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U. S. Congression Carl Purvill assounced his retirement Tuesday morning.
(Crier photo)

Community facility mulled Canton center funding?

BY KEN VOYLES

The dream of building a public community center in Canton may take a more realistic shape this week if the Canton Board of Trustees approve a plan for the township to seek funding through the Michigan Recreation Quality of Life Bond program.

The township board was expected to approve the submittal of a grant application requesting funds through he

program, which was established in 1988. The program uses the sale of bonds to fund the development of state and local recreation facilities. It is administered by the DNR.

Aaron Machnik, Canton's director of municipal services, said the program is the only one of its kind which provides for the development of indoor recreation

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Ford moving into district?

Pursell to retire

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

In a stunning announcement Tuesday morning, Plymouth's Congressman Carl Pursell said he will retire at the end of his current term.

First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976, Pursell will end 24 years of elected office -- 16 in Congress, six years in the Michigan Senate and two years as Wayne County Commissioner -- to "pass on the baton" and spend more time at home.

The Congressman called his wife, Peggy, Monday night to discuss options left by the court's new re-districting plan that puts Pursell's Plymouth Township home in a new 13th Congressional District that is largely Democratic. Early Tuesday morning, some of his staff in Washington, D.C., Plymouth and Ann Arbor were still trying to convince their boss that if he moved to the new Republican-oriented 7th District, he could retain a seat. (That new district includes a large portion of Pursell's current 2nd District and has no incumbent Congressman.)

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Debate will center on SEMCOG report

BY RANDY COBLE

The implications of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' (SEMCOG) Regional Development Initiative (RDI) recommendations will be the subject of a public forum sponsored by the Northville-Plymouth-Canton League of Women Voters.

The forem will be held Monday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building meeting room.

Gerald Law, Plymouth Township supervisor, and A. E. Jackson Morris, Pittsfield Township supervisor, will discuss the pros and cons of the recommendations contained in the RDI as they relate to the problem of "urban sprawl" and its effect on local communities.

Urban sprawl is defined by SEMCOG as "a two-part process-sprawling low density growth at the suburban fringe and the concurrent disinvestment and abandonment of older/urbanized

communities."

The organization put the issue on its agenda over a year ago when it created an Please see pg. 18

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Mulls other policy changes

WTUA considers

BY ANNA MURRAY

The Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) has begun a process of internal review and policy change prompted by the recent criticism of the authority and its sewer project.

At Monday night's WTUA meeting, the three board members, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerry Law, and Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox. and Executive Director of WTUA, Doloris Newell, examined modifications to WTUA's policies

"We want to look at what changes would make WTUA, more open, accountable and available," said Yack.

Plagued by charges alleging commissioners have conflicts of interest, the commissioners adopted a policy for obtaining professional consulting services

Much of the criticism leveled at WTUA has centered around relations between various WTUA players and their relatives.

Bob Law, brother of Gerry Law is a partner in the legal firm representing WTUA. John Breen, brother of Maurice Breen - former Plymouth Township supervisor and WTUA board member was hired as a consultant, as was the firm Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May whose

president is Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh.

Law asked the WTUA commissioners to consider the professional services policy recently instituted by the Plymouth Township board. Law reminded the board that he joined the WTUA board in 1991, while his brother's law firm was hired by WTUA five years previously.

The board approved the adoption of the professional services policy.

"I think we need something like this," said Lennox.

The policy requires that when WTUA is looking for a consultant, it must officially publish the search in the newspapers and request proposals from various firms.

After 30 days, the WTUA board can consider the submitted proposals and evaluate the firms as to price and qualifications.

The policy prohibits any WTUA board member from participating in the selection of any firm if that board member is "within the sixth degree of affinity or consanguinity" of any member of the firm under consideration.

This would mean the WTUA board members could not participate in selecting a firm where, for example, a son, spouse, brother-in-law, aunt or spouse's aunt worked.

Then the board went on to approve a

motion by Law that WTUA seek proposals for legal services from other law firms. Law has been stung by criticism of his brother's partnership the law firm representing both Plymouth Township and WTUA.

Last week he asked the township board to seek proposals from other law firms.

The board also asked it's auditing firm to consider performing an operational audit on WTUA.

"They would come in and look at the way we operate on a day-to-day basis," said Newell. The board asked Plante & Moran to outline what the audit would entail and estimate the cost of the audit.

The board voted to institute a quarterly report by Newell to the three township boards. They also voted to distribute the agenda and minutes of the bimonthly

WTUA meeting to all members of the three township boards. Newell is also undertaking a draft of a WTUA personnel policy and communications policy.

The WTUA board mulled the idea of expanding the membership to five or seven commissioners, eventually deciding to bring the issues before the three township boards for consideration.

The board also discussed instituting an ethics policy and decided to wait until the Northville Township board's ethics committee had completed its research into the subject.

Finally the board discussed holding some of its meetings at night so more members of the public could attend. WTUA meeting have been scheduled at 4 p.m. The WTUA board agreed to continue considering this possibility.

City continues spill investigation

operational au

BY RANDY COBLE

Plymouth City and Township officials were continuing the investigating of a suspected fuel spill late Tuesday

Paul Sincock, deputy Plymouth city manager, said that a city resident called police and reported "a fuel or diesel oil smell" coming from Tonquish Creek.

Sincock said city and township police and fire officials investigated, "and after seeing a oilish sheen on the water of the creek called the DNR," Sincock said. He said that as of yet they didn't know exactly what the substance was,

He added that the DNR hazardous materials team was on its way, but had

not yet arrived.

Plymouth City police chief Robert Scoggins said that officials had tracked the source of the spill to the rear parking

lot of the American Packaging Corporation, located near the intersections of Sheldon and Goldsmith roads. The dirt parking lot was covered in many places by large pools of water.

Scoggins said that he believed the spilled material made its way into Tonquish Creek via the water

"As far as we know, this is the source of the trouble. It seems that when the material was dumped, the water flow carried it into a drain, and it ended up getting flushed into the creek."

Scogging said he did not know at this time how big the spill was, who was responsible for it, or if it was accidental or deliberate.

We're not certain of all the facts now," he said. "Everything is very preliminary right now."





First of America joins 4-way bank merger

BY ANNA MURRAY

First of America--Plymouth is shifting some of its functions to Ann Arbor in a merger the corporation hopes will cut costs and improve service to customers.

The move is part of a four-way merger that will join First of America Banks in Plymouth, Livingston Wayne and Ann Arbor, said Ken Currie, president of the local branch located on Main Street in the City of Plymouth.

According to Kriss Rautio, First of America—Plymouth vice president, the merger will take place July 1. All of the personnel, marketing and analysis work for the joint operation will be moved to Ann Arhor, she said.

Most of the other bank functions normally seen by the customer will not change, Rautio said.

Currie said "The move will be transparent to our customers."

The move was undertaken to eliminate duplication of effort and thereby reduce cost. Rautio said.

For example, the new operation will have only one accounting department, one personnel department, and one marketing department, she said.

Will Brown finally resign?

BY KEN VOYLES

Canton treasurer Gerald Brown was expected to formally step down from his post at last night's regular meeting of the Canton Board of Trustees.

Brown, 61, has been on medical leave since last September receiving his normal salary.

When the leave began Brown said he had no plans to return to the board and would resign once his medical retirement had been approved by the township's insurance carrier.

That approval came several weeks ago. The benefit period for Brown under the plan approved by the insurance company begins today (March 25) and Canton officials said it was likely the treasurer would resign prior to that date.

But as of Monday the township had yet to receive any formal resignation letter from Brown, who was unavailable for comment.

Any resignation by Brown — as an elected township official — would have to be received and okayed by the board of trustees, said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Last night's regular meeting was the last time the board met prior to the beginning of the benefit period.

Once Brown resigns the township has 45 days to appoint a replacement or the governor can call for a special election.

Yack has been given the go-ahead by the board to approach John Engler's office about asking the governor to let the voters decide the next treasurer in Cantonat the polls in August and November. Neither bank plans to lay off its employes but rather to shift them into different capacities, Rautio said.

"We've never laid anybody off in Plymouth," said Currie.

Customers, Rautio said, should like the new arrangement.

"First of America--Plymouth customers will notice a reduction in fees," she said. "We want to be more in line with the Ann Arbor fees."

The merger will also eliminate the hurdles blocking inter-bank banking.

First of America is a holding company comprising many semi-independent banks and their branches.

Since the banks are independent of one another, a customer from Ann Arbor cannot walk into First of America in Plymouth and make transactions without using a "Courtesy Authorization Terminal" or CAT.

In the new operation, Rautio said, this will not be necessary. Customers of one bank who frequently use the other location, will find the wait shorter, Rautio said, because they will not have to wait to use the CAT.

The money saved through the merger may be used to open up another branch, Rautio said.

The branch start-up costs would also be lower, she said, because the new branch could take advantage of the centralized personnel, accounting, and marketing functions in Ann Arbor.

The banks' management and boards of directors will remain unchanged, said Currie.

As yet it is unclear whether the combined operation will have a new name.

"Naturally First America-Ann Arbor seems like a mighty fine name to the people in Ann Arbor and First of America-Plymouth seems like a mighty fine name to us," said Rautio.

They may just decide to call the merged bank, "First of America," she said.

Cruising talk slated

Concerned about cruising yet?
Well, it may seem a bit early for some to be thinking about the City of Plymouth's summer toen fad, but not for the city police department.

Robert Scoggins, chief of the city police force, is organizing a meeting among residents and business owners to discuss the spring/summer phenomenon.

A special cruising meeting is planned for next Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth City Commission Chambers at city hall on Main Street.

Residents and business owners will have a chance to meet with the police department to discuss cruising issues.

Scoggins said he plans to outline what the city has done in the past and any current plans for this summer.

For further information call 453-8600.



Amy Larson, a fourth grade student at Smith School, takes notes during the Pat Buchanan rally at the Mayflower Hotel last Tuesday while her father Alam looks on (Crier photo by Eriq Takasik)

Sights, sounds of campaign '92 Political rally lights up City

BY RANDY COBLE

Not your average night for a "typical American town."

That's the best way to describe Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan's primary-night visit to Plymouth's Mayflower Hotel. The St. Patrick's Day rally was a kaleidoscope of lights, color, motion and people.

Hours of preparation by television news crews, satellite dish erectors, the U.S. Secret Service, the hotel staff and the candidate's handlers went into a few seconds of live election night coverage that publicized Plymouth around the world.

Buchman's organization picked the chandeliered hall of the Mayflower. High ceilings, elegant trim and rich wooden flooring were complimented by traditional red, white and blue balloons.

