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BOOM!

School board OKs Aug. 17 election for same 4 mills

BY CRAIG FARRAND

"Let the campaign begin."

And with that, Plymouth-Canton school board President Roland Thomas closed nearly two hours of boisterous demonstrations and debate Monday night that resulted in the setting of a new, Aug. 17 election on the 4-mill tax increase rejected by voters earlier this month.

Members and boosters from more than 50 sports groups, school clubs and organizations jammed the meeting, and spent the first 15 minutes of the evening being introduced group-by-group — to the raucous applause of every other group.

All told, more than 2,000 students, their parents, booster club members and members of the district's millage election committee attended the session, which was held at Salem's auditorium.

And in the end, the grass roots effort was met with success: The board voted 6-0 to place the 4-mill, two-year tax question back on the ballot in August. On June 14, the measure lost by 1,209 votes, 8,767-to-7,558.

(School board Treasurer Dean Swartzwelter is recovering from surgery and was not at Monday night's meeting.)

While a few speakers questioned the need for the new tax money — suggesting instead that extracurricular programs could be saved by cutting other areas — most speakers asked only that the public be allowed to vote again on the question.

To support their plea, the election committee turned over petitions with more than 4,200 signatures from voters in the district, and student organiz-

\$77 million '93-'94 budget includes full cutback list

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has finally put in writing what everyone has feared: On Monday, the board approved a 1993-94 operating budget that includes nearly \$5 million in staff, program and service cuts.

Even so, the \$77 million budget reflects a 5 per cent increase in local property tax revenue and a nearly 8 per cent increase in classroom instruction costs.

On the down side, however, the new budget has eliminated 42 teaching positions, nine

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Sunday night fireworks put the exclamation point on Canton's weekend Liberty Fest celebration. For more on the township party, see pgs. 8 and 9 (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Officer injured when driver rams police car

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A 30 year-old Canton Township police officer is listed in stable condition at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ypsilanti after being injured in a traffic accident early Sunday morning.

At approximately 3 a.m. Sunday, a 25-year-old Canton resident was traveling westbound on Ford Road in the right lane

heading toward Haggerty Road. He was driving a 1993 Ford Explorer.

At the same time, the Canton officer was traveling eastbound on Ford approaching Haggerty Road.

According to the police, the Explorer cut across to the left turn lane and attempted to cross onto Haggerty. The report stated that the signal at the left turn lane was blinking

red when the Explorer crossed the intersection.

It was when the Explorer crossed the road that it struck the officer in the other lane.

According to Officer Tammi Colling of the Canton P.D., the Canton fire department

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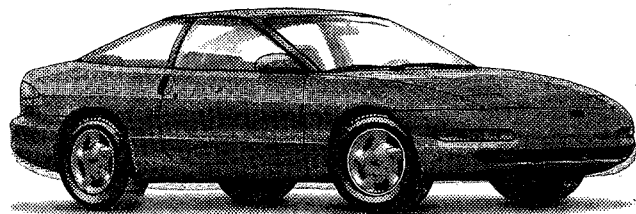
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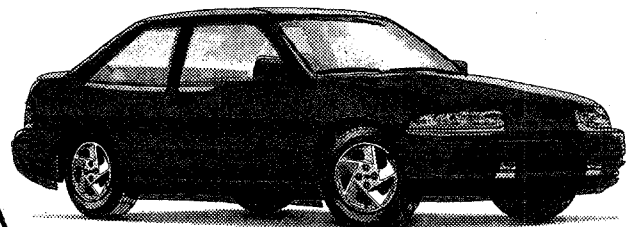
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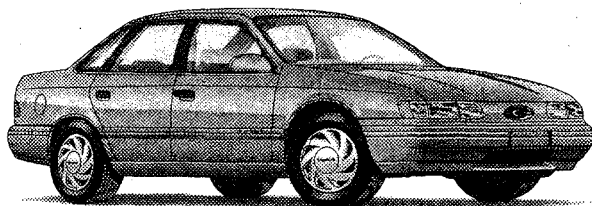
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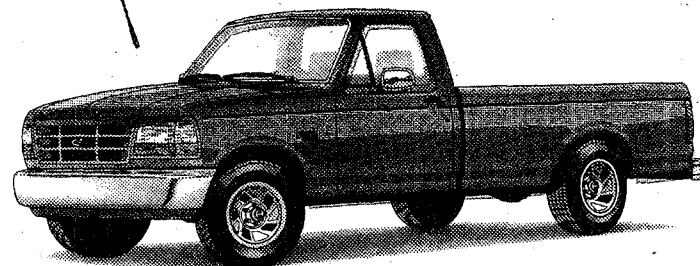
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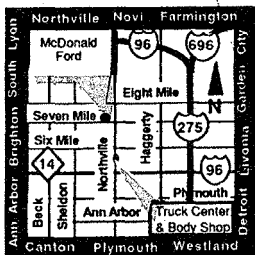
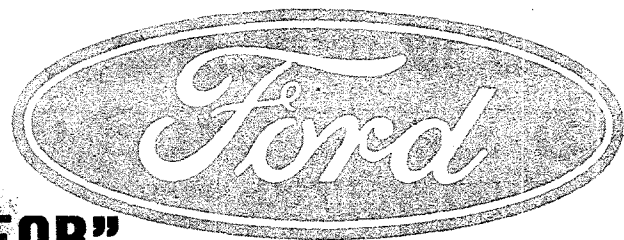


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Jaycees get ready for '4th' parade and fireworks

BY AMY KIDWELL

So what are you doing to do this Fourth of July weekend?

If you like most people, you're going to have a barbecue, attend a parade and, of course, watch the fireworks. But have you ever wondered who is responsible for the Fourth of July's festivities?

Is it your respective city or township? No.

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees host the activities, and it will spend around \$7,500 to ensure that everyone has a memorable holiday.

This year, U.S Traditional, a company based in Ohio, was hired by the Jaycees to take charge of the fireworks to be held Sunday night. "They do a lot of small downtown communities," said Fred Eagle, a Livonia resident who has been involved with the P-C Jaycees since 1975.

Total cost for the fireworks is about \$6,000 paid for by the P-C Jaycees, according to Eagle.

The festivities will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday with a parade in downtown Plymouth. It will begin at Theodore and Main Street, by the train tracks, march down Main and end at East Middle School.

Later in the evening, the public is invited to celebrate by watching fireworks at Massey Field, located at Haggerty and Plymouth roads

What's legal fun this year?

Plymouth and Plymouth Township's police and fire departments will be out in full force Sunday night enforcing firecracker laws and ensuring safety during the fireworks display at Massey Field.

For those of you who are planning on using personal fireworks, you may want to know what is legal and illegal.

"Basically anything that spins, twirls, projects into the air or has loud percussions is illegal," said Plymouth's Fire Chief Alan Matthews. "It's a real good way for us to determine what's illegal," he added.

Firing an illegal firecracker is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine. "It's probably at least \$100," Matthews said.

According to Matthews, illegal fireworks are not sold locally and are usually brought over state lines.

Parking for the fireworks will be in the Unisys parking lots on the east and west side of Haggerty.

Esther Hulsing, former clerk for Plymouth Township, will be the grand marshal, and special guests will include Governor and Mrs. John Engler.

For the kids, there will special appearances by Barney, Beauty and the Beast and Mickey Mouse. And for car lovers, get ready for the Dodge Viper, Model T and a replica for the 1893 Duryea.

The only cost for the parade is what has to be paid to the bands, a total of \$1,500, according to Don McDurmon, a Plymouth resident and long-time Jaycees member.

The P-C Jaycees consists of about 52 people all of whom put in a few hours a week.

"I joined because somebody asked me to and because I felt there was a need," said McDurmon. He said that the Jaycees is a leadership training and service organization. "Our goal is to better our members through leadership training," he said, explaining that the group holds regular seminars on "anything the members want."

The Jaycees are responsible for numerous fundraisers throughout the year. Their biggest and most notable is the haunted houses during Halloween. They are currently working on a golf outing scheduled for July 31 at Mission Hills Golf Course, at Five Mile and Sheldon roads. The outing provides participants with 18 holes of golf, a golf cart and a steak dinner. Other fund-raisers include selling flower flats in the summer and poinsettias in November.

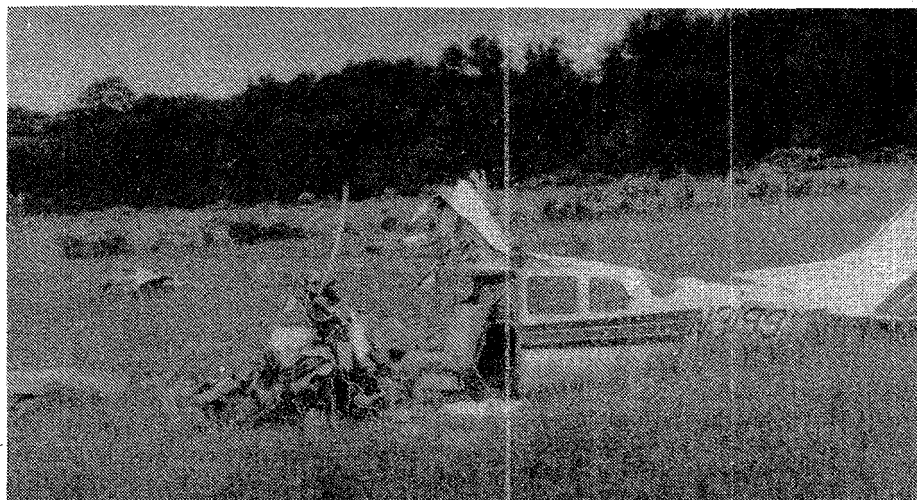
Indiana man killed when plane crashes in Salem Twp.

A small airplane crashed in a field in Salem Township Monday morning. The plane, a Cessna 210, crashed in an open field near the intersection of Brookville and Curtis Roads at 8:45 a.m..

Michigan State Police, Dispatched from Ypsilanti, were the first on the scene.

According to Sargent Richard Hayward of the Michigan State Police, there were witnesses to the crash.

"They (the witnesses) said that they saw the plane circling a field trying to land," Hayward said. "The plane's wing got caught on a fence and it nosed into the ground."



Federal investigators have begun probing the crash of this single-engine plane Monday in Salem Township that resulted in the death of a 67-year-old Indiana man. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

According to Hayward, the unidentified pilot of the plane was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash by the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner.

The identity of the victim, a 67-year-old man from South Bend IN, is being withheld until the next of kin can be notified.

Twp. rejects 1 per cent fee; continues to reduce budget

BY AMY KIDWELL

Plymouth Township residents can rest easy. The township will not be dipping into their pockets this summer.

The Board of Trustees were considering levying a 1 per cent administrative fee to the summer tax bills but unanimously decided against the idea at its last meeting.

"Anyway it's disguised, it's still a tax increase. Everybody says it's only \$40 or \$50, but that's what everybody is telling us today. That's why 50 per cent of my pay is now going toward some sort of taxes," said Trustee Charles Curmi.

In its May newsletter, the township Please see pg. 5

Mettetal: Naming of advisory board will have to wait, Yack says...

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

One of the major points of the state takeover of Mettetal Airport was the formation of a citizen's advisory board. The board would serve as a constant voice for The Community concerning the airport.

But according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, the board will have to wait until later. There are other hurdles to be jumped first.

"There won't be any thought given to the board until the agreement (with the state) is finalized," Yack said.

The agreement, which will set down the state's intentions for the Canton airport, is due to be shown to the board next Tuesday.

According to Yack, when the agreement comes before the board, it will be ready to sign. Canton Township's attorney concerning Mettetal, Andrea Fischer,

has been working with state attorneys since the state decided to buy the airport.

"I can't imagine that we'll (the board) will see anything she hasn't already read,"

One of the points of the agreement was that there would be no state expansion

of the airport without the permission of the township board. The best way to keep the airport the same, according to Yack, is for the public to stay "vigilant."

"For an expansion, there needs to be FAA willingness and state money," he added, "The first two don't seem to be a

problem. But there also needs to be the permission of the board and public consent.

"The public has spoken (about the airport), and if they keep tuned in to what is going on with the airport, things should be all right."

...because contract had to get approved by township first

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

At last night's Canton Township Board meeting, a special formal segment of the meeting was introduced to review and approve the contract binding the state to its promises concerning Mettetal airport.

Andrea Fischer, Canton Township's legal council concerning Mettetal, has been in contact with the state's attorneys ever since the Director of the Michigan

Department of Transportation (MDOT) Pat Nowak announced that the state would purchase the airport.

According to Fischer, the contract was everything Nowak said it would be.

"Everything that he brought up at the meeting is in the contract," Fischer said.

Nowak said that the state would promise not to expand the airport's runway beyond its current length without the

permission of the township, it would limit the hangar space and number of tie-downs, provide for the loss of tax revenues to the township and form a citizen's advisory board to monitor the airport.

Once ratified by the township board, the state can go ahead with the appointment of an operator and the formation of the advisory board.

