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Mayflower tax break

City may erase \$50,000 in back taxes

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth City Commission will decide July 15 whether to erase more than \$50,000 in back taxes owed to the City by the Mayflower Hotel as a way to jump start renovation at the downtown landmark.

If the City does abate the taxes, it could have a greater say in future developments at the hotel. Several conditions are included in the tax reduction resolution, one of which would give the City the right of first refusal should the hotel property be sold in the future.

"The theory behind this is to provide relief to the Mayflower and show the City's commitment to the hotel (restoration) project," said City Manager Steve Walters. "If it were an industrial project, we could be looking at a tax abatement...but we don't have many tools for commercial rehabilitation."

According to Walters, the owners of the Mayflower Hotel are asking for tax relief as part of the final stages of acquiring a loan to begin the \$2 million restoration project. According to Walters, a loan closing date is scheduled for the second week of July.

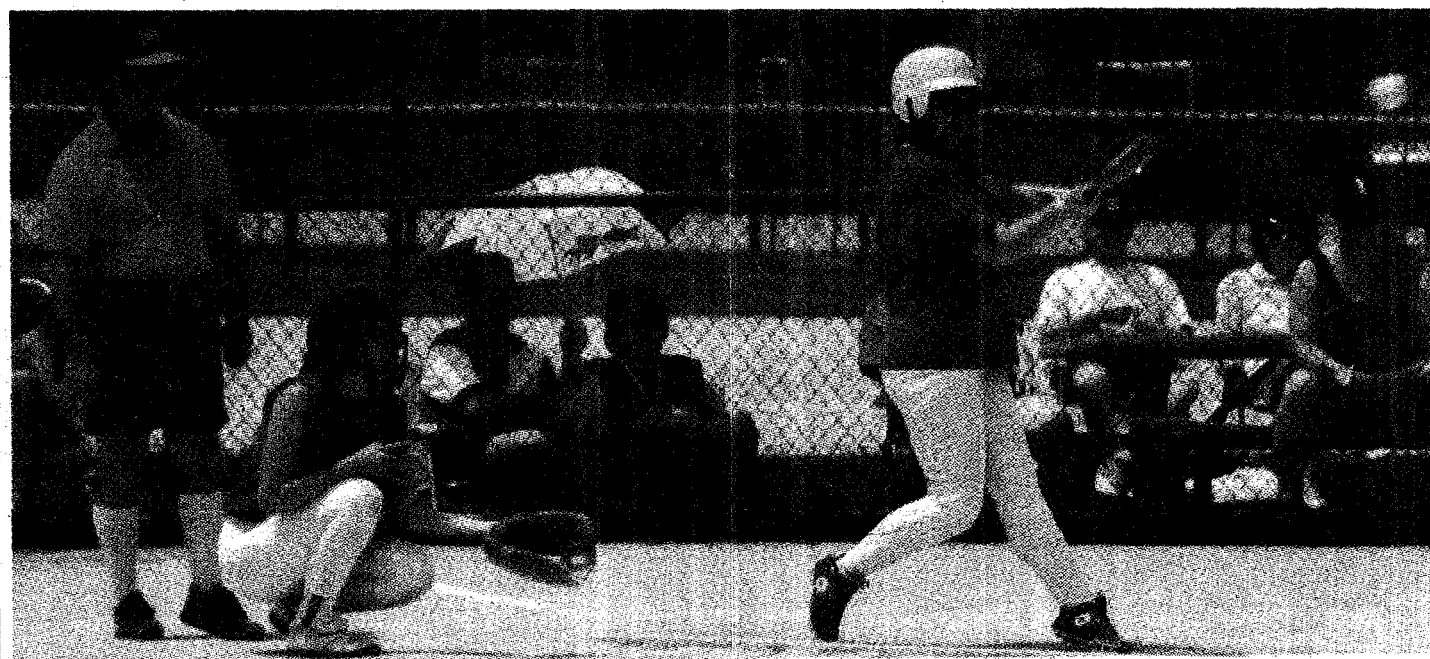
City Commissioner John Vos said he's in "general agreement" to give the Mayflower the tax break. "I think they're hanging on by their fingernails," he said.

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury said he's not convinced a tax abatement for the Mayflower is fair to the City.

"It seems to me the current purchasers

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All-star softball team



There's nothing quite like the sound of a ball hitting a bat. Just ask Kate Szubeczak. She and catcher Amber Grieshaber were part of the PCJBL girls softball all-star game, which was held Saturday in Plymouth. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Canton picks Minghine

Spencer will remain in finance office, but not as manager

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Following months of searching and interviews, Canton has a new Finance & Budget Director — and it's not Chief Financial Officer (CFO) John Spencer.

Canton hired 33-year-old Allen Park resident Anthony J. Minghine to lead the recently-formed department. He will begin July 15.

Spencer, who has spent more than 10 years working for Canton, will remain on the financial staff.

"I really didn't expect to get the posi-

tion," said Spencer. "When administration advertises your job to the outside, it's usually a sign that you won't get the job."

Yack said Spencer had equal opportunity to get the job. "It's kind of a two-edged sword," he said of Spencer's position as an applicant who already works for Canton. "There are some advantages and some disadvantages. The advantage is that they know the organization and the way things work. The disadvantage is that we know them and know what they're capable of."

Yack said the new Finance & Budget Director position involved elements of management not found in Spencer's current CFO classification.

"We had to look at leadership skills, management skills," he said. "This new job has more of a leadership aspect."

Yack said Spencer's new position is yet to be defined. "We told him (Minghine) to take some time and make some recommendations," he said. "He'll ultimately decide what John's duties will include. Some of the duties will be from his current job package and probably some new ones will be included."

Yack said Spencer's pay will not be cut when he takes the new position.

Spencer said he appreciates Canton keeping him on. "If I hang in there for another four years," he said, "I'll have 15 years in and I can at least get my benefits. Still, I don't know if I'll be ready to retire then."

Yack said Spencer was in the final group of four who were interviewed. More than 100 applied for the position.

Minghine was previously employed as

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COMMA, Crier offices closed tomorrow for Independence Day

The Community Crier and COMMA, will be closed tomorrow to observe Independence Day.

The offices will be open again at 8 a.m. Friday.

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Canton family adjusts to life in South America

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Well done!

BIA honors James Bonadeo for 50 years of service

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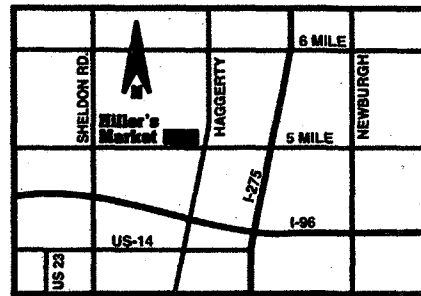
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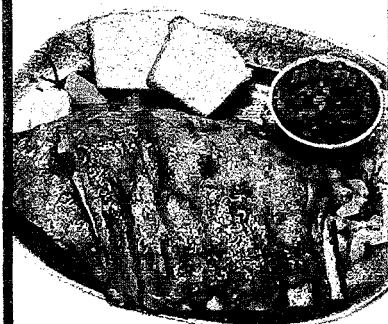
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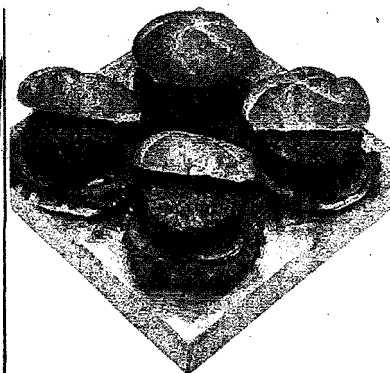
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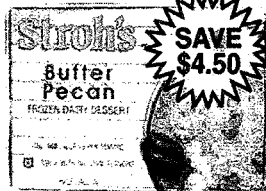
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4th of July festivities set

BY MATT HUCAL

The Fourth of July parade and fireworks display, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, are set for tomorrow as the anticipation for the annual event continues to build throughout the community.

The parade — running through downtown Plymouth — is set to begin at 1 p.m. The starting time of the fireworks display is 10 p.m.

The parade participants will gather at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 11 a.m. for the lineup down Theodore Street. At 1 p.m. they will proceed toward Main Street and make a right turn, traveling south and bringing them past Kellogg Park. The parade will turn left and go east on Hartsough Road until it eventually ends at East Middle School, where it will disperse.

Plymouth Police are planning on closing the streets of the parade route between noon and 12:30 p.m.

This will be the first year the parade takes place with the new downtown Plymouth Streetscape. There will be a band and a shell for the Master of Ceremonies, W. Edward Wendover and Cameron Miller, on northbound Main Street. The parade participants will walk down the southbound side of the street.

With co-chairman Scott Kappler and Miller expecting an audience for the parade in the range of 30,000 — more than half of those being children — they think they have enough things to keep all ages entertained.

"We think we'll have a big parade," Kappler said. "Hopefully we'll be able to keep everyone interested all day."

The parade will be led by the PCEP Marching Band, a first for the annual parade. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary by performing along with an alumni group. There will also be antique and classic vehicles, single horses and horses pulling wagons, two or three clown groups, several cheerleading groups, a 1996 Dodge Viper and two bicycle groups — one group of smaller kids with decorated bikes and another group of adults with old-fashioned big front tire, small back tire bikes.

All of that will be thrown into a mix with many politicians. Kappler's expecting, among others, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham, State Sen. Robert Geake, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, State Rep. Deborah Whyman and many judges, local politicians and challengers. At press time it was still unknown if Gov. John Engler was planning on making an appearance as he has in recent years.

"With this being a big election year we're expecting a number of politicians to be on hand," Kappler said.

Kappler's expecting most of the politicians to let their hair down a bit to entertain the crowd.

"Some of them (politicians) will have classic cars, some will have three or four person bands, some will dress up and some will have other types of entries," Kappler said.

The organizers are also anticipating several floats from groups like the Polish Centennial Dancers, Plymouth Elks, YMCA Guides and the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

"The parade improves every year," Kappler said. "As far as the number of people showing interest or doing something in some capacity, it has grown every year."

People should line up along the sidewalks on Main and Hartsough streets. Parking is available at the City lot, behind the Penn Theatre and down side streets.

The fireworks display will be held at Massey Field on Plymouth Road near the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice. Parking will be located across the street in the Unisys parking lot. Donations are being requested.

"This will be the most expensive and one of the biggest shows we've ever put on," Kappler said.

Between \$10,000 and \$15,000 has been put into the display — a lot more money than in previous years. The fireworks are expected to last approximately 25 minutes.

"It's always that much more fun with a great audience," Kappler said. "It's a great event and hopefully people will come to enjoy the day and enjoy the night."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Arts Council is continuing its sale of raffle tickets to fund the next phase of construction at the PCAC building on Sheldon Road. The group is raffling a new tandem Jet Ski and trailer. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased Saturday at the Farmers Market in Plymouth.
- The annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks are set for tomorrow. The parade begins at 1 p.m. The fireworks start at 10 p.m.
- The Plymouth Community Band will perform tomorrow night in Kellogg Park at 8 p.m. The concerts are free. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn furniture.

THE WEEKEND

- The Farmers Market will be held Saturday at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth beginning at 7:30 a.m.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth-Canton School Board meets at 7 p.m. Monday. The meeting will include the election of the new board officers. The public is invited to attend this open meeting.

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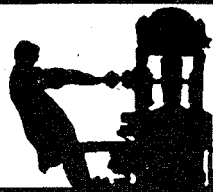


Next week, The Community Crier will feature its annual Art in the Park publication. It contains loads of information on the festival.

Music in Kellogg Park



The Plymouth Community Band is performing free concerts in Kellogg Park every Thursday night throughout the summer. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except for Mr. Curmi and Mr. Griffith who were excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 11, 1996 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business Items J.7 Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments and J.8 Sidewalk Installation. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the June 25, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate as requested by Molded Materials, Inc. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 96-06-25-11, granting a four (4) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Molded Materials, Inc. for their facility located at 44650 Helm Court, Metro West Industrial Park No. 5. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

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

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-96-01, adopting the amendments to the Alarm User Ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. the following charges will be enforced.

1. First two false alarms requiring response by police/fire department, occurring within one year period. NO FINE
2. Third false alarm requiring response by police/fire department, occurring within one year. \$50.00
3. Fourth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department, occurring within one year period. \$100.00
4. Fifth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department, occurring within one year period. \$200.00
5. Sixth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department, occurring within one year period. \$300.00
6. Any false alarm in excess of six occurring within any one year period. \$500.00

Roll call:

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

Mrs. Brooks moved to authorize the township Treasurer to collect property taxes for Plymouth-Canton Schools, the State of Michigan (State Education), RESA (Special Education, and Schoolcraft College with taxes due on July 1, 1996. Tax payments will be sent to a lock box at Comerica Bank. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve resolution No. 96-06-25-12 granting the transfer of employment from Plymouth Charter Township to the Village of Dexter as requested by Total Marketing Distributors. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

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

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 96-06-25-13 granting the transfer of employment from Plymouth Charter Township to the Village of Dexter as requested by Dexter Gear. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

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

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Utility Easements for Charles and Vira Conley, located at 46568 Shamrock Lane and Donald W. and Sharlene K Maul, located at 46651 Shamrock Lane. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 96-06-25-14 for the transfer of ownership of a 1994 Class C licensed business, located in escrow at 14830 Sheldon from Mission Hills Golf Club; to St. John's Golf Club, Inc.; at 44011 Five Mile Road. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks.