A band played in one corner of the huge hall, "Sentimental Journey" intermingling with the constant hum of conversation, and occasionally breaking into timely Irish tunes.



Dominating the room was a gigantic "Buchanan '92" banner. Lights from the myriad of TV cameras, network and local, ricocheted off of it, illuminating the crowd. On the far side of the room, the bank of television stars and technicians toiled with sound checks until the candidate arrived an hour after schedule.

The room was all motion and sound and heat, from bodies and powerful TV lights. Posters promoting the candidate lined the walls, complimenting the various ones supporters held ready in their hands. A few turned out in the requisite green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. But the event was not standing

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Gas giant eyes Canton 'park' site

BY KEN VOYLES

Canton's first true industrial park has drawn yet another new face to the manufacturing map of the township.

The Aga Gas Company, headquartered in Cleveland, plans to develop a sevenacre site in the industrial park located along Michigan Avenue west of Sheldon Road and owned by Dearborn Real Estate.

The firm will be only the second company to locate in the park, but its multi-million base is expected to bring about 50 jobs to Canton.

We were looking for a place along the

L275 corridor," said Paul Herrgesell, project manager for Aga. "Canton had the best site for us."

Aga Gas is a regional giant in the industrial and medical gas business, said Herrgesell. The firm produces and sells different type gases, such as oxygen and nitrogen, as well as the containers and equipment to handle the products.

The firm did approximately \$200 million in business last year, said

Herrgesell

The Canton facility will include four buildings with a total of about 40,000 square feet. Aga's main Michigan

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operation is located in downtown Detroit, but the company also has sites in Ann Arbor and Pontiac

Herrgesell said the firm has plans to expand its operations in Michigan beyond Detroit to across the state.

The firm will file for a tax abatement with the township this week, said Dan Calabrese, assistant to Supervisor Tom

"I think this is excellent for Canton," said Yack. "It means more jobs for the community and it's always nice to have that, especially now with Willow Run shutting down.'

The industrial park unofficially opened last fall and is the first true "park" in the township, said Yack.

This is all owned by one developer, which means better control," he said.

Steel Technologies was the first firm to locate in the park.

Canton's other industrial centers have not been developed like R.A. DeMattia complexes in Plymouth Township.

We have areas where a lot of different people have property," said Yack.

A groundbreaking for the park is being planned Friday.

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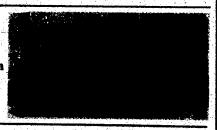


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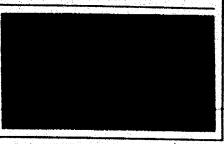
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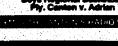
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Carl Pursell's very first swearing in ceremony in Washington D.C. Pursell, at center right, is closely watched by his children, sons Phil and Mark (to the congressman's right) and daughter Kathy (to his left) during the 1977 event. Tip O'Neil leads the ceremony.

Pursell legacy one of integrity

The departure of Plymouth's longtime national political figure, Carl Pursell, alters the state and national political maps and leaves the community without the highly respected work ethic Pursell built up over the years.

While Pursell's retirement means a sad day in Plymouth -- where he is a frequent and accessible sight - at least in a small way his departure from the national scene means the return to this community of its native son.

And Pursell is surely that.

A man of many views and talents, the Republican congressman represented this community with integrity and a sincere response to his constituents' needs and

No doubt Pursell will be missed, not only in Washington and Republican circles, but among Michigan's congressional delegation. Even the Democrats, like veteran William Ford (who will now move into the new district to represent the Plymouths and Northvilles as well as keeping Canton), praised Pursell's record in Congress.

Never one to sidestep an issue or impress his own brand of moderate Republicanism on those who may have disagreed with him, Pursell's honest approach reaped him re-election seven times.

Pursell's role in the Great Lakes coalition brought him national media attention as a bi-partisan spokesman of the Midwestern states. He headed the "gypsy moths" group of moderate Republicans on budget issues.

Or take, for example, the recent check cashing scandal in Washington. While a number of Michigan representatives came forth admitting guilt over their involvement in writing numerous bad checks, Pursell's record remained untainted by such wrong doing.

More than anything, however, Pursell's gentle demeanor and good humor has made him. He has always been one of the most likable and approachable politicians this community ever produced.

The Congressman's work on the national budget brought him to the forefront -- even disagreeing with the White House. He authored his own federal budget plan in 1985 and then again in 1991 - and in the latter process produced the Congressional Republican's plan, clashing with John Sununu. Some believe Pursell's dressing down of Sununu then triggered the former presidential aide's demise.

Pursell served on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee and its subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education -- becoming the ranking Republican there this term.

It's too bad, in some ways, that the new redistricting plan literally cuts Pursell's district territory out from under him. If he wanted to stay in office Pursell would have had to move so that he could run in the new 7th district or remain and do battle in the new largely-Democratic 13th District against Democrat giant William Ford.

But the eight-term Republican will be best remembered for his efforts on behalf of this community and this state. Carl never lost his feeling for his home town of Plymouth.

He deserves a hearty "thank you" from everyone in this community, even those who may not have always agreed with his politics.

So long, Carl. And, even more, it will be good to have you home.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Community opinions

On declaring your party
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Since you asked . . . by Randy Coble

One hotly debated topic from the March 17 presidential primary left unsettled is that of declaring party preference. This is one of those issues that voters love or hate, but they're rarely neutral.

There are two different lines of argument with regard to a mandatory choice of affiliation: freedom of the individual versus the freedom of the group.

Those who oppose Michigan's new system requiring a declaration of party preference before being allowed to vote claim the matter is one of personal liberty.

Jim Gearin, a local resident, put it this way: "It's against my Bill of Rights. This is big government looking in on you too much.

"What's the use in voting without a secret ballot?" Gearin continued. "This law takes away our freedom of privacy."

Plymouth Township supervisor Gerald Law said he prefers an open primary system. "Many people here in Michigan don't like having what party they are become public information," he said.

Gearin fears such an event could have bad consequences. "They could end upputting you on mailing lists for stuff," he said.

Other closed primary opponents point to a potential backlash in personal and professional lives if their political preference is common knowledge.

A staunch Democratic businesswoman, for instance, who declares her choice publicly in every primary, might find herself suddenly not doing business with equally committed Republican customers. A high school teacher who votes GOP every time might fear complaints from a Democratically-inclined parent.

It is an affront to personal liberty, opponents say. They demand a declaration of independence, not allegiance.

On the other hand, supporters of the party preference declaration address the freedom of private associations, which, they say, includes the right to prevent just anyone from participating in one of their most important activities.

The courts have determined that a political party, as a private organization, does have the right to take steps to exclude non-members from its primaries.

Pro-preference forces argue that the declaration is a safeguard, designed to prevent non-members from stuffing the



ballot box.

Democratic voters, for example, might try to cast ballots en masse for a candidate who has little or no chance at winning in the general election, thus giving a great boost to their own party's choice.

Supporters of the closed primary system argue that all political parties have the right to choose their own candidate free of any outside machinations. The freedom for people to associate is one of our most valued, they say.

Both sides have merit, and this is one issue upon which reasonable people can reasonably disagree. And they do.

Canton supervisor Tom Yack put it well. "People get upset when you tamper with their vote," he said. "Their vote is very sacred."

I do not mind folks getting their dander up over all this, either for or against. As a matter of fact, I welcome it; strong feelings usually lead to vigorous debate, an expansion of knowledge and the creation of an informed public.

But if you support or oppose the party preference declaration, remember to put the praise or the blame where it belongs on your elected representatives.

This requirement came about due to actions at the state level. Any votor who harangued precinct workers or the city or townships clorks misdirected their anger.

If you have strong feelings on this one way or another, get involved and point your efforts in the right direction.

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Election season puts Mettetal in hangar

A prediction

Mettetal Airport will stay a private facility for however long the aviation brotherhood can hold on against the inevitable onslaught of land grabbing in Canton

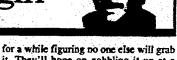
The Federal Aviation Administration is going to (cliche alert!) shoot down the whole thing. The boys in Washington D.C. will say "To hell with you runts in Plymouth-Canton."

So the anti-airport folks will win by default. Leave it to the bureaucrats to fling away this opportunity to save a community landmark like some skinny dipping bather tossing off his or her underwear.

Now, some are already loudly crying foul. Canton shot down this deal, they say, with that 10-year clause.

But I have to agree with Tom Yack—the idea of the 10-year clause at least

In the margin



gives the airport 10 more years of life. Better than only one or two don't you think?

And -- who knows? -- maybe by then things would have changed so much the airport would not only remain but expand (heaven forbid you cry?).

But none of this 10 years and out stuff is to the FAA's liking — it wants total control of the airport's future since it is funding the project.

With the lousy economy right now, the Republican money grabbers in power(in Washington, in Lansing, in Canton) will play it safe and forget about Metterial for a while figuring no one else will grab it. They'll hope on gobbling it up at a later date.

But with Canton so popular on the housing front, Mettetal might get bought up and the runaway churned under to create backyards and frontyards for new homes. Or, worse yet, new industrial parks, those ugly gray squatters favored by people with little imagination.

Does Canton want an industrial park at that key intersection with Plymouth Township? Would more commercial development be any better? How about new \$250,000 houses for the laid off auto workers to buy up?

Where Canton will be when Mettetal goes under depends on who or what buys the land. The airport is going to disappear, it's just a matter of time and a matter of money.

The highest bidder will take over an important corner of the township and pull in millions. If R.A.DeMattia wasn't so red-faced over the Huntington Falls fiasco he might be interested.

The airport — this is another prediction folks — could become an election issue in Canton, if nowhere else.

I remember Loren Bennett confidently saying the airport issue would be resolved and negotiations with the FAA complete well before it could interfere with the elections this year.

That was back in January. I asked Loren if the current talks with the FAA stalled long enough what kind of impact he expected on this year's election.

He was adamant that Mettetal would

not be the election issue this year that it had been last year. It all seemed so simple to him — the negotiations would be settled and everyone would be all smiles well before residents got to the polls.

Much of the controversy surrounding Mettetal and the Plymouths' attempts to horn in on Canton land was well behind us, so Bennett's comments rang true at the time.

Now I'm not so sure. It may be quiet on the southern front but the dark forces of Oceania and Eurasian could switch sides again anytime and then friends become enemies and enemies become friends.

Without Mettetal as an election issue there are still plenty of things to debate and bemoan in Canton and Plymouth townships (WTUA, for one).

If Mettetal becomes the victim of a power struggle between Canton and forces outside the community—the FAA, the State of Michigan, Plymouth Township—blame it on the elections this year...

...and say so long to Mettetal.

Why no voting map in Canton?

