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Bush braves heat in Canton

HERITAGE PARK - Canton, MI -

BY MIKE MCGINNEN
AND ROBERT PARKER

President George Bush made a campaign stop in Canton yesterday afternoon, looking to carry the momentum of the Republican National Convention into the November election.

Bush spoke to a crowd of about 6,500 in Canton's Heritage Park amphitheater before participating in a roundtable discussion with local business leaders at the public library.

Local and state Republican leaders such as Governor John Engler, State Senator Robert Geake, 20th District State Representative Jerry Vorva and Canton Clerk Loren Bennett were on hand to show their support for the Republican campaign.

Bush ignored chants of "We want Bill" from several dozen Clinton supporters (mostly from the Willow Run General Motors automobile plant). Several laid-off workers waived their layoff notices, chanting "Read our slips." Bush supporters countered the Clinton backers with chants of "Four more years."

He saluted Michigan Republican leaders and thanked the Canton VFW, the CEP high school band and former Wayne County Commissioner Susan Heintz.

"This town proves what we all know in our hearts -- American's best days are ahead of us," said Bush at the beginning of his 20 minute talk, which covered a number of economic themes stressed at the GOP convention.

The President leveled attacks on Clinton's proposal to increase automobile mileage standards to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2000 as "extremism." Bush said that this would increase traffic

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President George Bush waves to the crowd yesterday at Canton's Heritage Park as he is introduced by Governor John Engler during a campaign stop. The rally survived hot, muggy conditions and thunderstorms, which threatened during the afternoon. The Canton High School cheerleaders were on stage

behind Engler and provided entertainment before the President's speech. Former Wayne County Commissioner, Susan Heintz, is to the right of the stage. (Photo by Chris Farina; Prints by Quicksilver and color separations by Prockion Color)

Our Lady leaving City for Twp.

BY ROBERT PARKER

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is leaving the City of Plymouth.

In a surprising announcement Sunday, members of the 2,400-member OLGC parish heard proposed plans to move the church and administrative offices to a site in Plymouth Township.

OLGC's pastor, the Reverend James Wysoki, said in a Monday press release that the church had entered into a purchase agreement with contingencies for a parcel of Plymouth Township land.

OLGC is proposing to build the new church and offices on a 39-acre site located on North Territorial Road.

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Canton youth accidentally shoots self

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

A 17-year-old Canton youth died early Sunday morning when he accidentally shot himself, said Canton Police.

Police responded to the call at 3:30 a.m. Sunday and found Eric Douglas Lohrmann dead at the scene of a party at Stonebrooke Apartments, south of Joy Road and west of I-275, according to police reports.

Lohrmann apparently displayed a gun, pointed it at his head and pulled the trigger while attempting to demonstrate the gun's safety, said Tammie Colling, community relations officer for Canton Township.

The youth displayed a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver at the party and placed it to his head while explaining "how to make it safe," police said.

But Lohrmann's brother Donald said Monday that the family had talked with some of those at the party and "no-one is

sure who brought the gun to the party.

"As far as we know it wasn't Eric's," said the elder Lohrmann. "No-one knows whose gun it was."

He also said his brother was apparently demonstrating safety features of the gun and it appears "as far as he knew it wasn't loaded."

Lohrmann was born in Lincoln Park in 1974 and was a student at Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland. He had made the soccer team this fall and was a member of the Michigan Civil Air Patrol Livonia Chapter.

Survivors include: parents Carl and Charlotte, of Canton; brothers Eugene, Donald, Mark and Michael, of Canton, and Christopher, of Grand Rapids; niece Ashley, of Canton; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The body has been released to the Wayne County Medical Examiner and the



ERIC LOHRMANN

case is still under investigation, although the police officers' initial investigation indicated that the shooting was an accident, Colling said.

Funeral services were held this morning (Aug. 26) at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter Berg and Pastor Dan Helwig officiating. Burial will be in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Huron Valley Lutheran High School memorial fund.

Carne appointed GM

A former Crier staff member, Mike Carne, has been hired as the general manager for both Crier and its publishing arm COMMA.

Carne, 40, grew up in Livonia but has lived in The Plymouth-Canton Community since 1973. He came on board two weeks ago.

Carne formerly spent more than eight years with TPC-The Publications Company in Detroit.

Prior to that he held several positions at The Crier, including production manager and advertising director. He has also been a member of the company's board of directors.

"I'm looking forward to this exciting challenge," said Carne, who previously had helped launch The Crier's first GUIDE publication and worked on award-



MIKE CARNE

winning ad designs and PLUS sections.

"We're glad to have Mike back with us," said W. Edward Wendover, publisher. "His years in the publishing business and his organizational skills will be a real plus for us and the community."

Addenda & errata

The old Cloverdale building on Forest Avenue in the City of Plymouth is being leased to Khee Kwok and not sold as reported in last week's edition of The Crier. Kwok will open a Chinese restaurant in town.

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Highland bankruptcy leads to reorganization

BY RANDY COBLE

Highland Superstores, headquartered in the City of Plymouth, declared bankruptcy Monday, the culmination of a long-running financial crisis that has plagued the appliance and electronics sales chain for over three years.

"We intend to seek the support of our creditors in the formulation of a reorganization plan that will allow us to emerge from Chapter 11 as soon as

possible," Highland Chief Executive Officer Ira Mondry said in a written statement.

The company currently operates 49 stores in four states, but plans to close 19 of them, all in the Chicago, area as part of the Chapter 11 filing. It made the move "to concentrate all of its resources on its remaining 30 stores in Michigan,

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Expected in late August Schools tech grant pending

BY KEN VOYLES

A decision on the federal technology grant application sought after by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is likely this month or early September.

John M. Hoben, schools superintendent, said Monday that the grant should be awarded sometime during the latter part of August or by the first part of September.

"You never know on these things," said Hoben. "I'm hopeful, but it won't count until we've got it."

Hoben said he had received a series of letters from Congressman Carl Pursell, which included communications with Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander and his chief assistant Diane Ravitch.

Ravitch, in an Aug. 5 letter to Pursell, wrote, "I anticipate that the award will be made in September."

A copy of that letter includes a handwritten notation to Hoben that reads "We keep pushing" and is signed "Carl."

Hoben, in a communication to the board, said, "We are still extremely hopeful that the grant that was written basically on our input would be forthcoming."

The national demonstration project being developed includes money already approved by residents in Plymouth-Canton when they approved the bond proposal last fall. Some \$12 million from the bond will be used for the local share of the project costs.

The plan calls for integrating high technology into the delivery of instructional services throughout the classrooms of the entire district.

Pursell, in his letter to Alexander, said the school district had put together "an excellent proposal" one supported by the state board of education, the governor and the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.



Birthday bash

Beatrice Dickie, formerly of Plymouth, celebrated her 105th birthday at the American House retirement center in Livonia with friends, family and the Canton Seniors Kitchen Band. (Crier photo by Rachel Roznys)

Vorva owns 20th District

BY RANDY COBLE

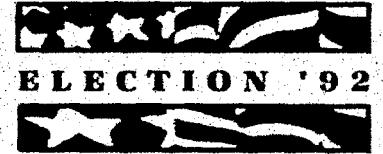
Barring a write-in effort, the 20th District Michigan House of Representatives seat, which includes the Plymouths and the Northvilles, belongs to Jerry Vorva.

Wayne County elections bureau officials last week said that Doug Blair, who had mounted a write-in campaign during the primary season to have his name placed on the November ballot, failed to get enough votes to do so.

Vorva, the winner of the Aug. 4 Republican primary, now faces no opposition in the general election Nov. 3.

"He got 17 votes," Edward Carey, director of elections, said of Blair. "He needed significantly more than that, but he fell far short."

The county requires that write-in



candidates receive a certain number of votes under a formula created by the elections bureau. The minimum number Blair would have had to receive to get on the November ballot, Carey said, was 136 votes.

The newly-drawn 20th district covers all of the Plymouths and the Northvilles except for a small section of the City of Northville that lies in Oakland County. Vorva defeated incumbent Georgina Goss and two other contenders to win the GOP nomination.

For supervisor's race

Twp. recount nears completion

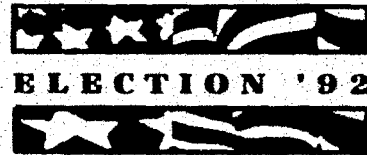
BY RANDY COBLE

The recount of the Plymouth Township supervisor primary race is one step closer to reality, but may take another two weeks to be completed, Wayne County bureau of elections officials said.

Director of Elections Edward Carey said that the county board of canvassers last Tuesday approved Plymouth Township Building Official Charles McIlhargey's request for a recount of the Aug. 4 Republican primary results. (Kathleen Keen-McCarthy won the race, beating out the second-place McIlhargey by only 21 votes.)

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

McIlhargey filed an official request for a recount with township Clerk Esther Helsing on Aug. 10. She then passed it along to the county, which will conduct the recount.



But before that can happen, Carey said, the state board of canvassers must certify the results and approve the request. The board is expected to do so at its Friday meeting. Carey said that then it will be just a matter of arranging for county personnel to perform the recount.

"We're looking at the week of Sept. 8," Carey said. "We have to prepare the forms, hire some temporary staff and so on." Carey estimated that the recount would take only one day to complete.

In the Aug. 4 primary, Keen-McCarthy received 1,241 votes, McIlhargey picked up 1,220, Trustee John Stewart garnered 994 votes and Stephen Boak received 477.

Fest deadlines approach

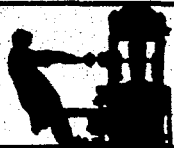
The staff of The Community Crier is preparing to wrap up production work in the next two weeks on the 1992 Fall Festival edition and final deadlines are nearly here.

