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Assessments up 9-12.6 per cent

SEV increases jolt residents

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Property value assessments are in for 1990, and many residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community are not happy.

The average residential increase in the community is from nine to 12.6 per cent, according to officials in Plymouth, Canton and Plymouth Township.

"Yes we have had complaints, and yes we probably do have people who are over-assessed or very close to being over-assessed," said William Graham, Plymouth finance director and acting city manager.

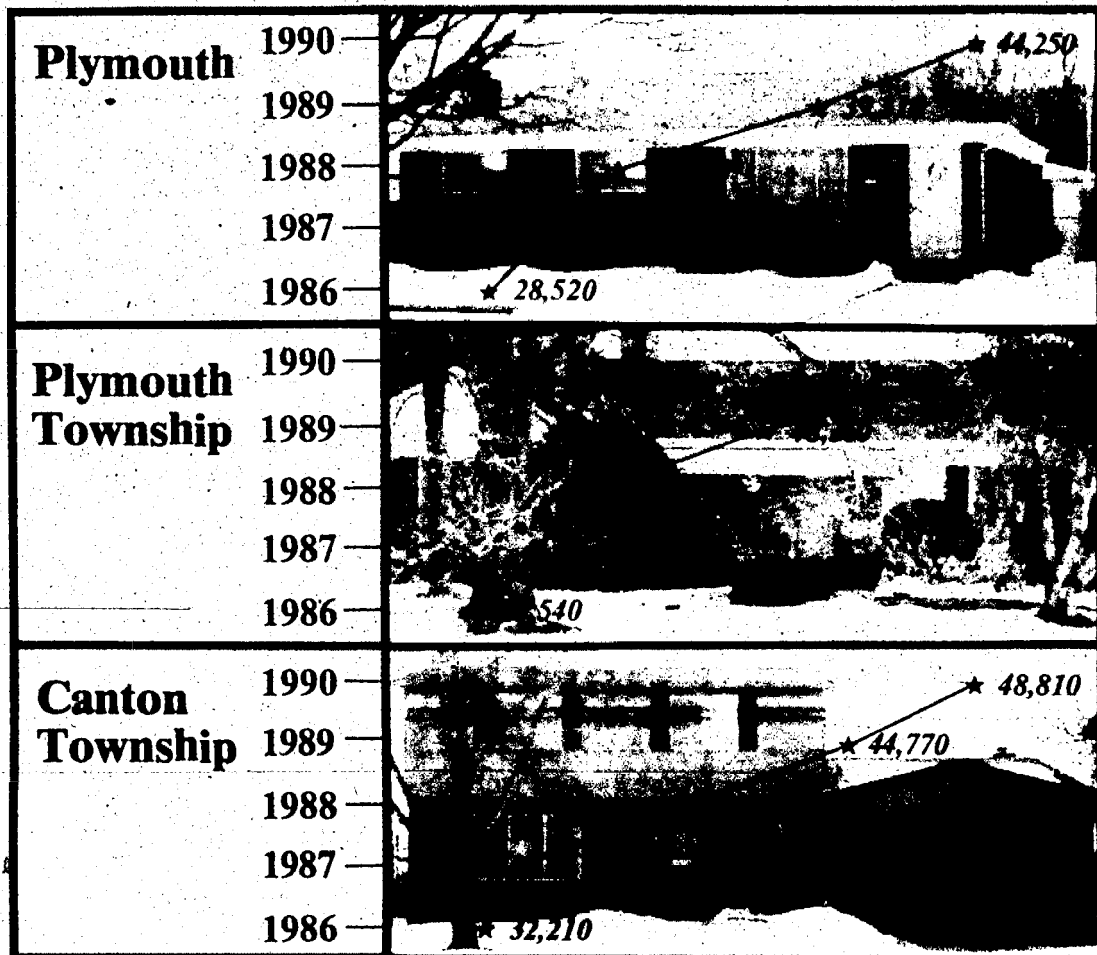
Residential assessments in Plymouth are up an average of 12.6 percent.

People who feel they are being over-assessed should contact the city Treasurer's office to set up an appointment with the Plymouth Board of Review, Graham said. The number is 453-1234.

The board will meet today from 3-9 p.m.

In Canton, the average residential increase is 10.6 per cent, according to John McLenaghan of Wayne County Appraisals.

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NUKE: A local man went to the Soviet Union recently to inspect that country's nuclear industry. See pg. 8.

This chart shows the kind of typical homes in each of the communities. Assessments are based on 50 per cent of a home's value. (Crier chart prepared by Michelle Irani)

Budget woes could kill judgeship

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The Michigan House of Representatives is expected this week to act on a bill which includes a third judgeship for Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

According to State Rep. Gerry Law, whose district includes most of the 35th District Court area, the new position is one of several being recommended by the State Supreme Court administrator.

However, even if the legislature approves the judgeship, budget

woes in the cities of Plymouth and Northville may delay or kill the new judgeship — expected to cost more than \$500,000 in court renovations.

"Even if the Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships can potentially afford it because of their growth, the cities of Plymouth and Northville should take another look at it," Law said.

"Sometimes I wonder if the (state) court administrators office doesn't just pump out judges because they like them, not on great need," the state representative said.

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Residents from the City of Plymouth's Old Village want a larger share of \$56,000 in federal Community Block Grant Funds.

A group of about 20 Old Village residents turned out for the Monday meeting of the Plymouth City Commission to try and persuade the commission of the need for the funds.

Mark Oppat, president of the Old Village association, said his group would like a bigger share of the block grant funds to purchase benches for Old Village and replacement planters

for Mill Street.

Paul Sincok, assistant to the Plymouth city manager, said the majority of the funds had been recommended for senior citizens programs such as the meals on wheels and dial-a-ride programs. Sincok said preliminary estimates would give the Old Village Association \$8,515.

Oppat, however, said his group deserves more than that.

"We think the number of people benefiting from the seniors program is of Old Village," he said.

Sincok said the two groups will

likely have to split the \$56,000 available.

"I think we'll see a compromise, which isn't uncommon," he said. "It's entirely up to the block grant committee."

Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila said he was impressed by the Old Village turnout at the meeting and Oppat in particular.

"It's always encouraging to hear new and young people come before us," he said. Bila later appointed

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Old Village residents want funds

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Businessman arraigned

A Plymouth businessman, Patrick Tortora, 27, was arraigned Tuesday morning on two felony charges for conspiracy and attempting to obtain money under false pretenses. After turning himself in to police, he waived his preliminary examination and was released on personal bond. Plymouth Police said they had been investigating the case since September and involved two employes of Tortora at Pilgrim Motor Sports and a customer. (Crier photo by Phil Tardani)

Manager spot still open

BY PHILIP TARDANI

By Monday it was becoming clear that the heat remains on the Plymouth City Commission to make a decision on the hiring of a new city manager.

The apparent consensus at a special commission meeting Saturday, though, was to wait until a March 12 report from the consulting firm Plante & Moran before making any decision. The Southfield firm was hired by the

commission to review the city's financial situation.

"I think we could wait to make a final decision until then," said Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila.

Bila was backed in his recommendation by all the commissioners except Mary Childs, who has said she favors hiring Acting City Manager William Graham for the post.

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Plymouth gets grant

BY PHILIP TARDANI

The City of Plymouth has been approved for up to \$600,000 in state funds to help close the city's landfill in Salem Township, according to Acting City Manager William Graham.

Graham said a total of \$18.1 million was available to the 49 communities approved — of 87 which applied — by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the money.

"The DNR says we are one of the 49 communities approved for the grants,"

Graham said at the pre-city commission meeting Monday.

The city landfill in Salem was cited as a problem by the DNR long ago, Graham said, and has not been used since the late 1960s.

Ten per cent of state grants will have to be matched by city funds, he said. Graham added that he is hopeful the award will help to get the landfill properly sealed.

"I'm pleased with the grant," he said. "We've gotten over the first hurdle here."

P-C schools experiment with developmental learning

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third installment in a four part series focusing on new teaching (and learning) concepts in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

BY TODD LANGTON

"Traditional elementary schools and programs were created for a society that no longer exists."

That is the message that Dr. Carolyn Cummings had for parents and teachers during a Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education workshop held at Canton High's Little Theatre on Feb. 19.

The educators and administration in the Plymouth-Canton district are taking Cummings' message to heart.

They are doing that by allowing for

the use of a new educational philosophy in kindergarten through the second grade. The philosophy is that of developmental education.

"It is impossible to predict a child's development at ages three through eight," said Cummings, who has chaired a National Association of Elementary School Principals' committee which developed standards for quality early childhood programs.

Development "happens in spurts" and does not occur at the same time in all children, she said.

Developmental learning involves "meeting children at where they are and progressing from there," instead of assuming that all the children are at the same levels and therefore should

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'Explosive situation' closes local teen club

BY KEN VOYLES

A teen club operating out of the Center Stage in Canton was closed Friday night after Canton Police were called in to restore order to an "explosive situation."

Canton Chief John Santomauro said Canton units moved in Friday with the cooperation of the owner, John Sassak, and closed the facility following reports of a large number of fights.

"Club Ferrari," which is open for teenagers on Fridays and Saturdays, has been the scene of a wide variety of incidents involving youths from all over metro Detroit, said police.

Among the activities previously reported by Canton Police at the site include: disorderly conduct, minors in possession of alcohol, fighting, assault and battery, larceny, and driving while under the influence.

"We had an explosive situation out there Friday," said Santomauro, who has been meeting with Sassak over the past month. "We closed it down based on the amount of activity outside of the building."

Santomauro said Sassak has been cooperating with Canton Police to alleviate the problems at the Ford Road establishment.

"We're not going to tolerate this type of activity there," said the chief. "We've instructed officers to make arrests. We don't want to start a riot but we will follow strict enforcement."

"If we do that early enough maybe we can deliver a message to the youths that we won't condone or allow such activity," Santomauro added.

