Best bar.....
- Best car repair.....
- Best U.S. mail carrier/postal worker.....
- Best delivery person.....
- Best school principal
- Best teacher
- Best school bus driver.....
- Best event
- Best spot to spend two hours.....
- Best community volunteer.....
- Best elected official
- Best store clerk
- Best tradesperson
- Best City/Twp worker

The best of what we missed

Aside from those items mentioned before, what are the other bests of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community?

Category	Nominee (Who? What? Where)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Add comments to any nominations or to your ratings or answers on issues.

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What's Happening

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Health...

FITNESS CLASSES

At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Aerobics, Step, Weight and Intro to Step classes offered by Aerobic Fitness Co. Morning, evening and Saturday classes. Childcare available mornings. Classes ongoing, join anytime. Six-week sessions \$33-75. For more information, call (810) 348-1280.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

Learn the basics at the U of M Plymouth Health Center, 9398 Lilley Rd., March 20 from 7-9 p.m. \$15. M-Care members receive discount. For more information, call 459-0820.

AEROBIC AND STEP CLASSES

At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Morning, evening, and weekday classes. Classes ongoing, join anytime. For more information, call (810) 348-1280

COMMUNITY FIRST AID AND SAFETY

Tomorrow and Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at the Canton Donor Center, 6700 Canton Center Rd. Ten hours recognizing and caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants; identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness and injuries. \$43 for course and materials. To register, call 422-2787.

LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12 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. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

AEROBICS CLASS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes weekly beginning Tuesday. \$40-one day a week, \$54-two days a week, \$69 unlimited, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

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. For an appointment, call 455-7526.

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.

Volunteer...

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like being information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Arbor Hospice needs volunteers to assist patients and families. Certified Volunteer Course meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning March 9 and ending May 11. The classes will be held in Plymouth. For more information, call 677-0500.

CHORE WORKERS NEEDED

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.

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.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

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

PLYMOUTH 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.

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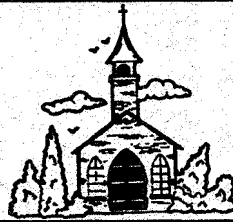
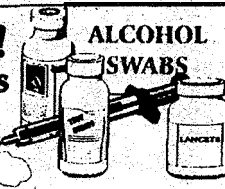
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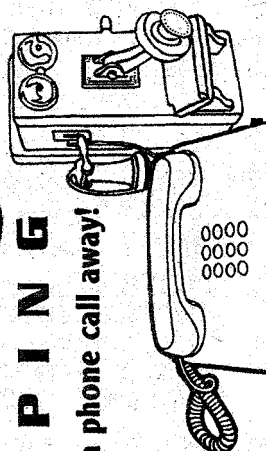
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Curiosities

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TANYA SMITH IS: 41!

MOM MCKAY--What are we going to do for picnics now that you're plastic silverware supply has dried up? Rob and Steph

JIM S. You are the best at everything! P.S. Loves you.



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BABY KIRKBRIDE will be wearing blue.

GRAM E--Will call soon! Are you still snowed in? Hope your spirits are high, know that we love ya, Steph and Rob

JIM LUNN HOLD DOWN THE FORT!

Notice how Steph's tummy is growing? She still and will always be the most beautiful woman in the world. Rob

BABY KIRKBRIDE and his parents thank Austin, and his Mama for being so generous--what an adorable start to a wardrobe--Thanks!

Karen's got a "big desk" now

Can anyone even find the phone on Jack's desk?

Liam or Ross or Torin or Quinn?? Which will it be?? Guess the girls names are out!

How about Robby Jr.?

Brian and Maura--Thanks for the great backrubs last week while I was glued to the computer.

Gerry is 1 slice shy of a whole pizza.