For those businesses that still wish to advertise in the annual Fall Festival newspaper, display advertising deadlines are taking place this week. Contact a Crier ad representative immediately about being part of this special edition.

As for classified and editorial deadlines for the Fall Festival, they are set for Thursday, Sept. 3 at 4 p.m.

The Crier offices will be closed Labor Day weekend, including Monday, Sept. 7.

For further details on Fall Festival deadlines call 453-6900.



Public notices

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of August 24, 1992

Under the Superintendent's Report, Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel and employee relations, and Dr. Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, discussed staffing and class sizes for the coming school year. Because 56.5 certified staff will not return to the classroom due to budget cuts, class sizes will increase in all grades. The district's average class size will be 30 students per teacher, with a range of 25 to 36 students in a classroom.

Superintendent John M. Hoben announced that the Administrative Workshop for this year will be held on Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27. Marcia Kreger will be the presenter at this workshop and will meet with the building administrators and the instructional leadership for a two-day presentation on Outcome-Based Education (OBE).

Dr. Hoben also discussed the Cut and Cap plan, a tax issue which will be on the November 3 ballot. Through a five-year phase-in process, the plan calls for a reduction in school operating taxes on all property by 30 percent. The state promises to reimburse in-formula school districts, but provides no compensation for out-of-formula districts such as Plymouth-Canton. He said it would cost the District about \$8,000,000.

The 1991 Bond Project Status Report was presented by Mike Schlenke, project manager for Barton Malow Company. At Salem High School, the cafeteria addition is complete and the gymnasium lighting is substantially completed. Roof replacement for Salem, Canton High School and Phase III is almost finished. At Canton, design development for classroom renovation and additions is scheduled to be completed by September 30.

Schematic designs for Miller Elementary School, Tanger and Starkweather Centers are scheduled to be completed in September. At East Middle School, construction of the cafeteria, stage and media center additions are to begin in February of 1993. At West Middle School, the media-center and elevator additions are scheduled to start in the fall. Work at Central Middle School has taken place this summer and will be ongoing this school year.

This summer, the building renovation for the integrated technology installation was completed. Various projects will take place at Lowell Middle School this school year, which will be paid for by the Livonia Public Schools, since the building is leased from that district. At Allen, Bird, Fiegel, Isbister and Smith Elementary Schools, construction and renovations are scheduled to begin in 1993. Construction is scheduled to begin at Gallimore, Eriksson, Field, Hulsing and Farrand Elementary Schools in 1994. Boilers and sewers were replaced at Farrand this year. At Hoben Elementary School, the infrastructure for integrated technology will be completed this fall. Construction of the two new elementary schools is on schedule and these buildings should be complete by the fall of 1993.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations, presented the 1991 Bond Project financial report. The total expenditure for the projects is \$64,315,414.

Under Citizen Comments, James Shepperd and Phil Temple of Canton reiterated their concerns over the opening of Buckley Drive as an access to the new elementary school. Board President Roland Thomas said the Board is waiting for a report from the Canton Township Department of Public Safety regarding safety issues.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$3,843,741.86.
- the leaves of Claudia Brady, Salem High School, and Rebecca Stokes, Gallimore; the resignation of Karen Deighton, resource room; and the recall of Jolene Sniderman.

The Board approved:

- holding a Truth-In-Taxation public hearing on Monday, September 14, 1992 at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center for the purpose of receiving testimony on the millage for the 1992-93 school year.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey Street in Plymouth.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating the actions of your Board of Education. For more information, call 451-3188.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING; TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1992

Supervisor Law called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members present except Ron Griffith and Abe Munfakh.

Mrs. Hulsing asked that the minutes of July 21, 1992 be corrected on page 1 under E. to read "YCUA" not "WCUA"; on page 6, first paragraph, first line, change "Mrs." to "Mr." and under 1.9 the motion should read: Mr. Horton moved that Plymouth Township will not indemnify "YCUA (Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority)" with regards to BFI discharging leachate into Northville Township's portion of the WTUA system. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Munfakh abstaining.

Mrs. Hulsing then moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 1992 Board of Trustees meeting as corrected. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

At 7:40 p.m., Supervisor Law asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda. Mr. Jim Irvine mentioned his concern of the hundreds of defective partisan ballots in the primary election; the confusion regarding his and his son's registration, and also mentioned the confusion of the Plymouth Township telephone listing. Supervisor Law closed the public comment section at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Horton moved to table the Approval of Towing Bid to the September 8, 1992 meeting for further review. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Roll call: Ayes: Brooks, Horton, Stewart, Law Nays: Hulsing Absent: Griffith, Munfakh.

Mr. Stewart moved to adopt the attorney's recommendation to reconsider the bid award for the Eastlawn Subdivision Sewer Separation and extending the time allowed for Vito Equipment Company to comply with the notice of the award to September 2, 1992. If Vito Equipment Company had not complied by that time the award of the bid would be annulled, the security bond forfeited and the contract would go to the next lowest bidder, D.O.C. Contracting, Inc. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the revised DWSD Delegation Agreements and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign and forward them immediately. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Brooks moved to authorize the purchase of a Howard Price 47 horsepower Diesel riding lawnmower which was more suitable for park use having a 10 1/2 foot cutting width at a cost of \$23,550. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The bids are as follows: Jacobson HRS111 \$39,575 Howard Turblazer 1260 Diesel \$23,550

1.5 Gerald Law, Supervisor

RE: Mettetal Airport - Charter Township of Canton Resolution No. 92-08-18-28

It was moved by Mrs. Hulsing and supported by Mr. Horton that:

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth entered into a Joint Operating Agreement and a Letter of Understanding with the Charter Township of Canton for the joint operation of Mettetal Airport on or about October 2, 1991.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Plymouth concurs with the resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Canton at its July 18, 1992 Board Meeting and establishes September 8, 1992 as the deadline for the Federal Aeronautics Administration and the Charter Township of Canton and the Charter Township of Plymouth to enter into an agreement that embodies the elements found in the Letter of Understanding previously executed by the two Townships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if no such agreement incorporating the Letter of Understanding has been entered into by the aforesaid parties by September 8, 1992, the Joint Operating Agreement is considered terminated.

Roll call:

Ayes: Brooks, Horton, Hulsing, Law, Stewart Nays: None Absent: Griffith, Munfakh

Resolution declared adopted.

JJ Esther Hulsing, Clerk

RE: Request from the Plymouth-Canton area churches for permission to walk in Plymouth Township in support of CROP (walk to help the hungry)

No action taken.

JJ Esther Hulsing, Clerk

RE: Urban Agenda: 1996 Election 1992 - Resolution requesting both presidential candidates to do a "job interview" prior to November 3, 1992 for Wayne State Resolution No. 92-08-18-29

A Resolution requesting presidential candidate to do a "job interview" prior to November 3, 1992 for Wayne State was received.

It was moved by Mr. Stewart and supported by Mrs. Hulsing to adopt Resolution No. 92-08-18-29. The resolution supported Wayne State "Urban Agenda/Election: 1992 Project" urging both presidential candidates to participate in a "job interview" with the Urban Agenda group prior to November 3, 1992.

Roll call: Ayes: Brooks, Horton, Hulsing, Law, Stewart Nays: None Absent: Griffith, Munfakh Resolution declared adopted. The entire resolution is incorporated in the official minutes in the Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to vote for the six Trustees as listed for the Michigan Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund and authorize the Clerk to sign same. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-08-18-30 authorizing the Clerk to sign the Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming License Issued by the Bureau of State Lottery for the Radomianic Polish Folk Dance Ensemble contingent upon the Chief of Police verifying that we are the proper local governing body to approve this request. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to adopt the Military Reservist - National Guard Obligation Release Policy to be added to the Police Policies and Procedures as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the purchase of one pick up truck through the Oakland County Purchasing Program consistent with the specifications presented, at a cost of \$15,625. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mrs. Hulsing that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Ayes all.

Esther Hulsing, Clerk Susan Koch, Recording Secretary Plymouth Charter Township

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on August 18, 1992. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on September 8, 1992.

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Twp. board sets deadline JOA comes crashing down

BY RANDY COBLE

The life expectancy of Plymouth and Canton Townships' Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) over Mettetal Airport can now be measured in weeks — less than two of them.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees last Tuesday voted 5-0 to join Canton's Board of Trustees in issuing a Sept. 8 deadline to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) over the proposed JOA for Mettetal Airport, in Canton. The Canton body approved the deadline at its July 28 meeting.

Supervisor Gerald Law said that "if the problem is not resolved by that date, the JOA is considered terminated."

The two municipalities entered into the JOA last year. The FAA, however, must approve the conditions of the agreement before it will release federal funds that will be used to buy Mettetal. It

has objected to a clause that would allow Canton to unilaterally end the agreement.

The state would pay 10 per cent, and the FAA the remaining 90 per cent, if the grant were approved. Negotiations between the FAA and the townships have sputtered and stalled in recent months.

The board next meets on Sept. 8, and could approve any deal made at that time. Law and others expressed serious doubts that this would happen, however.

Plymouth Township Trustees Abe Munfakh and Ron Griffith were not at the meeting last Tuesday. The remaining five members of the board agreed to demand a resolution to the year-old issue with little debate.

Law, at the board's behest, sent a letter to Canton's board in June proposing to set a date, putting in motion the chain of events that will most likely end the townships' attempts to own Mettetal.

After invalidated ballots Twp. residents want vote upgrade

BY RANDY COBLE

Last week's Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting saw residents and board members question the need for upgrading the township's voting machines and procedures.

Some 759 ballots out of over 7,000 cast were invalidated in the township's Aug. 4 primary voting, due mainly to crossover voting — individuals trying to vote in more than one partisan section of the ballot.