Canton Police first became aware of trouble at the site back in January, said the chief, and there were hopes that it would subside over time.

But the trouble has continued to increase over the past three weekends, said Santomauro. Last weekend the department put extra patrol officers at the establishment on both Friday and Saturday.

Canton made more than six arrests Friday and about that number Saturday, according to the reports.

The reports noted that fighting took place both inside and outside of the establishment, and that drinking was occurring in the parking lot. About 1,000 teenagers were reported at the club on both nights. Alcohol is not served at "Club Ferrari," said police.

Since the beginning of this year, Canton Police have recorded more than 50 incidents at the club, including a large number of disorderly persons reports.

Police have since made several recommendations to the owner to try and help eliminate the problems at the club.

Among those are: screening of patrons for those who are intoxicated or under the influence and not allowing them to enter the establishment; fencing the area off; shutting the doors once the club has reached capacity; calling police at the start of any trouble; identifying club security by having them wear something which identifies them as club security; and prosecuting all violators.

In a memo to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Santomauro also noted that he has contacted the township's attorneys to have them examine what options the township may have if the problems at the club continue or worsen.

The chief, who was expected to meet with Sassak again on Monday, said his department will continue to provide extra patrol officers at the site as well.

Adistra Corp. sold to Carlson Marketing

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Adistra Corporation — the City of Plymouth's sixth biggest taxpayer — has signed an agreement to become part of Carlson Marketing Group, Inc., of Minneapolis.

The announcement of the friendly acquisition came Tuesday and was met with enthusiasm from members of both companies.

"This is an exciting time for us and the merger is meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm here," said Chris Boyle, president of Adistra.

The sale must be approved by Carlson's Board of Directors and Adistra shareholders, with approval expected sometime in March, according to Brad Kissel, a spokesperson for Carlson.

Adistra, a promotional services support company, will broaden Carlson's menu of sales promotion and communications capabilities, according to Carlson president James Pfeider.

"For the customers we serve through our recently established automotive division in Detroit, this acquisition is particularly beneficial," he said.

Adistra — which was founded in 1958 as Distribution Services, Inc. — has 370 employees and attracted nearly \$20 million in revenues in 1989, according to Boyle.

Boyle, who was named president in 1985, was appointed to that post by the original owners. He continues to serve in that position after the acquisition.

Located in the historic Daisy building along Union Street, Adistra is predominantly known for its automotive promotional accounts. The company also operates a facility out of Northville Township.

Carlson is one of the largest sales promotion, communications and training organizations in the world with more than 50 locations worldwide.

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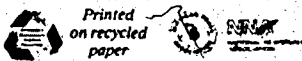
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Cop glad he lives in Twp.

Consultants just get richer

EDITOR:

The management consulting firm of Bartell & Bartell has been in the City of Plymouth three times in the last five years at a cost of roughly \$60,000.

The first trip was to study the Police Department and find a new chief. Henry Graper was City Manager at the time and had just gotten rid of a very professional chief with a degree in criminal justice and who had worked his way up through the ranks.

Bartell & Bartell found a very good department with professional senior officers; all that was needed was "fine tuning." We then got a young chief (in his early thirties) with five years police experience (two of them as a morgue investigator) and a degree in zoology. He was chief of a department with three men. At the same time Bartell & Bartell recommended the promotion of a mid-seniority patrolman to the position of "Commander" (second in command) without leadership experience, the lack of a promotional test, no college or military time.

Within six months the department began to fall apart. In four years we had more grievances, unfair labor practices and arbitration hearings than we had in the last 12 years of which the city

lost all but one. These actions are costing the city thousands of dollars in attorney fees and overtime.

In 1989, Graper asked Bartell & Bartell to return to see what had gone wrong in the police department. But, before the study was complete, Graper left his position with allegations over misspent monies.

Bartell & Bartell was then asked to find a new City Manager. Three months and \$20,000 later, the only person left that qualified for the job was already in the position.

Bartell & Bartell came back to the police department and with all kinds of graphs and charts they tried to cover up their mistakes from the first trip. Another \$10,000 down the drain.

We still have the same people running the police department, while Bartell & Bartell are in Pennsylvania spending the \$60,000 and waiting for another phone call.

The City is \$285,000 in the hole and still has to settle an unjust firing suit. The last time a situation like this happened it cost the taxpayers \$150,000 instead of the original \$11,000 requested by the plaintiff.

I'm glad I live in Plymouth Township.

ROBERT LEE HENRY
22-YEAR VETERAN,
PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Plymouth boom attracts attention

We're a part of the sixth-best booming business neighborhood in the United States.

So says the latest INC. magazine (March, 1990) in an article called, "Here comes the neighborhood." It's part of the magazine's annual ranking of the country's entrepreneurial cities.

"LIVONIA-PLYMOUTH" was ranked behind Melville-Smithtown, NY; Elk Grove Village-Arlington Heights, IL; Bethpage-Farmingsdale, NY; West Chester-Wayne, PA; and Des Plaines-Northbrook, IL as a high-growth region in and around older cities.

According to Cognetics Inc.'s president, David L. Birch, the communities were ranked by the business growth climate.

Birch's INC. article said his

With malice toward none



Cambridge, MA company's research showed that the typical company in the booming business neighborhoods are "small" -- 70 per cent have fewer than 20 employees, and 93 per cent have fewer than 100.

"When you put the economic microscope on the older cities" (like Detroit), he said, "looking at neighborhoods and regions within the metro area, you find at least as much growth and vitality there as in high-ranking regions."

Of course, just ask the Plymouths,

Cantons or the Northvilles about vitality and growth.

The sixth-best U.S. "booming neighborhood" for business is fast gobbling up vacant land here and fattening the total valuation of the local communities. (Kudos to the Plymouth-Canton-Northville region for attracting business growth that doesn't adversely affect the residential environment -- although more could be accomplished in the overall aesthetics and appearances of some commercial-industrial developments.)

And the boom is attracting national attention.

Authority necessary for airport

EDITOR:

Just a memo for the study group which may be researching the viability of purchasing the airport by the Township of Canton or by joining together with the adjoining com-

munities.

Unless state law has been changed since this was tried around 1978, such a municipal project would require an Authority to be formed to operate it. Again, if this plan is adopted, such

an Authority would be allowed to issue a millage without the vote of all residents.

In short, another tax. Consider this.
FRANK MILLINGTON



Community opinions

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Voyles stirs it up

EDITOR:

I recently read Ken Voyles' article on the use of films in school and I am very disappointed with what he had to say. These are difficult facing the community, parents, students, teachers and school administrators.

All sides, CBE, ICARE, SOFA, etc., need to get together and tackle these tough issues. If we can forget our differences, focus on the future and develop an educational plan around that theme we can help insure a brighter tomorrow for our children.

We don't need someone to pour salt into the wound. Ken Voyles' article does little more than try to stir things up. We don't need nor want that kind of input.

THOMAS A. WILSON

Move inspires notion of speaking up

The secret is out. I'm now a resident of the fair City O' Plymouth.

That's right, I've crossed the border line from Plymouth Township to Plymouth. But somehow, it doesn't feel that much different just yet.

To outsiders it's all one community - Plymouth -- whether it be in the city or the township. But heaven-forbid if you should forget the invisible distinction between the two around these parts.

One difference I have noticed is that I'm far more interested in city government than township government, in Plymouth Township at least. (Canton is another matter altogether.)

Maybe it's because the city's current situation is in such a flux right now. Or maybe it's because when I lived in the township I resided in an apartment complex. Now I'm a homeowner. Boy what a difference that makes in one's

In the margin

By Ken Voyles



attitudes and perceptions about what's happening on the local scene.

This home owning business is a new frontier for me. I'm still learning about mortgages and tax assessments. And I'm learning the hard way -- before we even moved into our new home it became clear we'd be facing an increase in our taxes just like all the other good folk in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

So now what I have to say counts (on one level anyway). It counts a heck of a

lot more. It counts so much, in fact, that you shouldn't be surprised if you see me take a turn before the city commission some day as a private citizen.

It's hard for some people to accept the fact that newspaper people are civilians too. We live and work in the community and sometimes we just have to take off that press hat and speak up as residents.

Yes, it is true I can speak to my heart's desire through this column.

But this column really isn't meant to be a place for me to write about whatever I like. It's true: I've never found that much worth saying about myself that would interest others, unless it was related to the other residents of this community.

So it is strange to be in this position - as a home owner I'm directly linked to the great majority of residents in the community.

Maybe it will help me understand them more. Maybe it will give me new insight into why people stand up at meetings and offer their two cents.

And I guess that paying property taxes to support the school district means I can go tell the Plymouth-Canton School Board of Education just what I think. That might feel pretty good.

What would I tell the school board or the city commission?

I'd tell the schools that I want our students to have the same rights afforded other residents of the community and country. I'm talking about academic freedom.

I'd tell the schools to stop worrying about their image and get back to the cherished ideals of a liberal arts based education, ideals mind you that belong at the forefront of any school district.

I'd tell the schools that I vehemently oppose any efforts being made by fundamentalists on behalf of the silent majority (the students).

I'd tell the city that I'm unhappy about the taxes and what I get for them.

I'd tell the city to sort out its various messes: the empty city manager chair, the budget deficit, the Jerry Vorva grievances.

I'd tell the city to be more progressive. This is the 1990s folks and change is inevitable. Where's it going to happen? Downtown.

I'd tell the city to retain its impressive historic qualities even above any "quaint" reputation.

I'd tell the city to work out joint efforts with the township. Let's get pragmatic folks. The best solution is to stop duplicating services.

There's a lot more I'd say now that I have a chance. But you'll just have to wait until I stand up and am counted among those residents who care enough to speak on behalf of themselves and their community.

Schools waver on movies

"There's something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear..."

And yet there is definitely something wrong in the land of Oz -- also known as the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

Once again the issue of R-rated movies is rearing its ugly head. And just in time for an upcoming school election.

