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Away we go!

Senior citizens of Carriage Park Senior Community in Canton let fly balloons to celebrate the facility's two-year anniversary last week. It was an uplifting experience for all! (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)

PCJBL rules violated?

BY MIKE McGLINNEN
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The manager and coach of an F-League team in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League (PCJBL) are accusing another team in the same league of using an ineligible player in order to defeat their squad during a playoff tournament one week ago.

"This has been going on for years in this league. This is not fair to the kids — what we are doing is teaching the kids how to cheat," said John Schroeder, coach of the F-League Rangers. "I am not that concerned that we didn't come in first place."

Schroeder and the manager of the Rangers, Harry Polk, have charged that the starting pitcher on the Athletics team is also a player on a Washtenaw County travel league team, which would be a violation of the league's eligibility rules.

PCJBL executive board members are expected to meet in the next week or two to decide what action, if any, they will take on the matter, said Rich Madsen, president of the executive board.

The accusation raises questions about the nature of competition in the PCJBL leagues involving hundreds of boys and girls each summer.

The eligibility rules for the league state: "A player may not participate in PCJBL at the same time he appears or participates in any other organized baseball league. (Babe Ruth, Sandy Koufax, Mickey Mantle, or any travel team.)"

"I think that's morally and ethically wrong — they are teaching them it is okay to cheat," Schroeder said.

Schroeder and Polk blame the officials of the PCJBL and Dean Fordham, director of the F-League for failing to resolve the ineligibility matter.

"Fordham saw what was going on and saw fit to do nothing on it," Schroeder said. "At the game, Fordham said he's known for two weeks that the kid was on their team and he also said 'you're getting your ass beat anyway.'"

"The board of directors is putting it so far removed from the date of the game they are hoping all will be forgotten," Schroeder said.

Twtps. may receive money for roads

BY ROBERT PARKER

Federal and state funding totaling \$1.3 million could pour into Canton and Plymouth townships as part of a major three-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) last week released a compilation of proposed federally and non-federally funded improvements to the road and transit systems in seven state counties including Wayne.

Included in the proposal is work on Sheldon Road.

In Plymouth Township, Sheldon Road, from M-14 to Five Mile Road, is scheduled for resurfacing. Plans also call

for the improvement of the Five Mile Road intersection in 1993.

Federal funding for the project totals \$464,000, while the state would pay \$116,000 out of the State Transportation

Program—Urban (STPU).

Farther south a more than a quarter mile stretch of Sheldon Road in Canton — Sheldon Center to Joy Road — would be

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Police consider charges

Youth struck, dies in Canton

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

A 35-year-old Garden City resident was arrested Friday after he allegedly struck and killed a boy who was attempting to cross Palmer Road on his bicycle.

The man drove away from the scene

after the 5:12 p.m. incident, according to Canton Police reports. Charges against the suspect may be filed this week.

Samuel Earl Hubbell, 14, a City of Wayne resident, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident after he had been

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Chinese food to be scooped at Cloverdale

BY ROBERT PARKER

The old Cloverdale ice cream parlor on Forest Avenue in downtown City of Plymouth is making a switch from scoops to "traditional Chinese cuisine."

Khee Kwok, the owner of Dinersty, a Chinese restaurant in Ann Arbor, recently purchased the building, which has been vacant for more than a year, and plans to begin renovations in the next couple of months.

Kwok's architects met with city engineer Ken West last Friday to discuss renovation plans for the building.

"The plans look good," West said.

Kwok said a grand opening is expected within the next six months.

Kwok, who has been a chef specializing in French cuisine for more than 20 years, said Dinersty is not a typical Chinese restaurant.

He said the restaurant specializes in nouveau cuisine, which is French cooking combined with Chinese.

"There won't be any chop suey or egg foo young on the menu," Kwok said about the restaurant, which will have take-out ordering and in-house seating.

Instead, he said the moderately priced menu will include items like special homemade pasta, breast of quail and several seafood items.

Kwok said in addition to his French cooking expertise, a Cantonese and Malaysian chef will help round-out the menu.

Bonlap Chan, an architect for Kwok, said renovation plans include a new glass facade allowing people to see into the restaurant.

"The decor will be very contemporary," Chan said.

In addition to the Dinersty restaurant in Ann Arbor, Kwok owns six other Chinese restaurants under different names in New York.

Twp. recount will be delayed

BY RANDY COBLE

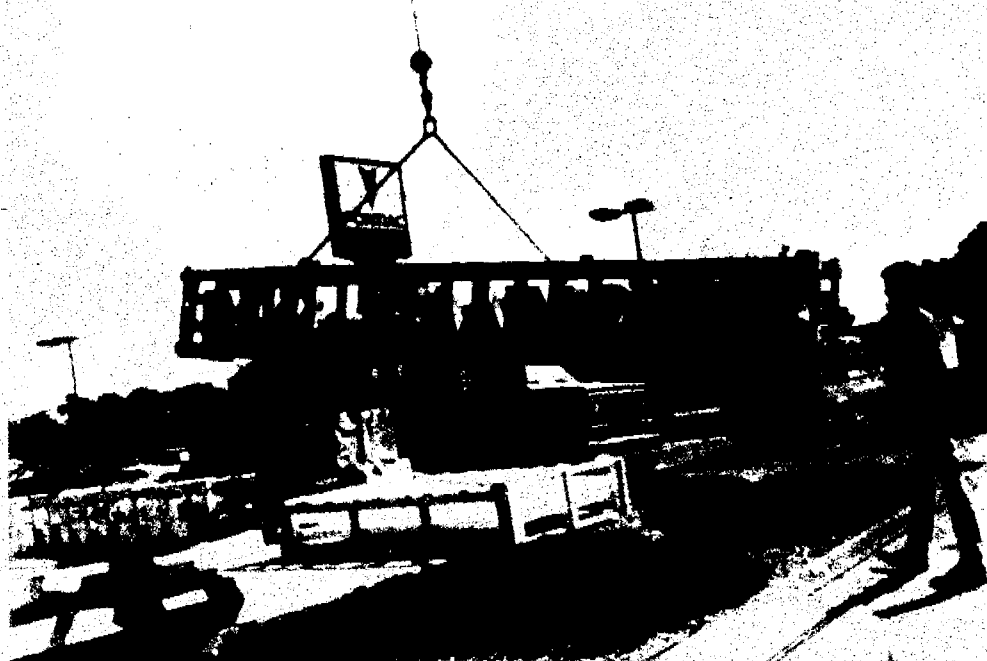
The recount of Plymouth Township's Republican supervisor's primary election results will not take place for at least one more week, perhaps as many as two, according to election officials.

Four candidates vied to become the Republican candidate once current Supervisor Gerald Law decided in May not run.

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy beat Chief Township Building Official Charles McIlhargey by 21 votes in the Aug. 4 GOP primary balloting.

Six days later McIlhargey made a formal request for a recount to retiring township Clerk Esther Hulsing.

Hulsing has since passed that request along to the Wayne County elections bureau. The county will perform the actual recount, if it is approved.



A Metro Signs worker prepares to place the sign on the front of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC in Plymouth Township. (Crier photo by Rachel Rozmys)

Showcases new vehicles Jeannotte will launch 1993 models

BY ROBERT PARKER

A Plymouth Township auto retailer will launch Pontiac's 1993 models next Wednesday (Aug. 26) as part of a new General Motors "customer strategy" program.

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC Truck, Inc. has been chosen to showcase the promotional program called Automotive Retail Environment (ARE), marking the first time a dealership will unveil new car models for GM.