At the meeting, former township resident Jim Irvine complained that the voting machines had skewed election returns. "Had they been validated," he said, "the outcome of the election could have been quite different."

The township currently uses a punchcard voting system, which many call inefficient and more likely to cause voters to make a mistake.

"I think it is shameful," Irvine said, addressing the board, "that you haven't figured out a way to use existing and available technology to solve your problem."

Clerk Esther Hulsing, whose department oversees elections, agreed that the situation was unacceptable, but said she had been pushing for election procedure reform without success.

"I was dismayed," she said, "that one out of (every) eight who expressed their opinion as to who should be representing their party lost their vote."

Hulsing said she had requested the different parties on the ballots be in different colors, but added that her suggestion had not been approved. She said that adopting a more advanced voting machine system, which helps prevent cross-over voting, was a good idea.

"If you will just put it into the budget," she said, "we can get these machines." She said that the township would need one machine for each of its 16 precincts, and that the machines cost

from \$6,500 to \$8,500 apiece — a total cost of \$104,000 to \$136,000.

Trustee John Stewart said that Plymouth Township was one of only 13 communities in Wayne County (out of a total of 43) that rely solely on the punchcard system.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment levy to be spread on the tax rolls effective December 1, 1992.

DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 1992

TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

PLACE: Canton Township Administration Building
Board Meeting Room
1150 S. Canton Center Road

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously approved the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The 1993 estimated budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director and the Administration are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries & O/T	\$1,881,145	Salaries & O/T	\$2,951,068
Fringe Benefits	778,025	Fringe Benefits	1,164,195
Capital Outlay	101,800	Capital Outlay	179,440
Operations	292,293	Operations	746,260
		Payment to Public Improvement Fund	133,915
Total	\$3,053,263	Total	\$5,174,898

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

	1991	P.A.5 Limit	1992	Increase (Decrease) over 1991
Fire Millage	2.94	N/A	2.94	0.00
Police Millage	4.96	N/A	4.96	0.00
Charter Millage	1.11	1.11	1.11	0.00
Total	9.01		9.01	0.00

The Charter Millage equals what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). The Township is not required to hold a Public Hearing for this millage for the December 1, 1992 tax levy.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Yack

Supervisor

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One of 2 U.S. umpires selected

Plymouth ump enjoys '92 Olympics

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Baseball was his first love, and it's been a part of his life for a great many years. And as a youngster, Dick Runchey, of Plymouth, often dreamed baseball would take him to the Olympics.

Runchey realized playing ball was out of his league -- he couldn't hit. So he put his dream away, but never gave up on the sport. Instead he focused on umpiring.

And after 23 years of calling the shot in baseball, his Olympic dream resurfaced, as he headed to Barcelona Spain this summer as one of only two American umpires selected to officiate at the games.

Although his uniform was blue, and he stood behind home plate, and beside first base, Runchey was fulfilling his dream. A little modified perhaps, but he was at the Olympic with baseball the year it became a gold medal sport.

He umpired nine games, five behind the plate, including the semi-final game between Japan and Chinese Taipei, and four at first base, including the gold medal game between Cuba and Chinese Taipei.

It's been a long road for the 14-year Plymouth resident to live his Olympic dream. He and Jim Garman, a resident of California, were the two umpires selected from the United States Baseball Federation Umpire Division to represent American umpires in Barcelona.

Runchey's credentials are impressive, and started with Little League in Dearborn in 1969. He headed to Florida for umpire school in 1972, and after graduating he was umpiring in the minor leagues.

Three years in the minors led to college ball, where he's called the shots for Big 10 games, the Mid-America conference, 13 NCAA Division 1 Regionals and three college World Series.

Internationally, the 1992 Olympics was his third assignment. He did the World Games in 1988, and the Pan American games in 1987.

During the baseball umpire strike in 1979, Runchey umpired nine games, and also made the calls in the 1984 American League Playoffs between Detroit and Kansas City.

A 1972 Central Michigan graduate, Runchey grew up in Royal Oak. Baseball is his hobby today, and he works for Detroit Diesel in the purchasing department.

Although he admits he's not a fan of watching games. He likes the action of calling the shots.

"If I go to a game, I usually end up watching the umpire (rather than the game)."



Jim Garman (left) and Dick Runchey of Plymouth were the only two American umpires selected for the Olympics in Barcelona. They are pictured in their official opening ceremony uniforms.

It was a dream come true for Runchey to be selected to go to Barcelona. "I was very excited," he said. "It's an honor to represent the umpires of the United States. This is the first time baseball was a gold medal sport, that made it extra special."

Although the U.S. teams did not fare well at baseball in the Olympics, that didn't dampen his excitement.

The facilities in and around Barcelona were all new, built for the Olympic games. The baseball stadiums (there were two) were located outside the city.

The stadiums seated 65,000, and Runchey estimated there were only about 7,000 fans in the stands. He believes the low attendance is due to the newness of the sport at the Olympics and that baseball isn't as big around the world as it is in the U.S. He also believes in four years, when the games are in Atlanta, the stadiums will be filled.

The Olympians, athletes and officials, were all taken care of very well according to Runchey.

The officials stayed in a dormitory about a half mile from the athletes. He roomed with three men, no two spoke the same language, yet he said they didn't have a problem communicating.

The baseball umpires not only received the traditional "blue" uniforms, they also were given genuine "Olympic Officials" uniforms. It consisted of a red blazer, red and white pin striped pants, blue suede shoes, a white straw fedora with a red band, a white shirt, and a red and gold striped tie.

For the days it was too hot to wear the blazers, officials were also given gray shirts with the Olympic insignia.

Runchey and his wife, Janie, both agreed witnessing the opening and closing ceremonies was a highlight on the Olympic adventure.

"The closing was sad because some people you're never going to see again," said Runchey. "After being with them for 17 days, you develop a close relationship."

The Runchey's were delighted by the friendliness of the citizens of Barcelona, and the patience they had with foreigners trying to speak Spanish.

And, when watching events such as track, citizens from other countries cheered whoever won. They both found the Olympic experience memorable and felt they communicated with many people who did not understand English.

Runchey's three sons, Scott, 14, Mark, 12, and Kurt, 9, couldn't make the trip because of expenses; but clipped and saved everything written about the Olympics for mom and dad to read when they returned home.

The coverage of the games was all in Spanish in Barcelona, so the Runchey's didn't even know how the American teams were faring during the games.

Going to the Olympics doesn't allow much special privilege when traveling, as the Runchey's found out. They were among scores of travelers whose luggage was lost on the trip to Barcelona.

But that didn't sour the trip. Travelers and luggage were reunited the next day.

"Seeing the Olympic flame rally made me proud to be an American," said Runchey. "It felt good to achieve a goal I set a long time ago."

This will probably be Runchey's only trip to the Olympics as an umpire. "You've got to give the others a chance," said Runchey.

His three sons all enjoy playing baseball, but Runchey hopes they don't follow his umpiring footsteps. "I hope they're good enough to play."

And if their zest for the games echoes their father's, perhaps Runchey will be making another trip to the Olympics.

Toastmaster recognized

Marc Sullivan was recognized recently as Toastmaster of the Year by Toastmasters District 28, which covers southwest Ontario, southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio.

Sullivan was honored among 1,500 Toastmasters for educational accomplishments, program leadership, and chairing the district's most successful conference.

Among the 3,197 Toastmaster Clubs throughout the world in their category (20-29 members), the local Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club ranked ninth in the world in the distinguished club program, which is the measure that Toastmasters International uses to judge the performance and accomplishments in the Toastmasters Educational Program.

For a good laugh, the Holy Smoke Masters are conducting their annual humorous speech contest at their regular Thursday night meeting Sept. 17, guests are welcome to attend, for further information call 455-1635.

If interested in leadership training, the Holy Smoke Masters are offering a success/leadership program entitled "The Characteristics of Effective Leaders" on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Attacks attendance record

Campaign flier takes Kosteva to task

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

A flier circulated by the Michigan Republican State Committee is taking State Representative James Kosteva, a Democrat, to task for his attendance and voting record in Lansing.

Kosteva, who said he is not pleased about it, defended his record last week.

"It's too bad if this is the way they are going to handle the campaign. This is really sad - it is reflective of the way the Republicans operate. If their only way to campaign is to try and tear down an individual, I just don't agree with that," said Kosteva, Canton's 21st District



representative.

The literature says of Kosteva that "all too often he doesn't bother to show up for important votes. Since Kosteva's been elected he's missed over 55 session days and almost 800 roll call votes. That adds up to almost a year's worth of votes."

"The literature omits the fact that the 55 sessions I missed occurred over a period of eight years," Kosteva said.

Kosteva said that he has been in attendance at over 93 per cent of the sessions since his election.

"Our focus is to tell a positive message and talk about the accomplishments of Jim Kosteva and to stick to the issues. I'm not going to spend my time and money on mud slinging," Kosteva said.

"Our people are more focused on the issues and not whether I got a D in handwriting in grade school or if a got a speeding ticket at some point," continued Kosteva.

Deborah Whyman, Kosteva's Republican opponent in the Nov. 3 general election, said that she does not know where the literature came from.

"The first time I saw that was when I opened up my mailbox at home," Whyman said. "Although everything in it is true, I certainly wouldn't want a record like that."

Whyman is confident she can upset the incumbent Kosteva this fall.

"This is a winnable race. I don't want to sling mud. That piece had nothing to do with me, I am going to stick to the issues," said Whyman.

The Michigan Republican State Committee did not return Crier phone calls.

Canton opens public safety doors

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

A behind the scenes look at the Canton Public Safety Department is planned this fall.

Canton residents will get an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of police work during a unique "Citizen's Police Academy" program consisting of four sessions, covering a total of 16 hours.

