

# Who voted in June school election? *See pg. 13 for who did (and didn't) vote*

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## City decides fate of Mayflower tax bill Monday

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER  
and ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth City Commissioners are damned if they do, damned if they don't... Should they give the Mayflower Hotel a \$50,456 tax gift on top of the significant rollbacks the hotel properties have already enjoyed?

What if the City Commissioners don't give in and the hotel goes bankrupt or closes, blaming that decision? What would be the impact of a closed hotel on downtown?

A number of Plymouth-Canton residents and businesspeople have raised questions about the proposed tax break.

Although the new owners of the Mayflower took over July 14, 1994 — two years ago — they have yet to pay a single dollar in property or personal taxes to the City or a single water bill, say City officials.

Nor have the new Mayflower owners supplied the City with an accounting of the hotel's personal property declaration even though they are begging relief, says City Hall. (Previous years' declarations were not received after the late Ralph Lorenz died.)

Matt Karmo, co-owner of the hotel, said he believed a tax payment of about \$67,000 was made to Wayne County last year to avoid a tax sale. "We had to avoid that," he said, although he was uncertain of the exact amount or circumstances of the payment.

Still, the City Commissioners are considering the \$50,456 tax break to be awarded at the next City Commission meeting on Monday, Aug. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

A number of citizens attended the scheduled Mayflower tax break vote at the City Commission meeting July 15, but the item was removed from the agenda when City Attorney Donald Morgan and City Manager Steve Walters said all details were not complete.

The hotel's owners say the tax break is critical in their new financing plan that would help the property recover and redecorate from its previously-Lorenz-Family-owned days of bankruptcy. "We're asking not to waive taxes but to waive penalty and interest that was accu-

mulated before our time," Karmo said.

"If the hotel does not recover financially, it is not certain that the City could ultimately collect all the delinquent taxes and interest which are currently due," Walters wrote the City Commissioners.

Walters' proposal on the Mayflower tax break stresses several times that the hotel would remain functioning as a hotel and restaurant operation.

The City tax break under consideration would be on top of:

- A reduction in the hotel's real property taxes for 1993, 1994 and 1995 of \$142,081;
- an original 12-year tax abatement on the Mayflower II project (the additions built over

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## Teachers angry over slow progress in contract talks

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If contract negotiations aren't completed before the beginning of the school year, teaching situations and conditions will be affected, Plymouth-Canton School district teachers said at Monday night's school board meeting.

A vocal group of approximately 30 teachers and their supporters expressed displeasure with the progress of contract talks, initiated in February, and petitioned the P-C School Board and school district negotiators to finalize issues before students return to school next month. "Without a contract, a lot of energy I see is, what I consider, very negative and counter-productive time spent," said Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teacher Jerry Thompson.

"I think it's extremely important," said Mike Chiumento, a West Middle School teacher, "that when Aug. 26 comes around, that we be in place."

"I urge the board and its bargaining unit to make this a priority," said Judith Ray, also a West Middle School teacher.

Primarily at stake, insiders said, is health insurance. Beverly Winkelmann, a teacher at East Middle School, said she heard the Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage might be a "stumbling block" in negotiations. "I would like you to show

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## Republican Club candidate forum tomorrow

The Plymouth Republican Club is hosting a public forum to examine local primary elections. The forum will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Grill, located on Ann Arbor Road near I-275.

The forum will examine the candidates for two upcoming primary elections. The two races are for the 20th District State Representative and for the Wayne County Commission, 10th District.

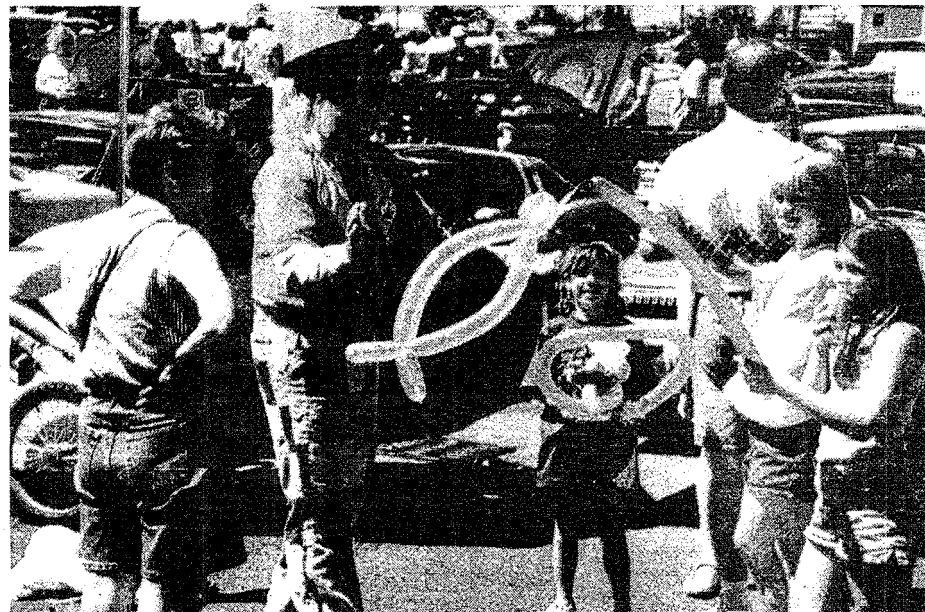
The candidates involved in the event include State Rep. Gerald Law and his opponent, Jerry Vorva. The county commis-

sion race forum will focus on Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter and his challenger, Jeff Schroder.

"This promises to be a very informative evening for our local electorate," said Plymouth Republican Club President Tom Hickey. "This is an opportunity for the public to hear first-hand what the candidates have to say."

For this event, the Plymouth Republican Club has rented the lower level of the Water Club Grill. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge or required food order to attend the event and learn about the candidates.

## Fun on Ford



Spagetti the Clown entertains at the first annual Family Fun Day, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees Saturday. The event was held in the N.A. Mans parking lot on Ford Road and featured classic cars, kids games and lots of great food. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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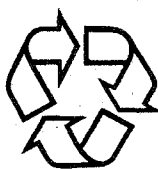


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# City, Twp. hope to save by sharing recreation services

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Officials from the City and Township of Plymouth met last week to once again discuss the hotly-debated topic of shared recreation services.

At the July 16 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy reviewed the progress of the July 15 conference with City Mayor Ron Loiselle, Commissioner Doug Miller, City Manager Steve Walters, Township Finance Director Rosemary Harvey and Township trustees Ron Griffith and Charles Curmi.

McCarthy said it was agreed that the Plymouth community recreation program should be coordinated with other recreation providers, such as the Plymouth YMCA, to avoid duplication of efforts and to maximize the recreation benefits from available resources. "Everybody offers recreation and we really don't check with each other," the supervisor said.

Also, it was decided, a survey will be conducted of the recreation facilities and programs available from both public and private agencies. "We don't have a good sense of community needs for recreation," McCarthy said, "so we're going to check into having a survey done."

The meeting was the second this month between the two municipalities and both sides agreed discussion has been coopera-

tive. "I thought it was a very positive meeting," said Griffith. "No one was there to throw spears."

That attitude hasn't always been present during discussions of joint services between the City and the Township.

While the Plymouths succeeded in combining the fire departments in 1994, an effort to cooperatively purchase voting equipment went awry last winter — leaving some City commissioners angered with Township trustees. And little progress has been made concerning joint emergency dispatch. The recreation talks haven't been without controversy, either. Walters wrote a letter threatening to revoke recreation services from other communities' residents — a move that irked Griffith.

But both sides are holding out hope for better results this time. Earlier this month, Miller, an outspoken critic of the the voting machine fiasco, said, "I think the Township is sincerely willing to work with us on (the government's role in joint recreation services.)"

Another meeting is scheduled within the next two weeks, McCarthy said.

Trustee Kay Arnold asked if Schoolcraft College and the Plymouth-Canton Schools would be invited to participate.

