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## City residents ending recall

BY PHILIP TARDANI

A citizens group is apparently dropping its attempt to recall five Plymouth city commissioners who voted for a joint operating agreement to purchase and operate Mettetal Airport as a municipal facility.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens, who oppose municipal ownership of Mettetal, say the recall attempt stemmed from the elected officials' refusal to "respect the will of our city's citizens and allow a public referendum to decide the question of the city's involvement in the airport."

Recent action by Mayor Dennis Bila has convinced the group to change its mind, according to spokesperson Dwight Eckler.

The mayor has asked that charter amendment petitions forbidding the city from owning or operating an airport be validated as quickly as possible and vowed to "do everything in my power to implement the vote, whether it's against the airport or for the airport."

"As a matter of consistency, we are therefore dropping our recall campaign against Mayor Bila and the rest of the commissioners who had been targeted," Eckler said. "Although we continue to disagree with these officials over the issue of Mettetal Airport, all we could ask is that the wishes of the people -- in the form of more than 1,000 petition signatures requesting a public referendum -- be respected and implemented."

## New player talking with Ward

### St. John's 'understanding' may lead to March sale

BY KEN VOYLES

There appears to be a new player in a possible sale of the St. John's Provincial Seminary property in Plymouth Township.

Officials with the Archdiocese of Detroit said Monday that the archdiocese has "an understanding" with an individual interested in the site, but they declined to name that person.

"We have made an understanding with this man who wants to buy the property," said Gerald Chuhran, director of archdiocese properties.

The new development follows recent speculation about Ward Presbyterian Church's interest in purchasing the site along Five Mile Road and possible negotiations in progress between the Livonia organization and the Catholic Church.

"We are not negotiating with Ward Presbyterian," said Chuhran, who added that he did not want to jeopardize the archdiocese's plans by discussing the details of a possible sale. "Ward is negotiating with (this) individual."

But Chuhran called any announcement of a sale "really premature."

A St. John's sale scenario, however, might run something like this:

The archdiocese would sell the 55-acre site to the interested individual, who would then in turn sell, or possibly lease, the buildings to Ward.

Chuhran said negotiations over St. John's future may be wrapped up sometime in March.

Brenda Marshall, with the archdiocese's communications staff, said she would not comment "on specific organizations involved in negotiations."

"We have a few people interested in the property," she added.

A spokesperson for Ward, Kelly Sharkey, said she could not comment on the church's interest in St. John's at the present time.

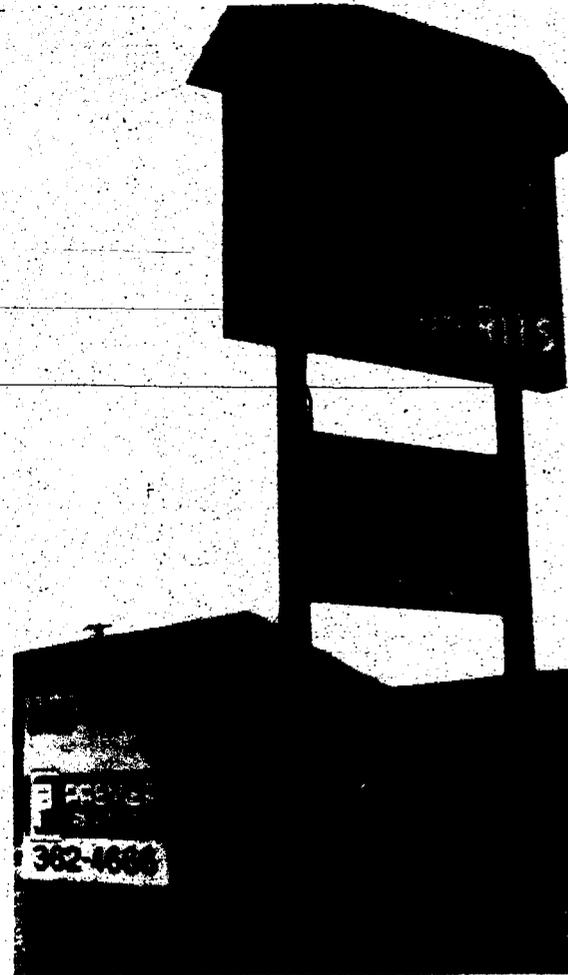
"When we have something we'll let you know," Sharkey said.

The church, which owns a piece of property in Northville Township originally slated to be used for a possible expansion, has been unable to move forward with its plans at that site.

Since St. John's closed in 1988 several interested buyers have come and gone, including a firm in Baltimore which wanted the site for a possible senior citizens center.

There has also been speculation in recent months that the site is being considered by the Detroit Tigers organization as a possible location for

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The Plymouthrock Saloon on Joy Road is at the center of interest of a local restaurant owner who would like to purchase the site and turn it into a family eatery. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

## Rock Saloon eyed for family restaurant

BY PHILIP TARDANI

A local restaurateur would like to turn the former Plymouthrock Saloon into a family restaurant, but he won't get any help from the Plymouth Township administration.

Riza Curtis, who operates Cindy's Coney Island in Northville Township, would like to buy the former bar along Joy Road which was closed in 1988 for liquor license violations and serve steaks, eggs and hot dogs.

Curtis says he doesn't need -- or want -- a liquor license and will sign an agreement pledging not to seek one.

"I want to own my own building and secondly, I like that area," he said. "I like the property to run a good family restaurant."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen is against the idea. He is afraid the state Liquor Control

Commission would eventually grant a liquor license to a restaurant at the site.

Breen said he doesn't want a repeat of what the township got with the Plymouthrock -- including charges of serving to minors and intoxicated persons and a fatal accident involving an intoxicated minor who was driving home from the bar.

She was later convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five-to-10 years in prison.

"We're not going to subject the community to those problems again," Breen said. "In my mind, there is no practical way you can stop them from serving booze in a restaurant -- not in the long run."

Breen, however, can't veto Curtis' efforts -- that's up to the Plymouth Township Planning Commission.

Curtis would have to apply for a use

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## Between now and November

# City unsure when Mettetal vote may occur

BY PHILIP TARDANI

It is unclear when City of Plymouth residents might vote on a charter amendment forbidding the city to purchase, operate or maintain an airport.

But City Attorney Ronald Lowe said the vote could be as far away as November, or even come before the city primary in August.

"The (state) law says it should occur at the next general election or municipal election and neither one of those occur until November," Lowe

said Monday night.

Section 12.4 of the city charter allows the city commission to call a special city election in 45 days, Lowe added, and the commission may choose to do that.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens refiled charter amendment petitions with City Clerk Linda Langmesser on Feb. 18.

The group opposes a joint operating agreement between the city and Plymouth Township to run Mettetal Airport, which is located in Canton. The city commission approved the agreement 6-1 in January.

James Romzek, the group's attorney, said he would like to see a vote take place before the operating agreement is finalized.

A special election is expected to cost the city about \$14,000 according to Langmesser, but if the amendment were voted on during the primary on Aug. 6 or during a general election, that cost would be avoided.

Lowe said he is in contact with Romzek and the Wayne County Elections Commission.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman will consider a rehearing of a lawsuit filed by Concerned Citizens and Canton against the city and township on March 6.

Earlier this month, Kaufman dismissed the suit, which challenged the legality of the airport purchase.

In other Mettetal news, Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen was last night expected to appoint Thomas Kennedy as a township representative on the Mettetal joint operating board.

Breen said on Monday that he was not sure who the other township representative would be, adding that he would like it to be someone from the board of trustees.

## Is Walters interested?

# City begins manager search

BY PHILIP TARDANI

City of Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila will likely unveil the process to find a new city manager at Monday's city commission meeting.

Citing the need for a full time administrator, the city commission voted unanimously at a special meeting on Friday to look for a replacement for city manager Gordon Jaeger when he retires on May 1.

Jaeger had offered to stay aboard

part time after May 1 for \$60 an hour.

"I have full confidence that he would be able to service us three days a week," said Mayor Dennis Bila. "I also understand some of the feelings in the community that we're not getting a full time city manager."

Jaeger said he understood the commissioner's actions and would help the city conduct a professional search for a new manager.

"That's their decision," he said. "They have to decide what's best for the community and they decided they want a full time city manager."

Before the decision, the commission talked about the idea of hiring Steve Walters, manager of Northville.

Walters said Monday that he is considering the offer, but has not made up his mind.

"Obviously, I'm thinking about it because Mayor Bila asked me to do that," Walters said. "The issue is, 'do I want to change (jobs)?'"

Walters, who at one time was assistant manager in Plymouth, has been Northville's top administrator for

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## Club hosts leaders' lunch

With the Mettetal Airport controversy as a backdrop, the Canton Economic Club will host a Government Roundtable Tuesday (March 5) with leaders from Canton, Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

The roundtable panel will include Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen and Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila. It will be moderated by Bruce Patterson, a Canton-based attorney.

The luncheon program begins at noon and will be held at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. There is no membership requirement, but lunch is \$10.

The Canton Economic Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at Geneva. For further information call the Canton Community Foundation at 454-5427.

## Addenda & errata

The Social Security Administration does not have a fee for the changing of a name as reported in a recent edition of The Crier.

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# Candidates line up for 11th District race

BY JIM WHITE

If you are watching the 11th District Wayne county Commission race, keep your eye on the Democrats. That's where the action will be in the March 19 primary.

Shirley Poling, Bryan Amann, Robert Beeny, Warren Troy, Thomas Hartnett, and Jimmie C. Raspberry have all filed as Democratic candidates.

Only two Republicans are running, Jim Poole and John McCarthy.

The big guns on the Democratic ticket will be Poling, who has served as interim commissioner since Milt Mack was appointed probate judge, and Amann, who is assistant county executive.

Poling has been endorsed by the United Auto Workers. Amann has been endorsed by Ed McNamara, county executive, and by U.S. Representative William Ford, whose

district covers many of the same communities as the county's 11th District, including Canton.

Beeny and Raspberry are city council members in Wayne and Romulus, respectively.

Troy, a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Schools, and Hartnett, a prosecutor for Wayne County Friend of the Court, have not held public office.

Poling, Troy, and Hartnett are all residents of Canton. Beeny and Amann live in Wayne, and Raspberry lives in Romulus.

On the Republican side, McCarthy, an outplacement consultant from Rockwood who has never held public office will be considered the underdog.

But Poole, a former Canton supervisor, will not be able to cam-

paign as actively as his opponent since he is visiting his daughter in California.

"If I broke my promise to her," he said before leaving, "how could I keep it to the voters?"

Vic Gustafson, who lost to Mack in the November election, will not run again, citing time commitments to his consulting business.

The general election will be May 7.

## At Howmet State: no investigation

The state Health Department's General Industry and Safety Division has no plans to investigate an industrial accident that occurred Feb. 15 at Howmet Corporation, spokesperson Eva Hatt said.

According to Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth, Virgil Parks, 34, of Westland, received second degree burns on his hands, face and arms when an electrical box he was near shorted out and exploded.

Parks was listed in good condition yesterday at the University of Michigan Burn Center.

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### Curiosities

Deb, you'd better win some money so you can pay the phone bill.

But I'm not so sure that Josh will.

Josh, what's it like to be an only child - even if for only a week? Enjoy it while it lasts. (Secretly, I think you will miss her at least a bit.)

VICKY FREUND: how do you forget a purse you're supposed to be attached to? Better Homes and Gardens will have a garden... won't they?