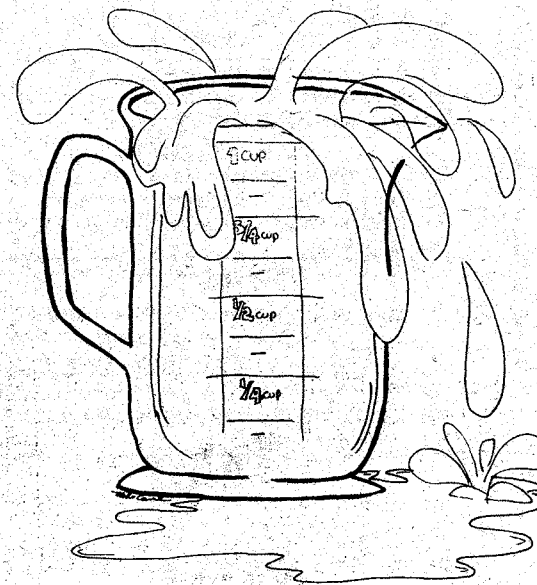
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Mens returning teams run from Feb. 27 - March 8 and new teams run from March 11 - March 22. The cost is \$275 per team (four non-residents max).

Womens teams run from March 1 - April 4. The cost is \$360 - includes \$50 refundable forfeit fee (six non-residents max).

Co-ed returning teams run from February 27 - March 8 and new teams run from March 11 - March 29. The cost is \$320 - includes \$50 refundable forfeit fee (six non-residents max).

The co-ed and women's leagues are run jointly with the City of Plymouth. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is looking for crafters for its 20th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show scheduled for March 22, 23, and 24.

The show will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer Street in the City of Plymouth. This is a well-established show and limited spots are available. Interested crafters should call Carol Donnelly at 455-6620 (Monday Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will host a performance of the "Velveteen Rabbit" on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The play is a musical adaptation of the original story by Margery Williams and is a perfect prelude to Easter for the kids. Tickets are on sale at the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Tickets may or may not be available at the door based on advanced sales. It's recommended that they be purchased in advance. Call 455-6620 for more information.

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department has Lunch Open Skate time for those looking to kill a lunch hour or looking for some exercise. Skating's available on Monday from noon-1:20 p.m., on Wednesday from 11:20 a.m.-2:40 p.m., and on Friday from 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

The cost for city resident adults is \$2.75, children-\$2, and seniors-\$1.50.

The cost for non-city resident adults is \$3.25, children-\$2.50, and seniors-\$2.

Skate rental is \$1.25. Call 455-6620 for more information.

Chiefs tame Wildcats

Canton whips Novi, 57-34, for first-round district victory

BY MATT HUCAL

Canton emerged from their first district game unscathed as they bounced out tournament host Novi on Monday, 57-34.

The Chiefs were put to the test throughout the first three quarters as Canton coach Dan Young said, "We were a little flat." The score after the third quarter was 31-23.

Before their 26-11 fourth quarter beating, Novi mainly stayed in the game using a tight 2-3 defense that stifled the Chiefs. But with Canton's strong inside game the Chiefs were able to overpower the smaller Novi squad.

A big factor that led them to pull away in the second half were plays like Mark Bray's as he pulled down a rebound and put it back up for a basket in two consecutive trips down the court.

The play that seemed to rip the hearts out of Novi came with 3:45 to go in the fourth quarter the Chiefs exhibited the unselfishness and teamwork that's helped them attain their 20-1 record so far.