Russ Baltazar, general sales manager at Jeannotte for 14 years, said it was the dealership's track record in customer service that earned it the right to launch the program.

He said for the last two years in a row, the dealership has been number one in customer satisfaction according to Pontiac's own Customer Satisfaction Index.

The ARE program, according to Baltazar, stresses commitment to customer satisfaction, especially follow-up after the sale.

"We were practicing the same principals outlined in ARE before hand," he said. "We hope it's going to create a lot of attention."

The 16-year-old dealership, on Sheldon Road, is under complete renovation for the event.

A new facade is being constructed which includes the dealership's name across the front in canned letters and a neon light bar around the outside of the showroom.

In addition the general offices, service department and showroom floor are being

renovated.

After a new coat of paint, the dealership will represent the new look for Pontiac retailers nationwide.

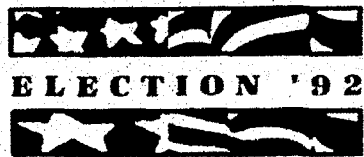
Attracting national attention, including Car and Driver and Road and Track magazines, the day's events include a test drive of some of the new models on the M-14 freeway loop at 10:30 a.m.

In addition, Bob Jeannotte will give some general remarks about the program.

Baltazar said, although last month was tough for auto sales, the Master Level dealership is up 25 per cent in sales for the year.

"It has been a good year," he said. The Grand Am has proven to be the dealership's most popular model, accounting for a large part of its sales.

Baltazar said GM plans to introduce the newly designed 1993 Firebird after the first of the year.



If the results stand, Keen-McCarthy will face independent candidate Ronald Edwards in the general election Nov. 3.

In the Republican primary, Keen-McCarthy received 1,241 votes, McIlhargey 1,220 votes, township Trustee John Stewart 994 votes and Stephen Boak garnered 477.

Edward Carey of the county elections bureau said that the county board of election canvassers will meet Aug. 18 and if McIlhargey's petition meets the

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Vorva opponent on ballot?

BY RANDY COBLE

Jerry Vorva may not have a lock on the 20th State House of Representatives district seat - he faces the possibility of another candidate making the November ballot through a write-in campaign.

The 20th district represents the Plymouths and the Northvilles, except for a sliver of the City of Northville that lies in Oakland County.

Vorva, a City of Plymouth Commissioner, won the Aug. 4 Republican primary contest, beating out incumbent Georgina Goss and two other contenders.

Wayne County bureau of elections

officials will determine this week whether Doug Blair has satisfied the legal requirements necessary for his name to be placed on the ballot in the 20th district for the general election Nov. 3. Blair conducted a write-in campaign during the primary.

According to County Director of Elections Edward Carey, Blair had to receive a certain number of votes under a formula created by the county.

Carey said that he will determine whether Blair did so "sometime later this week." He said that he would have to check all returns to get an exact number

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For new legal firm WTUA will begin interviews

BY RANDY COBLE

The Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) plans to conduct public interviews next week with legal firms seeking its business, said WTUA Board of Commissioners Chairperson Thomas Yack.

The board will hold the interviews next Thursday (Aug. 27) with approximately five to eight of the 25 firms submitting bids, said Yack. They will begin at 7 p.m. in Plymouth Township Hall.

The firm that has handled legal affairs for the authority since its inception in 1986 is Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczky & Gillary, of Plymouth. Robert Law, brother of Plymouth Township Supervisor and WTUA board member Gerald Law, is a partner in the firm. It was hired by the original authority board without bid.

WTUA has been criticised and accused of nepotism and cronyism with respect to the authority's professional services hiring practices. Members of the board of commissioners, past and present, have steadfastly denied any impropriety.

WTUA announced in May that it would seek bids for legal services. Sills-Hemming was eligible to submit one, but did not, said Yack.

Virtually all of the firms submitting bids are from the southeast Michigan area, Yack said, and the board will make a decision "by this Wednesday, Friday at the

latest, as to which firms we're interviewing.

"Board members will want to ask some follow-up questions," Yack said, "and get a better feel for the firms. We want to see the personalities we're dealing with. It's important with this type of professional services for there to be a good relationship."

He added that all supervisor candidates in Northville and Plymouth Townships had been given copies of the firms' bid proposals.

Karen Baja won the Republican primary in the Northville Township supervisor race. She faces no opposition in the general election Nov. 3. Plymouth Township's supervisor GOP primary contest was a four-way affair, with Kathleen Keen-McCarthy coming out on top. She will square off with independent candidate Ronald Edwards this fall.

Yack doubted that the new firm's hourly fee rate would be in the neighborhood of Sills-Hemming's.

"We're currently paying about \$85 to \$90 an hour," he said, "but most (of the firms submitting bids) are in the \$125 to \$150 an hour category."

"We were all struck by how expensive legal services can be," he said, adding that he expected there would not be as much of a need for legal services once the construction phase of WTUA is completed, and the project comes on line, scheduled for 1994.



Canton resident Daryn Smith begins play during Friday's U. S. Open round in Dearborn. (Crier photo by Rachel Rozmys)

Local chess advocates find Open enlightening

BY KEN VOYLES

For Daryn Smith the single most important thing he likes to tell people about his favorite game is that it's anything but boring.

Smith, a 36-year-old resident of Canton, plays a game almost as popular around the world as soccer. And, like soccer, it is little understood or appreciated in the United States.

That may be changing, though, thanks to events like the U.S. Open, which wrapped up play at the Dearborn Hyatt over the weekend.

At a tournament like the Open, what is the game of chess becomes the sport of chess.

"I say try it, go ahead," Smith said. "Most people think of chess as being boring. It's anything but if you like intellectual stimulation."

"And you can have fun with it," he added.

Nearly 600 players from across the U.S. and several countries journeyed to Dearborn for the Open -- the largest chess event in this country each year. Competition began Aug. 1 and wrapped up Friday night, but several side events continued through Sunday.

Smith was one of several Plymouth-Canton-Northville residents who entered the tournament.

Also competing were Eric LeBlanc, Steve Rosenberg, Norman Haygood, Brian Berlinger, all of Canton; Dwight Evans, of Plymouth; and Joel Vogt, of Northville.

Smith, though, possesses the highest chess rating among local players. And ratings are the key element to competing in a tournament like the Open.

"I've never done a whole lot of

studying," said Smith. "I did all this on my own. I didn't have a lot of motivation to play and didn't play much until high school and college."

But today Smith has an 1876 rating and is ranked as a Class A player. The rankings start at the unrated level and move up from Class E to Class A, all based on rating.

The top levels start with expert. That's followed by master, international master (IM) and, at the pinnacle, Grand Master (GM).

Most GMs are rated above 2500.

"The system measures the current strength of a player based on the players he or she has beaten in tournaments," said Smith. "It's a little complicated. You start unrated and depending on your results you can move up or down."

This is Smith's first Open, but in 1981 he was Michigan's Class C champion. Three years later he was first in the Michigan Amateur championships for 1800 rated players. Then in 1985 he tied for first in the Michigan Open reserve section.

"In a tournament you don't just play somebody," he said. "You play according to the number of points earned up to now."

Smith had won three of the four games he played by Thursday, but then lost the next two games to finish up the competition. He was able to skip the first six rounds of play ("the busy man's special") but still earned points because of his rating.

Smith said if he had won both games there was an outside chance he could have earned some victory money.