"I think that would be a good idea," said Clerk Marilyn Massengill.

# Teachers want contract progress

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us, in good faith, some proposals that will help us continue this coverage," she said.

What bothers teachers is the pace of the mediation meetings. "My concern is negotiations began in February and I don't see negotiations being any farther along then when they were done in

April," said Lori Manoogian, a teacher at West Middle School.

P-C School Board President Mark Horvath said board members and administrators could not comment on the contract issues, but he maintained they are anxious for a settlement as well. He said: "There is nobody in this room more than the people up here who want this settled."

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# Community leaders missed election

The pillar of democracy: one person, one vote.

It started a revolution 220 years ago. People have been fighting and dying for it ever since.

But the passion for the right to choose has faded. Freedom's voice has fallen on deaf ears at national, state and local elections. The public's lack of interest has never been as painfully obvious as the June 10 Plymouth-Canton School Board election.

Without a money issue on the ballot, 2.87 per cent of the total registered voters made it to the polls. More than 60,000 Americans would not or could not use the right given to them by this country's founders.

Included in that vast majority are several elected officials who directly benefit-

*See related voter list, editorial for the P-C School Board June 10 election on pages 13-16*

ed from that very action. And several school administrators who are directly affected by the outcome.

The reasons and excuses for not voting were many. The struggle with their "no-choice" was evident. But the solutions to the apathy epidemic were few.

From trustees to commissioners to principals, these community leaders spoke candidly. They said the evolving lifestyles and workforce were to blame for the low turnout at the polls, along with other variables.

"Five times I was headed to vote, and I got paged," said Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller, who is a real estate agent. "Unfortunately, I got paged. And time is of the essence in real estate."

A busy work schedule also prevented Canton Trustee John Burdziak and George Belvitch, a principal in the P-C School District, from voting. "I missed voting on June 10," said Belvitch, who is active on a voluntary basis for the school district, including the Housing and Facilities Committee. "Thinking back to June 10, boy, I was busy at work, busy at school. I just forgot. It was the first community school election I've missed. I pretty much vote in every election."

Burdziak said a last minute business trip was the reason he didn't make it to the polls. "I was out of town. I didn't make it back in time," he said.

Plymouth Township Trustee and Schoolcraft College employee Ron Griffith claimed the same fate. "I just blew it. It's the first election I missed in, God, I don't know how long," he said.

Griffith said he may have paid more attention to the election if the candidates had run high-profile campaigns. "I never really got anything in the mail from those candidates," he said.

Farrand Elementary School Principal Ann Kuhn missed too. "I was out of town and I forgot to get an absentee ballot. That's terrible," she said. "I have made every other election."

So what made this election so unimportant to Kuhn? "I think what you might hear is the slate wasn't much to choose from," she said, adding that unlike previous elections, candidates didn't visit her school. "(P-C School Board President) Mark Horvath, when he ran (in 1994), you really knew who he was."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack knew who he was going to vote for, but he never cast his ballot. "I was in the hospital," said Yack. "That was my first miss in, I'd have to say, 20 years. I was in the hospital. What can I say? If I would've anticipated it, I would have gotten an absentee voter form."

Yack, a former school board president, called the number of ballots cast "pathetic." "When you see a number like that, the community really has turned it over to

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## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Republican Club is hosting a public forum tomorrow to examine local primary elections. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Grill and will include State Rep. Gerald Law and his opponent, Jerry Vorva for the 20th District House seat; and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter and his challenger, Jeff Schroder. The public is welcome to attend the event and there is no admission charge.
- Angela Hospice is holding a luncheon/bazaar tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7, with all proceeds going to the Angela Hospice Good Samaritan program. Located at 14100 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia, the hospice also serves Plymouth.

### THE WEEKEND

- The USSSA Girls 14-under Youth World Softball Tournament will be held this weekend at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue. Call 483-5600 for information.

### NEXT WEEK

- The City Commission meets Monday at 7 p.m.

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Next week The Community Crier features its "Business to Business" section. Call 453-6900 for advertising information.

## 50 years of service



Plymouth resident Robert H. Fitzner (center) was recently honored by his home chapter in Oberlin, OH with his 50-year pin from Oberlin Chapter No. 219 of the Royal Arch Masonry. Fitzner is a member of Northville Chapter No. 55 R.A.M. He is also a Past Presiding Officer of Northville Council of Royal and Select Masters and Past Commander of Northville Commandery No. 39 Knights Templar. He is also a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 500, Plymouth.

## Canton planning meetings to be broadcast

Plans to cablecast Canton's Planning Commission meetings have progressed on schedule. The commission's Aug. 12 meeting will be the first session taped for later broadcasting on Canton's government access channel (currently channel 15 on Continental Cablevision).

The meetings are likely to be aired on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.

The last two meetings were taped as practice. Municipal Services staff members reviewed the commission's July 1 meeting, assessing the quality of the broadcast and determining what, if any, format changes were needed to make the meetings more viewer-friendly.

A recent survey conducted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Canton" group asked residents about their cable-viewing preferences. The survey, included in the FOCUS newsletter, will assist in the development of governmental programming that will support a wide range of community needs. Among the public meetings listed, Canton's Planning

Commission meetings ranked number one for level of interest among those surveyed.

"We feel that broadcasting the planning commission meetings is a good step toward raising resident awareness," Canton Resource Development Director Mike Ager said. "Many people aren't able to attend the meetings in person. Broadcasting them on a regular basis makes them convenient and accessible to all."

Currently, the Canton Board of Trustees' regular sessions (two meetings) are taped each month and aired for broadcast. (Continental Cablevision currently tapes these sessions, but Canton personnel will assume this responsibility later this year.) The administration is considering taping and airing the board's study sessions.

Plans are also being reviewed to install remote cameras and a sound room in the main meeting room for the taping of future meetings.

Tapes made of the commission meetings will not be edited prior to broadcasting.



## Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a general Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 6, 1996 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Democratic, Republican, and non-partisan candidates for the following offices:

United States Senator  
Representative in Congress - 13th District  
State Representative - 18th or 21st District  
Wayne County Offices:  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Sheriff  
County Clerk  
County Treasurer  
Register of Deeds  
County Commissioner

Canton Township Offices:  
Township Supervisor  
Township Clerk  
Township Treasurer  
4 Township Trustees

Delegate to County Convention

and to vote on the following proposal:

County of Wayne - Proposition P

Shall the millage rate Wayne County is authorized to levy within its Charter limitation be increased by 1/4 mill (25 cents per \$1000 of taxable valuation) for five years from 1996 to 2001, inclusive, to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 Fiscal Year Appropriation for Parks. This levy is estimated to generate \$7,921,224 in 1997.

YES

NO

### CANTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2	NW Corner Cherry Hill/Sheldon Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3,10,21	SE Corner Michigan/Sheldon St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	N side of Warren between Sheldon & Canton Center Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 18	S side of Hanford (E of Sheldon between Warren & Ford) Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
6	W side of Haggerty between Cherry Hill & Palmer Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	N side of Warren between I-275 and Westland border Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	S side of Joy W of Canton Center Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Road
9	S side of Warren between Beck & Ridge Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	W side of Haggerty between Ford & Cherry Hill Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	S side of Warren between Canton Center & Beck Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Stub street E off of Morton Taylor between Joy & Warren Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	N side of Michigan Ave. between Lotz & Hannan Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon Road
20 & 26	W side of Sheldon between Cherry Hill & Palmer Township Administration Bldg.	1150 S. Canton Center Rd.
22	W side of Canton Center S of Cherry Hill Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	N side of Saltz between Canton Center & Sheldon Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center Rd.

**\*RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE BOLD POLLED PLACES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE 1995 ELECTIONS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR VOTING LOCATION, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD OR CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 397-5452.**

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 1996 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot, or a ballot can be mailed on that date.

On Monday, August 5, 1996 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, August 6th.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Township Clerk at 397-5452.