This time, though, it's the teachers at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) who have a complaint.

They say the district administration has pulled the plug on a number of R-rated movies already approved by administrators at CEP. The movies, which if used properly can sometimes be a valuable teaching resource, were in use by a variety of teachers at the two high schools.

Two weeks ago those teachers found out that movies already approved for use at CEP have now been rejected. This is where the unclear part comes into play.

It seems that teachers were given a Dec. 1 deadline to submit requests to use R-rated movies, but the deadline was also the date for a full review and acceptance or rejection of the movies.

Part of the problem stems from the fact that the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education decided it would alter its procedure regarding R-rated movies late in November -- putting teachers who wanted to use a movie in the second semester in the difficult position of having to submit a plan for the use of such a movie and then being dependent on the district administration to review it within the correct timeline.

Well, for some unknown reason, the district administrators in charge of reviewing the proposed R-rated films, did not know the new deadline was for both submission and review.

It's not too hard to go one step further and

wonder if the administration intentionally delayed getting the film requests completed, all the while telling teachers that the Dec. 1 deadline was being met and everything was on course and just fine.

Now that things are not fine between teachers and administrators over this current R-rated movie battle, maybe it's time to yet again look at the district's procedure (and policy) for dealing with the use of such potentially controversial materials.

You can bet the Citizens for Better Education (CBE) are cheering this latest victory for those who oppose academic freedom in the local district. Without having even asked for a mutual aid pact, the CBE has found a new ally in the district's administration.

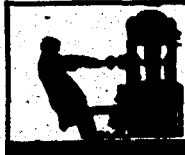
Some might say the current flap is the teachers' fault -- they're always maneuvering to outwit the district administration. Others might blame the climate which already exists within the school district. And still others may just see this as a sign of spring -- and an upcoming school election.

Teachers are often a misunderstood breed, but the role they play in this, and any other, community is significant. So significant, in fact, that one is hard pressed not to enlist on their side in this latest struggle over R-rated movies.

As one teacher said it, the instructors of this district are offered a lot of freedom, especially within their own classroom, but that freedom is tenuous at best thanks to the strange and un-called for posturing by the district administration.

Maybe it's time to figure out "what's happening here," but don't be so sure it will ever be clear.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MARCH 15, 1990

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Canton on Thursday, March 15, 1990, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the first floor meeting room of the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The following agenda will be discussed:

- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - Roll Call: Demopoulos, Nasiatka, Preblich, Prince
 - Acceptance of Agenda
 - 1. MARIE CLARK, 8475 ORHAN, appealing Section 2.03, B-1, D-1, D-3 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance regarding setback requirements in connection with proposed construction of detached garage. (Building)
 - 2. A.I.T. DESIGN GROUP, representing ROBERT H. OLSON, 43271 FORD RD., appealing Section 26.03 and Section 5.03, A-1 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance regarding setback requirements and berm width and height requirements in connection with construction of an office. (Planning)
 - 3. FRANKIE MIDDLETON, representing BETTER BUILT FENCE INC., appealing Section 8, Sub-Section A and C of the Canton Township Fence Ordinance #103 and Section 22.02 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance, regarding principal uses and structures in the LI-2, Light Industrial District. (Planning)
 - 4. GILBERT G. STAFFORD/ROLAND DERENZU, representing CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH/PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, appealing Section 4.01 C, 5.02 D, and 6.02 U-3 and U-4, and 26.06 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance regarding off-street parking, property line screening, setback requirements and building Materials in connection to the construction of a fieldhouse addition to the Plymouth Christian Academy. (Planning)
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NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to participate in the bid for the CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING on the high school site in Canton Township. Bid documents are available at the offices of the Construction Manager for this project:

Barton-Malow Company
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27777 Franklin Rd. - Suite 800
Southfield, MI 48034

The sealed bids for this project are due on or before 3pm, March 19, 1990 at:
Plymouth-Canton Schools, Bd/Ed Offices
Attn: Ray Hoedel - Assoc. Supt.
454 S. Harvey Street
Plymouth, MI 48170

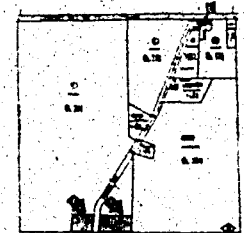
The Board of Education will open all bids submitted, during their meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m., also on March 19, 1990. Bids will be read aloud and forwarded to Administration for evaluation and recommendations. The Board of Education will consider an award at a future meeting. They reserve the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.
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Jeanette A. Wines, Secretary
Board of Education

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 2, 1990, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARTS OF 074-99-0010-000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PARCELS TO BE REZONED ARE LOCATED ON BOTH EAST AND WEST SIDES OF RIDGE ROAD BETWEEN CHERRY HILL ROAD AND SALTZ ROAD.



Planning Commission
John Burdzak,
Chairman

PUBLISH: The Crier, 3-7-90

ORDINANCE NO. 121 SECOND PUBLICATION THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROPERTY STANDARDS ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.0 GENERAL PROVISION

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote an increased quality of life through the improved maintenance of private property and the exterior of buildings.

SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS

Words or terms contained in this ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them, or as they are defined in the ordinances that are referenced, or as they are defined in other Canton Township ordinances.

- 2.1 JUNK VEHICLE — Shall mean any motor vehicle that is damaged or deteriorated so that it is incapable of safe operation as a specified in the Michigan Vehicle Code and/or is in such a condition that it cannot be used for the purposes for which it was manufactured.
- 2.2 UNLICENSED VEHICLE — Shall mean any motor vehicle that is not currently registered with the Secretary of State and/or does not display a current year registration plate in accordance with the Michigan Vehicle Code.
- 2.3 JUNK AND DEBRIS — Shall mean any machinery, appliances, products or merchandise with parts missing or other scrap materials that are damaged, deteriorated or in such a condition that they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were manufactured.
- 2.4 WASTE MATERIALS — Shall mean any trash, rubbish, refuse, ashes, dirt, stones, bricks, paper, trees, shrubs or cuttings therefrom, wood remnants, bottles, cans, garbage, waste products or any other excess or abandoned materials.
- 2.5 GRAFFITI — Shall mean any message, pictures, crude or obscene name, markings or slogans that mar, deface and/or destroy the surface of structures by obliteration, erasure, cancellation, or superinscription.
- 2.6 BUILDING — Shall mean any structure either temporary or permanent having a roof or other covering and used or built for the shelter or enclosure of persons, animals or property of any kind.
- 2.7 FRONT YARD — An open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest point of the building line. There shall be maintained a front yard on each street side of a corner lot.
- SECTION 3.0 STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE
- 3.1 JUNK OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES — The storage, accumulation, parking, or keeping of junk or inoperable vehicles is prohibited in all areas, except within a completely enclosed building or those areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township or whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance.
- 3.2 UNLICENSED VEHICLES — The storage, accumulation, parking, or keeping of unlicensed vehicles and parts therefrom is prohibited in all areas, except within a completely enclosed building or those areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township or whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance.
- 3.3 WASTE MATERIALS — The storage, accumulation, keeping, littering or dumping of waste materials, except domestic refuse maintained in accordance with Canton Township's Rubbish Collection Ordinance is prohibited, furthermore, it shall be unlawful to place any refrigerator(s) out for rubbish collection without first removing the door(s).
- 3.4 JUNK AND DEBRIS — The storage, accumulation, keeping, littering or dumping of junk and debris, except in areas possessing a valid junk yard license issued by Canton Township is prohibited.
- 3.5 DETERIORATED STRUCTURES — The existence of any structure or part of a structure which, because of fire, wind, flood, or by any other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is in such a condition that its structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such a catastrophic or deterioration and is less than the minimum requirements of the Building Code of the Charter Township of Canton for a new building or similar structure, purpose or condition.
- 3.6 PARKING LOCATIONS — The off street parking of any motor vehicle upon grass, or any other surface other than those specified in article 4.00 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is prohibited.

3.7 BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT — The storage, accumulation, or keeping of any building materials or construction equipment is prohibited, unless there is in effect a valid building permit issued by the Department of Building and Inspection Services for construction upon said premises, and said materials and equipment are used in connection with such construction, or whose use is in compliance with the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

3.8 SHRUB AND TREE MAINTENANCE — All trees and shrubs must be kept trimmed so as not to encroach upon any public sidewalk or pathway. Clear headroom must be maintained of at least 7'0" in height.

3.9 GRASS HEIGHT — Grass in all landscaped grass areas shall not be permitted to grow higher than six (6) inches in height.

3.10 EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE —

- (a) Exterior surfaces of all structures shall be protected from water, penetration, and against deterioration with a paint covering or other approved material, and shall be maintained free of peeling, broken, loose, rotten, crumbling, missing, or inadequate finished materials.
- (b) Exterior roof materials of all structures shall be weathertight and securely fastened to the roof. All roofs shall be capable of supporting the load which normally would be placed on it.
- (c) Exterior surfaces of all structures shall be kept free from graffiti.
- (d) All gutters and downspouts shall be securely fastened to the structure and be maintained free of peeling, broken, rotten, crumbling, missing, or inadequate finished materials.

3.11 FIREWOOD STORAGE — All storage, accumulation, or keeping of firewood is prohibited, except for residential areas when used for fireplace or woodstoves or those areas whose use is in compliance with Canton Township's Zoning Ordinance. Firewood shall be neatly stacked and shall neither exceed five feet in height nor be located in the front yard.

SECTION 4.0 ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS — In the event a violation of this ordinance is noted, the Ordinance Inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of said property of said violation. Such notice shall specify the violation, and the time within which corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. In the event the property is not in compliance with this ordinance at the end of the period specified in the notice if violation, an appearance ticket may be issued.

SECTION 5.0 PENALTIES — Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not more than five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both, upon the discretion of the court. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 6.0 CONSTRUCTION NON APPLICABILITY, APPEALS — This ordinance shall be liberally construed in such a manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such a manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto; avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance.