EDITOR:

As a new voter in Canton I was very much looking forward to voting in my first primary election.

I thought all of the area newspapers did a wonderful job of covering all the candidates over the last several weeks. But where does one vote in the primary?

I have combed through all the Sunday and Monday papers, the News, the Free Press, the Observer, and nothing about where one votes!

At last, the March 11 Crier on page six, under legal notices, I find the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township voting precincts. Nothing, not a word about Canton precincts.

So here it is at 10 p.m. on the eve of my first primary and I don't know where to vote.

It is a very sad commentary indeed that in all of southeast Michigan only the people in Plymouth know where to vote. A SAD CANTON RESIDENT

Holliday Park folks loved GUIDE cover

EDITOR:

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) recently held our annual dinner meeting at which time member Dan Mehelich handed out copies of your 1992 GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

I must say, all of us were quite surprised to see our group members on your cover. We could not imagine being chosen and we all consider this an honor.

I want to thank you for suggesting our association's photograph for consideration. I thank the entire staff for selecting us for the cover design. Of course, se all think the cover is just great.

Personall I am thrilled that the HNPA, our hard working volunteers and our faithful supporters have received this recognition.

Thank you for your continued support and kind thoughts.

BILL CRAIG, PRESIDENT HNPA

Sewer expensive, but necessary

EDITOR:

Who appointed Kathleen Keen-McCarthy to be the spokesperson for the citizens of Plymouth Township? How does she know that we are tired of the present administration? We have no reason to be embarrassed as a community.

How many township meetings has she attended?

I have lived in this community for 13 years. The township organization knew who I was the first six months of my residency here.

Since then, periodically, I have attended the township board of trustee meetings. I always was

granted time to present my view. The reception was not always cordial, however, never was I denied the opportunity to express my opinion.

The sewer problem is an expensive undertaking. However, it must be constructed.

We know from past experience that Detroit has not faced up to that challenge. We are at their mercy. We are allowed little if any input. Our water and sewer rates go up every year.

Let's resolve our problem and stop bashing one mother.

MARTHA SUCHANSKI

Pursell will leave at end of term

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But, Pursell said, "I'm not going to give up my home and our grandkids."

The announcement spread through town quickly; many wondered about the resulting impact on other, more local races. (See related story on reactions.)

Ken Currie, president of First of America Bank-Plymouth, was surprised by the news. "This could be the most interesting election year in some time," he predicted.

On Monday morning during one his regular weekends at home, Pursell talked



Carl Pursell's as a high school student.

about the tiring process of commuting between Washington and Plymouth, sharing that feeling with a number of friends and supporters.

By later in the day as the court redistricting came out, his plans looked more towards retirement.

We need fresh new blood," he said.

Unless the new Congressional districts are appealed successfully to the U.S. Supreme Court - which both parties say is unlikely -- The Plymouth-Canton Community will be in the new 13th District, along with the Northvilles, some of Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Belleville and Van

About 63 per cent of that district is now the 15th, represented by Democrat William Ford. But Ford lives in Taylor and that would mean moving to the new 13th - which he said yesterday he would

"I take no joy in Carl's decision at all," Ford said. Although of opposite parties, "we're going to lose a good deal of clout (with Carl) leaving."

Pursell echoed the bi-partisan relationship, citing the pending attempt to secure a \$6 million demonstration grant for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' technology upgrading. "We get along fine," Pursell said. "It's a good cordial relationship."

Ford may face election challenges --Plymouth City Commissioner Dennis



Carl Pursell on a trip to Central America. He was investigating American concerns in Central America.

Shrewsbury said Tuesday he was considering a run against Ford.

But, Ford said, if he's re-elected to the new 13th pledged that transition with Pursell's projects would be smooth, "If there's something we don't get done before Carl's done, we'll carry it over," Ford said.

The two solons talked briefly Tuesday morning.

"By the time he got through, he made me wish I was retiring," Ford ughed.

Pursell will be 60 years old in December: Ford will be 65 in August.



Carl Pursell gets ready to swing away during the annual Congressional softball game.

One of the major pieces of legislation pending - the Higher Education Bill (HR 4471) -- has seen Ford, the ranking. Democrat on Health, Education and Labor, and Pursell, the ranking

Republican on Labor, Health, Human Services and Labor, working together for the \$150 billion package.

'We'll get one more chance to get this through while (Carl's) there," Ford said.

Pursell said Tuesday he expects to stay busy in the community, and still attend Plymouth's farmers' market every Saturday. "Peggy is feeling good about this," he said.

Some activity -- perhaps in the education field - may attract Pursell's interest.

"I'm not running for (Plymouth) Township Supervisor," he laughed. (There are currently four announced candidates in that race - incumbent Gerald Law, John Stewart, Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Steve Book.)

Phil Pursell, the oldest of three children, called his father Tuesday morning to see what the re-districting meant. He got the news then. "At least we get our dad back," he noted. "They bash him sometimes, but they don't understand the secrifices.

"We lose a Congressman, but pick up a full-time grandfather," he said.

The son recalled when his father remed a large motor home to take the family to his first Congressional swearing in. "First we hit a snowstorm in the mountains, then Pennsylvania Avenue at 5 p.m. We watched the White House for two hours without moving," Phil chuckled.

The retiring Congressman said he looks forward to spending time with his three grandchildren -- Sarah, Samantha and Kimberly (daughter of Phil and Paula) - and with the other children, Mark and Kathy.

AWARDS RECEIVED BY CONGRESSMAN PURSELL

1992

Received Individual Achievement Award from the Michigan Department of Public Health for his work in creating a presental clinic in Jackson Com-

Received statewide award of appreciation from the Michigan Foster Grandparent/Senior

1991

Honorary Degree (Doctor of Law) from the University of Michigan.

Humanitarian of the Year Award from Goodwill Industries of Central Michigan.

1990

National Legislative Award from the American Association for Counseling and Development for introduction of his elementary school counselors

DistinguishedAlumni Award from Eastern Michigan University.

1989

Friend of Highways Award from Michigan Roadbuilders.

Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund.

1987

LupusFoundation of America's Distinguished Public Service Award for work on behalf of Lupus research.

Received first-ever Special Friend of Agriculture Award from Michigan Farm Bureau for outstanding support of agricultural issues. 1986

Legislator of the Year award by National Association of Regional Councils.

1984

Honormy Doctor of Law Degree from Adrian College.

Nursing Award from the American Colleges of Nursing, American Nurses Association and National League for Nursing for distinguished service on behalf of surses.

1982

Nursing Award from the American Nurses Association, and National League of Nursing for distinguished service on behalf of nurses.

DistinguishedService Award from Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan.

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Vocational Education Advocate of the Year Award from the Michigan Occupational Education

Honorary Doctor of Law from Eastern Michigan University.

Hospitary Doctor of Law from Madonna Environmental Legislator of the Year Award

from the Environmental Protection Agency

1971 Outstanding First Term Senator (Michigan



Carl Pursell holds an artist rendering of a Michigan State Police post, at ground breaking sies.(Crier photo by Eriq

'No Joy' for Ford

Pursell remembered as hard worker

BY RANDY COBLE

U.S. Congresman Carl Pursell's announcement Tuesday that he will retire at the end of his term this year has unleashed a flood of comments from area residents and legislators as they recall what the eight-term representative has meant to The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Judge Dunbar Davis, now retired and living in Sarasota, FL, a friend and colleague of Pursell's for over 30 years, described him as "someone who was a catalyst. He could get things going for his constituents.

"Politics is a hard life," Davis said, "and he's worked hard at it. His retirement is a loss for the country, but personally I'm glad for him, glad he can retire and relax."

Davis said that "Carl Pursell called the shots as he saw them. He didn't vote the party line, he voted what he thought was right.

"He wasn't one to be sitting at home watching television on his weekends," Davis said. "He was out meeting people, hearing their concerns, getting their input."

Davis, who said he and Pursell first met playing tennis while Pursell was in high school, offered him advice on retirement.

"I'd say for him to come down here



Carl Pursell seen in a debate early in his career (Crierphoto)

and get out on the court and play some tennis against me. The home court advantage isn't a help to me, though," he added jokingly.

Fellow U.S. Representative William D. Ford (D-Taylor), of the 15th district,



Carl Parsell greets friend Guerge Bush with a warm hundehale during a local political rally a few years ago. (Crier photo)



During George Bush's 1922 College, Pursell gives the crowd s victory sign Peace Pursell symbol). WOR re-election that year beating Pellack to Lane his eighth in office. (Crier photo)

was saddened by Parsell's choice.

"I take no joy in Carl's decision at all," said Ford.

Frank Millington, former Plymouth Township trustee and the grand old man of township politics, said of the congressman: "Carl could be trusted with always looking after the people he represented. I respect Carl for following his ideas up every time, and for being a voice for this community."

Bob Bake, a local realtor and friend to Pursell, said, "he served the district well and I wish him well."

Ron Lowe, Plymouth city attorney, a friend of Pursell's for over a decade, said he found his retirement "disappointing. He was a very effective representative and was becoming even more so."

Lowe described Pursell as a sincere man looking out for his consituents.

"Carl truly cared for his constituents' needs and wants," Lowe said. "It wasn't just a 'stroke 'em for the vote,' it was what he saw his job as."

Pursell was the single best argument against term limits for legislators, Lowe said.

State Senator Robert Geake, who succeeded Pursell in the Michigan Senate, said, "I'm certainly going to miss him, and his ability and dedication.

"He was committed to his district. He was never one to go to Washington and stay. He was a man of the people."

Geake said that "people generally, and especially Republicans, will remember with great approclation his efforts in the appropriations process."

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Pursell visits his boyhead home in Plymouth.

Kny Arnold, a local Republican... stalwart and friend of over 30 years, said Pursell's stepping down was "a great loss to our community. He's dome a lot for Plymouth, Northville and Livonia."

Arnold said her special memory of Pursell was his efforts to help clean up the Rouge River. "I can see him, down there by the river pulling stuff out himself," she said.

She added: "I hope he stays in public service; he knows the way to get things done in that arons."

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Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Plymouth Salem High School Cafeteria Addition, Phase II. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the

Construction Manager, on or after March 23, 1992:
Barton-Malow Company C/O Plymouth-Canton Schools 987 S. Mill Street Plymouth, Michigan

48170 313-451-6611

All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM, local time, April 07, 1992, on the approved bid

Raymond K. Hoedel Associate Superintendent of Business Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

454 South Harvey Street Flymouth, Michigan 48170
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Lester W. Walker, Secretary

Board of Education

Publish: The Crier, March 18 and 25, 1992

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of March 23, 1992 The meeting began with an "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools

(VIPS) Award" presentation to Canton resident Virginia Kocik, Kocik has been the volunteer director of the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank for the past ten years. Board treasurer Dean Swartzwelter presented her with a volunteer pin, a gift certificate donated by the "I Care" committee and a special resolution of recognition.