Terry Bennett  
Clerk

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## Study projects 1,000 new students in next 5 years

BY BRIAN CORBETT

An enrollment study report and projection, critical in a schedule leading to an anticipated winter bond vote, was presented and discussed at Monday night's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting.

Data provided by Stanfred Consultants predicted the P-C School District will increase by at least 1,000 students in the next five years. "Something in the neighborhood of 1,000 students is what we're going to be experiencing by the year 2000," said David Rodwell, the executive director of research and technology, who presented the report.

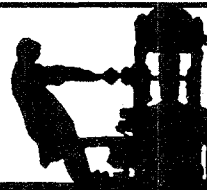
The projections reinforced the findings of the P-C Schools Housing and Facilities Committee and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) reports: The Plymouth-Canton Community is growing, and as a result, so

is the student population of the school district.

A report by the Housing and Facilities Committee, released this spring, said the P-C Schools might need as many as five new schools to accommodate incoming students. Superintendent Charles Little developed a growth management plan to put the school district on the track for a winter referendum, possibly as early as December, to attain the necessary funding for new schools.

Little said a survey conducted by the school district's Long Range Planning Committee, scheduled to be released today, indicates that residents are overwhelmingly in favor of spending more money to reduce class size. "It's quite clear that class size is the largest issue up

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## Public notices

### CITY OF PLYMOUTH PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1996 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a "Primary Election" will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. At that time candidates of the Democratic and Republican party for the following offices will be voted upon in Wayne County:

United States Senator  
Representative in Congress  
State Representative  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Sheriff  
County Clerk  
County Treasurer  
Register of Deeds  
County Commissioner  
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and the following Wayne County Proposal:

### PROPOSITION P

SHALL THE MILLAGE RATE WAYNE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO LEVY WITHIN ITS CHARTER LIMITATION BE INCREASED BY 1/4 MILL (25 CENTS PER \$1000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR FIVE YEARS FROM 1996 TO 2001, INCLUSIVE, TO IMPROVE AND OPERATE SEVERAL PARKS AND RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HINES PARK, ELIZABETH PARK, CHANDLER PARK AND FORT WAYNE ON THE CONDITION THAT, FOR ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THIS INCREASED LEVY WOULD BE IMPOSED, WAYNE COUNTY MUST BUDGET FROM OTHER SOURCES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ITS 1995-96 FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION FOR PARKS. THIS LEVY IS ESTIMATED TO GENERATE \$7,924,224 IN 1997.

YES

NO

Absentee ballots may be requested in person from the Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. A registered voter may also request an application for a ballot by mail or telephone by calling 453-1234, ext. 225 or 234. Absentee ballots will be presented to qualified voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd. Monday, August 5th, qualified voters shall be able to receive their A.V. ballots from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows. Voters are to please be aware that City precinct locations or numbers, may not coincide with your School District Precinct location or numbers:

PRECINCT 1,2,4

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525 FARMER STREET

PRECINCT 3

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
650 W. CHURCH

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# Local leaders missed school election

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special interest groups. That could be positive special interest groups. I'm not trying to put a negative spin on it," he said.

Griffith said sometimes it's not in the best interest of candidates to have a high voter turnout so his or her support group has more voting power. Belvitch suggested a ballot that included just candidates — with no millage or bond — was the reason for the lack of interest. "Whenever you have a major league issue, people come out all over the place," he said. "But they don't come out to vote for their school board candidates."

Don't blame the candidates, said Paul Schrauben, a school board hopeful who voted and finished third in the election. "I was disappointed with the turnout," he said. "I hesitate to say it was because it wasn't publicized, or because of the candidates. I worked my butt off."

Schrauben said he mailed campaign literature and credited local newspapers and cable television for their coverage of the race. As a former election worker who watched parents stroll right by the polls to pick up their children, Schrauben said, "If people can walk right past it, what can you do?"

Getting to the polls was the problem for Griffith, Belvitch, Mueller, Burdziak and Kuhn. But the delinquents could only offer a few suggestions that may have helped them in their lost cause. The most popular proposal: moving school elections to coincide with other community elections. "I would've liked to have it put on the Aug. 6 ballot when you get more voters out," said Griffith.

Said Kuhn: "I think if it were in September, when people were going back to school and more interested, or even in the spring when people are thinking about next year — sometime during the school year (turnout would've been higher.)"

Even though absentee ballots are now made available for wide-ranging excuses, they must be obtained weeks ahead of time — making them obsolete for residents with emergency business commitments. Mueller suggested having voting booths at the workplace, especially larger facilities. Longer poll hours would help too, she said. And more accessible public forums are needed, said Kuhn. "Maybe forums in the elementary schools would help, and I say elementary because they're a lot closer to the neighborhoods, and they're a lot more comfortable," she said.

Until changes are made, the phenomena of voter apathy will likely continue — and possibly even after that. "I struggle with it. I don't know what the answer is," said Griffith. "Maybe there isn't an answer... It's an important issue. Schools are critical to a well-rounded community. It's a problem and, unfortunately, this time I was part of the problem."

But choosing not to choose is also part of being American.

City Mayor Ron Loiselle, Schoolcraft College Board of Trustee Mary Breen and Allen Elementary School Principal James Burt were not available to comment on this story.



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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Gov. John Engler and State Rep. Gerald Law (R), whose district includes most of The Plymouth-Canton Community, will ceremonially sign legislation that makes it possible for hospice programs to set up in-patient facilities to care for terminally ill people at Angela Hospice in Livonia today at 11 a.m. Under the new law, terminally ill patients in Michigan without family, friends or funds to support around-the-clock care now have a better chance of obtaining hospice services.

Ann E. Vernon and Lisa A. Zaborsky of Plymouth were named to the dean's list at Miami University in Oxford, OH for the second semester, 1995-96.

Nora A. Flores, Stacey Kay Hilden, Cheryl A. Montgomery, Janine L. Moyer and Richard P. Nolan of Canton and Karen E. Crissey, Cheryl Ann Doyle, William Jerry Hanlin, Kurt L. Singleton, Shaun Marie Taft, Brian M. Whetstone and Brandie M. Zambeck of Plymouth graduated from Central Michigan University in May.

Elizabeth N. Cosenza and Amy Ann Sidwill of Plymouth were named to the dean's list at the University of Dayton for the winter semester, 1995-96.

Navy Airman Jeffrey E. Thursby of Canton and Navy Airman Stephen M. Seigner recently returned from participating in the six-nation maritime exercise "Rim of the Pacific" (RIMPAC) '96, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence. Thursby is a 1992 graduate of Salem High School. Seigner graduated from Salem High School in 1995.

Jane L. Seidelman and David A. Taylor of Plymouth recently graduated from Grand Valley State University.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew A. Mitchell, son of Jackie L. Fobare of Plymouth, has returned to homeport in San Diego after completing a six-month deployment aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Denver. He is a 1992 graduate of Salem High School.

On July 12, Emily Rogers of Canton took the stage at Industry for the Q-95-5 Macarena Dance Contest. Rogers, one of 17 contestants, won the contest and a trip to Mexico, plus \$1,000 in shopping money. Macarena, the Mexican Hustle, is the latest dance craze sweeping the country.

# Scientific method

(left to right) Jenni Hudy of Redford and Lisa Schaldenbrand of Plymouth participated in the "Girls and Science, Sciences Lead to a Promising Future" program held at Madonna University this summer. The enrichment program for pre-seventh, pre-eighth and pre-ninth grade students provided three weeks of motivational activities for girls to explore the sciences as a career opportunity. It was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and Madonna University.



## Canton announces volunteer program

Residents wishing to get involved in a special volunteer effort will get their chance in the near future once the Summit on the Park Volunteer Team is up and running.

The new program, which is expected to be in place this summer, is being developed to help meet the needs of Summit users, such as senior citizens, as well as help the center staff provide the best service to the community.

A wide array of volunteer positions are being developed at the Summit as part of the new program. They include such areas as valet parking attendants, greeters, instruction aides, hospitality hosts, home delivered meal drivers and information providers.