Roll call:

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

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign an agreement with Architects & Planners, Inc.; to provide design development and construction drawings for the renovation of the Police Department in an amount not to exceed four thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$4,980.00). Additional services such as preparing bid specifications and contract administration, will be billed at the hourly rates listed in the architect's quotation dated February 6, 1996. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the following appointments to the Planning Commission: Dennis Campbell, Dennis Cebulski and David Nick with terms expiring June 30, 1999. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the following appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Donald Sprogell with a term expiring June 30, 1998. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to authorize the Township Engineer to procure easements, as needed, and prepare bid specifications for installation of a sidewalk on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, between Arbor Place Condominiums and Mayflower Subdivision. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Treasurer Brooks thanked the Plymouth Community Fire Department for their quick and courteous response to a family emergency.

Mrs. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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 Board of Trustees held on June 25, 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 July 16, 1996.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (313) 453-3840 x 200. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777. (Michigan Relay Services)

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE that Monday, July 8, 1996, is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 1996. Registration for City electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street in Plymouth; Registration for Township electors at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, or for either at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the City Clerk is 453-1234 x234; that of the Township Clerk is 453-3840 x224. The offices of both Clerks are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the respective Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
Clerk, City of Plymouth

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: June 26 and July 3, 1996

NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 1996, and payable through August 12, 1996 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurers office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the City Hall lobby next to the Treasurer's office window. First of America Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept payments for your convenience through August 12, 1996.

Teresa Cischke
City Treasurer

Publish: June 26th and July 3rd

Ford names Winkler-Doman new Sheldon Road plant manager

Paula Winkler-Doman has been appointed manager of the Ford company's Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township, effective immediately. Prior to her appointment she had been assistant plant manager at Sheldon Road since October 1994.

Opened in 1967, the Sheldon Road Plant employs more than 2,000 people. The plant manufactures heater cores, radiators, injection-molded housings and assemblies, and air conditioning and heater units. These products go into almost all Ford and Lincoln-Mercury vehicles.

Winkler-Doman succeeds Cliff Dawson, who becomes manager of Manufacturing Subsystems Integration and Manufacturing Process Support to the company's Automotive Components Division. Dawson had been plant manager of Sheldon Road since 1994.

Winkler-Doman joined Ford in 1977 as a staff attorney in the Office of General Counsel. She held positions within several areas of the Office of General Counsel, including litigation, regulatory and financing and securities, before moving to the Business Planning Office for

the Automotive Group in 1990.

In 1992, she became manager of the Business and Strategic Planning Office for the then Electronics Division and was appointed manager of the Marketing, Sales and Strategic Planning Office for the division in 1993.

Winkler-Doman was born in St. Paul, MN. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Sociology from Michigan State University Honors College. She also holds a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis and is a member of the Michigan Bar Association.

False alarm fines raised by Twp.

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Fines for false alarms have risen dramatically in Plymouth Township because of a new ordinance passed by the board of trustees last week.

The fees, which were hiked by as much as 100 percent, were raised to offset the high volume of false alarms occurring in the Township, Police Chief Carl Berry said. Investigating each alarm report takes police off the street and ties them up for a considerable amount of time, he said.

There are between 150 and 200 false alarm reports every month, according to the police department's monthly report.

"It is the equivalent of two officers off the street three

weeks out of the year," he said.

About 60 percent of false alarms come from residential neighborhoods, he said. What frequently happens, Berry said, is homeowners forget to activate or shut off their home security systems, Berry said. The alarm company calls the police, who are obligated to check out the report.

The new fines should make it harder for homeowners to forget. Formerly, people were charged \$50 if they were responsible for three or more false alarms in one year.

The new fines are: Four false alarms, \$100; five false alarms, \$200; six false alarms, \$300; and more than six, \$500.

Minghine to lead Finance & Budget Department

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deputy director of the Land Resource Management Division of Wayne County's Department of Environment. He became deputy director of the division in September 1995 following three and a half years as the manager of finance and accounting for the county's environment department.

As deputy director of the Land Resource Management Division, Minghine managed an office of more than 30, overseeing the daily operations of the division. Before that, as manager of finance and accounting, Minghine administered a \$100 million operating budget for the divisions within the county's environment department. He also maintained accounting records for on-going construction projects totaling \$1 billion.

Minghine also worked as controller for the City of Melvindale from 1986 to 1992. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and member of both the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association and the Government Finance Officers Association.

The new Finance & Budget Department includes the functions of water billing, purchasing, payroll, accounts payable, budgeting and accounting. The department will also oversee the tax assessment services currently provided by a private contractor and the

food services contract at the Summit on the Park community center.

Yack said Canton residents rarely interact directly with the department. "It's pretty much all internal," he said. "It's one of the departments where the public has very little contact with — only with the water bills."

The department was formally created in January of this year by the Canton Board of Trustees in an effort to consolidate finance functions within Canton. That move followed a detailed organizational review by the consulting firm of Bartell & Bartell.

City may give Mayflower \$50,000 tax break

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had some idea what this would cost them in taxes when they got into this," he said. "Why has it become our responsibility as a City government to help them?"

"It doesn't seem to me that we should contribute taxes that are due. It's not fair to the other City residents."

The total tax reduction for the Mayflower Hotel would be \$50,456, which would still leave \$39,560 in unpaid taxes due to the City. The Mayflower Hotel also owes \$89,879 in taxes to Wayne County.

Walters said only interest accrued on the back taxes and penalties would be waived by the City.

Commissioner Doug Miller said the City would be criticized regardless of whether the taxes were abated or not.

"I think this is one of those issues where we're damned if we do and damned if we don't," he said.

"If we give the Mayflower the break, people will say it's unfair to others. If we don't give them a break, people will say

we're anti-business and are destroying downtown."

Miller said the possibility of future taxes from a vibrant hotel would more than compensate for the abated taxes.

"There have been regular meetings between the hotel and City," he said. "They've worked very hard to facilitate the process to what it is today."

In addition to the right of first refusal if the Mayflower is sold, the Mayflower Hotel owners would also have to meet the following conditions to receive the tax break:

- The owners must proceed immediately to obtain a mortgage and proceed with the renovation and operation of the hotel as proposed;
- The owners must apply for a building permit for the hotel renovation project no later than Nov. 30, 1996;
- The owners pay the balance of the adjusted taxes, interest and fees due no later than Aug. 31, 1996;
- The owners must continue to operate the facility as a hotel and restaurant.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Scott Daniel of Plymouth was one of 570 students who recently received an MBA from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Daniel was awarded an MBA from the school's Executive MBA program.

Four recent graduates of Canton High School were awarded the Plymouth Rotary Vocational-Technical Scholarships. The winners, all of whom live in Canton, were honored for their achievements in vocational and technical courses as well as other school activities, work experience and community service. They are James Kirila, Kevin Marcicki, Sandy Ansara and Carlos Bonilla.

A 1992 Salem High School graduate has been honored as the junior sailor of the month with his sea squadron. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brent Vann of Plymouth was chosen top performer among all sailors assigned to his command at the Naval Air Facility in Atsugi, Japan. Vann joined the Navy in September 1992.

Two students leaving Gallimore Elementary School have been recognized as "exemplary" by their principal. Amanda Sheridan and Jennifer Bedard were honored by Principal Larry Cole and the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal Association. The awards are given to students from the exiting grade of the school who deserve special recognition for exemplary achievement and citizenship.

The following Canton residents graduated from Western Michigan University: Dean Benedict, Jennie-Rebecca Betley, Stephanie Hagan, Christopher Lajoy, Michael Reynolds, Raymond Rogissart and Joseph Sebestyen.

The following Plymouth residents also graduated: Kathleen Agusti, Amy Briggs, Julie Daoust, Joseph Diponio, Laura Johnson, Kathleen McKenzie, Kristen Solberg, Julie Springsteen, Julie Titus, James Wheaton and Derek Westbay.

Sean Hunt of Plymouth recently graduated from Northern Michigan University. He is a 1991 graduate of Salem High School.

Carla Howe, a senior at Canton High School, will compete for the Ms. Teen of Michigan title. She is searching for local service clubs interested in sponsoring her trip to the pageant in Battle Creek July 19-21.

Life in Brazil

Canton family adjusting to life in South America

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

January 17 is known as doomsday for Katherine Brown.

On that day, the 11-year-old girl left her home in Canton, her friends and her life as a sixth grader at Central Middle School. She thought her life was over.

"I just cried. A lot," she said. "Even the first day I found out about it I cried."

Instead, she realized later, it was a new start.

Her father, a Ford transportation manager, was transferred to the automaker's Brazil office in Sao Paulo. That meant Katherine, along with her twin brother William, her older sister Emily and her mother, were moving.

"It didn't start out too smooth, but the people there are really nice," she said.

"I was one of the saddest ones in my family," she said, "and I was kind of nervous."

"I've lived the first 10 years of my life in Canton and the only other place I'd been is Canada."

She's on a monthlong home leave — one of two she gets each year — and stopped by The Community Crier offices to talk about the differences in Brazilian and American lifestyles.

The toughest aspect of moving to another country is the language barrier, Katherine said. Learning Portuguese, the native language of Brazil, has been a slow process for her.

"It is so different from English. They have so many verbs," she said.

She and her siblings are enrolled in an American school in Sao Paulo. Even



Canton twins Katherine and William Brown moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil last year when their father was transferred.

though classes are taught in English, the curriculum is much more demanding.

"My grades dipped to a D," said Katherine, who completed the sixth grade last month.

"It's just so much harder. They teach you stuff that they're learning about in the ninth grade here."

In two and a half years, the Brown family is returning to the states, and Katherine has made her family promise they'll move back to Canton. She wants to attend the Plymouth Canton Educational Park with the rest of her friends, she said.

Other things she misses about

Michigan: browsing through Target on Ford Road and shopping in Arbor Drugs on Joy and Morton Taylor roads.

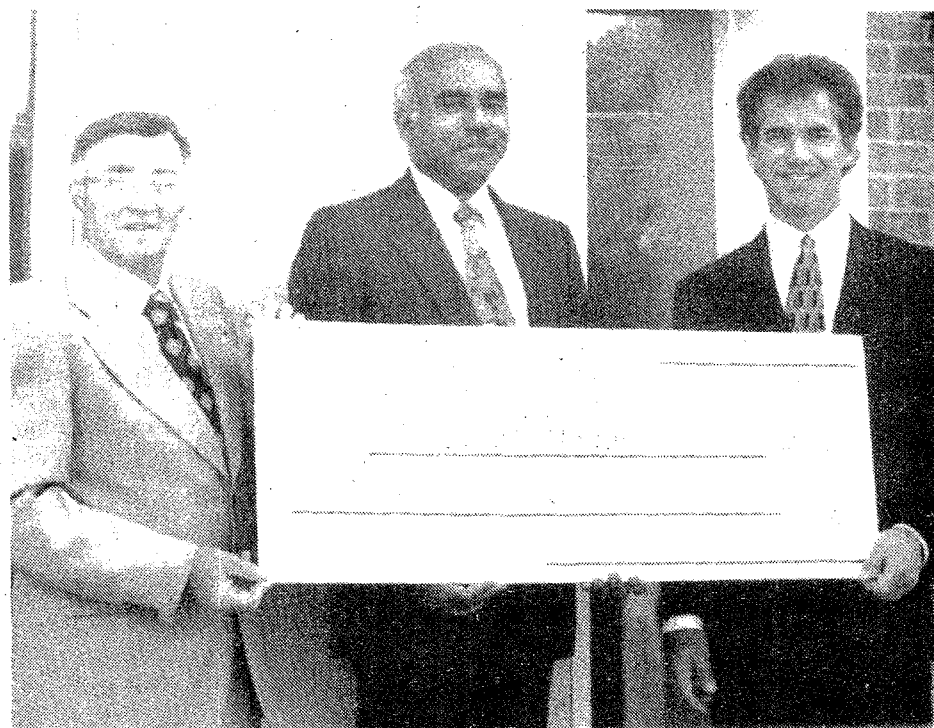
But even Katherine will admit there are many things to like about Brazil. Take the family's duplex penthouse apartment that overlooks the city. Or the weather. No snow squalls, ice storms or arctic temperatures to worry about, she said.

And despite her age, Katherine already thinks about her future. Living in Brazil, she's decided, can only help her.

"I'll be multi-lingual," she said. "I'll gain extra knowledge and get better jobs."

Lucky winner

Bob Boyer and David Griffin of the Canton Chamber of Commerce hand Michael Morton (center) his check for \$6,000. Morton won the chamber's 50/50 raffle, which was being held in conjunction with the Canton Liberty Fest. (Crier photo by Matt Hucal)





Community deaths



WILLIAM J. VARGA

Varga remembered for love of nature, devotion to family

A celebration of the life and times of William J. Varga was held on Sanibel Island, FL Saturday.