The Schools of Choice Committee recommendation plan was presented to the Board by Carey Peters, committee chairperson. This plan is the committee's recommendation, which must be either accepted or totally rejected by the Board. If the Board rejects the plan, the plan will be taken to the voters of the Plymouth-Canton community in June.

The plan works on a phased-in approach. The first phase, beginning next year, includes information and surveys to elementary and middle school parents. Within this phase, the Centennial Educational Park will continue its "greater choice option" of allowing students at the two high

schools to select their classes from a single curriculum.

During the second phase of the plan, which begins in 1993-94, implementation of choice will begin at the middle schools. In all choices, building capacity, classroom capacity and displacement of present students will be factors taken into consideration. The final phase in 1994-95 will involve the elementary schools and will be based on experience gained in the first two years. The plan will depend on school construction progress and scheduling. This phase recognizes that most students contacted by committee members preferred their "neighborhood school."
Ray Buckman citizen legislative liaison, reported favorably on recent

meetings with local legislators to explain the District's financial plight.

Under Citizens' Comments, the Board heard from Linda Alvarado of the Plymouth Symphony and Cletus Karamon, manager of the Salem Auditorium, regarding concerns about scheduling the auditorium.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

payment of bills in the amount of \$876,076.56.

The Board approved:

with reluctance, the pink slipping of two administrators, and acknowledged that two other administrative positions which are currently vacant will not be filled due the District's financial situation.

borrowing the amount of \$8,000,000 from the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority Tax Anticipation Program to meet the cash flow needs of

the District.

the contracts for concrete work, structural steel work and mechanical equipment for the expansion of the Plymouth Salem High School cafeteria.

This construction is a part of the 1991 Bond Project.

a contract with NOVA Environment Inc. to perform the School District's three-year reinspections for asbestos, for a total amount not to exceed \$21,700.

A special meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the budget, property sales, early retirements and to vote on the Schools of Choice plan. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Offices in Plymouth.

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.

Cruising charge dropped; City released of liability

A case of cruising that ended up with dozens of screeching sirens and charges of resisting arrest and assault and battery has been dismissed.

Last week the City of Plymouth agreed to dismiss its charges against Ron and Rob Simsick if they would sign a waiver releasing the city from any liability regarding the August incident.

Last August a group of youths were gathered around Dimitri's Party Store at Wing and Main streets when the police arrived to disperse them.

The two Simsick brothers did not leave right away, prompting an argument with the police officer, some alleged pushing and shoving, and several other police cars screaming to the scene.

According to their lawyer, Carol Levitte, the two brothers said the police used unnecessary force. "The officer lost

Levitte said her clients agreed to dismiss the case because the impending court battle "wasn't good for either side. Her clients were charged with assault and battery, resisting arrest, obstructing a police officer and trespass, she said.

Ron Lowe, lawyer for the City of Plymouth said, "It is clear the behavior (of the police officer) being alleged did not occur."

However, Lowe said a long court case involving charges that a police officer used excessive force had the potential of putting a "cloud" over the department.

Both Lowe and Levitte said the officer, Jeffery Pacholski, who formerly worked for the Detroit Police Department, may have behaved in a way that was more appropriate for Detroit than for

Mystery certificate found **Smith School sleuths**

BY RANDY COBLE

Students at Smith Elementary School in the City of Plymouth have a real life unsolved mystery.

One rainy morning in December, fifth graders Katle Tighe and Mandy Bixler found a document on the playground dated Sept. 9, 1903, just a few feet from their classroom window.

The historic record, which was found laying on the asphalt playground, is a five by seven inch green and white faded certificate embossed with the words "Independent Order of Oddfellows." An elaborate network of designs and scrollwork line its borders.

The students, who were intrigued by how the certificate ended up being on the playground that day, asked Patricia Vaughn, student council advisor at Smith, for the chance to discuss the matter with the council. At the next meeting, they all decided to try to find out who owned it.

The girls wanted to know what the certificiate was for, speculating it might have been "a loan or a debt payment" of some sort. The wording of the certificate lends credence to that idea.

Apparently someone with the first name of Thomas paid 50 cents to the Ellsworth IOOF Lodge number 376 "for all charges to Feb. 9, 1904." It is signed by the "Noble Grand" and the secretary of the lodge. The names appear to be Sieven Hattie and Bill Nora.

An elaborately scripted message on the back refers to the certificate as "the only legal receipt for dues and other charges incurred with all Oddfellow lodges.

Vaughn decided the best way to find the owner was to begin a public search. So she printed up leaflets with a photocopy of the certificate and an appeal



Katie Tighe, Mandy Bixler and teacher Patricia Vaugha show off their find.

for information, and sent them home with the entire student body over the school's midwiner break

"No one knew what it was, so we decided it would be fun to make a mystery investigation out of it," Vaughn said.

So far, though, the school has yet to госсуйе в геврови

Katie and Mandy, thinking ahead, queried Vaugha about the fate of the

"If no one comes for it, do we get to keep it?," Katie asked, Mandy standing beside her. Vangim's confirmation of that fact caused grins all around.

Anyone with information about the certificate should contact Vaughn at Mary, 451-6550:

But you'd bester hurry - Katie and Mandy are waiting in the wings. And then the only mystery will be: which one of them gots to keep the thing?

Tell it to Phyllis By Phyllis Redfern



James Ellis, son of Kathy Cantrell of Plymouth, has been recognized by the Dean's List of Distinguished Students at the University of Richmond.

John Mosley of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List at Butler University. He is a student in the College of Pharmacy.

Students from Canton who have earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for fall term at M.S.U. are: Howard Danielson of Westminster, James Dickie of Willow Creek; Meghan Lynch of Barchester; Thomas Lyndrup of Bunker Hill; Kristopher Unger of Brookfield; and Tracey Vea of Patrick. Gwen Girbes of Greenbriar in Plymouth also received a 4.0 grade point.

Cadet David Bares has been placed on the Commandant's List for military excellence at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. The son of Dr. Charles and Susan Bares of Brewster Court in Plymouth, he is a 1990 graduate of Canton High School.

Cadet William Sabol has been placed on the Superintendent's List for academic and military excellence at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. He is the son of Georgine Shelton and stepson of Jerry Shelton of Trenton. His father, William Sabol, resides at North Wind Drive in Canton.

Carol Stone, of Plymouth, recently received the Highest Achievement Award given by the Madonna University School of Business during the school's Honors Convocation. She is a senior majoring in management.

Schools move ahead with layoffs

BY RANDY COBLE

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will lay off two administrative employes and not fill a further two administrative positions in the school system-this year.

There also lies ahead the possibility of further cuts under the worst case scenario of Governor John Engler's "Robin Hood" plan to shift funds among the state's 56 school districts, said school officials.

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education on Monday approved both of the measures in a unanimous vote.

Schools Superintendent John Hoben said that if the district has to make further reductions in administration, depending on the level of impact of the governor's plan to bring equity in perpupil spending. It could mean that

cutting funding for up to two and one half positions would have to come to the

The employes receiving layoff notices have the right to meet with the board to discuss the reasons behind the notices within 30 days of their delivery. The board can then vote to affirm or reject the

The board did not address the possibility of teacher layoffs Monday. It must make a decision about approving such notices by May 1. Teacher union president Chuck Portelli said last month that teacher leaders have been meeting with administrators about the potential

Hoben said that if layoffs are decided upon, they will be done on a seniority

Canton community facility

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facilities.

The township intends to apply for the maximum \$750,000 funding through the program. The state calls for local communities to cover 25 per cent of the cost in matching funds.

Four years ago voters in Canton rejected a millage proposal to build a community center. It was estimated at the time that such a facility could cost more than \$8 million.

Today, Canton officials said, a

million, with Canton having to come up with about \$9.2 million.

Canton officials, including Supervisor Tom Yack, have said they will not request millage for the building of a community center. Yack has gone on record supporting the idea of using grants or other creative ways to fund the facility.

The application must be submitted by April 1, said Machnik, with notification likely this fall. He added that if funding is awarded the township could begin contracting for the project next spring.

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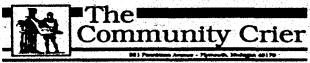


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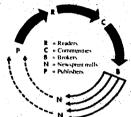


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How people think newspaper is recycled.



Newspapers across the country. including The Community Crier, are committed to buying recycled newsprint.

But right now, there's a shortage. Part of the reason is, turning old newspaper into recycled newsprint is more complicated than you might expect.

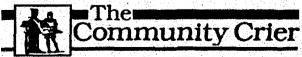
There are lots of players: readers. brokers of old newspapers acting as middlemen, newspaper publishers, and the recycled newsprint manufacturers themselves, most of whom do not have the capacity to accept more old newspapers.

The situation is improving, though. More paper mills are planning to manufacture more recycled newsprint, which will make more supply available to more newspapers.

Eventually, as supply and demand balance out, the situation will resolve

It's about that simple.







What's Happening

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FAMILY MILLER WOODS WALKS

Family walks in Plymouth Township's unique Miller Woods will be led by Emily Kemnitz and Joyce Holmes the second Sunday of every month through May. Starts at 1 p.m. Each walks will stress a different theme and focus on seasonal changes. The free walks begin at 1 p.m. The next walk is-planned for April 12; other walks May 2 and May 10. Meet at the entrance on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge roads. For further information call 453-6912. Kemnitz and Holmes at members of the Friends of Miller Woods.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

The Plymouth Oratorio Society begins its sixth season May 3 with a performance of Beethoven's "Mass in C" and the "Choral Fantay." Robert Pratt will conduct. For further information on the group call 761-2991 or 455-6512.

PCAC HOLIDAY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's (PCAC) design competition for the 1992 Christmas card is now open. Artists can submit a five by seven original sketch, photograph, watercolor or a familiar Plymouth scene. Should be identified as Plymouth or Plymouth Township. Deadline for submitting art work is April 3. Deliver to PCAC, 332 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI, 49170. For further details call 455-5260.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Free tax assistance for seniors is available in Canton, Northville and Plymouth, now through April 15. Made possible by AARP. Assistance can be found at the Canton Recreation Center (397-5444); Royal Holiday Trailer Park (397-5444); Northville Senior Center (349-4140); Tonquish Creek Manor (455-3670); Plymouth Cultural Center (455-6620). Home visits for handicap and shut-ins also available by calling the above numbers. Bring last year's tax returns, necessary forms and records.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK THROUGH SCHOOLS

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is available for residents of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District who are receiving some form of assistance. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the Clothing Bank is located in a portable building behind Central Middle School in the City of Plymouth. Donations are accepted on both days also or they can be delivered on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Warehouse at 180 Adams Street behind the Clothing Bank. For more information call 451-6673.

