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Schools and teachers closer to contract?

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
Will Monday's school millage defeat bring the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and their teachers closer to a contract?

A sudden executive session of the school board was called for 7 p.m. last night to discuss "negotiations."

Although School Board President David Arley refused to say which bargaining unit was involved, sources said the Plymouth-Canton Education Association had made a proposal to the schools prior to the outcome of the Monday election.

"Negotiations are an ongoing process," Arley said.

"I don't expect action, it's a discussion," the board president said of the meeting.

Negotiators for the teachers and the schools have met three times since the teachers voted to reject a proposal of salary rollbacks in the face of teacher layoffs.

The current contract expires in August, 1993, but the two sides have discussed renegotiating the final year and extending the contract.

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Dream season ends

Kicker Rebekah Raymer is consoled by a teammate after the Chiefs lost 1-0 to Rochester Adams Saturday in the Class A state championship match at Northville High School. (Rachel Romney) - SEE STORY PG. 29

McClendon era ends

Farrow, Graham in; millage out

BY RANDY COBLE

Jack Farrow rode a landslide to victory and a seat on the Board of Education in Monday's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools election, while the battle for the remaining seat was a photo finish - with incumbent Trustee Barbara Graham coming out on top.

In other ballot voting, district voters turned down the requested 1.5 mill increase the board placed on the ballot last month, by a 60 per cent/40 per cent ratio. The vote on the proposed Schools of Choice plan went very much as expected -

- the plan went down to defeat by a four-to-one ratio.

Farrow was one of four active candidates challenging Graham and the other incumbent, Trustee E.J. McClendon, for the two four-year seats on the ballot. He was the top vote-getter, winning an early victory and garnering 3,359 votes, or 38.3 per cent of the total.

The district has about 63,000 eligible voters, according to administration officials. 8,768 voters went to the polls Monday, making for a turnout figure of 13.92 per cent.

The contest for the remaining seat saw Graham and McClendon in a dead heat until the last votes were counted, with the other candidates lagging behind almost from the beginning.

Graham, seeking re-election for the first time, received 2,792 votes, or 31.8 per cent of the total. She beat out McClendon for the remaining spot on the board by 63 votes. McClendon got 2,729 votes.

When all 15 school precincts reported

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Voters say 'No' to Schools of Choice

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their tallies, posted by administration officials at 9:03 p.m. Monday, Graham led McClendon by only 23 votes, with the absentee ballots yet to be counted.

The millage did not last as long, however. Voters cast 5,360 ballots against the increase, to 3,331 in its favor. The proposal was voted down in every one of the district's 15 voting precincts, as well as in absentee ballots later tabulated.

Administration officials were composed. "We were ready for this," said Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations Raymond Hoedel.

"We were prepared either way," he said. "Now we have to make the cuts necessary to cover a deficit of about \$4.9 million."

School officials have not commented on the possibility they will ask district voters for another millage increase in the fall.

Schools of Choice died an even earlier death than the millage. With the polls closing at 8 p.m. Monday, by 8:30, the trend was clear. "Schools of Choice is all over," said board Vice-President Roland

Thomas, watching the early returns come in.

Each of Michigan's 565 school districts is now required by state law to develop a Schools of Choice plan within their own districts -- while not allocating any money for the program.

The proposal ended up losing big -- 6,869 "no" votes to 1,739 "yes" votes. However, unless the winds of changes sweep through the state legislature, the district by law will have to implement a choice plan within two years.

At 9:25, those vote totals were posted and Superintendent of Schools John Hoben announced the results: "It's Mr. Farrow and Mrs. Graham."

It was the end of an era for the board -- McClendon had been re-elected four times, serving on the board since 1973. He served three terms as board president, including being elected to that position at the very first board meeting he attended almost two decades ago.

McClendon, despite expressing disappointment, remained upbeat. "If what I did isn't good enough," he said, "then, shucks."

"It's long enough," he said of his 19 years on the board. "It's probably the best thing for me and it's time to think of other things."

McClendon, who did not ring doorbells this election, said that he felt he made the right choice. "I didn't want it that badly. I don't like to ask people to vote for me -- it's like begging for something," he said.

Farrow, 43, was elated at his victory, yet said he was aware of the responsibility the community had placed in him.

"I'm very surprised," he said. "I'd have been happy to come in second."

"I feel a real sense of obligation," he added. "I feel like this community has handed me something very valuable, and I don't want to break it."

One of Farrow's daughters, Melanie, recently became eligible to vote and cast a ballot for the first time Monday, and Farrow said that made the election doubly special to him.

Graham's victory suggests that Citizens for Better Education (CBE), the controversial group that endorsed her four years ago in her first bid for a board seat, may still be alive and well in the district.

McClendon said that CBE had sought a less public campaign this time around. "Their strategy was to get under the rug," he said, "and use your dollars, your votes and your influence."

Graham could not be reached for comment.

The remaining candidates found themselves out of the running early.

Marilyn Schwinn, former board member, received 1,941 votes, a distant fourth place with 22.1 per cent of the vote. Carol Bollman picked up 1,496 total ballots, a per cent figure of 17.2. Rounding out the field of active contenders in sixth place was James Mills, who garnered 1,272 votes, or 14.5 per cent of the total turnout.

Tim Vetter, who two weeks ago announced he was no longer an active candidate due to family problems, received 447 votes, which was 5.1 per cent of the total. Vetter did not withdraw from the race before the deadline for legally having his name removed from the ballot passed.

Farrow won 12 of the 15 precincts in the district, came in second in two more and in absentee ballots, and tied McClendon (with 208 votes apiece) in one. Graham won two precincts and the absentee voting, coming in second in five precincts.

Winning no precincts but coming in second in six of them was McClendon, as well as his tie with Farrow. Surprisingly, non-candidate Vetter came in second in the Figel precinct, closely behind Farrow.

There were no write-in candidates this time around, unlike Northville's school election, also held Monday.

In that race, about 29 per cent of the district's 20,000 eligible voters went to the polls to decide who would fill the two four-year seats open on their board of education. 5,794 cast their ballots -- 2,749 of them to top vote-getter and challenger Patricia Cester. Incumbent Carol Rahmlow posted 2,166 votes and retained her seat.

Northville voters renewed their district's current millage levy of 22.63, 3,760 votes to 1,958. Balloters rejected a proposed 2.78 mill increase by a vote of 3,601 against the proposal, with only 2,092 voting in its favor. Voters rejected the same increase request in special April 28 election as well.

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WTUA legal fees

BY RANDY COBLE

The Western Township Utilities Authority (WTUA) is giving several attorneys, two of them relatives of current and former WTUA board members, a lot of business.

WTUA has spent more than \$1 million (through January) in legal fees since its inception five years ago.

It has budgeted an average of \$25,000 per month for legal expenses in this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

However, no initial estimate was ever made of just how much legal services were going to cost the authority when it was first formed.

A search of WTUA budget plans and other legal billing records failed to turn up any form of breakdown of potential legal costs. Current and former WTUA officials said that no such breakdown exists.

They added, however, said that is to be expected and nothing unusual.

Former WTUA chairperson Maurice Breen, who left its board of commissioners when he resigned as Plymouth Township Supervisor last year, said, "I don't think that such an estimate was ever done at inception, because it's almost impossible to estimate the costs (at that time)."

Current WTUA Director Deloris Newell, who came on board within the last few months, said that such a practice was common with projects like WTUA.

"Legal expenses aren't normally broken down by themselves like that," she said.

Current chairperson Tom Yack, Canton supervisor, agreed with Breen and Newell. "I don't know that anyone could have predicted the legal costs before the size of the (1989) bond issue."

"We would have known the cost of the project then," he said, referring to WTUA itself.

"Non-construction costs got lumped together," he continued, "and that presumably would have included legal fees."

According to a projected budget, WTUA has allotted \$296,000 for this fiscal year (which ends September 30) to cover legal expenses.

"I don't see how we would spend \$300,000 this year," Yack said. "That's just what's in the budget estimate."

The closest projection of total legal costs made in the authority's records is a mid-1988 report that pegs the cost of "engineering, administration, legal, land acquisition and contingencies" at \$18.1 million with no sub-group breakdowns.

The Authority has made an estimate of its future "administrative" expenses for the years 1994, when the system will come on line, through 2000. These would include legal, office, accounting and financial expenses. The total for the seven year period comes to \$1,077,000.

WTUA was created in December 1986. At its organizational meeting, the members of its board of commissioners voted unanimously to make the

Plymouth firm of Nora, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk the Authority's legal firm.

Breen, WTUA's chairperson at the time and Plymouth Township Supervisor, Northville Township Supervisor Susan Heintz and Canton Supervisor James Poole awarded Nora-Hemming the job without a competitive bidding process.

In a February rebuttal to newspaper articles that raised questions about the affair, WTUA said that Nora-Hemming was picked without competition "because the firm was the attorney of record for all three townships already."

It would have been ridiculous, it was added, "to change horses in the middle of the sewer stream," citing the firm's familiarity with the issues and past legal work on sewer lines in the townships.

"The close working relationship among the elected officials, staff and consultants," a WTUA report said, is "a key part of the success of this project."

The firm, headed since September, 1989 by Robert Law, brother of outgoing Plymouth Township supervisor and current WTUA commission member Gerry Law, still handles WTUA's legal affairs.

But probably not for long.

The board of commissioners -- Law, Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox and Yack -- voted April 13 to request bids for legal counsel. Those bids, Yack said, "will be due 30 days after our last publication notice goes out."

"We expect that to be around the first week of July, and I expect we'll have new counsel on board by Aug. 1," he added.

Canton will not drop the firm as its representative, Yack said. "We're happy with our legal counsel."

Law-Hemming can bid for the job, but according to Yack the controversy over the firm will be a factor in the board's decision.

"I can't see how that would not be a drawback," he said. "After all, we wouldn't be doing this otherwise."

WTUA's records show that Nora/Law-Hemming was paid \$955,171 for approximately 8,858 hours of legal services from October 1986 through January of this year. This figure does not include monies paid since that time.

The firm charged a monthly retainer fee of \$3,000 for the first 31 of those 62 months, and \$2,000 a month for the next 31.

It billed the authority at rates of \$70, \$80 and \$90 per hour through March 1991. Law-Hemming then upped its rates to \$100 and \$125 per hour.

Another local attorney who has worked for WTUA also has family connections with its former chairperson.

John Breen, brother of Maurice Breen, has provided his services to the authority for its land acquisition activities.

WTUA has had to negotiate rights-of-way for its sewer line with those who own the properties through which it will pass. In some cases, the authority has had to purchase the land involved.

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Special Operations Team members prepare for a confrontation with gunman Marvin Joseph Juen. (Crier photo by Rachel Romms)

Gun scare at motor inn

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

Michigan State Police officers arrested a 34-year-old gunman last Wednesday after he had barricaded himself into a back room of the DeSwan Village Motor Inn in Canton.

At 7:45 a.m., state police officers arrived at the motor inn to serve a warrant for first-degree criminal sexual conduct on Marvin Joseph Juen, Jr., a worker at the motel.

The officers received a tip that Juen was working at the motel and discovered him despite his attempts to alter his appearance, said Thammie Colling, Canton public information officer.

Juen had shaved his mustache, dyed his hair, and lost weight since March, when he failed to appear in Genesee Circuit Court on the criminal sexual conduct matter.

After the state police officers approached Juen, he ran into a back office and barricaded himself in with a shotgun.

While hiding under a bullet-proof counter, he threatened officers and claiming he would shoot himself, according to Colling.

All the state police then exited the office and notified the special units designed to handle such ordeals.

The Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, and the Michigan State Police Emergency Support and Hostage Negotiating teams were called in to resolve the matter.

Officers took Juen into custody at 9:51 a.m. He surrendered without firing any shots. A sawed-off, 12-gauge shotgun with a round loaded in the chamber and the hammer cocked back were confiscated by the Michigan State Police officers, Colling said.

Juen told a fellow employee several weeks ago that if the police caught him, he would kill himself, said Colling.

Juen was returned to Genesee County in order to face the original charges.

Sideburned Elvis loses

BY RANDY COBLE

Just when you think that the newspapers are filled with nothing but tragedy, misery and suffering, along comes some of the best news ever.

At least it is if you're a fan of the King of Rock 'n Roll.

Yes, fans, it's official -- the United States Postal Service announced Thursday the results of two months of voting to decide which version of Elvis Presley, young or old, will grace its new stamp honoring the deceased legend. And the stamp itself will come to The Plymouth-Canton Community very soon.