Varga, 72, was an active employe-volunteer of the J. N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge on that island. He died Friday morning.

He loved to man the popular refuge's information booth and would stay on to volunteer there after he punched out of work. Varga was featured in the media when he reported for work even when federal budget wrangling closed the park.

Varga, formerly a supervisor at the Ford Rouge Steel plant, is survived by his wife, Frances; sons, David, of Plymouth, Tim, of Dearborn, and Dan, of Phoenix, AZ, Ron Kolts, of Dearborn; daughter, Denise Kolts, of Detroit; grandkids, Jesse and Leah Varga, Heather Kolts, Michael Gibson, Nicole Kolts, Amber Kolts, Chris Dobbins, Sarah Dobbins.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Darling Refuge Society, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel Island, FL 33957.

Obituaries

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

LILLIAN T. KOTYLO

Lillian T. Kotylo, a former Detroit resident, died June 20, 1996 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Kotylo was born June 22, 1922 in Detroit. She was a resident of Decatur, AL.

Mrs. Kotylo is survived by her husband, Walter J. Kotylo; daughters, Carol T. (Jack) Wren of Canton and Colleen M. Martin of Decatur, AL; sons, Mark (Judy) Kotylo of Novi and Robert (Cathy) Kotylo of Woodhaven; sisters, Gertrude Simon of Detroit and Rita Samus of Dearborn Heights; brother, Stanley Urbon of Detroit; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. William Jenkins officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial tributes can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744 Wing St., Plymouth MI 48170-9670 or to mass offerings.

FRANCES C. BUSHEY

Frances C. Bushey, a Plymouth resident, died June 25, 1996 at the age of 91.

Ms. Bushey was born Oct. 1, 1904 in Detroit. She lived 30 years in Westland and made Plymouth her home for the past 22 years. She worked 21 years at Burroughs and retired in 1968. Ms. Bushey loved bingo.

She is survived by her sister, Ann Dugas of Westland; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughters, Florence (Cass) Fleszar of Plymouth and Audrey Cruickshank.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with Fr. John J. Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1642 or to mass offerings.

Ansley F. Osborn, 84, gage maker

Ansley F. Osborn, a Plymouth resident, died June 21, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Goldia Osborn; daughter, Claudia J. Ray of Plymouth; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Ben F. Kelly, 58, former Plymouth resident

Ben F. Kelly, a former Plymouth resident, died June 12, 1996.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy C. Kelly. He is preceded in death by his brother, Dan J. Kelly.

Private services were held.

Blanche G. D'Haene, 98, homemaker

Blanche G. D'Haene, a Plymouth resident, died June 25, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Jack (Margaret) D'Haene of Northville; daughter, Marcella C. Dodes of Plymouth; grandchild, Mitchell Dodes of Plymouth and eight other grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and two great, great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating.

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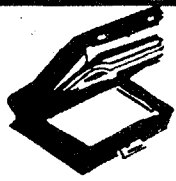
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey St., will break ground July 18 on its new headquarters and Plymouth branch. The new 25,000 square foot office building will be located on the credit union's current property. The estimated cost of construction is \$2.7 million. "We've been working on the plans for our new office for the past six months and are excited to get underway," said James Cantrell, the credit union's president.

The new larger facility will feature an expanded loan department, four drive-up teller windows and two-drive up ATMs.

Robert Vartabedian, MD, was granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor.

Vartabedian's office is located at 990. W Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 207, in Plymouth. He specializes in internal medicine with special interests in preventative medicine and pharmacology.

Nominations for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce **Business Beautification** awards are being sought in the following categories: renovation, landscaping and new construction. Deadline for nominations is July 24. For more information, call the chamber office at 453-1540.

Fairlane Gear, Inc. of Canton was named Michigan Prime Contractor of the Year for 1996 by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Dwight G. Reynolds, Michigan District Director of the SBA, said "Fairlane Gear exemplifies the commitment and dedication of family-owned businesses that are the hallmark of so many successful small businesses."

Fairlane Gear was nominated by the U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Ammunitions Command.

BIA honors Bonadeo for 50 years of service in industry

The Building Industry Association (BIA) of southeastern Michigan will honor James S. Bonadeo's 50 years of dedicated service to the industry at a benefit dinner held recently at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Proceeds from the black-tie dinner will be used to establish a scholarship in Bonadeo's name.

Bonadeo, a Superior Township resident and Plymouth Township businessman, is the only person to have been elected president of the BIA three times and is its only president emeritus.

The scholarship will be awarded each year, based on academic excellence, to one individual who seeks to pursue a degree in a field related to the building industry. Proceeds from the event will also support political action for the protection of private property rights. Builders, business executives and civic leaders will attend the event.

It seems Bonadeo has always known he wanted to get into construction. As a teenager, he and his brother spent summer vacations building the family garage, a large front porch, excavating and building a wine cellar and adding space onto the family kitchen.

Bonadeo attended night courses at Wayne State University for

eight years following his graduation from Cooley High School. He built gauge tooling before he enlisted in the Navy for W.W. II from 1942-45. After the war, working as a tool and die maker, he often talked about getting into construction.

He decided to finally make his dream a reality and began by building his own house in Redford. The plumber on the job saw promise and hired him. He studied the trade by correspondence, became licensed, advanced his level and became known as the Boy Master Plumber within two years.

Bonadeo bought five lots adjoining his one. The amount of money someone offered him for the first house he was building was more than could have earned in a year as a plumber, and he was on his way as a builder. He worked nights as a plumbing inspector. A few years later, a real estate company offered to finance his houses in exchange for exclusive sales rights. So within eight years of building his first house, he had become a developer. One of the accomplishments of which he is most proud is the Victoria Park subdivision in Detroit. As a volunteer chairperson of BIA's Homearama Committee, he served as the catalyst for builders to participate in the project and for city leaders and bureaucrats to reach previously unseen levels of cooperation and enthusiasm.

Fine soap...Naturally

New Plymouth business hopes soapy suds satisfy customers

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Susan MacGonigal has a nose for the home furnishing and fragrance business.

So she opened Naturally Home & Bath Essentials at 550 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth on June 1.

It is the third store for the seasoned retail veteran, who has worked in Northville and her hometown Milford. MacGonigal approached her latest venture like an eager rookie — painting the walls and the floor and redesigning the interior. "I guess I thought it would go with the product," she said. "It gives it a light, clean feeling."

That's what Naturally is all about: candles, herbal fragrances and soaps, bath gels, aroma gels and European soaps. MacGonigal said her products are popular because of a penchant people have for spoiling themselves. "I think people like to pamper themselves. It's something a little special they can do," she said. "It's like a vacation without going away."

With an attitude like that, who could blame MacGonigal for getting into the business? But it's tireless work helping people relax. MacGonigal attends numerous home and bath shows, and is frequently on the phone tracking down her products. "If it sounds interesting, I'll follow up on it," she said.

The result, she said, is an out-of-the-ordinary, speciality product line.

"We try to get the potpourris that are a little different," MacGonigal said.



Naturally Home & Bath Essentials owner Susan MacGonigal and employee Becky Combe hope customers in Plymouth will pamper themselves with fine soaps and gels. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

Aroma therapy, which takes advantage of the body's strongest scent, is a popular item. "It's the effects different scents have on your well-being," she said. "For instance, rosemary, it's invigorating while lavender is relaxing."

Other early customer favorites are Terra Nova soap, Sensual Pillow, Burt's Bees lotions and muslin bags, which are a "tea bag for the bath tub," MacGonigal

said.

These products, in addition to the store's hands-on ownership, help set Naturally apart from the national bath and fragrance shops. "We can provide more personal service," said MacGonigal. "If something's done a certain way, it's because the chain wants it. We do it because the customers want it."

Canton cops sting fireworks dealers

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton police wasted little time in cracking down on alleged illegal fireworks violations after a stay of enforcement was entered last week by the Michigan Court of Appeals, invalidating a ruling earlier in the month preventing them from enforcing the state's fireworks laws.

The Canton Police Department conducted a sting operation Sunday and Monday, investigating alleged illegal fireworks activities at five locations in Canton. Four warrants were obtained charging a total of 12 individuals with multiple counts of conspiracy to violate state fireworks laws and possession of illegal fireworks. Two of the individuals were charged twice stemming from two separate investigations.

The following people were arraigned Monday before Judge John E. MacDonald in 35th District Court: Efim, Elissa Nan and Oleg Burda, Rena Turbovskaia, Lauralee Ann Almbert, Eldar Rafailovich Paysakhov, Lisa Nicole Taylor, and Dawn Marie, Patricia A. and Donald H. Linn.

Charges ranged from possession to conspiracy to possession of illegal fireworks. All defendants entered not guilty pleas. Personal bond was set under the stipulations that they are not to interfere with the fire marshal if and when there is an inspection ordered and not to violate any Michigan fireworks laws.

"This is an ongoing debate," said Canton Department of Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "As of now, it's against the law to sell these illegal

fireworks. We can't pick and choose what we want to enforce."

According to Santomauro, the sting operation was not conducted without warning. "We made the decision to give them (fireworks dealers) a heads-up," he said. "We gave them a letter asking them to voluntarily comply with the law. They were hand delivered Friday.

"We went out beginning Sunday and had officers go out and make the buys. Instead of making the arrest at the scene, we brought the information we collected in and had it looked at by the prosecutors. The arrest warrants were faxed to the judge who signed them. That's when the arrests were made."

Santomauro said the operation ran smoothly. "There is a reason we were being so cautious," he said. "We knew there would be a judicial review after this, especially by the fireworks industry. We had to make sure the safeguards were in place, that the case was reviewed by the prosecution and the judge before we took any action."

Up until Thursday, the Canton Police Department's hands were tied. On Thursday, the Michigan Court of Appeals set aside a prior ruling by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John A. Murphy, whose ruling had halted the Canton Police Department's strict enforcement of the state fireworks law.

"When we have people on Michigan Avenue flagrantly breaking the law," said Santomauro, "we have a hard time looking the other way. These are pretty dangerous fireworks we're talking about here."

Over the past several years, Burda Brothers Inc. in Canton has been at the center of the fireworks controversy. The company sells fireworks they say are completely legal and has fought numerous tickets concerning the sale of alleged illegal fireworks. Elissa Burda, owner of Burda Brothers, refused to comment on the court battle. "I have no comment on this," she said. "We're in a lot of litigation right now."

Twp. restaurants tune into TasteFest

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Plymouth Township restaurants will turn up the heat at the Michigan TasteFest at New Center in Detroit today through Sunday.

Steak and Ale and Papa Romano's are serving up feasts for the 250,000-plus visitors to the annual festival.

Papa Romano's Franchise Consultant Bill Reed said the event provides incredible visibility to the rapidly growing pizza chain that's based in Plymouth Township.

"Last year was unbelievable," he said. "We're definitely looking forward to it this year."

Last year, Papa Romano's sold 18,000 slices of pizza at the event and Reed said they're prepared for even more business this year.

"We've got a bigger booth this year," he said. "We have two ovens on the premises in addition to the ovens at our New Center One store."

"There will be a crew of 15...who will be making dough all day and making pizza all day."

Tom Booth, the general manager of the Plymouth Township Steak and Ale, said his store is also preparing to feed the masses at the TasteFest.

"We like to do some outside marketing," he said. "Each store likes to get involved, which provides some exposure to what we have."

Steak and Ale, which has a total of five restaurants in the Detroit area, is serving Caesar salad, stuffed mushrooms and a portion of prime rib.

It's a complex menu, but Booth said his staff is ready for the culinary challenge. "Each day, we'll have six people working on a shift," he said.

Food tickets are available in strips of nine for \$5. Admission to the event is free. Michigan TasteFest is open today through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TasteFest is held every year on West Grand Boulevard in front of the Fisher and General Motors buildings, between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge freeway in downtown Detroit.

Candidates prepare for only Twp. race

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Despite its development boom and growing population, Plymouth Township can't find enough candidates to run for public office.

Positions for Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and four seats on the Board of Trustees are up for re-election this November. Only the treasurer's race is being contested.

"As an incumbent, I would like to look at that as the general public saying one of two things; either they're pleased with what we've done or they want no part of it," said Trustee K.C. Mueller.

Whatever the reason, the only incumbent waging a re-election campaign is Mary Brooks, who hopes for a fourth four-year term as treasurer. The treasurer also sits on the Township board.

The treasurer's race pits a well-known, longtime incumbent against a political newcomer running on a platform of financial responsibility. Brooks is being challenged by Ron Edwards, a certified public accountant who's lived in the Township for 14 years.

The electoral power of incumbency favors Brooks. Her name is on every tax bill sent to property owners and anyone walking into the treasurer's office has been chatting with her for the last 12 years.

But she plans to be an aggressive campaigner, she said.

"I walk the streets, I send out mailings, I buy advertisements," she said.

Two years ago she was elected to the board of directors at the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association. Brooks also is president of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

"Mary's always been considered unbeatable," Mueller said.

But Brooks has endured some controversy recently. A management letter from the Township's auditors questioned some of the department's operating practices and recommended some changes to improve efficiency.

Receipt of the letter was followed by a heated board meeting in May that Brooks didn't attend, but at which she was criticized by her colleagues.