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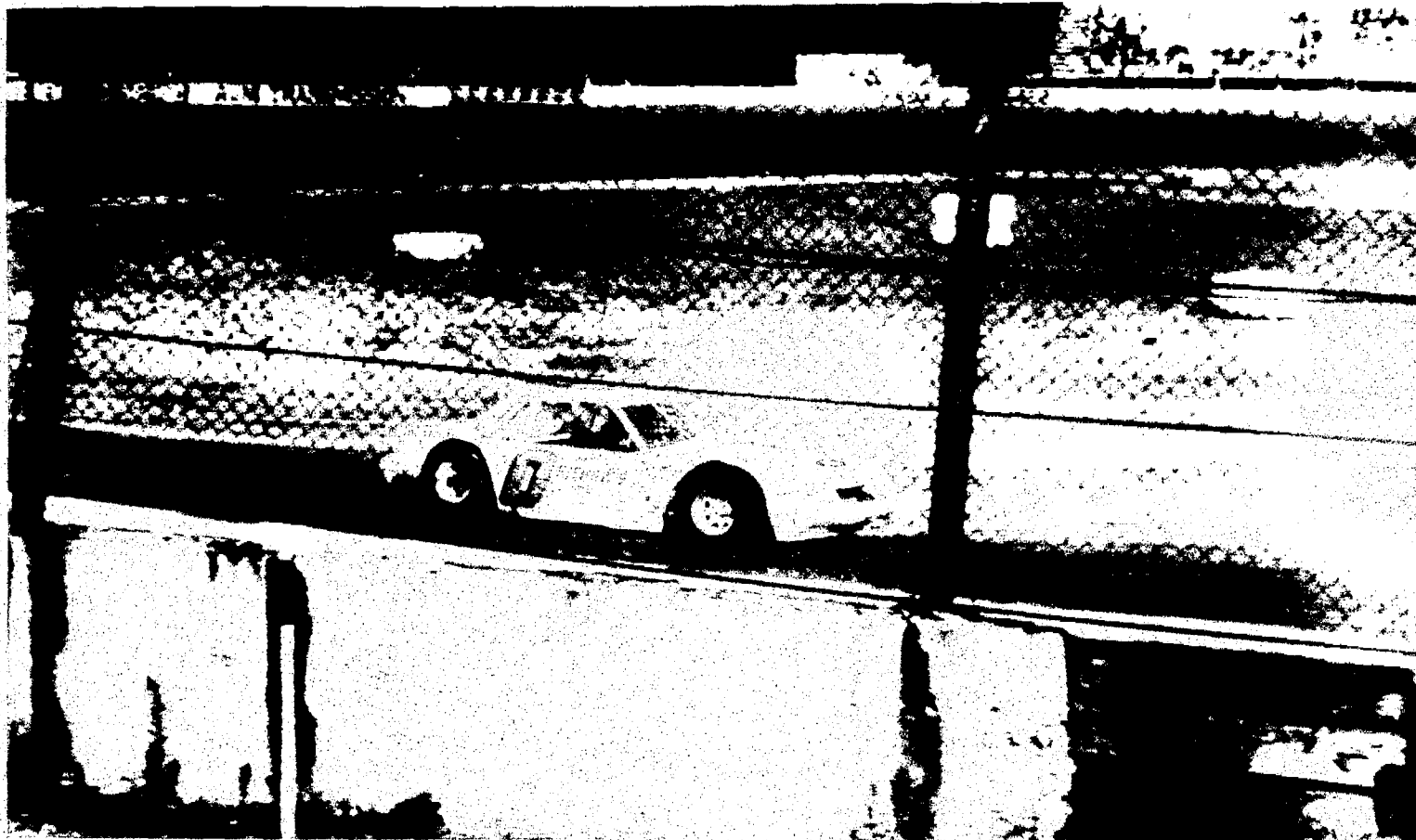
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Driven to compete in a high-speed hobby

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

Sharron Majka, 50, of Plymouth Township, has a more exciting hobby than most women -- she races stock cars every weekend at the Flat Rock Speedway.

Majka became involved in the sport in 1988 after years of coming out to the track as a spectator.

"I've been going to the track since about 1963 or 64 and I started going out to the track every Saturday night with my boyfriend," Majka said.

Majka has lived in the Plymouth community for 18 years, previously residing in Grosse Pointe Park. She works in graphic arts, which leaves her weekends available for racing.

Majka has won four times this season in the street stock division, which is the second fastest class of automobile that competes at the track. Her Brandi One Race Team consists of seven crew members and her sponsors, Rick Fishaw's Auto Service Center in Wayne and Ideal Fab of Livonia.

She has a modified Ford Mustang with a 351cc Windsor engine. It's the same vehicle she has raced in since she started three years ago.

The thrill of racing first attracted Majka to the sport -- her love of the competition and speed are what keep her involved to this day.

"It is an extremely expensive sport to become involved with," she said. "You're not going to get anywhere if you are in this for the money."

Owner Rick Fishaw has plenty of praise for his driver, one of only three female drivers at the track. She is constantly improving as a racer, according to Fishaw.

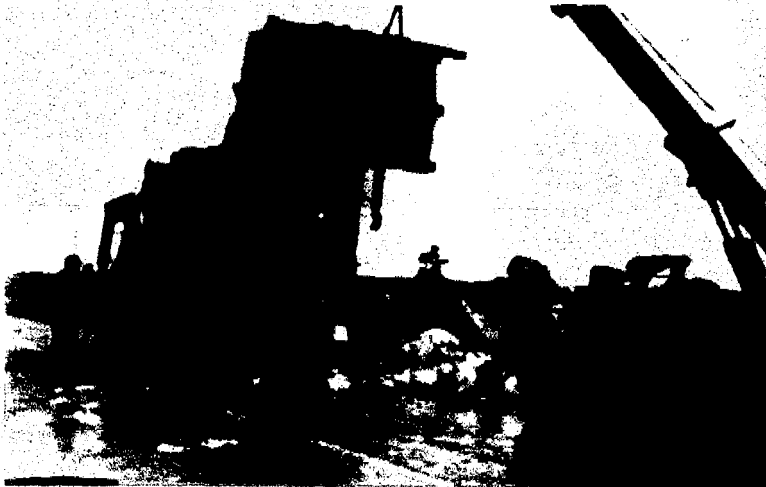
"She's the fastest woman here and she just keeps getting better," Fishaw said. "She races with the best of them. Everyone in the stands cheers for Sharron -- she is a good racer and will take on anyone."

Mechanic Mike Wacker, stressed that the primary motivation for these drivers is the love of racing.



Sharron Majka, Plymouth Township resident, settles into her race car, a Ford Mustang, as a crew member looks on. Majka is a four-year veteran of racing at Flat Rock Speedway. Above, she wheels around the track that is home to her high-speed hobby. (Crier photos by Rachel Roumys)

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Fire fuels fumes

Plymouth Township firefighters put out a garbage truck fire last Tuesday on M-14. The fire delayed eastbound traffic for more than an hour. (Crier photo by Robert Parker)

Mettetal deadline set?

BY RANDY COBLE

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees was expected last night to join Canton in setting a Sept. 8 deadline to reach an agreement over joint municipal ownership of Mettetal Airport with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

The board was expected at its meeting last night to approve a resolution to that effect. Such a move "would probably shut the door on negotiations," said Clerk Esther Hulsing.

Canton's Board of Trustees at its July 28 meeting approved a resolution

establishing the deadline to complete the negotiations.

If no agreement is made by then, the townships will terminate the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) signed with Plymouth Township last summer.

Earlier this year the FAA rejected a section of the JOA which allowed Canton to unilaterally terminate the agreement after 10 years if it so chose. That stalled the negotiations to the present day.