The classes will be offered four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Sept. 12. Each session will last about four hours.

The program allows interested adults the opportunity to learn and appreciate some of the duties and training that

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Jaycees in festival?

BY ROBERT PARKER

The Fall Festival Board of Directors approved funding for a series of promotional advertisements on AM radio station CKLW at its meeting Wednesday.

"I think its going to attract people from all over," festival coordinator Joe Bida said. "It will bring in a lot of outsiders and new blood into town."

Moving its meeting place to the Elk's Club on Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township, board members ironed out last minute details about the festival.

Although the Plymouth-Canton

Jaycees won't have booth at the festival this year, the group submitted a last minute application to sell ice cream at the festival.

The Jaycees did not submit a booth application by the June 1 deadline this year.

Bida said the group will operate from a cart somewhere on Penniman Avenue.

In addition, the board plans to have surveyors at the festival asking people how they found out about Fall Festival. The festival will run Sept. 11-13 this year.

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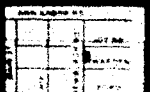
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The benefit is being organized by Rev. Lee Seese and Rev. Kevin Miles and it will start and end at the Gathering after a walking tour of downtown Plymouth.

The event begins at 1 p.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

Among the churches participating are First United Methodist (Plymouth), St. John's Episcopal (Plymouth), Geneva Presbyterian (Canton), First Baptist (Plymouth), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Plymouth), St. John Neumann (Canton), and First Presbyterian (Plymouth).

For further information contact Seese at 453-6464.

Broadway music at CEP

The Plymouth Park Players will be performing "Lullabies of Broadway" Sept. 11 and 12 at the Salem High auditorium.

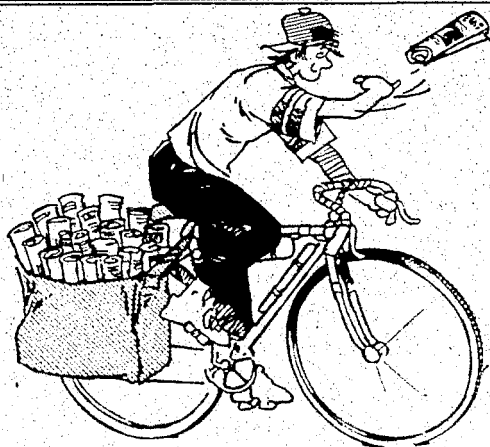
Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances are \$4.

The show is a musical Broadway revue

featuring many old favorites along with some of the recent hits from Broadway.

The group is comprised of students from both Canton and Salem high schools.

For further information call 459-3518.



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Big Band at Ford Field

Enjoy an evening picnic in the park with the Sun Messengers Sunday, August 30 at Ford Field in the City of Northville.

All that one needs to bring is a picnic lunch, blanket and some lawn chairs.

Big Band and Motown sounds will be heard from 3-7 p.m. and is presented by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 16 and \$10 for families of five or more.

The gates will open at 3 p.m. and the concert begins at 4 p.m. Parking is available at Mill Race Village or the front parking lots of the Ford Plant.

Refreshments will be sold at the site. Local ordinances prohibit the consumption of alcohol.

For more information call 349-0203.

Sitting down on the job

A group of local celebrities and government officials will be sitting around for a good cause come the weekend of Sept. 11-13.

These local bigwigs will be spending some quality time in the window of Little Professor on the Park in the City of Plymouth to help benefit the Community Literary Council and Hospice Services of Western Wayne County.

A local newspaper editor, a city commission and other dignitaries will sit in the book store windows for many hours to drum up support for these causes.

The sitters will be on display with their favorite reading material and will have collection buckets handy to collect contributions from the crowds in the area for the 37th Annual Fall Festival.

The windows will be manned by sitters from noon on Sept. 11 until 2 p.m. on Sept. 13.

Medieval writer in Plymouth

Medieval novelist William Jay, author of "The Lost History of Redwyn" will appear at Little Professor on the Park on Main Street in the City of Plymouth Sunday, Aug. 30 from 3-4 p.m.

The author will appear at the book store in medieval costume and will be accompanied by an entourage of fully costumed musicians and attendants. He will discuss the book and sign copies.

Bush carries campaign to Canton

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fatalities (due to the need for smaller, lighter cars) and cost Michigan 40,000 jobs. He also quoted from a book written by Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, Clinton's running mate, that said "the auto industry poses a mortal threat to the security of every nation."

Bush also spoke of his environmental record versus Clinton's; on education; on "empowering the people;" on creating a "GI bill" for schools; and on welfare.

The President even proposed a "welfare waiver" to give Michigan a "chance to experiment" with the welfare system.

He also blasted Congressman William Ford for being a representative who says one thing in Michigan and does another in Washington. He said Ford had "stood against" schools of choice, had opposed standing up to Saddam Hussein, and said no to cutting federal spending.

Bush came to the township because communities in Michigan like Canton are viewed as critical to the success of Bush and Clinton. They traditionally have supported the Republican party in past elections.

"They recognize the importance of Canton and Michigan as it relates to the scheme of the election," Yack said yesterday. "I think Canton is an excellent

community for the visit because it is a vibrant community and its economics are going upstream unlike other places in the state and country."

Canton has escaped relatively unscathed from the current election with more than 500 new housing units constructed last year. Between 1980 and 1990, the township's population grew by nearly 20 per cent to 58,000.

Bush carried Canton with nearly twice the votes of Dukakis in 1988.

Bush flew into Willow Run Airport, in Ypsilanti, shortly before the rally. He took time out from campaigning Monday to get a first-hand look at the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in South Florida.

Before Bush spoke, Geake gave a brief speech about his upcoming bid for Congress against Ford.

"Changes need to be made — one child at a time, one worker at a time, one citizen at a time, one senior citizen at a time, one American at a time," Geake said. "Ford is a fossil, he belongs in a museum, not in Congress."

Engler introduced the President to the crowd, emphasizing the Detroit area's most prominent industry.

"We should turbo charge the economy by strengthening the auto industry," said Engler.



A Bill Clinton supporter, below, expresses his displeasure with President Bush at yesterday's rally in Canton. George Bush, left, greets the crowd as he departs the rally. (Crier photos by Mike McGlennen and Robert Parker)



President George Bush shakes hands with supporters yesterday at Canton's Heritage Park. (Crier photo by Robert Parker)

Highland files for bankruptcy

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Ohio and Indiana," a Highland release said.

This will mean more jobs cut, in addition to the 500 already eliminated in January. Highland currently employs over 2,000 people.

The company owes its creditors \$107 million. Highland lost \$157 million in the first nine months of fiscal 1991, and \$12 million in both 1989 and 1990, and has closed stores in its east coast market during that time.

Earlier this year, it was forced to pay for inventory on a cash-only basis and was removed from the NASDAQ stock exchange. In a move that illustrated the company's desperate straights, in March, Highland offered 25,000 square feet of its national headquarters facility in Plymouth

for lease. All these moves happened despite attempts by Highland to beef up its share of the market with a new approach.

That involved more advertising for the chain, a price war with competing companies and a new look for its salespeople: now, "customer advisors" are salaried employees, not commissioned, and wear more casual dress while on duty.

Detroit attorney Stuart Hertzberg, who represents suppliers to Highland owed a total of \$28 million, said that his clients "had hoped we would be successful in Chapter 11 restructuring out of court, but it just wasn't to be."

As to the final resolution of the issue, Hertzberg said that Highland's trip back to financial stability "will not be a short process."

'He's all wet' -- Ford on Bush

BY KEN VOYLES AND RANDY COBLE

Criticizing a Democratically-controlled U.S. Congress is a staple of Republican election strategy this year. President Bush followed suit in his Tuesday visit to Canton, giving a plug to the local Republican Congressional candidate as well.

Setting his sights on 28-year House of Representatives veteran William Ford, a Democrat running in the newly-drawn 13th Congressional district, Bush made repeated references to "the gridlock Congress." Bush characterized the Democratic majority as having "a philosophy of tax and spend, regulate and regulate." The 13th district includes Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles.

The President termed Ford as a representative who says one thing in Michigan and does another in Washington. He said Ford had stymied such educational reform measures as schools of choice, and had opposed

standing up to Saddam Hussein. Ford, who is chair of the Committee on Education and Labor, responded yesterday by saying Bush is "unfortunately confused" on the education issue.

"He's right I'm opposed to public tax money being spent on private schools," said Ford. "But his GI proposal is the old voucher tuition payment plan. It's a tax proposal and never got before my committee. So we couldn't have killed it."

Ford said 12 local school districts in Wayne County voted down choice plans for public schools. As for opposing Bush on Desert Storm, Ford said the president was "all wet."

Ford, Bush said, had said no to cutting federal spending as well. "I say yes, and he says no," said Bush, referring to his call for cutting taxes and spending.

"Do what those broom say," Bush said. "Clean the House!"

State Senator Robert Geake, opposing Ford in the 13th district race, should be sent to Washington instead of Ford to "get this country moving," Bush said.

Ford and Geake will do battle along with Independent, Tisch and Workers' League Party candidates in the Nov. 3 general election.

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Our Lady eyes Twp. site for church

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The south border of the site is approximately a half mile east of Beck Road, and is bordered on the north by the M-14 expressway. The United Assembly of God Church borders the site on its eastern edge.

"The site recently became available and the momentum to acquire it came from the parish Focus GIFT program," Wysoki said.

James McKeon, a church member and owner of McKeon Real Estate, Inc. in Plymouth Township, said there is a six-month timeframe in which the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the township must approve site plans for construction.

According to the release, one of the contingencies is that a consensus of support be obtained from parishioners over the next few months.