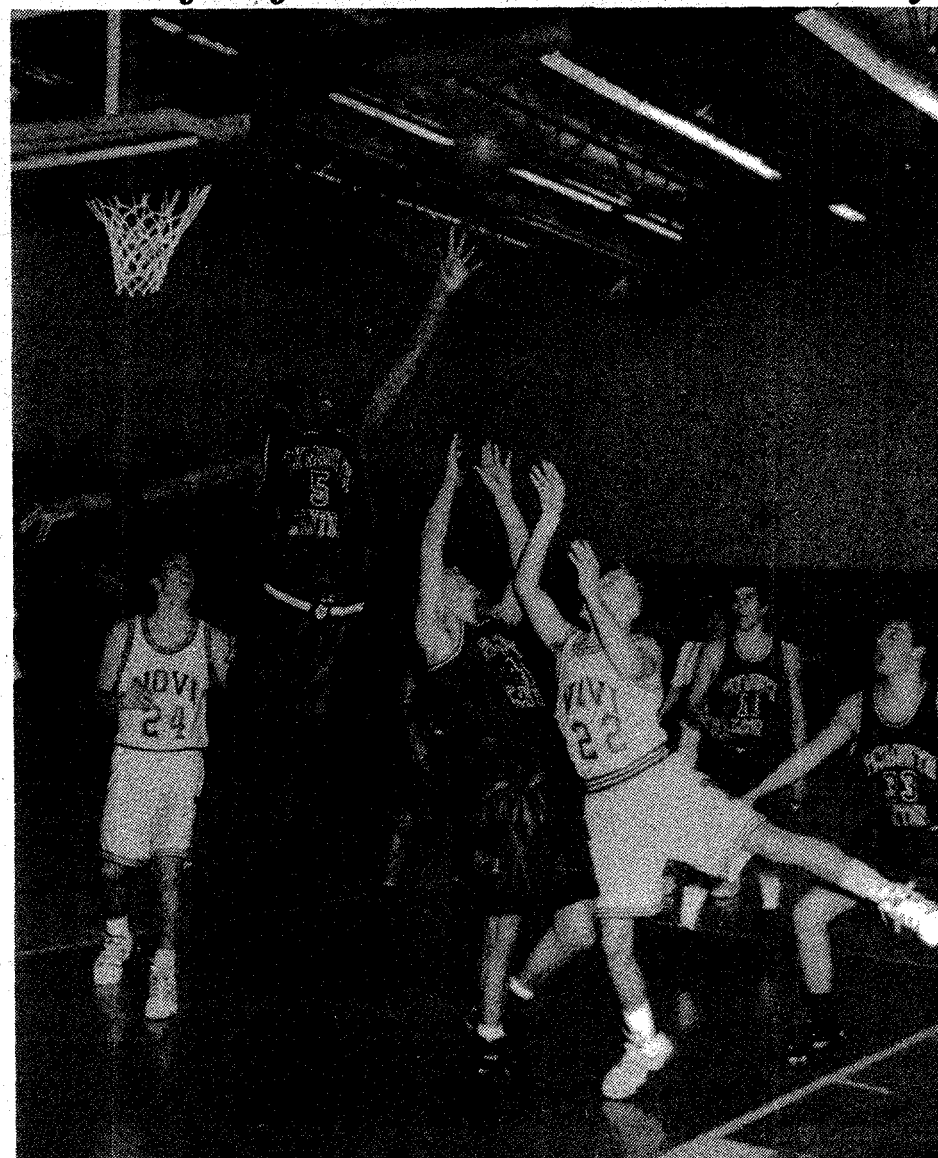
From the three point arc Donte Scott quickly passed the ball to Bray at the top of the free throw arc, who then quickly passed to Rob Johnson down under the basket, who then quickly passed across the free throw box to Ron Hunter. He made an easy layup to extend their lead to 43-27.

Still, Young was not pleased with his team's play.

"We weren't real sharp and we turned the ball over early on," Young said. "They were patient, we were patient, then we eventually attacked it like we have all year long."

Canton's next test will be against Franklin tomorrow at Novi at 8:30 p.m. The Chiefs played just about the same way against them on February 6 as they did against Novi, when they pulled away in the fourth quarter and ended up winning, 52-38.

Canton is going to have to find a way to keep 6' 8" Matt Bauman in check, as he scored 23 points on the Chiefs last time. With the recent return from a knee injury of their top defender and rebounder Johnson, the Chiefs should be able to



Canton's Ron Hunter goes up for the block during Monday's district game against Novi. The Chiefs beat the Wildcats, 57-34. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

handle Bauman a little better.