IMAGES OF LINCOLN EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Historical Museum has opened a new special exhibit "Images of Lincoln." which includes more than 900 artifacts relating to the life of Abraham Lincoln. The exhibit runs from now through April 12. The museum is open Wednesday, Thurnday and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students. Call 455-8940.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL GET TOGETHER

The Plymouth High School Class of 1957 is holding a get together July 10 at 7:30 p.m. on the Bunyea Farms in Plymouth Township. Other classes will be welcome to the get together. An organizational meeting is planned for April 7 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge at 7 p.m. People are needed from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. For further information or to help call 453-

SCHOOLCRAFT SEEKS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Schoolcraft College is looking for outstanding alumni to honor during the May commencement exercises. Nominations will be accepted until April 3. For an application or further information call 462-4417.

The musical "Pajama Game," by Adler and Ross will be performed by the Plymouth Park Players April 3-4 and 10-11 at the Salem High auditorium. Shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5.50 and \$4.50 reserved. For information call 459-3518.

ANNUAL SPRING GARAGE SALE

The Civitans' annual Spring Garage Sale will be held at the Plymouth Gathering next to the Penn in downtown Plymouth April 25. Clean out your attic, garage, basement, Donations needed. Call 455-0004, 464-1129 or 453-7569. Articles will be picked up (no large appliances). Proceeds to support Civitan projects.
PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD'S "ON GOLDEN POND"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "On Golden Pond" March 27-28 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and students. March 20 performance will include sign language for the hearing impaired. Tickets available in advance at the Penniman Deli or Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth. For ticket information call 349-7110.

PLYMOUTH ROCK CHARITY DINNER

The Plymouth Rock No. 47 is sponsoring a chacity dismer to support the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank. The dinner will be held March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple on Ponalman Avanue in the City of Plymouth. The cost is \$9. Per reservations call 453-1234 by March 20.

SCHOOL BOARD PETITIONS AVAILABLE Nomination petitions are now available for any registered in the Plymouth-Canton momenty Schools who wishes to run for election. The vote is June 8 and two four-year scats will be filled. The filing deadline is April 6 at 4 p.m. Candidates need . valid signatures. The last day to withdraw from the race is April 9. For further information call 451-3135.

PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA NEEDS A POOL

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA needs some water in the shape of a swimming pool. The Y needs the pools for one to two hours a day during June, July and August to conduct swim programs. For further information on how to help the Plymouth Y call 453-2904.

NETWORKING NORTHVILLE BUSINESS EXPO

The Northville Chamber of Commerce presents Networking Northville Business Expo March 25 from 5-8 p.m. in Northville High School, More than 40 business exhibitors. Admission is \$5 per person or \$4 for senior citizens. Give aways and complimentary food and beverages from participating establishments. Call 349-7640. The Northville Chamber of Comm



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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR PLYMOUTH AAUW

The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) will hold its 40th anniversary celebration at Fox Hills Country Club on North Territorial Road April 5 from 12:30-4 p.m. Special features will include a fashion show showing how women's clothing styles changed from 1890 to 1992 presented by the Questors of Ann Arbor.

DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools summer driver education program will be held Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Canton High cafeteria. Registration scheduled based on student's birth date. Registration forms available in the general office of Canton or Salem high schools. Forms must be returned when registering. There is no charge for the program but a \$14 workbook must be purchased by students. Session one of driver's education will be held June 15 to July 8. Sessions two is set for July 13 to Aug. 5. For information call 451-6600, ext. 349.

SPAGHETTI DINNER PLANNED

The public is invited to a Spaghetti Dinner served March 31 by the Plymouth Chapter 115 Order of Eastern Star at the Masonic Temple on Penniman Avenue in the City of Plymouth. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10. There will also be prizes and surprises. For reservations call 421-1145.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB MEETING

The Sixty Plus Club of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth meets April 6 at the North Territorial Road church. Begins at noon. Pot luck. Bring own table service and dish to pass. Slide show on flowers planned.

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS HOLD AUDITIONS

The Northville Players will hold auditions for "Egad, the Woman in White." Tryouts March 30 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Northville. Productions dates will be May 15-16 at Cooke Middle School. Call 349-1205.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will host a luncheon April 2 at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia. Hospitality begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. For information call 420-9006 or 455-3315, Reservation deadline is March 30 at noon.

GOLF LEAGUE GATHERING

Women who would like to play nine holes of early morning golf can join The Thursday Group. An information meeting is planned at Hilltop Golf Course April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Play begins April 30. Call 451-0575 or 455-9495.

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will host its annual spring arts and crafts show April 3-5 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday and from moon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The show features more than 75 artisans. Admission and parking are both free. For further information call 455-6620.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH MTG

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. April 3 in the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road, Plymouth. There will be a business meeting and election of officers. Schools superintendent John M. Hoben will speak. Gnests are welcome.

CARD PARTY AND SALAD LUNCHEON

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will host a Card Party and Salad Luncheon at the VFW Post Home on Mill Street in the City of Plymouth April 4 at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon and cards \$4.50, while funcheon only \$4. Bake sale and boutique also. For information or reservations call 455-2620 or 728-7619.

CANTON LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Canton Lions Football Club will be taking registrations for the fall season April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Canton's Administration Building on Canton Center Road. Open to boys ages eight to 14 for football and girls ages eight to 14 for cheerleading. Birth critificate-needed. The fee is \$50 for football and \$40 for cheerleading. Family max is \$125. Teams limited. For information call Debby at 397-1720.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS "DOWN HOME"

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents its spring concert "Destination: Down Home" the weekend of April 24-26 at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial. Performances are at 8 p.m. April 24-25 and 4 p.m. April 26. Tickets are limited. They go on sale March 17 at Sideways or from any chorus member. Or call the chorus at 455-4080.

CANTON VETS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION The Canton Veterans Memorial Association is seeking donations to build a veterans messocial. Cash contributions in any amount will be accepted or by purchasing a brick paver (for a \$100 contribution) which will be placed in the walkway leading to the memorial. For information regarding contributions call John Spencer at 397-5421 or Tim LaGrow at 981-2848. Tax deductible contributions can be mailed to the CVMA at PO Box 871025, Canton, MI 48187.

PSO 46TH SEASON BENEFIT POPS CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will hold a benefit Cabaret Pops concert "Music from the Movies" April 10-11 at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club on North Territorial. Cash bar, classipagae bur at 6 p.m., pre-concert dinner at 6:30 p.m., and concert at 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m., open sesting). Tickets for the concert and dinner are \$40 each, while just concert tickets are \$25.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION

The New Morning School in Plymouth Township will present "Fiesta, Ol'et", its 16th annual auction at 5 p.m. March 28 in the Hellenic Cultural Center, Westland. For auction tickets call 420-0331.

CANTON IS PAMILY DINNER DANCE The Colobrate Canton "Canton is Family" Disnor Dance is set for March 28 at 6 p.m. in Follows Creek Golf Club. Tichete are \$30 per person. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., gwards prograin, and dencing. Cash her.

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Plymouth United Way suspends member dues

BY RANDY COBLE

The Plymouth Community United Way Board of Directors has decided to suspend membership dues to the United Way of America in the wake of allegations of improper activities by the national organization's former president.

When questions arose about William Aramony's financial and staffing practices two weeks ago, he soon decided to resign.

United Way of America has arranged for an independent investigation of charges that Aramony received excessive compensation, inappropriately used organization funds, such as for airline tickets on the supersonic Concorde, and helped place friends and family members in United Way of America jobs.

Plymouth Community United Way, along with the 2,100 other local United Ways across the United States, is a separate organization from United Way of America.

PCUW Executive Director Marie Morrow said local United Ways pay dues to the national organization for such things as seminars, research and training for staff, as well as for national advertising campaigns, such as with the National Football League.

It does not engage in direct solicitation for funds, Morrow said, and derives its budget directly from local United Way dues.

Morrow said that local dues add up to

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less than one per cent of all charitable dollars raised. In 1991, PCUW dues were \$4,804.41, well under the one per cent figure.

Records indicate that PCUW had total revenues of \$592,616 last year, with \$72,441 going to administrative costs (salaries, occupancy costs, a yearly audit, insurance and donation campaign expenses), which represents 12.2 per cent of 1991 revenues.

Morrow said that she had heard "no indication of any questions of the practices" of United Way of America before the recent announcement. She said she "was very surprised...everyone was."

She said the UWA provides many important programs, such as Gifts-In-Kind, in which national corporations donate supplies and equipment for distribution.

Morrow said a similar UWA program was the Charities Funds Transfer, which allows employees of certain companies who have ties to the area but work and live outside of Plymouth to donate money to a local United Way and have it funneled to the PCUW.

Morrow said the PCUW will keep the suspension of dues in place until the results of the investigation have been examined.

Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am

Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm

"We are watching the situation

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Places to be

New Morning auction

The 16th annual "Fiesta Ol'el" auction, sponsored by New Morning School, is scheduled for March 28.

The fundraising event, which will begin at 5 p.m., takes place at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

The live auction of 500 items will be presented by Dan Stall. Items to be auctioned include sailing excursions, a one-week stay at a condo on Anna Maria

Island, FL, a 21 foot in diameter above ground swimming pool, installed. Other items include: a bed and breakfast weekend at the Ritz-Carlton, University of Michigan and Michigan State university football tickets.

For ticket information call 420-3331. Hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and a buffet dinner are part of the evening.

OLGC sets AIDS seminar

A Plymouth Catholic church is sponsoring an evening dedicated to educating people about AIDS and HIV.

"A Family Night Presentation on AIDS: A Catholic Approach" is scheduled for March 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Good Counsel gym.

The Rev. Richard Bartoszek, associate pastor at St. Jade in Detroit; the Rev.

James Wysocki, pastor from Our Lady of Good Counsel and Dr. James Fordyce will present basic medical information and attempt to dispel fears, phobias and prejudices in hope of showing the parish how to respond to the disease with a "beatitude attitude."

For more information call Our Lady of Good Counsel at 453-0326.

Irish group steps out

The Tim O'Hare School of Irish Step. Dancing of Plymouth will be among many ethnic related groups, organizations and restaurants on hand April 5, to kick

Canton dinner

A dinner dance to recognize Canton achievers is planned.

The "Canton is Family: A Celebration of Canton" dinner dance is scheduled for March 28 beginning at 6 p.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Awards to be presented include the 1992 Community Achievers; 1992 Hall of Fame; the Mitchell Howard. Businessman Award; the Thomas Yack Citizen Involvement Award; and the Ken Gruebel Board of Directors Award.

