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Scam accessed NASA, credit cards

Twp. police catch young hackers

BY ANNA MURRAY

Two local youths are being investigated for computer break-ins and fraud that gave them access to credit card numbers and to computer files from AT&T to NASA, Plymouth Township Police said Tuesday.

The two may also be involved in planting computer viruses, United States Secret Service agents said.

The two 16-year-old boys are both Canton residents and students at Centennial Educational Park (CEP). Police reports said they were caught

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FAA shoots down key Mettetal JOA clause

BY KEN VOYLES

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has told officials from the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics that it will not agree to one of the clauses in the current joint operating agreement (JOA) between Canton and Plymouth townships to run Mettetal Airport.

Richard Jackson, assistant deputy director of the state bureau, said Monday that the FAA had "verbally" indicated Thursday the clause, which allows Canton to terminate the JOA at the end of 10 years, was unacceptable.

"The FAA indicated that it cannot agree to that clause," said Jackson. "It means we've got to go back to the

drawing board."

Negotiations between the two townships, the state and the FAA have been ongoing since last fall when Canton and Plymouth announced the JOA plan.

"We'll now try to find out if there is some room for compromise," said Jackson. "We didn't think the FAA would budge on this but we took it all the way

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New school site near Canton hall

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a purchase agreement for a new elementary school site 6-0 Monday.

The new school, which will be located south of the Olengarry subdivision in Canton, between Sheldon and Canton Center Road across from the Canton Administration Building, is part of the 1991 bond project.

The school board will sign a purchase agreement with OGC Development Associates for the purchase of the 14-acre site.

The schedule for the second elementary school is two months behind, said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations. The school board is considering not opening the school now until 1994.



Airborne . . .

Salem's Sarah Makins poised for a landing Monday night. The Rocks beat rival Canton in the showdown of top gymnastic teams in the state. For the story see page 18. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

WTUA defends costs, denies nepotism charge

BY ANNA MURRAY

A regularly scheduled meeting of WTUA (The Western Townships Utilities Authority) turned into a session of WTUA commissioners defending themselves against critical press reports.

A recent article in a joint issue of the Detroit News and Free Press charged

WTUA with nepotism and with constructing a widely expensive new sewer system for Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships.

At Monday's meeting, observers lined the walls of the WTUA office in

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PLYMOUTH

Study says recruit more business DDA discusses study

BY ANNA MURRAY
and W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Downtown Plymouth got both good news and bad news Monday night.

The good news -- there's a strong shopper loyalty and a many-avenue future path available.

The bad news -- there's more competition than there was and some paths started in the past are not (or will) not be a panacea.

Recommendations and findings of a downtown Plymouth study will be aired in detail in a "town meeting" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street.

The study will also be discussed by the city commission, the planning commission, the DDA the following Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m., again at the Cultural Center. Business owners and property owners are invited to attend both sessions.

The telephone-book-sized report,

commissioned by the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) from the Washington, D.C.-based Hyett Palma firm was unveiled Monday night.

The plan was released to the DDA and to city officials Thursday, but it was not planned to be completely released until the March 12 meeting. However, during Monday's meeting, The Crier officially requested the document under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

Doyle Hyett said he preferred that advance copies not be released until he gave his presentation and several DDA members termed the report "unfinished" at this stage, pending their input. Following the meeting, City Manager Steve Walters released the report to the press.

Based on a public "strategy session," surveys of customers and a random phone survey of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Hyett's report suggests that there are strong customer loyalties to downtown, and that downtown represents

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Board considers all options Schools deficit grows

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Even at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education faces the task of balancing a budget showing a \$4.3 million deficit, possible state action may result in an additional \$3.5 million deficit.

John Hoben, the district

superintendent, said, the \$4.3 million deficit is composed of three items: tax base sharing, \$750,000; a property tax freeze, \$3 million; and FICA cap for 1991-92, \$122,000.

An additional \$200,000 was lost last year to the State Aid Act and another \$200,000 of Wayne County special education money is not available, he said.

"This money must be made up some way to have a balanced budget for 1992-93," Hoben said.

Governor John Engler is proposing that out-of-formula schools absorb FICA payments for in-formula schools, totalling \$160,000, which are currently paid by the state. There are 141 out-of-formula districts from 560 existing systems in the state.

"If that's allowed to happen, that allows another three-and-a-half million to the deficit next year and puts us in arrears of about seven and-a-half million dollars," Hoben said.

"The state is giving us too much too soon," said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for budget and operations. "They've got to slow down."

A March 7 budget meeting of the board of education will examine the impact on the budget if Engler gets his way on FICA payments, he added.

"It really is not fair to the community to all of the sudden put a large expenditure to the district. We need planning time just like everyone else," Hoedel said.

The school board is currently looking at several possible solutions to the budget problems, Hoben said.

These ideas include reducing the cap on the Headlee Amendment and a compromised cap for FICA. The Board implemented a 25 per cent reduction on all budgeted accounts Dec. 18, which will

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Teachers cuts for Schools?

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

As the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education looks at cutting back costs, district teachers and administrators may find themselves on the cutting block.

The deadlines for pink slipping district personnel are April 1, for administrators and May 1, for teachers, said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations.

The number of pink slips and possible layoffs are not known at this time. Hoedel said, but the board will look closer at the problem in the next few weeks.

Chuck Portelli, president of the teacher's union, said teacher leaders are currently meeting with administrators regarding the possible layoffs.

No formal decisions have been made yet, he said, but progress is stunted from state cuts.

"Governor Engler is doing his share to make things difficult," Portelli said.

"We have to protect the district's backside by making sure we are not obligated beyond our means today," said John Hoben, superintendent of schools.

If pink slipping staff or layoffs become necessary, they will be done on a seniority basis, Hoben said.

Fire talks more forward, dispatch dead Joint talks alive again

BY ANNA MURRAY

An agreement on joint services between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, which last week was apparently sinking into oblivion, may now be afloat again.

City and township officials are now saying they have patched the joint services ship and hope to guide it to a successful merger of the city and township fire unions.

"Believe it or not, I guess we're moving ahead with the idea of consolidation," said Jim Haar, head of the township's firefighters' union.

"I don't think there was any point at which it was off the table," said Plymouth City Manager Steven Walters.

On Monday, city and township

officials met with the city and township fire union members to discuss a merger of the two fire departments.

This sort of meeting, Walters said, was new.

"Until now the city and the township have been talking to the unions separately," he said, and meetings have been scheduled only between the city and township administrations.

Walters said the new arrangement was "a very positive" one. He added that he didn't know why they hadn't done it previously.

Haar, who had advocated meetings which included both unions, said he now thought the two municipalities and their unions might finally be on the same

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Canton students (from left) Carrie Halahan, Chris Townley, Rob Piontek, Chris Vargy and Brent Lumsden, exit the Jeffries housing project in Detroit. They are helping renovate the building. (Crier photo by Jillian Bogater)

Canton students lend a hand Projects get local help

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Loud music silenced the sound of paint chips landing on the beaten floors.

The five Canton High School students wore goggles and flannel shirts as they scraped and painted the walls of an assigned room at the Jeffries housing project in Detroit.

The students are part of a group named SOFA (Students Organized For Action).

Created two years ago to focus on world-wide human issues including censorship, the environment and even animal rights, the decision to help renovate the Jeffries housing project in Detroit was an easy one.

"It was Christmas time and we were thinking of passing out blankets to the homeless, but everyone was doing that," said Christopher Townley, chairperson of SOFA and Canton senior. "We're all so comfortable in our suburban houses, I thought we should give something back."

The 72-unit high rise, which stood vacant for the past nine years, will house homeless people and senior citizens from a nearby shelter when the renovation is completed.

The \$1 million needed to cover the renovation costs was completely donated by private donations or from corporations, said Kevin Fobbs, president of the Metro Detroit chapter of Habitat For Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit international housing organization, is coordinating efforts to renovate a total of 250 units in the Jeffries housing project.

Apathetic students and scared parents

have resulted in a small group of students contributing to the Jeffries project, Townley said.

SOFA membership has dwindled from 60 students when it was founded to the 15 who currently attend meetings, he said.

"I guess it's not really cool to do this anymore," Townley said. "But even though it's a small group, we're really dedicated."

SOFA's meetings, every Friday in room 256 at Canton High School, currently consist of the small group of students discussing who will carpool with whom to the housing project.

Other projects SOFA has participated in include a petition campaign to cosmetic companies, such as Loreal and Proctor & Gamble, asking them to stop testing on animals. But the housing project is a bit different to them.

"By the end of the day, we see what we put into it," said Brent Lumsden, Canton junior. "With petitions we don't really see results. With this project we can see results right away."

The group arrive at building 801 every Saturday precisely at 9:30 a.m. and continue their work until 2:30 p.m. This has been the routine since the beginning of the year.

Currently the average amount of volunteers that help Habitat for Humanity every Saturday is about 30, Fobbs said.

A total of 780 volunteers representing

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Hint of impropriety taints WTUA project

The hint of impropriety in the dealings of the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) may seem new to people outside of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville communities, but to anyone who has followed these governments closely over the years it's a case of, "So what else is new?"

The fact that there is an apparent case of cronyism among elected officials, contractors, developers and consultants hasn't gone unnoticed here.

Still, the history of these things in our community is long and varied. Past articles in this newspaper and others have detailed links between the suppliers, vendors and consultants to the three local governmental units -- Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships -- and their officials.

An article in Saturday's Detroit newspaper has rekindled the controversy.

One wonders why an organization dedicated to creating a public sewer line for the three major townships on the west side of I-275 would act differently from its constituent local unit of governments.

The political connections in Plymouth-Canton-Northville run deeper than any sewer line. Past revelations have generally been greeted with yawns by others in government here and by apathy amongst voters.

Apparent cronyism by Henry Graper, former City of Plymouth manager, by Maurice Breen, former Plymouth Township supervisor and now Wayne County Commissioner, by Northville Township officials, and by others have been the subject of many press reports.

The appearances of impropriety are often more dangerous than reality when public projects are such huge financial undertakings. Even if allegations about WTUA turn out not to be illegal -- but just shoddy practice -- the entire bond issue and other public projects are also jeopardized.

But some of the WTUA allegations are being strongly refuted.

The WTUA project has never gone over budget (yes it's a very big pie to slice from); WTUA officials have never said it would be cheap to split off from the Detroit

system and the monolith known as "Super Sewer," the WTUA project has been on the books for five years now and has done much to stimulate the economy (in Canton anyway); and WTUA officials have openly kept residents abreast of the project's status.

But all of this at what cost? Spending money on family and friends just doesn't sit well with local taxpayers footing the bill.

No one has pinned as anything illegal what the WTUA managers have done, but to suggest that this project is a godsend to the community while it lines the pockets of friends or families is irresponsible.

Gerald Law's reign in Plymouth Township is brand new. He took over for Breen, who took over for Susan Heintz, who left herself to join Johnny Engler's Lansing crew. Law, too, inherited this project, but he inherited from the shady Breen side of the tracks.

And connected to them all is Bob Law, Gerald Law's brother, a founding secretary of WTUA and on the county payroll as a \$45,000 political advisor until December under Heintz and Breen.

And over in Northville Betty Lennox inherited this complex hierarchy from Georgina Goss, who replaced Law, who replaced Breen, who replaced Heintz.

Maybe now is the time to question why there is no state oversight -- through the Attorney General's office perhaps -- of authorities like WTUA, or the 35th District Court Building Authority, or the Detroit Water Board. Or wonder why such important bond projects are allowed without voter approval.

Residents do not elect members to WTUA. The commissioners are currently the chief elected officials from each of the three townships (and this is also true of the court authority).