"Our landlocked location within the City of Plymouth makes us subject to municipal codes that will make it difficult to build a facility that will adequately meet our needs," said a letter to OLGC's parish members.

Under the proposed plan, the school and the Rectory will remain in the City of Plymouth.

"The school could benefit by having much more space to use," the letter said. "The present gym could become a cafeteria," and, "the present church...a multipurpose facility.

"We are going to lose an anchor in the community," City Attorney Ron Lowe said. "It's unfortunate that it has decided to move."

A plan to expand the church two years ago was abandoned after it led to a lawsuit against the church and the city by neighbors of the church.

Lowe said that the expansion plan was originally approved by the city's planning commission, but it was later determined that some parts were not in compliance with city code.

WTUA legal interviews

BY RANDY COBLE

The Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) will conduct public interviews of seven firms bidding for the authority's legal business tomorrow.

The interviews will take place from 3:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Township Hall, located at the intersection of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads.

WTUA decided to put its legal services out for bid in May. 25 firms submitted bids, and seven were selected for interview by the WTUA board of commissioners -- Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law, Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox and Canton Supervisor Thomas Yack, chairperson.

Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczyk & Gillary, the Plymouth firm that has represented WTUA since its inception, did not submit a bid.

The seven firms to be interviewed, Yack said, are: Draugelis & Ashton, of Plymouth; Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, of Detroit; Foster, Swift, Collins & Swift, of East Lansing, with offices in Farmington Hills; Freeman-McKenzie, of Mt. Clemens; Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, of Monroe, with a main office in Detroit; Provizer, Eisenberg, Lichtenstein & Pearlman, of Southfield; and Vandever-Garzia, of Detroit.

The board could make a decision as to which firm it will hire tomorrow evening, Yack said. It will most likely delay a final decision until a special meeting can be called, he added, or until a regular WTUA board meeting.

Yack said that the firm chosen will take over for Sills-Hemming "as soon as firm can get mobilized."

Madonna wins grant for wing

Madonna University, in Livonia, will begin to renovate its science wing with a \$30,000 grant received from the Detroit Edison Foundation.

The pledge is part of a \$10 million dollar campaign for academic excellence goal which was launched by the university in 1988 to raise funds in the areas of capital renovation, operations and endowment.

Construction is already underway on the science wing's renovation, which includes the modernization of the rooms to meet the needs of the science classes, building additional office space to house expanded faculty and staff and updating the mechanical and electrical systems.

Science disciplines to be upgraded and expanded are biochemistry, microbiology, physics and medical technology.

The Detroit Edison Foundation has awarded \$1.5 million in grants this year.

"It left the city between a rock and a hard place," Lowe said.

The litigation eventually led to a consent judgment. The previous plans were set aside and meetings held to iron-out differences between residents and church officials, according to Lowe.

It now appears that OLGC has ruled out expanding within the city in favor of a new location for its growing parish.

"A new site provides room for expansion, permitting enhancement of current services," the letter said. "A facility built 'from scratch' would be less expensive to build per square foot and can be custom designed."

PCJBL says no to trophies

BY MIKE MCGLINNEN

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League (PCJBL) has made its ruling on the recent controversy surrounding the use of an ineligible player in the F-league and neither side is likely to be happy with the decision.

The PCJBL executive board has decided to give out no trophies to either team for the playoff game, which was won by the Athletics over the Rangers, said Rich Madsen, president of the board.

"The A's were definitely using an illegal player -- his father admitted this. Our conclusion is to just let the game go," Madsen said.

Madsen said that the Rangers did not protest the ineligible player until the fifth inning of the game, while the league rules state protests of such players must

be made before the game starts.

"We felt that under the circumstances the Rangers knew before the game that this player was illegal. The rules state that you have to notify the officials before the game. We felt that the Rangers were aware going into the game that this player was ineligible," said Madsen.

Madsen said the PCJBL is administered by 16 people who have to oversee between 2,200 and 2,300 children. The board president explained that some things go undetected by the executive board because of the large number of participating children.

"Some rules are broken -- you can't accuse us of running a bad league just because you got ticked off," Madsen said, "with something like this you are damned if you do and damned if you don't."

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THREE CITIES ART CLUB

The Three Cities Art Club will hold its monthly meeting Aug. 31 at the Plymouth District Library in the upstairs gallery. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Topic of program is new products for artists. Guests are welcome. For questions call 422-8106.

CANTON FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Canton Parks and Recreation Fall Softball League starts Sept. 8. Five-week league costs \$190 per team. Registration for returning teams is through Aug. 27. New teams sign-up starting Aug. 28. No residency requirements. For further information call 397-5110.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Plymouth Historical Society meets Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Museum. A topic has not yet been determined.

WELCOME BACK COFFEE

All Smith Elementary School parents are invited to a Welcome Back coffee Sept. 1 at 9:15 a.m. to introduce the Smith School Parent Faculty Organization and to pass on information about PFO functions.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sept. 26 in Canton at the Stoneybrook Apartments on Brook Park Drive. Held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details call 422-1425.

RECREATIONAL CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Parks and Recreation, along with Plymouth Community Family YMCA, is hosting a recreational co-ed volleyball program for adults starting Sept. 17. The cost is \$15 per person for six weeks. Held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in West School. Open to residents and non-residents. Register now. Call 397-5110.

CANTON GOVERNMENT-BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The next Canton Government/Business Breakfast is planned for Sept. 3 at Palermo's Restaurant. Starts at 7:30 a.m. Information presented on government, business community and community at large.

ANNUAL FRIENDS OF MILLER WOODS MTG

The Friends of the Miller Woods will host their annual meeting Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. in Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road, Canton. Tim Nowicki, a naturalist and teacher, will be the featured speaker. Open to the public. Two guided walks are planned by the group this fall on the second Sundays of October and November at 1 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE AT NURSERY SCHOOL

Creative Day Nursery School will be holding an open house Aug. 27-28 from 1-4 p.m. Located in the Canton Free Methodist Church on Cherry Hill Road. For information call 981-3990.

PRaise MUSIC SERVICE

Main Street Baptist Church in Canton will host praise music service Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. Under the direction of Julius DeChavez and will feature inspirational selections from church groups and members. For information call 453-4785.

COMMUNITY CHOIR AUDITIONS

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir is hosting auditions for its 27th season. The first rehearsal is Sept. 15. Interested individuals should call Shari Clason, choir president, at 349-8175 to arrange an audition time. The choir will present two holiday concerts this year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

BALLET, TAP, JAZZ CLASSES

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

ME AND MY SHADOW SESSION

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

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION FEES

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

NOVELIST TO APPEAR IN PLYMOUTH

Novelist William Jay, author of "The Lost History of Redwyn" will appear at the Little Professor on the Park on Main Street in the City of Plymouth Aug. 30 from 3-4:30 p.m.

THE GREAT SIT-IN

The Canton Community Foundation is hosting "The Great Sit-In" Sept. 11-13 at the Little Professor on the Park in the City of Plymouth. Begins at noon that Friday and ends at 2 p.m. that Sunday. It features a local newspaper editor and a Plymouth City Commissioner representing the Community Literacy Council and Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, respectively. Call 451-6555 or 322-4244.

PICNIC WITH THE SUN MESSENGERS

Northville's Parks and Recreation presents "Picnic in the Park With the Sun Messengers" Aug. 30 at Northville's Ford Field. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, a picnic. Gates open at 3 p.m. and the concert begins at 4 p.m. Admission is \$4 adults, \$2 children and \$10 for families of five or more. For information call 349-0203.



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SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-12 YEARS

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

CONCERT ARTIST AT CANTON CHURCH

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

LULLABIES OF BROADWAY BY PPP

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

BIRDBANDING DEMONSTRATION

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

AUTUMN STORYTIME PROGRAMS

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

HAMMER DULCIMER WORKSHOP

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

TEAM 100 FUNDRAISER

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

"LET THEM DREAM" FUND KICK OFF

The Plymouth Community United Way Kickoff celebration is planned for Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Mayflower Meeting House, City of Plymouth. Cash bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD OPENS SEASON

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

FALL FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE IN NORTHVILLE

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

FALL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE IN NORTHVILLE

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

O'HARE IRISH DANCERS REGISTRATION

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

PLYMOUTH OLDTIMERS BREAKFAST

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

LOCK-UP FUNDRAISER TO FIGHT MD

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

FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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

PRE-SCHOOL CO-OP AT CANTON CHURCH

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

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLASSES

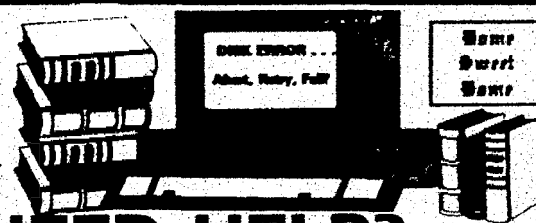
New Morning School in Plymouth Township is offering summer enrichment classes for children ages three to 14 years old. Science and math camps are at the centerpiece of the classes. For full details call 420-3331.

NEW DOLL EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM

Dolls of all kinds will be the focus of a special exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum now through Oct. 4. The collection of Alvina Cracknell will be displayed featuring more than 100 dolls. Admission to the museum is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under 5 get in free. There is a family rate of \$4. For further information call 455-8940.

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Community deaths

Klein, owned drugstore

Stanley Charles Klein, 74, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 23 in Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held Monday (Aug. 24) at the Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Burial was in Beth El Memorial Park, Livonia.

Mr. Klein was a retired pharmacist and former owner of Beyer Rexall Drugstore in Plymouth. He was a Wayne State University School of Pharmacy graduate and a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He also belonged to the American Pharmacists Association. He was a former president of the Metro Detroit Pharmacist Association. During World War II he served with the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include: wife, Rhea; daughters, Susan Abrahamson, and Robin Siman; a sister; and two grandsons.