Before the Canton-Novoi game, Northville and Churchill played each other with the winner facing Salem tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at Novi. Northville won and will now try to pay back the Rocks for an earlier defeat on Jan. 5, 75-56.

Because that game was played over two months ago, it's tough to predict how

much each team has improved. In that game it was tied 30-30 at halftime before Salem outscored Northville by 19 points in the second half.

The winner of the Canton-Franklin game plays the winner of the Northville-Salem game in the district finals this Friday at 7 p.m. The winner of the Novi district takes on the winner of the Ferndale district champion.

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Salem and Canton advance to state competition in Troy

BY MATT HUCAL

The Canton gymnastics team swept through regionals last Saturday while qualifying for state competition — as did Salem — and both will travel to states this weekend at Troy.

With four regions spread about the state, the top three from each of those made it to the next level.

Canton finished first in their region of 17 teams — with 143.15 points — with the help of their strong all-around scores. Katey Gilles finished in first place with 37.50 points and Marcie Emerick was in 10th place with 30.95 points in Division I.

Brie Wall was first with 36.0 points, Kim Nowak was fifth with 34.80 points, Brooke Larson was 15th 32.70 points, and Nicole Vaagenes was 17th with 32.45

points in Division II.

Salem qualified with 136.0 points with strong all-around performances by Kristen Kosik in third place with 36.10 points and Brooke Kilby in ninth place with 33.20 points in Division I, while Zoe Yockey was in third place with 35.70 points in Division II.

Canton coach John Cunningham was a bit unsure on how his team would do against nemesis Northville since they gave Canton their only dual meet loss of the year. The Chiefs then returned the favor in conferences, 142-140, and were nearly two points better last weekend as Northville finished second.

"We knew Northville would be gunning for us, so I was expecting to either finish first or second to them," Cunningham said.

What Cunningham believes put them past the competition was their great scores on the last two events, the beam and the floor — 36.2 and 37.2 respectively.

As the all-around winner, Gilles came in first in all four events and has obviously strengthened the Chief squad since her return in midseason. She scored a 9.60 on floor, 9.25 on vault, 9.50 on beam, and a 9.15 on bar.

On the floor for Canton was Emerick was 10th with 7.65 in Division I. In Division II, Wall was first with a 9.25, Nowak was third with a 9.20, Larson was fourth with a 9.15, Beth Muylaert was 11th with an 8.75.

On the vault, Emerick was 10th with an 8.30. Wall and Larson were both second with an 8.75 and Nowak was 20th with an 8.30.

On the beam, Emerick was 10th with a 7.60. Wall was first with a 9.40, Nowak was eighth with an 8.80 and Muylaert was 11th with an 8.60.

On the bar Emerick was 10th with a 7.40. Wall was second with an 8.60, Nowak was fourth with an 8.50, Vaagenes was ninth with an 8.35, and Larson was 12th with an 8.20.

Salem had strong performances on the floor with Kosik in third with a 9.45 and Kilby in eighth with an 8.75 in Division I. In Division II Yockey was first with a 9.25.

On the vault Kosik was third with a 9.10 and Kilby was eighth with an 8.50. Yockey was fifth with an 8.65.

On the beam Kosik was third with an 8.75 and Kilby was eighth with an 8.05. Yockey was seventh with an 8.85.

On the bar Kosik was third with an 8.80 and Kilby was eighth with a 7.90. Yockey was first with an 8.95.

The team portion of the states are this Friday and the individual is Saturday — with Division I competing in the morning and Division II in the afternoon.

Cunningham believes his team has a good shot at topping favorite and top ranked in the state Holland as his squad goes into the meet third in the state.

"As long as we come up with the points we usually come up with I think we should finish anywhere between first and fifth place," Cunningham said.

"It depends on who is and who isn't hitting that day. But I think we have the same depth as they (Holland) do."

Rocks top Chiefs in volleyball district

BY MATT HUCAL

It began with two teams from two schools. The schools happen to be located nearly 100 yards from each other. It ended with only one victor.