It's likely voters can still exercise their rights at the ballot box and find new supervisors in this election year, but it goes beyond just the current leaders, back to the musical chairs, when, for example, no one contested Breen for his county seat.

While it's not illegal to hire friends and families -- WTUA officials see it as a positive action -- such government dealings smell like raw sewage to residents especially in tough economic times.

Better vigilance by state and civic watchdog agencies is required. Better practices by WTUA and other public trust officers are needed.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Community opinions

Building not expandable

Board's soul-searching led to tough choice

EDITOR:

You are to be commended for your fine reporting of the Plymouth District Library Board's progress in its on-going investigation of the feasibility of providing an improved library facility for the community.

Your articles, however, have not described in detail the reasons that the board decided, after much soul-searching, to recommend substantial demolition of the present structure.

The board was as appalled as the rest of the community to learn that the present building is not expandable.

Five prominent Michigan architectural and engineering firms, working independently, all reached the conclusion - that in providing a larger facility on the same site nearly all of the existing building would be removed or so substantially altered that the finished product would really be new construction, regardless of the appearance of the facade.

Why can't the present building be

expanded? According to the experts, not one section of the library was ever designed to facilitate future expansion.

At the risk of boring your readers, here is the full story of our building.

The present structure is three separate interconnected buildings. Each section has its own unique problems which prevent satisfactory and affordable reuse as part of a two story building.

The 1954 section of the building is a very small one story wing that was added on to the original house given to the city by the Dunning family. It is a very simple brick and concrete block structure which is not designed to support a second floor, modern utilities, or advanced library equipment. Because it is non-functional and right in the middle of the present library, this building would have to be removed to erect a usable two story structure in its place.

The 1957 section of the library is the two story Greek Revival structure on Main Street, which was donated to the city by the Hough family to replace the original house.

Although this structure looks wonderful on the outside, it has two serious flaws. First, the second floor cannot be used as library space -- the floor structure was not designed to hold the weight of books. To correct this problem, all of the present interior would have to be removed (leaving only the hollow shell of the brick outside walls) and a completely new interior structure installed.

The second flaw is that the level of the present second floor is lower than needed to install the necessary load bearing structure and utilities. The level of the new stronger interior second floor would be higher inside the walls of the building and the new walking surface of the second floor would be at the level of the present second floor window sills.

To make the second floor's ceiling height adequate and still have room for the utilities above (air conditioning, etc.) the roof would have to be removed, all new trusses of different design erected, and the entire roof rebuilt. This is certainly feasible, but we've been told it will be far more costly than removing the existing building and starting over.

We have considered leaving the existing second floor "as is" to use in some other way. However, under this solution the second floor in the new and old sections would not be at the same level, thus creating a handicap access problem. In addition, almost any suitable use for the space (like quiet study) would create supervision problems which would require hiring additional staff -- a costly solution for the taxpayers who would pay

the increased operating costs forever.

The third and newest section of the building is the 1984 addition on the rear. It was not designed to have a second floor either above or within it. The present ceiling and roof are too high for a second floor to be built above them, and too low to allow one to be installed under them.

In addition, the foundation and walls cannot support a two story building. The building would have to be substantially dismantled to make way for a new structure.

The board has been challenged to develop an affordable solution to some significant problems. We want to provide the community with a facility which meets our present and foreseeable needs and is a foundation that future generations can build upon as Plymouth changes. In addition, we are committed to finding a solution which is inexpensive to operate.

We cordially invite all community members to tour the library to see the

challenges we face to provide additional space. The library board and the library director will be happy to hear from you anytime. And we urge you to join us at our meetings to participate in creating the solutions!

STEPHEN HARPER,
LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT

In the
margin
By Ken Voyles



While many of us impatiently await the next report from the school district's blue ribbon committee, others out there, especially those on the board of education, are in no great hurry.

They say the "vision" being developed by the citizens in all of these committees will help carry the Plymouth-Canton Schools into the next century.

"Those vision and new facilities committees will take a little longer since they are looking out further," said Dave Arley, board president, in defense of the district's snail-like planning effort. "I'm not really concerned just yet since I don't expect anything to come out of them that will need to be on the ballot in September."

Arley said he wanted the committees - created, he says, to be totally impartial and disassociated from the board - to "shake out" the reports before presenting them in the next two or three months.

But Arley also agreed that the sooner the reports are completed the better.

"This is a long range plan we're talking about," he said. "Not that education moves slowly, but we want to be sure it's the best concept to carry us to 2010."

"We've created this thing -- it will have a life of its own. And it's not just another bond committee."

That issue remains one of the concerns expressed by many in the community -- are these blue ribbon panels simply a fancy way to get voters to foot the district's future monetary needs?

With a budget crunch already obvious at 454 S. Harvey one can only wonder.

But Arley is adamant that the committees are purely "vision" groups.

As far as the school board president is concerned the blue ribbon group is the most unique committee in the state. "It's the only one of its kind in the state as far as I know," Arley said.

Well, that's a nice thought, but for us impatient folks knowing that the "vision thing" is unique to Plymouth-Canton doesn't make the waiting any easier.

Art show helped during fest

EDITOR:

One of the nice things about living in Plymouth is how the business community supports the community.

When the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) decided to run another Michigan Art Show concurrently with the ice festival, we were hard pressed to find a downtown location.

One might have thought with all the vacant stores around it wouldn't be a problem. It was a problem! Saxton's Garden Center (not vacant) very generously allowed the PCAC to utilize their front showroom for our show. This had to be an inconvenience for them, but they certainly didn't act that way. We thank them for their kindness and community spirit.

Cafe Bon Homme presented a beautiful, delicious luncheon for us when our judge, DIA assistant curator Mary Stephensen, spoke to the group about the show and her selections.

Heide's Flowers supplied us the lush green plants to soften the gallery. They even delivered and picked up the plants.

In short, these people help to prove Plymouth is alive and well and will continue to be the delightful place it has always been! Thanks to all of you.

DORIS CHATTERLY,
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SMART shutdown threatening

EDITOR:

I am employed as an administrative secretary in downtown Detroit. I commute daily from Canton. Over the years, I have relied on the SMART large bus service. It is often my only means to get to my work site.

I am very concerned about the possibility of the SMART large bus service being discontinued.

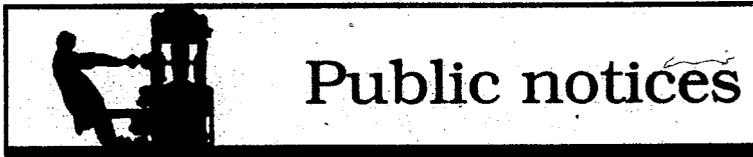
I accepted a position downtown because of the availability of the SMART bus service. I am a single parent and mine is the family's main source of income. Since jobs are presently scarce, I cannot quit my downtown job and find one closer to home.

I feel my livelihood is being threatened if the SMART service is discontinued. I do own a car, but often leave it home for my teenage son to use for his part-time after school job. His income contributes to paying family bills.

Metro Detroiters have a right to expect garbage collection, street maintenance, a water and sewage system and other services vital to a satisfactory quality of life. As a taxpayer, I feel we have a right to expect this minimal form of public transportation.

Please support the continuation of SMART public transportation services.

JEAN M. KEARNEY



Public notices

The Board Report

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

The meeting began with an "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools Award (VIPS)" presentation to Louise Bradley, a volunteer for the last 20 years in various school buildings throughout the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. In presenting the award, trustee Barbara Graham lauded Bradley for her varied volunteer service, which ranged from demonstrating the cello in a classroom to working in various media centers. Bradley expressed her appreciation for the award and said, "I volunteer because I love to work with children." The award was established by the "I Care" Committee and the Board of Education to honor District volunteers.

Superintendent Hoben reported on the deterioration of funding to the District. He pointed out that the state's tax-base sharing, property-tax freeze and cap on F.I.C.A. payments, along with other financial setbacks over which the District has no control, would reduce revenue by a projected \$4,300,000 for 1992-93. He pointed out that, if additional proposals currently being made by Governor Engler were enacted, the loss in District revenue could be in excess of \$7,000,000. Dr. Hoben also said that, under the projected State Aid Act for next year, Plymouth-Canton would end up below the state average in the amount of money being spent on each pupil. He suggested that letters and phone calls to elected state representatives could help to change this inequity in funding.

Volunteer legislative liaison Ray Buckman reported that Senate Bill 720 would require that the state budget be completed by July 1 each year. This would permit schools to budget proactively rather than reactively.

In Citizen Comments, Suzanne Thomas expressed her concern about the need for temporary busing for her son. The Board directed the Superintendent to review the situation and bring a recommendation to them for the March 9 meeting.

In actions, the Board approved:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$1,283,057.94.
- movement of a bus stop on Red Maple Drive from 10050 to 10374 as soon as parents and students can be notified.
- a donation of \$7,500 to the DARE program with the understanding that such a donation may not be able to be made in the future.
- purchase of fifteen 78-passenger buses and two wheelchair buses for \$967,190 and \$100,786, respectively, from the Hockstra Company. This purchase is paid for from the 1991 Bond Project.
- purchase of 14.1072 acres in Section 22 just off Sheldon Road in south Canton for use as the site of a new elementary school. The land was purchased from GGC Development Associates for a price of \$350,000, with funding from the 1991 Bond Project.
- granting of a five-foot Easement for Green Space between the Board Office parking lot and Robert Bake Realtors.

Under Board Reports, Dean Swartzwelter, Board Treasurer, commented favorably on a recent seminar by Chick Moorman, said that he attended the recent Business-Education Partnership meeting and that one of the group's current activities is to expand Junior Achievement in the District, and told of the Pioneer Middle School International Dinner. Member Thomas spoke of the June 16 and 17 performances of the musical program "Up With People" to be held at the Centennial Educational Park. The program is being sponsored by the Educational Excellence Foundation and Community Education. Member Battishill spoke favorably of the Michigan Association of School Boards' recent seminar featuring Dr. William Spady and the recent presentation by Johnson City, New York, Superintendent Al Mamary. President Arley told of the meeting of the new District Public Act 25 Committee.

The Board will hold a Budget Workshop on Saturday, March 7, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices on Harvey Street in Plymouth.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating your Board of Education's actions. If you have questions about these actions or would like further information about your schools, call 451-3188.

Health advisory for Rouge

BY ANNA MURRAY

An advisory released by the Michigan Department of Health lists several species of fish in the lower and middle Rouge rivers that should not be eaten. The advisory recommends limited consumption of other species.

All fish from the middle branch of the Rouge, which runs through Plymouth Township, are restricted. The restrictions cover the middle branch of the Rouge, downstream from Phoenix Lake.

The department of health recommends people not eat more than one meal a week of most species. Women of childbearing

age and children are advised not to eat any restricted fish from the Middle Rouge for more than one meal per month.

Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Catfish, Carp and White Suckers should not be eaten at all, according to the advisory.

In the lower branch of the Rouge, which runs through Canton, the advisory recommends no carp or white suckers be consumed.

The reason for the restrictions are high

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Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Tuesday	March 03, 1992	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ONLY 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. HEARING WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday	March 09, 1992	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Petitions may be obtained at the Township Assessor's Office as of February 17, 1992. Our office is located behind the Fire Station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center Roads.

The Board of Review will be held in the Township Hall Meeting Room on the first floor of the Canton Township Hall, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The Board will be on a first come first served basis during the above listed dates and times. Please come prepared, as a 5 minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Wanda Hamernik, Secretary to the Board of Review, at 981-6400.