What S. Main St. new businesses are not showing their patriotism? Let's see some red, white and blue!

Debbie G. Cozy was great! Thanks - my turn next time. -Rebecca

"WE'RE GOING TO SHOP 'till we drop or the money stops." -How Sara and Jessica spent Romeo's bottle deposit cash.

Girth!

LXQ equals Happiness.

Who is the big Dipper? Is it the Cool Mr. Dropsey?

Larry! I'll meet you at Tremors. We'll give the girls a night out (by themselves).

Yap, yap, yap, yap, yap, yap. Jim just loves the phone.

I thought guys were supposed to be great with one liners. What's the problem, Jim?

Thanks Jill for the education on - torulms!

"What is best salty?"

You can't tell you have a friend when you're in the Curios. Thanks. -Gobbie Gobble.

The front desk office has turned into a poultry farm. Ducks and turkeys.

Bry, June 1: See Ya! Jimmy P.S. Do you guys still have my glasses?

K.B. - just because we hang a large flag to show our support of our troops doesn't preclude us wishing for world peace. -Ed. P.S. Our artists won't allow Jessie Helms in our office.

NANCY HAYES is older again in Florida! Happy - Sally and Ed.

D.A.R.E. Skat-a-thon at Skatin Station March 2. Support D.A.R.E. 459-6401.

### Curiosities

Hey Ben - go fly your kite.

Kit: have fun at Cobo this weekend. I wish I could go on Saturday to see Probie and Carson.

Are we done with GUIDE yet?!

JAY DENSMORE: the tomato juice worked for the dog, but what about you? Who was that in Row F at ZZ Top who smelled like a skunk?

To My Downhill Honey - I'm glad you had so much fun Saturday. Next year I'll be your snow bunny!

Justin - Leon & I might as well get you a striped suit with numbers. Your sentence just keeps getting longer & longer & longer...

Great job Matthew - Route No. 61 on February collections! Keep up the good work.

DR. ROGER HERTZ IS 50! Call him and razz him.

SALLY REPECK is 35 on Friday.

Who is that lovely lady at Clyde Smith that does great petunias.

SALLIE: you mean plugged-up drains are caused by kids leading to "deficient" kissing?

Peg, what would I have done without you? See you for the end of January. Thanks a lot!

They ought to make the slot at least as big as the bag, right JIM?

Mom and Dad - are you ready for your return to the Arctic sk? Still too early.

Rosemary - up to a long weekend visitor? Possibly soon.

Some people are crabber than usual. Everyone is entitled to it occasionally. And for good reason. Take care of number 1.

Go CC Swimmers. First leagues's - then States. Shamrocks are TOPS!

Boy, sun tans fade fast when there's no sun.

Adam B. - we need some more snow so you can make a snowman like Tommy's.

Michelle - are you ready to start our weekly 7:00 p.m. meeting? I am (I think).

Zoey - have fun at Timberline. I'm sure Kee and Bow'll miss you.

### Curiosities

Why were all the servicemen hanging around the office last Thursday?

I'm going to be an aunt again this year! Congratulations to Ginny and Ken. - Rita

Shawn - you should never have forced the huge lunch on me Friday. But it was good, let's do it again!

Beauregard can sense fear.

BEWARE of PHYLLIS' OFFICE: landslide zone

It figures - the Wings can get through Chicago, Calgary and Edmonton without losing and then get slaughtered in Vancouver!

SHAWN'S DIET: eat a donut while drinking Slim Fast.

Jim White - you're our hero - (we really get excited when someone helps up with the garbage.) Thanks.

Have you ever seen a petrified mullin? Check with COMMA.

WELCOME PRETORIA!

Justine quotes The Bible.

Because of popular demand, we will be featuring another photo of Becky.

P & D and J & L, the sports-minded foursome, are ready for darts and wallyball.

Key is the only person I know that goes through boxes of junk to separate them & ends up with more than she started with.

Denise! How about a winking party? Check with me about how it works.

Bad Wine ..... Good Chops.

Chubby Checkers has nothing on Charlie & Peg. Boy, can those two twist!

Eileen - limbo lower now!

Bob limboed the lowest.

Who was that cute Catholic schoolgirl? Debbie, we didn't recognize you!

Eric was singing again!

Phyllis has so much hip action, she can hula hoop forever.

Arville - please don't make me explain the banana joke again! With all your girlfriends you should know! -D

### Curiosities

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Joint effort Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton police fight against drugs - 459-6401.

D.A.R.E. skat-a-thon pledge sheets available at Skatin Station, 459-6401.

Mom, will you send me the patterns for the jewelry bag? Love, Judy.

Wendy Hix got a piece of the rock for her birthday and a proposal by the bridge. Congratulations, Doug & Wendy.

Europeans once believed a good way to ward off the plague was to have women pull a plow around the outskirts of the village. - L.M.

An elephant's trunk has about forty thousand muscles. - L.M.

A CANTON FRUMP makes good?

Aaron, it sure was great hearing your voice. You made Grandma M's day! Hope you're out of the Philippines by now. Love, Mom, Dad, Teresa

I bet Henry knows the numbers.

Carol, who's car phone?

Robin - previews to follow.

Mike, please send a panoramic photo.

Bob says he likes working in a town where Lauri doesn't have any friends. He didn't say why.

Does anyone know how Henry broke his finger?

DEB QUERIN: It was great working midnights with you again but don't bother coming back if you add anymore junk to aisle 1!! And if you must go, take the she-devil with you.

JIM: you better watch what you say - it may end up in the curios even if it's past deadlines!

SUE MARRON: thoughts and prayers go out to you and the kids while Dave is in Saudi Arabia. Let me know when he gets his package from the gang. Call anytime. We love hearing from you. Let's go to Canada soon - or at least the bar around the corner!

Molly Surgo is such a happy baby! I think it's the attention her aunt's pay her. And being the cutest baby there ever was really gives her a lot to smile about.

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## Curiosities

Beau is a big help when it comes to getting lunch ready.

Rita - I saw you at Bakers Square.

Phyllis - If you saw me that means you were there, too.

The diet starts the day AFTER the Guide.



Jolene & Keegon Rene DeArmond Janet's Babysitters

"The cooler was heavier going out than going in." - Russ. (Why was that?)

Darwin - where's the train?

Linda knows everyone!

Jack - Debbie looks great in her black top. Eat your heart out!

Larry likes weird food.

Kevin - don't forget to buy a 10 gallon hat! SURFS UP!!

Eastons - thank you for the card and you're welcome. Keep in touch.

Julie - be careful of that long Texan drawl. Your ancestry may surface.

Carey is the official typewriter repair person at Select Air.

Rita, Sergio likes to show off for you. You bring out the best in him!

Peg: He doesn't know it yet, but I'm just what he needs.

Will it be slushy in March?

Darts anyone?

Ron, good luck in Chicago.

Shawn drinks Slimfast with her doughnut.

I AM NOT CRABBY! -The GM

## Curiosities

Gail - when are we leaving?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sue Deadman.

The Follies are coming - clear your calendar for the end of April and first part of May so you can join in the fun!

Margaret, what were we doing shopping in England - was it really a dream?

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# Community opinions

On the beat

By Phillip Tardani



## Pigeon evictions

The City of Plymouth is once again facing up to its pigeon problem.

City Manager Gordon Jaeger has received some correspondence from a downtown property owner complaining about the "accumulation of droppings" on the pavement of the Central Parking Deck. Not only is this unsightly and unsanitary, the letter says, but it makes some areas of the deck very undesirable for parking.

Jaeger has asked his assistant Paul Sincock to explore options of evicting the cooing "rock doves" from their roosts in the deck.

Now hold your horses, bird lovers. A repeat of the infamous 1986 pigeon poisoning that attracted national attention is not likely. Sincock has a host of other options in his "pigeon problem" file. Among them:

• "Terror-eyes," a large orange, yellow and black balloon with an ominous pair of eyes that pigeons will purportedly think belong to a predator. The manufacturer even claims that through a special printing process, the "3-D eyes" move forward and sideways, "following birds as they fly by," presumably to a safer part of town.

• A good, old-fashioned birth control pill that the female pigeons would ingest in special feed. The concept of planned parenthood has hit new heights.

• Ultrasons, a transmitter beaming out UHF radio waves that our winged friends just can't stand. Birds, the manufacturer claims, "have no defense against this continuous, full-circle sonic attack." Sounds like "cruel and unusual" punishment to me.

• Hot Foot, a non-toxic, sticky gel that despite its name doesn't burn the birds, just "bothers their comfort underfoot." Sort of like if your front porch were covered in honey.

• Any number of wire strands or mesh contraptions making roosting and nesting areas inaccessible. Locking the birds right out of their own homes.

Regrettably, there aren't enough tall buildings in Plymouth to use a solution other cities have relied on: importing the peregrine falcon to feed on the abundant, plump, corn-stuffed pigeons. This could keep the pest population down while helping the peregrine — an endangered species — survive.

All jokes aside, Sincock is serious when he says, "We're going to explore all of those options carefully."

Sincock is a veteran of the pigeon

wars, having been featured every half-hour on CNN in 1986 when the city was conducting its poisoning campaign.

"Once it hit CNN, we got calls from all across the country," he said. There was the mayor from a small town in Texas who had a solution: Just get all the townfolk together downtown and have everybody fire off their shotguns at the same time. The deafening blast would scare the pigeons into the next county.

And the lady phoning from New York:

"She said I was an exterminator and she didn't know how I could sleep at night," Sincock remembers.

There's only one problem with most of the solutions being considered; they just encourage the birds to go away. So where would they set up homestead next?

Maybe in Northville, which City Manager Steve Walters says doesn't have a pigeon problem in its parking deck.

## Bennett is good for all of Canton

EDITOR:

As a prior employe of Canton and an election worker, I would like to respond to your article regarding Loren Bennett, township clerk.

Before Bennett's term, the clerk's department was in turmoil, with unhappy employes and grievances. Lack of cooperation with other employes and departments existed.

Bennett and his outstanding staff have brought respect to the clerk's department. He is organized, a negotiator, efficient, diplomatic, fair, appreciative, and hard working. In addition, he has pioneered recycling in Canton in an effort to reduce solid waste sent to landfills.

Many of the election workers who had quit are working again for Bennett, and I have heard only good comments. He is conducting the elections extremely well. He treats his employes as equals, cooperates with other departments and does not nitpick and waste time.

Canton is fortunate to have Bennett as clerk.

JOANN SPAHN

## Honor our flag

EDITOR:

If you ask for change for a dollar, you expect a dollar's worth of change. When you look in a filing cabinet, you expect to find the C's following the B's.

If you see an American flag flying, you expect its owner to fly it correctly. Anything else, such as flying it unilluminated after sunset, or with the field in the wrong corner, or with another flag (any other flag) flying above it, is ignorance.

It's not a moral stand (or lack thereof) or a political statement. It's someone who wants to be considered patriotic, but who hasn't enough respect for the flag to learn the proper etiquette. Or it's laziness.

Either way, I agree with Edgar H. Mitchell in the Feb. 13 issue of The Crier: it's disgusting, and it undermines the value of the flag's symbolism.

DICK ANDERSON

## Breen knows what's best

EDITOR:

The first and foremost job of a politician is to serve the people.