Edwards, in a recent interview, said the criticism of Brooks is justified.

"That's no way to run a treasurer's office," he said.

"It's responsibility. You have to be responsible with the position you have in the community."

His campaign literature stresses his financial background and touts honesty and integrity.

"Ron Edwards will be responsible with your money," the campaign literature said.

"He won't leave checks undeposited for weeks and weeks or have non-interest bearing accounts. Ron Edwards will see that taxes collected for other taxing authorities ... are paid according to law, not 4 to 14 months late."

Edwards said his campaign will discuss issues and not personalities.

"I'm running on the facts," he said. "The facts are not a personal attack."

Brooks said she's not surprised the recent controversy will become part of the campaign. Despite that, she said, she deserves re-election.

"I'm honest, number one," she said. "I have always done a good job when I have the people in the office to do the work. I've always gotten the best interest while protecting the principle of an investment."

Youth liaison officer approved

BY MATT HUCAL

The Canton Board of Trustees unanimously approved the hiring of a youth liaison officer at a recent meeting.

The youth liaison officer will coordinate all aspects of public safety services with schools and will be a direct liaison with all the local social service agencies providing youth assistance. The officer will also create an internal resource for dealing with gangs, identifying strategy and public education and serve as a resource person for community policing teams dealing with youth.

"This officer will always have the information and knowledge we need on gangs," Canton Director of Safety John Santomauro said.

Because of the high population of youth in Canton and because most police departments deal with the youths with an officer, Growth Works, P-C Schools and other government departments came up with the idea of a youth liaison officer.

"This person will be a police officer and will be able to enforce the laws," Santomauro said, "but we're looking a lot broader than that."

Another reason Santomauro requested the hiring for this position is the fact that 50 percent of the department's crime prevention efforts are focused on dealing with gang activity in the schools. The liaison officer would allow the crime prevention unit to spend more time on businesses and residents.



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

Schools...

CANTON/SALEM FIVE YEAR CLASS REUNION

Aug. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations required. For more information, call 981-4072 or 453-3683.

P-C SCHOOLS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES

The Housing and Facilities Committee, the Citizens Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee is seeking community members. The P-C School Board will select the committee members by random draw at the July 22 School Board meeting. Committees meet regularly throughout the year, presenting reports to the school board. For more information, call the P-C Schools Community Relations Department at 416-2755 or 416-2753 before July 17.

FREE SUMMER SESSION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The P-C Schools Infant and Preschool Special Education Program is providing free summer services to parents of special needs children. Infants to five-years-old. July 18 and Aug. 15. For more information, call 420-7001.

NEW KIDDIE CREW PROGRAM

Preschool activities for three-year-olds. Registration will begin on a first come first serve basis Aug. 5 at Canton High School in the Community Education office. For more information on requirements, call 416-2937.

SALVATION ARMY-TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

Tiny Tots preschool-Salvation Army are taking applications for the fall 1996 school year. It's a four-year-old program. Must be four-years-old by December 1. For more information, call Peggy at 459-1358.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL DAY CLASSES

Discovery Day classes. There are many classes to choose from, all with an emphasis on hands-on activities. Ages three to 11. Twelve students, one teacher and one parent aide per class. For more information, call 420-3331

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

CLASS OF 1976/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 10 at the Novi Hilton. Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6010. Call 886-0770.

Upcoming...

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS AUDITIONS

There are roles for five women, three men and one girl aged 7-12. Auditions are July 11 and July 12 at 7 p.m. at the office of Northville Players member Dr. Robert Hill at 40255 Grand River Ave. in the Williamsburg Office Plaza. For more information, call 453-0891.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on July 21 at the south pavilion of Heritage Park in Canton. A picnic and barbecue will immediately follow the service. Games. Dress casual. Bring lawn chairs, baseball gloves, rollerblades, etc. For additional information, call 397-0246.

THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Tomorrow night, free outdoor concerts in Kellogg Park, until July 25 at 8 p.m. Variety of music. All performances are free to the public.

HERB GARDEN WALK

At Brookville Gardens presented by James Duke, author of Petersens Field Guide to Medicinal Plants on Saturday at 1 p.m. Rain or shine. For more information, call Cindy at 455-8602.

NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR LIBRARY BOARD

Nominating petitions are available at the clerk's office of the City and Plymouth Township for candidates to the Plymouth Library Board in the general election Nov. 5. Three trustee seats are open. Nominees must be 18 and a resident of Plymouth. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. July 18.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

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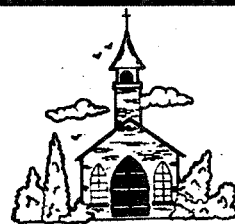
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Barnes named chamber director

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Carleigh Barnes was named executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive Search Committee chose Barnes from a pool of 130 applicants. According to chamber President Elect Mike Gerou, Barnes' nomination was approved in an emergency meeting of the chamber's board of directors.

"We're very optimistic," said Gerou. "We're confident she can take us to the next stage."

Barnes replaces Linda Shapona. Shapona was hired as executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Barnes said she is impressed with the Canton community. "Definitely, from what I've observed, I'm going to be looking to maintain — and I stress maintain — the chamber's strong relationship with the business community, Canton

Township Hall and the residents of the community," she said.

Gerou said Barnes is the perfect fit for Canton's business community. "Carleigh is outstanding," he said. "She fits all the critical elements we were looking for. She's energetic, outgoing, has great communication skills and is skilled in finance. She also has chamber of commerce experience."

Barnes recently moved to the area from Washington where she worked at the Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce in Seattle.

"As far as Canton's volunteers," she said, "I've already noticed what a group of worker bees they are."

"It's clear to me that they're not only business people, they're also good friends."

Her first day on the job will be July 16.

Soccer registration down, revenues up for City Parks & Recreation Department

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Although soccer registration is down by nearly 200 kids this year, revenue is up for the City of Plymouth.

That's because soccer fees for non-residents was raised from \$40 to \$60 per person to compensate for a reduced City Parks and Recreation Department budget.

The increased fees are something the Plymouth Township Supervisor would like to see suspended.

In a letter to the Plymouth City Commission, Kathleen Keen McCarthy alluded to possible joint recreation services. "As we have indicated in the past," she wrote, "we are more than willing to meet with you and your Commissioners to discuss the issues."

City Commissioners also seem interested in working with the Township to solve common recreation problems.

"The Township is as concerned as we are that all the needs of recreation are met," said City Commissioner Doug Miller.

Registration for City-run summer sports programs is complete. The next time Township residents will face a possible fee increase is this fall — leaving several months for City and Township representatives to meet and discuss recreation funding strategies.

Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle and Miller already met once with McCarthy and Township Trustee Ron Griffith to discuss recreation problems. Those four, along with Charles Curmi from the Township and City Manager Steve Walters, plan to meet again and form a recreation task force.

"The first meeting was very cooperative," said Miller. "In the future, the ques-

tions we'll need answers to will center around what the government's role in recreation is.

"I think the Township is sincerely wanting to work with us on that."

Currently, Plymouth Township allows City residents to use Hilltop Golf Course at resident rates. They also allow City businesses and residents to use Township park pavilions for gatherings. In addition, the Township provides \$6,000 annually to assist in the costs of the Council on Aging, which sponsors many senior citizen programs throughout the community.

Candidates prepare for elections in nearby communities, most races hotly contested

The Republican Party has a majority of candidates in neighboring communities' primaries and general elections.

In the townships of Northville, Salem, Superior and Van Buren there are 21 Republican candidates compared to the 19 Democratic candidates.

In Northville Township, Republicans Robert G. Grant and Karen M. Woodside face off for the supervisor's position. Incumbent Republican Clerk Sue Hillebrand is being challenged by fellow part member Christopher G. Schultz. Gini Britton and Richard M. Henningsen are vying for treasurer's position as Republicans. Shirley Klockenga is the only Democrat in a field of six candidates for trustee. Her competition is Mark J. Abbo, Karen Baja, Russell D. Fogg, Marvin Gans and William J. Selinsky. The constables race is between Edward J. Mroz and James F. Schrot.

To the west in Salem Township, incumbent Democratic Supervisor Don Riddering faces a challenge from Tom Homrich. On the Republican side is Rodney Cannon, current Trustee Michael Penn and Marge Sherry. Incumbent Republican Richard Rhinehart will dual Republican William Remski for treasurer. Clerk Marcia Van Fossen, a Republican, is being challenged in her bid for re-election by Republican Linda Hamilton.

Incumbent Republican William Baxter will attempt to hold on to one of two trustee seats; the challengers are Republicans Joel H. Dunlap and Christina Hamilton.

Superior Township's election season isn't as busy. Supervisor William MacFarland and Clerk Colleen O'Neal, both Democrats, are unopposed. The treasurer's seat — vacated by Martha Kern, who is running for county commissioner — is a two-way battle between Democrats Brenda McKinney and Constance Carrello. "The treasurer's race is going to be interesting," said O'Neal.

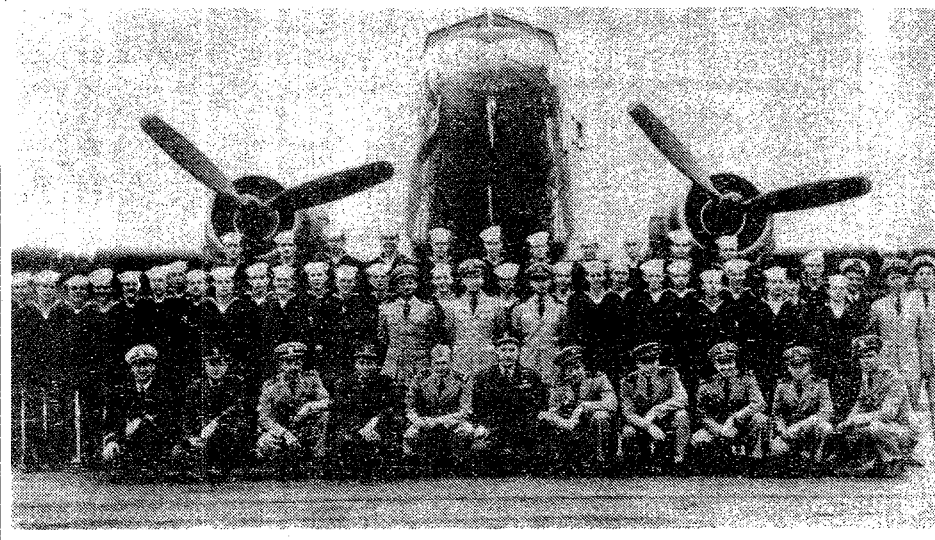
There's no lack of interest for trustee, either. Incumbent David Ingersoll and challengers Ken Schwartz, John Hudson, Nancy Caziston, Ramsey Jiddou, Edith Henderson and Guey-Fang Chao are all Democrats.

In Van Buren, Republican Johnny F. Losen, Jr. takes on Democrat Helen Foster for supervisor. Democrat Cindy C. King is running against Republican C. Terry Welch for clerk. Jennifer Anne DeLano, a Republican for treasurer, is challenged by Democrat Sharri Budd. On the Republican side, in the field candidates for trustee are Beth Shalp, Robert Coppock, Sandra Gillespie, Ron B. Manley. The Democratic candidates are Barbara Rogalle-Miller, Robert O'Keefe, Walter S. Rochowiak, Donna Clark, Phillip C. Hart and John Herman.