Publish: February 12, 1992, February 19, 1992 and February 26, 1992

NOTICE 1992 CITY OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will begin in the City Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building at 201 S. Main Street on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1992 FROM 12:00 NOON to 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992 FROM 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

A WRITTEN PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ASSESSMENT OFFICE before an appointment can be made to appear to protest your property assessment. Petition forms can be obtained at the Assessment Office located on the first floor of the Municipal Building in the latter part of February. We will begin scheduling appointments on February 17, 1992.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A PETITION TO THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE IS 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1992.

At this time only the dates listed above have been set aside for the 1992 Board of Review appeals in compliance with the City of Plymouth Charter.

Other meeting dates will be scheduled dependent upon the number of appeals received by the Assessment Department.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of additional meetings of the Board of Review will be posted on three or more of the official public bulletin boards of the city as soon as the additional meetings are scheduled and a copy of the notice sent to the local newspapers.

The bulletin boards of the city designated for the purpose of public notices are: City Hall, Kellogg Park, Central Parking Lot and Starkweather at the corner of Liberty Street.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file his or her protest to the Board of Review by petition without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer, or his or her representative.

If there are no available meeting times remaining, then all written petitions received by the third Monday in March, March 16, 1992, by the Assessment Office will be reviewed by the Board of Review and a judgment made determining valuation.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

All appointments will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

For further information regarding appeals, please call 453-1234 extension 226.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

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February 26, 1992

'Drifter' held by police

Rape victims step forward after arrest

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Four women in Wayne and Oakland counties have identified an area drifter as the man who sexually assaulted them.

David Buhnerkemper, 35, is the suspect of at least four other sexual assaults, but this number "may be a little conservative," said Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Brad Thomson.

The Michigan State Police are currently investigating unsolved sexual assaults in Washtenaw, Wayne, Oakland, Monroe and Livingston counties.

Buhnerkemper was chosen from a police lineup by a total of four women: two women who were sexually assaulted in separate incidents in 1988 and 1989, a Pontiac woman, and a woman who was repeatedly sexually assaulted Feb. 12 in Washtenaw County's Superior Township.

Using information the latest victim provided, police arrested Buhnerkemper Feb. 12 at his brother's Canton home on Koppernick.

The Canton Police Department never closed the two Canton assaults, which took place in Knollwood Cemetery, said Canton Police Officer Tammie Colling.

Two months ago, before the last victim came forward, Canton officers

94-year-old mugged in City

BY ANNA MURRAY

A 94-year-old woman was mugged in broad daylight on Main Street in the City of Plymouth Thursday, police said.

The City of Plymouth woman was walking in front of Danny's supermarket at 12:55 p.m. when a man rushed by her and stole her handbag, Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins said.

The woman did not call the police immediately, Scoggins said, but chased the mugger to see which way he was escaping. She then called police at 1:08 p.m., Scoggins said.

The woman gave the police a full description of the man -- a white male in his mid-twenties, wearing a stocking cap, a grey jacket with red accents, and light-colored trousers.

"She was a pretty observant lady," Scoggins said.

The suspect got away with the woman's handbag and approximately \$30 in cash.

Students

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40 churches, community organizations, banks, companies and students have volunteered their time since the renovation on building 801 began last November. Approximately 90 per cent of the volunteers are from outside of the city, he added.

SOFA plans to stay with the project until it is finished, which should be sometime in March.

"Once you get started in something like this, it's hard to leave until it is done," Townley said.

came together to work out a profile of the rapist, but then Buhnerkemper was arrested.

Although police are asking anyone with information about Buhnerkemper or women who were victimized to come forward, the State Police and Canton Police departments have not received any phone calls.

Buhnerkemper is currently being held under \$100,000 cash bail in Washtenaw County jail, awaiting a preliminary hearing scheduled for today. He faces

charges of three counts of criminal sexual conduct, each punishable by life in prison.

The first Knollwood incident (in August of 1988) involved a woman waiting for a bus ride when allegedly Buhnerkemper offered a ride. He then pulled out a handgun and told her not to escape. Police said he then drove her to the cemetery where he allegedly sexually assaulted her in his vehicle, while threatening her with the gun.

The second Canton incident (in

February of 1989) involved a 37-year-old Taylor woman who Buhnerkemper allegedly picked up off the side of the road after her car ran out of gas. He offered to give her a ride to a gas station, but took her to Knollwood Cemetery instead and sexually assaulted her, said police. Both women have identified him as the man who assaulted them, said police.

Buhnerkemper faces 3 counts of criminal sexual conduct and one count of armed robbery in each incident.

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National honors being sought

Church rekindles historic interest

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It's not too often that people are interested in the history of a church they've never attended, nor known any members of its congregation.

But when the church is nearly 130 years old, is in good physical condition, and looks nearly the same as it did the day it was built, it can spark an interest in many an historian and tourist.

At least that's how the Salem Area Historical Society and Michigan Historical Commission see it.

The Salem-Walker Church and Cemetery in Salem Township received state recognition last July as a Michigan Historical Site.

Formerly a Methodist Episcopal church, now non-denominational, the Salem-Walker church is adjacent to the cemetery with the same name, on Angle Road, at Tower Road.

The church sparked quite an interest with the Michigan Historical Commission in Lansing.

According to its records, the Salem-Walker church is one of the best maintained Greek Revival designed churches in the state. The church virtually looks the same as it did the day it was built in 1864.

"The state is more enthusiastic than we realized," said Don Riddering, a member of the Salem Area Historical Society. "We didn't realize (the church) was that unusual, that's why they wanted it on the state registry. As of July 1991, (the Salem-Walker Church and Cemetery) are on the state registry with (Michigan's) Department of History."

By bestowing the recognition it did, the state believes the site is of historical significance to the state, not just locally, he said.

The Michigan Historical Commission was so impressed with the church, it is assisting the Salem Area Historical Society in applying for national recognition.

Currently Riddering is gathering information and photos requested by the commission to forward to Washington D.C., for national consideration.

Riddering hopes to have all the information in Lansing by the end of the month but he wasn't sure how long it will take for a decision to be made on national recognition.

The church, which "comfortably seats 140 people," according to Rheit Hanert, president of the Salem Area Historical Society and a member of the Salem-Walker Cemetery Association, which owns the cemetery and church.

Hanert is a "distant relative" to the



Members of the Salem Historical Society inspect the Salem-Walker Church, which recently was designated as a Michigan Historical Site. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)

Walker family who sold the land to the church for \$5, back in 1862, and hence the name.

When the church opened its doors in 1864, it had 25 members and a pastor. By 1913, the church's population dwindled to zero. At that time, larger churches were built nearby, the population became more mobile, and the members joined the larger churches, according to Riddering.

In 1831, the Salem-Walker Cemetery Association obtained a quit claim deed from the methodist church. The association has maintained the church and cemetery since.

The church was closed for half a century, with no regular services.

In 1940, the church held a reunion, where many old timers returned to tell

stories about the church, according to Riddering.

Myron Atchison, Hanert's grandfather, was at the reunion, and told a story of a man who was kicked out of the church, according to Riddering.

The story goes that the man (whom Atchison did not name) wasn't thrown out of the church for being lewd, wild, or evil. No. He was thrown out for "being a good hardworking citizen."

As Atchison's story goes, this citizen was apparently working too hard. When the church learned he was working on Sunday, he was thrown out. He immediately joined another nearby church.

In the 1950s, the church was rented for services. In 1955, electrical lights were

added. They were installed in almost the same spots where oil lamps used to hang. The chandelier hanging in the middle of the church was hand made, and donated by Kay Lyke, of Plymouth, in 1967, according to Riddering and Hanert.

What impressed the state commission most was that the original design hasn't been altered, and the condition of the building, according to Riddering.

Aside from the basic maintenance, only a few changes have been made to the church. Electricity was added. The heating has been changed from oil burning to wood burning stoves, and several glass panes have been replaced in the windows.

The pews are in original condition. They are bare oak, with hand painted grain.

"They're not the most comfortable," said Riddering. "You'll stay awake." They are laid out in the traditional Greek Revival format. With two side aisles leading to the altar, and cornered pews on each side of the altar.

Although there is no congregation today, two non-denominational services are held each year. One is the Sunday before Memorial Day, the other is during Christmas week.

The church is used for concerts and can be rented for weddings.

"It has great acoustics," said Riddering. However, as the church was built in 1864, and has been retained in its original manner, there are no bathroom facilities.

The church is painted every eight to 10 years, according to Hanert. And repairs are made as needed.

Although the church has been cared for and maintained, it hasn't been without problems.

"The church was broken into in 1967. The original organ, altar chairs, shutters and pulpit were stolen," said Hanert. "They tried to get the piano, but they couldn't get it out. It was a very foggy night. You couldn't see your hand in front of your face. They backed a truck up to the door and took it."

The Greek Revival architecture was introduced to this country by Thomas Jefferson, who brought it to the U.S. from France.

"He loved it so much, he applied it to a great many buildings in Washington D.C.," said Riddering. "In the Midwest, it's applied mostly to houses and churches."

The purpose of the design is to make the building look like a temple, according to Riddering.

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Being the natural born, weight gaining cookie monster that I am, when I heard someone was looking for "one of the best cookie recipes ever made," they had my attention. I love cookies of all kinds but oatmeal and chocolate chip rate are at the top of the list.

When the request went out for Grace Burley's oatmeal cookie recipe, the response was amazing. Many people in the community knew Grace and had sampled her cookies.

While they taste a little different than the oatmeal cookies my grandma used to make, they are every bit as good. Thanks to cookie maker Helen Clinansmith who baked a batch for The Crier staff a couple of weeks ago and promised to make some more if I ran the recipe in the paper. How could I refuse such an offer? By the way this recipe was sent in by Grace's granddaughter.

GRACE BURLEY'S OATMEAL COOKIES

2 cups oatmeal

1 cup lard

Heat lard until very hot and pour over oatmeal

Then add other ingredients

1 cup chopped raisins

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

5 Tablespoons sweet milk

2 cups wheat flour

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon cloves

1 scant teaspoon soda

Bake at 350° until golden

I hope all of you enjoy the cookies as much as we do.

Fest shortened to 3 days

BY KEN VOYLES

Fall Festival is now three, three days long, that is.

Two weeks ago the Fall Festival Board of Directors agreed to shorten the festival from four days to three days, said Joe Bida, spokesperson for the annual event. This year's festival will be the 37th.

Bida said the board agreed to a three-day festival instead of four to stem complaints from local business people as well as festival goers. This year's affair will begin Friday, Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. and run through Sunday, Sept. 13 until 6 p.m.

"We had a lot of complaints from business folks in town," said Bida, "that we were blocking off the streets too early.

"We also had a lot of complaints from people who came to the festival on Thursday but couldn't find much open,"

Bida continued. "The board thought it was a good idea. We're losing time but it gets the businesses off our back."

Traditionally the festival hasn't gotten going until Friday. By then most of the food and game booths are open up along Main Street and Penniman Avenue. In the past, Thursday has been dubbed "seniors day," but most of the festival booths were not open yet to the public.

With the festival now three days long downtown Plymouth streets will be closed beginning at midnight the Thursday before Friday, Sept. 11. In the past downtown had been closed off beginning Wednesday night.

Bida added, however, that one of the Thursday night attractions -- BPW sponsored bingo under the Gathering -- is expected to be held that night anyway.

"We'll probably have some entertainment in the bandshell as well as still block off Penniman," said Bida.

Bida said the shorter festival will also save money, cutting down on the festival board's need for city services such as DPW workers.

He added that the board was also considering several "new ideas" for this year's festival.

"We're still working on them but we want to have more youth activities, for example," said Bida, who added that some of the festival booths will also be replaced this year.