SECTION 7.0 REPEAL — All ordinances or parts therefrom in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. This ordinance will repeal the Nuisance Ordinance No. 44 and the Anti-Sight Ordinance No. 51.

SECTION 8.0 SEVERABILITY — Should any provision or section of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provisions or sections.

SECTION 9.0 SAVINGS CLAUSE — The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or effect any offense or act not committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 10.0 EFFECTIVE DATE — This ordinance shall become effective upon the 2nd publication.

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Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

At a duly noticed Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 1990, the Board of Trustees authorized amendments to the Canton block grant program which resulted in the following changes:

- (1) FY 1986 Program Administration. Increase by \$13,469.55. Extinguishes FY 1986 Michigan Avenue loan fund.
 - (2) Feasibility study for a multi-use Community Recreation Facility. New project for \$25,000.00. Extinguishes FY 1988 housing rehabilitation program.
 - (3) Asphalt paving and landscaping of parking lot at Griffin Community Park (Sheldon Road site). New project for \$60,000.00.
 - (4) Purchase of daily home meal delivery van for senior citizens. New project for \$22,619.95. Extinguishes FY 1986 and FY 1988 housing rehabilitation programs.
- PUBLISH: The Crier, 3-7-90

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 11:00 a.m., March 22, 1990 for the following:

1990 SOCCER TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS

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

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LOREN BENNETT, Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting bids from selected and qualified companies for the abatement of asbestos in three buildings. The work will commence in late June, and conclude in August, 1990. Consultant and inspection services are being provided by Engineering and Testing Services, Inc., of Plymouth, Michigan. Information and bid forms are available at Engineering and Testing Services, or at the Board of Education Offices, c/o Purchasing Department, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The sealed bids are due on or before 2 p.m., March 19, 1990.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

Jeanette A. Wines, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Publish: The Crier, Wednesday, March 7th and Wednesday, March 14th, 1990.

NOTICE

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, in cooperation with the City of Plymouth, is selling two frame homes adjacent to the Board of Education Building in Plymouth. A provision of the sale is that the homes be moved from their present site, to make room for the expansion of the Board of Education Building. All people interested in purchasing these homes and relocating them will be cordially received, and given all details by:

Carne and Associates
383 Starkweather Avenue
Plymouth, MI 48170
Telephone: (313) 459-1170

These two homes are located at 1053 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and 1069 West Ann Arbor Trail. The Board of Education deadline for receiving sealed bids on each home is 3 PM, Monday, March 26, 1990. At:

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Board of Education Offices
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, MI 48170

All bids received will be opened and read at the regular 7:30 PM Board of Education meeting, the evening of March 26, 1990. Thereafter, the bids will be forwarded to Administration for evaluation and recommendations. The Board of Education will consider an award at a future meeting. They reserve the right to accept any or reject all bids, and waive any informalities therein, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

Jeanette A. Wines, Secretary
Board of Education

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1990

Mr. Breen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

All members were present except Ron Griffith and John Stewart who were excused.
Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of February 13, 1990 with the addition of the 1989 Annual Report for the Department of Building & Code Enforcement. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing asked to add item J.20 in New Business as follows:
J.20 Maurice M. Breen, Supervisor

RE: Lawsuit regarding use of the name Hilltop Glen
Order rejoining defendants and dismissing the case

Mr. Breen asked to add as an additional item a closed session prior to adjournment for the purpose of discussing an appraisal on a piece of property in which the Township has an interest.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the agenda as submitted, with the additions for the February 27, 1990 Regular Board of Trustees meeting. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved the adoption of Resolution No. 90-2-27-09 granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate requested by the Spicer Tool Company for twelve years. Supported by Mr. Horton.

Ayes: Breen, Griffith, Hulsing, Munfakh, Stewart
Nays: None

The Resolution has been made a part of the official minutes.
Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt the Water & Sewer Rate Ordinance Amendment C-90-01 at this, its second reading, with the proposed addition and change on page 4 and to authorize its immediate publication when it will become effective immediately. Supported by Mr. Horton.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Breen, Brooks, Horton, Hulsing, Munfakh
Nays: None

The complete Ordinance is available for perusal in the Clerk's office.
Mr. Horton moved to approve the proposed Golf Course rates for 1990. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

They are as follows:

Proposed Rates for 1990:	9 Holes	18 Holes
Weekdays	9.00	11.00
Weekends & Holidays	15.00	17.00
Seniors	9.00	10.00
Juniors	8.00	9.00

A Plymouth Township resident will receive a 50 cent reduction from the applicable nine hole fee and a \$1.00 reduction from the applicable 18 hole fee. The residency reduction is not applicable to the Junior and Senior rates.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the authorization of the supervisor to select a committee to initiate the steps needed for the Cable TV Franchise Renewal. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to authorize the contribution of \$1,000 to the Ford Heritage Trail Sites with the condition that the Plymouth Community Arts Council utilize the Phoenix building and that no commercial use be made of it. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the requested amount of \$921 for the Senior Alliance Services Per Capita Assessment for FY90. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Wayne County Appraisal Company asked to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of March 13, 1990 to discuss proposed Amendment to contract through July, 1990.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-2-27-10 which deals with the Acceptance of Maintenance Responsibility for the Landscape Plan in Fox Pointe Subdivision. Supported by Mr. Horton.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Breen, Brooks, Horton, Hulsing, Munfakh
Nays: None

The resolution has been made a part of the official minutes.
Mrs. Brooks moved to accept the Maintenance Agreement for Fox Pointe Subdivision for Landscape Maintenance between the Charter Township of Plymouth and East Ridge, Inc. and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the same. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the acceptance of Signature Inns, Inc. Utility Easement for Municipally-owned Utilities, approved by the Township Engineer as to form and the Township Attorney as to form and substance. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to accept the low bid of Bay Dux Control, Division of Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales of \$68.69/ton, \$0.39/gal. for three applications during the 1990 season at an estimated cost of \$52,000. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to authorize the expenditure of \$24,650 to renovate the East Wing of the Township Hall as proposed. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-2-27-11 which reads as follows:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees being advised in the premises does hereby lend its support to proposed HR 3140, U.S. Congress; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to Congressman Pursell and other members of the Michigan Congressional delegation.

Supported by Mrs. Hulsing.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Breen, Brooks, Horton, Hulsing, Munfakh
Nays: None

Mr. Horton moved to approve the purchase of a Crew Cab pick-up truck for the Fire Department form the low bidder, Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$17,977.21. Supported by Mr. Munfakh.

Mrs. Hulsing moved acceptance of the public utilities for continuous use and maintenance for the Five Mile Sanitary Sewer Extension, Beacon Meadows Subdivision No. 2, Spec. Building on Lot 124 Metro West No. 2, Toolco, Inc., Signature Inn, Quail Run Subdivision, Spec. Building on Lots 65-68 Metro West No. 3, Plymouth Trade Center Phase I and the Ridge Road Watermain as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Sgt. Antau addressed the warning procedures for prison escapees and Mr. Van Vleck addressed the emergency preparedness siren systems as requested in Mrs. Patricia Busby's letter of February 6, 1990.

Mr. Horton moved to accept the directed settlement of Case No. 89-909735-CZ in the Wayne County Circuit Court which permanently enjoined John Jawor, Inc. and the Township of Plymouth from using the name "Hilltop Glen," the case being dismissed with prejudice and without costs. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to accept and file the Communications and Reports as listed. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mr. Munfakh to move to a closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of a piece of property for the Township.

The item under discussion was determined to be a proper item for discussion in a closed session, Section 8, paragraph (d) of the Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976 as amended by No. 256 of 1978, Section 15.248.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Breen, Brooks, Horton, Hulsing, Munfakh
Nays: None

Motion passed.

The Board left for the closed session at 9:25 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Board reassembled in the Meeting Room at 9:34 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mrs. Hulsing to return to open meeting in the Meeting Room at 9:34 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Horton, supported by Mrs. Hulsing to authorize Supervisor Breen to obtain an appraisal on the subject property at a cost no greater than \$2,300.00. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on February 27, 1990 and will be approved at the next regular Board meeting on March 13, 1990.

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Mettetal discussion reaches board

BY KEN VOYLES

The big night is Tuesday. That's when the Canton Board of Trustees will publicly discuss a possible township purchase of Mettetal Airport at Joy and Lilley roads.

It will be the first time the entire board has had a chance to talk about a possible municipal purchase of Mettetal — a facility that some say will soon disappear under the weight of development pressure.

The board is expected make a decision on whether or not the

township is interested in considering the purchase, said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Yack said that if the board is interested in the idea he will recommend the formation of a citizens committee to gather further information.

Some board members, including Canton Clerk Loren Bennett have said they need more information to be able to make a decision on whether to pursue the purchase.

During last week's regular board meeting, Bennett told residents that

any decision on Mettetal is "months away."

State officials have told Yack that the airport could be bought almost entirely with state and federal funds. Mettetal's value has been estimated at more than \$3 million.

At the March 13 meeting, supporters of a municipal purchase will outline the details, said Yack, along with state officials, including William Gehman, the director of the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics.

Yack said he has so far received very

little feedback from residents concerning the township's willingness to consider the idea.

Canton last looked at the idea about five years ago, according to Bennett. At the time the proposal called for expanding the airport.

Bennett has said he would not favor expansion of Mettetal, and recent discussions have steered clear of that idea, focusing instead on ways to keep the airport operation at its current level.



Friends & Neighbors

Through the eyes of a Plymouth resident

Inside the Soviet nuclear industry

BY PHILIP TARDANI

If Plymouth resident and nuclear engineer Paul Fessler had any doubts about how good a job he does, they were cleared up last November.

At that time, Fessler, who is director of plant safety at the Detroit Edison Fermi 2 plant in Newport, was asked to visit the Soviet Union as sole U.S. representative with an international group inspecting the largest nuclear reactor in the world.