The two communities have been discussing the JOA agreement they signed last summer with the FAA for nearly a year.

Canton man plays chess

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"I do have an outside chance," he said before the last rounds. "But its more for fun right now because I lost that second game."

"I'm having a good time," he said, adding that games usually began about 7 p.m. each night and didn't end until after midnight.

By Sunday his disappointment was obvious.

"I ended up with three wins and three loses for 5.5 points," he said. "That's a very disappointing score for me."

A bio-statistician for Wayne State's medical school, Smith grew up in metro Detroit but attended school at Western Michigan. He moved to Canton little more than a year ago.

Smith learned the game from his brother Kyle (who also lives in Canton).

"He showed me the moves. I was older at the time. He was five and I was about eight," Smith said. "I beat him then, and he has yet to beat me in a game."

Smith said he will likely enter the next big Michigan tournament, the Michigan Open, Sept. 4-7.

Recount

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requirements of the law, it will be approved.

McIlhargey requested that all precincts be recounted. He will have to pay \$10 per precinct for the recount. Absentee ballots are counted as a precinct, and added to the township's existing 16 precincts.

"The recount itself takes about one and a half to two days," he said, "but we can't proceed until the state board of canvassers certifies the election."

That will not take place until the board meets on Aug. 25, Carey said.

"If everything goes as expected, we'll get it done by late August, early September," he said.

Doug Blair

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of votes, but he estimated that Blair received "maybe as many as 100 votes."

"It's hard to get people to cast write-ins," he added.

If Blair's effort does not succeed, Vorva will face no opposition in the general election held Nov. 3.

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Transportation plan calls for Sheldon work

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reconstructed and widened to five lanes under the proposal.

Funded through the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) and (TEDF-C), the \$700,000 project would begin in 1994.

Chris Mann, a senior transportation planner for SEMCOG, said the recent passage of federal transportation legislation -- titled the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act --

places a strong emphasis on annual access to the planning process by citizens and interest groups.

SEMCOG's road-improvement proposals includes public involvement with transportation planning in the seven-county Greater Detroit region.

"We've distributed the document (TIP) to 65 locations throughout the entire region," Mann said.

Mann said that ISTEA legislation passed last year replaced original federal

transportation legislation dating back to the mid-50s, during the Eisenhower administration, that was designed to build a national interstate highway system.

"That has been established now," Mann said. "Congress is rethinking its whole approach towards planning for road improvements."

In Wayne County, proposed improvement costs total more than \$135 million dollars with federal funding totaling \$94 million and the state kicking in \$41 million.

This year's public comment period runs through Aug. 26, during which interested citizens and organizations may review the proposed TIP projects and comment in support of opposition.

In addition, comments can be presented verbally at a meeting of the SEMCOG Transportation Advisory Council at 9:30 a.m. on next Wednesday (Aug. 26).

The document can be reviewed at several area libraries throughout the seven counties, including Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library.

Baseball league dispute

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Fordham would only comment briefly when contacted by The Crier; he declined to discuss specific issues relating to the incident.

"I'm not involved with it -- I gave everything I had to the executive board, who is also the protest board and they will make a decision," Fordham said.

The manager of the Athletics did not know anything about the claim of ineligibility, according to Fordham.

Polk said Madsen and Fordham called him Monday night with questions regarding the charge. According to Polk, Fordham has resigned as league director.

Polk has some problems with the manner in which the baseball league is operated.

"My question is how long has this been going on? If they continue to let this go, what are the kids going to think?" Polk questioned.

Polk criticized league officials for taking too long to resolve the charges.

"Here we are going on the second week with no ruling on it," said Polk.

Polk added, "We can't prove it but we're certain this happened with a couple of other teams this year."

The mother of one Ranger player, who did not want to be identified, does not support the efforts made by Polk and Schroeder.

"This is a sad way to end this season. To me that is bad sportsmanship -- they had a good year and now it's over, why don't they just let it end," the parent said. "They should have done it at the beginning of the game."

"Do you think they would've protested if they had won?" said the mother.

Madsen is unsure what action the board will take.

"Let's get all the facts. We want to hear both sides of the story," Madsen said.

Madsen confirmed this type of activity happens from time to time with the F-League, since some players from the more advanced teams (Mickey Mantle, Sandy Koufax, etc.) decide to play against the lesser competition of the F League.

"This is a highly instructional league -- it is not of the top quality," said Schroeder.

"This is definitely a problem that shouldn't happen. We do that to protect the other players," continued Madsen. "We're going to have to decide what we want to do. Nobody wins on this, especially the players."

"This is just some boy that wanted to play baseball. They are all victims of circumstances," he said.

Madsen questioned the timing of the Ranger's protest, which occurred in the fifth inning of a game they went on to lose by a 7-1 score. Madsen believes the Rangers knew for quite some time that the allegedly ineligible player was a member of the Athletics.

"Why did they wait until the fifth inning of the final game of the year? We have it in the rules that you must approach the umpire prior to the start of the game," Madsen said.

Polk said he and Schroeder did not know about the Athletic player until one of their players mentioned it on the bench just before the protest was made on the field.

Polk, who has been involved in junior sports for 10 years, also said Fordham knew about the ineligible player two weeks before the game.

"To me they are as much as at fault as anyone. Think of the other 13-14 parents of the kids on the team that won," the PCJBL board president said.

There is also some discrepancy as to the skill of the allegedly ineligible player.

"He was a really good pitcher, he won the game for them," Schroeder said.

"This guy was inconsequential -- he was just another player on the team," said Madsen.

Polk said the player was on the Athletics' roster all season long.

A similar controversy arose nearly seven years ago when several teams in the Western Suburban Football League, consisting primarily of students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District, were placed on probation and fined for using overage players.

The Crier and the Detroit News broke the story involving the football players in December of 1985.

The Western Suburban Football League is unrelated to the PCJBL.

The incident brought to light the emphasis on winning rather than teaching fundamentals in local youth sports, much like the present allegations with F-League baseball.

Youth killed while riding bicycle

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knocked off his bicycle into a drainage ditch along Palmer Road, just west of Haggerty Road, said police.

The driver of the 1985 blue Lincoln left the accident scene and was apprehended by an Canton officer on Lotz Road, approximately three-quarters of a mile away from the site of the incident, police said.

Alcohol may have been a contributing factor in the accident, said police.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner removed the body from the scene and will be performing an autopsy this week, officers stated.

The police are performing a detailed examination and will have to wait for numerous reports to come back on the incident before any charges are filed with

the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said Canton detective William Kappen.

It could be a week before all the investigation data is compiled, according to Canton Captain Alex Wilson.

Among the tests being performed are: blood tests on the driver; an autopsy on the boy; and a full inspection of the suspect's vehicle, Kappen said.

The road conditions were clear and dry Friday afternoon, when the accident occurred, said police.

The suspect was released pending the investigation results, said Wilson.

Funeral services for Hubbell were held yesterday at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

Hubbell is survived by parents Rose Marie Smith and James Hubbell, and siblings Mark, Janice, Keith and Steven Smith, Susan Roberts and Karen Jaback.

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CONCERT ARTIST AT CANTON CHURCH
Fred Frank, television, recording and concert artist, will appear in concert at Christ Community Church on Ford Road in Canton Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Open to the public, free. But a free will offering will be accepted. For further information call 981-0499.

LULLABIES OF BROADWAY BY PPP
The Plymouth Park Players will perform "Lullabies of Broadway" Sept. 11-12 at Salem High School. Tickets are \$4. The musical revue will include many old favorites as well as some of Broadway's newest hits. For further information and show times call 459-3518.