EPA officials say cleanup going fast as possible

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), cleanup of 3M's dumpsite on Michigan Avenue is going just as fast as health and safety will allow.

According to a report sent out by the EPA, the Roy F. Weston company, who has been contracted to clean the site, is waiting for approval of their excavation procedures before starting in on the removal of the waste.

According to the report, the riverbank

will be stabilized and the waste there removed first. The EPA has also been trying to ascertain whether or not the groundwater in the area has been affected by the waste.

The report also said that the EPA had set up air-quality stations to monitor the content of the air around the site.

Since May, the crews at the site have been doing test trenching to determine the amounts of waste, the composition of the waste and depths at which they are buried.

Another tool being tested at the site is a vapor suppression foam. In keeping with their pledge to make the cleanup as safe and convenient as possible, the foam will be used to keep the amount of potentially dangerous vapor in the air from spreading.

The foam is sprayed over the excavated waste and forms a barrier to keep the vapors from being released.

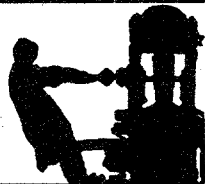
The whole area has been walled off in preparation for the annual "Rouge Rescue" effort so that volunteers will not

wander into the area, according to the EPA.

Trash day delayed

Attention Plymouth Township residents: There will be no trash pickup on Monday due to it being a holiday. Trash pickup will be one day late for the rest of the week.

The city's trash pickup remains the same.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1993

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:33 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the minutes be corrected on page 1, 3rd paragraph, 1st line, by replacing "Mr. Curmi" with "Mrs. Mueller" so the motion reads as follows: "Mrs. Mueller moved to instruct the Township attorney to continue in negotiations with Massey's attorney in an effort to reach a settlement agreement as discussed during the Closed Session Meeting. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote." With that correction, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 1993 Closed Session Meeting as corrected. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi abstaining as he was absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 1993 Regular Meeting as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Supervisor Keen-McCarthy abstaining due to her absence from the meeting.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the June 22, 1993, Regular Meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve Resolution No. 93-06-22-17 for Trillium Woods located south of Ann Arbor Road, north of Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road and east of Westbriar Village Subdivision No. 2 acknowledging that stub roads are not required to the east and to the north. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Arnold moved to reapprove the Final Plat for Woodlore North Subdivision No. 4 located south of Ann Arbor Trail, north of Ann Arbor Road, west of McClumpha Road, east of Beck Road. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to accept the proposal of servicing the proposed Country Club of Plymouth project and surrounding area with a single pump station facility outletting into the Powell Road sewer subject to the approval of the final design by the Township Engineer and subject to the satisfactory resolution of the outstanding issues in the Township Engineer's letter dated June 15, 1993. Supported by Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Curmi moved to table the motion on Item L1 Country Club of Plymouth to the July 20, 1993 Regular Meeting and invite the applicant to attend the July 13, 1993 Study Session Meeting providing them the opportunity to discuss the proposed project and answer the concerns expressed by the Board. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller voting no.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 93-06-22-17 which directs the Township Treasurer to levy a 1% Property Tax Administration Fee on all taxes to be collected from July 1, 1993 through March 1, 1994. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll call:

Ayes: None

Nays: Brooks, Griffith, Curmi, Mueller, Arnold, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Resolution fails.

Ms. Arnold moved to amend the vesting period of the Charter Township of Plymouth defined contribution pension plan for eligible new hires as of April 1, 1993 as follows: 20% vested at completion of 1st year; 40% vested at completion of 2nd year; 60% vested at completion of 3rd year; 80% vested at completion of 4th year; and 100% vested at completion of 5th year and authorize the Administration to negotiate this change in current and future labor contracts as they reopen. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the cooperation agreement between Wayne County and the Charter Township of Plymouth for the Wayne County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program 1994-1996 fiscal year as presented and authorize the Supervisor to sign the cooperation agreement. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy addressed the Board stating that proposals from four police service consultants were received. Following the proposal evaluation and interview process, the Inter-governmental Cooperation Committee unanimously concluded that the best proposal, in terms of background, experience, and conceptualization of the project was Saginaw Valley State University. The bids were as follows:

CMP Associates, Gross Pointe Park, MI	\$ 6,950.00
Criminal Justice Institute, Saginaw Valley State University	\$12,000.00
Criminal Justice Institute, Ferris State University	\$24,528.00
Bartell & Bartell, Ltd., Pennsylvania	\$29,043.50

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 93-06-22-19, in regards to the Inter-Governmental Cooperation Committee to complete a study of Police Consolidation Options and Costs awarding the contract to the Criminal Justice Institute of Saginaw Valley State University in the amount \$12,000.00, with a total cost of \$2,400.00 to Plymouth Township as the five member communities (townships of Canton, Plymouth, Northville and cities of Plymouth and Northville) will share the cost equally. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll call:

Ayes: Griffith, Curmi, Arnold, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: Brooks

Resolution Adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to grant the request from Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. financial support in the amount of \$50.00. Supported by Mrs. Mueller.

Mr. Griffith and Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked that they be excused from voting as they are members of the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc.

Ms. Arnold moved to grant Mr. Griffith's request to abstain from voting on the request for financial support from the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with one no vote. Motion fails with one no vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to grant the request of Supervisor Keen-McCarthy to abstain from voting on the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc.'s request for financial support. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with one no vote. Motion fails with one no vote.

The vote was taken on the request from the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Inc. for financial support. Nays all on a roll call vote. Motion fails.

Mr. Anulewicz addressed the Board requesting a Public Hearing date be established for the Arbor Village Subdivision Paving Project.

The following bids were received:

Barrett Paving	\$67,520.50
Thompson McCully	\$75,981.00
Ajax Paving	\$77,101.80
Detroit Concrete Products	\$88,295.00
ABC Paving	\$96,346.50

Mrs. Mueller moved that the contract for the Arbor Village Subdivision S.A.D. Paving Project be conditionally awarded to Barrett Paving in the amount of \$67,520.50 contingent upon the passage of the Hearing of Assessment, subject to the thirty (30) day appeal process and further moved to approve Resolution No. 93-06-22-20 scheduling Hearing of Assessment for Arbor Village Subdivision S.A.D. Paving Project for July 20, 1993. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that The Selective Group has purchased the 17 acres of land next to the Plymouth Township Park. Ten acres will be developed and the remaining 7 acres will be deeded to the Township Park.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy thanked Waste Management for the donation of two park benches and Sun Plastic Coating for their continuing support which ables the Township to purchase 360 10" rainbow trout for the Township Park lake. She further recognized the police officers and dispatcher that received letters of appreciation.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Ms. Arnold to move into Closed Session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation - Massey vs. Charter Township of Plymouth.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (e)

and to discuss Contract Negotiations.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act. No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, paragraph (c).

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Ms. Arnold to return to the regular meeting at 11:48 p.m. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk

Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on June 22, 1993. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on July 20, 1993.

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Officer injured when driver rams patrol car on Ford Road

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had to use the jaws of life to pull the officer from his car. The driver of the Explorer was thrown from his car on impact.

According to police reports, he was airlifted to University of Michigan

Hospital at Ann Arbor. He is listed in critical condition.

The Michigan State Police, who are handling the investigation, will be checking the blood alcohol level of the driver of the Explorer to determine whether or not alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Twp. rejects 1 per cent fee plan

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projected a 1994 budget deficit of \$346,700. The 1 per cent fee would have raised a net amount of \$390,000.

Other budget cutting options that the newsletter noted were eliminating two police positions, reducing expenses in each department, reducing pension contri-

butions to non-union employees and closing fire station No. 3.

According to Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, the current board has already saved about \$700,000 largely due to the hiring freeze. "If we continue on the path we're going now, we may not have to look (cut) at any of them."



Public notices

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of June 28, 1993

The meeting was held at the Salem High School Auditorium with approximately 2,000 citizens in attendance. President Thomas moved Citizen Comments to the beginning of the meeting to better accommodate the audience.

Under Citizen Comments, Jim Vassallo stated that representatives of each cocurricular activity were present to show the Board their support for holding another millage election in August. Representatives from more than 45 cocurricular groups stood and identified themselves.

Vassallo stated that this coalition raised \$5,000 for the Citizens' Election Committee and collected 4,207 signatures thus far in support of an August election. On behalf of the coalition, he asked the Board to put a request for four additional mills on the ballot on August 17. He also asked that the school buildings be open this summer so that students from the various fall activities would have an opportunity to practice.

Gary Moeller, University of Michigan football coach, addressed the Board and stressed the importance of all extra-curricular activities. Rich Hewlitt, an alumnus of Salem High School, stated that the cocurricular activities he participated in at Salem helped him to go on to U of M to play football and eventually receive a law degree. Student Loren Gross presented 1,600 signatures by students who were in support of holding another election in August.

Liz Hoffman and Pat Liljestrand, co-chairs of the Citizens' Election Committee, stated that the committee would like the Board to place four additional mills on the ballot in August. They noted that community support is present for the election.

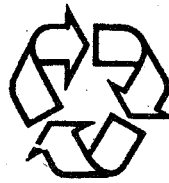
Warren Miller stated that he does not want to be faced with another election in two years. Dennis Shrewsbury urged the Board to consider placing four mills on the ballot. He noted that without use of the school buildings, such groups as the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation, Plymouth Township Park and Recreation and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra would not be able to operate. He stated that he will ask the Plymouth City Commission to pass a resolution in support of the millage.

Dan Moritz stressed the importance of cocurricular activities and stated that they give students an opportunity to do something positive. Kathy Maki asked the Board to reconsider cutting such programs and services as elementary counselors and the Student Services Center. Theresa Stankiewicz asked the Board if they had an alternate plan, such as pay-to-play, if an August election is held.

Susan Feiten said the Board needs to look at why people voted "no" in the June 14 election and that the Board should consider this before holding another election. Ted Bohlen said the District should take the State to court in order to receive all of the funding to which the District is entitled.

Dave Cook asked the Board to ask for only 2 additional mills in a special election. Dale Engel said the Board should cut salaries and benefits, rather than cut cocurricular activities. Steve Schumacher and Rockland Johnson of the Salem football team addressed the Board. They said the dedication learned through participating in sports leads to achieving goals and being successful.

Following the Citizen Comments, the Board voted to hold a special election on August 17, 1993 to ask voters to approve four additional mills.



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A public hearing was held on Truth-In-Taxation and the proposed 1993-94 budget. Superintendent Hoben noted that, by law, the district is required to have a balanced budget by July 1 of each year, although the State Aid Act, the SEV, the millage rate, and the number of students in school next year are still unknown.

- Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations, reviewed:
- the proposed General Operating Fund, which includes expenditures of \$77,611,385, revenues of \$77,497,000 and a fund balance of \$324,677.
 - the proposed Federal/Project Fund, which includes revenue of \$2,058,000, expenditures of \$2,638,000 and General Match Fund of \$580,000.
 - the proposed debt retirement fund, which includes revenues of \$5,333,124, expenditures of \$5,181,617, and a fund balance of \$125,352.
 - the proposed Food Service Fund, which includes revenues of \$2,393,892 and expenditures of \$2,393,892.
 - the proposed Community Services Fund, with revenues of \$896,000 and expenditures of \$896,000.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations, stated that this budget reflects the cuts established by the Board. He indicated that state revenue is anticipated to be \$2,703,000 less than 1992-93.

The Board discussed the proposed budget, which was voted on and approved.