The team examined the operating practices and corrective action programs of the Ignalina nuclear

power plant in the city of Snechkus in Lithuania.

"It was a vote of confidence," said Fessler referring to the Institute of Nuclear Power Operators decision to choose him for the trip. "They thought the programs we had in place in Fermi at the time were very good."

"It's nice to know you do a few things right."

Fessler said the Soviets had requested the International Atomic Energy Agency to send the team and examine the facility as part of a more open attitude following the 1987 Chernobyl accident, the worst nuclear

mishap ever.

Fessler concluded that the Soviets are sincerely trying to improve nuclear safety following Chernobyl.

"I think they're trying hard to incorporate the lessons they learned," he said. "They really took Chernobyl to heart and changed the way they operate."

The team Fessler joined examined the 1,500 megawatt Ignalina plant over a two week period and assessed safety there. The six member team — with other representatives from Great Britain, Finland, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Spain — then filed a report for the Ignalina operators to examine.

Though the team was there to inform others, Fessler said, the members picked up a few things themselves, one of which was a clearer picture of Soviet nuclear power.

"In general, I think before the trip we had a somewhat negative impression of the Soviet nuclear program," he said. "We concluded that we were very comfortable with the

way they operated their nuclear plants."

Fessler said it was also gratifying to have the Ignalina engineers openly discuss the disaster at Chernobyl.

"They are very sensitive to Chernobyl and very open to talking about it," he said. "The acknowledgment was pleasing because they didn't try to downplay it or ignore it."

The mission did have its downsides, however, Fessler said. The first was the problem of communicating through interpreters who were not educated in nuclear physics.

"The interpreters were not technical," he said. "We had to repeat things multiple times."

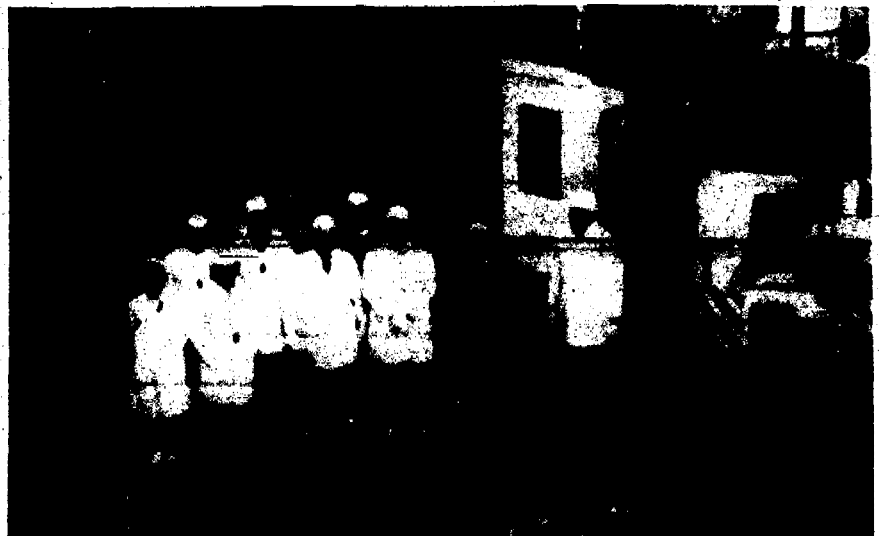
The food was also a minor irritant, he said, noting it consisted of heavy meats, grease and fat.

"It was not the kind of food I'm used to eating," he said. "I lost seven or eight pounds in two weeks."

As for returning someday, Fessler said there may be a follow-up tour and if asked, he might go again.



Paul Fessler, center, in the control room at Ignalina.



Fessler, third from right, poses with the rest of the inspecting group on top of the Ignalina reactor, the world's largest.

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Writing about an event or special topic of interest is usually pretty easy.

However, writing about a PERSON can be a lot harder, especially when you know his reaction is going to be to look you straight in the eye and say, "God is going to get you for this."

Oh well, I only have one life to live and it would be boring without a little danger and excitement.

Besides, writing about someone who has a sense of humor and is always willing to dish it out to others gives you a sense of power.

Actually, I think it is called a payback (or maybe a payforward).

Before you lose interest in trying to guess who this special person is, let me give you few clues:

- He celebrated his 40th birthday a FEW years ago;
- although he's thinning a bit on top, he's not bad looking;
- he is the minister of a local church;
- he has been active on many committees in Canton;
- he is an officer of the board of Community Federal Credit Union;
- and was recently named "Canton's Volunteer of the Year."

In case one of the above clues didn't give it away, his name is Ken Gruebel.

Last weekend Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton celebrated the 10th anniversary of having Ken as its pastor. In a surprise rendition of "Ken Gruebel... This is Your Life" -- his family, friends, the congregation and guests from the community probably learned more about Ken than he would have liked them to.

In front of God, his mom and dad, his wife, his son and daughter, his brother, his in-laws and his friends, Ken was reminded of all the dumb, crazy, fun and mediocre things he has done in his life.

Oh yes, there were a few good things mixed in there -- somewhere.

Pictures of "little Kenny" showed what an angelic child he was.

Hearing about some of his mediocre grades reminded me of the time he told me not to worry about my son and his grades. I think his ending note was something like, "Don't worry, he'll probably grow up just like me."

Do you know what it's like to cringe everytime the kid does something that reminds me in any way of something Ken (our minister) would do?

I know ministers are supposed to be "holier than thou types," but, sometimes their halos slip and they come down to earth with the rest of us.

Hearing some of the stories about Princeton Theological Seminary, there must be quite a few of those down-to-earth-type preachers roaming the world. After hearing the fun filled tales from some of the local clergy, we don't have to worry about finding room for any pedestals.

Believe it or not, behind that clerical collar is a real person -- someone you can talk to, strongly disagree with, give a hug, sometimes agree with and someone you can laugh and have fun with.

Thanks Ken, Sue, David and Melissa for being part of our community for the past 10 years. I'm looking forward to the next 10 years.

Trail idea supported

BY PHILIP TARDANI

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township have both thrown their support behind the Ford Heritage Trail with pledges of cash.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees pledged \$1,000 at its meeting last week and the Plymouth City Commission promised \$200 at its Monday meeting.

The offers of support came after presentations before the respective governments by Nancy Watkins of the Wayne County parks Division.

Watkins said that while creating parks for the county, she discovered a number of mills formerly used by Henry Ford for the construction of components for Ford cars.

"We have this wonderful heritage right in our backyards called the village industry plants," she said.

Watkins said the Wayne County Parks Division, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Henry Ford Estate-Fairlane have teamed up to com-

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CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club is accepting applications for its "Career Development Scholarship" to recognize women entering the workforce. Applications are due by April 6. For qualification details call 459-9231. For application forms write: Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box. 5338, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

SPRING GARAGESALE

The annual Spring Garage Sale, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is set for April 28 at the Plymouth Gathering. Donations are still needed -- articles will be picked up (no large appliances). Call 455-0004, 464-1129 or 425-2935. Profits from the sale will be used for local community projects.

WINTER BAND CAMP

A Winter Band Camp will be held by the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Marching Band at Pioneer Middle School's gym March 11 from 2-4 p.m. The event is for new and returning students from grades eight to 11. Auditions are scheduled for the week of March 19 in Phase III at CEP. For further information call 451-0972.

MEN'S RECREATION NIGHT

The Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its spring session of Men's Recreation Night basketball starting March 28 at Eriksson Elementary School at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$15 for 10 weeks of play. Open to Canton residents only. Call 397-5110 for further details.

PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOW

The 14th annual Plymouth Train Show is set for March 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Tickets are \$2 per person; children under 12 get in free. Tables are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. More than 100 tables of new, used and antique trains. Also, a Chessie Systems (CSX) engine and caboose will be at the Plymouth Yard and Roundhouse. For further information on the show call 455-4455.

EX-NEWCOMERS REUNION

The Plymouth Ex-newcomers is sponsoring a reunion night with all past members receiving a special invitation to attend. The reunion will be held March 12 at the Cozy Cafe for dessert and coffee. Cost for the refreshments is \$3.50 per person. Starts at 7 p.m. Call 455-4797.

WORKSHOP FOR JUNIORS

A program for all juniors and their families -- "Preparing to Live and Work in the 21st Century" -- is set for tonight (March 7) at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School Little Theater. Presented by the counseling staff at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) for both Canton and Salem students. Workshops will cover a range of career oriented topics. Call 451-6600 for further information.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post 391, will host its regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m., March 8, at 173 N. Mill St., Plymouth. Interested veterans should contact Commander Vic Riblett at 455-4565 or Jim Maahs at 677-2187.

MEN'S OPEN BASKETBALL

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering Men's Open Basketball program on Friday nights at Smith Elementary School from 7-9 p.m. The first session runs from March 9 through April 6. Call the YMCA office at 453-2904 for further details.

PRESCHOOL KREATIVES PROGRAM

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is expanding the Preschool Kreatives Program. Classes are offered five afternoons each week, from 1-3 p.m. in the second floor of the YMCA office. Call the Y at 453-2904 for further information.

LAKE POINTE SPEAKER

David Wilson, founder and director of Pro-Challenge, will be the featured speaker March 30 at the Lake Pointe Bible Chapel's Father and Son Banquet. The public is invited. Admission is free. Program begins at 6 p.m. Reservations by March 27. Call 420-0515 for full details.

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EAST BAND CONCERT

East Middle School band students will be performing March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gym. The community is invited to the free concert.

ISBISTER BOOK FAIR

Isbister Elementary School will host a book fair March 12-15. Hours are: 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 8:45-11:45 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and 8:45 a.m. to noon. Call 451-6540 for further details.

LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM

New Morning School will begin another session of Saturday "Lunch Bunch" classes March 17 (through April 7) for youths ages four to 11. Held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Students prepare food; create a recipe book and learn other crafts. Class fee is \$30 for each four week session. Call 420-3331 for information.