The next regular meeting of the board is March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the former Friendly's building (now part of the Plymouth Township complex).

Bida said the meeting is important since applications will be handed out to participating groups for the 1992 festival.



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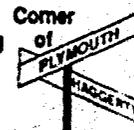
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Beginning Date:	Time
Monday, March 2nd	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3rd	6:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4th	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 5th	6:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 7th	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

These Classes Meet for 8 Sessions

Beginning Scuba Classes Forming at Novi Senior High School

Beginning Date:	Time
Monday, March 2nd	6:00 - 10:30 p.m.
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PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will host a luncheon March 5 at the Round Table Club in Plymouth. Hospitality begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Joe Henshaw will speak about the Plymouth YMCA. The Newcomers are open to new residents of Plymouth city or township. Reservations by March 2. For details call 420-9006 or 455-3315.

THE SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The 60+ Club will meet March 2 at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial. Potluck at noon. Bring table service. Program on the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE DRIVES

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Tri City Assembly of God in Canton March 18 from 3:30-9:30 p.m. Call 326-0330 for an appointment or walk in. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth March 7 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) - 422-1425; and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth March 15 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) - 455-6129.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY SHOWS

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will perform a program of three diverse ballets -- "Peter and the Wolf," "Les Sylphides," and "Symphonic Colors" -- at the Canton High Little Theatre March 14-15. Shows at 2 and 8 p.m. March 14 and 3 p.m. March 15. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$6 seniors and children. Group rates. Tickets may be purchased by calling 397-8828 or 455-4330.

MADONNA OPEN HOUSE

Madonna University is holding an open house for prospective students March 21 from 1-4 p.m. in the university's Take 5 lounge. Tour the campus and meet faculty and students. For more information call 591-5052.

ANNUAL SPRING GARAGE SALE

The Civitans' annual Spring Garage Sale will be held at the Plymouth Gathering next to the Penn in downtown Plymouth April 25. Clean out your attic, garage, basement. Donations needed. Call 455-0004, 464-1129 or 453-7569. Articles will be picked up (no large appliances). Proceeds to support Civitan projects.

PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASS REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is taking registrations for session two of classes being offered through the Y. Most classes begin the week of March 2. For further details on the courses and sign-up information call 453-2904.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD'S "ON GOLDEN POND"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "On Golden Pond" March 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, as well as March 15 and 22 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and students. March 20 performance will include sign language for the hearing impaired. Tickets available in advance at the Penniman Deli or Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth. For ticket information call 349-7110.

MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer a men's slow pitch softball league. The entry fee for an 18-game schedule is \$400. Registration for returning teams starts March 2. New teams can register starting March 16. For further information and residency details call Tom Willette at 455-6620.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR P-C SCHOOLS

Kindergarten registration for the 1992-93 school year will be held March 9-13 in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. Children eligible if they will be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1992. To register, parents must bring child's birth certificate, social security number and immunization record to the school which the child will attend. If uncertain of attendance area call 451-3137.

WOMAN'S CLUB HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will honor its past presidents March 6 as the club celebrates its 99th anniversary. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial starting at 12:30 p.m. Business meeting and a program on traveling. Guests welcome.

TEA WITH MRS. LINCOLN AT MUSEUM

A Victorian remembrance -- "Tea With Mrs. Lincoln" -- is planned March 7 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Program on fashions of the Civil War with fashion historian Beth Turza. Harpist Richard Lee will perform. For reservations call 455-8940. The museum will be closed that day.

ORGANIST TO PERFORM AT CHURCH

Organist Frederick Swann will perform at 8 p.m. March 6 in the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at the church or reserved by calling 453-5280. Swann is the director of music at The Crystal Cathedral in California.

PCAC SPRING ART CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) offers a spring session of art classes which begin the week of March 16. To find out the entire class schedule visit the PCAC office at 332 S. Main St., Plymouth, or call 455-5260.



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LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township is sponsoring a Luncheon Fashion Show at the Laurel Manor in Livonia March 1 at 1 p.m. The theme is "Vision of the Future." For ticket information call 932-1222.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

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

SCHOOLCRAFT SEEKS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Schoolcraft College is looking for outstanding alumni to honor during the May commencement exercises. Nominations will be accepted until April 3. For an application or further information call 462-4417.

'WOMEN'S RETREAT' WEAVING NEW PATTERNS

A women's retreat - Weaving New Patterns - is planned March 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. There will be a guest speaker and music. Brunch is \$6 per person. Free baby-sitting with reservations. Call 455-2300 for reservations.

CANTON VFW MEETING NOTICE

The Canton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6967 will hold its monthly business meeting March 2 at 8 p.m. in the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. All veterans are welcome. For information about VFW membership call Post Commander Jack Runkle at 451-0718 or John Spencer (past commander) at 397-8975.

THEATRE GUILD GENERAL MEETING

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold a general membership meeting March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Water Tower Theatre on Seven Mile Road. Discussion on next production "Brighton Beach Memories." For information call the guild's phoneline at 349-7110.

PRE-SCHOOLER OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

An open house for pre-school and kindergarten through eighth grade is planned at the Northville Christian School March 10 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For information call 348-9031. The school is located on Six Mile Road west of I-275.

PLYMOUTH AAUW GATHERING

The Plymouth Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its monthly meeting March 12 at Ernesto's in Plymouth beginning at 7:30 p.m. A retrospective on the AAUW's history will be presented. Guests welcome. For information call 455-3662.

SECOND ANNUAL DARE SKATE

The 2nd Annual DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Skate is planned for March 7 from 6-11:30 p.m. at the Skatin' Station in Canton. For a minimum pledge of \$50 enjoy a night of skating, pizza, chips and pop, and prizes. For further information on how to participate call the DARE office at 453-3492.

PLYMOUTH'S ORIGINAL TRAIN SHOW

Plymouth's Original Train Show (the 20th such show) will be held March 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission is \$2 per person (under 12 get in for \$1). More than 100 tables of new, used and antique trains. Refreshments also. Tables are \$12 in advance or \$18 at the door (call 455-4455).

BUSINESS COMMUNITY WELCOMES CITY OFFICIALS

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is hosting a monthly new member coffee Feb. 27 at 8 a.m. It will also be a chance for the business community to welcome newly elected City of Plymouth officials - Bill McAninch, Doug Miller, Dennis Shrewsbury and Mayor Robert Jones. Call 453-1540. No reservations, no cost. Held at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street.

PLYMOUTH HEARING ON DOWNTOWN

The Hyett Palma downtown City of Plymouth marketing study will be unveiled to the public at a "town meeting" presentation March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center. The public is invited and can ask questions after the presentation.

DIA OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Detroit Institute of Arts Outreach program comes to Allen Elementary School March 12 with a program for fourth through sixth grades featuring eight to 10 speakers on American, Asian and Native American art forms.

PLYMOUTH PARK PLAYERS

The musical "Pajama Game," by Adler and Ross will be performed by the Plymouth Park Players April 3-4 and 10-11 at the Salem High auditorium. Shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5.50 and \$4.50 reserved. For information call 459-3518.

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS OPEN SEASON

The Northville Players open their fifth season March 6-7 with Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." Curtain time is 8 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. The play will be performed at the Northville Community Recreation Center. Tickets are \$19.50 and include dinner and admission. There are limited number of general admission seats for each night at \$7. All ticket reservations must be made by Feb. 28. Tickets at Bookstall on the Main or by calling 344-1969.

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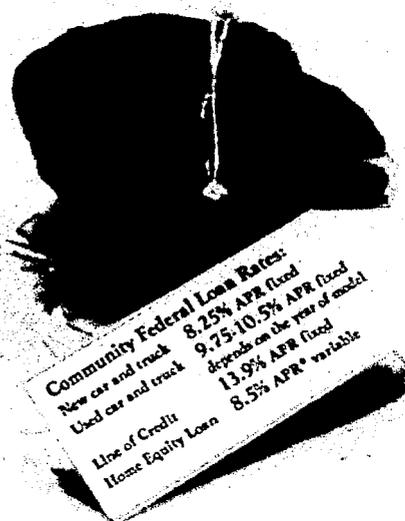
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Law: WTUA branded 'racist' for leaving system

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Plymouth Township as the commissioners -- Tom Yack, from Canton; Gerry Law, from Plymouth; and Betty Lennox, from Northville -- fielded questions by reporters and citizens.

WTUA was formed in 1986 as a way to make the three townships independent of the Detroit sewer system and of the Super Sewer project, a Wayne County sewer effort.

A \$98-million bond issue was let to pay for the project. In addition to trying to solve the problem of sewer overflow into local rivers, the WTUA project intends to pipe treated sewer water down the lower Rouge River to clean it up.

The WTUA effort has been criticized on a number of fronts including the cost of the system to residents, the impropriety of commissioners' relatives holding consulting contracts and the hefty bill for a lobbying group hired to acquire federal funds for the project.

In an interview prior to the WTUA meeting Gerry Law challenged the media's accusations saying, "Anyone who leaves the Detroit system is branded as a racist."

Later the commissioners rebutted a front-page charge that the WTUA sewer project will require Plymouth, Canton and Northville township residents to pay over twice as much as those who use the Detroit sewer system.

"That's totally false," said Law. The published numbers went beyond comparing apples to oranges, he said.

"It's more like bananas to coconuts," he said.

"You're comparing Wayne County's wholesale rates to YCUA retail rates," said WTUA chairperson Tom Yack. YCUA is the Ypsilanti County Utilities Authority, the eventual receiver of the local sewer water.

If retail rates are compared, Yack said, the figures are nearly identical. A price of \$4.77 per 1,000 cubic feet of sewage was quoted in press reports as the amount paid by those on the Wayne County sewer system. The price for those on WTUA was set at over \$12.

At the meeting, commissioners contended the \$4.77 figure was the amount the treatment plant charges the municipal governments and does not include the mark-up that is reflected in bills to the citizens of Wayne County.

The meeting, scheduled as a session for citizens to air their grievances, quickly transformed into a shouting match between reporters and commissioners.

"Is that an accusation I didn't take the time to get the information?" asked an irate Joel Thurtell of the Detroit Free Press. "Is this an inquisition or something?"

"Yes. To calculate those numbers would have taken five minutes," Gerry Law shouted back.

Yack said any on-the-surface savings in the Wayne County system may soon be wiped out by what he called long-overdue expansions to the Detroit treatment plant.

"Somewhere down the line they're going to have to pay big time. The Detroit treatment plant has been swept under the rug for 20 years," he said.

Between angry exchanges with reporters, the commissioners answered questions from residents. Most of the questions centered on the issue of WTUA nepotism.

"You're all a nice happy little family," accused Elizabeth Bryl, a Plymouth Township resident. "There's too much cronyism."

WTUA has used an Ann Arbor engineering firm, Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May.

The president of this company is Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh.

"WTUA came and asked my company to submit a proposal," said Munfakh in an interview.

Munfakh said when his company was selected as the engineering consultant he revealed the information to the Plymouth Township board and asked to abstain from any vote involving WTUA.

"I was concerned because I thought people might bring up a conflict of interest," he said.

Kosteva seeks WTUA probe

BY ANNA MURRAY

State Representative Jim Kosteva said Monday that he has asked for Michigan House of Representative staff members to review the Western Wayne Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) sewer project for possible impropriety in costs and hiring.

The move was prompted by recent press reports in a metropolitan Detroit newspaper charging WTUA and its commissioners with nepotism and with constructing a sewer system that will cost township residents an inordinate amount of money.

"I've asked the staff to make recommendations for legislative change -- to tighten laws that govern bodies like WTUA -- or to recommend an investigation by another agency if the level of impropriety warrants it," Kosteva said.