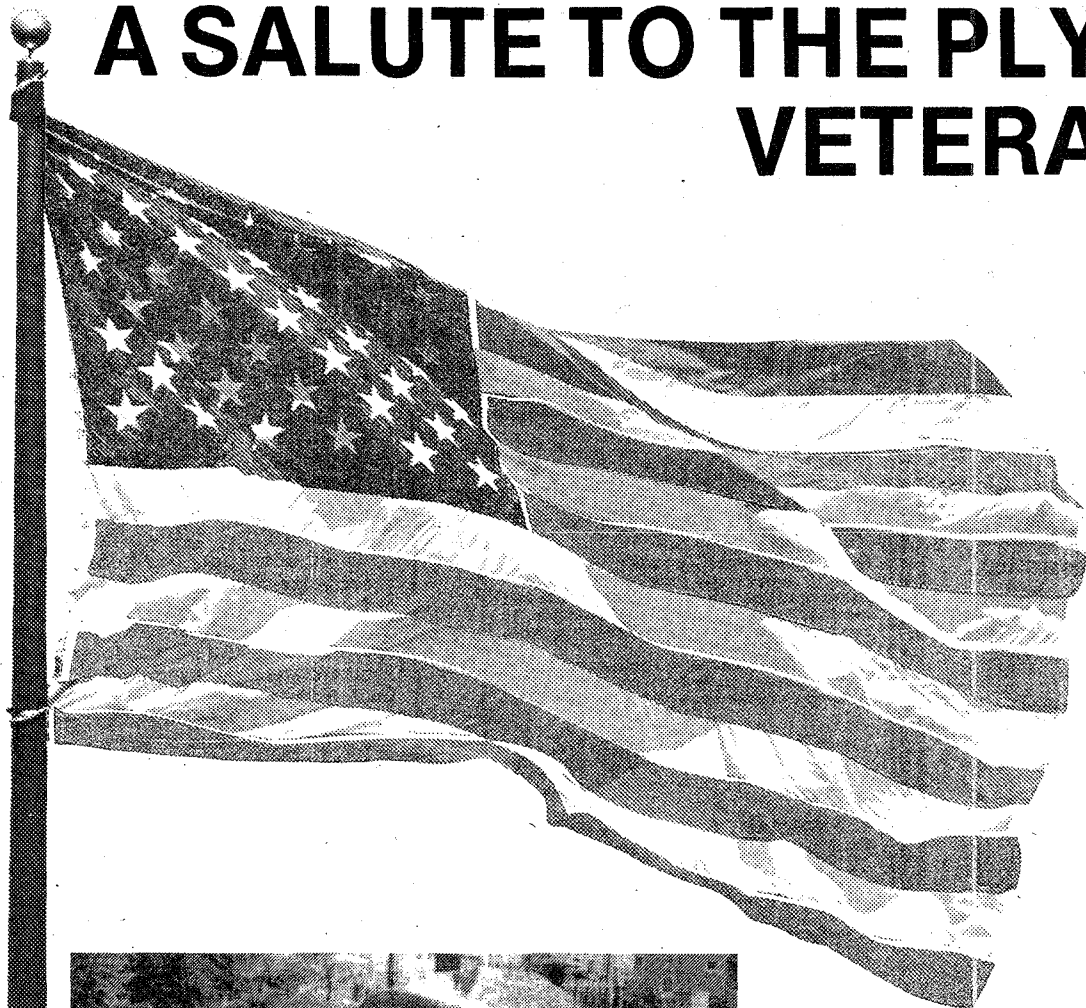
The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$4,530,531.54.
 - the leave of Magdalene Nemeč and retirements of Richard Egner, Nancy D'Hulst, Donald Helm and Lloyd Leach.
 - the recall of 10 certified staff out of the 86 pinked slipped.
- The Board approved:
- the recall of six administrators out of the 15 pink slipped.
 - the contracts for furnishings for Bentley and Tonda Elementary Schools to Dew-El Corporation and McDonald's & Company.
 - the summer tax levy of one-half of school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District beginning July 1, 1993 at a rate of 17.8554 mills (16.6554 mills for Operation and 1.20 mills for Debt Retirement.)
 - an agreement with Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc. for the purpose of replacing the current tower behind the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletic field stands.
 - the contract for a voice video and data network to Michigan Bell Communications, as a part of the 1991 Bond Project.
 - the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc. membership for the year August 1, 1993 through July 31, 1994.
 - the second and final posting of procedure number 3202.3, regarding the placement of foreign exchange students.

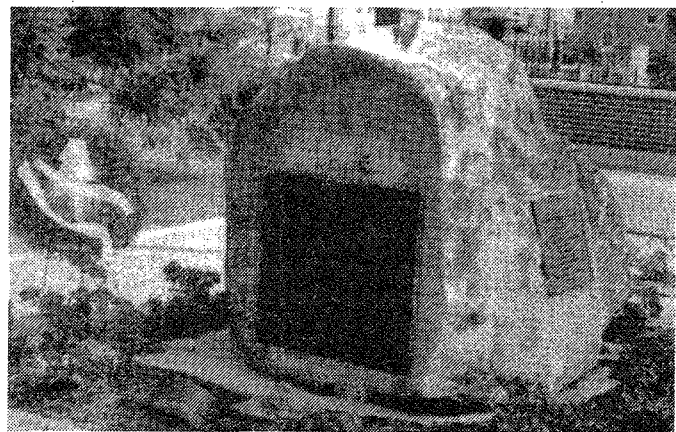
The Board will hold a workshop on Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth. The Board will hold its annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

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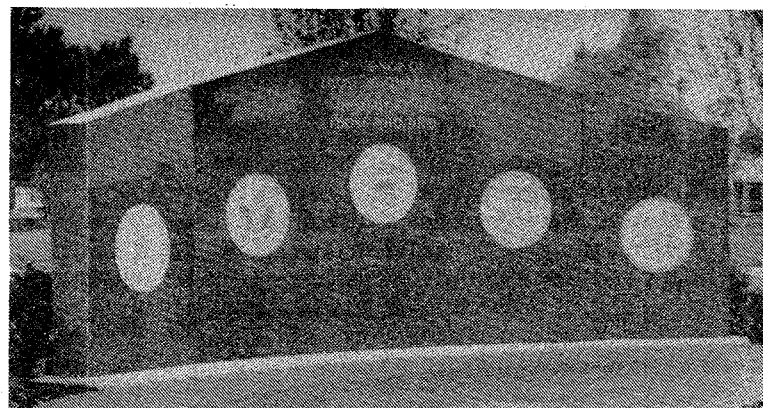
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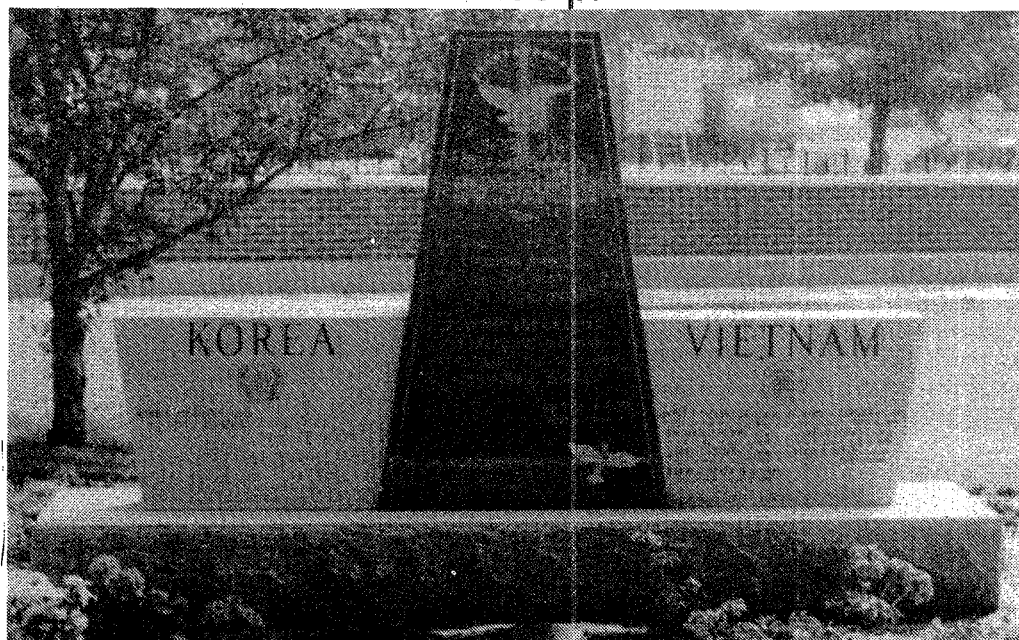


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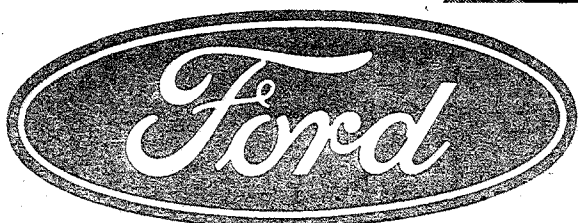
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Engagements & weddings

Taylor, McMullen choose Oct.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Taylor, of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Grace of Plymouth to Joel Eugene McMullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. McMullen of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1979 graduate of John Glenn High School and attended Olivet Nazarene University. The groom-elect is a 1972 graduate of Plymouth High School, attended Henry Ford College and is employed with Ford Motor Company.

The couple will be married on Sweetest Day, October 16, 1993 at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene where they met.

Joel E. McMullen, Lisa Grace Taylor

Bunyea, Gurk wed in June

A June wedding was planned for Barbara Ann Bunyea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bunyea of Plymouth, and Christopher Gurk, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gurk of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Josephine Schlicht of Munith.

She is a graduate of Plymouth High School and is employed at North American Photo. He is a graduate of Dexter High School and employed at Glen-Ann Towing.



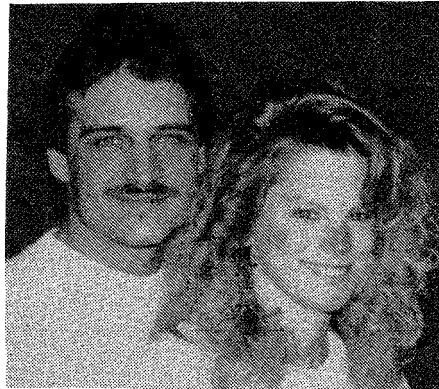
Christopher Gurk, Barbara Bunyea

Andersen, Case wed in Southgate

Andrea Lea Andersen, daughter of Tom and Carol Andersen of Canton, and Craig Neal Case, son of Sterling and Nancy Case of Flat Rock, planned a June wedding at the Trinity Wesleyan Church in Southgate.

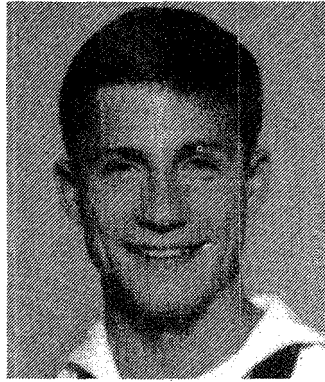
The bride is alumni of Canton High School and a student at Henry Ford Community College. She is also employed at Oakbrook Commons in Dearborn.

He is a graduate of Woodhaven High School, Ferris State University and Eastern Michigan University and a teacher at Taylor Career Center.



Craig Case and Andrea Andersen

Richardson, Goetsch plan to wed



Scott Richardson
and
Sarah Goetsch



A July wedding is planned for Scott Richardson, son of Catherine and Michael Richardson of Plymouth, and Sarah Goetsch, daughter of Justine Goetsch and John K. Gregory of Seattle, WA.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Canton High School and is an aviation electronics technician in the U.S. Navy.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Clover Park High School in Tacoma, WA.

Woman arraigned by feds

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A hoax involving a syringe and a can of Diet Pepsi came a step closer to its final conclusion as a Plymouth Township woman faced a U.S. Attorney.

Lynette King was arraigned on Federal product tampering charges last Wednesday in Detroit.

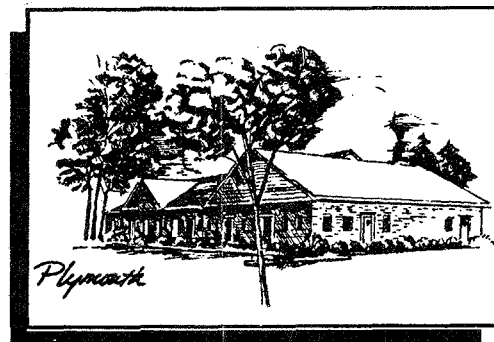
"The official charges were 'Knowingly

communicating information that a consumer product had been tainted...," said Sam Hutchings, media spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's office.

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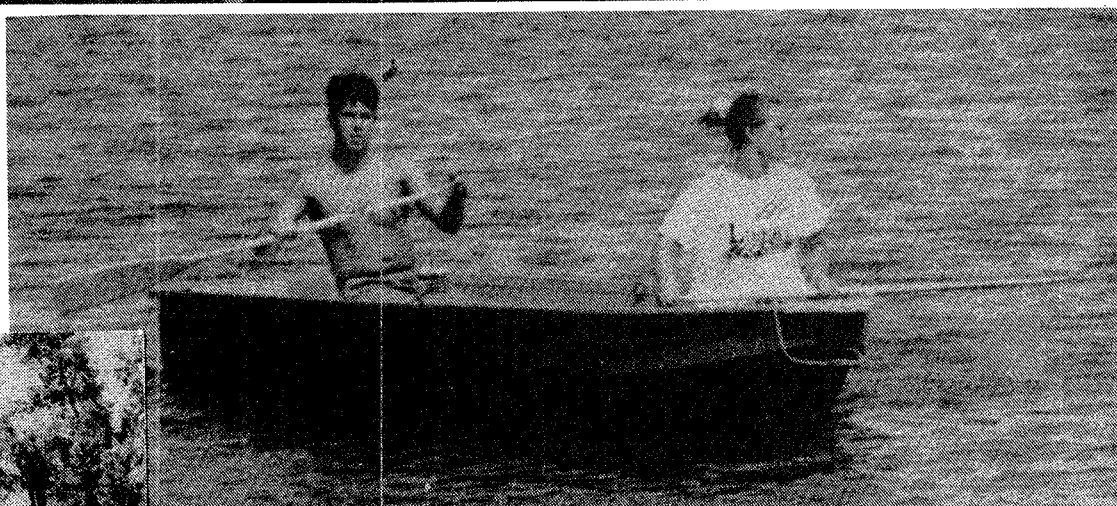
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Liberty Fest '93

Some came for the cars, some came for the crafts — and others just came to ride the rides.