BIRDBANDING DEMONSTRATION
A birdbanding demonstration is planned for Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve. Meet at the Koppernick Road entrance off Hix Road in Canton. Follow the streamers to the site. Sponsored by the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. For information call 261-3633. A second birdbanding event is planned for Sept. 12 also at 9 a.m.

AUTUMN STORYTIME PROGRAMS
Autumn Storytime programs begin the first week of September at the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library. Toddlers, ages two-three and half, register for Tuesday morning program Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. by phone; or for the Wednesday evening Family Storytime, register Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. by phone. Pre-schoolers register for Wednesday programs Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. by phone. For information or further registration details call 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB
The Plymouth Newcomers Club is a social club designed to help families new to Plymouth feel at home in the community. There will be a welcome coffee Aug. 20 at 10:30 a.m. For information and location call 459-5328.

HAMMER DULCIMER WORKSHOP
Madonna University will offer a 10-week workshop on the Hammer Dulcimer Sept. 28 through Nov. 30 from 7-9 p.m. Mondays. The cost is \$75. Taught by Charlene Betty. For information call 591-5188.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION
In-person registration for fall Continuing Education courses at Schoolcraft College is being held Sept. 8-16 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the SC Registration Center. For information or a fall course schedule call 462-4448.

NATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMAL DAY
The Humane Society of Huron Valley is holding a candlelight vigil Aug. 22 at 9 p.m. in honor of National Homeless Animal Day. Join the group at its shelter on Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor. For information call 662-5585.

BALLET, TAP, JAZZ CLASSES
The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor ballet, tap and jazz dance classes beginning Sept. 9. The cost is \$17 per student. Registration for returning students is today (Aug. 19) from 5-7 p.m. and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. New students can register Aug. 22 from 9-11 a.m. Residency requirements. For further information call 397-5110.

ME AND MYSHADOW SESSION
It's time to register for the fall session of Me and My Shadow at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. This introductory pre-school class is for two, three and four year olds and their parents. For further details call the school at 420-3331.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION FEES
The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district will make students pay to participate in extracurricular activities this year. Activities include: sports, cheerleading, debate, drama, forensics, marching band, and pompon squad. The costs are as follows: \$60 per student per sport at the high school level with an individual max charge of \$120; \$35 per student per sport at the middle school level with an individual max of \$70. Parking fees will also increase from \$20 to \$50 per year. Other fees will be collected at those activities take place during the school year. For further information call 451-3188.

TEAM 100 FUNDRAISER
The Canton Community Foundation is announcing the formation of TEAM 100 designed to raise \$100,000 in 21 days. TEAM 100, comprised of 2100 community ekladars, will kick off the annual Foundation fund drive Sept. 2 with a breakfast at Palermo's. For those wanting information about the program call 454-5427.

"LET THEM DREAM" FUND KICK OFF
The Plymouth Community United Way Kickoff celebration is planned for Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Mayflower Meeting House, City of Plymouth. Reservations needed by Aug. 21. Cash bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD OPENS SEASON
The Plymouth Theatre Guild will begin its 46th season with "Veronica's Room" on Sept. 18-19, 25-27 and Oct. 2-3. Adults are \$8 At the door or \$7 in advance, while seniors and youths are \$7 at the door and \$6 in advance. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Other shows this year include "Fiddler on the Roof," "Matchmaker," and "Noises Off." For show or guild information call 349-7110.

FALL FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE IN NORTHVILLE
All teams may register until Sept. 30 for the 1992 Fall Floor Hockey league for men 18 and over. Games played at Northville Community Building with start times at 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Playoffs for top four teams. Teams fees are \$130 for season. No residency requirements. For further information call 349-0203.

FALL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE IN NORTHVILLE
All teams can register by Sept. 9 for the Fall Volleyball League (men, women, co-ed teams). Cost is \$160 per team. Managers meeting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Northville Parks and Recreation. Call 349-0203 for further registration or competition information.



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O'HARE IRISH DANCERS REGISTRATION

The O'Hare Irish Dancers are now accepting registrations for lessons beginning September 1992 for ages five years and older. For further information call Cheryl McInerney at 455-8348.

PLYMOUTH OLDTIMERS BREAKFAST

The Plymouth Oldtimers Breakfast Group is hosting a picnic at Plymouth Township Park Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. Catered. For reservations call 453-3366 or 459-0113 or 453-4323.

ST. MICHAEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Michael Christian School in Canton is now registering for fall 1992. Pre-school through second grade. Call 459-9720.

LA LECHE LEAGUE OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON

The La Leche League of Plymouth-Canton will hold a monthly group meeting Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth. For further information call 981-8719, 455-1374 or 397-2203.

LOCK-UP FUNDRAISER TO FIGHT MD

The Detroit area Muscular Dystrophy Association will hold a lock-up fundraiser tonight to fight Muscular Dystrophy. Sponsored by Midas and Ameritect. The event is planned for Aug. 29 at the Ameritect building in Plymouth. For more information call 981-6050.

FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Canton Parks and Recreation fall softball league starts Sept. 8 for five weeks. Team cost is \$190. Teams may sign-up Aug. 24-27. No residency requirements. New teams sign-up starting Aug. 28. Call 397-5110 for further information.

PRE-SCHOOL CO-OP AT CANTON CHURCH

Pre-school co-op at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton. Enrollment is limited to 20 students ages three to pre-kindergarten. Registration for fall 1992 is now open. Cost is \$35 a month. For information or to register call 981-0286.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-12 YEARS

Science and math camps for children ages six to 12 are available at New Morning School in Plymouth Township this summer. Parents should call 420-3331 for full details.

THE CONTINENTALS TO PERFORM

The Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will be hosting The Continentals at 7 p.m. Aug. 19. For further information call 455-0022.

CANTON LIBRARY PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed 1993 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the library. For further information call 397-0999.

FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Creative Day Nursery School in Canton has limited openings for the fall session half-day program for children two and a half to five years. For information call 397-3990.

VACCINE REQUIRED OF STUDENTS

All students entering a new school in Plymouth-Canton this fall must receive a second measles, mumps and rubella vaccination, according to the Michigan Department of Public Health. An appointment for the shots can be made by calling 467-3319. Or families can call their family physician.

PUNCH CARD VOTING TEST

Plymouth Township will conduct a public test of the punch card voting system Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. in the clerk's office. For information call 453-3840. The public is invited.

VFW AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 will host a garage sale Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held at the VFW Post Hall on Mill Street. To rent a banquet table is \$10 and a card table is \$5. For reservations call 728-7619 or 453-1680.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and Ladies Auxiliary will host Hunter Safety Classes Aug. 24-27, 28-29. Evening sessions, except for Saturday. Classes are conducted by law enforcement officers. Classes limited. For information or to reserve a place call 349-6366.

MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSE AT SC

Schoolcraft College is offering a 20-hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for inexperienced motorcyclists at least 15 years of age. The classes will be held Aug. 14-16 and cost \$18. For information call 462-4448.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE REGISTRATION

In-person registration for the fall at Schoolcraft College will be held Aug. 10-24. The fall term begins Aug. 27. For further information call the registration hotline at 462-4415.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Plymouth this month -- Aug. 26: Plymouth Kiwanis-Colonial, 2-8 p.m., 455-3111.

SECOND ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING

The Second Annual Celebrity Golf outing is set for Aug. 21 at Salem Hills Golf Course in Salem Township. The Western Wayne County Firefighters Mutual Aid Association and the National Institute for Humane Medicine will co-sponsor the event. There will be a raffle and contests. The outing includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch, buffet dinner, and drinks. For tickets or information call Linda Cummins at 425-1778 or NIBM at 769-9000.