Kosteva said the house staff members will review both press articles and a rebuttal provided Monday by WTUA before making its recommendations.

He said he was prompted by phone calls from residents who were concerned about allegations of nepotism in the hiring of WTUA consultants.

Kosteva said at this time there are no laws governing the hiring practices criticized in the WTUA project.

"Hiring these people is all a matter of public record," said Kosteva. "The accountability will be through the ballot box rather than through the law," he said.

"We have a democratic legislator who has just seen the new legislative district asking the majority democratic house staff to investigate WTUA's six years of public activity -- it's obviously an election year," said WTUA Chairperson Tom Yack.

Munfakh added he did participate in the original vote to form WTUA but said that was before he had any knowledge his firm might be considered as a consultant.

WTUA has also used the law firm Law, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk, in which Gerry Law's brother, Robert, is a partner.

At the WTUA meeting Gerry Law said the selection of this firm was a matter of "common sense" as the firm already represented all three townships.

Finally, John Breen, the brother of former Plymouth Township supervisor Maurice Breen, was hired to help in the land-acquisition stage of the project.

In an interview, former Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen said his brother John was hired because of his expertise in land acquisition and because, as a retired lawyer, he was willing to work for a fee well below what other firms might have charged.

John Breen charged WTUA at the rate of \$85 per hour.

"You can criticize all you want," said Maurice Breen. "The fact of the matter is it's a good project."

At the WTUA meeting, Yack responded to citizens' questions saying, "The fact that we're dealing with people we know is a positive rather than a negative."

Gerry Law added that all the WTUA construction contracts were awarded through a bidding process, but said professional consulting services were not normally bid out by governments.

"Nothing was done secretly," said Law. "From day one the fact that we were hiring Mr. Munfakh's engineering firm was public information discussed at WTUA meetings and township board meetings."

Law added that, in order to prove a conflict of interests, it would have to be established that the consulting firms hired did not do their jobs properly or were paid too much.

"The people we have hired have done what they have been asked to do," Law said. "Our project is ahead of time and on budget."

"I see these names and I say nepotism," said Patty Schmidt, another unconvinced Plymouth Township resident. "You can't tell me I'm wrong. I know it when I see it," she said.

"We'll have to agree to disagree," responded Yack.

The reported \$611,876 spent by WTUA on a firm to lobby congress for federal grant money to support the project was another hotly debated topic. Citizens challenged the expenditure.

"The reality is if you went to any university or large city that normally seek federal funds, all employ lobbying groups," said Yack.

A blizzard of numbers flew between reporters and commissioners with regard to what the initial cost was supposed to be, why the bond issue cost more than normal and how consultants were remunerated.

"No one once mentioned the good things WTUA is doing," said a disappointed township resident Bill McNamara.



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DDA study

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the "all American image."

However, the plan says, shops should be more varied—especially including more restaurants. Parking enforcement and customer service were two other areas cited as needs for the downtown.

One strategy recommended in the document advises the DDA to encourage business owners to offer in-demand goods and services. Hyett Palma identified essential merchandise and services through surveys, focus groups and meetings.

The study suggests the DDA inform business owners of a need for a product or service. If the business owner is interested in the information, the DDA would then offer to conduct a focus group to elicit further information and help promote the new product line or service.

The topic of "clustering" is an essential part of the new document, Hyett said. Clustering is the process of placing similar and complementary business at certain vital "nodes" downtown. In this way businesses can attract and share more customers.

The report recommends certain businesses as recruiting targets. They include a hardware store, a wallpaper and paint store, a nursery or garden center, a meat store, a fruit and vegetable store, small or specialty department stores, a fish store and a cheese store.

Hyett said landowners would have to be integrated in the DDA plan of action. Landlords would have to agree to look for a certain sort of business to fill their vacancies. But Hyett added most landlords are agreeable to this sort of intervention.

"Usually owners say, 'Where have you been all my life?'" he said.

Hyett admonished the DDA members to "focus, focus, focus."

Hyett's comment was prompted by DDA members who questioned the exclusion of Canton and Plymouth's Old Village from the study. Hyett told the DDA their work would be taxing enough just concentrating on downtown.

"You have too much turf to cover," he said. "You can't go off on tangents."

Another recommendation discussed by the DDA members was the limitation of the streetscape plan.

"I'm getting a strong message to remove a lot of the flower box-type things in the streetscape," said DDA member David Pugh.

Hyett said the streetscape proposed by the city contained too many flowers and trees that are expensive to maintain.

"The attitude in America today is for clean lines and more emphasis on the business and the buildings than on the street," he said.

"I think you would spend a lot of money that would be better spent elsewhere. I don't know why it was planned as it was, but I think you should seriously reconsider it," he said.

Hyett said in order to implement the thick book of recommendations the DDA would have to "bunker down" over the next two years.



Members of the "Working" cast and crew will represent Michigan Youth Art Festival. (Crier photo by Erik Lukasik)

Will represent high school theater at Festival

Park Players best in the state

Working hard is no problem for the Plymouth Park Players.

The student theater group was recognized as state champions earlier this month after competing at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

The drama troupe performed the musical "Working," written by Studs Terkel. The Plymouth Park Players won the Class A division and overall state champs, said Gloria Logan, director and drama teacher at Salem High School.

The musical "Working" presents both the dreams and the dreads of the American worker, Logan said. "We see the joys of the waitress and the pride of the fireman, as well as the drudgery of the mill-worker and the stress of the executive."

The Plymouth Park Players also were selected to represent the best of high school theater in Michigan at the Michigan Youth's Art Festival in May at Western Michigan University.

The working company for the Plymouth Park Players includes:

Kim Akers, Matt Anderson, Tara Blackwell, Rob Burger, David Burika, Sara Colomina, Sarah Crensha, Sharon Crenshaw, Colleen Cronin, Jason Danley, Derek Duerr, Lisa Eberc, Wayne Faler, Melanie Farrow, Tina Felt, Jennifer Gawlik, Bryan Glynn, Karyn Gniewek, Cara Gray, Christian Hebel, Amy Hooper.

Mark Johnson, Carol Joy, Maria Kovac, Andy LeRoy, Cheryl Luce, Ericka Mac, George McConell, Janina Zander Merum, Collette Montilla, Leo Moschouris, Sean O'Keefe, Heather Oldham, Jean Paldan, Nicole Pamaranski, Sue Ratcliffe, Megan Reese, Julie

Rummel, Brian Sage, Tina Schmidt, Gretchen Spielman, Rahul Shah, Jim Shumard, Stacy Thomas, Beth Turomsha, Amanda Wilson and Jeffery Zarosley.

The production staff is: Gloria Logan, production design and direction; Don Daniels, vocal direction; Norman Logan, MIDI technician; Cletus Karamon, technical direction; Karyn Gniewek and Jeff Zarosley, assistant directors/stage manager.

Karyn Gniewek, choreography; Derek Duerr and Julie Rummel, set execution; Tina Felt, props; Jean Paldan and Susan Ratcliffe, makeup; Mark Johnson, special effects; Amy Hooper and Julie Oldham.

Canton picks hall of famers

The Canton Hall of Fame has three new inductees. A selection committee made the picks Monday night.

They are: John M. Hoben, Wallace Baker and Bruce Patterson.

The three will be honored during the third annual Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance March 28 at Fellows Creek.

The committee also selected a group of Community Achievers to be honored that night.

They include: the Canton Kitchen Band; the CEP Marching Band and Glen Adsit; the Salem High baseball team; Mike McCauley and Bill Gretzinger; Catherine Johnson; Linda Shapona; Ronald Myers; Bill Myers; and Phyllis Redfern.

costumes; Beth Turomsha, lights; Tara Blackwell, music execution; and Sean O'Keefe, sound.

Fish warning

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levels of mercury and PCBs found in these fish. PCB use in farming is now illegal, but fish consume deposits left in rivers and streams, said the advisory. Mercury occurs naturally in rocks and soil.

Large fish tend to be more contaminant-filled than small fish. And species of fish that eat other fish, such as muskie, pike and walleye, tend to collect more toxins. "Carp and catfish are the two species found most often to be contaminated from any body of water," the advisory read.

The last advisory, according to a department of health official, was in 1989. The warning contained new restrictions on the middle branch of the Rouge. The same information is contained in the current advisory.

Jim Bedford, environmental health ombudsman for the department of health, said the WTUA project proposal to pipe treated water down the Rouge will help fish in the river over the long run.

But he added, in the short run it will probably increase contaminants in the fish, he said. Any new flows introduced to the river would stir up contaminants at the bottom of the river for the fish to consume.

Secret Service: hackers may be virus instigators

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Sunday throwing rocks at the security lighting of the AT&T Communications tower at 5770 Napier Rd.

Township police said they discovered bolt cutters, wire cutters, wrenches and material used to access and steal computer files.

Mike Richardson, computer systems manager for Plymouth Township police, said the boys had access to credit card numbers from the Detroit Free Press and possessed an access code to the main computer system at NASA.

According to Richardson, the youths used the credit card numbers to charge thousands of dollars-worth of computer equipment to the Free Press.

Access to Free Press delivery routes, provided address information of homes that had asked for delivery of the newspaper to stop. The youths would then order items, charge them to the paper, have them delivered by Federal

Express to the empty homes, drive by and pick up the goods.

United States Secret Service Agent Reginald Ball said he could not rule out the possibility that the youths has been involved in infecting computer systems with viruses. He said this was the third case of computer fraud in the Detroit suburbs in a month.

He said he could not be sure if the two boys who allegedly broke into AT&T were connected with the other computer fraud incidents.

Ball said computer hackers use computer modems that utilize telephone lines to tie into other computers.

They can access "bulletin boards," both legitimate ones set up to disseminate information and illegitimate ones set up by computer hackers to publish credit card numbers and computer access codes.

Ball said the people involved in the three incidents might "know each other,

but not in the conventional way." They may have talked to each other via computer, he said.

Ball said if the youths had been successful breaking into AT&T they would have had access to 800 numbers and to credit card numbers of the new AT&T Universal Card.

"I'm sure this is just the tip of the iceberg," Ball said. He added his agency had not yet had time to sift through the material collected at the two boys' homes, but said it contained various access codes and credit card numbers.

Ball said they might discover additional computer fraud by tracing the recent billing records of the credit card numbers.

He added many computer hackers don't know the seriousness of their crime because it is not violent in nature.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said the two youth will be charged as juveniles. If the two were adults they would be facing several 10-year felony counts, he said.

"I don't think people realize the magnitude of computer fraud," said Ball. He said in a recent case a youth, disgruntled with his father, published his father's credit card number on a bulletin board and asked other computer hackers to charge to the limit.

"Any individual that has experience and equipment can break into any place that utilizes a phone line," Richardson said.

"Some kids have the capacity of geniuses," Ball said.

Ball said tighter computer security at companies is forcing computer hackers to actually break into buildings rather than just use a computer modem.

Clause puts airport JOA in jeopardy

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to Washington D.C. They indicated they would not change on that clause."

Officials from both Canton and Plymouth townships had not been told Monday, said Jackson.

"We're waiting for a written confirmation of their verbal response," said Jackson. "We wanted to wait and see the actual wording before advising Plymouth and Canton."

The JOA clause in question states that the agreement will remain in full force for 10 years. But, after the expiration of the initial 10 years, Canton has exclusive discretion (for an additional 10 years) to terminate the agreement.

The FAA's position on the joint operating agreement is important. If Mettetal were to be purchased and run by a municipal airport 90 per cent of the funding would have to come through the federal organization.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said he had not yet heard about the FAA position

by late Monday.