KNITTING GUILD FORMING

Local residents interested in starting a guild affiliated with the Knitting Guild of America should come to a meeting March 22 at 7 p.m. on the second level of the Dunning-Hough Library in the City of Plymouth. For further information call 455-1964 or 525-9122.

ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER

The Plymouth Rock 47 Masonic Lodge will be serving its annual charity dinner March 16 at 7 p.m. The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is this year's designated charity. For reservations or information call 453-1242 or 453-4586, no later than March 12.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will resume its monthly membership meeting March 8 at 7:30 p.m. The group will hold its first joint membership meeting with the Plymouth Historical Society on that date (at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street. For further information on the joint meeting call 495-0304.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Plymouth Fire Chief Al Matthews will speak at the regular meeting of the Plymouth Council on Aging, March 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Starts at 2 p.m. A sing-a-long will follow. Refreshments. Call Geneva Guenther at 453-1234 for further information.

CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club membership and information meeting is set for March 15. Call Gene Kafila at 453-4200 (during the day) for further details.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The 7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation and held for local seniors, will be March 17 at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Tickets are \$8.75 for residents and \$11.50 for non-residents. Entertainment and food will be available. For further information call 397-5444.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE FOOLS

On March 11 at 7 p.m. the RENEW Large Group Committee at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton will present the Fountain Square Fools in "A Celebration of God's Word Through Drama and Prayer." For further information call 455-5910.

POLISH ANNIVERSARY BALL

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Polish Centennial Dancers, "An Elegant Ball to Remember," will be held at Vladimirs March 25 at 3 p.m. Sit down dinner, open bar, Polish Orchestra and presentation of debutantes and squires. All are welcome. Reservations needed. For details call Joanne at 464-1263 or Chris at 471-5023.

SATURDAY DISCOVERY DAYS


New Morning School in Plymouth Township has openings in the March 17 to April 7 sessions of Saturday Discovery Day classes. Classes are open to children ages three to 11 years. For further information call 420-3331.

JUNIOR BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association will be holding its annual registration March 10 and 17 at Canton High School's cafeteria. Held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Boys ages seven to 15 and girls ages seven to 18 can sign-up. Fees range from \$30 to \$40 per player; a family plan is available. Playing age is based on age as of July 31, 1990. Birth certificates are required. Adult help is also needed. For further information call Chris Mroczka at 455-5253.

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Places to be

In 1st joint session Historic groups to meet

For the first time both the Canton and Plymouth historical societies will host a joint membership meeting.

At the invitation of the Plymouth group, Canton members will attend a Thursday (March 8) meeting at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street.

The 7:30 p.m. gathering features guest speaker Dr. Martin Brosnana, who will discuss "Remembering the Depression."

The meeting will also be a chance for interested residents to get involved in either group.

For further information on the meeting call 495-0304.

PSO, Chorus plan show In concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) and the Plymouth Community Chorus will join forces for two musical shows March 16-17 at Domino's Farms.

The St. Patrick's Cabaret Pops Concert will include musical selections from the Emerald Isle, plenty of pizza and, of course, pops.

Both concerts will be held at 8 p.m. in the Exhibition Hall. Tickets, which include refreshments, are \$10 for

adults and \$5 for students in grades K-12.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Museum and the Antique Car Museum will be open from 7-8 p.m. for a \$1 donation.

Tickets for the shows are available at Beitner Jewelry in the City of Plymouth, Evola Music Center in Plymouth Township, Hammell Music in Livonia, Orin Jewelers and Bookstall on the Main in Northville.

For further information call 451-2112.

For CEP marchers Winter band camp

A Winter Band Camp will be offered by the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Marching band Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the Pioneer Middle School gym.

The first high school band event is for new and returning students from grades eight to 11 and their parents. Initial marching instructions will be provided at the meeting. They are necessary for the upcoming auditions planned for the week of March 19.

Those auditions will be held at Canton High School's Phase III facility.

Already the CEP band is planning fundraising activities to support next year's performance schedule. In May, the marchers will conduct a giant carwash. Several other fundraisers are also being planned, including the sale of discounted garbage bags for spring cleaning.

The band will open its 1990 season Aug. 31.

DDA will mull concept

BY PHILIP TARDANI
Public input is being sought for Thursday's (March 8) meeting of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

At that meeting the DDA will look further at a "downtown concept."

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will include representatives from the DDA and architects from the firm Schevish, Vogel and Mertz, according to DDA chairman Greg Goodman.

Goodman said a topic for discussion will be "streetscape" renovation.

The planning consultants are expected to present a preliminary plan for the city's downtown.

"We're hoping for public input so it can be incorporated into proposals we ultimately come up with," he said.

Acting City Manager William Graham said the meeting will be a "brainstorming session" regarding downtown design concepts and plans.

Goodman said that was a good way to describe the meeting.

"We literally want to pick everyone's brains and solicit suggestions and recommendations," he said. "The public is encouraged to attend."

The meeting will be held in the Plymouth City Commission chambers on the second floor of the the Plymouth City Hall.

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"We've had a lot of calls," McLenaghan said adding that many are from residents who want more information on such things as how the assessments are done.

He said he would not be suprised if some homeowners were upset.

"People seldom are pleased when they get an increase in assessments," he said.

McLenaghan advised residents who want information on the assessments to contact the Canton assessor's office, at 981-6400. Anyone who feels they are being over-assessed should set up an appointment with the Canton Board of

Adistra

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Jim McKeon, a director and treasurer at Adistra, said, "We had a company-wide meeting last Thursday and every question the employes asked was answered."

McKeon said the merger would probably mean more jobs for the company. He also noted that a 10-year lease was recently signed to continue operations out of the former Daisy building.

"I think that shows a commitment to staying in Plymouth," he said.

Review, he said.

"Be prepared to give a good argument with solid information," he said. "The best information to have would be data on sales of homes in the neighborhood."

The Canton Board of Review will meet March 7, 13 and 16 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., March 12 from 1-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. and March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

The average residential increase in Plymouth Township is 6.9 per cent, according to McLenaghan.

"Our phones have been ringing with complaints," said Treasurer Mary Brooks.

Township Supervisor Maurice Breen advised residents to consider appealing their assessments in a newsletter to residents.

"If we think we have a good reason, we can appeal our property tax assessments," he said, noting that the first step is the Township Board of Review.

Breen also said that if residents are dissatisfied with the board's decision, they can appeal by sending a letter prior to June 30 to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Brooks said residents wishing more information on assessments should call the Plymouth Township Assessors office at 453-7420.

The township board of assessors will meet March 12 from 2-9 p.m. and March 13, 15 and 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m.



City of Plymouth residents discuss the recent assessment increases during a meeting with two city commissioners Friday. (Crier photo by Mark Cotton)

City residents meet to discuss tax woes

BY KEN VOYLES

About 10-15 City of Plymouth residents unhappy with the latest residential property tax assessments met with two city commissioners Friday evening.

The informal gathering was just another sign that residents of the community (and state) are showing increased displeasure over ever rising home assessments and the tax hikes that attend them.

The residents, along with Commissioners James Jabara and Jerry Vorva, gathered at a home on Elm Street for what turned into a talk about city spending as much as increased assessments, according to one of the participants.

Tom Prose, who spoke further on the issue during the commission's special meeting Saturday, said residents aren't upset so much over the increased assessments as they are with what that translates into -- more taxes. "People are just quite livid over the property tax increases," said Prose, who plans to appeal his assessment in the city. "It's clearly a solution that lies outside (of the city)."

Prose said the commissioners on hand "seemed very well motivated to

make changes in the city government to make it more efficient." He said there was a lot of discussion about the city's general spending habits and government waste.

Prose believes his own assessment is nearly 20 per cent too high. He said the value of the home improvements he made was judged 35 per cent higher than others near his home.

Two other residents on hand for the meeting, Barb and Bob Hoatlin, said home owners talked about what they are currently getting for their tax dollars in the city.

"Basically people are very concerned about their taxes -- there is a lot of concern," said Barb Hoatlin, who moved here about a year ago.

"I was at the meeting because I don't want my taxes raised," said Hoatlin. She added that it was important for residents who want a change to start the effort in their own community and then put pressure on Lansing.

Hoatlin said she had thought a petition drive might come of the meeting, but that has not happened.

"This is my fifth house and I've worked hard to get here and I don't want to be forced out by unrealistic costs," she said.

The Hoatlins have gone to city hall and picked up an assessment review form.

They plan to file an appeal.

Block grants

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Oppat to the Community Development Block Grant Committee, a decision approved by the commission.

Sincock said the block grant committee is accepting comments from citizens and organizations who may request funding from the grant project.

The final hearing and proposed projects will be presented to the city commission on March 19, he said.

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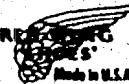
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City manager search

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"He (Graham) knows what's going on," Childs said. "I didn't think we needed the Plante & Moran study in the first place."

Residents also expressed support for Graham before the commission during Monday night's regular commission meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem R. Jack Kenyon said that as long as the commission had decided on the financial study, the commission may as well wait to hear the results before making a decision on the new city manager.

"Having selected the deliberative path, I think we should wait for Plante & Moran," he said.

Commissioner Ronald Loiselle, who said the mayor has performed "phenomenally" thus far, agreed.

"I feel we have to wait for the preliminary recommendation, (from the consultants)" he said. "Let's get all the facts and go from there."

Commissioner Jerry Vorva said that though Graham is still a viable candidate for the city manager job, the commission should wait on the financial report.

"Seeing as how the heat is on us, it's just going to have to stay there until we make a decision," he said.

Bila said the commission has three options before it concerning a new city manager.

The first is to hire Graham, who he said is still a candidate for the job.

Second, the mayor said, the commission could continue the candidate search with Bartell & Bartell. That firm came up with three final candidates for the job in a nation-wide search. The candidate the commission chose -- Randall Byrne, of Grand Blanc -- declined the job last week.