John Stewart, a Plymouth Township trustee, is your "typical politician" from the empty subculture of the "me" generation. They developed their morality during the Vietnam protests and pattern their legal values from Watergate.

I was first exposed to John Stewart at the township meeting late last year. The meeting was superbly run by Supervisor Maurice Breen. It was efficient and well organized. This was a meeting our forefathers would have been proud of — except for one flaw — John Stewart.

This so-called representative came into the meeting in a rude manner and very late. He was ignorant of all subjects. When he voted, his behavior

was strange and future-oriented — his future, not ours. He did not make a good first impression.

Now I read in the papers that John Stewart submitted the recall petitions for the township supervisor and five Plymouth City Commissioners. Is this the future he orients his votes toward, to seek a higher office? It certainly seems so.

As citizens who want an improved future for our community, let us stand strong together and eliminate this bad seed from Plymouth. Let us do this by electing a person for us, like Supervisor Breen, and not one like Stewart whose campaign slogan should have been "Let us not ask what I can do for you, but ask what you can do for me and my future."

KEVIN M. KENNEDY

## Make up your mind, Yack

EDITOR:

Tom Yack, your credibility slip is showing again.

In a recent campaign leaflet, you say that Canton never showed any interest in keeping Mettetal Airport. A few lines later, you point out that your own committees voted in its favor.

You explain that you are dead set against keeping it, claiming it has only recreational value, then go on to say that recreational facilities are one of Canton's most important assets.

Contrary to your statements, the pro-airport people did justify and document their position. Your airport study committee told you so, and voted in favor of it, even though you seeded the committee with naysayers.

You vow not to let Plymouth succeed with running Mettetal, even after you were quoted in the newspapers as saying if any other community wanted to take the offer, it was okay with you.

You say that Canton should not be involved with running an airport of any kind, yet your assistant, Dan Calbrese, ended up returning a call

placed to New Hudson airport by an official of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission. The principal stockholder of that airport, which would stand to benefit from Mettetal's closure, is the same fellow who was nice enough to loan you his CPA for the "impartial" airport study committee.

You accepted the offer, remember?

You have repeatedly parroted the same tired statements and misstatements (11 operations per day? Get real!). Objections of the community to Plymouth's controlling the facility? You must be joking!

Your constituents, Yack, your committees, and your board have consistently shown they favor Mettetal's preservation.

Canton isn't against preserving the airport. Tom Yack is.

"If arguments to save the airport were compelling and documented," you ask, why wouldn't you have voted for it? Good question, Mr. Yack...

We were all wondering that, too.

JOHN VERGONA



# Public notices

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:15 a.m., March 14, 1991 for the following:

#### 1991 TYPE III AMBULANCE

Specifications are available in the Financial Services Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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LOREN BENNETT  
Clerk

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#### COPPER GOODS

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#### 1991 SOCCER TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS

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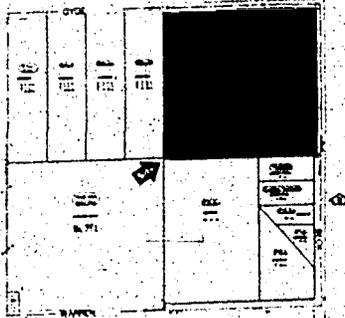
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### CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 1991, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 020-99-0007-000 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BECK ROAD BETWEEN GYDE AND WARREN ROADS.



Publish: The Community Crier, February 13, 1991  
February 27, 1991

Planning Commission  
John Burdziak, Chairman

### NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1991	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1991	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1991	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1991	7:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1991	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1991	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Petitions may be obtained at the Township Assessor's Office as of February 18, 1991. Our office is located behind the Fire Station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads.

The Board of Review will be held in the Township Hall Meeting Room on the first floor of Canton Township Hall, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The Board will be on a first come first served basis during the above listed dates and times. Please come prepared, as a 5 minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Wanda Hamernik, Secretary to the Board of Review, at 981-6400.  
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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is inviting all interested dealers of tractor front loader/backhoe units to participate in a bid for a replacement unit, with trade in. Contact the Purchasing Department at (313) 451-3180 during regular business hours to secure their bid forms and specifications. Bid and/or proposals are due on, or before, 10:00 AM on March 5, 1991.

The Board of Education will consider the administrative recommendations of award at a future meeting. It reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids and/or proposals as it judges to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.  
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Roland Thomas, Secretary  
Board of Education

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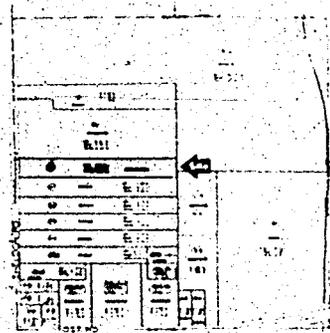
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CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 136-99-0002-002 FROM LI-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SHELTON BETWEEN VAN BORN ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE.



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CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO'S 19-99-0015-002, 19-99-0021-002, 19-99-0021-003 AND PART OF 20-99-0003-000 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, LOCATED NORTH OF WARREN ROAD BETWEEN BECK AND RIDGE ROADS.



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February 27, 1991

Planning Commission  
John Burdziak



Proposals for revamping the Central Parking Deck in downtown Plymouth are due March 1. The deck, built in 1983, was the first project of the Downtown Development Authority. Repairing joints, sealing surfaces and fixing existing damage is expected to cost \$250,000. (Crier photo by Eric Lukask)

## DDA acts on streetscapes

BY PHILIP TARDANI

The City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has taken decisive action on a proposed streetscape renovation project.

Earlier this month the DDA authorized architects Schervish, Vogel, Merz to draw up final streetscape plans and asked the city administration to sell \$4 million in bonds to pay for the project.

Plymouth Finance Director William Graham said the bonds will be paid back over a 20-year period at about a seven per cent interest rate. The average yearly payment will be \$439,000, he said.

All those funds will come from the DDA budget, which is raised through taxes on the city's central

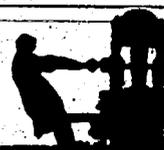
business district.

"I'm really quite pleased," Graham said of the streetscape project, implementation of which should begin late this summer. "I've really looked forward to it."

DDA Director and City Manager Gordon Jaeger has also received a proposal from a firm interested in doing a downtown retail market assessment.

Hyett Palma, Inc., of Virginia, proposes to provide a "vision" of downtown Plymouth, assess the retail market and come up with a business plan strategy. The fee for the six-month project would be \$16,000.

No vote has been taken on the offer. There has not been a quorum at the last two DDA meetings.



## Public notices

### The Board Report

#### A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of February 25, 1991

The Board heard from Volunteer Legislative Liaison Ray Buckman about a recent Michigan Association of School Boards Legislative Relations Network meeting which he attended. He spoke of tenure concerns, collective bargaining needs, concerns about rising health care costs and support for schools of choice within a district, based on community wishes.

- The Board paid bills in the amount of \$1,998,387.44.
- After viewing two video productions, discussing them and reviewing the recommendations of the District Reproductive Health Advisory Committee, the Board voted to approve for classroom use the tapes "AIDS: Taking Action" and, with one abstention in the voting, "Teenage Father."
- The Board approved reappraisal of Allen Elementary and Canton High School and an annual update of the District Fixed Asset Inventory records by the Manufacturers Appraisal Company. Cost of the work will be \$17,500. The Board was told that the value of school district buildings, contents and property now approaches \$150,000,000.

■ The Board adopted midyear revisions in the operating and food service budgets. The revised budget shows total revenues projected at \$70,354,185, with expenditures of \$69,128,944 resulting in a fund balance projected to be \$5,794,737. It also shows increases in abated property tax revenue to be offset by a decrease in state funds.

The food service budget showed an increase in both revenue and anticipated expenditures. Lunch participation is up by 342 per day over last year at this time.

President Swartzwelter pointed out that Plymouth-Canton is 25th out of the 34 school districts in Wayne County in both spending per student and the amount of millage levied in the District. This means 24 Districts spend more per student and levy more millage than Plymouth-Canton.

■ To further equalize middle school attendance areas, the Board assigned all current fifth graders in the Crossings of Canton and Stoneybrooke apartment complexes to attend Central Middle School next year and, effective June 14, 1991, assigned any new middle school student who moves into those two complexes to Central Middle School.

■ The Board approved for second posting a change in Procedure 1706.4. The change provides benefits for employees who are called to active duty by the U. S. Armed Forces. This second posting now makes the procedure an official part of Board Procedures.

■ There will be no Board meeting on March 4. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Canton High School viewing and listening room in the library.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating your Board of Education's actions. If you have questions about these actions or would like further information about your schools, call 451-3188.



## Public notices

### CITY OF PLYMOUTH — ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

It has been brought to the City Assessor's Office attention that the annual notices of assessment change, this year printed on a gold postcard, have a typographical error indicating a wrong date. The annual dates for the March 1991 Board of Review should be:

March 5: Noon - 6pm

March 6: 3-9 pm Appointment Only

Non-Residents may appeal by mail. Please correct your records, we regret this mistake.

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Linda J. Langmesser  
City Clerk

# 3 P-C teachers named as extra milers

Canton High School teachers Sandy Downs, Cheryl VanWestenburg, and Barbara Marshall were named "Extra Milers" recently by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

The trio was awarded for their team

teaching in providing outcome-based education in mathematics.

The three teachers have been functioning in a team format for many years, but they began the outcome-based approach in 1988-89.

Downs has been teaching at Canton

since 1972. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Eastern Michigan University.

VanWestenburg joined the staff at Canton after graduation from the University of Michigan in August, 1974. She received a master's degree from the University of Michigan and

earned about thirty more hours at Wayne State University.

Marshall came to Canton when she was hired into the district in 1978. She completed her bachelor's at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and her master's at Cleveland State University.



## Friends & Neighbors

*Needs transplant, donations*

# Youth with leukemia fights for life

BY KEN KETTENBEIL

While most 14-year-old boys look forward to increased independence, the big school basketball game or their first kiss, for some youths, life revolves more around doctors, hospitals and a hope sustained by the possibility of a medical miracle.

For Raymond Reffitt, a former Canton resident and Lowell Middle School student suffering from Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, life's cruel blow may be overcome by a possible bone marrow transplant.

"I want to be alive when I grow up," said the 14-year-old who now lives in Belleville with his mother Anna Wade and step-father Brian Wade, and who at one time worked at the Canton Meijers store as a bagger.

"Leukemia is a sneaky disease," said Ray's mother. "There is no warning when it will strike."

Grade school teachers at Fiegel and

Field elementary schools first suspected something was wrong with Reffitt, Wade said, when they noticed he experienced recurring bloody noses and extreme fatigue while in school.

Doctors originally suspected that the youth was battling a virus, but deeper probing and further testes revealed a much more serious problem.

Leukemia was diagnosed in 1985 when Ray was nine years old. He immediately began treatments, which were to last more than two years, at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

But last fall the youth's leukemia took a turn for the worse, affecting Reffitt's brain and spine, and forcing further treatments. Those treatments ended in November and doctors said the prognosis was "bright."

"The doctors wanted to do one more check to be sure the leukemia was

gone," said Wade. "They then discovered Ray's testicles were filled with Leukemia cells and that a bone marrow transplant would be necessary."

That disheartening news arrived just before Christmas.

Doctors have since told the family that if Ray does not have a transplant within four weeks his chances for survival drop to 20 per cent.

So far all efforts to find a compatible donor have been unsuccessful, said Ray's mother. Since Ray is an only child that rules out a sibling match.