CHARITY HOLE-IN-ONE COMPETITION

The second annual Ronald McDonald Children's Charities/Cecil Fielder Hole-In-One Shootout will take place through Aug. 22 at Country Club Village in Northville. Proceeds go to Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. Finalists will compete at the event finals Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. For further information call 420-0144.

FALL PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Michael Christian School in Canton is now registering for fall of 1992 pre-school through first grade classes. For details call 459-9720.

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Community deaths

Lankenau, of Dallas

Dorothy Lankenau, 82, of Dallas died Aug. 6 in Dallas. Funeral services were held Aug. 10 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Myers, Jr. officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mrs. Lankenau was a homemaker. She moved from Dallas to Plymouth in May of 1991. She was also a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

Survivors include: sister Margaret Gimpel, of Cincinnati; son Jerry, of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Straus, business owner

James Straus, 90, of Novi, died Aug. 7 in Novi. Funeral services were held Aug. 7 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Richard Perfetto officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Straus was born in 1901 in Cedar Springs. He owned and operated Straus Modernization, originally a Detroit firm, which was moved to Northville in 1948. Retiring in 1972, he lived in Northville for 20 years and in Plymouth for 17.

Mr. Straus was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel, AARP, the Farm Bureau and several square dance clubs. A U-M graduate, he owned 67 acres on Beck Road on which was a fruit farm, and raised springer spaniels and horses.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Sherlund, church member

Fannie Sherlund, 72, of Westland, died Aug. 8 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Aug. 11 at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. K.M. Mehrl officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Sherlund was born in 1919 in Neeleyville, MO. She was a cook, and a member of the Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

Survivors include: son James, of Livonia; daughters Darlene Severson, of Plymouth, and Barbara Perry, of Virginia Beach, VA; brother Joseph Suder, of California; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial may be sent to the Plymouth chapter of the Salvation Army.

Rosebrook, a secretary

Mary E. Rosebrook, 69, of Ypsilanti, died Aug. 4 at her home. Funeral services were held Aug. 9 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Branham of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Rosebrook was born in 1923 in Bellecenter, OH. She was a city government secretary, and worked for the mayor of Aurora, IL, for eight years.

Survivors include: daughter Robyn Loewe, of Canton; brother James Hall, of Orlando, FL; and three grandchildren, all of Canton.

Memorials may be sent to Trinity Presbyterian Church youth groups.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Bjorklund, practical nurse

Ellen Bjorklund, 82, of Plymouth, died Aug. 7 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Aug. 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Revs. Brian Bjorklund and James Wysocki officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Bjorklund was born in 1909 in Marquette. She was a licensed practical nurse at Grace Hospital and a former employe of Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys) in Plymouth. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Survivors include: sons Jerry Lee, of California, Neil, of Plymouth, and the Rev. Brian Bjorklund, of Iceland; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Sacred Heart Seminary scholarship fund.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Foster, Burroughs employe

Marie Foster, 76, of Plymouth Township, died Aug. 6 at her home. Funeral services were held Aug. 9 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with members of the VFW Post 6695 Women's Auxiliary officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Foster was born in 1915 in Nankin Township. She was employed as a computer assembler for 29 years by Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys) in Plymouth. She retired in 1978, and was a member of the UAW.

Survivors include: daughter Judith McQueen, of Plymouth Township; sisters Doris Kotke, of Lake Orion; Erma Collins and Francis Finley, of Plymouth; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association.

Phalin, building manager

Carl Phalin, 60, of Canton, died July 26 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were July 30 at the Schrader Funeral Home with pastors Peter Berg and Leonard Koeninger officiating.

Born in 1932, in Meyersdale, PA, Mr. Phalin worked as a construction manager for Futuri Planning for eight years. He came to Canton in 1978 from Pennsylvania. He was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth and the Plymouth American Legion. He served in the United States Army in the Korean War.

Survivors include: sons Thomas, of Bethel Park, PA, James, of Wixom and Carl of Canton; daughter Suzanne, of Canton; five grandchildren; mother Margaret Phalin, of Meyersdale; and sister Connie Seacrest of Meyersdale.

Memorials may be sent into the American Heart Association.

Rosbury, GM driver

Kenneth Rosbury, 54, of Canton, died July 25 at his home in Canton. Funeral services were held July 29 at St. Thomas A' Becket in Canton with Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Born in 1937 in Detroit, Mr. Rosbury, worked for General Motors as a hi-lo driver. He was a member of St. Thomas A' Becket Church.

Survivors include: wife Barbara; sons Kenneth R., of Plymouth and Michael stationed in Turkey on military service; daughter Lori Sutton, of Tennessee; grandchildren Aaron and Rebecca; brother Robert, of Wixom; and sisters Mary Grech, of Canton and Betty Antinow of California.

Memorials may be sent to Arbor Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Nowicki, fleet manager

Roman Nowicki, 75, of Canton, died July 24 in Plymouth. Funeral services were held July 27 at Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn, with the Rev. Herman Kucyk officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Born in 1916 in Detroit, Mr. Nowicki was an auto fleet manager.

Survivors include: wife, Dolores; son John, of Wixom; daughters Dianne Jaske, of Englewood, OH, Linda Nowicki, of Farmington Hills and Janice Grobbel of Westland; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; and brothers Gilbert, of Sun City, AZ, Elmer, of Hollywood, FL and Melvin, of Laughlin, NV.

Local arrangements were handled by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland.



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CSXT charges tickets illegal

City gets extension for lawsuit response

BY ROBERT PARKER

The City of Plymouth Monday received an extension to prepare its response to a lawsuit filed by CSX Transportation, Inc. last month in U.S. District Court.

The court complaint alleges fines CSXT has received, as a result of an ordinance restricting how long trains can block railroad intersections, are illegal.

Lynn Johnson, a spokesperson for CSXT in Jacksonville, FL, said Monday that the city asked for additional time to respond to the complaint.

"We expect a response this week from the city attorney," Johnson said.

"CSX feels the statute is unconstitutional," he went on to say. "It has caused us a considerable amount of problems, and we've finally decided to challenge it."

The complaint alleges that the ordinance acts as a tax on interstate commerce and operates mainly as a revenue source for Plymouth.

City officials said they expected to respond to the lawsuit this week.

Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe said, "the city is still actively researching the law and preparing to answer the complaint."

The Plymouth ordinance restricts the length of time trains can block streets or sidewalks to not longer than five minutes.

In 1990, more than 571 citations were issued to CSXT resulting in fines of over \$127,000, the complaint said.

CSXT alleges that the Plymouth ordinance "places an undue burden on interstate commerce because it requires CSXT to interrupt its interstate rail operations by increasing the speed of its

trains and/or shortening the length of its trains before traveling...through Plymouth."

According to the complaint, Plymouth issues an average of eight citations under the ordinance per week to CSXT.

Plymouth began regularly enforcing the ordinance against CSX trains "in or

around 1988," said the complaint.

"CSXT would have to spend over \$1 million to improve the tracks in and around Plymouth and add or upgrade required equipment," the complaint said.

Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager, said "they have a right to do that -- taking a position that the ordinance is in some sense unfair"

Salem landfill closure remains buried

BY ROBERT PARKER

Closure of the old Salem landfill by the City of Plymouth remains buried under the approval of Salem Township officials to grant a permit for clay removal from a residential-development site.

Although the city has a permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Salem Township officials uncovered, in its township ordinances, the it must approve a permit to remove the clay.