Postal patrons across America had the chance to mail in ballots in favor of a

50s-style portrait of The King or a more 70s version. Postal officials announced last week that the young Elvis had beaten the old by a three-to-one margin.

Plymouth Postmaster John Mulligan said he expected the stamps "will be available within the next 30 days or so."

"Usually, ones like this are sold in sheets, not individually," he said. "They'll go about 40 or 50 to a sheet, depending on how big they decide to print the portrait."

Mulligan added that the stamps would cost the regular 29-cent figure as other first class stamps (a small price to pay for such a lasting memento -- even if the stamp won't be printed on black velvet).

Man dies in crash

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

A 49-year-old Taylor resident died Friday during a grisly accident on I-275 near Ford Road in Canton.

James Winger was driving north on the expressway in a 1986 semi-tractor/trailer when a 1972 Chevrolet Camaro entered the roadway and lost control in front of Winger.

Winger swerved to avoid the now-spinning Camaro and ran into the median. The trailer skidded along the median until crashing into an embankment on the roadside.

The trailer was loaded with 12 coils of galvanized steel, each weighing 5,000 pounds.

The driver of the Camaro has not yet

been charged, although the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is investigating the matter.

Sergeant Bill Darnell of the Michigan State Police Northville post explained why the police did not issue a citation in this instance.

"Anytime there is a death like that we submit it for review. We don't want to give a ticket and have the person pay it before the prosecutor has a chance to look into the matter," Darnell said.

It took officers nearly six hours to clean up all the debris from the accident, according to Darnell.

Officers from the Canton Police Department assisted state police officers with the clean up and Canton also provided emergency vehicles.

Down to two

DDA narrows list

BY ROBERT PARKER

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) narrowed the field of applicants for DDA director to two at its meeting Thursday.

Wendy Strip-Sittsamer, of Farmington Hills and Steven Guile, of Dowagiac, were selected as the final candidates.

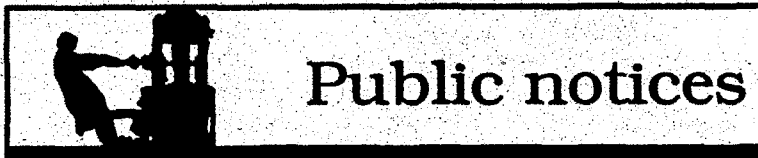
DDA members each ranked a field of ten applicants on a scale of one to 10 based on their interviews. These were then averaged to arrive at a final interview rank.

Strip-Sittsamer, 30, served as Director of Alumni Relations for the University of Detroit from 1985 until 1987 when she became executive DDA director of Farmington.

She has also served on the Eight Mile Corridor Task Force since 1990.

She did her undergraduate work at The American University, in Washington, D.C., and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

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Public notices

DISTRICT COURT - 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The 35th District Court Building Authority will meet at the Courthouse, Attorney's Lounge on June 17, 1992 at 3:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve bills related to the construction of the courthouse addition.

Marlon Belding Court Administrator

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The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, June 15, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Densing Hough Library. This meeting is open to the public. Meetings are normally held in the second floor meeting room, which, during this period of planning for expansion of the Library, is not yet barrier free. Any individual who wishes to attend and for whom accessibility will be a problem should notify the Library Director at 453-0750, not later than 5 p.m. the Saturday before the scheduled meeting so that other room arrangements can be made.

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Lester W. Walker, Secretary
Board of Education

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Fire merger problems

BY ROBERT PARKER

Months of negotiations over a proposed merger of fire and dispatch services between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township have led to nothing but a widening of the division between them.

Although projections on combined cost savings for the city and township fall between \$300,000 and \$400,000 annually, city and township officials have been verbally duking it out over the issue, with neither side backing down.

The major point of contention has been over the sharing of costs for fire services, according to City Manager Steven Walters.

The township proposed a fixed 75 per cent (township) and 25 per cent (city) cost-sharing formula.

But according to Walters, this will result in the city taxpayers "paying a proportionately larger millage share of the joint fire service as the years go by."

"The township has not been flexible about this," he said.

According to Walters, the township has been growing over the past 15 years relative to the city.

To illustrate the disparity in growth, it has been noted that the city's State Equalized Valuation (SEV) in 1976 was 32 per cent to the township's SEV was 68 per cent. In 1991, the city's SEV decreased to 25 per cent, and the township's increased to 75 per cent.

The city has proposed that the basis of sharing costs allow for a long-term cooperative operation, recognizing that the township will grow in the next 10 to 20 years, in proportion to the city.

"An equitable cost-sharing formula should require both governmental units to contribute in proportion to their size and use of the service," Walters wrote in a June 1 letter to Township Supervisor Gerald Law.

"My gut feeling is that the average township resident wouldn't find that unfair," Walters said.

But according to Law, there is very limited growth available to the township, and that the cost-sharing formula it proposed "was a real bargain for the city."

"We are 75 per cent developed," he said. "Look at our zoning map, where the hell is all this magical big growth the city is talking about?"

Law said that the township has only grown in population by approximately 500 between 1980 and 1990.

"I would expect that the maximum (population) that we would ever get to is 30,000," he said.

Trustee John Stewart agrees that the township has not grown significantly in population, but he said it has developed with respect to new-home construction and commercial and light-industrial growth.

As far as a 75/25 cost-sharing formula is concerned, Stewart said he is not sure if it is a valid basis, but would have to see more figures before making a judgement.

"I don't know because I don't have access to the numbers Law and Walters have," he said.

Another sore spot for the city and township is the issue over union contracts.

The city has maintained that existing firefighters from the township and city must be treated equitably, and not be "financially harmed" from the merger.

But under the township's proposal, city firefighters would maintain their seniority for retirement and vacation only.

For all other purposes, city firefighter's seniority would start at date of inception as a new hire, according to the township's proposal.

The firefighter's union took the position in the Spring to forego contract negotiations, until the city and township could agree on a cost-sharing formula.

Under the township's current fire-merger plan, the city would close its fire stations, and the township would acquire ownership of all of the city's fire equipment at the beginning of the joint operation.


But with the recent construction of Fire Station number three and purchase of a new pumper and ambulance in the township, Stewart questions the cost benefit or possibility of joint services.

"I think Gary (Law) should negotiate now," he said.

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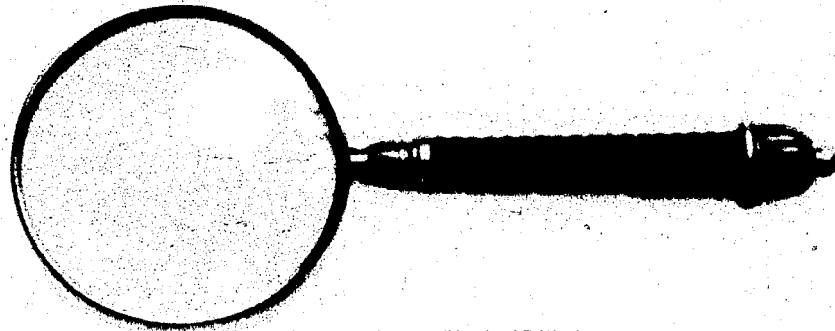
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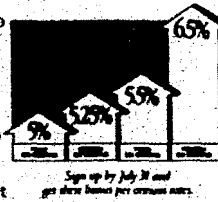
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Congrats to Canton teams

The Plymouth-Canton Community has reason to take pride this week — two of its high school athletic teams have shown themselves to be head and shoulders above the rest.

Canton's girls' soccer, after an 18-win, no loss, two-tie, season made it to the state finals Saturday held at Northville High School. Despite losing the game 1-0, the Chiefs should receive hearty congratulations.

Playing in the state semi-finals this Friday, Canton's girls' softball team will advance to the finals on Saturday with a win. Congratulations on a great season, a terrific regional win and good luck this weekend!

It's times like this that reinforce the value of athletic competition in public schools, something particularly important in this era of fiscal cutbacks in this school district.

Sports teach young adults invaluable lessons: teamwork, discipline, concentration and a professional attitude. People learn how to work together as a team instead of a disjointed group.

One discovers the ability to focus oneself and give



Good luck to Canton girls softball this weekend!

everything possible to achieve a goal. One also forges friendships that last a lifetime. Such is a lesson that proves most valuable to remember.

What a proud moment this is for the entire community.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Thanks abound

Farrow grateful for area support

EDITOR:

To the people who helped me by passing out brochures, THANK YOU! To those who spoke in support of me to their friends, THANK YOU! To those who gave me advice, support and encouragement in the campaign, THANK YOU! To those who helped pay for the campaign, THANK YOU! To those who voted for me, THANK YOU!

I am deeply touched by the respect and trust shown to me by this community, my community. Next to love, the most valuable things anyone can have are the respect and trust of their peers. I promise you I will not forget that.

It is time to change the relationship between this community and its public schools. We need a closer,

more active and more trusting relationship.

We also need more trust in the relationship between the employees of this school district and the school board.

Toward these ends, I offer the following promise: No one will ever be penalized in any way for being honest with me. I may not like what you say, but I WILL listen. I may not always be able to give you the answer you want, but I will always be honest with you. We have many problems to solve in public education. Without honesty between us, we can solve none of them.

I look forward to serving on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board over the next four years.

JACK FARROW

Party deficit

Can Stewart handle Twp. budget?

EDITOR:

I read John Stewart's quote in another local newspaper regarding the \$200 loss on his birthday party fund raiser. Now, let me see if I've got this straight. He charged his supporters \$15 a head for weenies and pop, and still ended up a couple of hundred bucks short. Somebody tell me why I should trust this guy with the township's fiscal budget.

On a slightly different note, several township residents reported that John Stewart positioned himself

in the Denny's parking lot, and someone else in the bank lot across the street from the Italian Cucina during the (township supervisor candidate Charles) McIlhargey fund raiser breakfast.

Apparently they were observing the comings and goings. I am somewhat concerned as a taxpayer that we contemplate electing someone who would spend his time observing his political rivals rather than deal with the business of running the township.

GREG WILLIAMS



Community opinions

What's important?

Fourteen per cent.

If a student scored that on an exam, he'd fail. If an employe only showed up 14 per cent of the time, she would soon be out of a job.

"Go out there and give it 14 per cent" sounds a tad less impressive than "go out there and give it everything you've got."

In most areas of life, 14 per cent just doesn't cut it -- except, it seems, in the voting booth.

Only 8,768 voters participated in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools election, out of approximately 63,000 who were eligible. That is a figure of 13.92 per cent.

What is wrong with this community? Why do so many of our citizens so routinely shirk the responsibility of the democratic process?

While our system is by no measure the dream embodied in our Constitution, it's very, very good compared to the alternatives -- just ask the peoples of fragmented Yugoslavia, where power comes exclusively through violence and death.

And yet the concrete expression of the democratic ideal so often dies on the vine -- like it did Monday.

Where is the concern about Plymouth-Canton schools? Do most people even care?

Everyone who has ever complained about school taxes, policies or personnel and did not back up words with deeds Monday should take a long, hard look in a mirror and ask themselves -- "Just what DO I care about?"

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Unabridged . . .

By Robert Parker

Here's an interesting tale of the City of Plymouth's adventures with the United States Postal Service over the Penniman Avenue Post Office.

Since September of 1991, the city has been "sparring back and forth" (according to City Manager Steven Walters) with the Postal Service over its proposal to purchase the facility.

The city wants to buy the building in order to keep physical control of it.

The post office, with a new branch on North Territorial and Beck Road, wants to sell it for \$390,000.

Seems simple, right?

Wrong. The Postal Service has dragged its feet for so long in the process, it has become a waiting game for the city.

Postponing decisions on the proposal have become commonplace.

The city was ready to approve the purchase of the building last week at its Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting, but couldn't because the Postal Service didn't contact Walters to confirm the sale.

So, the city will sit and wait for a decision -- with its hands tied.

There is another issue to consider here.

The city, in an effort to keep some form of postal service in the downtown area, wants to keep a service window open at the post office.

The Postal Service's real estate division wants no part of that proposition.

Thus, the current proposal includes nothing about a service window.

According to Walters, the Postal Service said that the building it is selling doesn't meet certain operating requirements.

But wait a minute.

It's kind of ironic that the Postal Service won't operate a window out of a building that once served as a functioning branch of the Postal Service.