If a donor is not found doctors have said they will be forced to reuse some of Ray's own bone marrow, said Anna Wade.

Ray's transplant is expected to take place at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Rochester. The family will be able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House nearby.

"The only way we will lose this war will be because of a lack of money," said Ginnie Hauck, a youth minister at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. Hauck is spearheading a fundraising campaign to collect money for Ray's transplant.

Hauck estimates the cost for the operation and lodging at around \$250,000. But even that figure does not include all of the expenses, she said.

According to Wade, the Minnesota hospital will not admit Ray without the funds to cover the entire cost, and the family insurance will not do so.

"I have worked all of my life and have never asked for help," said Ray's mother. "Now I really need the help and I don't feel bad asking for it."

So far, though, the fundraising campaign is falling short of its goal.

Johnson's Family Restaurant in Canton has been a big community sponsor of Ray's quest for life. Anna and her husband Brian Wade have worked at the restaurant for nearly 10 years.

Support for the effort is coming from bus drivers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Roadway Trucking Terminals, Ray's classmates at North Middle School in Belleville and several other local businesses and organizations.

Like many youths his age, Ray enjoys sports, especially the Detroit Pistons and Red Wings. He recently

met Dennis Rodman and he will be treated to a Red Wings game tonight (Feb. 27) at Joe Louis. He'll get a chance to meet some of the players and step out on the ice.

Then on Friday plans are for Ray to leave for Minnesota.



RAYMOND REFFITT

Anyone wishing to help Ray should mail donations to: Ray's Life Line, P.O. Box 87948, Canton, MI, 48187. Make checks payable to Belleville L.O.O. Moose 934.

Anyone interested in being tested for bone marrow transplants, either to help Reffitt or other leukemia patients, should call the National Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-654-1247.

## Students discover "E"

Students at Central and West middle schools will find out just what their math and science studies have to do with the real world when Detroit Edison engineers visit their classrooms today (Feb. 27).

Dennis L. Thoun, of Canton, and Ralph Paschke, of Livonia, are among thousands of engineers across the country -- and two of 85 at Detroit Edison -- involved in the student outreach program Discover "E."

In 45-minute presentations, Thoun and Paschke will talk with students about the engineer's impact on technology and the environment. Thoun will speak at 10:10 a.m. at Central, Paschke will speak at 10:15 a.m. at West.

Discover "E" is conducted each year as part of National Engineers Week (Feb. 17-23).



Ray Reffitt and his mom Anna Wade at their Belleville home.

# Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



The cost of sending a kid away to college is ridiculous. However, there are some benefits.

It may cost an arm and leg for room and board, but just think of what you save on grocery bills at home. There also has to be a savings on the electric bills without a stereo, two televisions and every light turned on in the house.

Not only do you save on the water bill, without the kid around there's actually some hot water when it's your turn to take a shower. To add to the wonders of a hot shower, you're not left standing there with an empty container of shampoo.

There are some advantages in not knowing everything they do (not that you know everything when they're home). At least when they stay out until 2 a.m. at school you don't plan their funeral while waiting for the police to call.

Those college years certainly have some advantages for students as well as parents. Being able to do what you want without having mom or dad looking over your shoulder is a wonderful freedom for students (especially if mom and dad are paying the bills).

Enjoy those years while you can because soon you will be faced with the realities of life -- having to find a real job, paying back student loans, making car payments. Parents have to deal with some realities also -- are you ready for the monster to move back home, or how would you really feel if that sweet, wonderful child was offered a job 2,000 miles away?

As I write the last tuition check for my youngest child, my mind is full of a conglomeration of thoughts. These college years have flown by and the kids have changed, but I haven't. I hope it doesn't take this kid as long as it did his sister to get a job. I know he's majoring in marketing and business management, but I wonder what his real goals are.

Then I wonder how I will deal as I cut another apron string and watch this independent kid enter the real world.

We still have a few more months in the last term to get ready for graduation. As I learn a few more things this last term, I hope the kid does, too.

One lesson I'd like to teach college seniors: when a mom calls, do not always tell her that her son is at an interview. With the number of interviews my son has had in the last month, he should have a least five job offers. Also: do not always tell a mom her daughter is at the library. My daughter would have graduated with straight A's if she spent that many hours at the library.

You would think with all the money we are paying to send these kids to college they could at least come up with some new and imaginative excuses when mom calls.



Carol Levitte's "Moments of Madness" was selected as the winner of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's (PCAC) "Name the Follies" contest. Left, Betty Stremich, owner of the Lord Fox, recently presented Levitte with a certificate for dinner for two. The Follies, a major fundraiser for the PCAC, will be held May 10-11. For more information, call 455-5260.



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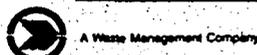


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To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

### SOLID GOLD POPS CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will host a 45th anniversary celebration, "Solid Gold Benefit Pops Concert," March 15-16 at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club. Pre-pops dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 with purchase of concert ticket. The concert starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$25. For further information call 451-2112.

### SPECIAL DESERT STORM CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Band will hold a special concert on March 22 dedicated to troops in Operation Desert Storm. The concert will feature American military and patriotic music. Begins at 8 p.m. in the Canton High Little Theatre. Residents are encouraged to send the names of family and friends serving in Desert Storm to the band for a special printed program, copies of which will be available to send to service personnel. Send names to: Plymouth Community Band, P.O. Box 745, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

### SKATE-A-THON FOR DARE

The Skatin' Station in Canton is hosting a skate-a-thon benefit for the Plymouth-Canton DARE program on March 2 from 6 p.m. until midnight. Co-sponsored by the Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton DARE police officers. Features pizza and pop for participants. T-shirts and prizes, also. Pledge sheets can be picked up at the Skatin' Station. For further information call 459-6401.

### NEW MORNING AUCTION

New Morning School presents its 15th Annual Auction -- The Great Escape Tropical Adventure -- on March 23 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Live auction, silent and super silent tables, buffet dinner with open bar and late night snack. Cost is \$45 per person. Corporate tables available. Advance registration is required. For further information call 420-3331.

### S'CRAFT TRUSTEE PETITIONS

Nominating petitions for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees election on June 10 are now available in the president's office. Must be returned with at least 50 signatures by 4 p.m., April 8. One four-year and two six-year terms open on the board. For further information call 462-4460.

### CANTON IS FAMILY

The Canton Is Family military support group, open to all residents, meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Sheldon Road in Canton. For further information call 454-5428.

### VFW OFFERS USE OF HALL

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695 VFW, of Plymouth, is offering the use of the Post Home on South Mill Street free to any organized community military family support group that wishes to hold meetings. Call the post at 459-6700 for further information. Or call Don Totten at 595-4835.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is in need of volunteers to help with Y sponsored community events to be held May 5 and the week of June 10 this year. This includes the 12th Annual Run on June 16. Volunteers are needed in many areas. Call the Y at 453-2904 for more detailed information.

### PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Newcomers will hold its Thursday, March 7 luncheon meeting at Station 885 in Plymouth's Old Village. Hospitality starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon. Cost is \$10.50. Speaker from First Step. All new residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township are welcome. Reservation deadline is noon on March 4. For information call 459-8046 or 459-7943.

### SENIORS 50-UP CLUB

The St. John Neumann Seniors 50-Up Club will meet at the Steak and Ale for dinner on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. New members, guests are welcome. For more information call Harold at 495-1307 or Betty at 459-4091.

### 3 CITIES ART CLUB MTG

The 3 Cities Art Club will hold its monthly meeting on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library on Main Street. Call Kay Fill, club president, for information (453-3805). A slide presentation is planned that evening also.

### SPRING CRAFTS SHOW

The Madonna College Alumni Association is hosting its annual Spring Craft Showcase in the college activities building from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both March 23-24. Admission is \$1.50 for adults; children under 12 get in free. For more information call 591-5063.

### IOF COLLECTING VALENTINES

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### COMPOSITION WRITING WORKSHOP

A composition writing workshop for students in junior high or high school will be presented at the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library on five consecutive Saturdays, excluding March 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Starts on March 16. Registration is required and begins March 3. For more information call the library at 453-0750.

### SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES

Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church in Northville will offer a six-week Divorce Recovery Workshop starting March 7 at 7:30 p.m. A \$30 donation is requested. For more information call 349-9011.

### SCHOOL BOARD PETITIONS

Nominating petitions for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education election on June 10 are now available. Residents interested in seeking a spot on the board (there are two seats on the ballot) should return petitions by April 11 with at least 49 valid signatures. For further information call 451-3135.

### ADULT SOFTBALL REGISTRATIONS

The Canton Parks and Recreation is accepting adult softball registrations for mens, womens, and coed leagues, now through the end of March. The coed and womens leagues are run jointly with the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation. For further information call 397-5110 or 455-6620.

### ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club is conducting its annual Speech Contest Feb. 28 at the Denny's on Wayne Road in Westland. Begins at 6:30 p.m. For further information call 455-1635. Public is welcome.

### DAR CHAPTER MEETING

The Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will meet March 18 at the home of Mrs. Norman Saunders for a luncheon. A video will be shown on American inventors. For more information about the DAR call 453-4425 or 348-2198.

### SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

The 10th Annual Spring Fling Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held March 9 at the VFW Hall on Mill Street in Plymouth. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695 VFW. The cost is \$5 per person and includes lunch. Ticket deadline is March 8. Clothing modeled by post and auxiliary members. For information or tickets call 455-2620 or 728-7619.

### BENEFIT HOCKEY GAME

The Detroit Red Wings Alumni will face the Westland Over 35 All-Stars March 9 at 6 p.m. in a benefit game to help the Dell'Orco family of Canton rebuild their lives after the tragic holiday fire. It will be played at the Westland Sports Arena. Tickets are \$5 and on sale at the Computer Connection on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth and Play Ball Cards and Comics on Warren Road in Westland. For further information call 455-2983 or 326-3930.

### THEATRE GUILD AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is holding open auditions Feb. 27-28 for its next performance, "Once Upon a Mattress." Auditions will be at 7 p.m. in the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. Cast includes three females, six males, plus supporting roles. Shows will be in May. For further information call Karen at 349-7974.

### CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

The Northville Township Police Officers Association versus WOMC (104.3-FM) radio station headline a charity basketball game planned for March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Northville High School gym. Tickets are \$3 adults and \$2 children. Proceeds to benefit the Northville Recreation Department Safety Town program. For further information call 349-0203.

### JUNIOR BASEBALL SIGN-UP

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association will hold its annual registration on March 9 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Canton High cafeteria. Fees range from \$30 to \$40 per player. Open for boys and girls ages seven to 15, and seven to 18. Adult volunteers needed by the organization as well. For further information call Chris Mroczka at 459-6085.

### STUDENT WORKSHOP AT CEP

A special program for all Canton and Salem juniors and their families will be held March 6 in the Canton High Little Theatre. "Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century," will begin at 7 p.m. Workshop sessions include a look at future employers, the job market, finding a college and community college training and education. Presented by Eastern Michigan, Schoolcraft College and U of M. Call 451-6600, ext. 338 for details.

### PLUS PRESCHOOL SIGN-UP

PLUS Preschool is currently taking registrations for the 1991-92 school year. Free program for four-year-olds and their parents who live in the areas of Eriksson, Farrand, Field, Gallimore and Hoben elementary schools. Registration and more information by calling 451-6656.