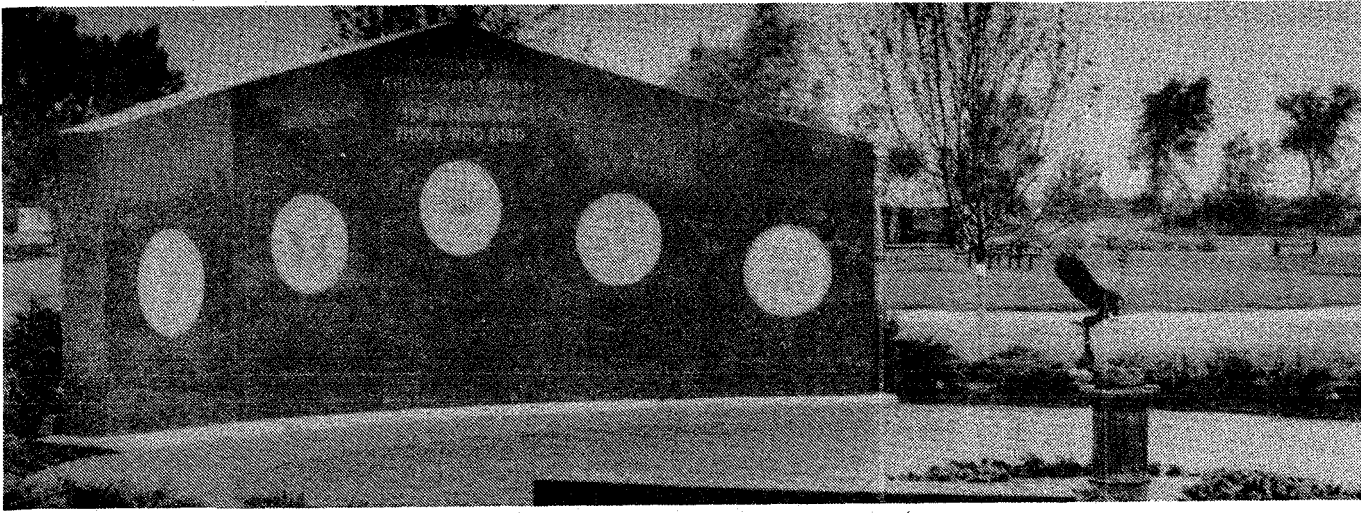
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Nicole Bosse and Mark Erikson enjoy the Liberty Fest from a waterside view.



The Senior Kitchen band played to a capacity crowd on Sunday.



The new Canton Veteran's Memorial stands quiet after being officially dedicated during the weekend festivities surrounding the township's Liberty Fest.



Moose and Da Sharks (far left) played their oldies rock to a rain-diminished crowd Saturday — but the weather didn't completely dampen weekend spirits.



Glen Bentleman of Belleville looks at the odometer of a 1967 red Camaro on the shores of Heritage Park pond.

Canton's Liberty Fest 1993 a success, despite rain

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Last weekend, the second annual Canton Liberty Fest was a big success. With unofficial reports in, the total draw of the weekend event was near 40,000 festgoers.

According to Marianne Stewart of Canton Parks and Recreation, the fireworks were the big attraction.

"The police department gave us their rough figures for the fest," Stewart said. "About 40,000 people showed up."

"They also said that between 20,000 and 25,000 came to watch the fireworks alone."

Stewart said that there was "a little" parking problem, but that "it's good in this case to be short on parking."

According to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, you couldn't tell the crowd was going to be good by Friday's draw.

"The rain kind of kept the crowds down," Yack said. "I had a joke with Bob Dates about how few people showed up for the Friday night concert. Gee, thanks for a private concert."

Friday's weather aside, the rest of the weekend was great business for the Liberty Fest.

"There were big crowds during the

day," Yack said. "And they were huge for the fireworks."

"The kid's midway said they did 25 per cent of their total business after 6 p.m. on Saturday," Yack said. "McDonald's and the other food vendors said they could barely keep up with the demand."

Yack also said that the various attractions at the Liberty Fest (art booths, crafts sales, and the car show) did very

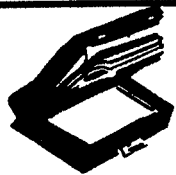
well. According to his figures, with the exception of the fireworks, Sunday was as well-attended as Saturday.

He said that the Liberty Fest Committee will be meeting later in the year to make decisions about next year's Liberty Fest.

"They'll be looking into how they can fine tune the Fest," he said.



The Canont Place Seniors' bake sale gave the Liberty Fest a homestyle flavor.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Plymouth-based company R.A. DeMattia Company announced last week the rededication of the Washtenaw Business Park at I-94 and Huron Street in Ypsilanti.

The 393 acre development currently houses a Radisson Hotel, golf course and an Eastern Michigan University conference center.

Lots are being sold to accommodate light industrial, retail office space and high tech businesses.

DeMattia is teaming up with Signature Associates and the Morgan-Mitsubishi Company to sell and develop the property.

Plymouth businessman Robert A. DeMattia is one of 12 appointees chosen by Governor Engler to serve on the Michigan Jobs Commission.

The commission's task is to keep jobs in Michigan, create new jobs, and train the workforce for the future.

Going once, twice...SOLD!

Highland auctions off \$8.5 million in stock, equipment

"That's all there is; there isn't any more."

—Ethyl Barrymore

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Highland has been singing its swansong in the form of a public auction since Saturday and, as of tomorrow, we will have heard the last gasp of the once mighty appliance retailer.

The auction, held at Highland's warehouse and office facility on Sheldon Road in Plymouth is run by California's Great American Auctioneers & Liquidators, Inc. They've offered a reported \$8.5 million in total asset valuation to eager bargain hunters and businesspeople alike.

All items were sold "as is, where is, with all faults," a point that the auctioneers made repeatedly to purchasers over the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday saw an estimated \$1.5 million worth of retail merchandise auctioned. The items were floor samples, customer returns, unclaimed repairs and cosmetic flaws.



The public had a unique opportunity to see a side of Highland Appliance that the company probably never wanted them to see over the weekend when an auction was held to liquidate company equipment and leftover retail merchandise. (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin)

Randy Frick, a buyer for American Hotel Salvage Co., spent \$15,000 of his \$50,000 budget Saturday, and said he'd probably wipe out the remainder Sunday.

"I go to a lot of auctions," he said, "and these guys (auctioneers) are good." He also noted that there were fewer business buyers than expected.

"I thought there'd be more big guys here, and I thought there'd be more people."

Frick estimated the crowd at 150 people each day, but added that the merchandise was going fast.

Pete, a Canton resident, bought two televisions and two VCRs at a "reasonable" price, but said it's a coin toss. "You don't know if you got a good deal until you take it home and plug it in."

Terry Woosley of Redford Township bought two cellular phones, and said that

items went for 20 to 50 cents on the dollar.

Auctioneer Brian Myers said that his company has been cataloging, cleaning, sorting and lotting for the last two months, and said that by Thursday, everything will be gone.

"We spent two months preparing, we'll spend six days selling, and two weeks cleaning out."

Myers said that other non-retail auction items include office furniture, video editing equipment, semi-trailers, warehouse equipment and more than \$1 million worth of service parts.

Highland Appliance had 100 stores at one time, and sold most new merchandise to competitor ABC Warehouse months ago in an agreement to liquidate assets. This auction is one of the final steps in the dissolution of the retailer.

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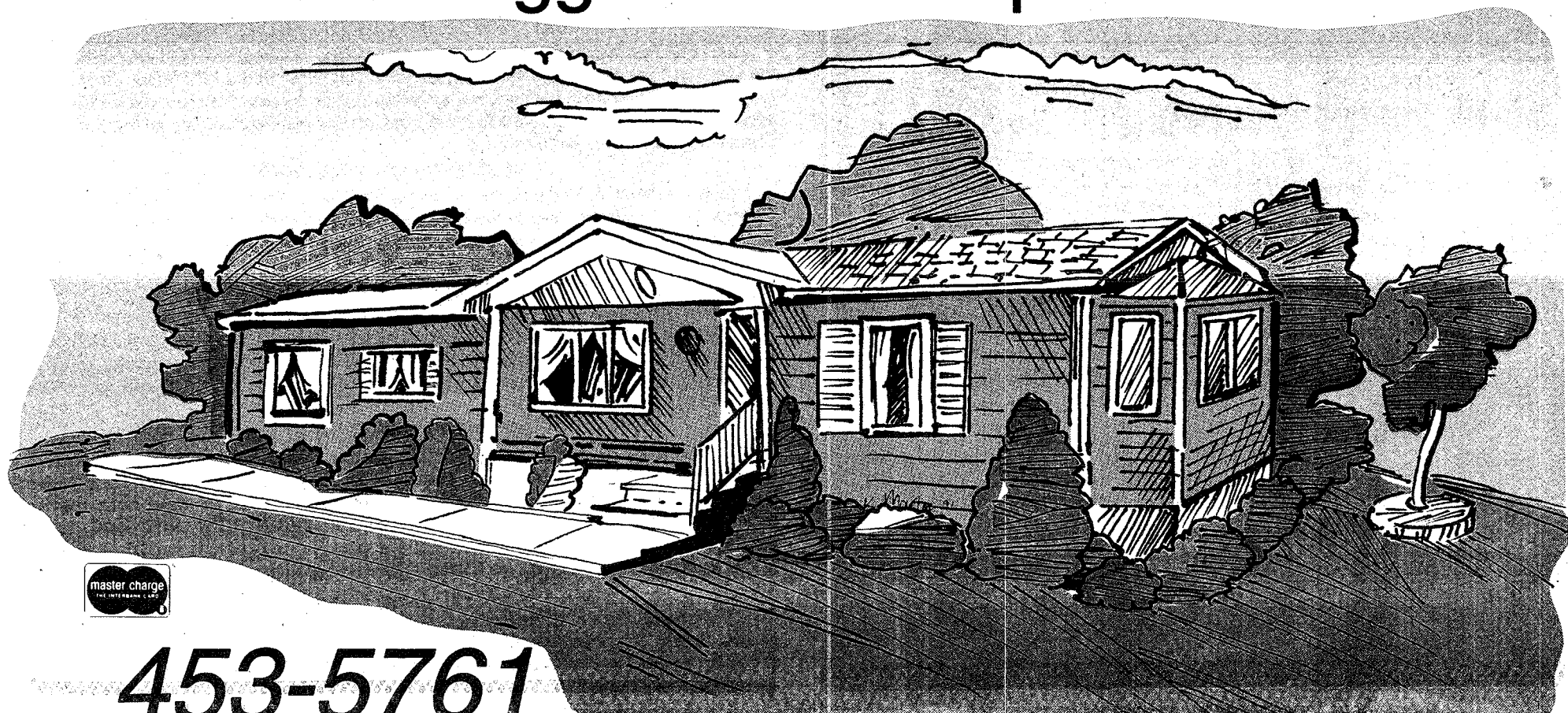
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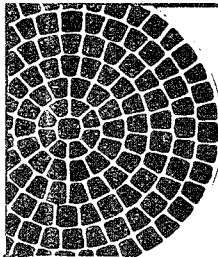

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AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS FOR SALE

Canton Parks and Recreation is offering discount tickets to area amusement parks and attractions. They will be available for sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 397-5110.

CANTON CRICKETS

Canton Crickets, a preschool program that offers crafts, games, story time and special events for children ages 3 and 4, runs from July 6 through August 12. To register for the program or for more information, call 397-5110.

FUN WITH INSECTS

Explore the world of insects with your children or just for your own enjoyment. Participants will learn how to find, identify, mount, and explore the insect world in your backyard. Participants must be at least 8 years of age. For reservations call Kris Broderick at 464-3616.

BOYCHOIR ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor, now preparing for its eighth season, announces auditions for places in the choir. Parents of boys aged 8 to 13 are invited to arrange for an audition by appointment with the director, Dr. Thomas F. Strode. Call 485-1534 before July 15 to arrange for an audition.

MUSIC IN THE PARK 1993

The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins its summer session by announcing a series of free Wednesday afternoon concerts in Kellogg Park. Performances will run through Aug. 18. The Penniman Deli will sell hot dogs and pop. Be sure to show up early to get good seats.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

Registrations are being accepted for summer classes at New Morning School in Plymouth Township. Classes are open to children age 3 to 14 years. Students choose from a variety of classes and subjects. For further information, call 420-3331.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The combined classes of Canton and Salem is holding its five year reunion on August 7. The party will be held at the State Theatre in downtown Detroit. For tickets and information, write: Class of 1988 Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 700091, Plymouth, MI 48170-0942.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to drive cancer patients living in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties to and from medical facilities. If you have a car and are willing to offer some of your time, please call the patient Services Department at 1-800-925-2271.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to assist in the Patient Service office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5 pm Monday-Friday, in its Southfield Office. If you could spare one morning or afternoon a week, they could use your help. Call 1-800-925-2271 for more information.