An immediate need, said Summit staff members, is for residents interested in helping with the new courtesy valet parking service. The new service will provide senior citizens an opportunity to pull up to the front of the Summit and leave their automobiles with a valet who will then park the vehicle.

Residents interested in volunteering for any of the various positions being developed should contact Kathleen Salla,

Canton's volunteer coordinator, at 397-6450. Volunteers can be any age, and need not necessarily be a resident of the community. Those working the valet program will need a valid Michigan driver's license.

"We want to create a volunteer team concept," said Salla. "We hear from a lot of people who want to help, but don't know where to begin. We're developing that place for them to start. People who call will be able to review various job descriptions for the specific need we have."

Summit volunteers will be identified through special shirts and will receive daily visit passes to the facility based on the number of hours of service to the community.

Salla and members of the Summit staff are also planning to host several programs at the community center this fall to talk about volunteer opportunities throughout Canton and at the Summit.

For further information on the program or the volunteer team effort at the Summit, call 397-6450.

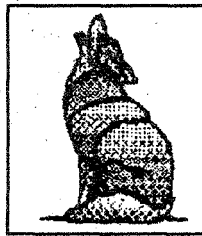
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia will host a bill-signing ceremony today at 11 a.m. Gov. John Engler, Rep Gerald Law and Sister Mary Giovanni will participate. The Hospice residence legislation, sponsored by Law, makes it possible for hospice programs to set up facilities to treat patients.

Howard B. Allenberg, managing director of BDO Seidman, LLP's Troy office, recently announced the promotion of six employees. Pam Gargaro, a Plymouth resident, was promoted from associate to senior associate, effective immediately.

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**THOMAS L. PATTERSON**

Thomas L. Patterson was recently named vice president and general manager of Techna Corporation, a full service environmental management firm headquartered in Plymouth.

**TAYLOR Systems Engineering Corporation**, formerly EVCOR-Detroit, a consulting and engineering firm specializing in systems integration based in Plymouth, has named Aaron J. Dones manager of sales engineers.

The announcement was made by Mark A. Taylor, president and CEO.

Dones, who joined the company in 1992, previously held the position of account manager and was named corporate "Account Manager of the Year" in 1995. He was recently awarded a Clippership Certification with Distinction.

# Ice cream, bit of Americana

*American Pie Ice Cream Parlor opens in Plymouth*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Joe Van Esley has been preparing for this day for a decade.

And his persistent searching and browsing at antique shows and shops has paid off with a classic collection of Americana inside American Pie Ice Cream Parlor, 747 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

The old wood floors, posters of folk heroes, pictures of presidents you love to love and hate, an old soda pop machine and a menu full of ice cream and food are a long way from the real estate office which used to occupy the house with a scenic view of Kellogg Park.

It was part of the plan by Van Esley. And now it has materialized with the help of friend and fellow Plymouth Township resident, John Lis, into a cone zone with a distinct nod to the country's political and commercial history.

"For 10 years I've been going to all the antique shops and shows. It takes a lot of time," said Van Esley, who has accumulated more than one million items. "I have another job too. If it wasn't for John, this (American Pie) wouldn't be what it is."

For more than two months Lis has been coming to work, but he didn't get to serve any ice cream until two weeks ago. He's spent day after day removing the remnants of the Van Esley's former office, replacing and refurbishing the wood and stairway. "(Joe) had the idea. We've both put it together. We just decided to do whatever came up as we went along," Lis said.

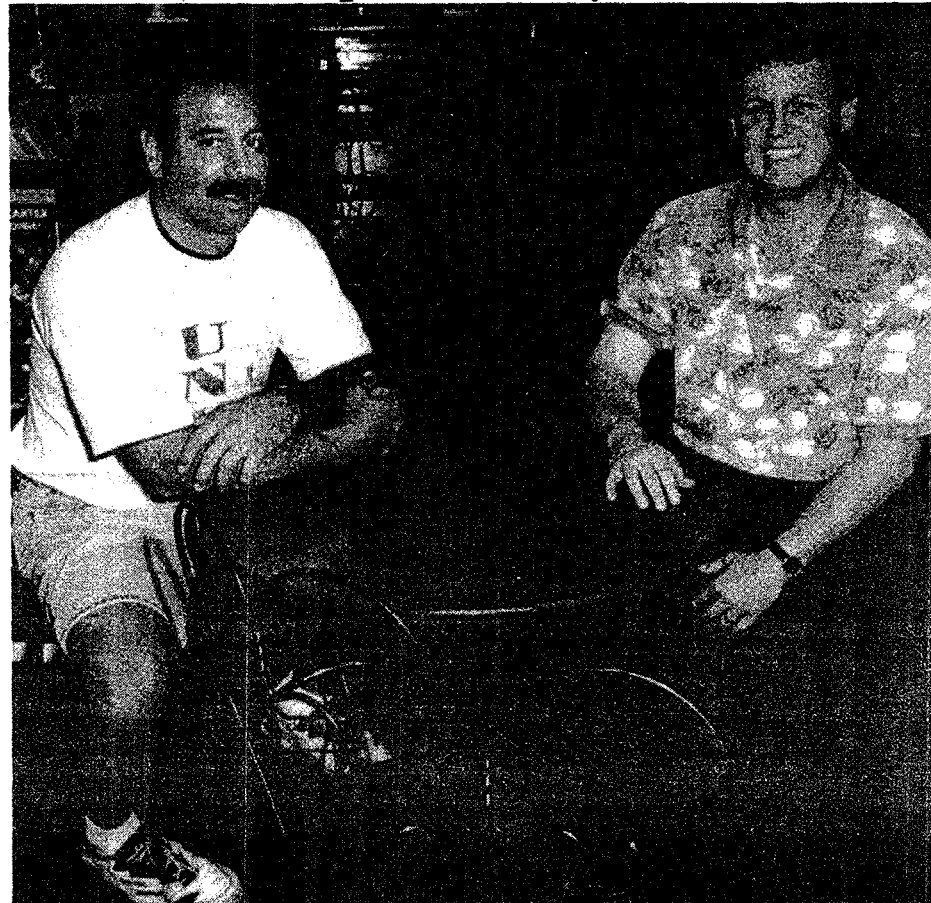
Such as the buttons from past presidential campaigns, framed newspaper articles and more. "It's something a little bit different. Some people come in just to look around. It's

## Public hearing date set for SEI industrial facilities exemption

A Sept. 10 public hearing for an industrial facilities exemption certificate, requested by SEI Automotive Technologies, was granted by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

SEI, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Electric Industries, has planned to construct, own and operate a new technical center on Polaris Court in Metro West Industrial Park.

The project that exemption is being sought for consists principally of a 40,000 square foot building, associated equipment and systems for security, design, development, production, engineering, prototype manufacturing, testing and related activities directed initially towards brake pad materials, brake pads and calipers for brake systems.



(left to right) John Lis and Joe Van Esley have turned a house across from Kellogg Park into an ice cream shop. Since it opened in mid-July, the shop has had a hard time keeping up with the incredible demand. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

all original stuff," said Lis. "Most of it's for sale."

Just like the ice cream and food, which can't be forgotten amongst the patriotic surroundings. There are 10 soft serve flavors, 16 different sundaes, hot dogs, French fries, cappuccino, espresso, soft drinks, and ice cream cakes are coming

soon.

But what visitors are most likely to notice — and taste — are the 16 ice cream flavors from Guernsey Farms, which has many awards for its dairy products in its 56 years of business. "We wanted to get the best," said Lis.

"I've tasted other ice creams. Then, I tasted tart cherry ice cream at Guernsey's and I said, 'We have to have this ice cream.' That's what turned the tide," said Van Esley, settling down to snack on a butter pecan sugar cone.