The mayor said the two other men Bartell & Bartell recommended -- Jerome Kisscorni and John Strutner -- are no longer viable because they had to make new commitments to their

communities after Byrne was offered the job.

Finally, the mayor said the commission could conduct its own candidate search.

The commission heard from residents on its reluctance to hire Graham during the Monday meeting. The residents also expressed displeasure with Bartell & Bartell.

"It's time we get over messing around and get to city business," said Stephen Ribar, a resident who addressed the commission. Ribar said he favors hiring Graham immediately as city manager.

The city commission has scheduled a special meeting for Monday (March 12) to consider preliminary reports from Plante & Moran and further discuss the city manager position.

Ford trail

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memorate the contributions of Henry Ford to the history and welfare of Southeast Michigan.

The Ford Heritage Trail is a self-guided tour of three different routes of the rise of the auto industry in the area, she said.

The Green Tour features village industry mills in the Rouge River valley and includes the Plymouth (Wilcox) and Phoenix mills. Plymouth Mill is located at Wilcox Road and Edward Hines Drive, while Phoenix is located along Northville Road north of Five Mile Road.

To promote tourism and educate interested people, Watkins said the parks division and MDOT will display travel posters at freeway reststops and information centers across Michigan, print and distribute a color brochure describing the structures featured on the trail, and erect interpretive markers at all trail sites.

Money from the city and township will be used to support those efforts.



Getting down to business

In marketing field

Tyson strides forward

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Tyson Marketing has opened an office in Plymouth Township in an expanding effort to provide service to its customers all over the nation.

Joseph Tyson, president of the company and a resident of The Plymouth-Canton Community for more than 10 years, said he had been operating out of his Canton home.

"When we started getting more clients, we decided to move and expand," he said.

Tyson said he thought Plymouth was the right place because of its proximity to Detroit, Metropolitan Airport, and several major freeways.

"I'm on the road a lot," he said. "We handle clients all across the country and North America."

Tyson Marketing concentrates on diversity in its efforts to serve clients, he said.

"We do the whole gamut that falls under marketing," Tyson said. He added that includes advertising and sales incentive programs, packaging design, press releases and video and slide presentations for sales and service training and communications.

"People say they understand their business and know how to run it effectively," he said. "Where they may need help is in letting potential customers know just how good their products are, how to improve sales or introduce new products."

"We do just that," he added. Tyson said his company also works with a wide range of companies, though at the moment most of his



JOSEPH TYSON

clients are in the recreational vehicle or marine industry.

Size of the company does not make a difference, Tyson said.

"We do work for companies with \$100,000 annual sales or less to \$10 or \$15 million annual sales."

Business has been good since he opened the Plymouth office in July, Tyson said. He has four employees as well as a consortium of about six writers and designers who do freelance work, he said.

Tyson said he hopes to expand as more clients come along, adding that he thinks southeast Michigan is the right place to be.

"We're probably in a pretty busy hub here that I think in the next 20 years will be economically energetic," he said.

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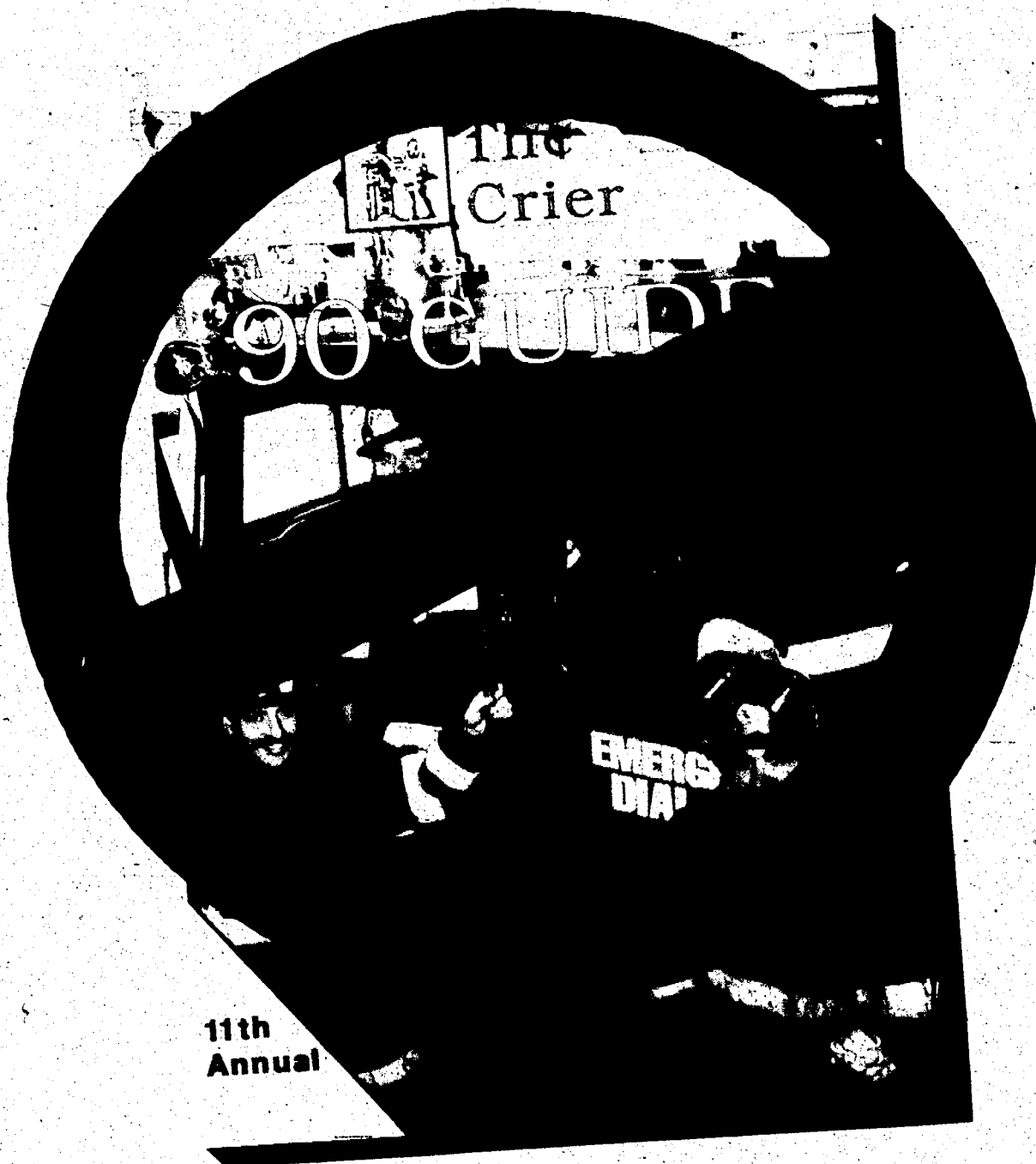
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Developmental learning

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know the same materials, said Lois Stuart, a kindergarten teacher at Hoben Elementary.

Even though children may be the same age they may not be at the same stage of development, Stuart said.

One problem with traditional methods of teaching is that kids eventually get the message that they are either smart or dumb at a very early age, Cummings said.

It can be difficult for children to get the message that they are "dumb" day after day simply because they might not be at the same developmental stage as other children, she said.

"Nobody is labeled in this program," said Susan Domeracki, a first grade teacher at Hoben Elementary.

"Everybody is as good as the next one," Domeracki said.

The role of a teacher who incorporates the developmental philosophy in the classroom is to create a situation where the children can see themselves as learners, she said.

Using a great deal of positive reinforcement and allowing the children to progress at their own rate gives kids a positive view of learning, Domeracki said.

Developmental learning is "a philosophy that builds self-esteem," she said.

One good example of how developmental learning works is in the study of reading and writing.

Children start out by drawing pictures so they can become comfortable with expressing themselves on paper. Then when they become comfortable with that they begin to scribble sentences with no discernable letters in them, Stuart said.

"Scribbling is to literacy what babbling is to speech," she said.

Eventually letters begin to show up in the sentences.

When the letters become

predominant then the children begin to sound out words and spell them phonetically.

"Sounds-like is okay when you're in first grade because sounds-like is where you're at," Domeracki said.

Under developmental learning, it is acceptable that children reach these stages at different times.

"It meets every child's needs," said Linda Bright, a kindergarten teacher at Hoben. "That to me is the neatest part of all."

Whatever stage they are at, Bright said, the children "see themselves as readers and see themselves as writers."

"The children are so excited about it," she said. "To watch what those children have learned from it is amazing."

Children are also given a chance to make choices for themselves under developmental learning.

Developmental classrooms offer several "learning stations," all of which the children must work at some time during a given day or week.

The choice is that the children are allowed to decide when they want to work at which station, as long as they get to the required station before the deadline is up.

Developmental learning also involves a great deal of "hands on" activities, said Shirley Spaniel, executive director of elementary education in the district.

Working with materials that children use every day helps them "understand and get some meaning out of what they are learning," Spaniel said.

When children work with materials, making decisions and solving problems, they become creative and critical thinkers, she said.

"You can't teach thinking skills," Spaniel said. Children must learn that they are capable of thinking and learning by doing, she said.

"The bottom line is getting kids to be excited about learning," Spaniel said.



Community Deaths

Livingston, manager

Richard R. Livingston, 57, of Canton, died Feb. 17 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Memorial services were held Feb. 20 at Lambert-Vermeulen Trust Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

Mr. Livingston came to The Plymouth-Canton Community from Davenport, Iowa in 1987. He worked as a data processing manager for the Unisys Corporation in Plymouth Township.

Survivors include: wife Marilyn, of Canton; sons Kurt, of Texas, and Kris, of California; and daughter Kaye, of California.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Somes, bridge super.

Kenneth W. Somes, 33, of Brighton, died Feb. 26 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Funeral services were held March 2 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Mr. Carson Coonce officiating. Burial was at Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township.