In their opening district match of the season, the Salem and Canton volleyball squads faced off at Novi last Saturday and were able to decide their future together in who would advance to play either Churchill, Novi, or Northville — the other three teams in the district.

Salem defeated a feisty Chief team — in a game that proved Canton is stronger than some think — by the scores of 15-13, 8-15, 15-2. The loss finished Canton's season at 20-14-6.

The Rocks then took on Churchill in the semifinals and beat them 11-15, 15-4, 15-12 and then beat Northville in the finals 15-9, 15-11.

In the first game of the Canton match, Salem was helped by a few unforced errors by the Chiefs near the end of the match. In the second game, Salem held a 6-0 lead before Canton racked up 14 straight points.

That second game was run the way first-year Canton coach Steve Anderson planned as his squad tried forcing Salem's setter into taking the first hit, making an outside hitter hit second, therefore leaving the Rocks without the set they wanted.

The third game was just Salem jumping out to a quick lead and holding on as the Chiefs' serve receive, according to Anderson, "fell apart."

The Chiefs received strong hitting from Jessica Orleman, Kristie Drinkhahn, Stephanie Chefan and Donna Logsdon,

strong setting from Amber Welles, and strong serving and defense from Nicole Kovachevich.

Anderson points out that 12 of his team's 14 losses this season came to state-ranked teams or teams that had beaten a state-ranked team.

"Our record is not indicative of what we did this season while playing the top teams," Anderson said. "To be the best, you have to play the best teams. I think our program's headed in the right direction."

Salem co-coach Allie Suffety knew his team would have a tough time in the district.

"We thought it'd be a struggle against Salem, but we just outlasted them," Suffety said.

"Once we got to the finals, we knew that if we got our energy level up that we would win the match. This team has displayed throughout the season that we have a lot of heart."

Leading the Rocks throughout the day was Shellye Sills with 45 kills (19 against Churchill) and 12 blocks. Karissa Socia had 31 kills (11 in the first two games against Salem) and five blocks, Kim Sheldon had 14 kills and 15 digs, Amanda Abraham had 12 kills and 11 blocks, Nicole Van Hees had six kills, Jenny Trott had five kills and 18 digs, and setter Karen Springsteen had 46 assists in 84 attempts.

Next up for Salem is a regional match against Ladywood on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ferndale. The Rocks defeated Ladywood earlier in the season in three games, so Suffety is confident in how his squad will do.

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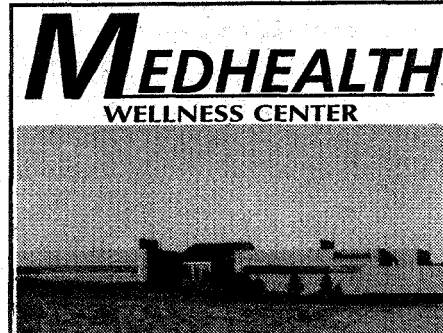
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Community opinions

Local officials should end cable war before it begins

Ameritech is learning that competition goes both ways in their cable battle with Continental Cablevision.

Unfortunately, the cable customers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community are the ones who could suffer.

Ameritech, and its cable division Americast, filed a complaint last Wednesday with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) charging Continental Cablevision and Home Box Office with unlawfully denying consumers access to HBO and Cinemax programming.

Americast desperately wants to offer HBO and Cinemax to its customers when the cable system goes on line in the community this summer.

But here's where the Ameritech complaint begins. Continental Cablevision allegedly has an exclusive agreement with the popular movie channel preventing the licensing of HBO and Cinemax to any competitor of Continental that builds a wired cable system. (Continental declined to discuss its contract).

When the Cable Act of 1992 was passed by Congress, exclusive contracts were outlawed, but they agreed to "grandfather" any contracts signed before June 1, 1990. Americast claims that because Continental purchased Omnicom's cable system after the June 1, 1990 cut-off, the contract does not apply to these former Omnicom properties.