It's a snack hundreds of locals have already enjoyed. American Pie opened for business July 13, and couldn't keep up with the demand. "We opened Saturday. We just made it in time for Art in the Park. It was busy. We ran out Sunday. We had seven people here all the time, and we couldn't keep up," said Lis, who has 24 years experience managing stores.

Something was still missing, though, Van Esley said. "Business has been OK. It's going to improve. You know what I haven't seen? The baseball teams," said Van Esley.

After all, isn't it Mom, baseball and (American) cherry pie?

"We want to get the American atmosphere," said Van Esley. "We're going to be making adjustments. We'll

SEWS, a Kentucky-headquartered manufacturer of electrical wiring harnesses and components, plans on using its balance of the building as a technical center also.



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# Community opinions

## Residents stuck in middle of environmental quagmire

Soon after The Crier published a photo editorial on the state of the former Amoco gas station at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, we received

a visit from Kent Barry, the senior public relations man for Amoco's Midwest region.

From what Barry said, Amoco is even more anxious than the community to use or sell the property.

There's one major problem preventing them from doing anything with the property: The soil remains polluted with gasoline. The state won't let the property be developed or sold until it's cleaned up.

"We've worked with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the residents to come up with solutions," said Barry. "It remains an ongoing project."

So who's to blame? Where should we light the fire to get this piece of land cleaned up?

Those are tough questions to answer.

Some of the blame goes to Amoco. Barry said the company doesn't deny that gasoline pollution is the cause of the contamination. But it's not all Amoco's fault. "We've spent a huge amount of money to clean this site up already," Barry said. "We have an economic incentive to clean up the site. We know the important role that piece of land plays for the community. We're doing this as quickly as possible, sparing no

expense."

He's right. Amoco has spent thousands and thousands of dollars on the Plymouth site. They've had sites that cost well over \$1 million to clean up.

And it's happening around the state. Amoco and other oil companies are scrambling to clean up old gas station sites. It's not easy work.

And they're not getting much help from the state. Once a site is in remediation, the bureaucratic red tape usually strangles any progress. So part of the blame goes to the state.

But let's not forget that it's our thirst for gasoline that brought the gas station to town in the first place.

It's time for a solution to the gasoline contamination problems. Community residents, the State of Michigan and oil company representatives need to come together to find answers.

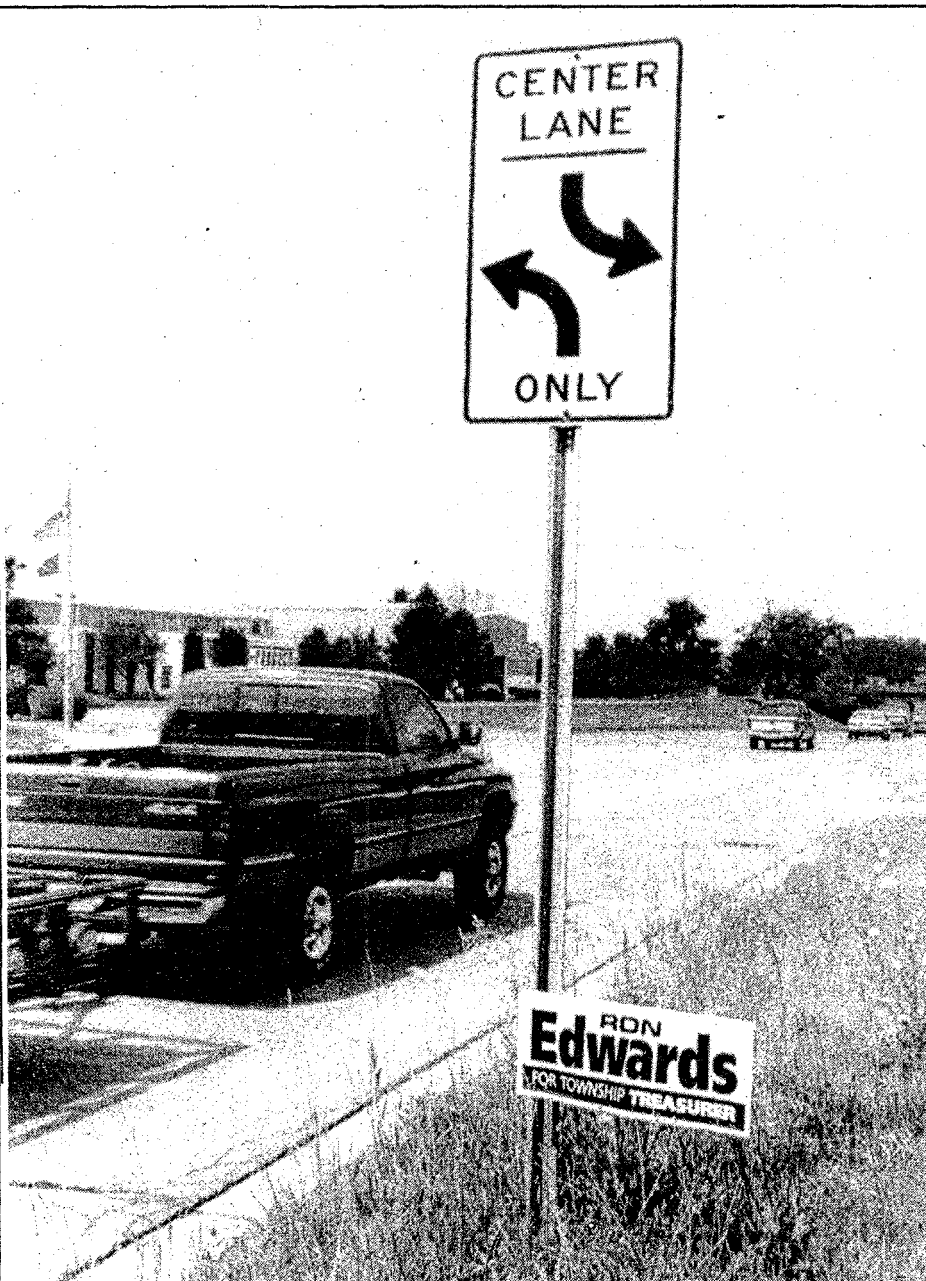
Quick clean-up is critical. Land in downtown Plymouth is far too important to sit vacant.

According to Barry, it may be several more years before the Amoco station is cleaned up in downtown Plymouth.

Until a broad solution is found to clean up the many contaminated sites across the state and country, we're all losers.

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



This Ron Edwards campaign sign was found in the public right-of-way along Ann Arbor Road. It was found under a "Center Lane (turn) Only" sign, an ironic piece of advice for all candidates. Although an Edwards campaign sign is shown, the problem is found in nearly all local races. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Let's 'clean up' political campaigns

It's time to "clean up" political campaigns in our community. As election season changes gears, it's important for candidates to remember to keep their campaign signs off the public right-of-way.

No candidate is immune from placing a campaign sign where it shouldn't be. Many of these signs are placed in the right-of-way by overzealous campaign workers.

So far, most of the political races have been clean. Let's make sure public property remains that way too.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Salem Twp. voters must analyze candidates carefully

EDITOR:

The time has come for the people of Salem Township to take the opportunity to choose their own leadership. If you will recall both the supervisor and treasurer, which the people elected, resigned and were replaced by appointment by the remaining board members, even though a petition with a large number of residents' signatures seeking the election process was ignored.

A careful analysis will quickly reveal that the make up of the present township board has distanced itself from the citizens in openness, desire and compassion. On the surface they claim one thing; but actions speak much louder than words.

Be alert Salem! Aug. 6 is the time to begin to make the needed changes. Make your vote count for more open, honest and compassionate government.