Mr. Somes, formerly of Plymouth, was a bridge construction superintendent who worked 14 years for Midwest Bridge of Williamston.

Survivors include: wife Deborah, of Brighton; parents John and Joan, of Plymouth; and sisters Debbie Pazderka, of Phoenix, Pam Ruby, of White Pine and Sandra Braun, of Traverse City.

Runge, of Canton

Helen J. Runge, 82, of Canton, died Feb. 11 in Cullman, AL. Funeral services were held Feb. 15 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Leland Seese, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Runge is survived by 16 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Other survivors include: sons Richard, of California, William, of Canton, and Albert, of Northville; and daughters Susan Kinue Runge, of Tacoma, Jean Campbell, of Cullman, AL, and Janice Miller, of Thousand Oaks, CA.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Witzman, administrator

Vivian L. Witzman, 65, of Canton, died Feb. 20 in Canton. Funeral services were held Feb. 23 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Headapohl officiating. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Witzman came to the Canton community in 1938 and was a nursing home administrator for Georgian Northwest and Alan Dee Nursing Homes and a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church of Westland and the Canton Seniors.

Survivors include: Eileen Bishop, of Plymouth; son Gregory K., of Canton; and grandsons Karl and Luke Wright, of Plymouth.

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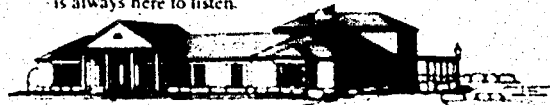
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Sports

Little Miller makes big splash

Pure dynamite

BY RITA DERBIN

She may be little but she's pure dynamite.

Kim Miller is 14 years and 4' 11-1/2" tall — don't forget that 1/2 inch! She also happens to be the main reason why the Salem gymnastics team is ranked among the state's best.



Kim Miller in action. (Crier photo by Michelle Iran)

Even though she is a diminutive freshman attending West Middle School, Miller has made a giant impact on her high school team. She has already broken and rebroken all of the Salem school records and has to be considered one of the favorites to win the state title on bars and the all around competition.

"She's the best gymnast in our league," said Salem coach Kathi Kinsella. "And her maturity level has grown."

"As a young high school girl it's hard to portray a lot of self confidence but she's working on that," Kinsella added. "I never ask her to go out and do something she can't but she's always busy — she doesn't have to practice like the other girls but she does. She knows what she has to do."

After showing an interest in swinging on jungle gyms when she was two years old, Miller was enrolled in a YMCA gymnastics class. She started competing for United States Gymnastics Federation (USGF) clubs when she was nine years old and is currently at level 9 — two below the elite level.

"(Level 9) is a lot better than I ever expected to be," said the Canton resident, who is a member of the All Arounders Club in Livonia under coach Kevin Watson. "Being on the high school team has really helped me — the success I've had has given me more confidence in club competition."

And success is what Miller is looking for. She has set two immediate goals for herself. One is to be the top gymnast in the state ("If not this year, then next year.") and the other is to help the Rocks finish near the top at the state meet.

"I'm shooting for Kim to win bars," said Kinsella. "And to be in the top three all around — all around will be tough for her because she's a freshman up against three seniors."

Miller's main competition for the all around title will be Freeland's Kristie Kelly, considered to be the best in the state; North Farmington's Heather Kahn and Troy Athen's Melissa Miller.

"People like Kelly push me," said Miller, who has beaten Kelly once this year. "I know she's better than me so I have to work hard."

Miller has another reason to work hard.

"I haven't really felt any pressure competing in high school," Miller said. "But gymnastics is work — I know I have to do well and I can't goof off because the team depends on me."

"The team is working real hard," Miller added. "We work together and there's a lot of team spirit. We all dress the same and compliment the other teams, but we want to finish near the top at state."

But gymnastics isn't the end all in Miller's life.

"School is more important to me," said Miller. "I'd like to get a college scholarship and continue gymnastics there, but I don't want my whole life to be gymnastics."

Miller is also involved in the ski club at school and will try out for the track team in the spring. And in the summer she'll be playing softball.

"I really wanted to compete for high school," Miller said. "I've always wanted to be on the team — I had Kathi (Kinsella) for a coach when I was younger and looked forward to having her coach me again."

When her club coach didn't want her to compete in high school her parents, Alan and Jo-Anne, intervened.

"My parents encouraged me to get active with high school," Miller said. "They talked to (Watson) and now I'm doing better at the club, too."

And because of her parents' encouragement, Salem will have the 4' 11-1/2" wonder to spark them for three more years.

Divine's locals

Dearborn Divine Child placed second in the Class B state pompon competition held recently at Canton High School.

Many members of the team hail from Plymouth, including captain Natalie Brohl. Also from Plymouth are Debbie Kania, Katie Ervin, and Carrie Rezbek.



Up and over

Salem High won the WLAA gymnastics title last week, while Canton finished third overall. Here, Canton's Danielle Murto performs on the balance beam. Salem was led by Kim Miller, while Canton was led by Dawn Clifford and Johanna Anderson. (Crier photo by Eric Lukask)

Junior baseball sign-up

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association (PCJBA) will be conducting its annual registration March 10 and 17.

Registration will be held at the Canton High School cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturdays. Boys ages seven to 15 and girls seven to 18 can sign up for action this summer.

Registration fees range from \$30-\$40 per player; a family plan is also available. Playing age is based on age as of July 31, 1990. Birth certificates are required at registration.

The league also needs adult help "urgently," according to PCJBA officials. There are currently openings for board members, directors, managers and umpires.

For further information call Chris Mroczka at 455-5253.



CEP hoops to clash

Salem High's top ranked boys basketball team will face cross-campus rival Canton High tonight (March 7) in the second round of districts.

The two squads will play at 8 p.m. in the Northville High gym. The winner plays in the finals Saturday.

CEP teams honored

Both the Salem High boys soccer team and the Canton High girls basketball squad recently won state honors.

The two teams were recognized by the Michigan High School Athletic Association with state sportsmanship honors.

Junior hoop

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA) will host its final round of junior hoop competitions over the next two weeks.

In the Girls B League, the first round of the playoffs will be held March 10 at 8:30 a.m. in Pioneer Middle School. Round two is set for 6:15 p.m. March 14 at East Middle School. The finals will be played March 17 at 10:15 a.m. in the West Middle School gym.

The first round of Boys B League will be held March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at West. Round two will also be at West March 12 at 6:15 p.m. Round three is expected to be played at Lowell Middle School at 6:15 p.m., March 15.

The finals will be held at 1:45 p.m. March 17 in the West gym.



Rocks take swim title

Salem's Ben Sovereign (left) takes off in the 200 freestyle during the WAAA conference swim meet. The Rocks won the meet with 467.5. Ron Orris led the way for Salem. Canton finished fifth overall with a total of 297 points. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaskik)

League hoop battle

Salem's top rated hoop team defeated Northville, 97-63, Monday in the first round of district play. The Rocks fell to Livonia Stevenson Saturday in the league finals, 61-60, but will possibly face the Spartans again Saturday. The action pictured is from Saturday's finals. (Crier photo by Mark Cotton)

New golf rates, coupon at P-C link courses

Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees last week set new rates for play at the township's Hilltop Golf Course.

At the same time in Canton, the board of trustees there approved a new resident discount coupon plan for play at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

The new Plymouth Township golf rates are: \$9 for nine holes (weekday); \$11 for 18 holes (weekday); \$15 for nine holes (weekends and holidays); and \$17 for 18 holes (weekends and holidays).

The fee increases are up from 50 cents to \$1 across the board.

The new discount coupon plan in Canton allows residents to purchase a

book of 10 coupons, each good for \$1 off the nine hole rate. The cost is \$1 for each coupon book.

The coupon program is for Canton residents only.

Revenues from Fellows Creek Golf Course are expected to decrease slightly because of the new program, said Michael Gouin, Canton superintendent of parks and recreation, but he added that the coupons may also result in increased playing time among residents.

The coupons cannot be used during league play, "outings," and on Saturday or Sunday before 11 a.m. They are also not good when a reduced green fee is already in effect as with senior citizens and junior rates.



Members of the Plymouth Red Wings and their coaches.

Wings win Mite crown

The Plymouth Red Wings, playing under the lights of Joe Louis Arena defeated the Bloomfield Devils, 2-1, Thursday to win the 1989-90 championship of the Mite B (seven and under) Division.

The Wings notched 16 shots on goal

compared to the Devils 10. The Wings scored in the first period but the Devils tied it in the second. The Wings then took the win with a third period score.

Jeremy Broadway - it was his birthday - scored both goals for the Wings.

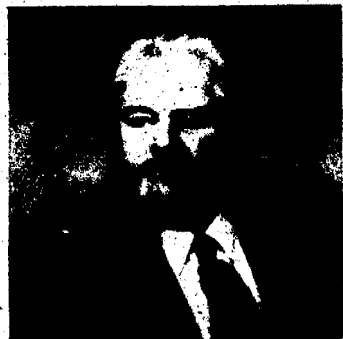
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Hi Marty T. I m.e.

Red — No more of that apartment living. We're moving on up! Blue

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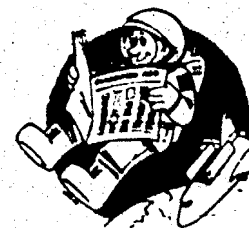
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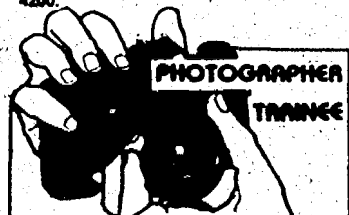
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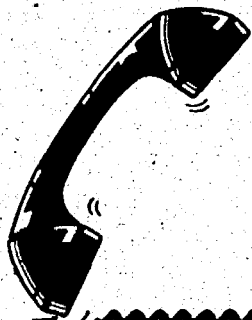
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