The evening includes dinner at 7 p.m. followed by the awards program and dancing. These is a cash bar:

Muffy on tour

Muffy Vanderbear, who made her first national television debut in Macy's Thenkagiving Day Parade, will appear at Sideways in the City of Plymouth this weekend (March 28-29) as part of her national son.

Muffy will be at Sideways, located on Forest Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sandry, Catch her in her traditional Holland "Dank Than"

Multy and her Vandarheer family are a popular line of hours designed by North American Boar based in Chicago.

off the Fifth Annual International Dance Festival at the Southfield Civic Center.

In addition to the O'Hare denors, there will be many varieties of ethnic entertainment and food for sampling.

The festival is sponsored by Southfield Community Relations and is designed to highlight the international flavor of the area.

Tickets for the festival are \$13.50 in advance, or \$15 at the door, and are available at the International Institute in Detroit's Cultural Center, 111 E. Kirby, Detroit, or at the Southfield Civic Center's main lobby, 26000 Evergreen, between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Priday.

For additional information, call 871-8600 or 354-4854.

Library plans sunday brunch

An ologant Sunday brunch is planned at the Canton Public Library to colobrate National Library Week (April 5-11).

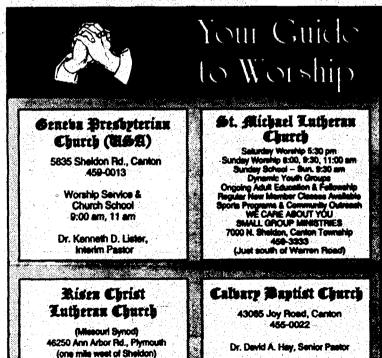
The brench will be held at noon Sunday, April 5 in the library meeting room

The guast speakers will be Plymouth's own Jim Burnetein, a playwright and screen writer, and John Magel, a Mt. Clements author and businessman.

The branch in being cutored by Misch Howard of Custon Catering, Tichets are \$12 and available at the library secoption desk.

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For further information and 397-4000.



Bush, Clinton winners in P-C primary election

BY RANDY COBLE

The official results of last Tuesday's presidential primary somewhat lived up to expectations in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton.

George Bush was the local choice among Republicans, while Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton won most of the Democratic voting.

In the City of Plymouth, GOP voters picked Bush by over a three-to-one margin, 656 to 180, ahead of challenger Pat Buchanan. Former Ku Klux Klansmen David Duke received 13 votes, and 62 people cast uncommitted ballots.

Democrats in Plymouth gave first place to Clinton with 257 votes, followed by now ex-candidate Senator Paul

Tsongas.

Former California Governor Jerry Brown picked up 189 votes, and 48 went uncommitted, Ex-candidates Tom Harkin, Senator from Iowa, and Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey received seven and two votes respectively. Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen had one vote, and one vote was cast for Lyndon LaRouche, campaigning as a Democrat from a prison cell in Mingesots.

In Canton, things were somewhat closer. In Republican voting, Bush garnered 2,057 votes to Buchanan's 875, less than the three-to-one ratio seen in Plymouth. Duke picked up 74 votes, and 177 voted as uncommitted.

Democrat Jerry Brown ran a close second to Clinton in Canton, who won with 1,106 votes, by picking up 908 votes. Tsongas received 625, Harkin 71, Kerrey 28. La Rouche 10 and 153 ancommitted. Approximately 2 votes were cast for New York Governor Mario Свошо.

Plymouth Township proved to be the most interesting race of the night.

Bush totaled 1,171 votes, but close behind was Buchanan with 936, a much closer mergin than the City of Plymouth and Canton.

Duke received 138, and 145 individuals cast uncommitted ballots.

Brown posted a win in the township, getting 523, surpassing Clinton's 388. Tiongus run a very close third with 377. Harkin received 9, La Rouche 71 and uncommitted 77. Approximately five write-in votes were also cast, at least one



for outgoing Chrysler Chairman Lee lacocca.

Voter turnout for the primaries wasn't spectacular

Of the 7,186 registered voters in Plymouth, only 1,680 cast ballots, or 23 a per cent. Canton's registered voters, 32,941 strong, saw only 6,166 go to the polls, or 18.7 per cent.

Plymouth Township has 16,608 voters, but only 3,886 voted. That is a figure of 23 per cent.

Declaration of party preference was a small sticking point last Tuesday.

Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser reported that a "slim minority were complaining," but that most voters who went to the polls either knew of the situation already or accepted it with little fuss when precinct workers explained Michigan's new system.

Canton Clerk Loren Bennett explained the complex procedure. Those voters that had declared themselves members of either the Republican or Democratic parties as of Feb.18 had an "R" or a "D" printed next to their names on voter rolls. Declared Republicans could vote only in the GOP primary; those with a "D" could vote in either.

Those who had not declared a party preference by Feb. 18 had to choose either to sign a card for a Democratic primary ballot or to verbally request a Republican

Bennett said his office "had a constant stream of people complaining about the rules," but no real incidents at polling places.

Plymouth Township Clerk Esther Hulsing described as "angry" the people who contacted her about the declaration requirement.

Hulsing added that a few people expressed discontent "because they had thought they were getting to vote on Tigers' Stadium." City of Detroit voters had the opportunity last Tuesday to vote on whether to consider using city funds to build a new stadium for the Tigers.

Schools: land not yet up for sale

BY ANNA MURRAY

Plymouth Township is preparing to buy 17 acres from the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district in order to expand the Plymouth Recreation Center.

At last night's meeting the township board of trustmes was expected to approve the recreation plan compiled by the department of public services, said Plymouth Township Public Services Director Jim Anniewicz

The plan recommends the township buy the 17 acres north of the park that currently belong to the school district.

Also at last night's meeting, the board was expected to approve a measure that would allow the Department of Public Services to pursue a a state grant to help nurchase the land. The grant would pay for 75 per cent of the purchase price, Anulewicz said.

The school district is moving more slowly than the township, however.

"It's not for sale yet," said Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Mike Hoben, "All we've been authorized to do is to get an appraisal."

Hoben said the township has asked for first right of refusal in purchasing the land, but that the request must be approved by the school board of education.



Community deaths

Fisher, Ford employe

Alice Fisher, 68, of Howell but a former Plymouth resident, died March 9 in Plymouth. Funeral services were held March 12 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Reverend John Shinn officiating.

Mrs. Fisher worked for the Ford Motor Company for 26 years, and was a past union sieward.

Survivors include: sons Allen, of Plymouth, and Ivan, of Ortonville; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; one brother and three sisters.

Memorials may be sent to the Arbor Hospice.

Wetterstrom, office worker

Dennis Ray Wetterstrom, 53, of Canton, died March 8 in Dearborn. Funeral services were held March 11 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Father George Chamley officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Wetterstrom was an office worker at Unisys and Burroughs for 30 years. He came to Canton in 1972, and was a member of St. John Neumann and the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. He received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University in

Survivors include: wife Rosemary, of Canton; sons James and Daniel, both of Canton; daughter Julie, of Canton; mother Mildred, of Livonia; sister Wilma, of Massachusetts; cousin Edith Nelson, of Redford; and sister -in-law Joann Baker, of

Local arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Bobbitt, prison guard

Adeline F. Bobbitt, 68, of Plymouth Township, died March 7, in Wayne. Funeral services were held March 10, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leland L. Seese, Jr., officiating. Interment was at Roseland Park Memorial Gardens, Berkley.

Mrs. Bobbitt was a prison security guard, and a member of the First Presbyterian

Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by her son Robert James Habermas, of California; granddaughter, Catherine Marie Habermas; several nieces and nephews, Sharon Heslip, of Novi, Gail Denski, of South Lyon, James T. Hayes, of Plymouth, and Cheryl Hayes, of Plymouth; brother, James Hayes, of Plymouth.

Roland, auto worker

Adolph Roland, 68, of Bangor, MI, died Feb. 22 in the VA Medical Facility, in Battle Creek. Funeral services were held Feb. 25 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn

Mr. Roland worked as an automotive laborer. He was an U.S. Navy veteran from World War II and a life member of Rankin DAV Chapter 1.

Survivors include: brothers Edward, of Canton, and Edwin, of Dearborn Heights; and sisters Mary Macek, of Livonia, Ann Barnum, of Livonia, and Stella Roland.

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RDI debate likely to focus on 'political battle'

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oversight committee to study the patterns of growth and development in southeastern Michigan to the year 2010.

The oversight committee recently published its final report to SEMCOG. It details several conclusions about the direction in which the region will go over the next 20 years, and offers seven major recommendations on what should be done regionally to address the changes.

Law and Morris will discuss those issues at the Monday meeting, which will be moderated by newspaper columnist Jon Pepper. They will alsoanswer questions from the audience.

The seven recommendations of the RDI oversight committee for southeast Michigan for the next two decades include first shifting away from an "over-reliance" on property taxes and toward such options as new sales or income taxes, or tax base sharing.

Second, the RDI report suggests all communities must adopt and enforce antidiscrimination programs and laws in housing and employment, and public and private schools must implement programs to establish racial and cultural understanding in the classroom.

Third, land use planning guidelines

should be created, the report suggests, to discourage sprawling development, protect environmentally sensitive lands and preserving and redeveloping the existing infrastructure of older and urban communities. These guidelines would be used both by local planners and regional review bodies.

Fourth, the report recommends the creation of a regional-level review process for all proposed public and private development plans that would effect the region or multiple communities.

Fifth, the RDI argues for "concurrency" legislation for new development. This would require that all necessary roads, sewers and other infrastructure be in place before any developments are completed. It also recommends allowing local communities to charge "impact fees" to developers to pay for the costs of needed infrastructure.

Sixth, the report recommends that available federal and state resources be directed to combat urban sprawl by assisting the redevelopment and maintenance of older and urban communities.

Finally, the RDI suggests revamping the region's transportation system, paid for by an areawide tax to fund needed improvements, such as public transit alternatives.

Law expressed concern over the report. "k's a political battle," hesaid. "Who

"It's a political battle," hesaid. "Who controls the decision-making process?" He said local communities could suffer from loss of autonomy if the recommendations were adopted.

Canton Supervisor Tora Yack put it this way: "I'm concerned when a planning agency with no accountability to the people makes decisions effecting them."

Yack said he felt the adoption of the RDI proposals would amount to "a diminishment of local control.

The individuals closest to the community should be responsible for the choices made that effect it, he added.

Law said that regional planning efforts such as the RDI have merit, but the specifics of the report were cause for close scrutiny.