In a terse response statement, Continental said Ameritech's claims have no legal merit. "We will provide the FCC with whatever information it requires to confirm the facts of the matter," the news release said, "but we do not intend to discuss our HBO contract publicly as its terms are proprietary."

The cable consortium, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Canton, granted Continental a franchise agreement (Northville Township came to a separate agreement). If the points agreed upon in those contracts aren't lived up to, the consortium communities could just as easily take away the franchises.

The communities must tread carefully. Even though the communities grant the right to operate the franchises, it must not appear they are taking the side of one company over the next. It's admirable to strive for an "equal playing field" for all cable companies, but it is wrong to favor one provider over another.

The speed in which the Ameritech franchise was granted as compared to the Omnicom/Continental should be noted. Ameritech's contract was signed in a matter of months, while Omnicom/Continental battled through years of negotiations.

Was the best deal struck by the local communities' boards in their haste?

Now it seems as if the consortium communities are carrying the ball for Ameritech once again. Instead, they should look out for the best of the cable consumers by pressuring Continental, but not sit in Ameritech's corner.

The consortium communities should pressure Continental to allow Americast the right to bargain with HBO and Cinemax.

The bickering is somewhat ironic. After all, Ameritech battled for years to keep a stranglehold on some of their services, including publishing telephone books. Now they're on the other side of the fence.

But in this case, they are right. Americast should have the right to negotiate for HBO and Cinemax services.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Community Editorials

Tobacco is least of City's problems

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



The City has really tackled a tough one this time.

Monday, the Plymouth City Commission passed the first reading of a new tobacco ordinance that would punish underage "users."

The ordinance is in response to the recent hubbub over tickets being dismissed in the court system. Although it's against state law for minors to possess or use tobacco, there's no penalty system in place to teach them a lesson.

That's where the City comes in with the tobacco ordinance. They feel it's time to get tough with underage smokers.

What a joke.

Smoking is not the greatest problem facing kids today. And employees of the City of Plymouth should not waste their time enforcing this ordinance.

Apparently, most of the problems are at the schools. Since the beginning of organized schools, kids have cut class to sneak behind the school to smoke. If that's truly the case, let the schools handle the discipline.

Obviously, the City can't handle disciplining. Under the proposed ordinance, kids would face a \$50 fine, plus 16 hours community service for the first offense. Is that really necessary? A call to the parents would be just as effective.

The facts remain: Smoking is dangerous and it is against the law for kids to use tobacco products. But with other teen problems out there such as gang violence, drug use, parental abuse and teen pregnancy, it's hard to get worked up over something like smoking.

The City should stick to jobs like paving the roads, balancing the budget and providing recreation services. It should leave teen tobacco use to the Plymouth-Canton School District and, more importantly, to the parents.

Write a letter to the editor.

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Community opinions

Slackers

Employees enjoy new Downs simulcasting, employers hate it

Do you know where your employees are?

(See Crier photo by Jack Armstrong).

If you're missing your staff, try Northville Downs. Now that simulcasting has started, a popular new lunch spot is joining 500 other "extended" lunchers. And many of the folks betting a dollar or two were talking on their cell phones — no doubt telling the boss they were busy calling on clients.

Since the first day, Feb. 17, when some 500 folks wagered \$132,000 on simulcasting at the Downs, the attraction has grown.

Is it because it's the first time in 50 years that there's been betting on the thoroughbreds at the Downs? Is it because it's a new wrinkle for lunch? Or is it just because the Downs is a hospitable place to wager and be entertained?

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Gerry and Karen, at James Barbas betting window.