The DNR ordered the city to add a two-foot layer of clay over the site to reduce rain penetration.

City Manager Steve Walters said the city is meeting with DNR officials to coordinate the project and help complete it by the Nov. 1, 1992 deadline.

A land developer in Salem Township agreed to allow the city to remove clay, free of charge, from a site where a lake is

being dug.

The city would be financially responsible for transporting the clay to the Salem Landfill, according to Walters.

A public hearing at the Salem Township Planning Commission to

Livonia man suffocates at inn

BY RANDY COBLE

A Livonia man committed suicide by suffocating himself at a local motel last week, Plymouth Township police said.

Investigator David Hayes of the township police department said that on Aug. 13, township police were called to the Red Roof Inn, located on Ann Arbor Road.

There they found the body of a 22-year-old man identified as a Livonia resident, Hayes said, who had been dead perhaps eight to 12 hours.

"The medical examiner has ruled the

case a suicide," Hayes said, and cited the cause of death as suffocation.

"He had sealed the room airtight," Hayes said, by stuffing a shower curtain under the room's main door, and covering all vents.

"He placed a small charcoal grill in the bathtub," Hayes continued, "lit it, and used up all the oxygen in the room."

He added that police were investigating the presence of alcohol at the scene. Hayes said that police at present have no motive in the case.

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Sports

Earns Saginaw Valley scholarship

Canton hoopster shoots for the stars

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was shooting hoops at her neighbors on Orhan, in Canton, that launched a basketball career for Julie Nicastrì.

Nicastrì grew up in a neighborhood where she was the only girl, and if she wanted to play, she had to keep up with the boys.

She quickly learned to play and be competitive in sports — an advantage she carried with her to high school and will be taking with her to college in the fall.

The Canton High graduate earned a four-year athletic scholarship to Saginaw Valley, where she will be playing basketball in the fall.

It wasn't as simple as it sounds for Nicastrì, who now lives in the City of Plymouth with her family.

Her first year playing organized basketball was in the seventh grade while attending St. Michael's in Livonia, where she saw no action in any game.

"I got to practice, but I never got to play," said Nicastrì who admits she was discouraged with her first experience in organized basketball and didn't try out for the team the following year.

"I didn't know the coach only played the eighth graders," said Nicastrì. "I thought she didn't want to play me."

Although she was discouraged with organized basketball, she continued to play basketball with the kids in the neighborhood.

Today, she admits the year on the bench taught her a lot about the rules of the game, something she didn't learn in the neighborhood. She has been able to combine the knowledge gained on the bench with the competitiveness learned in the neighborhood, meld both and honed those skills in the four years she played at Canton High.

"I know I wouldn't be this far without the coaches I had (Canton), especially Bob Blohm," said Nicastrì. "He was always there to talk to. I can't thank him enough for what he taught me about basketball and life as well."

When she started high school her mother talked her into trying out for the freshman team. She was reluctant after her experience two years before, but tried out anyway.

It was at Canton High where she learned the difference between playing basketball and playing on a basketball team.

"I was halfway through my freshman year before I figured out why we shot 1-1 or two shots," said Nicastrì.

As a sophomore she made the junior varsity team and was pulled up to the varsity level for the playoffs. She saw

action in each game until the semi-finals where she sprained her ankle.

In her junior year she was a starting post player, and the team went to the districts. This year, her team made it to the state semi-finals, but Nicastrì broke her ankle and only played the first six games.

"At Canton, if you were having trouble with your shots, the coaches would stay after practice, or come in before, and work with you, (for) however long it takes to help you out," said Nicastrì. "That made the game fun."

Nicastrì started a trend in her family. Neither of her parents, Frances nor Paul, ever played organized sports. But her sisters and brother are following in her footsteps. Lisa and Jackie are both playing basketball at Canton and are pretty good according to their sister.

"My little sister Katie, she's five years old, and dribbles (a basketball) better than I did in the eighth grade."

Breaking her ankle, and not being able to play out her senior year devastated Nicastrì. Although she came to every game, she sat on the bench and missed playing with the team.

Her most difficult game in her senior year was the first game she was in the cast and had to walk out of the locker room, into the gym, and sit and watch her teammates play.

"Basketball was my life," said Nicastrì. "I felt if I didn't have basketball I had nothing else to be around for."

And perhaps as a rebellious act, she let her grades suffer. Through her junior year she carried a 3.3 GPA, but it dropped drastically after her injury.

"It dropped this year partly because I was a senior and I started not to care so much," said Nicastrì. "That was really stupid. And I broke my foot and thought this was it. I'm not getting a scholarship, and I didn't care."

Two things turned around for Nicastrì. In February, she found out she could play sports again. And her parents.

"My parents told me they'd hold me back, and I'd have to redo my senior year," said Nicastrì. "They said they were not going to ground me that it was up to me if I wanted to mess up my senior year. That inspired me, and I decided I was going to show them I could get my grades up."

She finished her senior year with nearly a 2.9.

It was almost by accident that Nicastrì will be attending Saginaw Valley in the fall. She was looking over Ferris State's team and they were playing against Saginaw. As she watched the game, she preferred the way Saginaw played. Talked



Julie Nicastrì played basketball in New Mexico this summer. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)

to her coach, Bob Blohm, who made arrangements for her to talk with the school.

Fortunately for Nicastrì, Saginaw Valley's coach, Claudette Charney had seen her play in her sophomore and junior year and was interested in talking with her.

Nicastrì went up to Saginaw to meet the team and check out the school. She liked the players and everything about the school, especially the gym facilities, was offered the scholarship and will be playing ball in Saginaw this fall.

Nicastrì did not rest from basketball this summer, she played in the AAU Nationals in New Mexico.

On the AAU team, Nicastrì played

with two Western Lakes Activities Association competitors, Darcie Miller from Salem, and Dawn Warner from Livonia Franklin.

The three played together last year on the AAU team and Nicastrì said there is no problem going from competitor to teammates with these three athletes.

"We're friends. We know we're playing a game. We can compete or we can play together."

"Dawn Warner and I became good friends last year," said Nicastrì. "She's been an inspiration to me. I've never known anyone who could shoot so well. She can launch three-pointers from anywhere."

Although Nicastrì's not a starting player, she's delighted to be on the team.

"I'm real fortunate to be on that team," said Nicastrì. "I couldn't play for the first six weeks. That was hard for me. They said I was on the team last year that they could make the decision to put me on the team (this year). There is a lot of talent on the team. I not in a starting position because a lot of them are better than me, they are all going to division I schools. But I'm working as hard as I would if I was a starting player."

Nicastrì also played on the Canton softball team and was captain of both the basketball and softball teams.

Competitive in both sports, Nicastrì is often asked which sport she prefers.

"During basketball season, I say basketball and during softball season it's hard to say you like basketball better. I like them both."

An avid runner, Nicastrì says she prefers basketball because of the continual action on the courts. "It's a game of running and I love to run."

As to whether she would play both sports in college, as she did in high school, Nicastrì gave a definite no, for her freshman year. She doesn't want to jeopardize her scholarship and realizes she will have to focus on her academics as well as the game. But admits if she can handle both, perhaps in her sophomore year.

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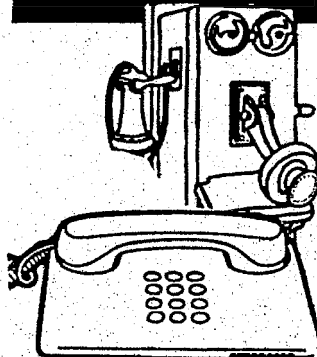
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Community opinions



Dick and Russ Palmer stand by their disappearing barn Monday.