O'NEILL MUIRHEAD

Community Editorials

Write a letter to the editor



The Crier's  
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# Aug. 6 ballot for Plymouth-Canton

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Jim Nicholson  
Ronna Romney

Representative in Congress (13th District)

Joe Fitzsimmons

State Representative (21st District)

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Deborah Whyman

State Representative (20th District)

*District includes Plymouth, Northville and Northville Twp., Plymouth Twp. and part of Livonia*

Gerald H. Law  
Jerry Vorva

State Representative (18th District)

*District includes the northeast corner of Canton*

Dennis LeMaitre  
Michael D. Novak

### Democratic Party United States Senator

Carl Levin

Representative in Congress (13th District)

Lynn Nancy Rivers

State Representative (21st District)

*District includes Canton, Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren*  
Deborah Jean Nesbit

State Representative (20th District)

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Deborah Hoadley

State Representative (18th District)

*District includes the northeast corner of Canton*

Eileen DeHart

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Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Jeff Schroder

11th District Commissioner

*District includes Canton*  
Bruce Patterson

Democratic Party  
Prosecuting Attorney

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No Candidate

## Plymouth Twp. Canton

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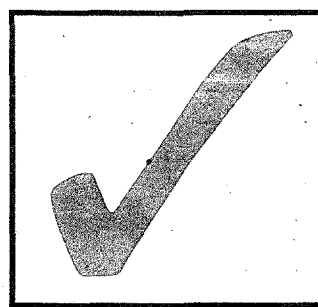
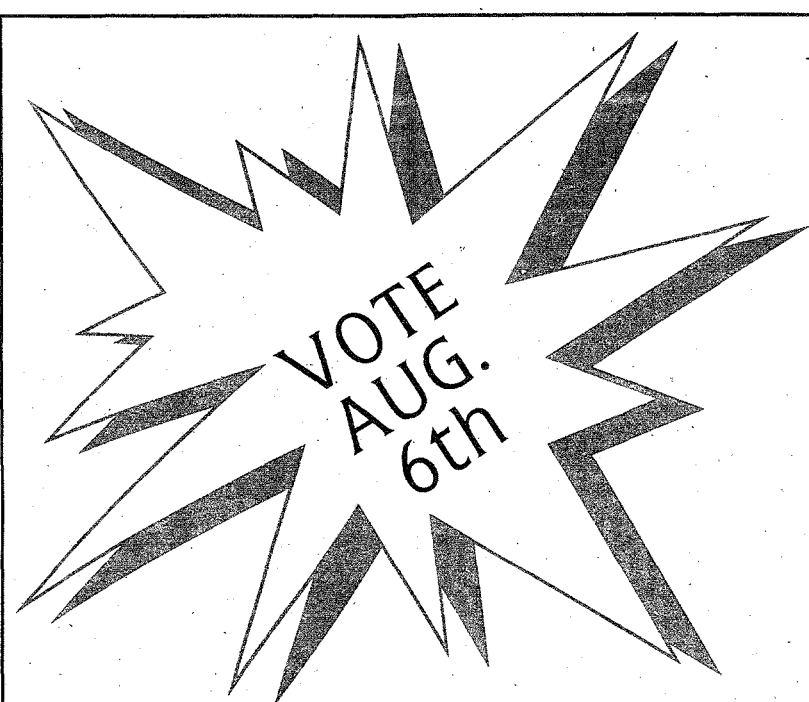
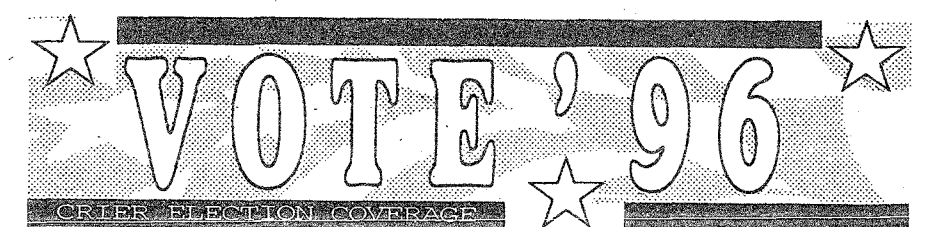
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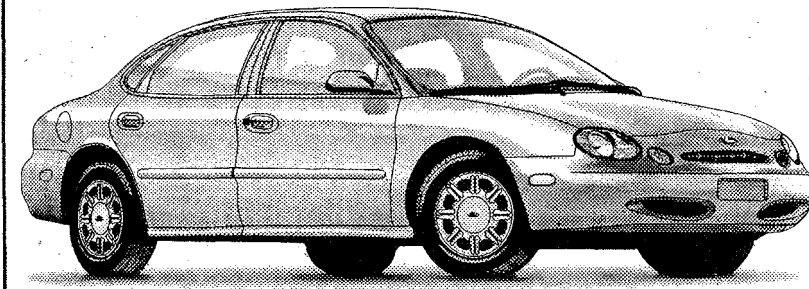


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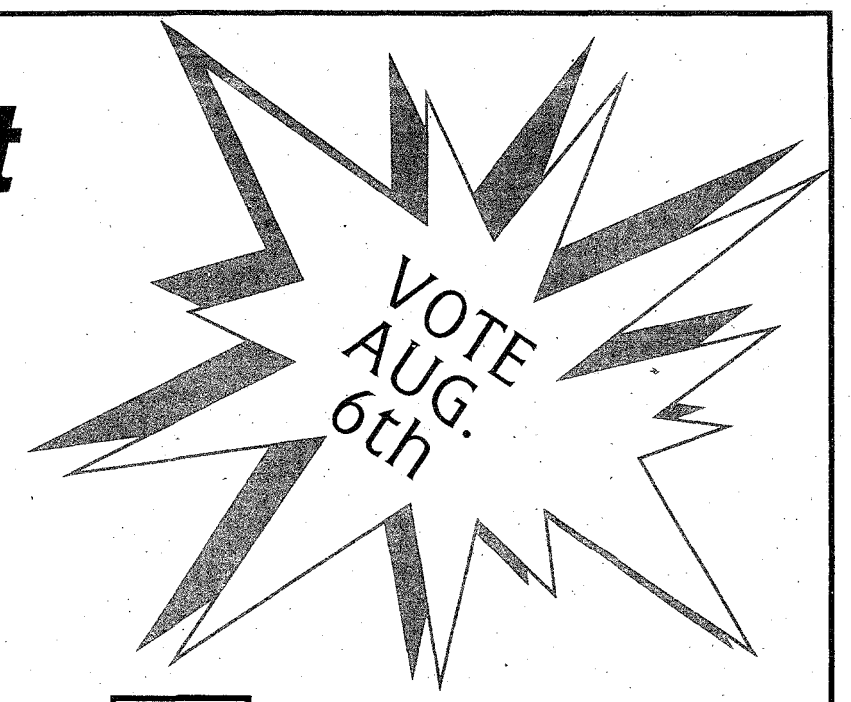
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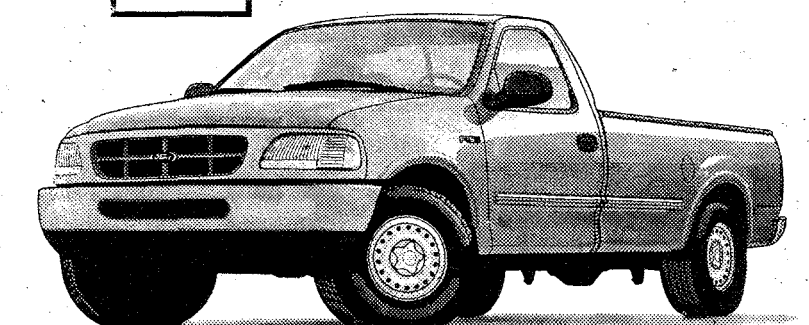


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# Community opinions

## City business owner upset over Mayflower tax break proposal

### EDITOR:

It seems ever since I voiced my opinion I struck a nerve within the Plymouth community.

I did receive a number of supporting comments, as well as only a few negative comments.

The reason I'm writing this letter is because of the tax issue. Are we missing something or what?

I always understood buying a business in bankruptcy was in itself a tax break.

Now the City wants to give the Mayflower Hotel a \$50,000 tax break, and after just receiving my summer tax bill you can imagine how I must feel as a business owner.