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## For Challenge Fest Fireworks display set

BY JIM WHITE

There will be plenty of "oohs!" and "aahs!" from the crowd at the Canton Challenge Festival in May.

Liberty Fireworks Display Company was awarded a contract for the festival's fireworks show at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting two weeks ago.

Liberty put on the 1989 show, and according to Aaron Machnik, municipal services director for the township, "The consensus of those in

attendance was that it was the finest fireworks display for a local community in many years."

The show proposed for this year, to be held May 25, is expected to be even bigger and will include about 385 rockets.

Canton will pay \$5,600 for the display.

Liability, which has forced Plymouth to cancel July 4th fireworks in recent years, will be covered by Liberty, according to the contract.

## Huntington Falls

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the deal.

Northville Township Supervisor Georgina Goss said Huntington Falls will be the first "planned unit development" to seek approval from the planning commission.

"This will be the first one we have done," she said. "Due to the size, it could be a lengthy process, but we'll try to expedite it as much as possible."

Roberts said he has already heard

from people interested in buying Huntington Falls parcels. The project will include commercial and industrial uses, single and multiple-family homes, horseback riding trails and a golf course. The links give developers a unique sales pitch, he said.

"I'm really looking forward to the ability to sell business parcels on a golf course," Roberts said. "That product is not on the market, not around here."

It should take about 11 years to fully develop all 927 acres, he said.

## Engagements & Weddings

### Rafail, Hartlein are engaged

Mrs. Evelyn Devlin and Mr. Paul Rafail, both of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter Beth Marie Rafail to James Hartlein of Midland. Parents of the prospective groom are Sharon and Bob Hartlein of Midland.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Salem High School and will graduate from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in education in May of 1991. The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Midland High School and a recent graduate of Central Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in sports medicine. He is attending graduate school at the



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University of Michigan, studying physical therapy.

The wedding will take place at Risen Christ Lutheran Church of Plymouth on Saturday, June 8, 1991.

### Young, Walter are engaged



YOUNG-WALTER

Harold and Loretta Young, of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Leanne Theresa Young, to L. Dale Walter, son of Leslie and Daisy Walter, of Rochester Hills.

The future bride is a 1986 graduate of Canton High School and a 1990 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She now teaches at Farmington High School.

The groom-to-be graduated from Rochester Adams High School in 1983 and from Michigan State University in 1987. He will complete work on his master's in business administration at the University of Miami in May.

A wedding is planned for Aug. 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. The reception will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House.

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## Community births

Kelsi Nicole Schrock came into the world at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL, Dec. 2. She weighed 6 lbs. one half oz.

Kelsi's parents are Geoff and Janice Schrock, of Plainfield, IL.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Agnes Wheeler, of Plymouth, and Frank and Barbara Schrock, of LaGrange, IN.

Great grandparents are Clayton and Floreine Evans, of Carmel, IN.

Peter Eugene Melnik came into the world at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor Dec. 3, weighing in at 8 lbs. 10 oz.

Peter's parents are Eugene and Julie Melnik, of Canton.

Sarah Kathryn Craddock came into the world at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor Nov. 13, tipping the scale at 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Sarah's parents are Ron and Linda Craddock, of Brighton.

Sarah's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Schuldt, of Novi, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Craddock, of Plymouth.

Katharine Patricia Helen Rener was born at Sinai Hospital Nov. 30, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Katie's parents are Thom and Pat Rener, of Plymouth Township. Big brothers Andrew, 13, and Michael, 12, helped welcome her home.

Katie's grandparents are Maurice and Jean Vermulden, of Plymouth Township, and Gustave and Carolyn Rener, of Grosse Pointe Woods.



# Community Deaths

## Guenther, Army vet

Charles J. Guenther, 59, of Plymouth, died Feb. 21 in Livonia. Services were held Feb. 25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Basil Jánásk officiating. Burial was in Rural Hills Cemetery in Northville.

Born in Aachen, Germany, Mr. Guenther came to Plymouth from Cleveland in 1972. He was a member of Our Lady.

He received an electrical engineering degree from Marquette University in 1962. He retired in 1988 from the General Motors Romulus Engine Plant after 27 years of service.

Mr. Guenther served for two years in the U.S. Army. He worked for 19 months in Germany on the General Motors military-joint venture MBT program which began in June, 1965.

Survivors include: wife Brenda Guenther, son John, and daughter Brenda Guenther, all of Plymouth; and brothers Rolf, of Wisconsin, and Herman, of California.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

## McNamara, a homemaker

Agnes McNamara, 88, of Plymouth Township, died Feb. 23 in Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held Feb. 26 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church with Father Matthew Ellis officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. McNamara was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son Michael, of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

## Price, of Canton

Florence Jean Price, 63, of Canton, died Feb. 17. Services were held Feb. 20 at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Price was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband Buehl C. Price, of Canton; son Douglas, of Illinois; daughters Deborah Holliday, of Redford, and Laurie Szymanski, of Union Lake; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; and mother Johann Balnaves.

## Barrett, Evans retiree

Homer A. Barrett, Jr., 69, of Summerville, SC, died Feb. 20 in North Charleston, S.C. Services were held Feb. 25 at Schrader Funeral Home with David Thomas officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery.

A graduate of Missouri schools, Mr. Barrett retired from Evans Products Company in Plymouth. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth.

Survivors include: wife Mary Barrett, of Summerville; sons Frank, of Westland, and Barry, of Lansing; daughter Debra Barker, of Jackson; brother Henry, of Belleville; sisters Margaret Bonds, of Ypsilanti, Audrey Dunn, of Branson, MO, Ruth Gunnels, of Dittmar, MO, and Elizabeth Beiler, of Arnold, MO; and four grandchildren.

## Bjorklund, toolmaker

Walter E. Bjorklund, 83, of Plymouth, died Feb. 23 in Livonia. Services were held Feb. 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Brian D. Bjorklund officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Bjorklund retired from the Burroughs Corp. as a toolmaker after 35 years of service. He was a member of Our Lady.

Survivors include: wife Ellen Bjorklund, of Plymouth; sons Jerry Lee, of Oxnard, CA, Neal, of Westland, and Father Brian Bjorklund, of Charleston, S.C.; three brothers; two sisters; grandchildren Brian, Jeffrey, and Daniel; and great grandchild Jennifer Marie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Seminary scholarship fund.

Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

## Christensen, of Ann Arbor

Peter Christensen, 92, of Ann Arbor, died Feb. 15. A memorial service was held Feb. 26 at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Ann Arbor. Mr. Christensen donated his body to the University of Michigan.

Born in Holmsland, Denmark, Mr. Christensen came to the United States in 1923 and settled in Detroit. He opened the Plymouth Nursery in 1931 on Ann Arbor Road and moved his family to the property in 1938. Mr. Christensen retired in 1963 but Christensen's Plant Center, operated by his son Lee, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1981.

Mr. Christensen moved to Ann Arbor in 1989.

Survivors include: wife Rena Christensen, of Ann Arbor; sons Allen, of Grand Rapids, and Lee, of South Lyon; daughter Kathryn A. Tuer, of Ann Arbor; brother Neils and sister Sigrid Jacobsen, both of Denmark; nine grand-children, and 10 great grandchildren.



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## Work continues on board office

Most of the Plymouth Canton Schools administration was moved last week to Tanger Center to continue business while work continues on their offices on Harvey Street. Left, workers throw debris out a window into a dumpster. Right, workers (one on stilts) begin installation of a dropped ceiling in the board of education meeting room. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)



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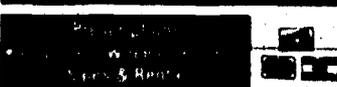
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## Despite committee concerns Film approved for classes

BY KEN VOYLES

Despite concerns raised by two members of the Sex Education/Reproductive Health Committee, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Monday approved the film "Teenage Father" for use in ninth grade health education classes throughout the district.

The board approved the film 6-0 with member Barbara Graham, who sought to have action on the film tabled until after further review, abstained during the vote.

"I don't have a problem with the film," said Graham. "But I am concerned about the committee members' doubts."

The concerns were raised by Diane Stamp and Sharon Kozub in a Feb. 25 letter to the board of education. In the letter they asked that the board delay

## Canton to unveil plan

Canton's Strategic Plan for Economic Development, put together over three months in cooperation with Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies and a 40-member task force, will be unveiled in two weeks.

The plan is expected to be presented March 14 at a special breakfast meeting of the Canton Economic Club from 8-9 a.m. in Geneva Presbyterian Church.

All those involved in preparing the plan will be on hand for the gathering.

"People can be confident that this study will not gather dust on a shelf," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack recently. "We are anxious to begin implementation."

For further information about the breakfast meeting call the Canton Community Foundation at 454-5427.

final approval of the film until they had a chance "to voice concerns we have about the movie."

The pair raised four main concerns:

- That the production quality is questionable.

- That several "one line" type comments in the film could be viewed as offensive to some.

- That the role models presented as the average teenager may not be accepted as typical by parents or teenagers in the community.

- That the social worker in the film seemed to favor one solution over others and directed the teens toward that solution.

"Teenage Father," which was recommended for approval by the health committee (made up of some 30 members) prior to coming before the board, portrays what happens to a 15-year-old girl and her 17-year-old boyfriend after the girl becomes pregnant.

According to board member E.J. McClendon, the film uses a mixture of real people and actors. It was made in 1979 and has a documentary feel to it.

"This is a good film and I can say that from personal experience," said Board Vice-President Dave Artley. "If I hadn't seen the film I might not understand their concerns. Having seen it I think it captures exactly what those teenagers go through."

McClendon said the concerns about the film's production values were valid, but added that it gives students a sense of "reality."

"To me it really captures the essence of the problems two young people face," said Dean Swartzwelter, board president.

Betty DuBois, chairperson of the district's health advisory group, said the concerns raised should be added to the group's recommendation to the board.

## New Morning auction

Lunch for four with Ernie Harwell, tickets to professional and college sporting events, getaway trips to Toronto, New York, Boston, and Las Vegas, a queen for a day package -- all of these plus more than 500 items will be auctioned off during New Morning School's 15th Annual Auction.

The Great Escape -- A Tropical Adventure will be held March 23 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

The cost is \$45 per person. The live auction will be handled by Dan Stall, Inc. Silent and super silent tables are available, as are corporate tables.

The fee includes a buffet dinner with open bar and a late night snack. For further information call 420-3331.

## For trustee seats S'craft accepts nominations

Nominating petitions for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees election are now available in the president's office. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

One four-year and two six-year terms on the seven member board will be filled at the regular biennial election of college trustees to be held June 10.

Candidates must be residents of the college district and must be registered voters. The signatures of between 50 and 200 qualified voters are required

for nominations. Circulate petitions so that all those signing are residents of a single school district.

There is no charge for filing nor is there compensation for elected trustees.

Petitions must be returned to the secretary of the Schoolcraft Community College District, in the president's office, at 18600 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia by 4 p.m. April 8.

For more information call 462-4460.



With pops concert

## PSO celebrates 45th

Music, excitement, good food, and good company will make up two spectacular evenings as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) celebrates its 45th anniversary.

The PSO will host its Solid Gold Benefit Pops Concert March 15-16 at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial Rd. in Plymouth Township.

A pre-pops dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$15 each with purchase of concert tickets. Diners will receive advance concert seating at tables of eight.