ANNUAL VFW JULY FOURTH CHICKEN BBQ

The VFW Post No. 6695, with the Ladies Auxiliary assisting, will hold its annual July 4th Chicken BBQ at the Post picnic grounds and hall, 1426 South Mill Street, from noon to 4 p.m. The \$4.50 price includes half a chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and beverage. Proceeds from the annual affair are used for various Post service projects in The Community and for the building fund.

SUMPTER COUNTRY FEST

Sumpter Township, in the southwest corner of Wayne County is hosting the Sumpter Country Fest from July 14 to July 18. Main events are Figure 8 and demolition derbies, chili cookoff, carnival, six free bands, casino, bingo, beer tent, arts and crafts, food booths, Classic Rock Showdown and the "Bush Hog" monster truck rides. Call 461-6201 for more details.

CATHOLIC EXPOSE'

On July 13 at 7:30 p.m., the Resurrection Parish will host an expose' on the Catholic Faith at 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 150 in Canton. For more information, call Fr. Dick during the day at 981-6600 (except Wednesdays). In the evenings, call Jeanne at 453-4573 or Pat at 453-4052.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara announced that the county health department would be providing free nutritious lunches to children who receive such lunches during the school year. The lunches will be at 41 locations this year. Local distribution will be at Canton Commons at 1568 Stacy through Aug. 27. The meals are not only for children but also for people over 18 who are mentally or physically handicapped. For further information, call the Wayne County Office on nutrition at 467-3481.

CLASS OF 1969 PICNIC

The Plymouth High School class of 1969 will hold its annual picnic July 17 beginning at noon. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. For location and reservation information, call Karry Eckles Lancaster at 455-4268.

School board sets new vote

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ers submitted more than 1,600 student signatures — all asking for a new election.

"The day after the election, our phones began ringing," said Pat Liljestrand, one of the citizen co-chairs of the election committee. "And the people were asking us that we go back again.

"We found out that there were some who hadn't voted because they hadn't realized the importance of the issue; and we learned of others who had voted no because they hadn't understood what the cuts would be."

That view was shared by Thomas the morning after: "The kind of feedback we're getting (from voters) is that 'we didn't believe you were going to do what you said you were going to do' — it was a basic distrust of the board.

"But now we're also hearing that there are a number of people who voted no (on June 14) who would now vote yes.

"I think the key is that people want to make sure that this (election) isn't just for athletics."

Saying he was pleased with the turnout and enthusiasm of the night before, Thomas said the call for a new election centered on needs that transcended mere athletics:

"It's about counselors, media specialists, all co-curriculars, the opening of two schools — and reducing our class sizes to manageable levels.

"It's about the education of our kids."
Jim Vassallo, leader of the Marching

Workshop is July 7

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will hold a special workshop session next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the board office.

Band Boosters and choreographer of the massive show of support during the meeting, told the board that the bottom line message from the coalition of groups was that "we want the board to put the issue back on the ballot Aug. 17."

In addition, he said, "we want the board to see that we've showed our support, now we want you to support us."

At that point, each of the 50-plus groups was introduced one-by-one — beginning with Plymouth-Canton softball, and ending with the marching band.

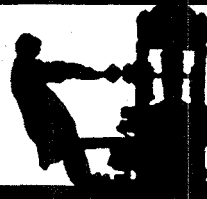
Board OKs budget

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administrators, nine clerical positions, 14 educational aides and 13 custodial positions.

As a result, the total of reductions offsets the increases in such a way that the overall 1993-94 budget increases only 1.1 per cent from the current year's figures.

As part of the 60-page budget summary released to the press Monday night, the board again listed the \$4.6 million in budget cuts made necessary by the defeat of a 4-mill property tax increase on June 14.



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Revenue Sources:			
July 1, 1991 thru June 30, 1992			
Property Tax Revenues		\$642,388	
Interest Income		29,639	
Other Income		6,905	
Total Revenues Fiscal 1991-92		\$678,932	\$678,932
Less Expenditures:			
July 1, 1991 thru June 30, 1992			
Personnel		\$2,123	
Contractual Services		381,146	
Administration Charges		25,000	
Bond Debt Service		172,205	
Other Expenses		9,786	
Total Expenditures Fiscal 1991-92		\$590,260	(590,260)
			\$88,672
Balance Fwd. June 30, 1991			550,630
Cash Balance June 30, 1992			\$639,302
Assessed Value of Downtown Development Area:			
Initial Assessed		1991-92 Assessed	
Value of Area (83 & 87)		Value of Area	
Real Property	\$9,979,350	Real Property	\$5,499,830
CFT/Act 255	632,630	CFT/Act 255	803,605
Personal Property	1,149,510	Personal Property	1,154,890
Total	\$11,761,490	Total	\$7,458,325
Tax Increments Received:			
Total amount accumulated thru June 30, 1992			\$2,344,872
Source: Audit 1991-92			

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Voter survey confirms suspicions about election

BY CRAIG FARRAND

In a serious game of 20 questions, Plymouth-Canton School District officials are in the process of tabulating the responses to a scientific phone survey that, they hope, will give clues on how to conduct a successful millage campaign for Aug. 17.

Monday night, the school board OK'd holding the August election in a second attempt to receive voter approval of a 4-mill tax increase proposal.

Without the additional \$8 million generated by the millage, district officials are left with a reduced operating budget the board also approved at Monday's meeting.

According to Richard Egli, the district's associate director for community relations, early indications from the survey conducted last week seem to confirm some suspicions of district officials when it came to why voters may have said no to the 4-mill increase.

"We're trying to categorize those four or five areas right now," he said, "but they include things like taxes in general and how the district's money is being used."

Egli also said that he and other administrators suspected that some voters may not know the difference between bond issues and millages — and said the results seemed to bear that out.

"These are all preliminary indications,

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but it looks like about 15 per cent said they didn't know the difference, and if 15 per cent said outright that they didn't know, there are certainly more who didn't know but wouldn't admit it."

Egli said the results would probably not be completed until later this week.

One area of disappointment, Egli said, was that the overall theme of the millage election campaign — "Q² = Quality Education and a Quality Community" — seemed to have missed its mark.

"I didn't see anybody off quality of their homes or the quality of the district as a reason they voted yes; that means it's clear we didn't get across our theme.

"But since we're still compiling the results, it's too early to say that for sure."

Pat Liljestrand, a citizen co-chair of

the millage committee who helped conduct the phone survey, said her gut feeling was that voters said no because all taxes were too high.

In addition, she said that other issues leading to no votes seemed to be the confusion over Proposal A, the feeling that teachers wages were too high and that there was a general lack of trust of government.

Concerning any new millage try, Liljestrand said her committee would be better prepared the next time, and would

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Thomas counters Vorva remarks; lawmaker responds

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Angered over published comments by state Rep. Jerry Vorva, Plymouth-Canton school board President Roland Thomas has issued a "public challenge" to the lawmaker to show how he would cut 30 per cent out of the district's budget.

Referring to the recent millage election that resulted in rejection of a 4-mill tax increase proposal, Vorva was quoted in last week's Crier as saying "I could run that district without those 4 mills; I could run it with 10 less mills."

Yesterday, following the board's Monday night approval of an Aug. 17 vote on the same 4 mills, Thomas said he was "disappointed that Jerry Vorva made these statements; they're irresponsible

and nonsensical."

"It looks like he's playing to the public again — and if that's the kind of leadership (he's offering) in Lansing, then maybe it's time for another change."

Reached in Lansing early Tuesday afternoon, Vorva reiterated his contention, clarifying only that he meant the 10 mills to include the additional 4 mills being sought by the district.

Although he said that some of his ideas required "an historical perspective," Vorva's list of ideas for reducing expenses began with re-examining employee contracts, specifically, he said, "the 25 per cent raises the teachers have gotten over the past four years."

"I would have cut those in half."

And in today's budget, Vorva said he never would have given the teachers the 3 per cent increase they received earlier this year.

"I get the feeling," he said, "that teachers think for some reason that they're better than us.

"It reminds me of 'Animal Farm' — that we're all equal, only the pigs are just more equal."

In terms of long-range goals, the first-term lawmaker said he would combine the Plymouth-Canton and Northville school districts so as to make one district "the size of Livonia."

"And then I would cut administrative staff and save hundreds of thousands of

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Community deaths

Shirak, 70, homemaker

Geraldine R. Shirak of Westland, died June 5, 1993, at the age of 70. Born July 5, 1922, in Detroit, she is survived by her daughters, Michelle Tucker and Lynnette Novak, both of Canton; a son, the Rev. Daniel, of Taylor; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two siblings.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church in Redford, with the Right Rev. Panoyot Pamakov officiating. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Ayotte, 83, homemaker

Hazel D. Ayotte of Northville died June 7, 1993, at the age of 83. Mrs. Ayotte, who was preceded in death by her husband, Belton, and a daughter, Isabell, is survived by sons, Harold and Donald; daughters Lillian Alvarez and Janet Derr; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville, with the Rev. Ernest Pocari officiating.

Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Fauer, 72, homemaker

Faith J. Fauer of Westland died June 1, 1993, at the age of 72. Mrs. Fauer, who was born Jan. 3, 1921, in Muskegon, was preceded in death by her husband, Julius, in 1983.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Mitchell; sons Frank and Eugene; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

Ruark, 81, former teacher

Helen R. Ruark, a teacher for 27 years in the Romulus School District, died June 5, 1993, at the age of 81. Mrs. Ruark, who was born March 3, 1912, in Detroit, was preceded in death by her husband, Hillery, and a son, Rex.

She is survived by daughter, Joanne Stewart; sons Donald, Richard and John; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a sister; and two brothers.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. J. Jeffrey Bemederfer officiating. Interment was at Coburn Cemetery in Eckerman, MI.

Reeves, 96, retired teacher

Lucille M. Reeves, a former Plymouth resident and retired school teacher, died June 11, 1993, one day after her 96th birthday. Born June 10, 1897, in Nebraska, Mrs. Reeves moved to The Plymouth Community in 1936 and was a teacher and principal in the Livonia School District.

She was also a member of the National Retired Teachers Association, the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine.

Services for Mrs. Reeves, who is survived by three nieces and three nephews, were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Carrier, 65, church member

Margaret E. Carrier of Redford, a homemaker and member of the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, died June 9, 1993, at the age of 65.

Born Dec. 14, 1927, in Detroit, Mrs. Carrier is survived by daughters Linda Arnold and Diane Dosey; sons David and Timothy; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters; and one brother.

Private services were arranged by Schrader Funeral Home. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

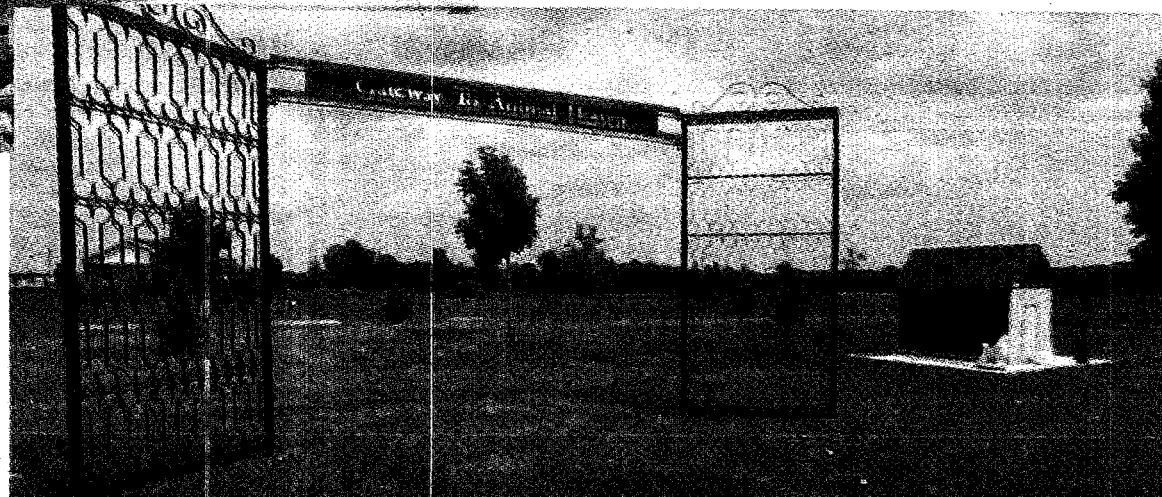
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SAAB cars challenge driver skills

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said Morton, a couple days after the race from Corvette's Inc., his business in Pontiac. "I'm not used to not finishing."

It was Morton's second time in a Saab car and his first appearance in Detroit.

"I wanted to do well on Friday." With friends and family coming down to see him race, the 10 minutes he was on the track was a disappointment.

"I hoped it would be a big stepping stone in my career."

But all was not lost for Morton, he was spotted by heads of Indy racing and he has made an impression, even though the weekend didn't go the way he would have liked.