The city even said it would make renovations to meet those requirements, but the Postal Service still didn't take the bait.

The Postal Service is expected, however, to take action this week so the city can tie up loose ends and finalize the sale.

Maybe the Postal Service has been so slow to respond because it is too busy making sure the mail gets delivered on time.

Perhaps, since the Postal Service is such a large governmental organization, the City of Plymouth Post Office deal got put on the back burner.

Hopefully, the city can work out a deal to keep the post office, in some form, downtown, although the chances of that do not look good now.

A skewed view

By Mike McGlennen



Last week, I made my return to high school nearly eight years after I last patrolled the halls of beautiful Bentley High School in Livonia. I had not returned to any high school during normal-class hours since I graduated, so this was quite a weird experience for me.

The assignment for the day was to attend an AIDS assembly for seniors Thursday at Salem High School.

While waiting to enter the auditorium, I noticed several differences between the modern day high school students and those from my heyday in the early to mid eighties.

Many students were sporting shorts and baseball hats, which were only allowed on extremely rare occasions back in my day. I see this as a definite improvement, as I would have worn these things everyday if I had the choice, as I did in college.

The plethora of backpacks was rather baffling to me, as these were only carried around by Dungeons and Dragons fans and geeks (is there a difference?) when I went to Bentley. Backpacks are obviously useful, though, so I guess it is good that they have risen above the symbol of a loser that they once represented.

One thing that has not changed is the "hail hard guy" syndrome. As I stood in line, some macho student ran right into me shoulder first, apparently trying to prove his alleged superiority. This confirmed my long-held belief that all hard guys should be eliminated.

Anyway, I made it into the assembly and listened to the presentation by the seven individuals with special knowledge of AIDS.

The seven speakers either have AIDS or know an individual with the disease. These personal experiences are much more useful to students than hearing the

usual bunch of statistics and warnings about AIDS that can be received from a number of different sources.

My only problem with the program was the rather excessive amount of preaching done by the various speakers. I realize this is a serious matter and a certain amount of preaching is unavoidable, but nearly all of the first hour and fifteen minutes were devoted to "scaring" the students.

After a certain amount of time, the students were becoming restless with this constant barrage and it was only after an unintentionally funny statement by Kevin Hileman of the Midwest AIDS prevention group that the students could laugh and release some of the tension that had been building.

After this laughter, I thought the remaining 45 minutes of the assembly went much better.

While I am not suggesting this should have been a comedy show, I think the organizers might have underestimated the students. They realize that AIDS is not a joke and it could happen to any of them.

Instead of the more rigid and formal structure used during the beginning of the program, the speakers should have gone with the more casual approach used toward the end.

I believe the speakers made a much greater impression on the students later in the program by using terms familiar to the students and realizing that many of them are sexually active.

By respecting the intelligence and maturity of the students, the speakers found the students to be much more receptive and they definitely got the message.

Fighting MAD?

Write a Letter to the Editor



Abuse Task Force aims to bring all agencies together

BY KEN VOYLES

The Plymouth-Canton Substance Abuse Task Force, which is currently putting together a local resource directory, hopes to soon bring together all of agencies providing substance abuse assistance in the community.

John Santomauro, chief of Canton's Public Safety Department and chairperson of the task force, said the directory is an attempt to catalog all of the local service providers and make that accessible to the public.

"Our next task will be to bring them together," said Santomauro, to better coordinate services in the community.

"This is a major project for us," he

continued. "It's a task we feel really has to be done."

The plan, according to the task force, is to print a large number of the directories and "flood" the community with the resource guides. The guides will actually consist of two parts: a list of substance abuse assistance providers as well as organizations that provide help in other areas, such as domestic violence.

It's just another way the task force is looking to keep the issue of substance abuse problems in this community at the forefront of local debate.

The task force expects to have the information for the directory compiled within the next two weeks and the guide

prepared sometime in May. It will include human services agencies, church groups and other public or private groups that deal with substance abuse.

Gerald Martin, a member of the Canton staff, has worked to compile the listings.

Martin said some local churches had been reluctant to participate out of fear that would be overwhelmed by requests for help from residents.

"We come into direct contact on a daily basis with the various social service agencies," Santomauro said. "But we began to realize no one had attempted to catalog and disseminate who was doing what in this community."

Santomauro said through the cataloging process the task force found that there is a tremendous amount of "duplication" of services and a strong competition for dollars and clients.

"This competition for available funding has got to diminish to some degree," he said. "But we do appreciate the kind of quality programs, like Growth Works, in the community.

"The public needs to know about them," he added. "We're excited about this project."

The guides will be updated annually, said Santomauro.



Friends & neighbors

Ecology crew

Fiegel class studies Fellows Creek

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

Many people find it fashionable to claim concern for the environment, but Fiegel Elementary School teacher Ron Myers and his fifth graders are actually working to improve their surroundings.

Myers and his students are concentrating on the Fellows Creek area of Canton, along with Brookside stream. The students have been taking water samples, measuring pH levels and determining pollution sources.

"We are working with the Friends of the Rouge (River cleanup organization) on this project. We will be able to get immediate results," Myers said.

The students are testing the creek for temperature, pH level and turbidity (clearness of water).

"Our hypothesis is that it's in pretty bad shape. I would consider the condition to be fair to poor," Myers stated.

The students have been examining the creek from three different stations in order to determine the possible causes of the pollution.

"This will allow us to pinpoint if the drainage stream in fact is causing the pollution in Fellows Creek," Myers stated.

The Brookside Stream is approximately 300 yards upstream from the portion of Fellows Creek under observation.

Dog feces, grass clippings, swimming pool water, bottles, and various other trash were among the problems discovered by the "ecology crew" during the Brookside Stream cleanup last fall.

By studying the different organisms in the water, a determination can be made as to the extent of the stream's pollution.

Five students entered the creek at a



Shannon Jones tests a water sample from Fellows Creek for pH balance during Mr. Myers' ecology crew clean up last week. (Crier photo by Rachel Ramsey)

time in order to collect organisms from the water. While two children stood downstream with the collection net, the other three danced and kicked the bottom in order to loosen any creatures that were hiding under the sand and dirt.

"Last time, we had more chubs and crayfish. There is probably not enough stuff for them to hide under now," Myers noted.

The students placed the filled nets on the bank of the creek, and searched

through the various debris in search of any larvae or insects hidden beneath the leaves and bits of wood.

The students looked rather bizarre wearing waders and plastic gloves, but these items are necessary considering the poor condition of the water.

While the five students were in the creek at a time, the remaining students tested themselves with the pH and turbidity stations on the sidewalk above the water.

"When I do this next year, I want to do it in smaller groups. That way we will be able to have all the kids get in the water. It will also make it easier to supervise with a smaller group," Myers said.

Organisms sensitive to pollution that are found in good quality water include: caddisfly larvae, hellgrammites, mayfly nymphs, gilled snails, riffle beetles, stonefly nymphs and water penny larvae.

Poor water quality is indicated by the following somewhat pollution tolerant organisms: beetle larvae, clams, crane fly larvae, crayfish, damselfly nymphs, dragonfly nymphs, scuds, sowbugs, fishfly larvae, alderfly larvae, and clams.

Pollution-tolerant organisms that indicate poor water quality include: aquatic worms, blackfly larvae, leeches, midge larvae and various snails.

The students found numerous midge larvae at the site.

"The turbidity and pH levels are about the same as before," Myers said.

This project is increasing interest in science among the students. Once they see the type of work performed by many scientists, the children want to become more involved.

"I'd say about 75 per cent of our students want to become scientists, marine biologists or something like that now," Myers said.

"Another good thing is the participation by the girls. They have no qualms about getting wet and dirty. You always hear about the shortage of female scientists and it is good to be doing something about it," Myers said.

"The best part about this is that it is hands-on. Instead of reading about this in a book, these kids are actually participating in an environmental clean up," said Myers.

FAA has questions with Mettetal JOA

BY ROBERT PARKER

More than eight months after Plymouth Township and Canton signed a joint operation agreement to run Mettetal Airport, stalled negotiations with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has become a thorn in the side of both townships.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted to contact Canton so it could discuss establishing a time table regarding the JOA.

Trustee Ron Griffith said that waiting on the FAA is "not a good thing to do" and suggested that the board contact Canton as soon as possible to determine a date to make a final decision.

Griffith also suggested submitting a letter to the FAA letting it know that if it didn't contact the township by a certain date, which has yet to be determined, it would take steps to withdraw from the JOA.

Township Supervisor Gerald Law pointed out that "the only way the JOA could be dissolved is through a mutual agreement with Canton."

This means that both the Plymouth Township and Canton boards would have to separately approve a resolution to withdraw from the JOA.

Earlier this year, the FAA said it would not process a grant application for the purchase of Mettetal based on the townships' JOA, because of a clause that calls for the agreement to be in force for 10 years, and gives Canton the exclusive right to terminate the JOA anytime after, for another 10 years.

Plymouth Township has had no further meetings with the FAA since then.

Trustee Abe Munfakh said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack personally agreed with the prospect of waiting until later in the summer to make a decision, although the Canton Board of Trustees would have to discuss it.

Public frustration over Mettetal surfaced at the meeting when Plymouth Township resident Warren Dusbieber addressed the board, asking it to quickly resolve the situation, and move on to other problems.

"We hardly endorse you (Munfakh) bringing this subject before the board," he said. "It's taking up your time, and causing bitterness and animosity in the community. It should be a private airport."

"We've just been dangling for so long, they (FAA) probably have us on the back burner," Township Clerk Esther Helsing said.

Law said that although it's time "to poop or get off the pot," a decision during the summer months is unlikely.

If there is no compromise from the FAA, a decision on the JOA may come in the Fall or later, according to Law.

Yack said Monday that he had not yet received any further word from Plymouth Township regarding Mettetal.

Yack said he will wait for the

township to put its plan in writing before bringing it to the Canton board or making a decision on the future of the Canton airport.

Yack added that the FAA has "basically said no to the grant" but the fate of Mettetal remains in limbo until the two townships decide to officially end the letter of understanding (JOA).

The townships will have to resubmit for the grant to buy Mettetal if they decide to continue the drive toward municipal ownership.



Cooling off!

Cameron McMartin, 3, readys himself to throw a penny in Kellogg Park's fountain—summer has arrived! (Crier photo by Rachel Roomys)

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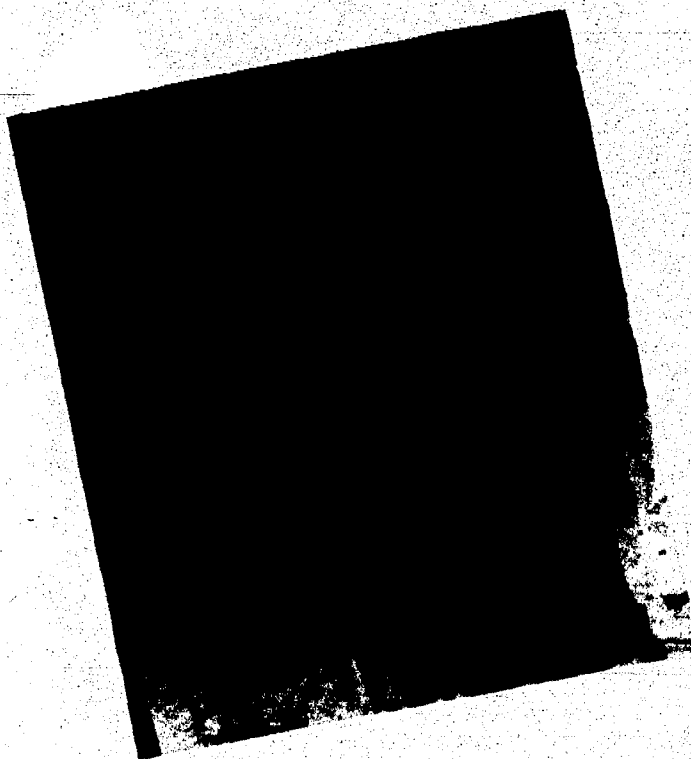


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Community Deaths

Lonyo, a homemaker

Marian M. Lonyo, 81, of Plymouth, died May 21. Funeral services were held May 22 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Paul White officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Born in 1911 in Plymouth, Mrs. Lonyo was a homemaker and lifelong Plymouth resident. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include: sister, Madeline Millross, of South Lyon; nieces Barbara Moe, of Plymouth, and Janet Renwick, of South Lyon; nephews Leonard Millross, of Arizona, David Millross, of Traverse City, Lee Kimbrough, of Arkansas, and Andrew Lonyo, of Mt. Clemens.