There will be cash bars open during dinner.

Concert tickets cost \$25 apiece for adults and \$12.50 for students. Seating will begin at 7:30 p.m. at tables of eight. A cash bar will be open and coffees and dessert selections will be served at intermission.

Luis Maldonado will be guest artist. Musical selections will include "Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables," by Andrew Lloyd

Webber, "Emperor Waltzes," by Strauss, Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite no. 2," and "Stars and Stripes," by John Philip Sousa.

Linda Hart, Plymouth Symphony League president, and Fred Hill, leader of the Briefcase Brigade, will serve as guest conductors.

To make reservations, write checks payable to the Plymouth Symphony Society and send them to the society's office, P.O. Box 467, Plymouth, 48170.

Be sure to specify how many in your party, and which night you will attend.

Tickets are also available at Beitner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Tr. in the City of Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Rd. in the City of Plymouth; Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main in the City of Northville; Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main in the City of Northville; and Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt in Livonia.

For further information about the concert or about making donations to the symphony, call the society office at 451-2112.

## CEP juniors view options

All Canton and Salem High juniors are invited to a special program March 6 to explore the challenges that await them in the job market.

Topics discussed in workshop sessions will include what employers will look for in the future, how the job market will change between now and the 21st Century, and the questions that need to be asked in finding the right college or post-high school training.

"Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century" will be held from 7-9:15 p.m. in the Canton High Little Theater.

The program is being sponsored by CEP counselors in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College, and the

University of Michigan.

For further information call John Seidelman at 451-6600, ext. 338.

## Charity game

It's cops vs. the disc jocks with charity the winner.

The Northville Township Police Officers Association takes on the WOMC (104.3 fm) radio station in a benefit basketball game 7:30 p.m. March 20 at the Northville High School gym.

Proceeds will go to the Northville Recreation Department's Safety Town program and to NTPOA local charities.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. They may be bought at the Northville Community Center.

At Skatin' Station

## Skate-a-thon for DARE

The Skatin' Station is hosting a skate-a-thon to raise money for the Plymouth Canton Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

The skate-a-thon will be held Saturday (March 2) from 6 p.m. to midnight. It is being co-sponsored by the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton police DARE officers.

There will be pizza, pop, and a T-shirt for all skaters.

Prizes will be awarded according to the amount of money raised.

Pledge sheets for the skate-a-thon can be picked up at the Skatin' Station, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton.

For more information, call 459-6401.

## Margaret Dunning award

Community Federal Credit Union in the City of Plymouth is accepting applications for its Margaret Dunning Scholarships to be awarded later this spring.

This is the first year that two scholarships will be awarded, one for \$1,000 and one for \$500. The deadline for completed applications is March 1.

Named in recognition of Margaret Dunning's 23 years of voluntary service as a member of the credit union's board of directors, the awards benefit students in the business, vocational, financial, or technical fields.

Applicants must:

- reside within the communities of the charter of Community Federal (The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, or the counties of Montmorency or Otsego)

- be (or become) a member of Community Federal

- be attending or have graduated from an accredited high school, and be able to document grades for junior and senior years

- be between the ages of 17 and 20

- provide written recommendations from three present or former instructors

- provide a history of work experience

- outline community and/or extracurricular involvement

- identify financial need

- write a paragraph outlining goals, aspirations, college and career plans

- be enrolled in business, financial, or industrial/skilled trades courses.

State anticipated date of program completion.

Applicants may be male or female.

Applications may be picked up at any Community Federal office or may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Margaret Dunning Scholarship Committee, Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, 48170. Call 453-1200.

## 'Coppelia' ballet

"Coppelia," a ballet both young and old will enjoy for its combination of comedy and dance, will be presented by the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company March 16 at the Canton High School Little Theater.

Performances will begin at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call the ballet company at 397-8828 or Joanne's Dance Extension at 455-4330.

All tickets are \$6. Reserved seating only; seating is limited.

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# Getting down to business

## Delicious new eatery opens in City

BY JIM WHITE

In the mood for a fluffy omelette stuffed with tomatoes, green peppers, and onions? How about a pecan waffle, made from scratch?

Pop on over to the Omelette and Waffle Cafe, a brand new eatery in the Westchester Square Mall, 580 Forest in the City of Plymouth.

Alex and Maya Kay, the owners, live in Farmington Hills, but they are no strangers to the Plymouth food scene, having opened Maya's Deli in 1986. They have since sold that business (along with the name) and are ready to try something new.

"Plymouth has got the deli," said Maya Kay last week. "It has the Cozy Cafe. But the town needs this."

The Kays, along with omelette and waffle chef extraordinaire Alex Slutsky, are ready to fill the need with a wide selection of soups, sandwiches,

and salads, as well as waffles and omelettes.

"We love this town," said Alex Kay. "It's a very homey town. You can do your best here and people appreciate it."

The Kays will serve good, healthy food made from scratch.

"The main idea is to give customers the best I can," said Maya Kay. "I look for the best products on the market. I'd rather make a little less money now and bring people in."

"We are very health conscious, we do everything by hand," she said. "Who do you cheat when you cheat customers? You cheat yourself. Because they will know."

"I cook just like I do for my family," she said.

"You make a lot of friends, you cannot be dishonest," her husband added.

Slutsky will whip up three egg omelettes with a variety of fixings. Or customers may request an omelette made with only the egg whites. Low on fat and cholesterol, these are "like a pillow," he said.

There will be several choices for vegetarians, both on the menu and among the daily specials, said Maya.

Both the Kays and Slutsky emigrated from the Soviet Union in the 1970s. They have spent every weekend for the last three months combing antique shows, looking for bits of nostalgia from their adopted country with which to decorate the restaurant.

There is a cuckoo clock in one corner, and an old Coca-Cola mirror hangs in another. A radio from the 1930s plays big band music.

"It's so fun to look for old stuff," Slutsky said.

"It cost a lot of money, too," Alex Kay said, but he added that he wanted to, "add a Plymouth feel," to make the restaurant more like home for the customers.

In the summer, Alex Kay said he hopes to set up outdoor tables for customers. He would also like to operate a wagon in Kellogg Park, selling waffles and soft drinks to the

lunchtime crowd.

"It would bring a nice flavor to town," he said, but an agreement still has to be worked out with city officials.

In the meantime, the Kays and Slutsky will work to provide different options for eating in the city. As Maya Kay said, "You have to keep people surprised."

And if all goes well?

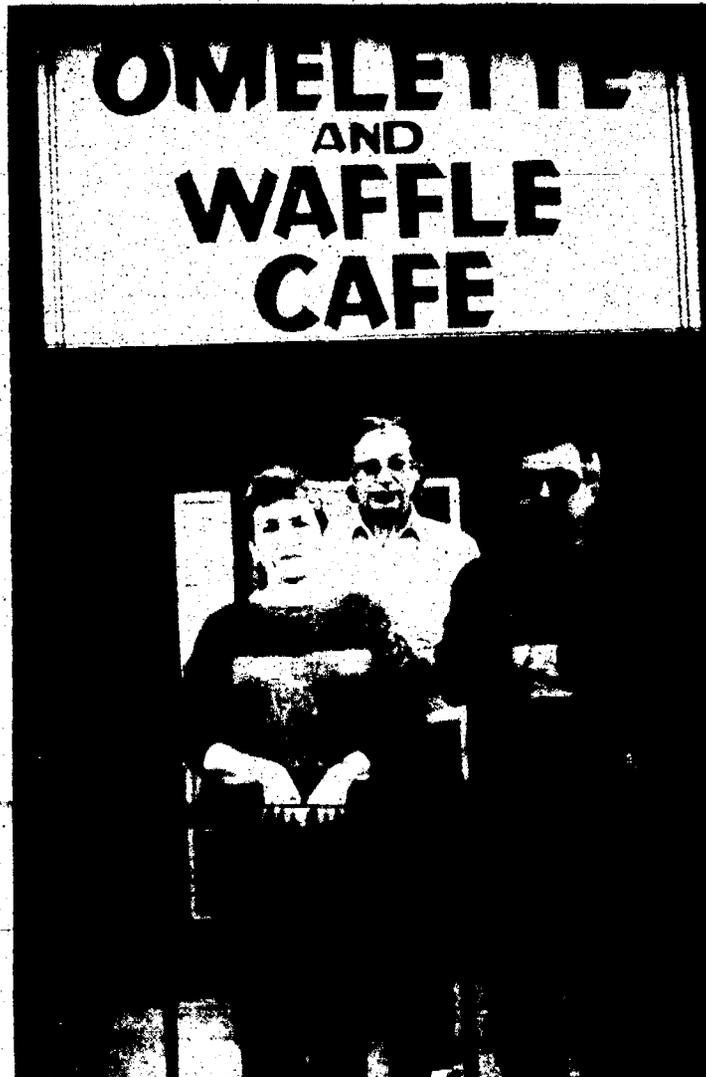
"It's very possible we might open a little chain," she said.

### S'craft seminar

Schoolcraft College, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Commerce and Small Business Administration, is offering a seminar today (Feb. 27) for small businesses in marketing and advertising.

Topics covered will include: market analysis, designing a marketing and advertising plan, methods of advertising and promotion, pricing strategies, customer behavior, and face-to-face selling. The course fee is \$30.

For more information, call 462-4448.



Maya Kay, left, Alex Slutsky, middle, and Alex Kay stand in front of their restaurant, which opens today. The cafe will offer a number of dishes, all made from scratch. (Crier photo by Phil Tardani)

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# Sports

Conference meet tomorrow

## Rocks edge Chiefs in gymnastics

BY RITA DERBIN

The Rocks defeated cross campus rival Canton Monday night in gymnastics, 142.5-136.2.

"I wasn't comfortable with my girls' performances," said Canton coach John Cunningham, who had several girls coming back from week long vacations. "But I was pleased with the meet overall.

"Salem had an excellent meet and we didn't," Cunningham added. "It would have taken an excellent meet to beat them."

On vault, Salem swept the top three spots with Kim Miller taking first

(9.45), Alysia Sofios, second (9.3) and Courtney Gonyea, third (9.15). Canton's Johanna Anderson and Kim Rennolds tied for fourth (9.1) and Salem's Autumn Bunch was sixth (9.05).

On bars, Sofios was first (9.15); Miller, second (8.95); Gonyea, third (8.5); Rennolds, fourth (8.35); and Danielle Mirto and Laura Anderson (Canton) tied for fifth (8.25).

Gonyea finished first on beam (9.2) followed by teammate Sara Makins, second (8.9); Sofios, third (8.85). Heather Murphy (Canton), Rennolds

and Dawn Clifford (Canton) tied for fourth (8.5).

Sofios was first on floor (9.3), followed by Miller (9.1), Bunch (8.8), Mirto (8.75), Johanna Anderson (8.7), and Rennolds (8.55).

In all around competition, Sofios was first (36.6) followed by Miller (35.7), Rennolds (34.5), Johanna Anderson (33.85), Murphy (33.15) and Clifford (32.65).

Last Saturday the Chiefs participated in a tri-meet with Traverse City and Freeland at Traverse City. Canton, missing three all around performers, finished second with 134.35 points. Traverse City won the meet with 135.10 and Freeland was

third with 130.7.

Rennolds finished first in all around competition with 35.8 points. In the individual events, she was first on vault (9.0), third on bars (8.7), second on beam (9.2) and third on the floor exercise (8.9).