"h's good to plan on a large, regional basis, or you miss the big picture by looking only at your little one," he said. "How and where we make changes is the area where we disagree."

Local officials have said they are trying to organize communities which oppose the RDL

The Northville-Plymouth-Canton League of Women Voters arge interested members of the public to attend the March 30 forum, where these issues will be aired in detail, said Diane Rockall, president of the league.

Beer division coming

The world headquarters of a division of the Molson Company is moving to Plymouth Township.

Diversay Corporation, a subsidiary of the brewing giant, specialize in cleaning and sanitation for homes and industry.

A site plan that includes offices and laboratory and testing facilities has been approved by the Plymouth Township Planning Commission, said Jim Anulewicz, director of public services for Plymouth Township.

The Diversay world headquarters will be located in the Kojaian Park north of M-14 and east of Beck Road, said Asulewicz.

"I think this is going to be a substantial addition to the community," he said.

Last night the township-board of trustees was expected to approve a measure that would make the Kojaian properties an industrial development district.



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The Mayflower Meeting House played heat to Pat Buchanan's campaign last Tuesday during Michigan's presidential primary. The Republican candidate spoke to several hundred supporters who didn't seem any worse for the wear

Political spotlight on City

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room only -- one Buchanan-buttonfestooned follower said he had "seen more people at a state House of Representatives" party."

As the moment when Buchanan would speak drew closer, the pace accelerated. Sound and light technicians scurried around their lights and cables, wires leading to the stage taped down to prevent the unwary from tripping.

Reporters sat at tables, headphones on to block out the din, tapping away at



Plymouth legend Russell Kirk mingles during Ruchanan's step. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukselk)

laptop computers, some linked to their offices by telephone modems in the "press room."

The youngest reporter, Amy Larson, was one several Plymouth-Canton notables in the crowd of about 300.

Amy wandered among the crowd with her father, Al. She found the whole evening "pretty exciting" as she conducted interviews for the Young Authors program. She spoke to producers, national news reporters, and just plain folk.

The band struck up "Hail to the Victors" as the candidate strode to the platform. During his remarks, posters danced atop the heads of the crowd. Laughter and clapping arose several times.

When Buchanan's speech was over—suddenly, it was all over. People lingered over the food, chatted amidst the balloons and paper littering the floor. The media packed up their gear and left, grabbing a morsel as they went out the door.

Creon Smith, manager of the Mayflower, was pleased. "The evening went extremely well....It was a good thing for Plymouth."

Mayor Robert Jones said the evening's activities showed the vitality of the city, and were especially welcome after constant talk "about vacant stores and empty lots lining the streets."

Plymouth, had the eyes of the nation for a moment last Tuesday night, but now the moment's over. despite their candidate's defeat to George Bush. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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Pursell kept in touch with constituents

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Pursell's field representative for his Plymouth office, Denise Radtke, a friend and colleague of the congressman for over 20 years, had "mixed emotions" about the announcement.

"I've seen Carl serve his community his whole career. It'll be different with him not being here, but it's his decision; he wanted to do it."





Congressman Carl Pursell steps back in time at the Plymouth Historical Museum and sets type the old-fashioned way. (Crier photo)

Radtke said that "his work on the budget, year after year, is work that future sessions of Congress will find very valuable.

"We've been through a lot; a lot of campaigns, a lot of serving the district. We've had a good time and he's had a great career."

Jim McKeon, former city mayor and local real estate entrepenur, a friend of Pursell's for over 30 years, said he was "surprised and disappointed" over the announcement.

He called Pursell "a hard worker, someone who did his homework. He kept in touch with his constituency."

McKeon said that "people will appreciate the way Carl tried to keep spending under control, getting spending restraints in.

"I wasn't one bit surprised that he wasn't involved in the check-bouncing scandal, either," said McKeon as well.

Another area individual took exception with the announcement of the new congressional redistricting plan that was announced Monday.

"It's a shame that our legal system determines what kind of representation we get because the political system has broken down," said Tom Bohlander, a prominent Plymouth-based auto dealer, referring to the court-devised plan. The Plmouth-Canton Community will become a part of the new 13th congressional district, which will be



Carl Pursell and the members of his family.

heavily Democratic in content.

"Plymouth's vote is now totally worthless because we're so Republican," Bohlander said. He said the situation occurred because "the politicans are too wimpy."

Joe Ruggirello, a Plymouth-Northville businessman, characterized Pursell as "always very cordial, very interested in how things were going in Plymouth.

He always left me with the impression that his was a very open door," Ruggirello said. "He's going to be missed—he was the kind of guy who was there every time."

One constituent, Derek Domeracki, said he felt a special gratitude towards Pursell for his help in obtaining the youth an appointment to the U.S. Naval

Academy in Annapolis, MD.

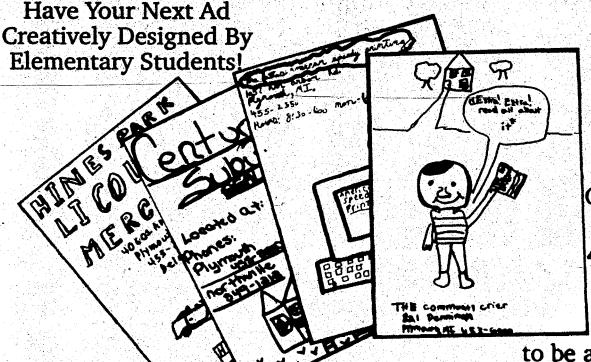
Candidates for admission to service academies must be nominated by their congressperson before being considered. Domeracki was one of 10 nominees named by Pursell for consideration and the only one of the 10 to be granted an appointment by the academy.

The 18-year-old Northville High School senior plans to major in aeronautical engineering. He wanted to express his appreciation of Pursell's

"I'm very thankful for the opportunity he helped me to get to pursue my career aspirations," said Domeracki.

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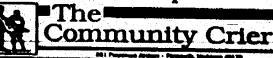
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At new City store The beat goes on



Getting down to business

BY RANDY COBLE

Whoever said that downtown City of Plymouth is in the midst of an economic doldnums never sold Repeat the Beat, Inc.

The company is opening a Plymouth location at 770 Penniman, next to the Penn Theater, to compliment those it has in Dearborn and Royal Oak.

Vice-president Ronald Rodriguez said his organization plans to open on Monday (March 30). A grand opening celebration, possibly including special sale offers, will also take place.

Repeat the Beat will be a music outlet, specializing in compact discs. It is unique, however, because of its buying and selling of used CDs and cassette tapes, Rodriguez said.

Customers can bring in CDs which they no longer enjoy, Rodriguez explained, and will receive up to a \$5 credit for each one, depending on condition. They can then apply that towards the cost of Repeat the Beat's wide selection of new and used discs and cassettes. The store sells its used CDs for \$5 to \$9, Rodriguez said, and will provide a disc player on the premesis for customers to take them for a "test-run."

Rodriguez explained why his company selected Plymouth for its new site.

Two years ago, Rodriguez said, the

outfit opened a store in Royal Oak, "because the people were there, it was a dynamic area. There wasn't any need to generate new customer traffic. When we decided to open a third, we felt we needed another downtown like that.

"We looked all over, Novi, Farmington Hills," he added. "We decided this was the place. It's a strong community, with a lot of appeal (for us)."

Rodriguez noted that Plymouth Records, a music store previously open at Repeat the Beat's location, had over 25 years' longevity, and that the site was a prime one. "We couldn't believe this spot was vacant." he said.

Rodriguez said the store will employ about seven people, most of them local.

Susan Schwedler of Repeat the Beat's Royal Oak location will come to Plymouth as floor manager, Rodriguez said. He added that several area residents have applied for positions, and anyone else interested may ask at the counter.

"One thing we want them (Plymouth-Canton residents) to know is that we're here to stay. We're in for the long term," Rödriguez said. "We're very glad to be here in Plymouth."



Plymouth's newest business will open Monday. The CD and tape outfit is located next to the Penn. (Crier photo by Randy Coble)





Sports

Fall to Adrian

Chiefs conclude season in regionals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

This year will go down in the history of boys basketball at Canton High as the most successful season to date.

The Chiefs made their mark with more victories than any other boys team in the history of the school, but the season ended in the first round of regional competition.

The Canton hoopsters were defeated last Wednesday, 76-59 by Adrian in Class A regional competition.

"We were beat by a very good team who is still in the hunt for the state title," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner. "It was a combination of being beat by a good team and we were out of sync all night."

Looking back over the season, Van Wagoner has very good feelings about the performance of his team.

"On the positive side, this has been the best season in boys basketball the team has ever had," said Van Wagoner. "We were division champs and we won our second consecutive district championship."

The Chiefs won 18 games this season and had 13 consecutive wins from Jan. 7 to March 3. Van Wagoner credits a "total team effort" for the success of the program this year.

"All seven seniors did a great job. I like to think of this as a senior program."

Seniors Hal Heard, Derrick McDonald, Mike Brennan, Jon Paupore, Tony Coshatt, Mike Corp and Eric Cunningham, led the team this year.

"Mike Brennan was a surprise," said Van Wagoner. "His improvement this year went a long way in making our team a better team. There weren't any stars, we were a well balanced team."

Heard made the first team all conference, McDonald and Brennan made the all division team.

"It was a good group of kids and total team effort that made it a great season," said Van Wagoner.

Four of his seniors are being scouted by colleges right now. Tony Coshatt has signed to attend Saginaw Valley.

Hal Heard is currently being recruited by five schools and expects to make a decision within the next month. Mike Brennan is currently being scouted by University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Derrick McDonald also has schools looking at him.

Mike Brennan is currently being scouted by three schools, including the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Academically, he's interested in a science program, and is currently keeping his options open, checking into all schools before the next signing period next month.

Derrick McDonald has both two-year

and four-year schools talking with him. He's interested in pursuing a business education, and is currently exploring the options at five schools.



Canton punior, Eric Cambagham (42), in life hast game as a Chief, game for a backet in last Wednesday's regional game. Cambagham and six other penior played their final blab actual backethall game. (Crier shots by Eric Laborit)

Coshatt leaves Canton, Saginaw Valley bound

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Canton senior, Tony Coshatt, Chief starting center, will be trading his Canton uniform to don the uniform from Saginaw Valley in the fall.

Coshatt made his college selection earlier this year after being recruited by four schools. He picked Saginaw Valley for its "atmosphere and the academic program is really, really good."

With his sights set on becoming an elementary school teacher, Coshatt is looking forward to college in the fall and performing on the courts in Saginaw.

He was awarded a full ride scholarship which includes tuition and room and board

Dedicated to basketball, Tony has played on the varsity squad at Canton for three years. He spent his freshman year on the junior varsity team.