Barber, retired RN

Reva Barber, 79, of Plymouth, died May 24 in Livonia. Funeral services will be June 4 at 4 p.m. at the Schrader Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating.

Born in 1913 in Allegan County, Mrs. Barber was a retired registered nurse. Mrs. Barber assisted her husband, Dr. Ray Barber, with his medical practice in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1949 from Detroit, and was a member and past president of the Plymouth Women's Club. Mrs. Barber was also a board member of the Plymouth Family Services and a member of the Plymouth Historical Society.

Survivors include: husband, Dr. R. Ray Barber, of Plymouth; brother Maynard Brown, of Cincinnati; and five nieces and five nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association.

Gibson, GM worker

Robert W. Gibson, 50, of Canton, died May 19. Funeral services were held May 23 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. George Chamley officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton, with local arrangements provided by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Born in 1941 in Detroit, Mr. Gibson worked for General Motors at the Hamtramck plant since it opened in 1971. Mr. Gibson came to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1982 from Inkster. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton.

Survivors include: wife, Alice, of Canton; sons Brian Gibson, of Detroit, and Tony Cosgrove, of Westland; daughter Dawn Bigler, of California; step children Don Rodriguez, of Canton, Becky Rodriguez, of Romulus, Jim Rodriguez, of Canton, Vicky Bruner, of Southfield, and Anne Syrocki, of Traverse City; mother June Gibson, of Lincoln Park; brothers Kenny, of Lincoln Park, Richard, of San Diego, Michael, of Lincoln Park and Bill, of Clawson; sisters Helen Baum, of Trenton, Nancy Heikkila, of Lincoln Park, and Carol Beck, of Florida; grandchildren Nichole, Lisa, David, Lynn, Carly, Jack and Jessica.

Memorials may be sent to the American Red Cross or Arbor Hospice.

DDA delays completing sale of post office site

BY ROBERT PARKER

Although the Postal Service has verbally agreed to the City of Plymouth's proposal to purchase the Post Office on Peanniman Avenue, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) could not finalize the sale at its closed session Thursday.

City Manager Steven Walters said that the Postal Service was expected to confirm the city's current proposal before

the meeting but did not contact him in time.

Walters added that the Postal Service is incorporating some additional terms into the contract, which will include some wording on the sale's agreement.

He said the city attorney will review the additions, which may "require additional sparring back and forth" between the city and Postal Service.

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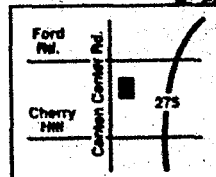
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Schoolcraft will raise all tuition rates for Fall

BY MIKE MCGLINNEN
Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be raising tuition rates for the 1992-93 school year as the college's board of trustees approved a \$3.50 per credit hour increase for residents at its May 27 regular meeting. The new fees will go into effect for the fall session.

The new rate for residents will be \$40 per credit hour. Non-residents will now pay \$60 per credit hour, a \$4.50 increase, and out of state students will now pay \$87.50, a \$6.00 increase over the 1991-92 rates.

Residency is determined by school districts, rather than the actual residence of the person. Those living in the following districts are considered residents for Schoolcraft purposes: Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, and Northville.

"I believe we are still the least expensive community college in the area. Washenaw, Henry Ford, OCC and Wayne County Community College all have higher rates than us," said Sandra Florek, director of institutional advancement for Schoolcraft.

Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College each charge residents \$41 per credit hour while Wayne

County Community College charges \$37 for county residents not served by Schoolcraft and Henry Ford.

Tuition for the summer session will remain at the old rates, with the increased prices going into effect in the fall, Florek said.

Schoolcraft raised their tuition rates prior to last year as well, according to Butch Raby, Schoolcraft vice-president for business services.

"Just like everyone else, the bottom line is that our costs continue to escalate. Eventually we have to pass this on to the customers, in our case this means the students," Raby said.

The trustees approved the increase by a 5-2 vote, with Michael Burley and chairperson Jeanne Stempfen voting against the measure.

Vice-chairperson Mary Breen explained her vote in favor of the increase, citing the less-than-anticipated amount of state funding received as a major factor in her decision.

"We did not get nearly as much as we thought we'd get. We didn't like to raise the tuition, but we are really hard pressed because of finances. When you look at the tuition for the other schools in the area, we are right in the ballpark...it's not like we are overtaxing our kids," Breen said.

Contract?

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Details of last night's meeting -- which did not include an action item by the board, according to the agenda that was changed at 10 a.m. Monday -- were not available at press time.

"Believe!" Church will expand

BY MIKE MCGLINNEN
Members of Canton's St. Michael Lutheran Church on Sheldon Road will soon be able to enjoy 13,300 square feet of additional space thanks to their "Believe the Miracle" fund-raising campaign.

"This addition will make a terrific statement to the community," said Jim Bandli, building chairman for St. Michael.

Groundbreaking for the new construction began at the church June 7.

The church's membership is near 1000, with around 500 attending services each Sunday, according to pastor Jerry Yarnell.

St. Michael instituted multiple services several years ago to handle the increasing amount of worshippers.

The present sanctuary can seat 270 people, and the new addition will allow 500 to attend services at a time.

"Our new building will hold all of our people and then some," said Yarnell.

The new structure will be built around the existing building, extending over the present parking lot. During the construction, the church will remain open and all services will proceed as usual.

The addition will consist of a new sanctuary and nursery in addition to improving the church administrative offices.

"We will be able to occupy the space in the spring of 1993," Bandli said.

"We will have plenty of time to plan out the future. This should keep us set for five to eight years, and at that time we will probably have to look for another site, assuming our membership continues to grow," stated Yarnell.

Since Yarnell arrived in 1978, the church's membership has increased from 41 to the present 1000.

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PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

During the entire month of May, sale prices will be in effect at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's (PCAC) Art Rental Gallery. Original works and reproductions available for rent or purchase. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Plymouth District Library and is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Prices range from \$10 to \$600. For further details call 459-6896.

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A group of French students coming to Plymouth-Canton-Northville for three weeks in July need host families interested in taking part in the program. Anyone interested in welcoming a French youth should call Barb Schendel at 453-3905.

UP WITH PEOPLE

Get ready to celebrate -- Up With People is bringing its all new show "Rhythm Of the World" to the Phase III gym at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) June 16-17. Begins at 7:30 p.m. The two-hour musical event is sponsored by the Educational Excellence Foundation and Plymouth-Canton Community Education. Tickets for the performances are \$25, \$15 and \$10 and are on sale at the Community Education Office at Canton High (Room 130). Patron tickets (\$25) are reserved seats and include a reception with the cast. Reserved tickets are \$15 and general admission bleacher seats are \$10 apiece. For further information 451-6660 or 451-6555.

SPRING SINGLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Canton's Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its Spring Tennis Classic June 5-7 at the Canton High tennis courts. Entry is \$8 per person and includes a t-shirt. Ages 14 and younger for males through 50 and over; 14 and younger through 40 and older for females. Registration has begun. Call 397-5110 for further information.

ROUGE RIVER RESCUE 1992

The annual Rouge Rescue will be held June 6 at sites throughout Wayne County and sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge. Local locations: in Northville, site to be determined, call Traci Gottchalk at 349-0203; Plymouth, behind Tonquish Manor, call Jim Penn at 453-1234; also in Plymouth, at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association headquarters on Napier Road, call Charles VanVleet, 453-3840; and Holiday Nature Preserve, Naankia Mills entrance, call 421-8190.

FIELD DAY 1992

The Stu Rockefeller Amateur Radio Society in Plymouth will host a Field Day 1992 June 27-28 at the Plymouth Township Park.

SUMMER CRAFT SHOW

The Hawthorn Center Association is now accepting applications for an outdoor Summer Craft Show to be held Aug. 22 at the center in Northville. For further information call 349-3000.

JUNIOR, ADULT TENNIS LEAGUES

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is offering summer tennis leagues for juniors through adults. The leagues are either singles or doubles, depending on enrollment. Lasts for eight weeks, June 15 to Aug. 16. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Held at Griffin Park. Limited space available. Registration is now underway. Call 397-5110.

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ANNUAL CANTON FIVE MILE RUN

The 14th annual Canton Five Mile Run is planned for June 20 at the new Heritage Park on Canton Center Road. Race begins at 9 a.m. Late registration at 8 a.m. The cost is \$8.50 in advance or \$10 late registration. Awards, prizes and t-shirts. Registration has begun. For further information call the Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-1150.

CANTON LIONS CHEERLEADING CAMP

All girls ages seven to 14 can attend the Canton Lions cheerleading camp June 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. workout with Annette Smith, cheerleading coach at U-M. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch and a t-shirt. Non-contact football camp is also available for boys seven to 14 June 19-20. Call Debby Bradley at 397-1720 for more information.

FLAG DAY IN PLYMOUTH

The BPOE Plymouth Elks 1780 will host a Flag Day ceremony Sunday, June 14 from 2-4 p.m. in the City of Plymouth's Kallagy Park. The ceremony consists of a history of the play, a patriotic address and honor to the flag. The Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars will act as color bearers and the Plymouth Pipe and Drum Corps will perform.

JAYCEES MAKING FINAL JULY 4TH PARADE PLANS

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are making final plans for the 1992 Plymouth Fourth of July Parade to be held Saturday, July 4th. Interested organizations should contact Scott Kappeler at 464-4300. Participation is free and open to community groups. Carl Purcell, retiring U.S. Congressman, will be the grand marshal this year.

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Realtors provide tips for selling houses quickly

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

Selling a house can be a stressful and unpleasant experience if time is not taken to properly prepare your home for prospective buyers.

By following these tips from local real estate agents, your chances of selling quickly and for a high price will be greatly enhanced.

Tamara Blaze of Remerica Hometown real estate brokers in Plymouth suggests brightening up your home by turning on all the lights and opening drapes and shades.

Windows should be washed as well, to add to the brightening effect.

Poorly lit rooms cause a house to appear gloomy and depressing. This dreary effect can discourage prospective buyers, according to Blaze.

Keeping a residence clean is a must, according to Sandra Haviland of Real Estate One.

"When having a showing, you never have a second chance to make a first impression," Haviland said.

"The house should be clean and clutter-free. Removing any smells is especially important in making a good impression," Darlene Shemanski of Quality Real Estate said.

Pets should be kept out of the way and any smells from them should be eliminated.

Haviland suggests using air fresheners and even putting a dash of vanilla into a hot oven in order to make it more homey.

"With the walls, we recommend painting them if possible. This cleans it up and forces the home owners to repair any holes in the walls from pictures," Shemanski added.

"Regarding the floors, we recommend vacuuming every day when the home is on the market. If the carpet is worn or out-dated it should be replaced. If you have a wood floor that needs to be refinished, you should go ahead and do it," Shemanski said.

"We try to balance the costs of any repairs with the chances to sell the home quicker. You will get great return for any improvements and decrease the time it is on the market," said Shemanski.

The outside appearance can be critical as well. Peeling or blistering paint can turn off potential buyers.

If a seller cannot afford any of the repairs necessary to improve the house, they should make it clear to potential buyers that they will give a credit for any defects, Shemanski said.

The bottom line is that the seller's best interests are served by improving the internal and external appearance of their home.

"A buyer will often take a house in better repair to avoid the hassle of cleaning up after the previous owners," said Shemanski.

According to Haviland, it is crucial to allow people to see a house in its best condition.

"Most people can't visualize how well the house can look if it is messed up, so everything should be kept in order. You won't get the price you want unless the house is in good shape," said Haviland.

"Every dollar spent on improvements will be paid back many times over," she added.

"It will take at least two or three months longer to sell if you don't take the time to do one week's worth of work on it," Haviland said.

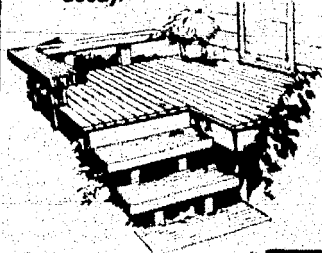
Haviland offered this simple formula for deciding the extent of repairs needed: "Anything that can be seen might create problems. Anything they can't see, they won't worry about."