Tillotson, business owner

Alice L. Tillotson, 77, of Canton, died Aug. 15 in Garden City. Funeral services were held Aug. 18 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. John Grenfell officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Tillotson was born in 1914 in Minnesota. She came to Canton in 1943. Tillotson was a homemaker and former owner/operator of Tillotson's Greenhouse in Canton.

Survivors include: daughters Becky Krohn, of Canton, and Kitty Bulmon, of South Lyon; sons Ron Nyhus, of Plymouth, and Dale Nyhus, of Canton; sister Francis Ose, of Minnesota; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Mies, a terminal manager

Richard Mies, 53, of Plymouth Township, died Aug. 14 in Superior Township. Funeral services were held Aug. 16 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth Township with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mr. Mies was born in 1938 in Neenah, WI. He was employed at AC Express in Romulus as a terminal manager.

Survivors include: wife Sharon, of Plymouth Township; sons Jeffrey, of Beverly Hills, CA, and Joel, of Plymouth Township; brother Robert, of Wisconsin; sisters Rosemary O'Brien, of Wisconsin, Sue Hostettler, of Wisconsin, Peggy Fickel, of Illinois, and Janice Gleeson, of Arizona.

Roark, Ford employe

Hobart Roark, 70, of Canton, died Aug. 15 in Canton. Funeral services were held Aug. 18 at the Vermuelen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland with Pastor Ouis Buchan, Jr., officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mr. Roark was born in 1921 in Arjay, KY. He retired from Ford Motor Company's Livonia facility after 23 years of service.

Survivors include: wife Margaret, of Canton; sons Randy Overly, of Canton, and Hobert, of Westland; brothers Phillip, of Florida, and Bill, of Garden City; sister Mary Lou Oltersdorff, of Hersey; and three grandchildren, Jason, Alec and Amber.

Moors, real estate broker

Gretchen Moors, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 13 in Seattle. Funeral services were held Aug. 18 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. James Anderson officiating. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery in West Branch.

Mrs. Moors was born in 1912 in Mukilteo, WA. She was a secretary and bookkeeper for Dodge in 1930s, owned and operated Gretchen Moors Real Estate in West Branch in the 1960s. She moved to Rochester Hills from West Branch eight years ago.

Moors was a member of the Old Peoples Club in Rochester, loved to travel and play bingo and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion.

Survivors include: sister Genevieve Rhodes, of Grosse Pointe; sons Peter Van Hull, of Bloomfield Hills, and Paul Van Hull, of Plymouth; and six grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Brady, a school teacher

Wilhelmina Brady, 87, of Clearwater, FL, died Aug. 9 in Fairfield, OH. Funeral services were held Aug. 14 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Brady was a 20-year resident of Clearwater, and a former Detroit resident. She was school teacher in Detroit for 40 years, retiring in 1968. Brady spent 15 years at Mettetal Junior High School, where she created the school's library from scratch. She was a member of the Women's City Club, the Detroit Federation of Teachers and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

Brady received her associate's degree in teaching and her bachelor's degree in library science from Wayne State University.

Survivors include: sons Frank, of Plymouth, and Michael, of Laguna Niguel, CA; daughter Kathleen Oswald, of Glendale, OH; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, 48244-0444.

Putnam, a secretary

Margaret Putnam, 89, of Plymouth, died Aug. 7 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Aug. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. James Wysocki officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Putnam was born in 1903 in Port Lambton, Ontario, Canada. She was a secretary and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Survivors include: sisters Ethel Dilworth and Mildred Hinnegan, of Plymouth, Catherine Brandon, of Medford, OR, and Geraldine Conlon and Helen Johnston, of Wallaceburg, Ontario.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Hayball, Detroit native

Hazel Hayball, 90, of Clare, died Aug. 7 in Clare. Funeral services were held Aug. 8 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Thomas Lubeck officiating. Entombment was in Riverside Mausoleum.

Miss Hayball was born in 1901 in Detroit. She lived in Northville until 1968, when she moved to Clare.

Survivors include: niece Nancy Wilhelmi, of Shawsville, VA; and nephew Forest Sanislow, of Walked Lake. Members of the Wilhelmi family have been longtime Plymouth residents.

Perry, radio enthusiast

Gilman Perry, 79, of Plymouth, died Aug. 10 in Westland. Funeral services were held Aug. 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia with Pastor James Hoff officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Perry was born in 1913 in Commerce Township. He lived his entire life in the area, and has been retired for 20 years. He was a member of St. Paul's and was very active in ham radio clubs.

Survivors include: wife Luella, of Plymouth; sons Arthur, of Livonia, Charles, of Northville, Ralph Bauman, of Southfield, and Kenneth Bauman, of Ohio; daughters Ruth Ann Gibson, of New York, Mildred Brown, of New Mexico, and Alice, of New York; as well as six grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan in Southfield. Arrangements made by Catherine Funeral Home in Northville.

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To help fight illicit drugs

Canton sniffing out canine program

BY MIKE MCGLINNEN

The Canton Department of Public Safety will put further heat on drug abusers if a canine program is reinstated in the township.

John Santomauro, director of public safety, supports the effort. Last week the chief appeared before the township board at a study session to describe the need for the canine program.

Since the previous incarnation of the canine unit was disbanded in 1988, the Canton Police Department has borrowed

the dogs of other departments on numerous occasions to assist in the fight against illicit drugs.

Dogs have a sense of smell many times stronger than that of humans, which enables them to find drugs which would otherwise elude officers.

There were some problems that arose with the Fair Labor Standards Act concerning compensation for dog handlers that led to the demise of the previous program the first time, said Santomauro.

Santomauro and Canton Supervisor

Tom Yack believe the program will pay for itself if it is reinstated. The money acquired through previous drug busts will be used to pay for the dogs and their maintenance.

"There is virtually no cost for this. We have lots of statistics that show how this kind of program more than pays for itself," Yack said.

Canton Clerk Loren Bennett witnessed a demonstration of the Livonia Police Canine Unit recently and can attest to the prowess of the dogs.

"I went to the police department and they had a controlled substance which we

hid in a car in a full parking lot. The dogs found it immediately," he stated.

Bennett also stated that people attempting to conceal drugs are very aware of the skills of the dogs at discovering illegal substances.

"In certain instances, the mere threat of bringing in the dogs has forced confessions," Bennett said.

The board will do more research on the matter before it decides whether to take any action on the program.

It will probably be some time before a decision is made on the future of the canine program, Bennett said.

Olive Garden features Bach

The new Olive Garden Italian Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton will feature more than the usual dishes served at the franchise. It will also have colorful murals of Italian scenery hand-painted by artist Stephen Bach.

The restaurant is scheduled to open in Canton Aug. 31 and it is the ninth Olive Garden in the metro Detroit area. Other locations are: Novi, Rochester Hills, Eastpointe, Ann Arbor, Warren, Sterling Heights, Livonia and Southgate.

Each Olive Garden features the original murals, which are designed and painted by Bach at each location several weeks before it opens. Bach had previously worked in graphic arts

illustration for advertising agencies when The Olive Garden approached him about painting the murals.

He painted his first Olive Garden mural in Feb. 1985. Since that time he has painted more than 1,000 murals in approximately 300 restaurants coast to coast -- in fact, he has logged more than 1.4 million air miles in the course of his job.

Bach uses water-based acrylic paints to create these murals. He spends between eight and 12 hours to create each mural.

"The murals are figurative paintings that lean toward being realistic," said Bach. "The subjects I choose are usually Italian countrysides, villages or towns."

Police academy

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Canton officers go through.

Topics to be addressed in the academy include the organizational structure of the Canton Police Department, an orientation to the communications section (911 operator-dispatchers), criminal and civil law, station tours, a weapons demonstration, and presentations by the Special Operations Team, Narcotics Unit and Evidence Technicians, said Tammie Colling, community-relations officer for

the Canton department.

Canton borrowed the idea for the program from the Orlando Police Department, which developed the first citizen police department in the United States in 1985, said Colling.

Interested residents should call the crime prevention office at 397-5344 to sign up or to obtain further information.

Homeowners and businesses are being encouraged to join the free program, said Colling.

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Sports

Salem golfers face season with inexperienced players

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It's going to be a challenging season for the Salem golf team this year.

Salem coach Rick Wilson has led the team for 10 years, and this is the first year he has no varsity lettered linksters returning.

He has three juniors and three sophomore reserve players stepping up to the lead positions.

Juniors Josh Edgar, Bryan Proctor, Jeremy Fox, and sophomores Alex Bain, Mark Wesner and Chris Weidman will lead the Rocks on the links this year.

Tryouts were held last week, and not all the positions have been filled. Wilson is carrying 12 players this year.

"Our goals are to improve," said Wilson. "We'll work on consistency, learning our home course (Hilltop), and trying to get the guys to improve every time they go out and tee up. I expect

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them to set a goal (with each game) to improve, whether it's better putting, a better iron game or a better tee game.

Last year, the Rocks went undefeated in division competition and took the championship. They were 8-2 in conference dual matches.

"The six guys (who won the division championship) are gone," said Wilson. "My biggest challenge will be working individually with all players, the six returners and the new youngsters, because I'm keeping some freshman."

The Rocks had their first match, Aug. 19, an 18-hole invitational at Oak Pointe in Brighton.

Salem placed 21 out of 24 teams with Fox shooting 84, Wesner shot 90, Proctor 91, and Bain 96, for a team score of 361.



Returning from last year's state runners up in girls basketball are Canton students Christie Saffron (bottom left), Amy Westerhold (bottom right), Jori Welchans (middle left), Christie Anderson (middle right), Kelly Holmes (top left), and Stephanie Gray (top right). (Crier photo by Rachel Rozmys)

Runners up last season

Canton girls aim to repeat

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Coming off a near state championship run last year, the Canton girls basketball team is hopeful for another successful run.