He started playing basketball in the parks and recreation league as a child, but says he didn't get serious about basketball until he was a freshman. "I really got into it, started lifting weights and taking off weight."

Coshatt stands at 6-7, and weighs 240 pounds. Prior to getting serious about basketball, he weighed in at 280, but between his freshman and sophomore year, he got into athletic condition.

"It gave me more energy and ambition to do things, like grades," said Coshatt, who carried a 2.9 gpa in high school, and says he eajoys most the thrill of playing baskethall, and the competition with winning and losing.

"Being on the team is fun," said Coshatt, who believes he has gained a lot individually being a part of the team. "I was pleased to work with the coaching staff, and I'd like to thank all the people in Phase III for all their help. (Being a part of the basketball program) has helped me handle everyday life situations. This year was exciting, and it was an honor to win the district title."

As captain of the team, Coshatt feels Please see pg. 23

Canton Olympic hopeful masters unique moves

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

"Go for the Gold" was the cry heard all across the country as U.S. Olympic athletes headed to Albertville, France, earlier this year, for the Olympic games.

If Doug Stibel has his way, Plymouth-Canton residents will have even more reasons to cheer for the U.S. Olympians in the 1996 summer games in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 16-year-old sophomore at Canton High is currently working on the compulsory gymnastic routines for the 1996 Olympics. He will be competing in May for a spot on the United States Junior National Gymnastics Team. The top six finishers at the May meet make the junior seam.

Stibel's goal is to work up to the Olympic team by 1996, head to Atlanta, and bring home the gold, to Canton.

He has been seamed up with his coach, Kevin Watson of Detroit, for seven years. Watson, a seasoned competitor, who himself competed at Schoolcraft College and the University of Denver, has been coaching for 17 years. If Subel makes the Olympic seam, he will be Watson's first charge to go to the Olympics.

Watson first spotted Stibel in a Farmington gym, and saw his potential immediately.

"His body type was correct," said Watson regarding his initial observations of Stibel. "His muscle structure and body composition were good."

Stibel's aarrow hips and thin legs make him easy to lift onto the bars, according to Watson, and his more developed upper body gives him the strength to perform the routines.

"His desire is Olympic desire," said. Watson. "He has physical talent. His natural talents are best, and he has an air awareness (which means) you can throw him (isno the air) and he'd figure out a way to land on his feet."

Coach and Olympic-hopeful, Stibel, are currently working on the 1996 Olympic compulsory routines for all six men's gymnastic events, floor exercise, pommel horse, vault, rings, parallel bars, and high bar.

In addition to the compulsories, they must also create an optional routine for each event.

"The high bar is my best routine," said Stibel. "I like it best because of the big moves and the wicks you can do."

It's a combination of natural talent, Stibel's dealer to improve, and his ability to mester very difficult and complicated moves that Watson feels will make Stibel a contember for the gold in '96.

Computing in chab gymnostics, Stibel currently performs level D tricks in his floor exactles. He has been able to successfully execute moves many gymnoste om't do, including the Arabian double flust, which Stibel incorporates into the start of his floor exercise.

His tentine begins with a back flip, incorporates a helf turn and an airborne

double somersault, which Doug then moves into pushups and on to the rest of his routine.

He has also mastered the Gaylord double front move into his high bar routine. This move was created in 1983 by Olympic gymnast Mitch Gaylord. It involves circling over the bar, leaving the bar, doing a double somersault in the air and returning to the bar.

"These are things that make Doug standout," said Watson, "They are not the run of the mill, ordinary stuff (in gymnastic competition)."

Stibel takes this all in stride. "I do it because it's what I like," he said regarding why he's been in gymnastics most of his life.

He gets a lot of support from his family and friends. "My friends ask me if I'm going to the Olympics," said Stibel. "I say I hope, maybe, someday."

But he has to garner most of his support in spirit because his competitive meets are out of town. His dad, Mike, and his coach usually accompany him to meets. But at his most recent meet, the 1992 USA Invitational, held March 6-8 in Colorado Springs, even dad wasn't able to go.

Stibel competes in the junior-elite class, and he is the only one in his competitive class in Michigan. There are only 48 in this class in the country. In the Colorado Springs meet, he competed against nine other junior-elites, and placed third.

According to his coach, Stibel is ranked 15th in the country in this class.

"There was no pushing," said Mike Stibel, Doug's father. "He got started at age five, and has stayed (with gymnastics) because he has ability, and it's what he wanted. He has a natural ability."

Stibel has been competing since age seven. When he was 10, he told his family and coach he was serious about gymnastics, gave up soccer, and has concentrated on this sport since.

"He has to be the only to decide when it's over," said his father. "Our hopes are for a scholarship, the Olympics will be a bonus."

Stibel spends 15-20 hours a week working out at his routines and the compulsories. He has his sights set on attending the University of Iowa after graduating. "They have a good team," said Stibel. "That could change, but for now, it looks like Iowa."

Stibel has lived in Canton all his life, with his parents, Mike and Kathy, and his two brothers, Keith and Dan. He currently works out at All-Around Gymnastics in Livonia.

His next meet is the 1992 U.S. Gymnastics Championship in Columbus, Ohio, in May. At this meet, Stibel will learn if he has made the U.S. Junior Olympic team this year, or if he'll have to try out again next year.

Regardless, he has taken the first step at a chance to represent the U.S. in the 1996 Olympics.



Teny Coshatt (r) watches intently during the final minutes of his last Canton game. Coshatt will be shooting hoops at Saginaw Valley next year. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Coshatt moves to college ball

Continued from pg. 22

he contributed a lot to the team by "getting them fired up to have a good time."

He is aware that there will be adjustments from a high school basketball program to a college program. "I will try to help them (Saginaw Valley) as much as I helped the Plymouth Canton team," said Coshan, "I'll give it my all."

Coshatt lives in Canton with his parents Terry and Jim, and his brother Tim.

Chiefettes dance into 2d

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton Chiefettes recently competed against 40 high school pompon squads at the 13th Annual Mid-American Pompon State-Wide competition held in Saginaw.

The squad of 24 girls, who perform precision dance routines to music at halftime during football and boys basketball games captured second place in Saginaw.

The Chiefettes tied with the pompon squad from Garden City.

The Canton squad performed a routine, choreographed by coach Christina Branham, to "Headlong" by Queen. Branham choreographs the competitive routines, and the Chiefettes choreograph the other routines, under Branham's supervision.

Branham was especially pleased with the ranking the squad received at the competition because she had changed the routine three weeks before the regional competition.

Branham, a former Salem Rockette-(1983-86), has conched the Chiefettes for

"I'm real proud of the squad this year," said Branham.

Regarding her decision to make a late routine change, Branham said, "It wasn't

the girls, the work just wasn't good. (The competitions) are judged on uniqueness and original ideas, and (the first routine) tacked that:

"They had very little time to work on the routine, to take second place shows they are a good squad, they're sharp and on the ball, and they are a good group to work with."

The pompon squads are also evaluated on the kick line and choreography.

Routines change every year for the Chiefettes. The squad performed 10 different routines this year. Each routines is to music and lasts 3-4 minutes.

"It takes a lot of dedication and perserverance to be a squad member," said Branham. "You have to have your act together and keep your grades up. The squad practices 15-20 hours a week."

Tryouts for the Chiefettes are open to any 8-11 grade girl who will be attending Canton.

Tryouts run April 6-11, 7-9 p.m. at the Canton gym. The size of the squad varies from year to year according to how many girls tryout for the team and are

Branham has had as many as 35 girls on her squad.





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closely," she added.

Morrow said that a representative of the PCUW will be on hand in Indianapolis mext week for the Volunteer Leaders Conference, a national meeting among United Way leaders.

United Way of America began damage control by recently appointing Kenneth Dam as the new president and chief executive officer. Dam is a former deputy secretary of state and is soon to retire from IBM. He will receive no salary, Morrow said

Morrow stressed that the Plymouth Community United Way has not had any such problems as those United Way of America has now.

She summed up the national agency's tenuous situation by noting: "There is a lot of public concern now, a lot of concern among local United Way

executives. We are ready to put this unfortunate incident behind us and get back to our real mission -- providing service to the Plymouth community."

The Plymouth Community United Way funds 36 different agenices locally that provide direct service to area individuals and families. The three biggest agencies are Growth Works, Inc., Plymouth Family Service and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Growth Works specializes in helping young people involved with substance abuse, their families, and a number of other beneficial programs.

Plymouth Family Service provides assistance to individuals and families dealing with alcohol and drug abuse, as well as services for disabled and older people and their families, such as adult day care and in-home help.

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Brent - I'm net any good without you.

Lee - Don't Buton to Joshi Your eyebrows aren't TMAT healey!



MATLYH MARIE

Curiosities

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ELAINE & ERNIE - Your mother and father certainly had nice children. Thank you to birthday cineraria. Bet you thought in't know what it was, let alone spell it.

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IRENE ROBERTS - An artist in living; above all, a lady, with the most exquisite taste i have ever encountered, an inspira-tion to me, as well as to others. I loved her. Why didn't I ever tell her so? How I wish i hed. Lovingly, Geneve

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Thank you ED - and Michigan rolls on.

Curiosities

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Kevin, the really good once are coming soon – to sure and prepare your DAD.

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TOM, JAN, JILLIAN, NICHOLAS, THOMAS_ Welcome Home. So glad to have you back in Plymouth after twelve years.

R - Over before it started?

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JOE R.: when's dinner? -- Ed

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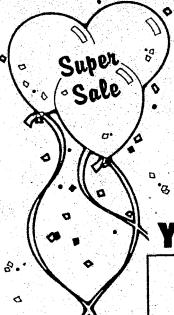
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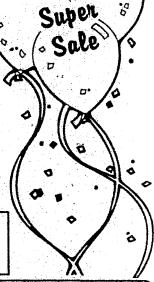


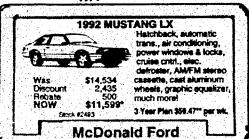
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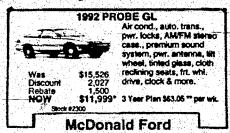
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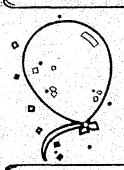
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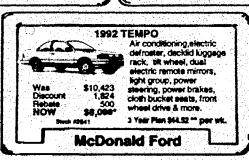


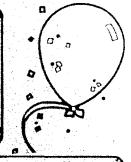


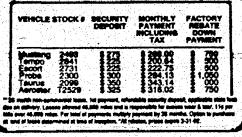




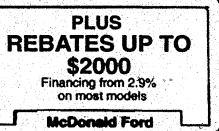














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