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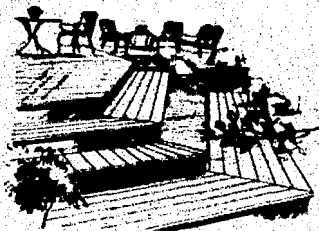
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The following is a helpful A-Z list of real-estate terms provided by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, and will help prospective house buyers understand more about financing a home:

Adjustable-rate mortgage — A loan that allows the interest rate to be changed periodically.

Agency — A legal relationship in which an owner-principal engages a broker-agent to market the owner's property or a buyer-principal engages a broker-agent to locate and negotiate for purchase of property on satisfactory terms.

Amortization — The gradual reduction in the balance of a mortgage by periodic payments.

Assessed value — The valuation placed on property by a public tax assessor as the basis of property taxes.

Assumption of mortgage — Agreement by the buyer to assume responsibility for a mortgage owed by the seller; the seller remains liable to the lender unless the lender agrees to release him.

Balloon mortgage — A mortgage that has a substantial amount of principal due at the maturity of the note.

Blinder — An agreement to enter into a contract, accompanied by a deposit, whereby the purchaser evidences good faith.

Bridge loan — A short-term loan made until a longer-term arrangement can be made; it is sometimes used when a person needs money to buy a home before the present one has been sold.

Broker — A person licensed by a state real estate commission to act independently in conducting a real estate brokerage business. Although the requirements for a broker's license vary from state to state, an individual usually must have one or more years of experience in the industry and pass an examination.

Buyer-brokerage — Agreement whereby the agent is representing the buyer. The seller's agent and prospective sellers must be advised of this relationship.

Cap — A maximum amount or ceiling that can be charged.

Closing — The final step in transferring ownership of a property from seller to buyer.

Closing Costs — Fees and expenses, not including the price of the home, payable by the seller and the buyer at the time of closing — brokerage commissions, title insurance premiums and inspection and appraisal fees.

Conventional loan — A fixed-rate, fixed-term loan that is made without government insurance.

Deed — A legal document conveying title to a property.

Earnest money — A down payment given to the seller by a potential buyer indicating the buyer's intent to complete the purchase of property.

Equity loan — A loan that is based on the borrower's equity in real property rather than on the creditworthiness of the borrower.

Escrow — The placement of money or documents with a third party for safekeeping pending the fulfillment or performance of a specified act or condition.

Exclusive agency listing — A formal agreement giving a broker the exclusive right to market the owner's property for a specified period of time and receive a commission if the broker locates a ready, willing and able buyer during that time. It also allows the owner to market and sell the property during the period and avoid paying a commission if the owner locates the ready, willing and able buyer.

Exclusive right-to-sell listing — A written agreement by which the owner retains a broker as his exclusive marketing agent and promises to pay the broker a commission if a ready, willing and able buyer is found for the property during the listing period, regardless of whether the broker is

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Buying a home is often cheaper than renting

BY ROBERT PARKER

To rent or to buy?

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A computer study released by Metro MLS (multiple listing service), Michigan's largest such firm, and Executec Mortgage Corporation has shown that purchasing a home offers the potential for significant savings.

The following example, worked out by the two companies and used by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors at a recent home-buying seminar, provides a clear example of the possible financial benefits.

A young couple married for two years was beginning to consider buying a home. With a combined income totaling \$60,000, they were renting a two-bedroom, one bath apartment at \$550 a month and saving towards the purchase of a home.

Through a multiple listing service, they found out their income level and credit history was sufficient for a home in the \$150,000 price range.

After viewing several possible homes, they chose a custom-built brick ranch in Wayne County, offering 1,400 square feet and a finished basement. With access privileges to a large lake, the home had three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, two fireplaces, central air conditioning, a large yard/garden area and a number of major appliances.

The house was priced at \$149,000 and, with a down payment of \$15,000, they secured 30-year fixed rate mortgage at an interest rate of 8.62 per cent.

"From this base, we developed a study of comparative expenses between continuing to rent the same apartment and buying this home over a 10-year period," Metro MLS President Ruth Clevers said.

"To do this, we made a number of educated assumptions including increases in rent and property taxes, the amount of interest accrued through deposit of the down payment, rental payment difference in a savings account, and the continued rise of property values," she said.

According to the study, projected rental expenses, including insurance of contents, would total \$79,530 less \$3,774 interest on savings or \$75,756, an average of \$7,575 in each of the 10 years.


During the same ten years, expenses for the home including monthly payments of principal and interest, property taxes, home owners and mortgage insurance, and home maintenance would total \$204,019.

Offset by \$44,809 for income tax deductions on interest and property tax payments, expenses would be \$159,210.

"We also estimated that home values will increase at an average rate of 6.5 per cent over the next 10 years so, at the end of that time, the sales value of this property would be \$264,181," Clevers said. "This \$114,281 increase in value plus \$15,045 in payment on the loan principal, would give the couple built-up equity of \$129,326.

"Deducting this from the amount of cash they have paid out leaves a cost of only \$29,884 or \$2,988 a year. Compared to their projected rental expenses, they have saved about \$45,000 in that 10-year span."

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Report suggests proper debt to income ratio

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According to a report compiled by Standard Federal Bank, one of the Midwest's leading home-mortgage lenders, few of the homes purchased in the United States today are paid for in cash.

The report went on to say that most lending institutions will qualify prospective home buyers by looking at their income and their debts.

Standard industry debt-to-income ratios are 28 per cent and 36 per cent, the report said.

This means that up to 28 per cent of a person or couples monthly income may be used for a mortgage payment and 36 per cent may be used for total monthly debts like credit cards and car loan payments.

"Knowing how much you can comfortably afford to pay each month for your new home is the first step in choosing a home, lender and mortgage," the report said.

The report listed several common types of loans including a fixed-rate mortgage, which is the most frequently used plan in many parts of the country.

It is a fully amortized mortgage, which means that the borrower pays a constant amount, usually monthly, that is applied first to the interest due and then the balance is applied to reduce the principal of the loan. At the end of the term, typically 15 to 30 years, the loan is fully paid-off.

An adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) generally originates at one rate of interest, with the rate fluctuating up or down during the term of the loan based on a certain preselected index.

Generally, interest-rate adjustments are limited to one per year and there is a set maximum number of increases that may be made over the life of the loan.

The report also compiled a helpful checklist when preparing for a mortgage application interview -- bring a signed copy of the purchase agreement; the legal description of the property, application fee and W-2 forms for the last two years.

Also included should be any information on other income that may be considered like rental income or alimony; a letter from employer confirming earnings from last two years; 90-day history of savings; checking and brokerage accounts; general value of other assets such as cars; personal property and insurance; and a complete list of all outstanding debts, account numbers and address for sending payments to.

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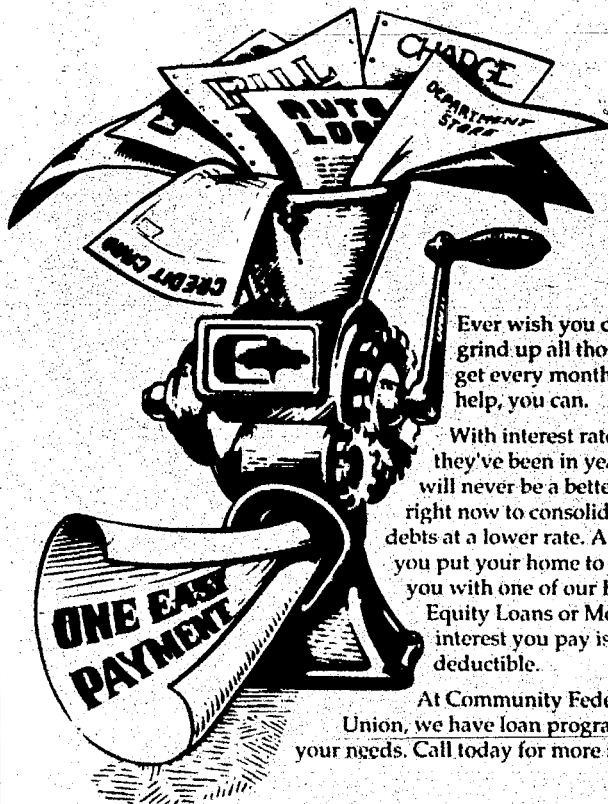
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FHA mortgage — A mortgage loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration, permitting lenders to offer better terms.

Fixed-rate mortgage — A loan that has only one stated interest rate.

Growing-equity mortgage — A mortgage loan in which the monthly payments increase by a specific amount each year with the increase applied to the principal.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) — A U.S. governmental agency established to implement certain federal housing and community development programs.

Lien — A legal claim against a property

Listing contract — An agreement between a homeowner and a licensed real estate broker authorizing the broker to offer the owner's property for sale during a given time period.

Market value — The highest price a ready, willing and able buyer will pay and the lowest price a seller, not under duress, will accept.

Points — A dollar amount, expressed as a percentage of the mortgage amount, which is paid to a lender as a consideration for making the loan. A point is one per cent of the amount of the mortgage loan; also called discount points.

Prepayment penalty — A penalty for the payment of a mortgage before it becomes due. Also known as "reinvestment fee."

Principal — A person who appoints another as a representative. It also refers to the capital sum lent on interest.

Principal and interest payment (P&I) — A periodic (usually monthly) payment that includes the interest charges for the period plus an amount applied to amortization of the principal balance.

Principal, interest, taxes and insurance payment (PITI) — The periodic (usually monthly) payment that includes a principal and interest payment plus a contribution to the escrow account set up by the lender to pay insurance premiums and property taxes on the mortgaged property.

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Rollover loan — A loan that is renewed at an established time at current market interest rates.

Title — A document that is evidence of ownership.

Title insurance — Protection for lenders and homeowners against financial loss resulting from legal defects in the title.

Title search — A check of title records to identify liens, encumbrances, and ownership right to property.

VA mortgage — A mortgage loan guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, an agency of the federal government that provides services for eligible veterans.

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

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD "TIME OUT"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Time Out," an evening of monologues, dramas and comedies. Performances will be held June 6 at 8 p.m. in the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The show is a benefit for the guild to purchase new black curtains for the stage. The suggested donation is \$3 and tickets may be purchased at the door. Call 349-7110 for further information.

SCRAMBLES GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Canton Parks and Recreation Annual Fathers Day Scrambles Golf tournament is set for June 21 at Fellows Creek. The cost is \$72 per team for three-person, 18-hole tourney. The time at 11 a.m. For further information on the competition call 397-5110.

ART OF QUILT MAKING EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Historical Museum has a new exhibit - "the Art of Quilt-Making" - featuring the talents of Michigan quilter Gwen Marston and 70 of her quilts. The exhibit runs through July 5. Marston will be featured at a workshop on quilts at the museum June 20. The cost is \$25. Space is limited so call 455-8940 for information or reservations.

SANTA REAVES CHRISTMAS FUND

Gene "Santa" Reaves is offering specially made and autographed Raggedy Anna dolls to individuals or groups who make a \$20 donation (or more) to Santa's Christmas Fund. Reaves, the original Thanksgiving Day Parade Santa, started his annual Christmas Fund to help needy children. For further information call 722-5967. Send donations to: Santa's Christmas Fund, 37789 Hixford, Apt. F-12, Westland, MI 48185.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-Up Club at St. John Neumann in Canton will meet June 9 at 7 p.m. New members and guests welcome. For information call Betty at 459-4091 or Angela at 459-9599.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Gary Kuehale, a certified appraiser, will be the guest speaker at the Canton Historical Society meeting June 11 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the historic Cherry Hill School. The public is invited. The topic is "Protecting Your Antiques."

OUTDOOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth will hold an outdoor Bible school for children ages four to 11 June 22-26. To register children call 459-9550 before June 8.

TENNIS LESSONS IN CANTON

Canton's Parks and Recreation will host a second session of tennis lessons for ages seven to adult beginning June 15 at Griffin Park. Two lessons per week for a total of six lessons. The cost is \$27 for Canton residents and \$32 for non-residents. Youths, juniors, adults - beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate. Registration has begun. For further information call 397-5110.

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.

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 Bunya Farms in Plymouth Township. Other classes will be welcome to the get together. People are needed from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. For further information or to help call 453-1589.

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.

CANTON VETS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association is seeking donations to build a veterans memorial. 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 Tom LaCrew at 981-2848. Tax deductible contributions can be mailed to the CVMA at PO Box 871025, Canton, MI 48187.

TOASTMASTERS SPEAKING CLUB

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Denny's, Westland, on Thursday. Guests welcome. For information call 455-1635.

PLYMOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1972

The Plymouth High School Class of 1972 will hold a 20th class reunion July 11 at the Novi Hilton from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Contact Sue (Messerty) Riley at 644-3311 (day) or 874-8790 (night).

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Places to be

Park music

Summer is finally here, and the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) has just the thing for music lovers -- music in Plymouth's Kellogg Park during the annual "Music in the Park."

Local and area musicians are featured during the free concerts, and a wide variety of styles and forms of music will be presented. Concerts are held each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. beginning June 17 and running through Aug. 19. Penniman Deli will again be in the park to sell refreshments to the audience.

The summer schedule is as follows:

June 17: Edinborough Saxophone Quartet

June 24: The Chautauqua Express, a highly acclaimed children's show featuring instruments, story telling, hands-on participation and educational entertainment.

July 1: Amadeus Horn Quartet

July 8: Marc Thomas, a children's' singer and song writer.

July 15: Skylark -- a unique band with a unique sound.

July 22: Onita Jackie Sanders -- singer and harpist.

July 29: Silver Strings Dulcimer Society.

Aug. 5: Encore -- vocal ensemble with experience ranging from musical comedy to opera.

Aug. 12: The Steve Wood Trio -- traditional and original jazz compositions.

Aug. 19: Just Me and the Boys -- bluegrass, Irish, old-time, French Canadian and folk music.

Canton tennis

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering summer tennis leagues for juniors and adults. The eight-week summer leagues will be either singles or doubles, depending on enrollment, and will run from June 15 through Aug. 16 at Griffin Park tennis courts.

Registration, for juniors, ages 13-17, and adults, age 18-over, has already begun. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non residents.

1982 tryout

The 1982 (yes, you read that right) Plymouth KICKS soccer team tryouts will be held June 20 at 1 p.m. and June 21 at 10:30 a.m. Tryouts are open to boys born between August 1, 1961, and July 31, 1982. Please call Dan Rea at 451-1032 for location and other information.

Flag Day fest

A Salem Flag Day Celebration, sponsored by South Lyon Jaycees, will be held Saturday, June 13.

The festivities include a parade starting at Salem Elementary at 10 a.m., bike race at 12:45 p.m., balloon toss, square dance from 2-4 p.m., Karaoke from 4-6 p.m. and fireworks at Salem Elementary. There will also be a concession stand and a mini carnival from 6 p.m. to dusk.

Summer classes

There are a wide variety of enrichment classes available this summer for children ages 3-14 at the New Morning School in Plymouth Township.

The School Success Program, for academic enrichment or skill reinforcement, is available for children in second through eighth grade.

Discovery Days Classes present an offering ranging from preschool computers to music and theater.

Science camps join a new offering, Math Camp. Pentathlon games, which are problem solving and strategy games, will challenge students to use their reasoning skills.

Classes are held at a 12 to one student/teacher ratio with a parent aide. For further information call 420-3331.

Father's Day golf

Team up and hit the links for Father's Day with Canton Parks and Recreation's annual three-person "Scrambles" golf tournament Sunday, June 21.

Tee times begin at 11 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course, and is open to all golfers.

Teams will compete for awards and special prizes. Advance registration is required - in person or by mail - beginning May 22. The cost is \$72 per team, which includes green fees and awards. Registration deadline is June 18. For more information call 397-5110.

Canton five mile run

Local runners of all ages can compete at the 14th annual Canton Five Mile Run Saturday, June 20. Shirts will be given to the first 150 participants, and plaques and medals will go to the top three finishers in each age group. Prizes will be awarded after the run, with all race participants

eligible. The grand prize will be a travel gift certificate.

Advance registration is \$8.50 and late registration (after June 18) is \$10.

Check in and late registration is at 8 a.m. at the Administration Building. Register in person or by mail at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., 48188. The race is sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Drums, bugles at CEP

Six nationally-competitive drum and bugle corps, including two 1991 world championship finalists, will perform for Plymouth-Canton audiences on June 22 at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) in Canton.

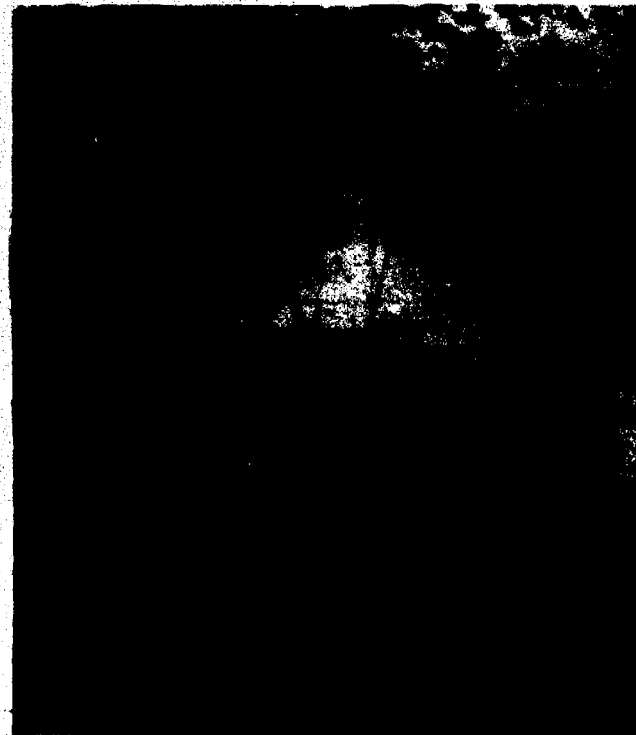
The drum and bugle corps activity is an opportunity for musically talented 14 to 21 years old to perform fast-paced, intricate marching drills intertwined with explosive musical programs.

The review starts at 7:30 p.m. at the CEP Football Stadium and \$8 reserved seats may be obtained through Ticketmaster outlets or by calling 981-3352.

Singers perform Rutter music

Singers from Calvary Baptist Church in Canton and Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia, accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra, will perform two concerts featuring the music of John Rutter on Sunday, June 14. The first concert will be at Calvary Baptist Church at 11 a.m.

Child care is available up to age three at both performances. Call 455-0022 for more information.



Graduating senior Chris Trevas displays his work, a celebration of next month's "Art in the Park." Kellogg Park will play host to an amazing variety of artists and their creations--watch for it! (Crier photo by Rachel Reunys)



Community Deaths

Boettcher, a homemaker

Ann D. Boettcher, 63, of Plymouth, died May 6, in Livonia. Funeral services were held May 9 at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Born in 1929, in Detroit, Mrs. Boettcher was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1975. She was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church.

Survivors include: husband, Rollin E., of Plymouth; sons, Eric, of Westland, Mark, of Southfield and Brian, of Westland; five grandchildren; brother, Walter Palmer, of Johannesburg; and sister, Mary Plunkett, of California.

Memorials may be sent to St. Mary Hospital Foundation.

Nielsen, sales engineer

Burt R. Nielsen, 72, of Deerfield Beach, FL, died May 10, in Florida. Funeral services were held May 13 at Ward Presbyterian Church, in Livonia, with the Rev. Dr. Bartlett L. Heis officiating. Burial was in Gerrish Cemetery, in Roscommon. Local arrangements were made by the Ross B. Nordrop Funeral Home, in Northville.

Born in 1919, in Detroit, Mr. Nielsen lived in the Northville area for 11 years before moving to Florida. He was a sales engineer with the Bell Tool and owner of Marine Tool and Die. He also worked for the Detroit Chamber of Commerce in small business development, and served on the Board of Directors of the Boys Club. Mr. Nielsen was active with the salvation army, and was a past president of the Redford Kiwanis club.

Survivors include: mother, Vera; wife, Nancy Reilein Nielsen, of Deerfield Beach; sons, James, of Asbury, of NJ, William, of Owosso; sisters, Debbie Buzenburg, of Livonia, Alice Swainson; brother, Phillip Nielsen, of Grand Rapids; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Salvation Army.

Wojtyna, manager

Edward L. Wojtyna, 70, of Canton, died May 12, in Detroit. Funeral services were held Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, in Plymouth, with the Rev. James R. Wysocki officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, in Plymouth.

Born in 1921, in Detroit, Mr. Wojtyna lived in Redford Township before moving to Canton in 1977. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks and an usher at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

He was manager of the Deville Lounge for more than 40 years.

Survivors include: wife, Helen, of Canton; son, Edward F., of Canton; daughter, Marcia Anne Daigle, of Canton; Grandchild, Michael; brother, Max, of Livonia; and sister, Irene Hartman, of Livonia.

Memorials may be sent to Harper Hospital, Dr. Craig Gordon's Research Fund.

Browder, a homemaker

Mollie M. Browder, 87, of Plymouth, died May 3 in Livonia. Memorial services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home on May 5 with the Rev. William P. Myers, Jr. officiating.

Born in 1904 in Illinois, Mrs. Browder was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1969 from Detroit.

Survivors include: husband, Alfred, of Plymouth; son Alfred J. Samulski, of Anchorville; daughter, Phyllis Ostentoski, of Phoenix; grandchildren, Jeffrey Samulski, of Waron, and Jennifer Samulski, of East Lansing; and several nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral home.

Benton, hospital volunteer

Dorothy Mildred Benton, 81, of Canton, died May 5 in Wayne. Funeral services were held Thursday May 7 at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Robert Miller of the Wayne First Congregational Church. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Gardens.

Born in 1910 in Detroit, Mrs. Benton was employed by Cadillac Motors, Inc. during World War II as a tank inspector. She was a former volunteer at Metropolitan Hospital in Detroit, a former election worker for the city of Detroit, and a former member of the Detroit Eastern Star drill team. She was a resident of Canton since 1967.

Survivors include: daughter, Linda Benton, of Inkster; son, Jack Benton, of Lorain, OH; grandchildren, Matthew Benton, Christopher Benton, Andrew Benton, Jamie Brown, Carolyn Brown, and Michael Brown; brothers, Robert Gibson and Donald Gibson.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Broderick, active volunteer

Aiden M. Broderick died May 6 at her home in Plymouth Township. Funeral services were held Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. James Wysocki officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Mrs. Broderick was born in Detroit, but moved to Wayne when her father was transferred to the former Graham Page Plant. She came to Plymouth in 1950 with her husband John, who was finishing his engineering studies at the University of Detroit.

She attended Wayne University and transferred to Marygrove college, majoring in speech and dramatic arts. She was active in the Plymouth Library Association, as well as Parish Organizations of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Survivors include: husband, John R., of Plymouth Township; sons Michael, of Livonia, Timothy, of Royal Oak, John, of St. Clair and Matthew, of Plymouth; daughters, Deborah Russo, of Birmingham, Bridget Bilsky, of Huntington Woods and Rebecca Doherty, of Plymouth; 16 grandchildren; sisters, Mary Downs, of Kenton, OH, Ellen Johnson, of Wayne, Katherine Angove, of Gaylord and Patricia Fisher, of Westland.

Memorials may be sent to Arbor Hospice.

Bartlette, Minerva's buyer

Camilla L. Bartlette, 85, of Livonia, died May 13. Funeral services were held May 16 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, in Plymouth.

Born in 1906, in Plymouth, Mrs. Bartlette moved to Livonia from Plymouth 40 years ago. She worked as a buyer and in sales at Minerva Dunning's for many years, and retired in 1972. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles of Northville. She was a member of the Round Table Club, and she loved to garden.

Survivors include: Carl M., of Livonia; Nieces, Jean Bogart, of Northville and Shirley Mazar, of Westland; nephew, Kenneth Fischer, of Westland.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Heart Association.

Bakke, GM supervisor

Lester Alwin Bakke, 71, of Plymouth, died May 13 in Livonia. Funeral services were held May 16 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John N. Grewell, Jr. officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Born in 1920, in Great Falls, MT, Mr. Bakke came to Plymouth 25 years ago from Dearborn. He retired 12 years ago as a supervisor at Hydramatic, General Motors, in Ypsilanti after 30 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, and was a member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47. He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII in the Pacific.

Survivors include: wife, Jean, of Plymouth; son, Michael, of Kalamazoo; daughters, Lili Donaldson, of Canton and Barbara Erander, of Hillman; brother, Claude, of Troy; sister, Agnes Schneider, of Arizona; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to the Moslem Temple Association Crippled Children Fund.