The Saab series racing differs from Indy racing in that all cars are the same. Every vehicle is mechanically identical from engine spark plugs to oil to tires. The competition is not between who can fix a car to race the fastest, but rather who can drive a specific car the fastest.

Fear is the biggest milestone for every driver to overcome, according to Morton.

"Every driver is afraid to crash," said Morton. "If you're a racer and say you're not afraid of a crash, you're either a liar or an idiot. You don't think about it, or worry about it, but everyone is afraid."

Morton, formerly of Plymouth, now makes his home in West Bloomfield with his wife Krista and daughter Samantha, 4-1/2.

Local business owners helped Morton take another step toward achieving his racing career goal by sponsoring him in the race. Jim Courtney, Remerica Real Estate in Plymouth; Jerry Ruggirello, Infinity Homes in Plymouth; Marco Pesce, Italia Jewelry in Livonia; Chuck Herr, American Drive Line in Detroit; and The Post Bar in Detroit.

Morton graduated from Spenard David Racing School outside Toronto, in

1987, finishing first in his class. Later that year he finished first in the preliminary run-offs to earn the title "Rookie of the Year." In 1989 he ran in the championship race series and finished fifth out of 46 drivers.

Morton finds racing the Saab cars a real challenge because all cars are equal, it's driver against driver, not car against car.

His car is leased and fitted to him. The pedals, seat, shifter and pads are where he wants them. The 6-0, 195 pound racer would like to drop his weight to 175-180 range, because each 10 pounds is another 1/10-second added to his time.

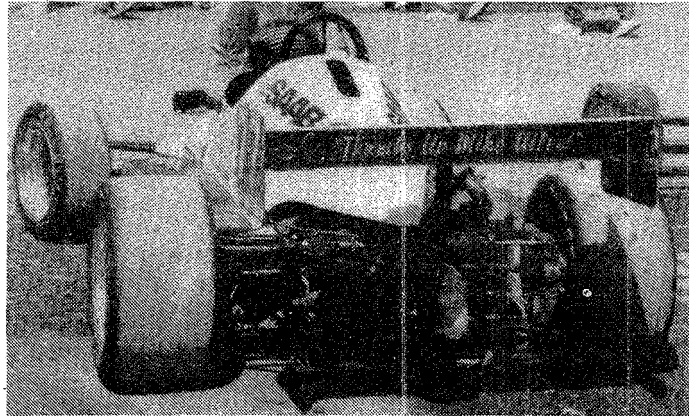
To get his weight down, Morton has

stopped drinking pop and alcohol and has started a low fat diet, for which he's shed 13 pounds.

"I will be back next year," said Morton. With the announcement of the Saab race made for 1994, Morton is preparing for next year.

He learned a few lessons during the 1993 Detroit Grand Prix. He knows he was pushing his car to hard Saturday to make up for the mechanical problems on Friday. A mistake he'll avoid next year.

His racing goals are to compete next year in the Saab and to eventually move up to the Indy Lights and then Indy cars.



SAAB race car used by former Plymouth resident Jeff Morton in the Grand Prix (Crier photo provided by Jeff Morton).

Plymouth Kicks end season on a positive note

It was an award winning year for the '83 Plymouth Kick under-10 select team. The squad captured it's fourth consecutive regular season championship with a 7-1-0 record. The Kicks claimed six shutouts in eight games this season.

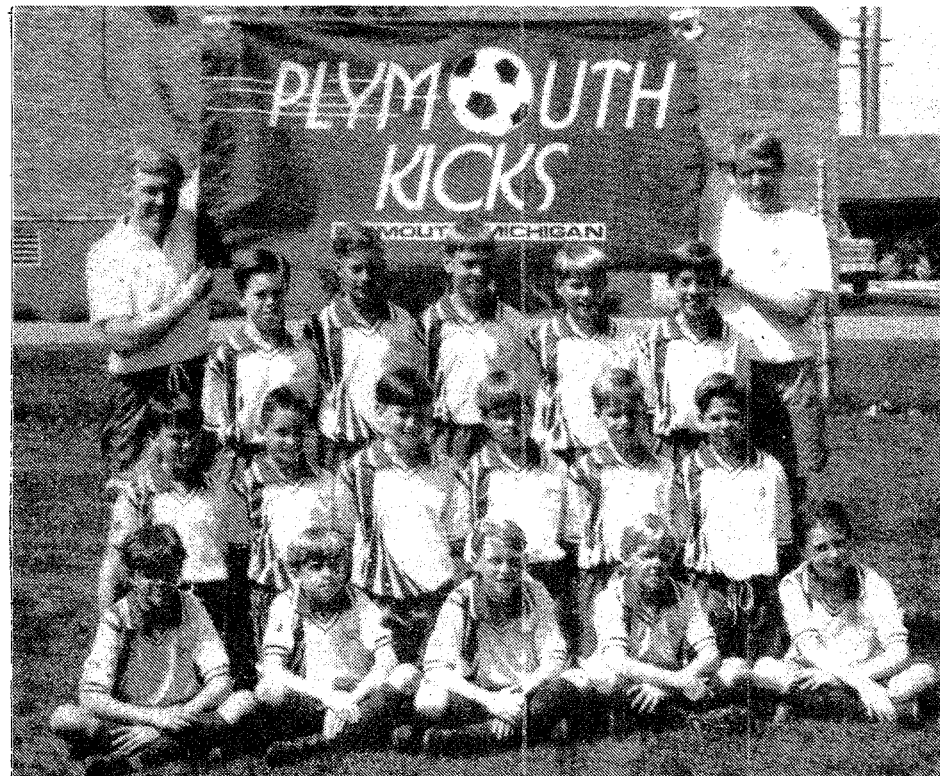
Since forming a year ago, the Kicks compete in the fall and spring and have chalked up a 32-6-2 overall record, including 19 shutouts. They have knocked in 233 goals and have had 60

scored against them.

The Kicks squad is Jay Smith, Marty Kane, Oliver Wolcott, T.J. Tomasso, Nick Tochman, Shane Smith, Jon McGlone, Philip Marrone, Justin Griffin.

Brian Conway, Danny Gill, Chris LaMasse, Brian Thiess, Derek Vermeulen, Jay Sofen and Kenny Wuorenma.

The Kicks are coached by Dennis Tochman and Bill Thiess.



Plymouth Kicks finish regular season with championship title.

Neighbors in sports

Salem gymnast Kim Miller competed last month in the National gymnastics meet in Marquette.

Miller was among 134 competitors from 17 states. She won a bronze medall on the balance beam and finished 11th in the nation all-around.

Don Conkright, of Plymouth Tri-Star Fire Protection, struck a hole-in-one on the 17th hole at Links at Pinewood in Walled Lake.

Conkright was competing in the Angela Hospice Golf Outing, which raised \$20,000 for the Angela Hospice Care Center, in Livonia.

Conkright received \$100 check for the hole in one, but missed out on the 1993 Mercury from Hines Park Lincoln Mercury as the prize for a hole-in-one on the third hole.

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School officials say quick action was dictated by deadlines

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Although some in attendance at Monday night's board meeting felt that things may have moved too swiftly in setting a new election, district officials say they had little choice, given the deadlines set by the county.

At least one booster group president told The Crier yesterday morning that the appearance of more than 2,000 students and parents the night before was only to encourage the approval of a new election — not set the actual amount of the millage being sought.

But on Monday, the school board approved a resolution that not only set the Aug. 17 election date, but also set the amount at 4 new mills for two years — the same proposal that was rejected by voters June 14.

The complete resolution calling for the election must now go before the Wayne County Elections Commission for final approval.

"We only came there to get (a millage) back on the ballot," said Paul

It's Thomas vs. Vorva

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dollars."

Concerning the challenge given by Thomas, Vorva said he in turn challenged the board president to tell him his ideas *wouldn't* save 6 mills.

"Yes, these are tough decisions, but it the board's not willing to make them, don't turn to me."

U of M's Moeller is surprise speaker at board meeting

Of all the speakers who pleaded a case for saving extra-curricular activities in The Plymouth-Canton School District, none received a louder greeting than someone wearing maize and blue on his sleeve.

Taking the microphone to talk about his own experiences in high school, University of Michigan football coach Gary Moeller told the school board that when considering cutbacks in programs, "think about the number of lives being touched."

"I know you have a tough task," he said, "but just keep in mind what (the students) would miss."

"And what will happen in this community? Where will the children go?"

Moeller, who had been invited to speak to the board by

members of the high schools' coaching staffs, spent about 15 minutes addressing the issue of extracurriculars as an integral part of the education process.

"I won't insult anyone's intelligence; we all know that education is the most important thing — but we also need to consider what serves our community best."

Giving many in attendance a clue as to what happens during halftime lockerroom talks, Moeller's emotional plea was interrupted several times by loud applause and cheers.

And never more so than when he closed his comments about extracurricular activities:

"What they learn we can never take away from our kids."

Mackiewicz, president of the Plymouth-Salem Dugout Club. "And then we planned on having the next two weeks to discuss with the board how much should be asked for.

"The booster clubs would not have come together if we had known that 4 mills were going to be asked for again; the community had already said no to that."

The formal resolution adopted by the board, however, had to include a millage figure, according to district officials, in order to meet tight deadlines surrounding an August election.

"Our attorney gave us the deadlines," said Ray Hoedel, the district's associate superintendent of business and operations, "and also advised us to approve everything in one resolution."

Because of those deadlines, Hoedel said yesterday morning, "we had just

enough time to do all that."

"The problem is the short timeline between the June election and last night and then between last night and August."

Mackiewicz said, however, that he was "already feeling the pressure" from the board's action, and that "40 to 50 per

Survey reveals post-election voter attitudes

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have more support than before.

"Now we're going to get the support from people who see their programs being cut.

"Before, they didn't know how the cuts would affect them; now they do," she said.

Although it was still five days before they even knew if another election would be held, Egli, Liljestrand and other committee volunteers met last Wednesday to begin mapping out strategy for a new

campaign. According to Egli, more than 400 phone contacts were made during the survey process, but only about 300 were completed. Based on that figure, he said the current total falls short of the 370 valid responses needed to be within accepted scientific guidelines.

Most surveys try to maintain an accuracy level of plus or minus 5 per cent. According to Egli, the district's current level of responses generate only a plus or minus 8 per cent accuracy level.



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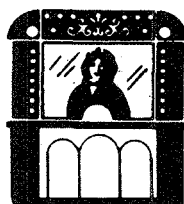
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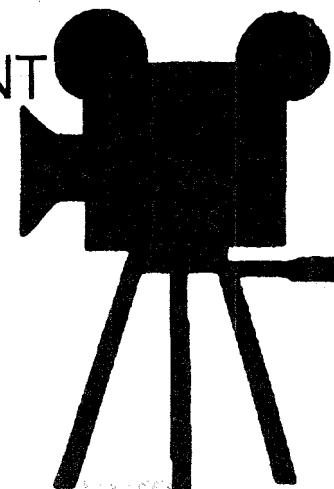
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Northville kickers take championship in Ohio tourney, beat kickers in comeback

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This was the third match-up between these two teams, who had split in their two previous meetings.

Sting concluded with a 14-1-1 record.

Derrick Lake, of Northville, kicked in six goals throughout the tournament run. Mark Bolger, of Plymouth, added two key goals, including the only goal in the semi-final game with Livonia Meteors,

and one goal in the championship game. Stephen Bernacki (Canton) and Matt LoPiccolo (Northville) shared the goal in the championship game.

In preliminary rounds, the Sting shutout three Ohio teams, Fremont Lazars, 10-0, Whitehouse Force, 3-0 and Median Rangers, 9-0.

Other members of the championship team are Brian Ashby, Jeff Fielhauer, Andrew Graff, Mike Jones, Sean Lanigan, Bobby Patterson, Tyler Sedam, Kyle Wargo, and Scott Weickel, all of Northville. And Chris Azanger and Adam Weiss of Novi.

P&R softball standings announced

Softball standings reported in Canton Parks & Recreation as of June 25. There was stiff competition throughout the four leagues. After ten games, only the Rusty Nail team remains undefeated. The standings are as follows.

Red League: American Yazaki, 7-1; SUDS, 6-2; A.D. Transport, 6-2. Bittinger's, 4-4; Etamic, 3-5; Team 8, 2-6; Fairway Club Apts., 2-6; Yazaki EDS Engineering, 2-6.

White League: ASAP Machine, 9-0; Paulun Building, Inc. 6-3; Rusty Nail II,

5-4; Mexican Fiesta, 5-4; Magic, 4-5. Beaver Creek Softball Club, 4-5; Tri-State Communications, 2-7; Gil-Mar, 1-8.

Blue League: Rusty Nail I, 10-0; GMAC, 7-2; Post Bar, 6-3; Lanier, 3-6; Regulators, 3-6; Carpet Workroom, 2-7; Ameritech Mobile, 1-8.