"I'm a little disappointed because I think I represent most Canton residents' view," Yack continued. "And we don't have any problem with Mettetal Airport as it is but we struck an understanding with Plymouth Township that had some safeguards for us.

"I think the (Michigan) aeronautics people understood our need for that phrase in there of 'sole discretion,' but the FAA tried to do away with that."

Yack said he did not understand why the FAA would give up on 10 years of uninterrupted use at Mettetal.

He said that if the FAA would not agree to the clause he saw "no reason to go any further" since Canton would not back away from its desire to retain the clause.

"I guess (Mettetal) will stay in the private sector," said Yack, if negotiations with the FAA now fall apart.

Yack said that state aeronautics officials were working to "try and accommodate both the FAA and the local communities." He said Canton

and the bureau worked to modify the language of the JOA clause to satisfy both the FAA and Canton.

The modified clause, said Yack, would force Canton to first study what effects terminating public ownership of Mettetal would have before actually terminating the agreement.

"We said we could live with that," said Yack. "I don't understand all the grief over

this 10 years. It's a policy of theirs not the law."

Yack said Canton also opposed the FAA's position during the talks that the runway be moved 300 feet south of its current location.

"To our residents that just pushes the airport closer to them and it looks like expansion," he said.

Aeronautics bureau plans hearing

A "listening" hearing at the Plymouth Cultural Center has been scheduled by the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics.

According to bureau officials, the hearing has become an annual way to collect input from residents, pilots and others interested in Michigan's aviation efforts. It is held in a different community each year.

"This is not a Mettetal Airport hearing," said Richard Jackson, assistant deputy director of the bureau. "There will be a brief presentation of our priorities and then we want to listen to the public and hear what they have to say."

The hearing begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center.

Wetlands hearing in Canton

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a public hearing in Canton March 2 to collect comments on an application by Wayne Disposal - Canton Inc. to excavate and fill 30.2 acres of wetlands.

The hearing, planned for 1 p.m. in the Canton Board of Trustees Chambers, is for an application permit under the Goemacre-Anderson Wetland Protection Act, 1979 Public Act 203.

Wayne Disposal is seeking authorization to excavate and fill 30.2 acres of "emergent, forested and scrub shrub wetlands," according to the DNR, to construct a Type II and Type III sanitary landfill on a 200-acre site.

The project will involve the excavation of approximately 1.7 million cubic yards of earth from existing wetlands and placement of approximately 4.7 million cubic yards of solid waste in excavated wetland areas over a 20-year period, said the DNR.

The application may be reviewed by residents in the DNR's Livonia District Headquarters, Land and Water Management Division.



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PLUS sign-up

The PLUS preschool is now taking registrations for the 1992-93 school year.

Pupils Learning Useful Skills is a free program for four-year-olds and their parents who live in the areas of Eriksson, Farrand, Field, Gallimore and Hoben Elementary Schools.

This program allows parents the unique opportunity to get involved in their child's education by attending parent classes once a week during the time their children are in school, said Mary Fritz, program director for PLUS.

The program emphasizes sound developmental principals and a variety of activities that encourage acquired readiness skills.

Children must be four on or before Dec. 1, 1992. The PLUS program is operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in conjunction with the federal government.

The classes are held at Central Middle School. For more information about registration call 451-6656.

Museum hosts Civil War garb

Take a look back in time when a program featuring fashions of the Civil War comes to the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday, March 7.

"Tea with Mrs. Lincoln" will be presented by fashion historian Beth Turza. Harpist Richard Lee will provide music.

Tickets are \$12; the show begins at 2 p.m. in the museum. For reservations call 455-8940.

Slow pitch teams wanted

Registration for men's slow pitch softball is nearing.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will start registration for returning teams Monday, March 2. New teams can register starting Monday, March 16.

A new addition for this year's season is a Monday/Wednesday league and a Tuesday/Thursday league. The entry for an 18-game schedule is \$400, which includes a \$70 forfeit fee, a \$13 fee to pay for an umpire per game and the cost of one new ball per game.

For further information on residency requirements or other information call Tom Willette at 455-6620.

Free tax advice available

Senior citizens who need assistance for filing income taxes can find free help in Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available through April 15 through the Tax-Aide program from the American association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Volunteer tax-aide counselors trained by the IRS will operate at the following sites during weekdays:

- Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave., Canton. Monday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. By appointment call 397-5444.

- Royal Holiday Trailer Park, 39500 Warren, Canton. Thursday, 1-4 p.m. By appointment call 397-5444.

- Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Northville. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. By appointment call 349-4140.

- Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. By appointment call 455-3670.

- Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. By appointment call 455-6620.

Home visits for handicap and shut-ins available by calling 397-5444 in Canton, 349-4140 in Northville and 455-6620 in Plymouth.

Those seeking assistance should bring last year's tax returns and all necessary records.

Mass media focus of Civitan essay contest

How does the mass media affect the American public?

This is the question the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is asking essayists to answer in its annual Citizenship Essay contest. Any student under 21 years of age enrolled in any school — public or private — in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district area is invited to compete for the prizes.

First place awards are \$125, second place, \$75, and 3rd, \$50. But these amounts will be increased \$25 for each group of five entrants after the first 10 submissions.

Entries will be judged by a panel of eight — three teachers from Canton and

three from Salem High, and one judge apiece from The Crier and Observer newspapers. Essays will be judged upon originality of thought and expression, factual accuracy of supporting data, sentence structure, spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

Students must address the topic, "Mass Media: The Effects on the American Public."

All entries must be submitted to Jerry Thompson, Canton English, room 224, extension 344 by midnight March 13, 1992.

Further questions may be directed to Joe Henshaw, of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan, at 453-7569.

'Alice' performance planned

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will present five performances of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Salem High auditorium.

The first show will be Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m., while Friday night's performance will also be at 7:30

p.m.

There will be three shows on Saturday, March 7 — 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 each and are available at all elementary schools in Plymouth-Canton on today and tomorrow (Feb. 19-20) and at the Rainbow Shop Friday, Feb. 21.

Woman's Club celebrates 99th

A past presidents celebration for the Woman's Club of Plymouth is scheduled for March 6.

The club is celebrating its 99th anniversary. The meeting will start 12:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist church, located at 45201 N. Territorial Rd.

It is a tradition of the club that members wear a hat and gloves at the meeting.

Library friends host author

Come eat with an area romance novelist.

The Friends of the Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Canton Libraries are hosting a book and author luncheon March 10 at the Novi Civic Center.

Novelist Ruth Ryan Langan, of Farmington Hills, will speak following the luncheon. Langan has appeared on the Phil Donohue show, Good Morning America and Kelly and Company.

Her newest novel, the fourth of a Harlequin historical series set in 16th century Scotland, will be available in bookstores this month. Langan will sign copies of the book at the luncheon.

Tickets for the event, which are available at all four sponsoring libraries, are \$10. The last day for purchasing tickets is March 4. No tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is available at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon will follow at noon.

Lincoln exhibit open

"Images of Lincoln," is on exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum until April 12.

Highlights include selected artifacts from the private collection of Dr. Weldon

Petz, a West Bloomfield resident who has a Lincoln collection exceeding 45,000 items.

For further information call the museum at 455-8940.

Larsen, civil servant

Lawrence F. Larsen, 63, of Plymouth, died Feb. 13 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Mr. Larsen was a government custodian.

Survivors include: brother Thomas Larsen, of Novi, and brother-in-law Melvin Korte, of Canton.

Local arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Stein, Detroit lineman

Robert Stein, 87, of Port Huron, died Feb. 17 in Garrison, TX. Funeral services were held Feb. 20 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Roy Forsyth of Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia officiating. Interment was in Deerfield Cemetery, Deerfield.

Mr. Stein was a lineman for the City of Detroit. He was a member of the Newburgh United Methodist Church and the Wm. M. Perreit Masonic Lodge #524.

Survivors include: daughters Nancy Talbot, of Plymouth, and Sue Tibedeau, of Port Huron; grandchildren Robert Talbot, of Iowa, Shelly Jagers, of Dundee, Dawn Curtis, of Flossmoore, IL, Becky Martin, of Livonia, Sharon Smith, of Marysville, MI, Vicki Tibedeau, of Port Huron, and Craig Tibedeau, of Lewisville, TX; and great grandchildren Michael and Jody Tibedeau, of Lewisville, TX.

Memorials may be sent to Newburgh United Methodist Church.

Lee, a welder

Charles D. Lee, 60, of Canton, died Feb. 16 in Canton. Funeral services were held Feb. 19 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Trusty officiating.

Mr. Lee was a welder with the Foundry and Flask Company of Northville for 20 years. He moved to Canton in 1981 from Plymouth. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include: wife Ola, of Canton; sons Robert Lee, of North Carolina, Jody Lee, of New Jersey and Tony Lee, of Plymouth; daughter Linda Bostic, of Brownstown; sisters Etta Surprise, of Arkansas, and Anitha Smith, of Tennessee; brother Charles J. Lee, of Ypsilanti; and five grandchildren.

O'Dell, Ford employe

Carl E. O'Dell, 59, of Canton, died Feb. 14 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held Feb. 17 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. Matthew Ellis officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Mr. O'Dell was employed at Ford Motor Company in the quality control division and was a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780.

Survivors include: wife Jacqueline, mother Gertrude O'Dell, two children, three sisters and one brother.

Local arrangements were made by the Pawlus Funeral Home in Canton.

McWilliams, salesman

Joseph C. McWilliams, 83, of Garden City, died Feb. 15 in Garden City. Funeral services were held Feb. 18 at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral home with the Rev. Gerry Bechard officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. McWilliams was a salesman in real estate.

Survivors include: wife Marguerite, of Garden City; son Joseph, of Garden City; daughters Peggy Murray, of Westland, Johana Petri, of Westland, Donna Hamblin, of Detroit, and Dinah Lowande, of Canton; brother Thomas McWilliams, of Land of the Lakes, FL; 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.



Community deaths

Murawski, court clerk

Edmund Anthony Murawski, 84, of Plymouth, died Feb. 18 in Garden City. Funeral services were held Feb. 22 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth with the Rev. William A. Pettit. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Murawski was a circuit court clerk for 32 years in Wayne County.

Survivors include: step-son Joseph Slivinski, of Farmington Hills, and step-daughter Elinore Reid, of Plymouth, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Riopelle, yoga teacher

Marilyn Susan Riopelle, 61, of Northville, died Feb. 5 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held Feb. 9 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald C. Crooks officiating.

Mrs. Riopelle was a homemaker. She also taught yoga locally for 20 years and was a member of the yoga teachers association. She was an artist and created, sold and taught Pysanki art. She came to Northville three years ago, and formerly lived in Livonia and Westland for 35 years. She was a member of the Unity Church of Today in Warren and was a former Girl Scout leader. She graduated from St. Theresa's High School in Detroit in 1948 and attended Meinzingers School of Art in Detroit for three years.

Survivors include: husband James O.; mother Susan Mahady, of Farmington Hills; brother Patrick Mahady, of Washington D.C.; and children Jeffrey P., of Brooklyn, NY and Jennifer Tsigidinos, of Plymouth.

Pietryka, Vivians member

Geraldine Pietryka, 68, of Canton, died Feb. 11 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were held at St. Thomas A' Becket Feb. 15 with the Rev. Ernest M. Porcari officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield.

Mrs. Pietryka came to Canton in 1975 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Thomas A' Becket and the Plymouth Vivians.

Survivors include: husband Joseph Pietryka; daughters Deanna Knutt, of Rolla, ND, and Pamela Gray, of Highland; brother Leonard Zajas, of Inkster; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Angela Hospice Home Care, Inc., 36995 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 or through mass donations at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland.