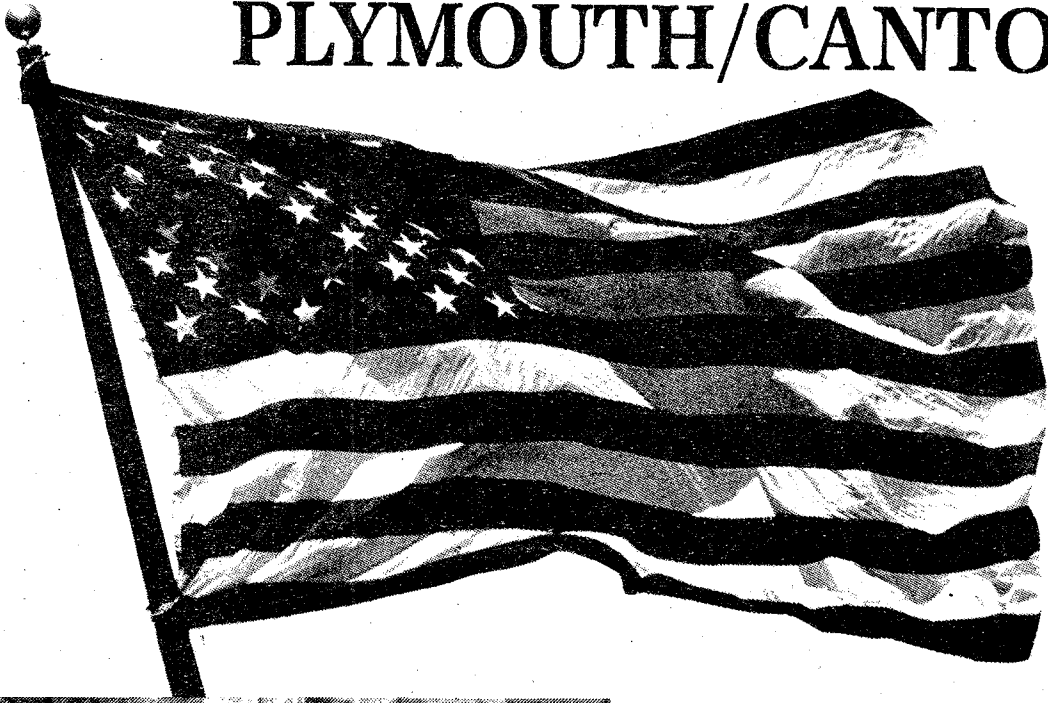
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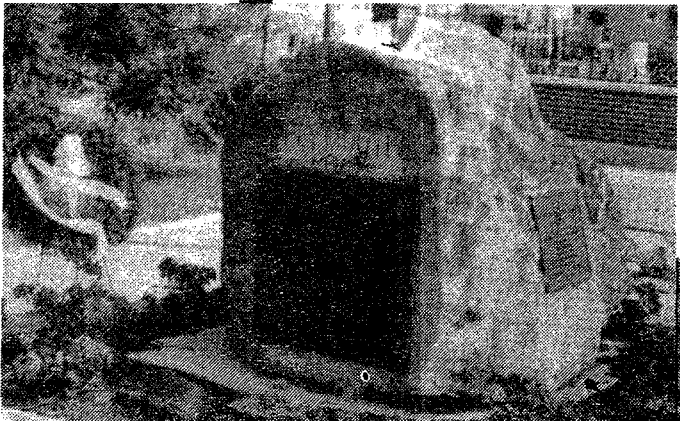
Plymouth resident Jack Wilcox (left, standing) recently met with his service buddies on Grosse Ile recently. They were members of the Air Transport Squadron. (photos courtesy of Larry DiVizio and Jack Delphy)



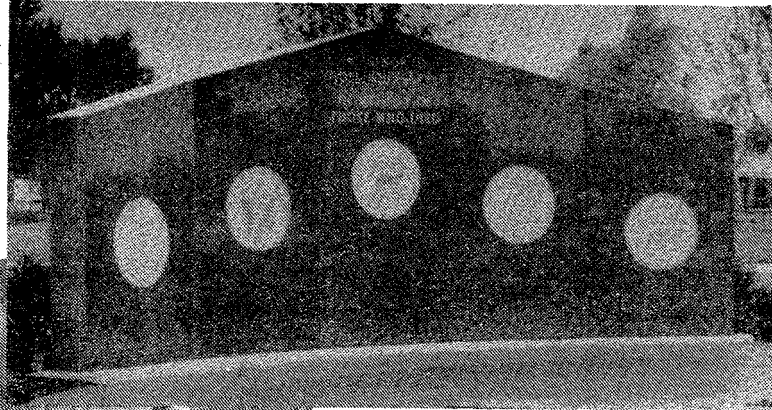
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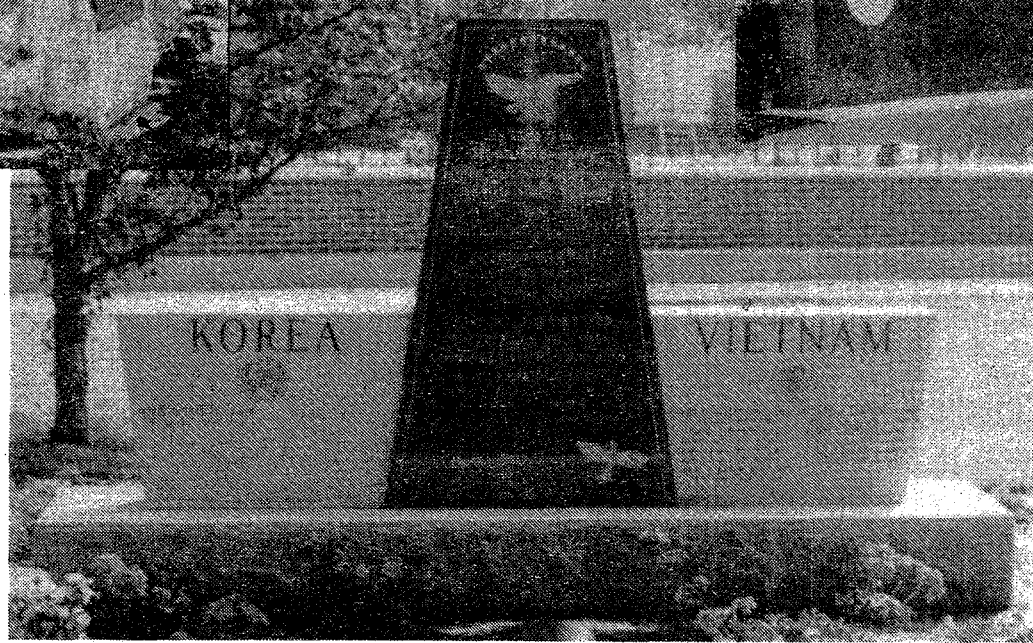
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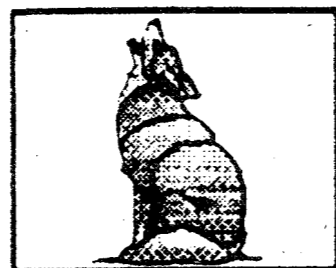
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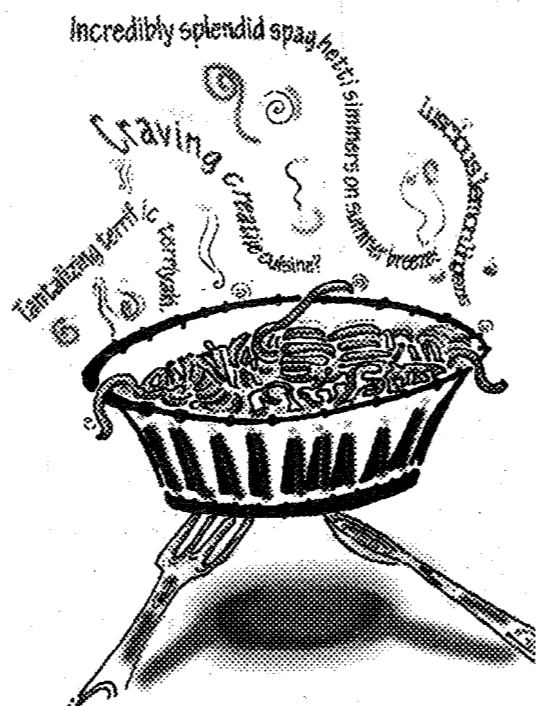
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School board to choose officers Monday

BY BRIAN CORBETT
The Plymouth-Canton School Board will likely have a new president after Monday night's organizational meeting.

"I will probably not seek an office next year on the board," said P-C School Board President David Artley.

P-C School Board Vice President Mark Horvath and Treasurer Michael Maloney are the top candidates for the post.

Board members remained uncommittal to future positions, but expressed confidence in each other's ability to serve in any role. Those feelings could translate into a complete change of the current P-C School Board lineup. "About the only sure thing, is Dave Artley won't be an officer," said Artley.

Artley, the senior board member, has served as president for six of his 13 years on the P-C School Board, including the last two.

Said Secretary Sue Davis: "I'm sure people will be changing positions. I don't know how it will shake up, because I don't know what people are thinking. But there should be changes because I think its healthy for the board."

Last year, every officer changed positions except Artley.

Liz Givens, who was unavailable for comment, was elected to the school board last month and is the only new

member on the school board. She is not expected to seek an office. Besides a new president, residents might see Trustee Jack Farrow as vice president, treasurer or secretary and Trustee Carrie Blamer as secretary.

If Horvath or Maloney becomes president, it will continue a school board metamorphosis that has seen long-time, older board members replaced this decade. Only Artley and Farrow remain from the 1993-94 school board, and Artley is entering the last year of a four-year term.

Horvath, who was elected in 1994, said he would greet the nomination for president. "I made it very clear to other board members that I'm interested in doing whatever will move this board forward," he said. "I'm not ruling it out."

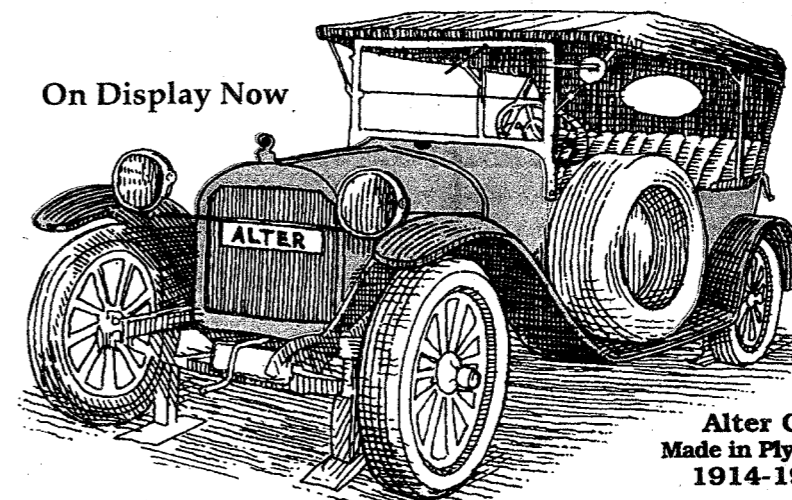
Maloney, who is completing his first year on the school board, gave a nearly identical answer. He said, "I really want people to look at me as a team player. I have no strong need to be at any particular position, so whatever other board members want me to do."

Whoever the president may be next week, he or she must be ready to alter the meeting process, Blamer said. "When the new board comes together, we'll look to the president to change how we run our meetings. I think it's time we go in a new direction," she said.

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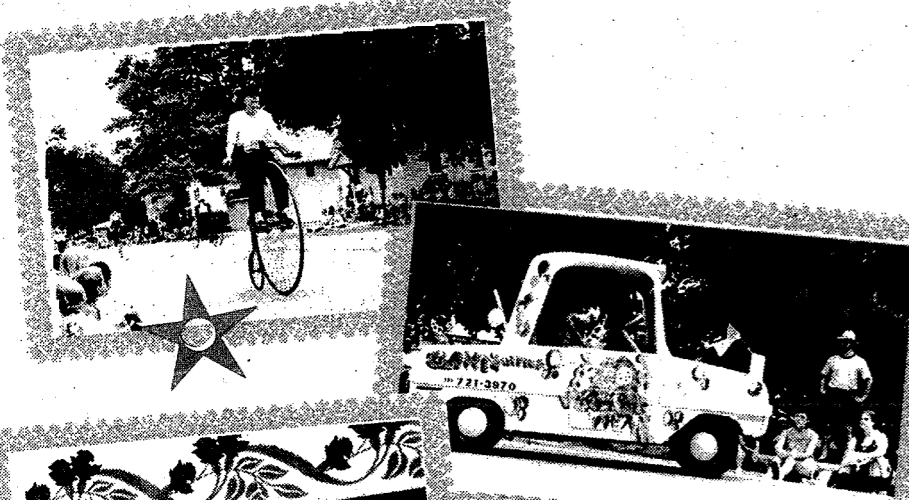