The Chiefs kick off their season Saturday at home against Flint Powers. Powers was the class B state champs last year, and suffered their only loss of the year to Canton.

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The Chiefs graduated only two seniors and have 10 lettered varsity players returning.

Seniors returning are Christie Anderson, Christie Saffron, Amy Westerhold, Stephanie Gray, Kelly Holmes and Jori Welchans.

Returning lettered juniors are Alyson Nouné, Britta Anderson, Erica Anderson and Lisa Nicastrì.

Up from junior varsity is Robyn Vachow. And Amiclé Crayton will be playing both on varsity and junior varsity

squads while Blohm waits for his injured players to recover.

"The team is a year older, physically stronger, in better condition and has one more year of experience," said Bob Blohm, Canton varsity coach since 1989. "A lot of the girls have two and three years experience at the varsity level. That helps them understand the game."

His chief goals this year are to develop team defense, a better rebounding game, and better ball handling techniques, skills he feels the team lacked last year when they faced King in state competition.

He hopes to hone those skills with his squad this year and make a stronger and further run in the quest for a state championship title.

"We're working toward that goal in practice with more ball pressure in practice and better block out plays," said Blohm.

The Chiefs will be starting the season with some injuries. Holmes is recovering from a broken collar bone. Nicastrì and

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Seven state qualifiers return

Rocks won't sink in pool

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It looks to be a promising year or the Salem girls swim team.

With seven state qualifiers returning this season, coach Chuck Olson has set his sights on the conference meet, reducing times and qualifying swimmers and divers for the state meet in November.

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Senior captains and varsity lettered tankers Amy Homan, Kristin Stackpoole and Katie Williams will lead the team this year.

Juniors Hayley Meik, Mandi Ras, and Alysia Sofios, and sophomore Melanie Bosse complete the list of lettered Salem tankers with state meet experience.

Olson graduated a lot of point earners from last year's conference meet. But that hasn't hurt his enthusiasm for the upcoming season. Olson has been working out with his squad of 60 girls for two weeks.

"Our strength is the girls work hard together, they spend a lot of time together and they like each other," said Olson.

This year he anticipates diving as a strong event for the Rocks. Returning to the diving squad are Williams and Sofios who both placed in the top six at last year's conference meet and were regional qualifiers.

"In this conference you gotta be pretty tough," said Olson referring to the Western Lakes Activities Association, which has four teams among the top 10 ranked in the state.

Rounding out the returning seniors are Erin Jackson, Lauren Pilarski, Jacki Schantz and Laura Schryer.

Returning lettered juniors are Karyn Behnke, Halle Brannon, Brigid Cronin, Heather Gillig, Nori Green, Stacey Harden.

Karin Kangas, Chrisine Korduba, Christine LeTourneau, Sarah Ozbolt and Sarah Winkler.

Lettering sophomores returning are Bosse and Sarah Vanderlaan.

There are five freshman hopefuls Olson expects will earn points for the team this year. They are Amy Parry, Andrea Bien, Sara Casillas and Kati Sneath, and diver Zoe Yockey.

As the season gets underway, Olson said Stevenson is ranked fourth in the state, Canton is sixth, North Farmington is eighth, and Northville is ninth. "But it's early yet," he adds.

He also anticipates Churchill as a tough team again this year, and Farmington and Harrison to provide tough competition.

He has scheduled some very tough dual meet competition for his team, not looking for easy wins, but rather stiff

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Canton girls await dual meets

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton girls swim team will be kicking off its dual meet season on Sept. 3, against Novi at home.

The Chiefs finished last year with an 11-1 record. After graduating seven seniors, who earned many Canton points in the dual, conference and state meets, Hooker Wellman has a lot of holes to fill on the team.

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The Chiefs were Western Division champs last year, finished second in the conference, and four tankers placed in the state meet.

Jill Mellis is the only swimmer who scored in last year's state meet returning this year. Now a junior, Wellman expects she will contribute a lot of points to the team score.

"We need to develop depth," said Wellman. "We have depth kids coming back, but we don't have the front runners. We have to develop our young kids into depth (swimmers) and our depth (swimmers) into front runners."

His goals this year are to keep the team healthy, build depth, qualify for the state meet, and have a good conference meet.

Four senior captains will lead the Chiefs this season, Selena Bastine, Danielle Yockey, Sonya McWhirter, and Pam Pritchard.

Wellman also expects seniors April Brian and Heather Anderson will contribute to the team.

To keep fans and sports writers on their toes this year, the Canton tankers have four sister teams on the squad.

Senior captain Sonya McWhirter and sophomore Katie McWhirter. Senior captain Pam Pritchard and sophomore

Susan Pritchard.

Junior Sara Larson and freshman Brooke Larson. Also on the team is sophomore Kelly Larsen.

Rounding out the sister teams are the Barnes sisters, junior Jill Barnes and sophomore Jennifer Barnes. But it doesn't end there. The roster carries two Jennifer Barnes this year, they are both sophomores.

According to Wellman, the team calls Jill's sister "Little Jennifer Barnes" and the unrelated Jennifer Barnes is "Big Jennifer Barnes."

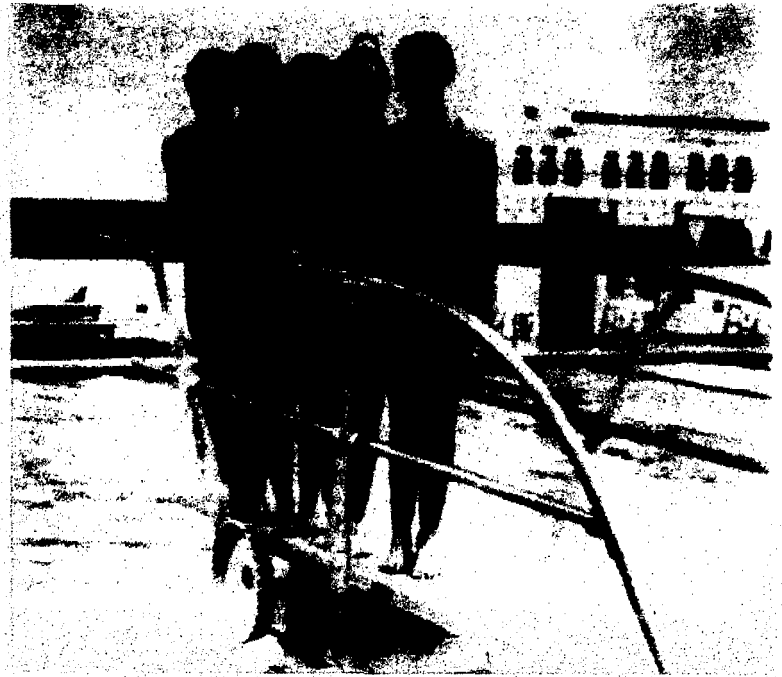
Nine juniors are expected to earn points for Canton. Mellis, Susan Daoust, Sara Larson, Jennifer Warnke, Beth Berger.

Jill Barnes, Lybra Lindke, Laura Lebbon and diver Adrienne Brenner.

Wellman has high expectations for several sophomores, Susan Pritchard, Katie McWhirter, both Jennifer Barnes, and Kelly Larsen.

He sees some promising opportunities during the year.

Diver Brenner will be joined on the plank by Melissa Cook, a second year diver who has shown tremendous improvement, according to Wellman, and freshman divers Brooke Larson and Bri Wall.



As the Canton swim team prepares for its first meet, the Canton diving squad of junior Adrienne Brenner (left), sophomore, Melissa Cook, sophomore Mindy Soften, freshman Brie Wall and freshman Brooke Larson is expected to contribute a lot of points for the team this year. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)



Salem swimmers take a break from their strenuous training regimen. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)

AJ's comes back

AJ's softball team, the runner-up in the Blue Division during the regular season with a 12-2 record, used a big seven run 7th inning to come from behind and defeat ASAP Machine 13-12 in the Canton Parks and Recreation League Playoffs.

AJ's defeated ASAP twice in the double elimination tournament, earlier winning a 7-2 game.

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Welchans both have an ankle problem. Britta Anderson has a knee ligament problem.

"Our goals are to win the division, compete for the conference title and get ready to play the best basketball for the state tournament," said Blohm. "An important underlying goal is to get healthy, basketball is a long, tough season. We have no record goals, we want to be good at the end of the season. It will be a great season."

Salem girl swimmers hope to improve

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competition for the team. He hopes it will force the team to swim harder and faster and will hopefully qualify more swimmers for the conference and state meets.

Last year the Rocks finished with a 6-5 overall record. They were second in the

Lakes Division, second in the conference relays and third in the conference finals.

"Obviously everybody wants to win the conference," said Olson. "That's our first goal. It's not going to be easy with four team in the top 10 in the state. There will be some real challenges.

"This (swimming) is, no question in

my mind, gotta be the toughest activity out there. You're wet, chlorinated, working hard and you've always got the coaching staff critiquing your every move. You gotta give the girls a lot of credit. Varsity letter winner or not, it's tough, but we think it's worth it. They're a nice group of young ladies."

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Curiosities

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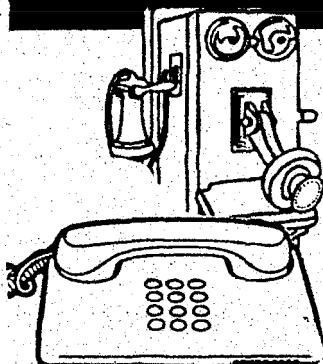
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Community opinions

Our Lady has been a good neighbor to our town

All neighbors need to get along with their neighbors in a physical sense. Yet, neighbors need to know that they too must give their neighbors room to grow. These rules of "getting along" are not just simple courtesy, but practical rules for life.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, a significant institution in The Plymouth-Canton Community, has decided that after months of trying to resolve disputes with City Hall and its neighbors, has decided to move on -- maybe.