Blascak, a homemaker

Eleanore Blascak, 63, died May 16 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. Funeral services were held May 20 at St. John Neumann Church with Father George Charnley officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Born in 1925, in Detroit, Mrs. Blascak was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, Albert C.; daughters, Karen Stone, of Canton, Judy Oswell, of Westland, Mary Ann Bugeja, of Canton and Barbara Rutkowski, of Canton; son, Allan, of Canton; sister, Dorothy Meissner, of Ft. Meyers, Florida; and nine grandchildren.



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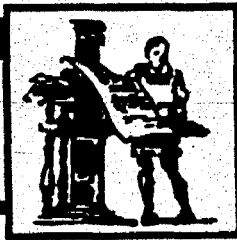
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Highland changes to survive problems

BY RANDY COBLE

Highland Superstores, headquartered in Plymouth, may have been forced to make bold changes in its style last week, but is not going to declare bankruptcy, a spokesperson for the appliance and electronics chain said recently.

In a written statement, Danette Wineberg of Highland said that "it is business as usual at all of the company's 49 stores."

Rumors have circulated recently that the financially troubled company would file for Chapter 11 protection this July. Highland has made drastic moves over the last two years to try to counter its growing fiscal problems.

The appliance chain lost \$157 million in the first nine months of fiscal year 1991. In 1989 and 1990, it lost \$12 million in each year.

Bon voyage concert on tap

BY MIKE MCGLENNEN

The parish choir of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Peaniman Ave. in Plymouth, will present a free "bon voyage" concert on June 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Dr. Michelle Johas, the church's director of music, 45 choir members and 60 other travelers will embark upon a European tour on June 18.

The choir will perform music by Haasler, Brahms, Thompson, African-American songs, and the famous Mozart motet "Ave Verum Corpus" at the farewell concert. The tour will last ten days and six concerts will be given in Austria, Germany and France.

Supporters of the choir will have a chance to wish them well at the reception in the school gym following the concert. Admission to the concert is free.

"We are really proud because we think we are the first choir from Plymouth to go on a tour like this," said choir director Dr. Michelle Johas.

The choir will perform six times while in Europe with two of the performances occurring during Sunday masses in Salzburg and Strasbourg. The group will be performing songs in five different languages, Johas said.

The choir will perform 11 or 12 songs at each venue. There are a total of 20 members that the group will do while in Europe, and they will select different songs for each show, according to Johas.

The choir sent audition tapes around Europe prior to being approved for performing overseas.

"This is a rare thing for a little church choir to be touring Europe ... it's absolutely wild," said choir member Pat Pollowalk.

"We are going to be representing Plymouth while we are over there. It's kind of amazing when you think about it," Pollowalk stated.

It has been forced to pay for its inventory on a cash-only basis, and engage in a massive new advertising campaign and an expensive price war with competitors.

Last year, it closed stores in over four states.

In more recent moves, Highland on May 27 announced announced a series of changes to aimed at gaining back lost customers and market share.

Beginning June 1, the 860 sales representatives of the appliance chain became "customer advisors," who get a salary and no commission fee.

No positions will be cut, company officials said. The idea will be to have a friendlier, less aggressive sales force to deal with customers.

To help in that effort, advisors will dress in polo shirts, sweaters and slacks. The old tie-and-sports-jacket dress code is no more.

In January, Highland president and CEO Ira Mondry announced the company would cut 500 jobs, out of a force of 2,800 people, estimating the savings to be \$20 million a year.

Mondry called the move a "streamlining of our work force and operations" in order to make Highland "a lower-cost operator."

This plan had to be approved by Highland's creditors, whom it owes \$107 million. Attorney Stuart Hertzberg, who represents Highland suppliers owed a total

of \$28 million, said discussions of the plan were soon to end.

"We've just about hit it," he said. "If we're able to finish up in the next week to 10 days, we can have a settlement, possibly within 60 days," he said.

Hertzberg noted, however, that Highland "had taken itself off the stock exchange" recently. One source, on the

other hand, claimed Highland had been "delisted for lack of capital" and removed from the NASDAQ exchange.

March 24, Highland offered to rent out 25,000 square feet of its Plymouth headquarters facility, with amenities and equipment available. Wineberg said that "there has been some interest," but that "no deal has yet been made."

WTUA legal fees escalate

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Over 130 parcels, or land packages owned by a single owner, line the route of the line to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) treatment plant.

John Breen made \$58,675 from September 1990 to September 1991 for over 630 hours of legal work, for which he billed WTUA at \$90 per hour. He received no monthly retainer fee.

Another law firm also provided its services for WTUA's 1989 bond issue.

Detroit counselors Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman received \$48,668. Dickinson-Wright's hourly rate was over \$140.

They were involved in the project from August 1989 until May 1991. They did not receive a monthly retainer fee.

This puts the total fee for all legal services the authority has paid from inception until this February at \$1,062,513. Again, this figure does not include monies paid since then.

In a related development, WTUA's law firm, Law, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk, based in Plymouth, has added four new lawyers and changed its name.

The firm has taken on board attorneys John Sills, Randall Gillary, Laura Amstuebuechler and Thomas Charbonneau, Jr.

Now to be called Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczyk & Gillary, the entity will continue to represent Canton, Plymouth and Northville Townships.

Whether it will choose to try for the WTUA legal services contract now being bid is uncertain.

DDA looks at remaining candidates

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Guile, 44, has served as DDA director in Dowagiac, a small fruit-growing town southwest of Kalamazoo, since 1988.

As director, his responsibilities included preparation and administration of the operating budget and the development and implementation of marketing and promotional projects.

From 1980-1982, he was the executive director of the Eaton County Transportation Authority, in Charlotte. He has also worked for the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority in Detroit and Capital Area Transportation Authority in Lansing.

Guile is scheduled to complete his Master's degree in Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University this August.

He did his undergraduate work at Michigan State University.

DDA members plan to visit the communities of the final candidates before a final selection is made.



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Sports

Battle Flint Kearsley Friday

Canton girls' softball makes final 4

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

For the first time in longer than anyone can remember at Canton High, the softball team has made it to the final four in the state.

The Canton sluggers will head to the plate Friday morning, 10:30 a.m. to battle Flint Kearsley in the state Class A semi-finals at Bailey Park in Battle Creek. The winner of the Flint/Canton match-up will face the winner of the Grosse Pointe North/Jenison match-up in the state championship game Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m., again at Bailey Park.

The Chiefs earned the right to compete in the state finals by capturing the regional championship Saturday in Temperance/Bedford.

It was hot bats and some exceptional defensive plays that contributed to Canton's win.

When the bottom of the batting order is providing peak performance, assistant coach Larry Bober says it's like having a second first batter, a feat he credits for contributing to the team's win.

In the regional semi-finals, Canton defeated Livonia Churchill 7-2.

The Chiefs had faced Churchill, their Western division rivals, twice in the regular season. In the Chiefs/Chargers' first match-up, Canton shut out Churchill 5-0. In the second game, the Chiefs came from behind to take the game 8-6.

"Churchill has turned its program around a lot," said Jim Arnold, Canton coach. "I was concerned that the team would be over-confident. (But) they played our game and came through."

Kelly Holmes was on the mound in both games. Her record is now 22-2.

Against Churchill, Holmes gave up two runs, two hits, three walks, and batted 11 strikeouts.

Canton scored two runs in the first inning, two in the fourth and three in the sixth.

Kate Strahan got on base with a single in the first inning. Sarah Schimmelpfenneg walked. Both players crossed the plate on a single by Renee Dory.

In the fourth inning, Dory got on base with a single. Nicole Sequin followed her on base with a single, and Canton had runners on first and second. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice by Michelle Metzger, and a single by Holly Miller scored two.

Sequin walked in the sixth inning. Julie Nicastrì singled, and Canton had two runners on base. Both scored on a single by Sarah Rowe.

Rowe crossed the plate for Canton's final run of the game on a double by Dani Mortiere.

The Chiefs were on target defensively as well. Miller got the team out of the fifth inning by catching a fading ball down the third base line.

A double play on a line drive back to the pitcher got the batter and the runner at first base, who was leaning a bit too far, out and ignited a new spark for the Chiefs.

Churchill scored one run in the fourth and one in the seventh.

In the regional championship game, the Chiefs beat Trenton 9-3.

Going into the sixth inning, Canton was ahead 9-0, but Trenton came alive, getting on the scoreboard.

Holmes gave up three runs, seven hits, two walks and threw nine strikeouts against Trenton.

Canton scored four runs in the second inning, two in the third and one run in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

In the second inning, Sequin singled



Canton softballers tagged the competition all season to make it all the way to the state semi-finals this Friday. Good luck, Chiefs! (Crier photo by Rachel Romneys)

and Metzger got on base on an error. Nicastrì doubled and two runs scored.

Nicastrì scored on a single by Rowe. Rowe stole second base, got to third on a pass ball, and scored on a wild throw back to the pitcher.

In the third inning, Schimmelpfenneg singled, and Dory walked. The two runners scored on a single by Sequin.

With two outs in the fourth inning, and Sequin on base, Dory pounded out a double and Canton was leading 7-0.

Nicastrì doubled in the fifth inning and scored on a single by Miller.

Dory got on base on an error and got to second base on a pass ball. Pitch hitter Laura Claster singled and Dory scored.

Trenton had three runners cross the plate in the sixth inning.

Rowe made two exceptional defensive plays for Canton in the championship game. In the third inning, she made a catch at the right field fence.

In the fourth inning, she made a running catch to right center field.

At bat, Sequin was 3-3 in the second game and went 1-2 in the first game.

Nicastrì was 2-3 in the second game and 1-2 in the first game.

"Everybody came through," said Larry Bober, Canton assistant coach. "There are no superstars. It's nice, they come through all the time. When something is needed, the next girl steps up to do it."

"Kelly does the pitching, but pitching alone is not going to make it. You need hitting, fielding, this team puts it all together."

The team is leaving Thursday evening for the trip to Battle Creek.

Soccer, baseball and softball teams earn honors

Post-season honors are rolling in for the soccer, baseball and softball teams.

The Western Lakes Activities Association recently announced its all-conference and all-division soccer and softball teams.

Canton captured two division and two conference titles this year, taking both the division and conference in soccer and softball.

Both schools were well represented in the all-conference and all-division teams this year.

In soccer, Canton won the conference championship and the Western division championship.

Salem tied with Livonia Stevenson for the Lakes division championship.

Canton had three players make the Western Lakes All-Conference team.

Defender Danielle Moyka, forward Colleen Connell, and keeper Jori Welchans all made the all-conference team.

Salem midfielder, Kris Goff also made the all-conference team.

Canton defender Kathy Bahr was the only Chief to make the All-Western division team.

Salem had three players make the All-Lakes division team.

Defender Gwon Gibbich, midfielder

Shelby Corey, and forward Mandy Drummond.

Receiving honorable mention recognition were Canton's Christine Stansell, Amy Tortora, and Rebekah Ryzant.

For Salem, Mackenzie Emmet, Jenny Emmet and Michelle Cronan each received honorable mention recognition.

In softball awards, Canton had three players make the all-conference team, and three players make the All-Western division team.

Infielder Dani Mortiere, outfielder Sarah Schimmelpfenneg, and pitcher Kelly Holmes all made the all-conference

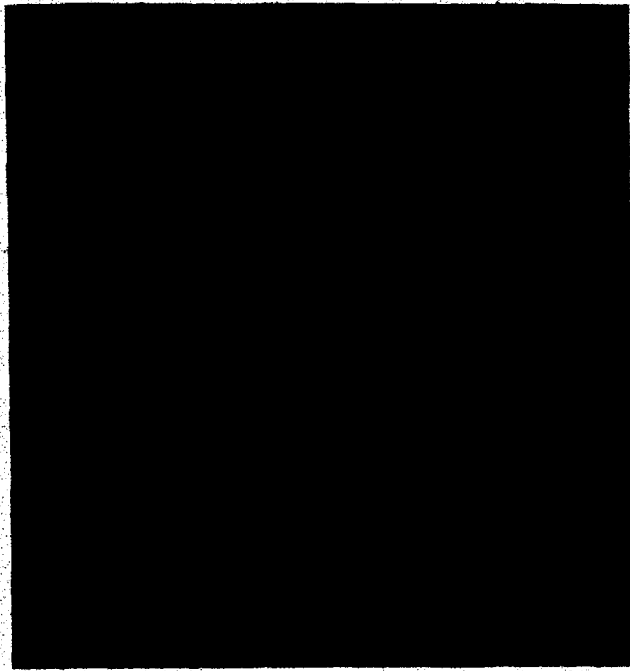
team.