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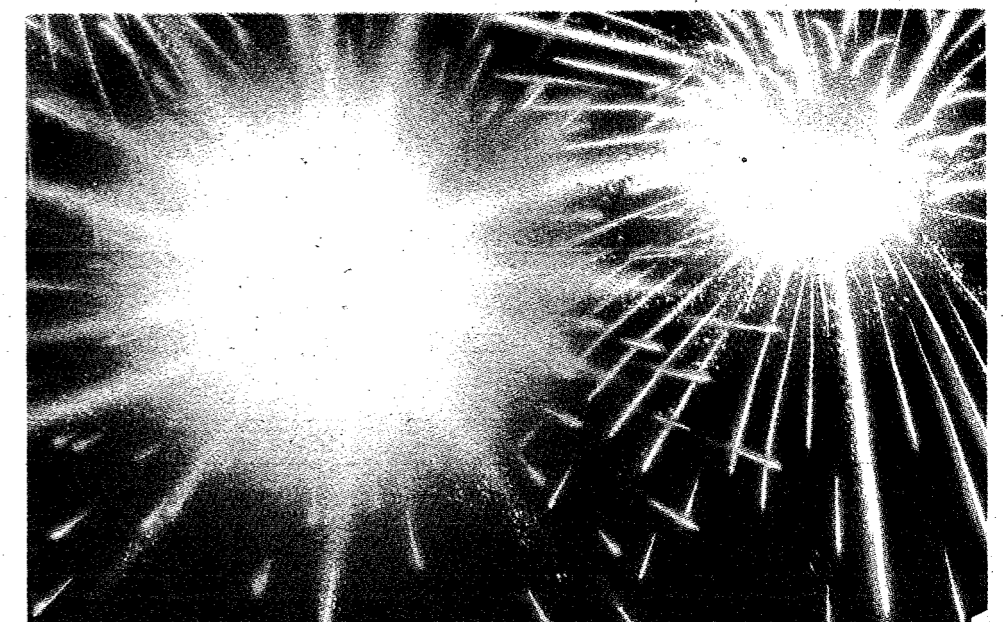
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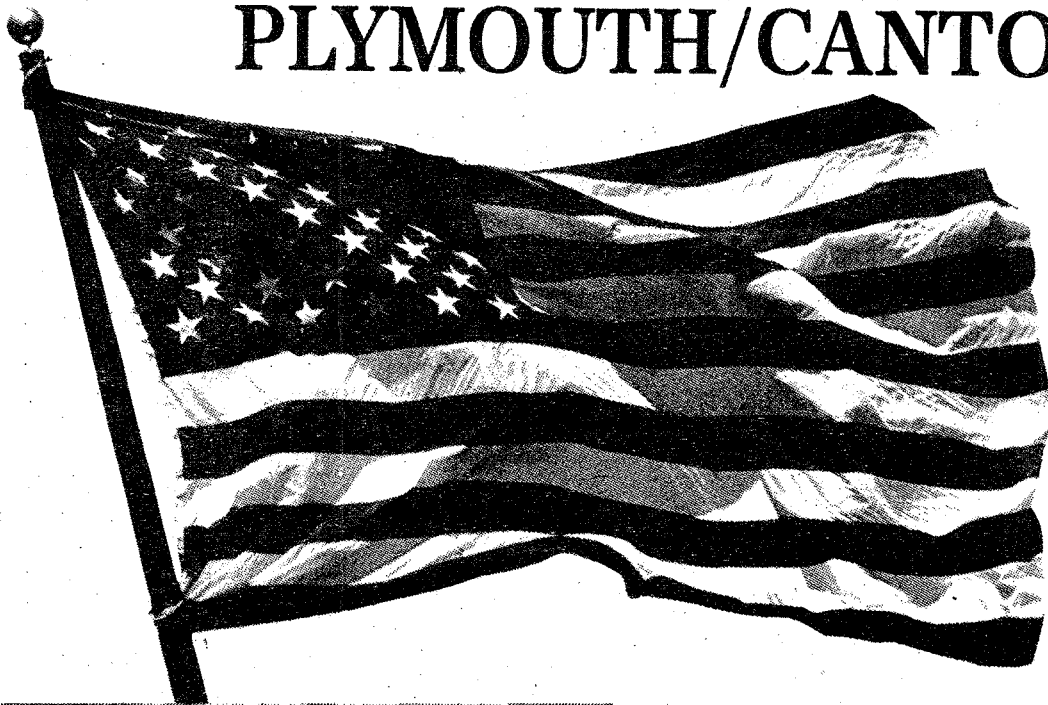
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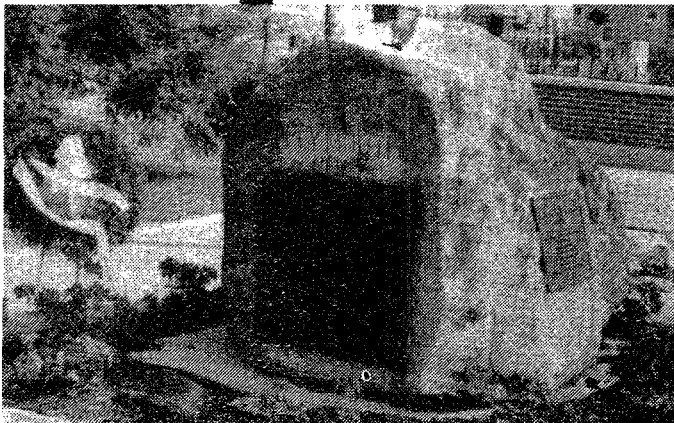
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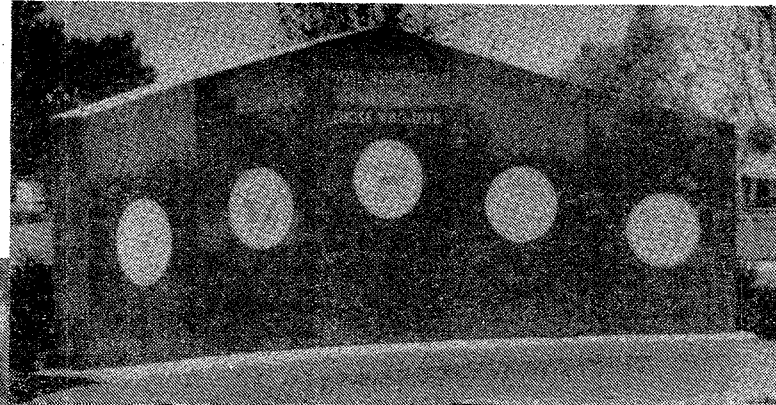
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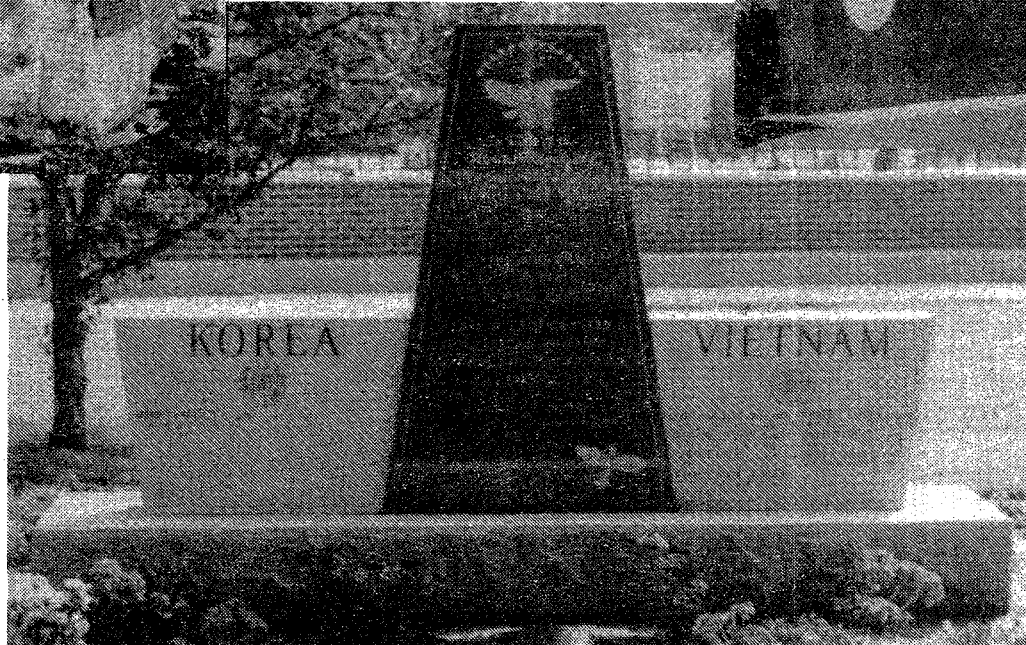
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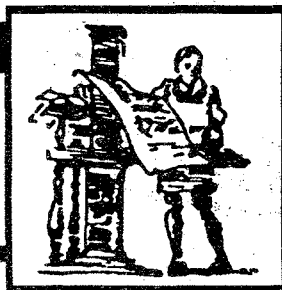
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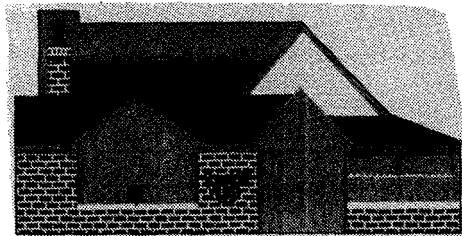
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Authorities search for spill suspects

BY LIZ SEYMOUR AND BRIAN CORBETT

Authorities are looking for local suspects in the June 12-13 toxic spill in Salem Township.

Donna Southwell, the hazardous materials management analyst for the Washtenaw County Office of Emergency Management, said the suspects are probably within a five mile radius of the dumping site at Five Mile and Currie roads. "We've received a couple of tips, calls to our anonymous tip lines. Of course, we can't talk about those," she said. "This is going to be a very difficult investigation because we're going to have to find someone who was there."

Sometime in a period of two days, solvents known as Phenol and Napthalene were dumped into Johnson Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River. The foul smelling, clear-looking chemicals were discovered on June 12 by passing bicyclists but not reported to the Department of Environmental Quality until the next day, Southwell said.

A week-long clean-up effort removed 90 cubic yards of soil and 14,000 gallons of water. There were no serious injuries from the accident. "There were 13 people sent to the hospital for toxic screening," said Southwell. "These were people at the scene. They were not residents."

The water contamination appears to be limited.

"We don't think there is any danger to the groundwater in the Plymouth area," said James Murray, who runs the Wayne County Department of the Environment.

Registration deadline for Aug. 6 primary is Monday

Monday is the deadline for registering to vote for the Aug. 6 primary.

Individuals who are not registered to vote may do so at the City, Township or Canton clerk's office, at any of the 180 Secretary of State branch offices around the state, or by completing a mail-in voter registration form.

Voters can only cast their votes under one party. Casting votes in a partisan primary for both Republican and Democratic candidates invalidates the partisan section of the ballot.

To vote in the Aug. 6 primary, individuals must be 18 years of age on or before Aug. 6, a Michigan resident, a United States citizen and registered to vote.

An individual eligible to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot by

"Testing is being done right now and those tests should be done in a few weeks."

If there was a threat that the spill affected the groundwater, Murray said tests would have been conducted with immediate results.

The Johnson Creek flows into the Rouge River, which has been the subject of million-dollar cleanup efforts for years.

That those efforts can be ruined with just one toxic spill infuriates Murray and other environmentalists.

"It's really unfortunate that these are some scum-sucking, low-life parasites in my opinion," he said, "and we're going to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

Southwell pleaded with the community to keep a keen eye for suspicious situations.

Sgt. Roy Mays of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department said the investigation is ongoing. There has been a slow rise in the number of hazardous wastes spills and related crimes, he said.

"It has increased over the years, but I wouldn't say we're investigating a lot," Mays said.

Southwell said seven barrels have been dumped in the area in the last six weeks, but previously the spills have been limited to motor oil. "This is the first time what has been dumped has been incredibly toxic," she said.

When caught, the offenders face thousands of dollars in fines to pay for the cost of the cleanup, Mays said.

visiting the Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton clerk's office through 4 p.m. on Aug. 5. Persons who wish to obtain an absent voter ballot by mail must submit a signed ballot request to their city or township clerk no later than 2 p.m. on Aug. 3.

Individuals are eligible to vote by absentee voter ballot if they expect to be away from their city or township on election day, are 60 years of age or older, are in jail awaiting trial or arraignment, cannot attend the polls for religious reasons, or are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person.

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Sports shorts

Inline skaters found some challenges at this year's Liberty Fest during Continental Cablevision's local Xtreme Games on Sunday, June 23 at Heritage Park in Canton. Participants took part in racing and trick skating that were coordinated by local sponsors Bladesports and Skatin Station II. Winners of the Roller Race were selected based on speed from three age groups.

Seven years and younger — first place was Grant Jackson; second place was Joshua Dudash; and third place was Nick Niffen.

Eight to 10 years old — first place was Danny Schram; second place was Jason Phillips; and third place was Konrad Konsitzke.

Eleven years and up — first place was Nick Herlick; second place was Alex McNelly.

Winners of the more advanced Trick Skating competition were Mark Thomas in first place and Mike Schultz in second place.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be presenting **Marc Thomas & Max the Moose** on July 12 at 1 p.m. and **Aladdin, A Magical Musical** on July 23 at 11 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The cost of both shows is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose will perform and children will participate through movement and musical activities, bringing to life the magical world of Marc's music as puppet friend Max the Moose offers his own giddy moose fun. It is recommended that tickets be purchased in advance at the Recreation Department, as seating is limited. For more information, call 455-6620.

The **Detroit Whalers** of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) announced last Thursday their selections in this year's Canadian Hockey League **Import Draft (CHL)** held last Wednesday and Thursday in Toronto, Ontario.

As the fourth pick in the first of two rounds, the Whalers chose 6'2", 190-pound defenseman Sergei Fedotov of Moscow, Russia. Fedotov, who was a 1995 second-round pick of the Hartford Whalers, played the last two seasons for Moscow Dynamo. In the second round, the Whalers selected 5'10", 165-pound goalie Stevie Lyle of Cardiff, Wales. Lyle played for division one Cardiff Devils of the British Professional Hockey League.

Sports

Joggers prepare for Canton's Race Day in the Park

Plymouth had its race on Father's Day, now it's Canton's turn.

The Third Annual Race Day in the Park is set to take place on July 13 at Heritage Park in Canton with three events taking center stage.

After the 7:30 a.m. check-in and late registration at the Township Administration Building, there will be the Third Annual 1/2 Mile Fun Run for Kids at 8 a.m. for kids ages eight-and-under and kids nine-to-12 years old. At 8:30 a.m. all ages are welcome for the Third Annual 5k (3.1 mile) Walk.

After the first two runs there will be the 18th Annual Five Mile Run for men and women with 10 different age groups for each. The age groups are 14-under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59 and 60-over.

There were 262 participants in the race last year with 182 in the run, 50 in the walk and 30 in the fun run. Forty people have registered for the run so far this year, 35 have registered for the walk and 10 have registered for the fun run.