If the church decides to start from scratch on a larger piece of property, it may well avoid the un-neighborly attitude its has encountered lately. When NIMBY issues surface, those vocal few who say they support the idea as long as it is "Not In My Back Yard," often forget how to be neighbors.

OLGC has been a tremendous neighbor.

"It's as big a loss as the loss of the post office," said Mike Schneider, a Methodist who lives directly across the street. Huge weddings, funerals, masses, and other services may make his neighborhood less tranquil, but it also adds to the charm. "It's never been a problem.

"If we keep losing things like this, we'll be just another nameless suburb," Schneider points out.

It may still be possible to retain OLGC if the city and the neighbors rise to the occasion.

Neighbors who complain about the noise of OLGC school students on the playground should consider what would be located in the facility if the church moves out. It's unlikely that it would be less offensive than laughing children.

Not Voyles' insulting one

We like colonial columns

EDITOR:

Yes, we the silly, ignorant dolts of Plymouth are proud of our community. Many of us were born here, many came as immigrants, we have gone to school here and raised our children here.

We are not offended by the "ugly" columns, the buildings from the colonial period, the Greek or Georgian look. After all, this America today, as well as many years ago, is known as the melting pot of the world.

Many ideas from other shores have developed from the sojourners who sought freedom and refuge here. We have seen many changes through the years -- some good, some not so good.

The building code of our city does not regulate the era or period of architecture to be used in construction. How about the addition to the house at 145 Union, the large building next to the M. Hough Memorial or the new office being built on Ann Arbor Trail? All are on the street structures and in no way enhance the beauty of anything.

One thing about us old dolts, we know value, know what we can afford and are willing to live within our limits. We are NOT living in the past, that is long gone and much is forgotten.

We are a practical generation, proud of our forefathers and what they stood for, we are willing to see growth and change but not to remake a complete city to appease the lust of newcomers.

Mr. Voyles, when you came to our community were you wearing blindfolds or rose-colored glasses? You saw, moved in and the discontent began. Rumor is you are moving on. Happy hunting grounds -- your next community may be ready to comply with your brilliancy, your ideas for change -- for better or worse.

Your insulting farewell to the residents of the City of Plymouth tells much about you.

The silly, ignorant, old dolts of Plymouth,
JACK AND MARY GILLIS;
EILEEN WILLIAMS

There are ways to resolve differences between neighbors if everyone understands the process.

It seems, in the OLGC case, that not everyone was a good neighbor.

OLGC has been a strong contributor for many years just where they're at.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Since you asked . . .

by Randy Coble



Last Tuesday's Plymouth Township board of trustees meeting contained a nice little lesson about bureaucracy-- at least for those who don't have to wade hip-deep through the red tape it churns out.

Cynthia Schertzer, a City of Plymouth resident, is trying to get a permit from the state for her non-profit group, the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble (a Plymouth Fall Festival favorite), for a raffle they want to hold in February. With the money raised the group wanted to travel to Poland -- no major financial operation. Sounds simple enough, huh?

Not quite. Enter the state gaming commission, which requires that groups conducting such activities get a resolution from its "local governmental body" stating that the group is non-profit. The confusion for Radomianie came when it tried to ascertain what is its local governmental body.

Schertzer lives in the city, so at first she thought it would be the Plymouth City Commission. Nope -- the group uses a mail box in the Beck Road Post Office as its address. So, hello Plymouth Township board of trustees.

However, the group's treasurer, who handles all financial forms required by the state, lives in Livonia. Another Radomianie leader lives in Northville.

Best of all, the raffle is part of an event that will be held in Dearborn Heights. Board members debated just which body was the right one to grant the request.

As things wore on, Schertzer got the kind of look on her face that anyone who has ever registered for college classes has had when they get to the counter and are told they've been standing in the wrong line for two hours.

In the end, however, the board agreed to pass the resolution contingent upon Police Chief Carl Berry verifying with the gaming commission that Plymouth Township was indeed the local governing body.

The point of the parable is to illustrate the paradigm in which government today tends to operate: we need more laws, more forms, and an ever-growing bureaucracy.

Admiral Hyman Rickover, father of the U.S. nuclear navy, once suggested a way the Department of Defense, a bureaucratic stronghold, could save time: one-third of the staff write out memos in longhand, one-third write out responses in longhand, and the remaining third do the work.

Another option: how about scrapping unimportant regulations, and give more resources to the over-worked civil servants trying to monitor the really important stuff? Scrap the assumption that government can (or should) monitor every last activity.

It would save time and money all around -- especially for the Cynthia Schertzers of the world.

Here endeth the lesson.

City's DPW discourages beautification

EDITOR:

In The Crier letter to the editor "Keep Main Street Clean" of July 22, Dorothy Archer suggested that businesses should clean up the litter and do a little landscaping.

I agree and about one month ago I tried to improve the front of our building on Penniman by building a new planter around the tree, removing the bricks and planting flowers.

I bought 240 pounds of top soil, 40 pounds of pro-mix, new two-by-fours and four flats of flowers. It took a couple days of work but it looked great. In the evening, I would pick up the litter and water the flowers.

Last Friday, I came home from work to find that the city dumped wood chips in the planter, completely covering the flowers.

So if you are trying to see the landscaping efforts on Penniman done by the residents, look under the city's dirt. I'm waiting for them to come and clean the litter, but I guess that's our job.

SALLY REPECK



Community opinions

Police should give respect to all -- regardless of age

EDITOR:

Picture this if you will! It's 12:20 a.m. on a Monday night and you are driving home from a friend's house. Your speed is between 42 and 45 miles per hour on Ann Arbor Road. Suddenly, you see a flash of blue and red! It's a cop! You pull over and wonder what the problem could be.

Here's the problem! Five teenagers pull onto Ann Arbor Road from Harvey at 12:18 a.m. on Aug. 17. The

destination is to drive a friend home in Plymouth Township, that's me. As I was giving the driver directions the same blue and red flashes appeared. We stopped and waited with confused looks.

An officer appears at the side of our Escort and asks the driver for his license, registration and insurance. Naturally, the driver is shaken up so I find all the paperwork for the officer. As the driver hands over his identification the officers says, "she's on the ball." Some humor!

The officer then asks us a series of questions such as: "where are you going?" and "where did you come from?" We told him we just came from a friend's house. His reply was "I don't know your friend." Then the big question, "is there any alcohol in the car?" Our reply is no, of course. But inside my head I was thinking, "well, he did consume three bags of Orville Redenbacher's microwave popcorn. How would that test?"

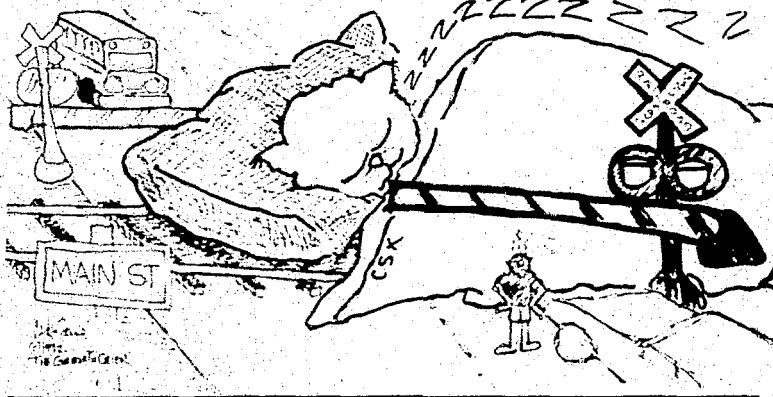
Finally, he walks back to his vehicle and checks us out. Once he returns he questions us more. The officer asks the driver why he isn't wearing his glasses. "I'm wearing my contacts," replies the driver most respectfully. "Well, I'm not about to have you pop them out," the officer says sarcastically as he shines a flashlight in the driver's eyes. I assume it was to check for the contacts. I guess my friend's Escort had a burned-out license plate light, because that was all the officer could find.

All teens are not alike. All adults are not alike. Perhaps if adults in authority could see fit to treat teens with respects until that respect is no longer deserved, they might receive that same respect in return.

I feel much safer knowing that I will be able to read all the license plates in Plymouth!

STACEY WEIDMAN

CSX: "It (THE ORDINANCE) has caused us a considerable amount of problems..."



Was it 'presidential' or 'political'?

Was yesterday's hoopla surrounding President Bush's visit to Canton a "presidential" event or political hype?

The answer was fairly clear to see even before the event occurred.

Although Loren Bennett and Tom Yack, Canton's two top elected officials, were careful to watch using the township's money for the Bush "economic roundtable" and "rally," the event still took hours of public-paid staff time and it remains to be seen how much Canton money was spent.

The visit was pure politics.

Canton leaders, hoping to be photographed next to Bush during their own election year, point out that the visit raised Canton's national visibility. True, but only as a contrived backdrop for a presidential re-election trailing in the polls.

Canton, located near a secure airport, and the scene of many earth movers and building cranes, was the

With malice toward none



ideal spot for a quick visit to unveil economic news to a few GOP handpicked "business people." But the president was shielded from any real discourse -- the agenda was entirely that of his handlers.

The last time Bush was in town (except for a brief closure of I-275 while he drove from Metro to Southfield), he zipped through Plymouth to Carl Pursell's house for a fund raiser. There was little public inconvenience and virtually no local public expense.

Presidential visits are exciting for The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Purely political visits are much less exciting.

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