Cain, church member

Robert Cain, 91, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 12 in Farmington Hills. Memorial services were held Feb. 15 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Dr. Frederick Vosburg officiating.

Mr. Cain retired from 25 years ago as superintendent of International Playing Card Company in Windsor after 35 years with the company. He also worked several years for General Magnetic Company in Detroit after retiring from International Card company. He left England when he was 23 years old. He moved to Plymouth in 1977 from Detroit and moved to Farmington Hills in 1991. Mr. Cain also was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include: wife Mabel Cain, of Farmington Hills; son Stanley, of Farmington Hills; and grandson Jonathon, of Novi.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Mida, civic activist

Doris Mida, 65, of Ypsilanti, died Feb. 6 at home. Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at the first Baptist Church of Ypsilanti with the Rev. Vivian Martindale officiating. Burial is in the Tyler Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

Mrs. Mida was actively involved in her community through civic and service organizations, including the American Legion Auxiliary Post #282, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Advisory Board, the Ypsilanti Zoning Board and the V.A. Hospital. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Ypsilanti.

Survivors include: daughter Mary Uhl, of Plymouth; sons John Van Black and William Mida, of Ypsilanti; twin sister Betty Wier, of Ann Arbor; sister Jeanne Gearhart, of Arcadia, FL; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church Shaw Memorial Scholarship Fund, the American Legion Scholarship fund or the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

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Getting down to business

Floral relief from winter

A herbal brew

BY CHERYL VATCHER

It may seem like an odd time to be thinking of summer, and, especially, herb gardens, but the floral beauty one associates with such a garden brings some relief from the winter doldrums.

Brookville Gardens Herb Farm in Salem Township is a full service herb farm that can show residents how to grow their own herbs. The farm produces 250 different herbs which are available even now during the coldest of months.

"Some of the herbs that I grow are parsley, chives, sage, thyme, savory, rosemary, mint, basil, peonies, and dill," said Cindy Brautigam, owner of Brookville Gardens.

"You can use mock orange bushes that produce white flowers, as well as spruce and evergreen trees, and dry them out to use for potpourri which can be used in a fireplace for a nice aroma," she said.

Besides individuals, local businesses utilize the herbs from Brookville.

"I service three well known restaurants in the area. They purchase fresh herbs from me," Brautigam said.

Brookville Gardens is located on a 10-acre lot owned by Cindy and her husband Mike.

"My herb farm isn't done like a formal herb garden. You can wander around and look at my circle garden and rock garden too. I've made useful landscaping here. People that come to visit can duplicate some of what I've done," said Brautigam.

"The other reason to have a herb garden is to grow what you need for culinary purposes," she added. "Before I had my herb garden, I used to go to Plymouth Farmer's Market to get my herbs."

The Brautigams have lived in Salem Township for 12 years, and have run the herb operation for 11.

"We moved out to this area to grow our own food. This way I know the food I eat is herbicide and pesticide free," she said.

"This way I know the quality of the food, and so does my husband who is a gourmet cook, helps me with the farm, and works full time at Ford," she added.

In the last two years Brautigam has given her business venture most of her working hours.

"I have been a medical technician at St. Joseph's Hospital, and in the last two years I have worked on a part-time basis," she said.

In addition to growing herbs, Brautigam provides another service.

"I give classes on growing herbs. I used to have them in my kitchen, but now I give them in my garage," she said.

Some of them focus on herbal teas, and that come in a wide range of flavors and that are used for different reasons.

"A lemon mint tea can perk you up, chamomile can calm you down, blackberry tea is good for the stomach, and rosehip tea provides you with vitamin C," Brautigam said.

Brookville Gardens is open by appointment from January through April, after which it is open for regular business hours.

"I feel that growing herbs is an economical and healthy hobby," she said.

Brautigam has three children, Jeffrey, a senior at Eastern, Gregory, a sophomore at Eastern, and Laura, a senior at Canton High School.



Cindy Brautigam shows off some of the numerous herbs she offers at her Brookville farm. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)

Builders Square opens new Canton location

Builders Square, a national chain of warehouse-style home improvement centers, will open a new site along Ford Road in Canton tomorrow (Feb. 27).

The store opens its doors to the public at 7:30 a.m. A ribbon cutting is planned for 11 a.m.

The Canton store occupies 80,000 square feet and includes a decor center and offers name-brand merchandise at discount prices. More than 30,000 items are stocked in nine different departments, said

store manager Mark Henry.

The Canton store is the newest of a chain, based in San Antonio, TX, that includes 146 stores in 27 states. Founded as Home Centers of America, the chain was purchased by Kmart in 1984 and renamed Builders Square.

The grand opening next week will include hourly merchandise giveaways, prize drawings, including a workshop prize package, a "painter's paradise" package and a "total organization" prize package.

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Sports



Cara Stillings on the beam Monday against Salem. (Crier photo by Erlq Lukasik)

Regional will be CEP 'shootout'

Rock gymnasts best Chiefs

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was another one, two finish for the Salem and Canton gymnastic teams Monday night. This time around, the two teams were competing against each other in dual meet competition at the Canton gym.

The undefeated Salem squad, outperformed Canton by five points in the meet. The two teams faced each other last week at the Freeland Invitational where the Chiefs finished in second place, six points behind Salem.

The Rocks earned 143.45 points Monday night, and Canton scored 138.6.

"Our floor routines were real good, and our vault was good," said Becky Martin, Salem coach. "We tried some new things on the bars, and they worked ok, but we need to practice them a little more."

Although Martin didn't feel anyone did an outstanding job Monday night, the team gave its "usual good performance. (Although) we were a little shabby on the beam."

The top three finishers for Salem on the vault were Courtney Gonyea, with a 9.55. Melissa Hopson earned a 9.4, and Stephanie Skeppstrom earned a 9.35 in the only event she competed in Monday night.

On the bars, Alysia Sofios lead the scoring with a 9.3. Teammate Hopson earned a 9.1 and Sarah Makins scored 8.6.

On the beam for Salem, the top three finishers were Hopson with a 9.25, Gonyea and Sofios each earned a 9.2.

In the all around, Salem's four finishers were Sofios with 36.15, Hopson with 35.95, Gonyea with 35.85, and Makins with 35.2.

The Canton squad hasn't been able to catch the Rocks all season, and coach John Cunningham didn't expect a victory. He was, however, pleased with the performance of his team.

Dawn Clifford had her highest score this year in the all around, where she finished with the second highest score for Canton, 34.45. Jenny Tedesco earned a 9.0 on the vault and the floor, her highest score for the year in both events.

Julie Bak qualified for the fourth time on the vault, and will be representing Canton in state meet. She is the 10th member of the Canton squad to qualify for the state meet on the vault.

The top three finishers for Canton on the vault Monday night were Kim Rennolds with 9.1, Kim Lewke and Tedesco each earned 9.0.

On the bars, it was Rennolds with an 8.7 finish, Clifford with 8.45, and Tedesco with 8.25.

On the beam, the top three finishers for Canton were Cara Stillings with

8.55, Clifford and Rennolds each earned 8.5.

Rennolds had the highest score for Canton on the floor routines, earning a 9.25, she tied with Hopson, Salem's high finisher in this event. Teammate Tedesco earned 9.0, and Clifford scored 8.65.

Rounding out the finishes for the Chiefs in the all around were Rennolds, with 35.55. Clifford scored 34.45. Tedesco earned 33.9, and Lewke scored 33.05.

"In the final analysis, we'll get better, but so will they," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "The regional should be a real shootout between Canton and Salem."

The only glitch to occur for the Canton squad was during the floor routine when Kim Wagenschultz fell to the ground after finishing her floor routine. Wagenschultz, who was wearing a knee brace while competing, hyper-extended her knee, according to Cunningham.

"This was a good meet for me," said Cunningham. "We finished within two points of our best (meet finish) this year."

The Chiefs overall record is 8-3.

Canton and Salem will compete tomorrow in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Conference Championship at John Glenn.

Rocks, Chiefs qualify for grappler regionals

BY JAY KEENAN

The Salem and Canton wrestling squads assured themselves of placing several representatives in the regional tournament this weekend with strong efforts Saturday.

The Rocks and Chiefs placed four and two grapplers, respectively, in the top four during the Class A Individual District finals at Walled Lake Western Saturday.

Those six wrestlers will now complete in the Class A Regionals (for individuals) this Saturday (Feb. 29) starting at 10 a.m. in the Salem High gym. The top four in that region, which includes the finalists from the Western and Bedford districts, will advance to the state finals.

Dan Bonnett, at 125 pounds, turned in another strong performance to take the title at his weight class for Salem. Teammate Scott Martin took third place at 119 pounds, while Dan Phillips (130

pounds) and Phil Haynes (189 pounds) pulled off upsets early in the day to finish fourth in their divisions.

"We had four kids get through so we did pretty well," said Salem coach Ron Kueger. "The one real disappointment was that one of our real good wrestlers, Jeff Shumate (145), didn't get through. He just wasn't on today. But the other four things that happened were a good plus for us."

Canton, meanwhile, garnered second place showings from both Nick Spano (130 pounds) and George Young (171 pounds).

"I kind of felt we had high chances to get Spano and Young through and we did," said Canton assistant coach Jim Eddy. "We were also hoping that we could have gotten Andy Strahan, Jerry Flynn, and Joe Hunter through, but it didn't work out."

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Canton's Nick Spano is turned upside down during this loss Saturday in the finals of the 130-pound weight class. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

Finish league play at 11-0

Chief hoop squad goes undefeated

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton boys basketball team chalked up two important wins last week.

The Chiefs defeated North Farmington last Tuesday, 48-31, and went on to defeat Livonia Franklin 84-50, Friday night.

The Chiefs finished their league play undefeated, with an 11-0 record.

"We're the first team in the league to go undefeated in a while," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagener.

"It was one of our best games of the year (against Franklin)," said Van Wagener. "It was our highest scores of the year."

The Chiefs took charge right from the start, scoring 20 points in the first quarter, holding Franklin to six. The second quarter was the Chiefs highest scoring quarter of the game, where they tossed in 26, to Franklin's 15, to end the half with a 25 point lead, 46-21.

When the teams returned to the floor after halftime, Canton scored 19 points in both quarters. Franklin scored 16 in the third to end the third, trailing the Chiefs by 28, 65-37. Franklin added 13 in the fourth quarter.

Mike Brennan had his best game of the year, scoring 13 points for the Chiefs, snatching 11 rebounds off the boards, and dishing off seven assists.

Derrick McDonald led the Chiefs in scoring with 17 points.

Hal Heard scored 11 points for the Chiefs, and Jon Paupore and Tony Coshatt each added 10.

"Size was a big factor in the win," said Van Wagener. "We're such a tall team, sometimes its hard to play against tall teams."

The Chiefs begin league playoffs on Friday against Livonia Stevenson at home.

Salem hoop

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

After chalking up two wins last week, the Salem boys basketball team secured a piece of the Lakes Division title.

The Rocks beat Livonia Churchhill Tuesday, 68-59 and went on to beat Farmington Friday, 71-56.

In the game against Farmington, James Head led the Rocks in scoring with 24, his all time high. He also grabbed 17 rebounds.

Mike Abraham pumped in 17 points for the Rocks and pulled down 12 rebounds. Mike Sloane added 14 points.

"It was close the whole way," said coach Bob Brodie. "It was four of five points until the fourth quarter."

Salem ended the first quarter five points behind Farmington, 10-15. In the second quarter, the Rocks pumped in 21 points, held Farmington to 10, to end the half six points ahead of Farmington, 31-25.