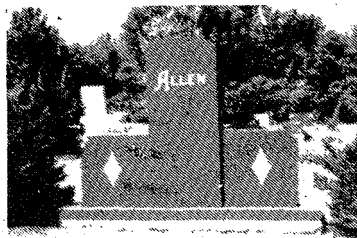
Green League: Selimi's Salon, 7-2; Canton Sports, 6-3; Dental Diplomats, 5-4; Reisers Keyboard Lounge, 5-4. Dr. Kennedy, Houdek, Burgess, 5-4; St. Michael III, 5-4; St. Michael I, 3-6; Genevans, 0-9.

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JESSA VARGA catches fiddle crabs! What a great vacation.

BEAUREGARD swims in Morrison Lake. (Dog paddle!)

JESSICA swims in Morrison Lake.

Pat has moved up at the bank. They put her in a private office on the 2nd floor, of course they may just want to keep her out of the way.

Amy is going to change the color of her hair so she'll get smart & people might start telling her things.

Jack, Carla, J.J. & Jillann! The dream team tied for 1st place Saturday with some other team.

Michael, Cindy, Emma Leigh and Mary Elizabeth Cox - welcome to Plymouth from Portland, Oregon. We in Plymouth hope we live up to your expectations. You more than live up to ours.

EMMA LEIGH AND MARY ELIZABETH Wasn't that nice of Santa Reese to leave you each a doll at The Crier?

KIBBLE AND BITS, TOTO AND THE GUENTHER FAMILY welcome you to Lower Town. Andrea is holding off her judgment.

To Harold G's many friends - he is in University hospital and holding. We hope to have him home in a few days then do visit him.

AMY KIDWELL - We're going to miss one of the best little reporters ever - especially the telephone person!

JACK ARMSTRONG - Crossword puzzle expert, and it's a good thing! (Not as good as Lynn, though. He says so himself)

MARTHA AND DUNBAR - Hang in there! Sorry, no game this week, but a BIGGIE next week.

JUNE AND FRED HADLEY celebrating their 50th Anniversary are leaving for Paris this week. Congratulations!

FRED - really, you worked that bit of news into The Crier with little conversation. Have a good time, you especially June

JEM - As we announce our engagement today, I want you to know that if I could, I'd tell the world! LGT

What score is Carla shooting for as an average for her golf game? Ask Jack.

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Curiosities

Rita A. - Back to the sewing machine!

Liz - Don't go sleeping until noon...

CANTON LIBERTY FEST was a blast!

SEE YOU AT THE JULY FOURTH PARADE & FIREWORKS

Joy is giving up her confessional. She looks better in purple than black anyway.

The old men showed the kids how to play volleyball Sat.

Great outing Jeff - when is the next one?

Tim & Jeff keep moving up and Tim keeps wondering if he should come back.

Amy - we'll miss you lot 'n lots.

SEE YOU AT HIGHLAND'S last hurrah: auction today on Sheldon Road.

MOM ON MELTON: How was your Minnesota company?

Bye, I'll miss you all in COMMA, Liz.

"CONFLUENCE IS EFFLUENCE" -- Beauregard, 1993

BIRTHDAYS ARE "so what!"

When are Harold & Elsie going to honeymoon?

JESSICA eats Morrison Lake barbecue.

MOM: deviled eggs!

Ann dresses to match the decor at Greenfield Village Museum. That way she gets to wear a hat.

High thighs, boomers, a good swing, red nets, nothing, no grey hairs, keeping her own score, observation by Jack, and no putter on Tuesdays. She might have to requalify for the tour.

Curiosities

Wendy - I'll be SO SAD when you are away . . . Have fun, don't work too hard and tell Grandma "Hi" for us

HAROLD BERGQUIST CAN keep a secret! (Call on July 5.)

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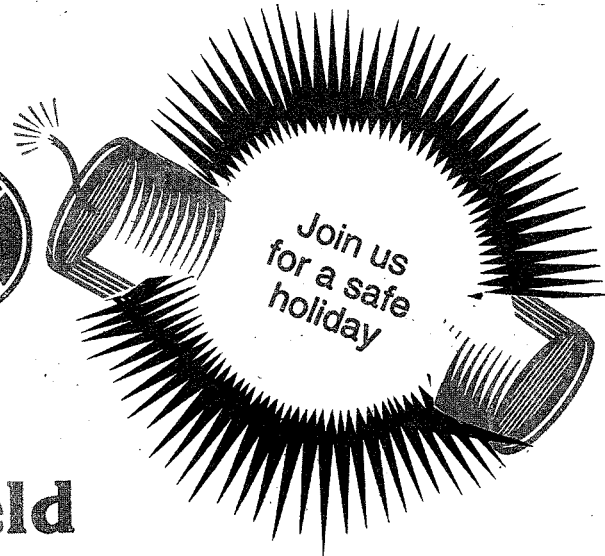
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Community opinions

School board: reconsider asking for 4 mills again

It is abundantly clear that something isn't quite right with The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's handling of its call for a new millage election on Aug. 17. Confronted Monday night with more than 2,000 vociferous students, parents and boosters, the board — almost without debate — quickly and painlessly approved placing a 4-mill increase proposal on the August ballot.

Yes, the same 4-mill proposal that was soundly rejected by voters on June 14.

And therein lies the problem: The people have already made their opinions clear on that specific question, which means that the board would have better advised to consider an alternative proposal, something in the 2.5-mill range. Instead, the board's action is akin to Gov. Engler putting Proposal A — unaltered — on the August primary.

A much wiser move — and one that would be far easier to support — would have been to consider a smaller millage amount that is more in line with the needs of the district, rather than in line with the needs of the state.

Why? Because as it has been structured, the 4 mills — which would raise more than \$8 million in new tax revenue — is designed to replenish the district's contingency fund in anticipation of further possible state "takebacks."

Yet, while it seems wise to anticipate worst case scenarios, wouldn't it be better to turn the tables? To ask the public for exactly what the district needs to offer and complete and comprehensive curriculum — including extracurricular activities — and then, should the state act later, adjust the existing budget accordingly?

In this way, the "blame" for any future financial problems would fall clearly on the shoulders of those it should — Lansing lawmakers — instead of on the shoulders it shouldn't — the district's children.

Claiming that some kind of deadlines forced the school boards' hands doesn't get it, either: It is difficult to imagine that board members couldn't have delayed filling in the blank on the millage for another day — state law only requires an 18-hour notice for emergency public meetings — and then had time to further consider what millage level to set.

With something as serious as the fiscal and educational future of the district at stake, it wouldn't hurt for the board to think again, consider making next Wednesday's meeting a formal session and then reconsider the millage amount.

A "yes" vote is too important to be lost because of hasty actions.
THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Miller Woods always will need some protection

EDITOR:

No, Craig Farrand, Miller Woods is not "just another stand of trees." It is an old-growth, never-cut, virgin, climax maple-beech forest, a piece of our history, an example of what settlers found here in the 1820s when they came looking for rich farmland.

There are few undisturbed, original forests left where the public can freely come to study and enjoy their beauty. Dr. (Warren) Wagner's letter certainly makes clear that this is a very special forest. He and other University of Michigan professors have brought many students to Miller Woods because of its rare and unique components.

Yes, Friends of Miller Woods did seek a variance for a 6-foot fence at the Plymouth Township Planning Commission's meeting on June 20, 1990. At that time they suggested we first try more education of the public and a law for natural areas.

In spite of our increased educational offerings and the signs listing the law's prohibitions, our records and police records show increasing problems, especially with dogs on and off (the) leash, and with bikes tearing up paths, moving edges markers, cutting corners, crushing

plants (and) disturbing wildlife.

Also at the Planning Commission's request, Friends met with neighbors who opposed the fence. During the following three years we met eight times to discuss our points of view, hoping to find solutions. Because of these talks, several changes have occurred:

1) Friends decided to erect a 4-foot fence instead of 6 foot, in deference to the neighbors' concerns about appearance.

2) Edison's offer of their parking area for class groups eliminated the current need to build a parking area at the west end of the woods.

3) (School Supt. John) Hoben's suggestion set the east fenceline 10 feet off the boundary, giving the three homes there a "buffer" zone and an extension of their yards.

4) Friends are willing to use the decorative post and rail with chain link bordering the three homes; native plants can be used to obscure it; unsightly debris can be moved from the neighbors' sightline.

You asked why include the Edison easement on the north side within the fence? Because it has proven to be

4th fireworks

Jaycees appreciate 'Readers' ratings; ask for help in Fourth of July events

EDITOR:

I applaud The Crier for its time and effort in compiling the "Readers Rate" survey. Those readers who responded to the survey are also to be thanked. As co-chairmen of the July 4th celebration, we received the ratings with interest.

For the past years the Jaycees have hosted and sponsored the Plymouth July 4th Parade. Additionally, the Jaycees put on the Plymouth fireworks display each year. In 1993, the Jaycees anticipate spending in excess of \$11,000 for the fireworks as well as band appearances in the parade.

Except for the city's assistance in blocking off streets and traffic control, the parade and fireworks' work force is all volunteer.

Because of the size and nature of these

events (the largest events put on in the area by a single service club), it is difficult to satisfy the entire audience let alone the community we serve. However, in an effort to do just that, the Jaycees welcome comments and suggestions from the community.

To do so, please call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407 or put your thoughts in writing and send them to the attention of Scott Kappler at July 4th Celebration, P.O. Box 700123, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Finally, we welcome and invite the entire community to attend this year's celebration on Sunday, July 4, beginning with the parade at 1 p.m..

SCOTT D. KAPPLER,
PARADE CO-CHAIRMAN
CAMERON MILLER,
FIREWORKS CO-CHAIRMAN

Jaycees to be commended for efforts

EDITOR:

As a lifelong resident of The Plymouth Community and being witness to many Fourth of July parades and fireworks displays, I am amazed that the community does not strongly support these events, based on their attendance.

These residents are always the first to wonder why the Jaycees did not have fireworks or a parade down Main Street. I wonder if they know the expense and time that is involved to plan and stage these events.

I realize that these ideas might be late for this year, but why not establish a

Fourth of July Community Committee similar to what our neighboring community, Canton, has with its Liberty Festival?

They do not seem to have a problem with the event and they even have fireworks.

Unfortunately, I am too old to be a Jaycee, but I would like to wish the Jaycees the best of luck in their endeavors to provide this community with Fourth of July events. I certainly hope this community supports these events for this year and for years to come.

K. DAULT

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"Forts" are built in this area. Vandalism of some of the permanent identification signs made as an Eagle Scout project has happened there. Edison, Plymouth Township and the Plymouth-Canton school administration have known of the inclusion of this vital edge area and understand the serious problems.

They have approved the plans and efforts of Friends of Miller Woods.

This "botanical gem" has been here for hundreds of years and will continue to be a wonderful asset in our community for many more.

But it will always need the protection of the law, the fence, watchful eyes and ears, helpful hands and caring hearts.

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Community opinions

More residents respond to failure of millage

Pupils raise \$4.25 to 'Save Our School' after defeat

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was written by pupils at Smith Elementary School to Principal Cheryl Clason.)

Dear Mrs. Clason,

Here is the \$4.25 that we earned yesterday in a lemonade stand we set up after school on Clare Boulevard — a street where a lot of Smith school kids live. We want you to have it so that the SOS Fund can be started.

SOS, we decided, means "Save Our School." We looked it up in the dictionary, too, and it means a signal of distress. Well, we think that's just right, too.

We are very "distressed." We are all sad about how the election went. We can't believe that the voters are making it so hard on us kids. But maybe we, the kids, can Save Our School. Seeing as how many voters won't help the kids, then we'll help ourselves.

We are sad that Miss Bronski and Mrs. Gibbons got hurt by the election. We are sad that our Cub Scouts and Daisy Scouts and Brownies will have to meet somewhere else.

We are sad that we won't be able to play basketball and all the other after-school sports anymore.

We are sad that we will be more packed into classrooms next year. It gets so noisy and confusing in our classrooms now with so many kids in them, we just dread how it will be next year.

We realize that \$4.25 isn't that much, but if other kids help, you never know. WE just might be able to Save Our School.

TONY MEIER,
CARMEN MEIER,
BRIDGET BELVITCH,
EVAN REISSENWEBER

Secretary says it was her fault machine was used

EDITOR:

In the June 9 (editorial called) "Two issues need review," you wrote of Tom Tattan's apparently innocent use of the district's postage machine to mail a letter in support of the millage.

I am Tom Tattan's secretary and was asked by him to put a stamp on his correspondence that day. Dr. Tattan gave me the money for postage as I keep a supply of stamps for personal use.

I made the mistake of putting that letter in the outgoing mail to be metered by the district.

As stated in the article, it was an innocent use of the district's postage machine, but it was done by me and not Tom Tattan. When the error was discovered, money was given to the district to cover the cost of the postage.

SANDRA MUELLER

Committee thanks 'yes' voters; seeks new election

EDITOR:

While we are appreciative of the many people who voted in favor of the renewal and the additional millage on June 14, they were outnumbered by those who voted in opposition to the additional millage, and so it failed.