Whatever, they're off to a new attraction for The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

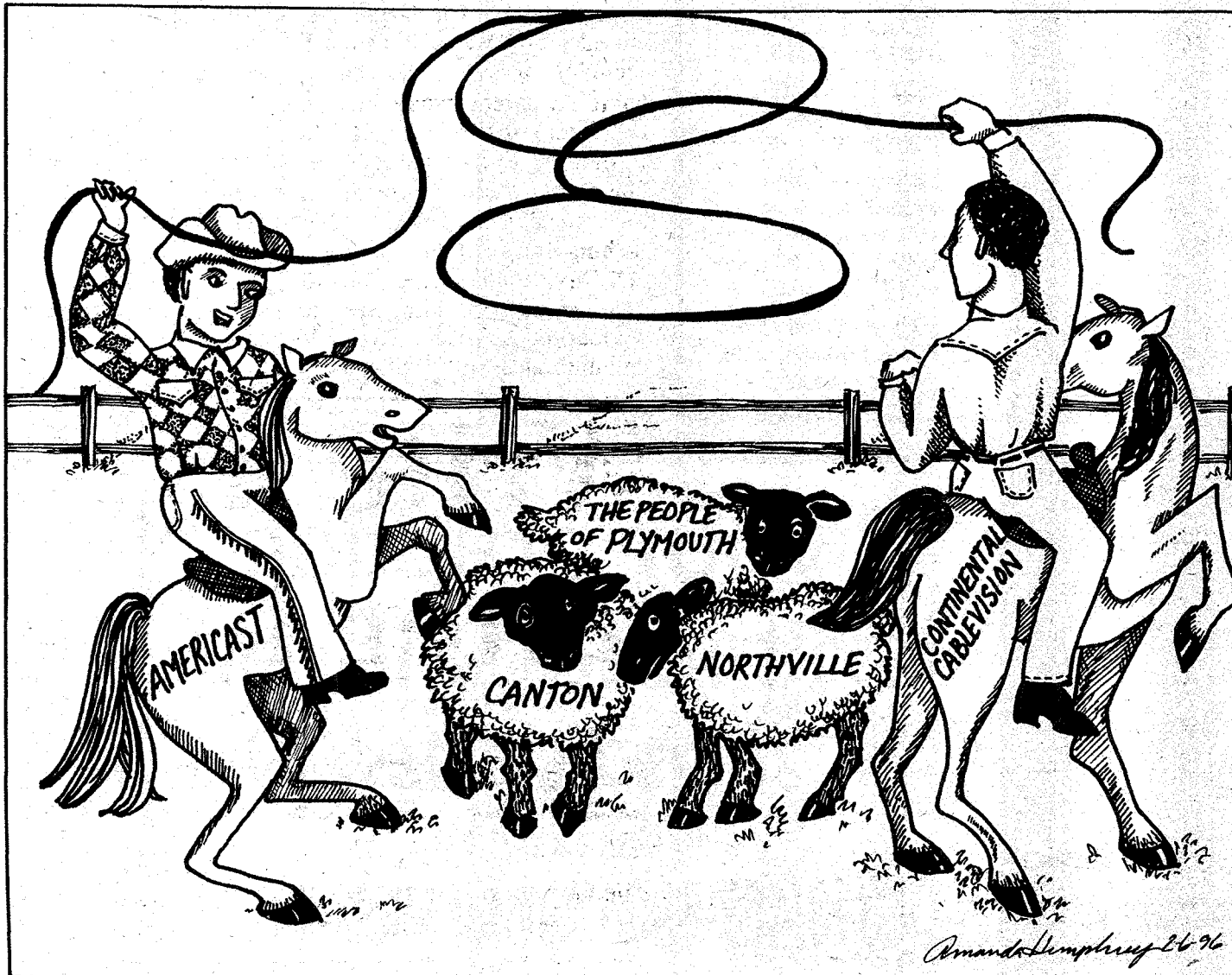
Do you know where your employees are right now?

See the photo? That's COMMA, Marketing Director Gerry Venditelli on the left and Crier Assistant

Advertising Director Karen Ochman placing a bet with Downs employee James Barbas. And Jack Armstrong took the picture.

Why weren't they working on the first day of simulcasting?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Crier's publisher was there too).



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