With malice toward none



Another part of history is gone. The Palmer Barn on Warren Road in Canton was torn down Monday -- the final architectural exclamation point that the once-agriculturally-proud community has lost a family that had farmed here for 150 years.

The barn demolition was like a wake for an old (it was built in 1917 by Dick Palmer's grand dad, Allen Wiseley, who served as Canton supervisor in 1923-32) friend.

Friends and family gathered to watch and video tape the barn's demolition Monday.

(It won't be printed here whether there were a few tears or whether Johnny Walker Red joined the group at 11:17 a.m.)

John Campbell, one of the many Palmer Pickers over the years, recalled playing basketball in the barn. The hoop was still up as the bulldozer's blade ate at the barn's remaining uprights.

As the dozer rested at one point, Rick Palmer scrambled up on the debris to salvage the old lightning rods.

When the demolition began, the first item to go was a small corn crib next to the barn. "Grandpa! Grandpa!" shouted Aaron to Dick Palmer, "He knocked down the wrong barn. And he did it on purpose!"

Soon, the barn was flattened. Dust filled the air.

It must have been the dust that irritated the watchful eyes and turned them watery.

"This is a momentous occasion," said Russ Palmer, who turns 70 next month.

"They take so long to build," said Dick Palmer, 63. He didn't want to pose for the video camera and scowled to see a newspaperman show up... it's hard to keep a stiff upper lip at the wake of a life-long friend.

"I've been a lucky son a gun," Dick said. "I've been able to do what I wanted."

But agriculture and the hard-living farmers are fewer and fewer in Canton.

"My heart goes out to anybody who's still trying to farm," Russ said.

And now, after hundreds of young adults -- who later became auto executives, educators, school board presidents and the like -- picked Palmer corn in the hot Canton sun, the end of an era has come.

Many of the Palmer family and friends gathered to watch.

Canton has changed.

Next thing, they'll be putting windows in the Rusty Nail.

Reporter trashes residents

Shame on you, Mike

EDITOR:

I must answer some of the points that a reporter of yours (Mike McGlinnen) has made against our group. How dare he say that we have NO quality of life to worry about? What are we, less than animals? At least the human society looks out for them!

We live in trash, so what does a little more matter? I do realize that Plymouth's trash is coming to this re-opened landfill! Could that be coloring his articles a little?

We expect Wayne Disposal to buy us out? All of us? Garbage must be big business if they could afford to do that!

What is truly ridiculous is the fact that all trucks have to do is enter from Michigan Avenue and stay out of Van Buren Township especially since this is another Canton landfill.

We may not be wealthy people but we are people and deserve to be treated as such!

Shame on you, Mike!
SANDRA TODD

Teens take over Harvey

EDITOR:

Yes, Plymouth had the blues alright -- Friday, Aug. 8.

So did the residents along Harvey.

Cursing, drunk teens in the street, loud music from their car stereos, and leaving their litter behind.

Where were the police?

Summer is here and once again the young people are taking over the town.

DOUG CAMERON

Wants honesty in Twp.

EDITOR:

When will honesty prevail?

I am disappointed at the outcome of the supervisor's race in Plymouth Township.

Charles McIlhargey was, and still is the best qualified candidate for the position. He is the only person who kept his campaign clean and HONEST. Charlie didn't need to stoop to the level of his other competitors. Charlie stayed with what was important, the issues!

I am looking forward to the next four years in the township, and will be following the direction in which the township takes.

I wish Kathleen Keen-McCarthy the best of luck as she begins the task of being the next supervisor for the township.

ERIN LEE

Thanks to Salem voters

EDITOR:

On behalf of my wife Mary and myself, we would like to express our gratitude to the voters of Salem Township.

We are overwhelmed by their enthusiastic support and show of confidence in electing me as one of the

two Republican candidates for Salem Township trustee.

The trust that they have shown in my abilities, united with my continued hard work will guarantee our success in November.

MICHAEL J. PENN



Community opinions

Junior athletic charges hurt program and community

If allegations of impropriety in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League (PCJBL), are found to be true, it is a sad commentary on the state of local youth sports programs.

A manager and coach have charged that an opposing team that defeated theirs in playoff games used an illegal player. They also say that other players in the league were ineligible and that the league director told them he knew about the one ineligible player for two weeks, but took no action on it.

The PCJBL executive board has not yet ruled on the matter and when they do no one will be happy with the decision. But it is imperative that when such allegations

are raised the league move in immediately and investigate.

Such allegations of over-zealousness in junior sports are not new to The Plymouth-Canton Community. Seven years ago, the junior football program was hurt by findings that participants and coaches had been less than truthful about players' ages.

Those and the current charges hurt all the thousands of youngsters who join the junior sports programs in Plymouth-Canton. Let's remember the purpose of these programs for our children.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Save silly colonial look?

Abandon city hall, link library

Now that the post office on Penniman is about to come into the hands of the City of Plymouth I have a proposal.

This is something that's been suggested before -- albeit halfheartedly -- but now is the time for the city fathers to give serious consideration to abandoning city hall on Main Street.

If that were done the library folks next door could move in instead of expanding with a new building.

Then all of those lovers of the city's longtime fake-colonial look (Is it Georgian or Greek Revival or something else?) would be kept happy since the two buildings could be retained without so much as a facelift.

There would be no need to tear down the current library with its wonderfully ugly columns and jaded Pilgrim Rock facade. Happy happy, joy joy.

That way the town could retain this outdated, even silly, look to Plymouth without much fuss. Never mind that most buildings in the community have an altogether different genesis (take the Penn Theatre, or the Wilcox House, or the Baker House) from the colonial period.

City hall personnel would then move into the 1940s style post office, bringing the police along as well. Only the fire department would need to stay in back of the current Main Street building.

Once city hall was tucked comfortably along Penniman (helping to revitalize the avenue all the more), the bibliophiles on Main Street could take over the vacant city hall.

The two buildings together -- joined like Siamese twins at the hip -- reduces the need to construct an



In the margin

By Ken Voyles

elaborate new library. And it creates that classic mishmash style people in this town seem to adore so much. (Is it Georgian or Greek Revival? Does it have columns? Yes, and yes again.)

Maybe even the library staff could be outfitted to look like Pilgrims and Indians! Then you might get that colonial lunacy beyond just the facade right to the heart of the town. Hell, why not require all government personnel to dress like John Smith.

So help save the old-fashioned look to downtown Plymouth. Help save the facades (but never mind anything behind them). Help save the community some money.

Forget progress, forget about the future. Live in the past, keep the community from moving ahead, let an archaic idea rule this small town.

That's what I love about Plymouth -- any sense of living in the real world is lost on most residents, many of whom act like they want to reside in Plymouth, Massachusetts (or England) for some reason.

Isn't anyone else in Plymouth sick and tired of these well meaning ignorant dolts who want colonial this and colonial that?

The Community Crier



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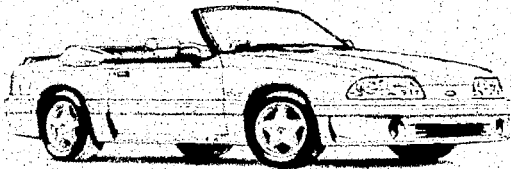
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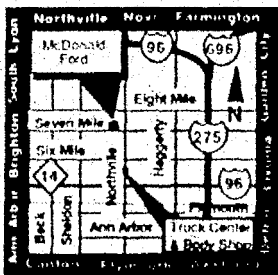
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