Clifford was first on beam (9.3). Johanna Anderson was fifth on vault (8.8), fourth on beam (8.6), and fifth on floor (8.6). Laura Anderson was fifth on bars (8.1).

Tomorrow night both Centennial Educational Park teams will travel to North Farmington for the conference meet at 6 p.m. March 9. Canton will host the regionals at noon.



Chief gymnast Kim Rennolds, above, goes through her vault routine against Salem Monday. At right, Sara Makins, of Salem, works on the uneven bars. (Crier photos by Eriq Lukasik)



### PCJBA sign-up

It's time for the boys and girls of summer to take to the diamonds again.

The Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball Association will hold its annual registration on March 9 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Canton High cafeteria.

Fees range from \$30 to \$40 per player with a family plan available.

Boys age seven to 15 and girls age seven to 18 are eligible. Playing age is based on age as of July 31, 1991. A birth certificate is required at registration.



Canton's Heather Murphy, above, tied for fourth on the balance beam Monday night. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

# Rocks, Chiefs take conference hoop games

BY RITA DERBIN

Deja vu. The Rocks (16-2) defeated the North Farmington Raiders, 72-45, in first round conference basketball action Friday night. The victory was almost a carbon copy of Salem's 84-63 victory over the Raiders to wrap up the regular season last Saturday.

"Both games were similar," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We jumped out to a big 10-12 point lead and never looked back as we continued to spread out the game."

In Friday night's game the Rocks were ahead 20-8 after one quarter. Last Saturday Salem led 22-10 after one quarter.

Friday night Jake Baker led the Rocks with 17 points and 11 players scored as the Salem squad advanced to the semi-finals. John Hoffmeyer and Chris Tebben added nine points each, K.C. Kirkpatrick had eight and Mike Mulder and Leon Hister each scored six.

"After Jake the scoring was balanced," Brodie said. "It was a good team effort, I'm happy with the play of my reserves."

Saturday Salem will host the conference finals. The winner of the Salem-Harrison game will take on the winner of the Canton-Livonia Stevenson semi-final game at 7 p.m. Earlier in the evening, the consolation round between the two semi-final



Chris Tebben just misses a rebound during Salem's contest with North Farmington Friday. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

losers will begin at 5 p.m.

"We've played for the conference title the last seven years in a row and we've only won twice," said Brodie, whose Rocks lost to Stevenson in the finals last season. "Now we want to win it again and prepare for the districts."

District action begins next week at Novi.



Canton's Brett Howell in action Friday. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

BY RITA DERBIN

It's playoff time, and if coach Dave VanWagoner has anything to do with it the Canton basketball squad should be peaking.

That was the case on Friday night when the Chiefs (11-7) avenged a regular season loss and pounded the Livonia Franklin Patriots, 73-48, in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

"We've been emphasizing defense the last couple weeks because that's how you win tournament games," said VanWagoner.

Playing tough defense, the Chiefs' outscored the Patriots throughout the game, eventually building up a 25 point lead.

The Canton squad came out shooting and led 19-7 after one quarter and 40-24 at the half. The Chiefs never let up in the second half, outscoring the

Patriots 19-8 in the third quarter before nailing down the 73-48 victory in the fourth quarter.

Five players scored in double figures as the offense put on a show. Senior Kevin Holmes led the Chiefs with 13 points. Junior Tony Coshatt chipped in with 12 point and 15 rebounds and Derrick McDonald added 11 points and six assists. Brett Howell and Mike Stafford each had 10 points in the game.

The Chiefs, with some excellent defense by McDonald, also contained Keith Roberts, who single-handedly defeated Canton during the regular season.

"We're playing our best basketball of the season," VanWagoner said. "We're excited about getting into the league and district playoffs."

District action begins next week at Novi.

# Local college goalie leads country in wins, up for award

BY RITA DERBIN

Canton resident Bill Pye is making a name for himself as an excellent netminder for the Northern Michigan University Wildcats hockey team, currently ranked second in the country with a 30-5-4 record.

With 73 victories under his belt, Pye's ability to stop pucks has made him the all time Wildcat leader in

The senior has three shutouts this season, a Wildcat record. Pye also has made himself a top candidate for the prestigious Hobey Baker Award by leading the nation in victories and compiling a 24-3-4 record.

Saturday night Pye was in goal when Northern Michigan finished its regular season with a 4-3 overtime victory over Wisconsin. Pye was also in goal two weekends ago for a Wildcat sweep of Michigan Technological University. The two victories clinched Northern Michigan's first ever Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) regular season title.

"It was nice that we clinched the title on seniors night," said Pye, who has played in all but five Wildcat games this season. "Now that the team has won the league we can move on."

"It's been great so far but we have a tough schedule coming up," he added. "And our goal is to get a bye in the first round of the NCAA's so we have to keep winning."

Pye has been the Wildcats' starting goaltender since he was sophomore, and according to Northern Michigan assistant coach Walt Pyle, he's been great to work with from the start.

"He had excellent work habits and almost immediately he turned into an excellent goaltender for us," he said. "He, along with the other seniors, has been a leader from the start."

After what Pye describes as a "dissatisfying" junior season in which Northern Michigan finished fourth in the WCHA, he is pleased with how far the team has come and so are his coaches.

"Last year Bill faced a lot more shots than he should have because of injuries on defense but he overcame those difficulties and worked hard over the summer," said Pyle. "He came back ready and we knew he'd have a great year."

The Wildcats haven't lost since before Christmas and Pye is 12-0-2 in his last 14 games. His 2.74 goals against average leads the WCHA and his team is leading the nation in scoring, which makes his job easier.

A 1987 Canton High graduate, Pye is also looking forward to a professional hockey career after his days in Marquette are done.

"I definitely want to continue playing," Pye said. "I hope to sign a contract with someone, and the

Olympics is also an option."

Last year Pye increased his visibility in the hockey world when he joined elite American players (including some from the National Hockey League) on the U.S. national team in Switzerland for the World Championships.

"It was an honor being selected," Pye said. "I was backup and did not play much but I got to see and play against players like Steve Yzerman."

Besides the great statistics and obvious success, Pye has also been a leader on his college team since day one.

"He does whatever it takes to win and the team knows that," Pyle said. "Personally I think he's the best goalie in the country this year. He deserves to be an All America and a top 10 candidate for the Hobey Baker Award (awarded to the best college player in the country). I think he has a great hockey future after he leaves here."

And Pye will have a lot to do with whether or not this will be the year of the Wildcats in the NCAA's.

Northern Michigan has its best shot at winning an NCAA title since losing to North Dakota in the finals in 1980, according to Pyle, and the team's postseason success will rest on Pye and the team's ability to plow through the WCHA playoffs and then the NCAA's in the same manner they've streaked



Bill Pye, of Canton, is a candidate for the Hobey Baker Award given to the best college hockey player in the country.

through the regular season.

"Everything has been happening right for us this year and hopefully it will continue," Pyle said. "And Bill has been a big part of this program since day one - I just hope we find a few more like him when he's through here."

## \$1 million budgeted

# Canton to tackle congested intersections

BY JIM WHITE

Some would argue that Warren and Sheldon is the most maddening intersection in Canton for drivers, especially those trying to turn left.

Others might vote for Ford and Haggerty.

Canton engineer Tom Casari has \$1 million budgeted for intersection and road improvements this year, but he has to figure out which one of the intersections to take on first.

"I would like to tackle all the projects simultaneously," Casari told the Canton Board of Trustees in a study session last Tuesday.

Casari proposed a list of intersections at which he would like to make improvements such as adding left and right turn lanes. The list included Warren and Sheldon, Ford Road at Haggerty, Lilley, Sheldon, and Canton Center; and Canton Center at Salz and at Palmer.

He would also like to pave Koppnick east of Haggerty.

Some trustees were a little more

reluctant.

Robert Shefferly said he would rather wait and see what effect changing the timing on Ford Road traffic signals would have on congestion.

"It won't help completely," said Casari.

Elaine Kirchgatter felt Canton should get more help from Wayne County.

As Canton is a township, its roads are the responsibility of the county. But the county has said it has no money for 1991 projects, said Casari.

"I know Wayne County is strapped," Kirchgatter said, "but let's get them out here."

John Preniczky said that he would

like to see the township move on at least improving Sheldon and Ford. Engineering may take longer there, he said, since Canton does not yet own the right of way.

Two other projects are being undertaken this year.

Warren will be paved from I-275 to Hannan. Wayne County had already budgeted money to cover this entire project, Casari said.

And Haggerty will be paved from Koppnick to Joy under a special assessment arrangement, said Susan Fulson of the township engineering office. Property owners along the right of way will pay for the paving as part of their property assessment over the next 10 years, she said Monday.

At the study session, Casari also proposed a computer program that would monitor current traffic patterns and predict future ones.

Casari described the program as a "living model" that could predict what effect making improvements at individual intersections would have on overall patterns.

The model would make it much easier to prioritize where improvements ought to be made, Casari said.

But the trustees felt the \$39,000 price tag was too high at this time.

"This is discretionary," said Preniczky. "Let's put this on hold. It's not really necessary right now."

"I don't think it should be no," said Treasurer Gerald Brown, "just no at this moment."

## Thomas to run again

BY KEN VOYLES

Roland Thomas, Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education secretary, confirmed Monday that he would indeed be seeking another term of office on the board.

Thomas was certified for the race last week, joining Dean Swartzwelder

among those who have already thrown their hat into the election ring, but made his decision official on Monday.

Voters in the school district will go to the polls on June 10 to select two trustees for the board. A millage renewal request for 17.74 mills will also be on the ballot.

No other candidates have been certified for the race as of Monday, said school election officials. Only one other resident has taken out petitions for the race.

"Yes, I am going to run," said Thomas, who was originally appointed to the board, and later went on to win re-election to the board during two regular elections. This will be his fourth school board race.

Thomas said there are several issues he is concerned about this year, including expanding the district's business partnership program, dealing with state education finance reforms, and schools of choice.

Thomas, an executive with Ford Motor Company, said he also hopes to "continue to foster communication with the public," as well as reach residents in the community who may not have a child in the school district.

He said it was also important for the district to continue working to reduce class sizes and create a climate where district staff are willing "to step forward with new ideas."

"I think state issues, though, are probably going to be bigger this year than local issues," said Thomas, who graduated from Plymouth High School after moving to the community from Ohio.

As for the Blue Ribbon Study Committee eyeing the district's future needs as well as a potential bond issue for this year, Thomas said he will keep a "wait and see" attitude until a report is presented by the blue ribbon subcommittee on existing facilities in March.

Two of Thomas' children, Scott and John, will graduate from the Plymouth-Canton system in June. A daughter, Traci, also attended school in Plymouth-Canton and is currently studying at Albion College.

Thomas said he welcomes "anyone that wants to run," for the school board.

## St. John's

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a new stadium to house the American League franchise.

Last night the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees was expected to pass a resolution opposing the building of a stadium in the township.

The resolution said that the township master land use plan does not allow for the siting of a stadium within its boundaries.

It added that the "community in general does not favor the siting of a new stadium" in Plymouth Township and that the board "opposes any and all efforts, attempts and plans" to locate the facility in the township.

Jim Anulewicz, township director of public services, said the only conversations he had with Ward Presbyterian centered on the community's possible reaction to a "conversion" of the site.

Anulewicz said the township would prefer to see the existing buildings retained along with the golf course which surrounds part of the site.