I read the council statement, you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't. Well give me a damn tax

break and I'll surely go along with your theory to jump start the hotel for the better of the community.

You also stated you have a clause for the right for first refusal if the hotel goes under. I doubt if that would ever hold up in a court of law, and gentlemen, the last thing the City of Plymouth wants to do is go into the hotel business. The banks will agree to that.

In answer to Mrs. Driscoll, I only have to say I cherish my role of being Mr. Cozy, the husband of the lovely Mrs. Cozy. I would also enjoy sitting down one day over coffee with Mrs. Driscoll, and maybe, just maybe, enlighten each other over different issues that effect our community.

Hope to hear from all of you soon.

NICK RISTICH

## Brooks best for Twp. treasurer

### EDITOR:

Ron Edwards, in his campaign brochure for Plymouth Township Treasurer, under the heading "Facts" made several serious allegations about the performance of our current treasurer, Mary Brooks, largely based on a report from an outside auditing firm. Mr. Dave Fisher, a principal of the auditing firm, was contacted a week after the report was made public and he downplayed it. "I don't think it's that serious," he said. "That was just a suggestion." Should we believe Mr. Fisher or Mr. Edwards?

At the Trustee's May 7 meeting, Mrs. Brooks moved a resolution to implement the Auditors' recommended changes and it was unanimously approved. These changes, together with improvements to the computer programs, will enable the treasurer to operate her office in an efficient manner.

Mr. Edwards' campaign brochure lists the "Issues" as "Financial Responsibility, Family Responsibility, Cultural, Recreational and Taxpayer Confidence." With the exception of Financial Responsibility, the issues listed are not primarily our treasurer's responsibility. Apparently, Mr. Edwards is confused about this matter.

Ron Edwards is a self-employed, certified public accountant in private practice. Will he continue to accept and perform duties not related to Plymouth Township, and be a part-time Township Treasurer?

Residents of Plymouth Township are fortunate to have a very capable

group of people in charge of Township business. They have put a lid on expenses and consistently improved services. As a result, we enjoy substantially lower taxes than our neighboring communities. It is in our best interest to keep this team intact.

## Better use of existing classrooms needed, not new district schools

### EDITOR:

We are in the middle of summer. Our kids are home with nothing to do. Their schools are empty except for a few maintenance workers who fix the occasional leaky roof. Their teachers and administrators are relaxing at their northern cottages or just puttering around the house.

The voices that demand more tax money for more school buildings are quiet. This fall, when those voices rise again, let's not forget these lazy days of summer when the school buildings sat empty. In fact, our public school buildings are often empty. When you compare the current 181 day school year to the total number of normal working days in a year (250), we can see that we're only using 72 percent of our classroom capacity. In a competitive business environment, we would not consider investing in additional buildings when the existing ones are only used 72 percent of the time.

The "boom" in the projected student population of Plymouth-Canton Schools is a temporary result of rapid growth in new housing in

Mary Brooks is the best candidate. She is qualified, capable, experienced and honest. VOTE for her and we will continue to enjoy the good things we are accustomed to under the present administration.

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Canton and the fact that the children of the "Baby Boom" generation are moving through the system.

Let's not find ourselves in a few years like some of our neighboring cities who are closing schools while still paying off the bonds that built them. Let's give serious consideration to using the existing buildings year-round until the "boom" subsides.

Our children will already be paying for the multi-million dollar technology bonds that give us big screen T.V.'s (that rarely work) hanging from the ceilings of every classroom and lots of computers that are already obsolete. Let's not also saddle the next generation with boarded up school buildings and even higher taxes.

The additional costs of keeping the existing schools open year-round is far less than the cost of building new schools and hiring the additional staff needed to run them. Let's make better use of our existing classroom, administration and teaching resources before asking taxpayers for more money.

ROBERT WELCH

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# Upcoming...

**OLD TIMERS PICNIC**

Aug. 29 at Plymouth Township Park, beginning at noon. For reservations, call Russ Ash at 453-2649 or Howdy Schryer at 453-0114.

**CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FLEA MARKET**

The second annual flea market will be held Aug. 17. The deadline for applications to rent spaces is Aug. 1. \$15 for each 10 foot x 10 foot space. For more information, call Mary at 455-6145 or Joan at 453-5231.

**FUND-RAISING SALE FOR CANTON TEAM**

The P and P Dance Centre competition team is holding a fund-raising sale Saturday and Sunday at 248 Main St. in Belleville from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Designer and brand name clothes, shoes, tapes, cd's, books and games. For more information, call 313-697-6110.

**GETTYSBURG HISTORICAL TOUR**

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering a trip to historical Gettysburg, PA Sept 30 to Oct. 3. The tour will be led by Civil War historian and teacher Bob Zaetta. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two full days at Gettysburg. For information and reservations, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at 455-8940.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO**

Play begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Venoy in Westland. Proceeds go to the general fund to support Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League. For more information, call 453-2040 or 326-3344.

**BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP**

Grancare Hospice is co-sponsoring with First Presbyterian Church of Northville a grief workshop beginning Monday from 7:30-9 p.m. Six weekly sessions. Discussion on topics relating to grief and loss. Facilitated by a professional. Held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St. Pre-registration is required, call Joan at 432-6565, ext. 114.

**CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the south pavilion of Heritage Park in Canton. A picnic and barbecue will immediately follow the service. Games. Dress casual. Bring lawn chairs, baseball gloves, rollerblades, etc. For additional information, call 397-0246.

**PARENTS DAY OUT PROGRAM**

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth is exploring the possibility of beginning a Parents Day Out Program, a baby sitting service for properly registered children. The purpose of PDO is to provide a safe, educational environment while parents attend to personal business. Age appropriate classes from birth to kindergarten. Same calendar year as P-C Schools. If interested, call 453-5280

**THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERTS**

Tomorrow night, free outdoor concerts in Kellogg Park, until July 25 at 8 p.m. Variety of music. All performances are free to the public.

**NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR LIBRARY BOARD**

Nominating petitions are available at the clerk's office of the City and Plymouth Township for candidates to the Plymouth Library Board in the general election Nov. 5. Three trustee seats are open. Nominees must be 18 and a resident of Plymouth. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. tomorrow.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**

Antioch A.D. 49. Register now for vacation bible study. Monday through July 26 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. For more information, call 453-5280.

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL EXHIBIT**

"Plymouth-Canton Collects" will be on display until October 27 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Judge Ron Lowe, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and West Middle School Principal Judie Stone are among the many contributors. Admission is \$2; 50 cents for children. For more information, call 455-8940.

**PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

# Health...

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS**

Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

**OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS**

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# Schools...

### GED TESTING

Offered through the Plymouth-Canton Community Educational Department Aug. 6 and Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 5-10 p.m. The test will be held at the Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, in Plymouth. Registration fee is \$25. Register in advance. For more information, call 416-4901.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., "The Jesus Expedition" for ages three to 11. Make discoveries about Jesus through his miracles and visit a different site each day.

### YOUNG MOMENTS PRESCHOOL

Fall 1996 vacancies for four-year-old girls in our afternoon classes (M-W-F 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; T-TH 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Children must be four-years-old by Sept. 1. For more information, call 453-3020 or 451-1895.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DAY CHANGED

Beginning next month, regular meetings of the Plymouth-Canton School Board will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. (except on the fourth Tuesday in December and the fourth Tuesday in May) at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 Harvey St. in downtown Plymouth. During the school year, fourth Tuesday meetings may be moved to school sites.

### CANTON/SALEM FIVE YEAR CLASS REUNION

Aug. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations required. For more information, call 981-4072 or 453-3683.

### ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Nov. 1 is the deadline for men and women between the ages of 17 and 22 (by July 1996) to submit applications to one of the U.S. Service Academies to U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers. Application forms and full information may be obtained by writing Congresswoman Rivers, 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI 48184. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried and legal residents of the 13th District.