The view of Heritage Park makes this an attraction unlike most other races. The run will start and finish in Heritage Park and will run through the new Pheasant Run subdivision. The walk will go through Heritage Park and down the Summit Parkway.

The fun run will only take place in Heritage Park.

Lisa Lenaghan of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department believes the race day has improved since the addition of the walk and the fun run three years ago.

"We've really expanded this and put a lot of time into it," Lenaghan said.

"With the golf course and the new community, it's grown into a really great event."

The cost for the Five Mile Run and the 3k Walk is \$10 for advanced registration and \$12 for late registration. There will be a special long-sleeve shirt to all participants. Plaques and medals will be awarded to the top three in each age group in the Five Mile Run and the top three finishers in the 5k Walk. There is a \$2 fee for the 1/2 Mile Fun Run for Kids and all runners will receive ribbons.

Business donated gift certificates will be awarded after the run with all Five Mile Run and 5k Walk participants eligible. A \$200 grand prize travel gift certificate will be given away.

Registration can be in person or by mail at Canton Parks and Recreation at 46000 Summit Parkway. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Tennis Tournament Entry Form

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Athlete's Signature

Parent/Guardian if under 18

Date

Tennis tournament makes comeback

The tennis tournament returns.

The Canton-Plymouth-Crier Open Singles Tennis Tournament is ready to provide enormous competition to tennis players of all ages on July 20 and 21 at the Plymouth-Canton High School tennis courts.

There are seven age divisions for both males and females. The divisions are 10 years and under, 14 years and under, 18 years and under, Mens Open, Womens

Open, Mens 50 years and over, and Womens 50 years and over.

For residents of Canton and the City, there will be a fee of \$6 and for non-residents the price will be \$8. Each player must provide their own can of USTA approved tennis balls.

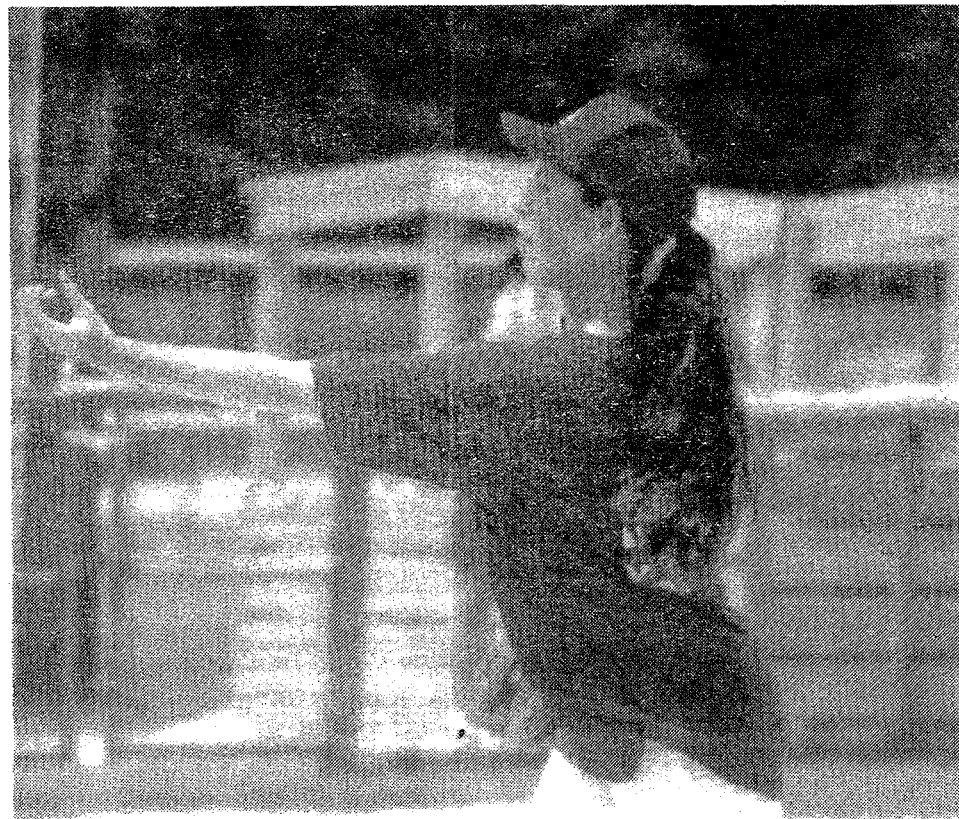
The format of the tournament is single elimination and is open to all area tennis players. Awards will be given to winners and runner-ups of each division.

Registration began on Monday and the deadline is July 17 at 4 p.m. Registration may take place in person or by mail by sending an entry form to Canton Parks and Recreation at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton with a zip code of 48188. Players will be able to find out the time of their first match on July 19 between 2-4 p.m. by calling the Canton Parks and Recreation Department at 397-5110.



Sports

Top players shine in all-star game



Tera Bias tags out Carolyn Dixon as she tries to reach third base. The two were chosen to participate in the softball all-star game, held Saturday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Pitcher Sandra Pavlo was on the mound in the annual softball all-star game. Six players were chosen from each of the five teams in the PCJBL girls softball division. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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American Legion leads Canton Red League

These are the Canton Parks and Recreation Services softball standings as of last Friday.

RED LEAGUE
 American Legion 9-0; Woodland Meadows 6-2; Metro Power Sports 5-3; Don Coleman and Associates 4-5; SPE-BRO 4-5; Greenfield Die and Mfg. 3-5; Shark Club II 2-6; Mobility Transportation 1-8.

WHITE LEAGUE
 ASAP Machine Co. 9-1; Shark Club I 8-2; Metro Direct 7-3; Mexican Fiesta 7-3; American Yazaki 7-3; Beaver Creek/Electric Stick 4-6; Deans Ham Farm 4-6; Rusty Nail 3-7; Chuggers 1-9; Roman Vending 0-10.

GREEN LEAGUE
 Canton Sports 10-1; Family Dentistry 9-2; St. Michael II 8-3; Ancor 8-3; Chicken Ranchers 4-7; Fairway Club 4-7; Private Eyes 2-9; St. Michael I 0-11.



Community opinions

Running in circles

Twp., City try to reach common ground for joint recreation plan

Will Plymouth and Plymouth Township get past their personalities and offer joint recreation?

Ever since Canton opened its Summit and the 60-foot water slide, more than a few Plymouth Township folks have pestered their pols to offer a "real" rec program.

It all boils down to dollars. The Township residents make up two-thirds of the Plymouth-City-administered soccer program. (Though, admittedly the Township helped get the Ford and Unisys fields.)

But the City wants the Township to help make up a "\$100,000 shortfall" in the recreation budget, says the Mayor. Of course, that shortfall budget includes \$285,000 of overhead. "That's \$100 in overhead for each Township senior citizen

Horvath deserves P-C School Board presidency

The Plymouth-Canton School Board will hold its organizational meeting Monday night at 7 p.m., prior to its regular meeting.

It's time for P-C School Board Vice President Mark Horvath to take the leadership role he deserves: president of the board.

Elected in 1994, Horvath has developed into a knowledgeable and dependable board member. He is well-prepared for meetings. Horvath prioritizes and examines each issue and item in detail.

Horvath should make it his first priority after assuming the presidency to expand the public comment portion of school board meetings.

Horvath's replacement to fill the vice president position should be Trustee Carrie Blamer. One of the most pleasing sights this school year has been the emergence of Blamer as the school board's best representative for parents.

After a quiet, inconsistent start, Blamer shares her views and concerns regularly. She is ready for additional responsibility.

For a school district that is experiencing inadequate funding, the P-C School Board would be wise to keep Michael Maloney as treasurer, the officer traditionally responsible for helping to build the budget. His line item work on the 1996-97 budget was valuable and should be utilized again next year. Maloney's analysis demands administrators systematically prepare their reports and statements.

The secretary position should belong to Trustee Jack Farrow. He has previously held the position, and has mentioned several ideas for making school board packets and meeting information more available to the public. He needs to be persistent in his efforts to open the lines of communication between parents and the school board.

That leaves school board President David Artley, Secretary Sue Davis and newly-elected board member Liz Givens as trustees for the 1996-97 school year.

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Community Editorials

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



using the program," says the Supervisor.

Mayor Ron Loiselle says talks are "optimistic."

But his Highness, City Manager Steve Walters wrote the Township by surprise (and sent it to other governmental folks, too) threatening to jerk recreation services from other communities' residents. This follows the City charging "non-residents" more even though the lease for the Cultural Center calls for its services to be equitably offered to Plymouth-Canton School District residents,

The Walters letter has the fur flying.

In fact, the City Manager was specifically UNinvited to the first joint meeting June 12 between City and Township officials. Another round of "board level discussions" is planned between Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Ron Griffith, Chuck Curmi, Loiselle, Doug Miller and Walters.

About Walters' letter:

"He should be a little more careful at how he deals with others," lectured Griffith.

At some point, he notes, Walters must be a part of a joint effort. "Obviously, the City Manager is going to have to be involved — he implements," the trustee said.

Loiselle takes the blame for the memo, which City Commissioners saw before it was sent out. "I guess we didn't do a good job of putting ourselves in their (the Township's) shoes," Loiselle said.

Not shoes anyone wants to be in. Some Townshipites are asking, "Can't we run a soccer and senior program for less than the City does?"

The mayor rules out nothing — the budget could be cut, classes could be cut, the City could subsidize City residents if the Township takes over recreation.

In the mean time, the recreation talks carefully waltz around the Township's suspicions of Walters' "my way or the highway" attitude.

Stores should stay open for prime shopping hours

EDITOR:

Despite the diligent efforts of our fine City groups, DDA, chamber, Rotary, etc. trying to bring customers downtown to shop.

It amazes me to find businesses closed during prime shopping hours.

On an unseasonably cool morning of the Memorial Day parade, people were shocked to find the coffee shop on Main Street, the center of the parade route, closed!

Two weeks ago on Friday night, the weather was hot, so was the free music on Ann Arbor Trail right across from the ice cream shop, which again was closed. People would have loved an ice cream or a cold pop.

Then, to my dismay, last Friday night — again hot weather and great free music.

This time the music was on Penniman Avenue with great free music and a wonderful deli that has outside cafe seating — closed! The seats were taken inside, doors locked and the workers had gone home. The little hot dog cart on the sidewalk did so well they ran out of hot dogs.

As a retired retailer, I just don't understand why this City is open late (supposedly) on Thursday nights, but closes early on Friday nights.

Do Plymouth retailers know more than the rest of the country?

JAMES HOLLINGSWORTH



Community opinions

Canton actively protects historic sites

EDITOR:

It was gratifying to read Maura Cady's column in the June 19 edition of The Community Crier. I couldn't agree more, especially since I have been preaching the same philosophy for years!

Recently, the Canton Board of Trustees and Planning Commission have approved two new developments that will incorporate the historic structures that reside on the subject properties.

Jeff Brown and his partner Terry Nosan will be rehabilitating the historic Hanford House on the corner of Ridge and Hanford roads as part of their project, Royal Pointe West. They have kindly included the Canton Historic District Commission in their plans for the rehabilitation of the Hanford House.

It will be a large and costly project for them, but once completed, the house will again be an elegant structure in a mature setting of trees. The plans include a sensitive restoration of the exterior and the interior will be updated for modern living, while maintaining many of its historic features.

The entire development on the farm property has been designed to allow the Hanford House to have uninterrupted views of open space along the side and rear yards.

The buyers of the new homes in Royal Pointe West will be able to choose from several elevations that include elements of the gracious and stately Greek Revival style of homes, to compliment the historic structure on the corner.

Mel Belovitz will be renovating the historic Hough School. It will anchor his approved attached condo development on Warren Road. The Hough School has had many efforts made over the years to save it, including moving it to Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport, but to no avail.

We had about given up hope of saving it when Belovitz proposed the new condos on this site and agreed to renovate the school as a single family home.

We have provided several examples of old schools that were renovated into single family homes for Belovitz and anxiously await his plans.

Belovitz's site plans for the condos include a wonderful bog garden utilizing an existing wetland in the center of his property as a natural feature for the residents of his new neighborhood.

These two developments will show that historic structures can be incorporated into and enhanced by sensitive and creative development. That a community such as Canton need not lose its heritage because of the growth we are experiencing. Cady is right, the planning departments of our local communities need to emphasize the importance of preservation of our landscape and our historic buildings as part of development and growth. Builders and developers need to be sensitive to the community's identity and use that as an asset for their development plans.

Canton is very excited about these projects. We are appreciative of the efforts made by Nosan, Brown and Belovitz to save and improve important elements of Canton's heritage within their new developments.

MELISSA MCLAUGHLIN

Flag pole in park should be replaced

EDITOR:

We attended the Plymouth Community Band concert in the park last Thursday evening and while there, couldn't help but notice the condition of the flag pole in the park, particularly in view of all the new improvements surrounding it.

We've been out of town for much of last week, so they may have improved it in the interim, but we couldn't help notice the poor paint condition of the flag pole itself and particularly the terrible condition of the U.S. flag and Michigan flag up

the pole.