In order to operated with the available funding, the Board of Education is now making the necessary budget

Editor's note:

These letters were received before and/or in anticipation of Monday night's school board approval of an Aug. 17 election to try and gain voter approval of a 4-mill property tax increase that was rejected on June 14.

cuts and is wrestling with the difficult decision of once again asking for millage to properly operate our schools.

We urge them to again make that request. As we review the election, we see that many of the citizens in our community failed to vote. Perhaps when we see the devastation of the instruction and extracurricular programs which will take place when the cuts are made, we will recognize more clearly the need to support our school and, in turn, to support our community.

Meanwhile, we do thank all those who supported the millage and the hundreds of volunteers who worked so hard and in so many ways to let everyone know the issues and the need. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

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Part of the problem was the high teacher, admin. salaries

EDITOR:

There has been much discussion as to why the school millage increase was defeated. In your editorial, you mention issues of high assessments and public mistrust and understanding.

While these issues are certainly part of the problem, to my mind the main issue is the high cost of teacher and administrator salaries.

By (the) teacher's (s) own statements, their average annual salary is now \$51,000, with some administrators earning \$100,000 or more. And most of these people are not working 12 full months. I have absolutely no doubt that staff are dedicated and worth a good salary.

We do believe that Plymouth-Canton is a well-managed district. But the fact still remains that the public cannot afford this. Salaries make up approximately 80 per cent of the school budget. Why must the only discussion be of ways that students will suffer?

Could not teachers and administrators at least be modestly discomfited?

Public perception is that any new millages will go to further salary increases. Granted, teachers were modest in their latest negotiations. I can not be sympathetic, as I have not seen any raise at all in the last three years. This issue is best symbolized by public apathy toward (Supt. John) Hoben's car.

Very few other states or even parts of our state offer the salaries seen in southeast Michigan. I do not intend to vote for any millage increases until this issue is addressed.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because this individual works within the school district and said "my job requires me to work harmoniously with a number of teachers," the name is being withheld.)

Do we get another election to vote 'no' on renewal?

EDITOR:

What I would like to know is if the 4-mill increase had passed would the voters be entitled to another try to reject it in the fall? No!

Then tell me why and by what method of biased reasoning does the board (of education members) think they have the right to place this issue on the ballot again in the fall?

If the board places this 4-mill increase on the ballot again in the fall, then they should also place the 17.74-mill renewal on the ballot to give voters another chance to reject it.

The board (members) should stop insulting the voters' intelligence with their one-sided strategies. The people have spoken loud and clear, they are sick and tired of these yearly millage increases that are usually followed by increases in salaries and pension benefits, and are never enough.

It's too bad that Stephen Kijanczyk wasn't elected (to the board). Seems like he's about the only person around who can fully understand this.

FRANK SAIMS

Hold firm by voting 'no' again on Aug. 17 election

EDITOR:

The Plymouth voters have finally called a halt to the insatiable demands for extra millage. (In a letter published last week,) the Weidmans asked: "How dare you."

Perhaps the voters dared because they decided it was time the teachers — who have never been timid about demanding raises at every opportunity — learned to sacrifice along with the parents. It wasn't too long ago when teachers went on strike for many weeks until their demands were met. Where was their concern for the students then?

The school administrators are fortunate that the present millage was renewed.

The teachers seem to have lost contact with the parents and the sacrificed they have made for their children. Are they aware that many of them have lost their jobs and hospitalization or have had their hours lengthened?

Do they know that property assessments have been raised to new heights? I doubt you will find many parents planing \$300 vacations as suggested by a writer. They don't have their summers off as teachers do to take a cruise or visit Europe. They are too busy keeping their bills paid.

The parents are not your enemies. They want their children to get the best education possible. But if that entails eliminating some of the programs that bring them pleasure, then so be it.

These are tough time and the students should join right in and sacrifice along with their parents.

Please remember that the schools are here to educate the students — not to take care of their every need or desire. That is the duty of the parents and they know what they can afford.

The teachers enjoy tenure. They have the very best hospitalization, and when they grow weary they can go on sabbaticals.

Apologies are needed. But not to the students for saying "no" to extra millage. The administrators should apologize to all for their greed.

Hold firm by again voting no on Aug. 17.

ELSIE FISCHER



Community opinions

Another view of millage failure

So, what happens now?

EDITOR:

It was a grim day at school today (June 15). Everyone is trying to understand exactly what the defeat of the 4-mill increase in yesterday's election means.

For some of my colleagues it means the end of programs they have nurtured for years. Steve Marsh, for example, has built up an exemplary debate and forensics program here at Canton High School. That will not exist next year.

For others of my colleagues, the changes will be even more severe. For some, this is the last week they will spend as teachers in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

I was in Matt Watroba's room this afternoon talking about what he might do next year. On his desk was a memo from (Canton High School Principal) Tom MacKenzie explaining, among other things, that we will have no extra-curricular activities next year: no sports, no music, no debate, no money for any of the things that require after school time.

No newspaper created with paste-ups late into the night, no more broadcasts from WSDP (our FM station), no spring musical at Salem, no homecoming or junior or senior proms, nothing resembling the yearbooks we know, I'm guessing, because what would they put in it, anyway? What my friend didn't need to say was that unless some unforeseen miracle happens, Canton will have no Matt Watroba in the fall, either.

I couldn't help thinking back to when I walked around downtown Plymouth (June 12) handing out flyers about (the) millage vote. I had a bottle of Pepsi in my hip pocket. As I approached one house where a retired couple sat on the front porch, I asked them if I could give them something to read about the election.

The man said, "You're going to need something a lot stronger than (the Pepsi) if you're going to get this one passed. Every time they get a millage increase they give themselves a raise."

Well, Social Security recipients also receive automatic cost of living adjustments in their checks. Yet, they probably do not see these adjustments as raises. I don't begrudge them that. But, let's be fair. A raise is a raise is a raise.

I didn't argue with him. He was not a happy man, but I think he was unhappy about more than just the schools. People think their teachers make too much, and their doctors make too much, and their dentists and their lawyers and their mechanics and their firemen and their appliance repairman and their electricians and their plumbers make too much, and they want to put a stop to it. The schools are the one place where they can say, "Stop!"

People also think the schools waste money. They are right. Name one organization of any size that doesn't. All bureaucracies create various kinds of redundancies and waste that we need to weed out whenever we find them. But that does not mean schools have concocted some kind of conspiracy to (cheat) taxpayers of their money.

The man who chided me about the millage request is, no doubt, on Social Security. In a March 14, 1993, Detroit News article, Marla Dickerson described the testimony of a panel of leading economists before the Senate Finance Committee. The panel calculated that someone who retired in 1960 recovered all of his Social Security taxes in only 10 months. Today it would take six years.

Today's students will never recover their Social Security taxes. Dickerson reports that in 1990, all levels of government spent more than \$11,000 on every American senior, while only spending \$4,200 on each American teen. I am not trying to be mean-spirited here. My point is that students (through the schools) are not getting a disproportionate share of the economic pie.

Let me add one more thing here, lest it seem that I am picking on Social Security recipients. My father is almost 90 years old and has drawn more money out of the system than my family will pay into it for several generations. I don't object to contributing

to the fund so my dad can draw from it.

My point here is that early in our lives, before we enter the work force, we are economically dependent on others. Late in our lives, after we have left the work force, we depend, once again, on the support of those who are working. The elderly need to know they can depend on our support. So do the young.

Opponents of the 4-mill increase are no doubt savoring their victory today. I am reminded, though, of something I heard Howard K. Smith say during the war in Vietnam. He was cautioning antiwar demonstrators not to celebrate when the United States wasn't doing well in the war. He said this was comparable to being in a lifeboat and feeling smug because the leak was at the other end.

Imagine a Realtor trying this summer to sell a home in Plymouth or Canton to a family with children:

"We have always had an excellent school system here. No, we won't have any extra-curricular activities this year, and, no, your son won't be able to be in the marching band and your daughter won't be able to play basketball, and, yes, some teachers have been laid off, which means we can expect larger classes and some teachers and counselors may be bumped into areas they have not taught in years, but the schools will still be good."

That family will climb right back in its car and head for Northville. Some Plymouth and Canton families may be right behind them. And, what happens to real estate values in a community that people avoid because of the schools?

It is important to get a sense of just what has been lost here. Track and orchestra and putting out the school newspaper and being part of the swim team round out a student's education. They teach students to function as communities, and push them to excel and feel a sense of accomplishment they don't find anywhere else. But, these extra-curricular activities are not just frills that exist for the sake of a few kids. They also involve and energize the entire community. Not only students, but parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends attending sports events. The whole town looks forward to the spring musical. Who among us hasn't been thrilled by performances by the marching band?

Schools also serve as hubs of community activity. Here, as in most towns, the high school auditorium is the biggest room in town and is, therefore, the site of many activities not even involving the school. All of that has been lost for next year, and the entire community will feel diminished by it.

Homeowners want to rein in the property taxes that fund the various governmental agencies (including schools) in this state. I'm a homeowner, and I have a good deal of sympathy with that view. We also know the stories about retired people forced out of their homes by high property taxes. No one likes to hear these stories, but in many cases senior citizens who move from large family homes to smaller ones or apartments or condominiums do so, not because they have been forced to, but as part of a familiar long range economic plan.

Early in one's working life, the purchase of as much home as one can afford can be a sound investment. The house appreciates in value over the years until the retiree, who no longer needs a large house, cashes in the investment and moves into a smaller, more convenient dwelling. We need to consider carefully what we are willing to do to save money.

Education is a gift we give ourselves. Others gave us that gift when we were young, and (if only to protect ourselves) we pass on the gift to those who come after us. It is for this same reason we pay to support a public library, even though we may never use it. A community without one is an impoverished place.

Matt also had a thick pile of papers on his desk today. He picked it up and rifled through the pages. It was the manuscript of the oral history project his advanced composition students did this semester. He had hoped to find a publisher for this collection of stories of the lives of local people. This collaborative work between students and our older citizens was to be his class' gift to the community. He looked at me and said, "What am I supposed to do with this now?"

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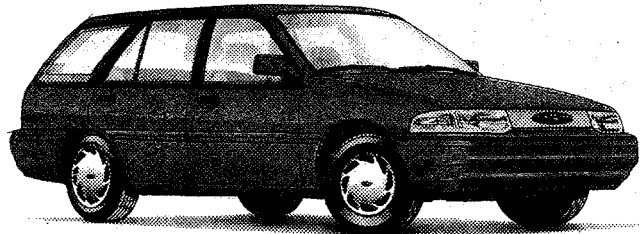
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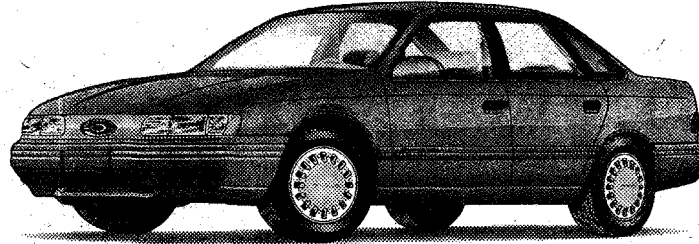
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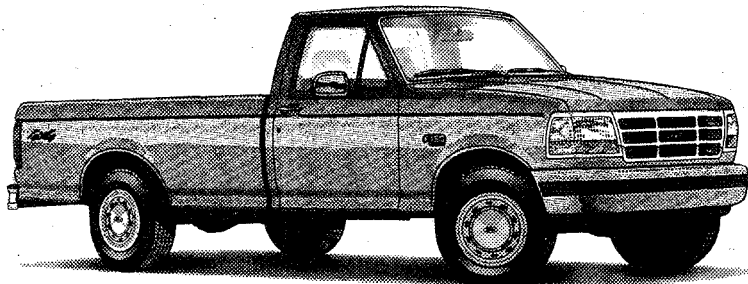
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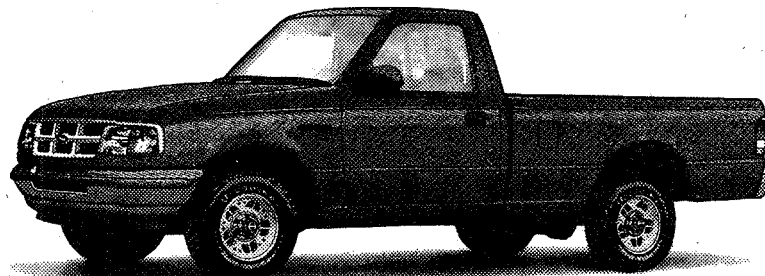
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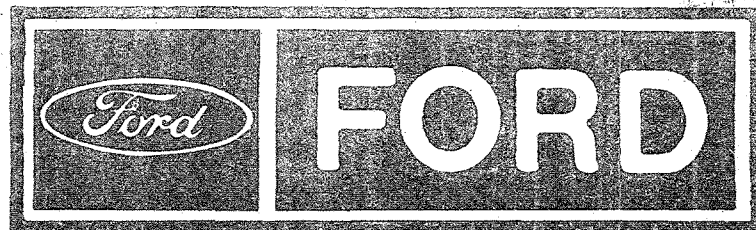
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