Infielders Nicole Sequin and Julie Nicastrì, and catcher Renee Dory each made the All-Western division team.

Dawn Monrocco, Salem outfielder made the all-conference team. Infielder Lori Thammak and pitcher Jenny Garvey made the All-Lakes division team.

Canton's Carrie Drakhan, Colleen Bahr, Holly Miller and Kate Strahan each received Western division honorable mention recognition.

Salem's Emily Giellani, Kristen Stuckpools, Amanda Tubough and Amber Trumbull each earned honorable mention recognition for the Lakes division.



The Chiefs' awesome play catapulted them to an 18-1-2 season and the state championship game held Saturday in Northville. (Crier photo by Rachel Runnys)

they did a good job. It's just tough to lose the big one."

Looking back on the season, Smith said he was proud of his team all season long.

"The parents, the school, the community should all be very proud of them. I am - Most definitely."

Only four seniors will be graduating from this team, Danielle Meyka, Rebekah Raymor, Christina Stansell and Amy Tortora.

"I knew we'd be a pretty good team," said Smith. "Early in the season I said we'd be tough to beat, and it held true. We kept finding ways to win. Not (Saturday) but all season long. The team kept growing, getting a little bit better, gaining a little more confidence. That's (the sign of a) good team. They all had a nice season, they'll come back ready to play."

Coach Smith is especially proud to be a part of the athletic program at Canton High this year.

"Three girls teams made it to the final four this year, basketball, soccer and softball next week. I guess the boys will have to get together and see what they can do."

So close and yet so far

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

One goal short of a perfect season. That's how 1992 will stand out in the record books for the Canton girls soccer team.

The Chiefs battled their way, undefeated through 20 games, into the Class A state championship match Saturday at Northville High School. It had been a successful season. The number of goals scored against Canton's chief keeper, Jori Welchans, was in the single digits - only nine.

They finished the season with an 18-1-2 overall record.

Canton competed for the number one spot in Michigan girls' soccer against the Rochester Adams Highlanders at Northville. The Chiefs suffered their only loss of the season, falling 1-0. Adams of Rochester put in the only goal of the game after five minutes of play in the first half.

"We had a defensive lapse, and they scored on it," said Don Smith, Canton coach. "It was pretty much even the rest of the way."

It was a physical and aggressive game throughout. Adams had seven shots on goal in the first half, Canton had three.

"They're a good team," said Smith. "They played a good game. We didn't have that bit of magic we had along the way."

Canton defender Kelly Reeves suffered a concussion in Saturday's game after a collision with an Adams player late in the second half. She was taken from the field to Bonafed Hospital Saturday afternoon. She is fine now, according to Smith.

"We're not a physical team," said Smith regarding the aggressive play Saturday. "We're not big enough. In our confidence we're hunched around and we

respond to physical teams. Some of my girls aren't very big, but they're good soccer players."

Smith addressed the topic at the beginning of his season in a parents' meeting. He warned them that they may not be aware of how aggressive the sport is becoming. "I told them that after they watch, they might not want their daughters to play."

"That's the way it's becoming. It's a shame. They're Americanizing the game."

Britta Anderson and Kathy Bahr each suffered injuries in an earlier game and were unable to play Saturday. Colleen Connell was out with mononucleosis. But even shy three players, Smith still felt the team was capable of winning.

Although this year fell one goal short of being Smith's best with the Chiefs, the Canton squad had an exceptional season.

In his sixth season as head girls' coach at Canton, Smith coached his team to four championships, division, conference, district and regional. Canton's overall record is 18-1-2, one more win than the 1988 championship team earned.

But the Chiefs never gave up. They played to the last second. When Reeves was taken from the field, there was only 1:18 left in the game. From that time, Canton made three attempts at a goal, all were blocked by the Rochester keeper.

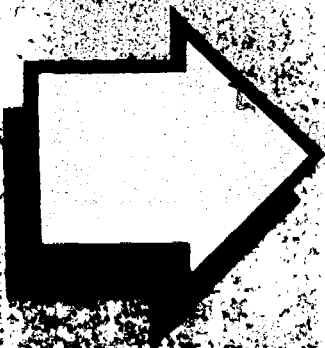
It was rough on his team, Smith said regarding the loss. With an undefeated record going into the final game of the year, the team hadn't experienced a loss, and really didn't know how to lose.

After the congratulatory round to their opponents, the Chiefs collected second place awards and headed home.

"By the time they rode the bus home, they were flat," said Smith. "They knew



Tireless effort and determination were keys to the excellent showing by the Canton girls this season. (Crier photo by Rachel Runnys)



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Phyllis

Janet J. — Nice to hear from you!

Brent has an incredibly large ego!

Congratulations to Jen and Dave on your new abode!

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Curiosities

Congratulations Canton Girls soccer team one goal short of state champs but still a great year.

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While a golfer and caddy were searching the rough for a lost ball, the golfer, Merrill Austin, said, "Why didn't you keep your eye on the ball?" "I'm sorry, sir, Mr. Austin," the caddy responded, "But you caught me off guard when you hit it on the first swing."

JAMES AND LISA — Thanks for helping a lady in distress. CHRIS

Boo — Boo and Low — Low, Thanks for the beautiful flowers. Love, Mom

MYRILLA — You're slipping! That "June 31" invitation wasn't worthy of you. Pull yourself together.

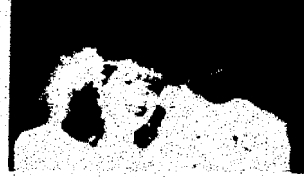
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Happy, Happy, Happy birthday Wendy homemaker! Another years experience doing windows.

A special thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement during our move — John and Betty, The Paper Parade

Jack cannot be trusted! Everytime a gal turns her back, Jack steals her shoes.



Wedding bells rang for Yvonne Wynn & Michael Kollmorgen on May 23rd. Best wishes for a long & happy marriage.

Curiosities

Michael, a word of advice from many years of experience. Do what she says & don't call her freckles.

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA — first place in Royal Oak's basketball free throw event at track and field day. — Sally and Ed

HARRY SHOEMAKER — Thank LaVerne and Lois for me in taking care of you. They are so special!

What a team! Congratulations J.J., Brent and Jack. You're the best!

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I've made airline reservations to Albuquerque. You better call!

Phyllis - Yes, we love you this week too! (But how 'bout a call?) - **KG**

Curiosities

Geneva - me thinks me needs a circus pin, I fully understand now. Send in the clown. **Donna**

According to the Crier Staff Bob never wins at Darts or tying a tie. But he does excel in having a tie removed.

Way to buildup those muscles Titch.

Come on Phyllis up & at em.

Jenny - I really enjoyed lunch. We'll have to do it again soon.

Randy is SO observant!

Were those English Ivy leaves I saw on the floor around Geneva's desk? Beautiful Grandmother! Tak Tak Tak

No I'm not XYZ! And who is the Vette lady?

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Dave Casch WILL be at Monday meetings.

Did beautiful Mike see his photo.

Karen, be sure & clearly pronounce Kevin's new title when you say it. Otherwise it sounds like the same thing we were calling him.

Kevin - I hear you like attorneys.

When will Kevin be going to Chicago?

Phyllis - Ed censors more than you do...

Sammy-Joe-Bob and Cindy-Lou are walking newspapers.

Curiosities

Grandpa Bill & Grandma Lynette announce the birth of their first granddaughter Kylie Brooks Decker, born Wed., June 3rd. in Dallas, Tx. She weighed 8 1/2 lbs. & 18 inches in height. The proud parents of the little couple are Bill Jr. & Charl Decker. Congratulations to all of them.

Phyllis - You missed another fun Tuesday!

Joy, A.K.A. "Old Maid" I'm only full of it in Vegas. Pat

Joy, HR me, HR me, HR me. Another one blees the dust! Pat

We heard that on Memorial Day weekend there was a very pale full moon in Austin by a Phyllis.

Is someone in town singing "Don't fence me in?"

Curiosities

Jack - Have you won a game since you dumped me. - **Karen**

The perfect team! J.J. the driver, Brent the February man, Jack the shipper & Lisa the putter = 30

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Down, I have a great foot chart.

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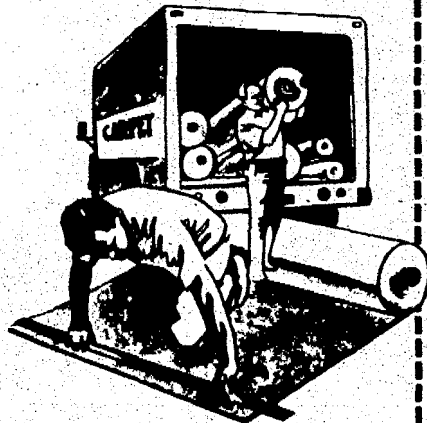
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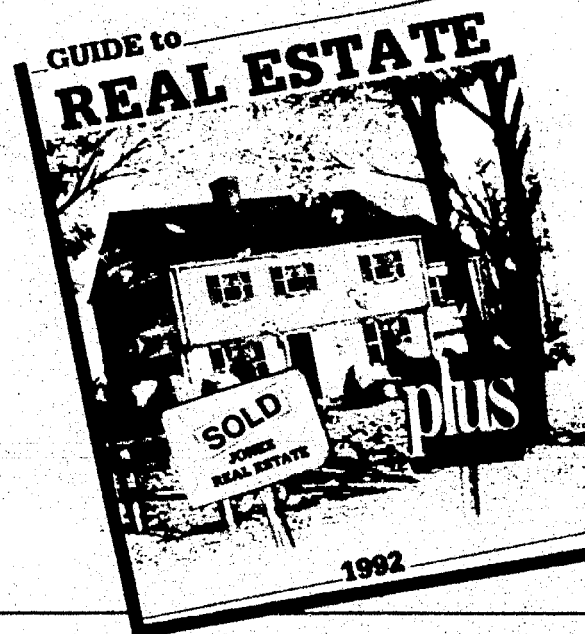
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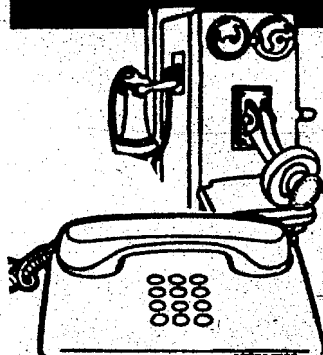
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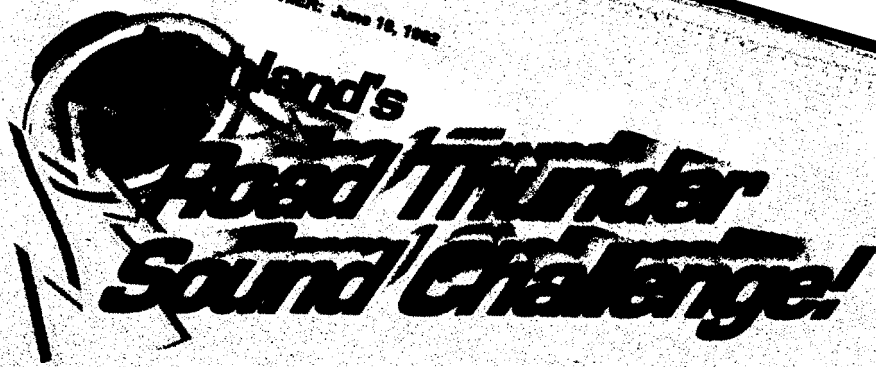
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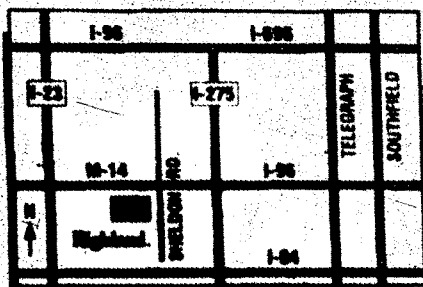


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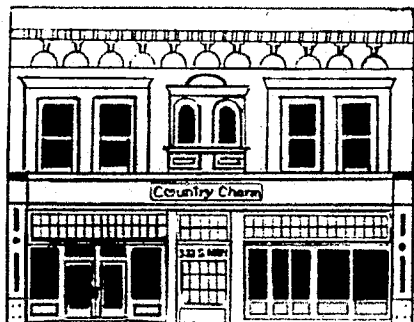
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