"Using the facility as it is -- that seems more attuned to what we want," said Anulewicz.

He said the least favorable option for development of St. John's would include the removal of the building and golf course and full development of the site.

But Anulewicz added that a development which preserved the buildings but not the golf course might also be considered by the township.

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subject to special conditions, since the building is an industrially-zoned area.

Planning Commission Chairperson Richard Gornick said the commission would never approve of another drinking establishment at the site, but that a restaurant that doesn't have a liquor license might not be a problem.

Community Development Director James Anulewicz said he thought it would be "extremely difficult" to get approval for the building in any capacity other than office or industrial use.

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the FDIC at its Regional Office, 305 Wacker Dr., Suite 3100, Chicago IL 60606, before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following either the first date of this publication or the date of receipt of the application by the FDIC, whichever is later. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The non-confidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the FDIC's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information to the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.

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## Jaeger offered part time work

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17 years.

The mayor said he met with Walters and asked him not to talk with any commissioners or citizens group on the subject.

There apparently has been pressure from at least one business owner in town to bring Walters on board.

"I didn't want any individual citizens or commissioners to interfere with what is rightfully the city commission's business," Bila said. "We've got a businessman in this community -- and maybe more -- who feel their influence in the community is directly related to their wealth and I think that's nonsense."

Walters and Jaeger were finalists for the job last April. On May 22, the Northville City Council gave Walters a nine per cent raise -- including a three per cent merit increase -- making his salary \$60,570, according to city records.

The Plymouth City Commission hired Jaeger for \$59,500 a year, on April 13, 1990.

Jaeger had proposed to continue city manager services for about 1,200 hours a year as a private contractor. As such, he would not receive fringe benefits. He estimated that the agreement, which the city could terminate at any time, would save the city about \$38,000.

Mayor pro-tem R. Jack Kenyon called it a "good agreement" and said he would be reluctant to hire someone willing to become manager amidst all the turmoil -- including budget problems and attempted recall of commissioners -- in the city.

## In northwest Canton

# Rural residents oppose rezoning

BY JIM WHITE

Residents of northwest Canton are preparing to do battle with the Canton Planning Commission. At stake is the character of the land north of Warren and west of Beck roads.

Right now, the land is zoned rural residential (RR). Houses sit on lots of up to five acres. But the township master land use plan, just adopted by the planning commission in November, has designated the area between Beck and Ridge as R-2 - two houses per acre.

Developers must get the land rezoned before they could build houses, but the designation on the master plan, which is the blueprint for expected development, makes rezoning a simple process, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday (March 4) to consider rezoning a parcel north of Warren between Beck and Ridge from RR to R-2 for developer Joe Bloch.

Dot Lough, who lives on two and a half acres on Gyde Road, plans to be there.

"We are going to storm that meeting," she said Thursday.

Lough and Phyllis Johnson, who lives on Cheshire, are attempting to organize a northwest Canton homeowners group to halt development of subdivisions.

"We distributed 350 flyers to residents between Ford and Joy, Beck and Napier," Lough said. "We are all against big development out here."

About 120 residents have signed petitions against the rezoning, she said.

"Right now, there are five acres between my mother and me," Lough said. "But they could build 10 houses back there."

Lough said her group has consulted with Peter Bundarin, a Canton at-

torney who lives near Warren and Napier.

Bundarin said that since he has a vested interest, he could not serve as legal counsel. But he added that he was "certainly upset by what is going on."

Bundarin's house sits on a little less than an acre surrounded by eight acres of woods.

Development at a higher density would be "horrendous," he said. "You are taking an area that is beautiful in its setting and you are going to destroy it."

"They talk about environmental impact and urban sprawl and how we have to control it," he said. "This flies in the face of everything the politicians have been saying."

Bundarin moved to his present home to get out in the country. He said he saw five deer cross Warren road near his property on Friday. He doesn't want to see that change.

"We're going to lose something about Canton that is really great," he said. He added that if the dispute ever ends up in court, residents may have a fighting chance.

"The courts will support you today if you can prove environmental impact," he said.

Yack said planners considered the R-2 zoning on the master plan very carefully. It is intended to serve as a transition from the dense settlement east of Canton Center to the wide open

land west of Ridge.

"You can't jump from three houses per acre to one house per acre with no transition," he said.

Planning commissioner and Canton trustee Robert Shefferly said the commission worked for over a year on the master plan.

"I don't know if I could go against what we have done," he said. "I sympathize, I know they love it, but it's awfully wasteful."

Shefferly added that people could still live on five-acre parcels, but the planning commission felt that the land would support two houses per acre.

"It depends what they have to say," he said. "But I don't know. I wouldn't want to go back on what we've done."

## Huntington Falls to move forward

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Developers of Huntington Falls, a 927-acre project slated for Northville Township, are completing an environmental impact study before seeking planning approval from the township.

According to Gary Roberts, vice president of the R.A. DeMattia Company, the study, part of which includes tagging 7,000 individual trees on the development site, should be done by the end of March.

Construction on the project, encompassing residential, business and recreational uses, could begin as early as this fall, he said.

"We've always said our goal would be to push some dirt around this fall," he said. "I hope that's do-able."

Project plans for Huntington Falls - to be located between Five and Six Mile roads and Beck and Sheldon roads - were revealed last year.

Original timetables called for final

planning approval by the end of 1990, but the project is slightly off-schedule, Roberts said.

"I would say it's a little behind what we planned, but it's a big project," he said. "I think the slide in the economy has affected all phases of development."

Developer Robert DeMattia put a downpayment on the 927-acre Wayne

County parcel last fall, the total cost of which is more than \$31 million. The county at one time operated training schools on the site, some of which have now stood vacant for years, inviting vandals and arsonists.

Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan said DeMattia has until May to decide if he wants to close on

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## Chiefs study consolidation

Police and fire chiefs in both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township are examining the idea of providing joint services for the two communities.

The chiefs were asked to detail their respective assets, budgets and organizational structure, according to City Manager Gordon Jaeger, then come up with a plan for joint services.

They are looking at the subject solely from a service standpoint, such as staffing and the number of vehicles that might be needed, Jaeger added, and were asked not to address anything political or financial.

The police chiefs are due to have their plans laid out in 60 days, but no schedule for the fire plan has been made, he said.

## Klochko grants Mettetal loan

BY JIM WHITE

The current owner of Mettetal Airport is going to help Plymouth and Plymouth Township in their attempt to buy it.

Steve Klochko, who has put Mettetal on the selling block, has loaned \$300,000 to the Plymouth Canton Airport Association, according to John Vergona, who formed the group.

Vergona said the money will be used to cover the local share of the purchase price. Plymouth and Plymouth Township, as part of their joint operating agreement, are in the process of applying for state and federal funds to cover 95 per cent of the purchase.

Klochko is asking \$4.1 million for the airport, located in Canton.

The state was willing to waive the local share, but the Canton Board of Trustees voted 5-2 in November to deny the waiver. Canton also voted against buying the airport or joining in its operation.

Vergona said the loan would be repaid from airport revenue.



## Free and easy

John Fafes, of Livonia, enjoys a slight warm up over the weekend, strumming his guitar while relaxing along Hines Park at Northville Road and Phoenix Lake. (Crier photo by Erik Lukasik)



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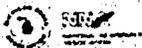
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*Group says wishes respected*

## Recall campaign over

**EDITOR:**

Throughout the debate over Met-tetal Airport, the Plymouth Concerned Citizens group has asked that our elected officials respect the will of our city's citizens and allow a public referendum to decide the question of the city's involvement in the airport.

Our attempt to recall a number of these elected officials stemmed from their refusal to do so.

However, recent comments by Mayor Dennis Bila demonstrated a new direction in the relationship between the city commission and the citizens of Plymouth.

Bila said, "I'm going to recommend

that the city clerk and city attorney validate these petitions as quickly as possible so the city can't be accused of dragging its feet. And I will do everything in my power to implement the vote that comes out, whether it's against the airport or for the airport."

We applaud Mayor Bila and the city commissioner for their willingness to respect the wishes of us -- the citizens.

It has been the position of the Plymouth Concerned Citizens from the onset of this controversy that a binding vote of the people would be the one legitimate and democratic procedure by which this could and should be settled.

As a matter of consistency, we are

therefore dropping our recall campaign against Mayor Bila and the rest of the commissioners who had been targeted.

Although we continue to disagree with these elected officials over the issue of Mettetal Airport, all we could ask is that the wishes of the people -- in the form of more than 1,100 petition signatures requesting a public referendum -- be respected and implemented.

One thing is certain, however. The will of the people will have been fulfilled, and we thank Bila and the city commission for making this possible.

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## Residents speak out about ice fest

The results are in.

Yes, the 11th Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular once again barely survived an annual January thaw. Now it has to tackle the barbs and zings of local residents who responded to a recent informal survey in this newspaper.

Many of those who responded asked if the ice festival dates could be changed. One resident suggested moving the event to the last weekend in January or second week in February. Another said it should be moved up closer to the holidays.

"Why is the ice fest always held during the January thaw? Bad timing," wrote one resident.

Somehow one has a feeling, though, that no matter when the festival is held, the thaw will somehow find it.

Most of those who responded enjoyed this year's laser shows during the festival and the setting in Kellogg Park, but others complained about congestion, disappointing ice displays, and one wondered "where are we supposed to pee."

Another writer asked, "What hospitality? No places of business wanted you around their place."

The lack of events in Kellogg Park, other than the laser show, put off some people, and one suggested leaving the holiday lights up during the festival to add atmosphere.

"I think the ice downtown is beautiful but not ideal," wrote another resident. "Maybe they should put the big sculptures in the park like they are now and put all the little ones some place where they are easy to see."

The writer suggested using the football field at Central Middle School.

But another writer said the idea of moving the ice away from downtown "is silly."

"It was congestion at its worst," reacted another resident. "Parking is serious and should be paramount in the planning."

Someone else complained about dogs in Kellogg Park and called the McDonald's food booth "a rip-off." They added that the Masonic Temple was "good" by comparison.

The same writer added, "We attended on Saturday and it was great. We attended on Sunday -- sad!"

One writer complained about long lines at local restaurants and suggested more food booths like during Fall Festival. The same writer said, "Angry that misinformation and times of events were different in both Plymouth papers. Be sure all events and time are confirmed before advertising them." (All information presented in The Crier was obtained from ice festival organizers and every effort was made to print the correct times and places of events.)

There were also plenty of complaints about Domino's pizza and McDonald's.

"Eliminate Domino's and McDonald's or put them behind the Gathering," wrote one resident.

Another added, "Domino's -- they'll do anything for a sale -- was awful. Why Domino's? There's a lot of locally owned businesses that would love to get the business and could use the sales....Does Domino's help support Plymouth? No!"

Another resident said bringing in the two commercial food vendors was not fair to local restaurants. And...it "took away from the atmosphere."

Several writers told about how their out-of-town guests usually enjoy the festival. "We have family in for this and they love it."

Another wrote, "I bring out-of-town friends early and they see nothing. Good stuff is always on the weekend."

Finally, one writer suggested moving the ice festival dates closer to Valentines. "Let's have the ice fest around Valentines Day -- it's not so close to Christmas and it should be cold then."

A final suggestion for the ice festival organizers -- value the thoughts and ideas expressed by local residents. They often have a way of seeing beyond the trees to the forest.

See you next year.

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