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Canton's Tony Coshatt (middle background) fights to get at a loose ball Friday during the Chiefs league victory over

Livonia Franklin. Canton went undefeated in the conference this year. (Crier photo by Eric Lohank)

CEP squad qualify wrestlers for states

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Bonnett claimed first place when he pinned Northville's Matt Allison at 2:21 in the finals match. All four of Bonnett's wins came on pins Saturday. The senior opened the tournament downing Brighton, Walled Lake Western and Farmington grapplers.

Spano struggled to a tough 5-4 defeat in the 130-pound finals for Canton against Howell's Ryan Lane. Spano reached the finals with wins over Northville, North Farmington and Brighton wrestlers.

Young got caught in a headlock in his final match and lost the battle for first to Brighton's Scott Sucaet on a fall at 3:41. The senior captain's wins on the day came on falls over wrestlers from North, Western and Farmington Harrison.

In the consolation matches, Martin pinned Livonia Churchill's Damian Taucher at 3:42. Martin lost in the semi's but handily won his first two matches.

Phillips pulled off one of the surprises

of the day when he knocked off a third seeded wrestler early in the day before bowing in the consolation finals, 13-2.

Haynes, who was seeded eighth, pulled off two impressive wins en route to the semi's where he lost to a Livonia Franklin grappler.

In the team districts last Wednesday,

both Salem and Canton were eliminated in the first round. The Rocks were edged by the host squad, 40-30. Bonnett, Martin, Phillips, Shumate, Haynes and Jamie Breithaupt accounted for Salem wins.

Canton fell to Ypsilanti in its opening match of the team districts, 44-19.

The Chiefs tallied wins from Dave Smith (125), Young, Mike Borich (119) and Bill Buslepp (145).

Spano, nursing a knee injury, did not compete in that match. Chris Christesen (160), who suffered a recent shoulder separation, was also sidelined.

Rocks clinch co-champ division hoop title

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In the third quarter, Farmington outscored Salem by one, 19-18, to end the third with Salem leading by five, 49-44. The Rocks outscored the Falcons by 10, 22-12 in the fourth quarter.

It was a second half earned win for the Rocks. Head earned all but three of his game high 24 points in the second half. The Rocks also sunk four three-pointers in the second half, two from Bobby Schneider, one from Head, and one from Sloane.

"We clinched the division

championship," said Brodie. "We're co-champions with Walled Lake Central. The kids are happy about capturing a share of the division title."

In Tuesday's game against Churchill, most of the team got into the scoring act. Schneider led the team in scoring with 22 points. Mike Abraham pumped in 18, and Head had 16.

"A lot of players scored for us," said Brodie. "There was a lot of balance and a lot of scoring from different people."

The Rocks move on to their first round of conference playoffs Friday, at

home, against Westland John Glenn.

The last two times these teams met, Salem won in double overtime at Glenn.

"It will be a real challenge," said Brodie. "I hope we're ready for it. As I see it, the season is now compressed into a three game schedule in the tournament. This is the fun time to play, when every game means something. If they're not ready now, they never will be."

If both Salem and Canton win the first round of conference playoffs, Friday, they will face each other on Tuesday.

Softball meetings planned in Canton

Informational meetings for area residents interested in softball are now scheduled.

On Feb. 29, meetings for men's, women's and coed 1992 slow-pitch softball leagues will be held. The men's meeting time is at 10 a.m., the women's meeting is at 10:30 a.m. and the coed is

scheduled for 11 a.m. All meetings will be at the Canton Township Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Topics that will be discussed at the meetings include entry fees, registration dates and times, contracts/roster requirements and residency requirements.



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Issues remain in joint services talks

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wave length.

Walters said the current plan is for the township administration and union to produce a written document outlining their proposal for merging the two departments. When this is complete, they will give it to the city and the city union to review.

Township Supervisor Gerry Law said the meeting helped clear up miscommunications between the two municipalities.

Law said he was surprised to find out the city union wasn't aware of certain issues that had previously been discussed.

"Now maybe when we have a unified proposal - if that's possible - we can move forward," said Haac.

According to Walters, several major issues remain unresolved.

The first is seniority, he said. Which firefighters would keep their seniority and which would have to relinquish it as the two unions came together has been a hotly discussed item.

Twp. says no to fireworks

Don't expect any Fourth of July fireworks displays in Plymouth Township this year.

Township officials have recommended to Supervisor Gerald Law that any such fireworks use be denied in the Township Park facilities along Ann Arbor Trail.

According to a memo from James Anulewicz, director of public services, to Law, the township fire chief, police chief and planner have "all recommended denial" of the use of the park for fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

Instead, said Anulewicz's memo, the park will be made available to township residents seeking reservations to use the park facilities.

Seniority issues also bring up the matter of layoffs. If a firefighter loses his seniority or moves to a lower level of seniority, he is more likely to be laid off.

Rank and authority is also a problem that must be resolved. In the merged department there would be six captains, which means two might be on duty at the same time. The question of which person is in charge then comes to the fore.

A final issue, Walters said, would be the termination clause in the merger contract.

If the city should decide it didn't like the new arrangements, language would have to be included so that the merger could be terminated, he said.

While the merger of the fire unions moves tentatively ahead, a merger of dispatching services is at an end.

Law said he received a communication from the city last week saying they were no longer interested in merging the two organizations which dispatch police to their locations.

Walters said if the fire discussions were not resolved within the next month the fire merger would go the way of dispatching.

Schools to look at all budget 'options'

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save the district \$600,000 if all goes well, he said.

"We're looking for help any place we can find it," he said. "We've gone to many of our people and asked for ideas for different kinds of cuts that could occur.

"It's a very serious problem. There's no way in our business that you can be affected by that amount of money - 10 per cent of your budget - and not feel the effects in terms of programs and staff," Hoben continued. "In some ways we feel we are being penalized for having been economically efficient."

The projected expenditure per student for the Plymouth-Canton school district is less than any of the other out-of-formula schools in Wayne County, Hoben said.

As recently as the 1989-90 school year, only seven other school districts in Wayne County out of 34 received less funding per student than Plymouth-Canton.

"Part of the problem is that we've been too proficient," he said. "It's kind of a 'catch-22.' I think we give a good dollar value for the education in this

community and now we're being penalized for having done it."

Operating costs are a large concern for the board in terms of the bond issue.

"We're not going to be able to operate some of these facilities," he said.

Although the board's number one priority is to "save program and save staff," Hoben said pinkslips and possibly layoffs may be in the near future.

"We want to give the least harm to the children in the classroom. But when you are 85 per cent people business...there isn't much left to cut from."

"We are going to look at everything."

said Dave Artley, president of the board. "All of the options. If there are a finite number of options, say 101, then all 101 will be put on the table and looked at.

"And not just the board is looking at them, but teachers, custodians," he continued. "We may have to come up with a package deal." He suggested, for example, that the district might consider selling some of its land.

But Artley said, because the nature of the budget concerns is such, that he did not want to go beyond such examples until a "package" was in hand.

Planning job draws 170

BY KEN VOYLES

The hiring of a new planner in Canton has apparently attracted a lot of attention among job seekers.

The township was recently inundated with some 170 applications for job, formerly held by Dave Nicholson, said Dan Durack, Canton's administrative services director.

Durack said the township has narrowed that number down to about 25 and is currently reviewing some follow-up information requested of each applicant.

Once interviews are conducted with the remaining applicants it is expected that the top candidate or candidates will be screened by the township's consultant Bartel and Bartel.

"I'd say we should have someone identified for that post by late March," said Durack.

Tom Yack said that once the top candidate is identified it may be another two months before the planner actually begins work for Canton.

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LIZ HARTWICK - Karen says you once gave her a shower - and a lovely silver tray, as a wedding gift, which she still uses.

Curiosities

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Curiosities

JOE DeLAURO: CONGRATS

ALL OF YOU - THANK YOU FOR GRANDMA GRACE'S COOKIE RECIPE - Telephone calls, letters, cards and FAX machine came from everywhere in answer to the request for Gracie's cookie recipe. The copy the Crier has used came from Barbara Ward, her granddaughter in Chicago, who said her recipe was written in her Grandmother's hand.

Curiosities

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STEVIE

Did the ring girl get promoted? I saw her sitting at a bigger desk.

How did the Benjamin gang do last night?

Did Laurie let Bobbie stay out after 9:00pm?

I promise I'll quit jiggling my leg.

Curiosities

"I'm not doing anything this week" quote from a short timer.

Soon they will be calling Lisa Dead Eye!

All Crier Staff - I think 3 Guides and 2 Fall Fest issues are enough. Arizona here I come. Many, many, many, thanks to all of you past and present. A great group to work and play with.

How much time will a case of Chivas buy me?

Jack - If I took the flowers off my dress, you wouldn't know what to do!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE PENNY!

Geneva, thanks for the flowers - Chicken Pox Deb

Jess, when is your next vacation - we miss you. Phyllis & Beau

Uncle Bob, have you started seeing spots yet?

STRESS? What's that?

Myles, have you figured out which end is up yet?

HOLLY TAYLOR and **BLAKELY GUENTHER** enjoyed an evening of hockey, hot dogs, pop, ice cream, candy and gum with their dads at the Joe Louis Arena, where they watched the Red Wings win over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Nobody beats Brent 5 times in a row! Do they?

Curiosities

MOM & DAD ON MELTON: Two more weeks until the GUIDE is out! (Then maybe I'll be normal again!)

FRAN TONEY and **KAY ARNOLD** "get them coming and going" - they collect at both doors of the same event. Clever!

Seen on Cadillac bumper sticker at Italian Cucina in Plymouth Township: "Women are natural leaders . . . You're following one now!"

If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it. Jonathan Winters

Mary, Mary, where have you gone?

Somebody is going to have to buy Debbie a box of Kleenex next week.

Boy, if it wasn't for Indiana & U of M, the big 10 would really be in bad shape.

BELLS - BELLS - BELLS are ringing in the Crier office, not once, not twice, but possibly three times. Don't you wish you knew?

HARRET ASH - Watch what you do with those red velvet teen bowls!

"**SPEEDY**" **TONY:** your coffee is cold, and your bear is getting warm.

CALL MARK HYLAND and tell him "old age" (44) jokes. (It was Sunday)

We all need to have people who mean something to us; people to whom we can turn knowing that being with them is coming home. B. Coote

Curiosities

Roses are red
Violets are blue,
Dennie at Sparrs
Will you be in the Guide too?

Larry - How can you leave me like this? (Where have I heard that before?)

You know things are bad when both Mich State & Ohio State can't wait for football season to start again.

This week everyone should take it easy on Mark. Both Big Mark & Little Mark.

Good Luck to Lynn in her quest tomorrow.

Wendy can be on my dart team anytime.

GOOD LUCK Larry (watch out for the calculus!)

JAN LOEFFLER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS from Northville Moraine School is going on a field trip to the Plymouth Historical Museum on March 3, 1982. Whitney Guenther has graciously invited her classmates to stop at her Grandma and Grandpa's house for a snack.

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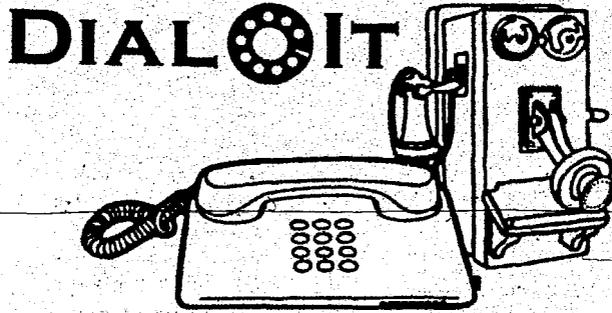
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