If it's money they need to buy new flags and/or paint the pole, place a collection container at the Farmers Market on Saturdays and we'll gladly be an early donor.

Otherwise, to complete the streetscape project, the flag pole and flags really need repainting/replacement.

ALAN & MARILYN FABER

20th District needs change

EDITOR:

As the political process rapidly approaches November 1996, my mailbox has become a collection of political "re-elect me" information.

I see this as a waste of my tax paid monies to taunt one's political activity while in office.

Even a Michigan Hospice Organization Legislator of the Year, previously honored by the Michigan Association of Marriage and Family Therapy as well as the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association has fallen victim to this despicable practice. That practice to be the wanton waste of taxpayer money as an election approaches.

A good job in Lansing or Washington, D.C. can be recognized without self "puffing" and political propaganda.

Jerry Vorva, a former State Representative, campaigned against this practice and while in office attempted to end this practice. His bill got no support and died in committee.

Political efficiency seems to demand a change in the law and the replacement of the 20th House District Representative. Seriously consider a vote for and election of Jerry Vorva.

ROGER L. KEHRIER

Thanks for help with circus

EDITOR:

The Plymouth Lions Club would like to say thank you for supporting the circus.

It was a huge success. We hope you had as much fun as we did bringing it to you.

We take our hats off to you, the Plymouth community.

BILL BAXTER

Housing developments don't have to ruin character of land if planned properly

EDITOR:

Maura Cady's June 19 column was shown to me recently and I appreciate your comments regarding Colony Farms, a project now 25 years old. Following are some thoughts I believe relate to your purpose in raising the subject of historical preservation.

Most property sellers are interested only in obtaining the highest price. Dr. Ralph Pino personally contacted our firm and we negotiated a purchase with conditions requiring preservation of the farms' character. Both Dr. Pino and myself shared a common interest in doing this.

Our biggest problem in accomplishing our task was convincing the Township officials and the various bureaucrats and consultants that our proposal was superior

to a standard subdivision.

Colony Farms was the first planned unit development (PUD) in Plymouth (for all I know, it might have been the only). It took us almost two years to obtain approvals from the various powers.

I suggest that rather than force preservation on developers, one might encourage and reward them for their efforts by enabling them to reduce expenses through alternative methods that might lower costs and save time.

Remember, the carrot often works better than the stick.

I often pass through Colony Farms when in the area and I am proud to be able to say that Dr. Pino and I were able to provide some history for future residents.

STEWART OLFORD



Community opinions

Charm of hotel provided Plymouth's heartbeat

EDITOR:

Mr. Nick Ristich says, "The Mayflower Hotel is dead," and I for one hope he is wrong.

Plymouth has been my home for almost 30 years. My husband and I raised five children here. Three of them worked part time at the Mayflower Hotel while attending Salem High School.

Long before the Cozy Cafe opened its doors, the Mayflower sat with style and grace on the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, welcoming visitors and inviting them to stay awhile. Every small town needs a heart, and the heartbeat of Plymouth came from the charm and warmth of that old hotel. To sell it short is to sell Plymouth short.

It's not that there isn't many other things that make Plymouth a place to be proud of. My children are grown and gone, but to them, Plymouth is home. When they return

to the "Hotel Mom" they have a list of places to go. They found the Cozy Cafe years ago to be a place for lunch, but they are drawn to Kellogg Park to sit for awhile.

They see a movie at the Penn and eat a burger and onion rings at the Box Bar. They attend mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel and meet friends at the Crows Nest where they listen to music and remember what it was like to be young in Plymouth. The Mayflower is there to remind them.

I guess what I'm saying is that a small town can't smile if it has nothing to smile about. The Mayflower is part of all of us, and it does make us smile.

You say in your letter Mr. Ristich that we're looking down the wrong street for Mr. Mayflower. Well Mr. "R," I knew Mr. Mayflower, Mr. Mayflower was a friend of mine and you sir are no Mr. Mayflower.

DOROTHY DRISCOLL

Columnist survives dangerous trip to center of P-C Community

I'm wading through Fellows Creek. At least I think so. The freezing cold water extinguished all feeling from my legs five minutes ago. In painful contrast, the hot sun threatens to spontaneously ignite the top of my head. Mosquitoes congregate nearby; I imagine them licking their little mosquito lips as they eye my sweaty neck.

I stop to check the map. There's no mistake. The spot where I'm standing is the exact center of the community we call Plymouth-Canton.

My search for this precise location began hours ago. As a dedicated contributor (although still in my rookie season) to The Community Crier, "The Newspaper with Its Heart in The Plymouth-Canton, MI Community," I felt obligated to identify and locate the actual "heart."

The value of this endeavor is open for discussion — one could argue that the Township and City "centers" are represented nicely by their respective City and Township government offices. These don't coincide with the geographical centers, but they're close enough. Well, close enough for most people, but not me.

Before going into the "field," (we scientific explorers often use words like "field," "coordinates," "malaria," etc.), I went to the library and pored

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



over population pie charts, researched residential relief maps and compiled complicated cartographical data. Then I stuck a pin in the center of the map, and headed out.

As I made my way into the wilderness, I felt the singularity of purpose shared by all explorers. Like Lewis and Clark searching for the Northwest Passage, or Sir Richard Burton venturing up the Nile to find its source, or even like my brother-in-law Gary, looking in the woods for his tee shot on the 18th hole, this was no frivolous undertaking.

By the way, while doing my research, I couldn't help notice that most state capitals are nestled near the geographical center of their states, keeping a respectful distance from their neighbors. Lansing, Columbus and Phoenix make good examples.

On the other hand, Nevada's capital is located dangerously close to its western border. I feel they risk undue influence from California; perhaps a takeover. Or worse, a makeover. Maybe even a quakeover. No doubt about it, a government body

should be centrally located, to be insulated from outside influence, and be equally convenient to all residents.

I wouldn't expect perfection, although the citizens of Arkansas, Indiana and South Carolina apparently do. Their respective capital cities of Little Rock, Indianapolis and Columbia are located in the dead center of the state.

Arkansas gets first prize. Someone must have put the state map on a dart board and placed the capital at the bull's eye. Come to think of it, I'll bet lots of people pinned a map of Arkansas on a dart boards about four years ago and have been gleefully puncturing it ever since.

Anyhow, I'm finally here at the "heart" of The Plymouth-Canton Community, right in the middle of a drainage creek. I place a commemorative flag to mark the spot, and feeling triumphant, turn back toward civilization. Behind me, the flag floats away.

By the way, if anyone is interested in the "coordinates," and is willing to risk "malaria," I can provide a map.

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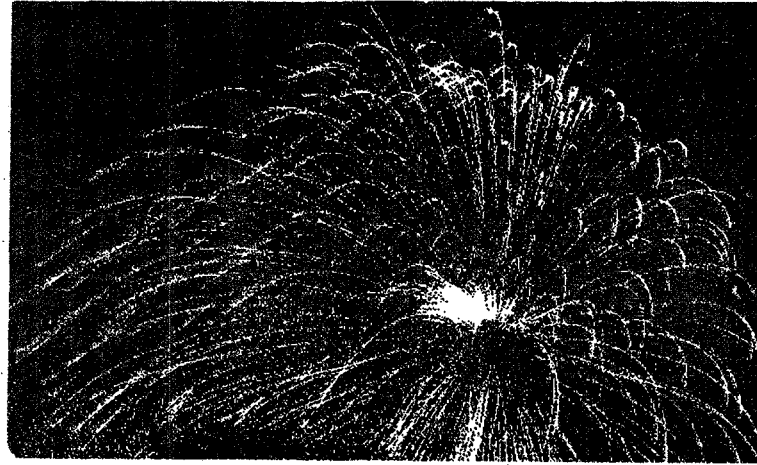
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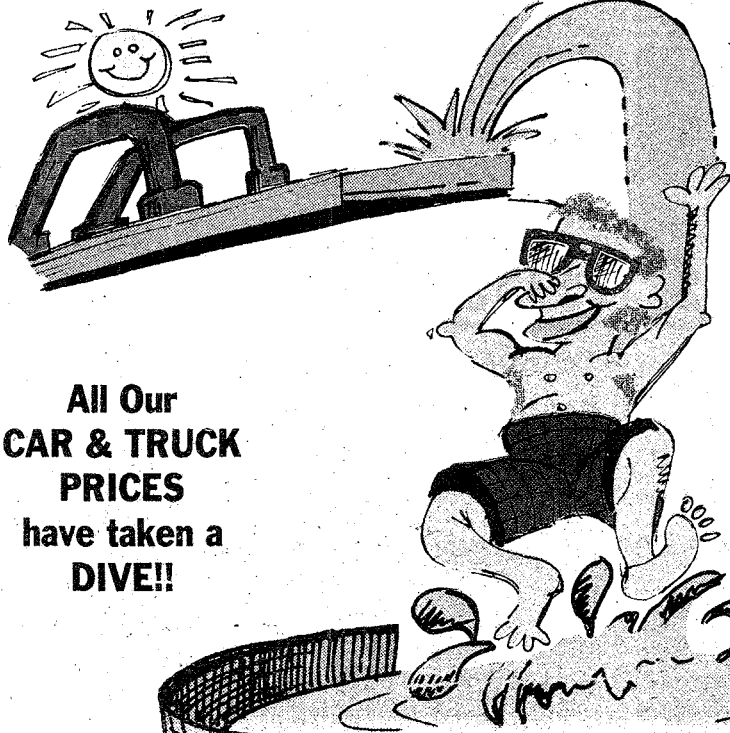
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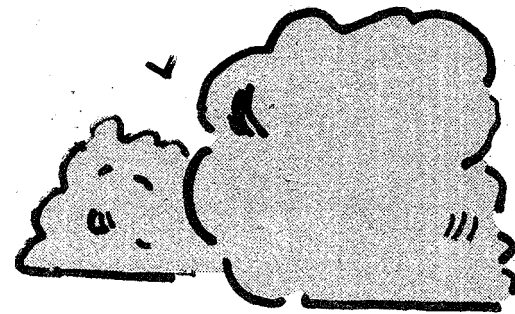
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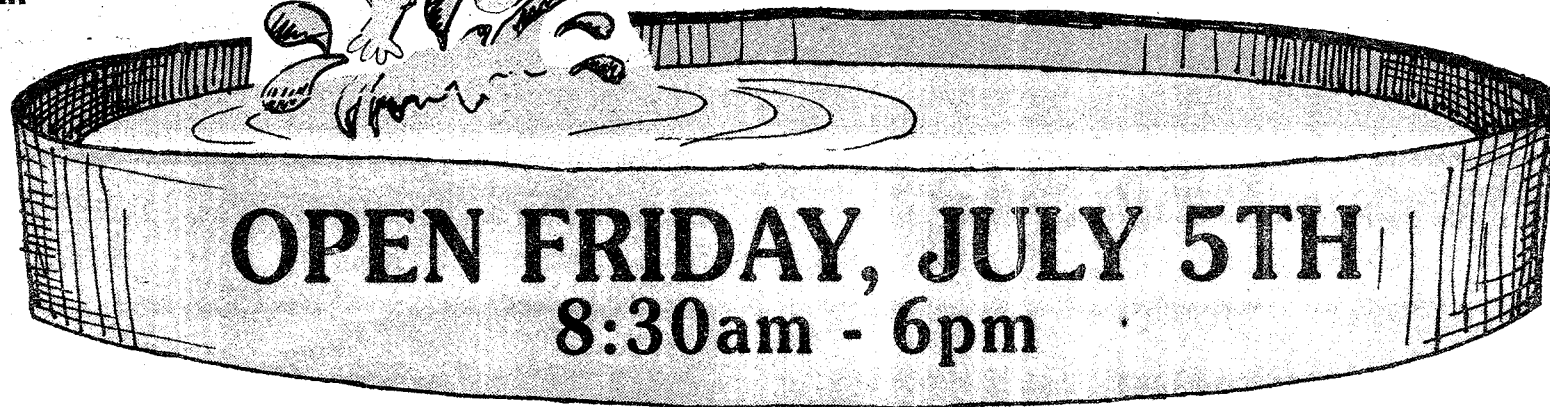


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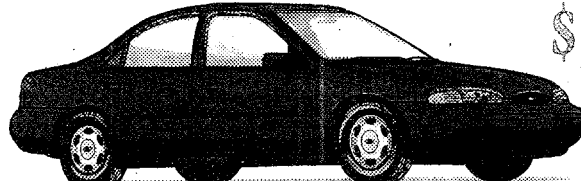
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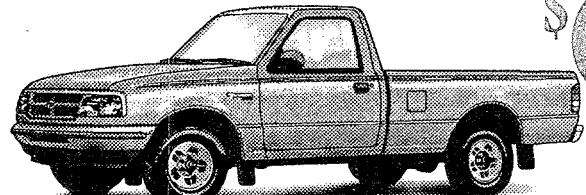
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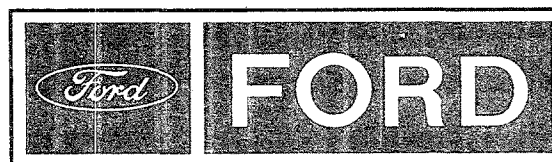


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