### FREE SUMMER SESSION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The P-C Schools Infant and Preschool Special Education Program is providing free summer services to parents of special needs children. Infants to five-years-old. Aug. 15 session. For more information, call 420-7001.

### NEW KIDDIE CREW PROGRAM

Preschool activities for three-year-olds. Registration will begin on a first come, first serve basis Aug. 5 at Canton High School in the Community Education office. For more information on requirements, call 416-2937.

### SALVATION ARMY-TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

Tiny Tots preschool-Salvation Army are taking applications for the fall 1996 school year. It's a four-year-old program. Must be four-years-old by December 1. For more information, call Peggy at 459-1358.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL DAY CLASSES

Discovery Day classes. There are many classes to choose from, all with an emphasis on hands-on activities. Ages three to 11. Twelve students, one teacher and one parent aide per class. For more information, call 420-3331

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

### CLASS OF 1976/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 10 at the Novi Hilton. Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6010. Call 886-0770.

### CLASS OF 1976/CANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia at Six Mile Road and I-275. For more information: Canton Class of 1976, P.O. Box 461, South Lyon, MI 48178.

# Groups...

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-Up Club meeting will be held Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church on Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center roads. Guests and new members are welcome. For further information, call 459-4091.

### PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS

Order your 1997 book. All proceeds go to children's causes. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Bill at 453-8253 or Ken at 728-7619.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Two-for-One" early bird presale of 1997 Entertainment books. To order the \$40 books, supporting the PCC's work, and get a free 1996 Entertainment book, call Stan 459-6829.

### PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### EDWARD J. PEPER

Edward J. Peper, a Plymouth Township resident, died July 17, 1996 at the age of 75.

He was born Oct. 2, 1920 in Schenectady, NY. He was a retired automobile manager for Cadillac Motor Car and was known as a "Cadillac Man." He retired from Cadillac in 1984 after 34 years of dedicated service. He married his wife, Patricia, a secretary at Cadillac, shortly after joining the company. Four of their five sons would eventually work for Cadillac. He came to the Detroit community in 1940 from Columbia, MO. He was an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth and Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. He was an active member and volunteer of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and Right to Life of Michigan. He was a W.W. II veteran and saw active combat duty in the Pacific. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1950 from then-President Harry Truman. He was a life-long sports enthusiast. He once interviewed baseball legend Babe Ruth for his high school newspaper. He previously overcame a massive heart attack in 1959 and lung cancer in 1977.

Mr. Peper is survived by his wife, Patricia Peper; sons, Joseph (Grace) Peper of Plymouth, Daniel Peper of Plymouth, John Peper of Plymouth, Edward (Pamela) Peper, Jr. of Aurora, IL, and William (Sharon) Peper of Warren; sisters, Alice (Ken) Reas and Rita (Vincent) Miller; brother, William (Mary Pat) Targett; sister-in-law, Regina Peper; grandchildren,

Kelly, Anne and Joey; and many nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother, Denis Peper; and sisters, Mary Gargan and Harriet O'Connor.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. Robert McCabe officiating. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society, c/o Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1160 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170 or Right to Life of Michigan, 24320 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

### HERMANN BALLMERT

Hermann Ballmert, a Westland resident, died July 18, 1996 at the age of 82.

Mr. Ballmert was born April 18, 1914 in Frankfurt, Germany. He worked as a production engineer and General Motors for 18 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of the German Male Choir and of the German-American Cultural Center.

He is survived by his wife, Gerta Affeldt; daughters, Brigitte (Ron) Hassert of Slidell, LA and Ingrid (Neil) Sendelbach of Plymouth; sister, Adolfine Eymmer of Woodstock, IL; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. James Skimins of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

### MARTHA D. JENKINS

Martha D. Jenkins, a Plymouth Township resident, died July 17, 1996 at the age of 54.

Mrs. Jenkins was born April 15, 1942 in Fort Jackson, SC. She worked as a sewing machine operator for General Motors.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Jenkins; daughters, Wanda Lockard of Plymouth, Kimberly Lynn (James) Odien of Farmington Hills, Rebecca Charlene Jenkins of Canton and Kristie Raquel (Jeffrey) Cruse of Taylor; son, Lawrence Dale Jenkins of Farmington Hills; brothers, Turner Lee McFarland of Tennessee, Dale Kendall McFarland of Plymouth, Charles Wayne McFarland of Plymouth and Billy Harold McFarland of Canton; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Eric N. Moore of the Canton Community Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1642.

### Geraldine F. Kirby, 61, registered nurse

Geraldine F. Kirby, a Plymouth resident, died July 14, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Bruce Kirby of Plymouth; two sons; one daughter; one sister; and one grandson.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. James Skimins officiating.

### James W. Robertson, 72, estimator

James W. Robertson, a Canton resident, died July 9, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Robertson and one sister.

Services were held at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church with Fr. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

### James P. McCarthy, 62, sales manager

James P. McCarthy, a Canton resident, died July 16, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Karen A. McCarthy; one daughter; one sister; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

### Burt C. Pugh, 90, clay molder

Burt C. Pugh, a Canton resident, died July 14, 1996.

He is survived by one daughter; one son; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with Homer R. Pugh officiating.



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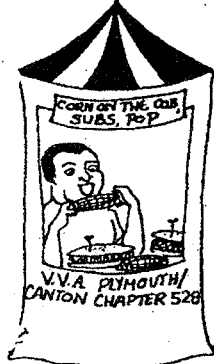
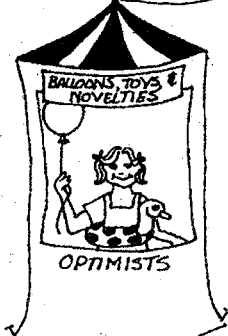
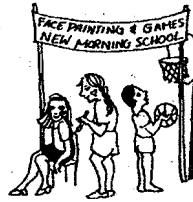
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## Community opinions

### Facts confused in school board candidate article

**EDITOR:**

I would like to correct a few points made in your introduction to the school board candidates article (April 10, 1996).

First, I was not "almost a candidate last year," I was a candidate last year. The 986 other people that voted for me would be dismayed to think that they had wasted their votes on a non-candidate.

Second, I was not "indecisive about running for the board," at all. I do not consider it indecisive to ensure that my priorities can be rearranged, when necessary, in order to

be an effective board member. I carefully considered all factors and did not lightly enter this race.

Third, my "busy schedule" already includes attending school board meetings, as I have regularly attended almost all of the meetings since December 1994 and occasionally before then.

The only adjustment to my schedule, if I am elected, would be to stay at each board meeting a while longer for the (closed-to-the-public) executive session that normally occurs at the end of each meeting.

JEFFREY M. PHILLIPS

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## Sports

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Plymouth Township resident Steve Savastino captained and played in the 3v3 soccer tournament held July 13 and 14 at Birmingham Groves High School. His team won the over-30 men's division, which allows them qualification to the Nationals in Denver on Aug. 3 and 4. There are more than 900 teams registered to play in that tournament.

This fourth annual tournament is held in every state each month during the summer months. Steve coaches soccer for his son's U-6 team in the Plymouth Parks and Recreation league.

Registration is underway for the Plymouth Community Family YMCA's "Y" Kids 1996-97 preschool year.

Classes for three-year-olds will run every Tuesday and Thursday from either 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. (you choose either time). With full (family or youth) membership a yearly fee is \$420 and with program membership a yearly fee is \$620. Both prices may be split into monthly payments of \$42 or \$62.

Classes for four and five-year-olds will run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from either 9:15-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:45 p.m. (you choose either time). With full membership a yearly fee is \$630 and with program membership a yearly fee is \$930.

Full membership for family is \$54 and youth is \$36. Individual program membership is \$10. A \$15 registration fee per child will be charged.

The Plymouth YMCA office will be closed Aug. 26 through Sept. 2. They will re-open on Sept. 3. YMCA hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Hilltop Junior Golf Tournament will be taking place a week from today at the Hilltop Golf Course on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck Road.

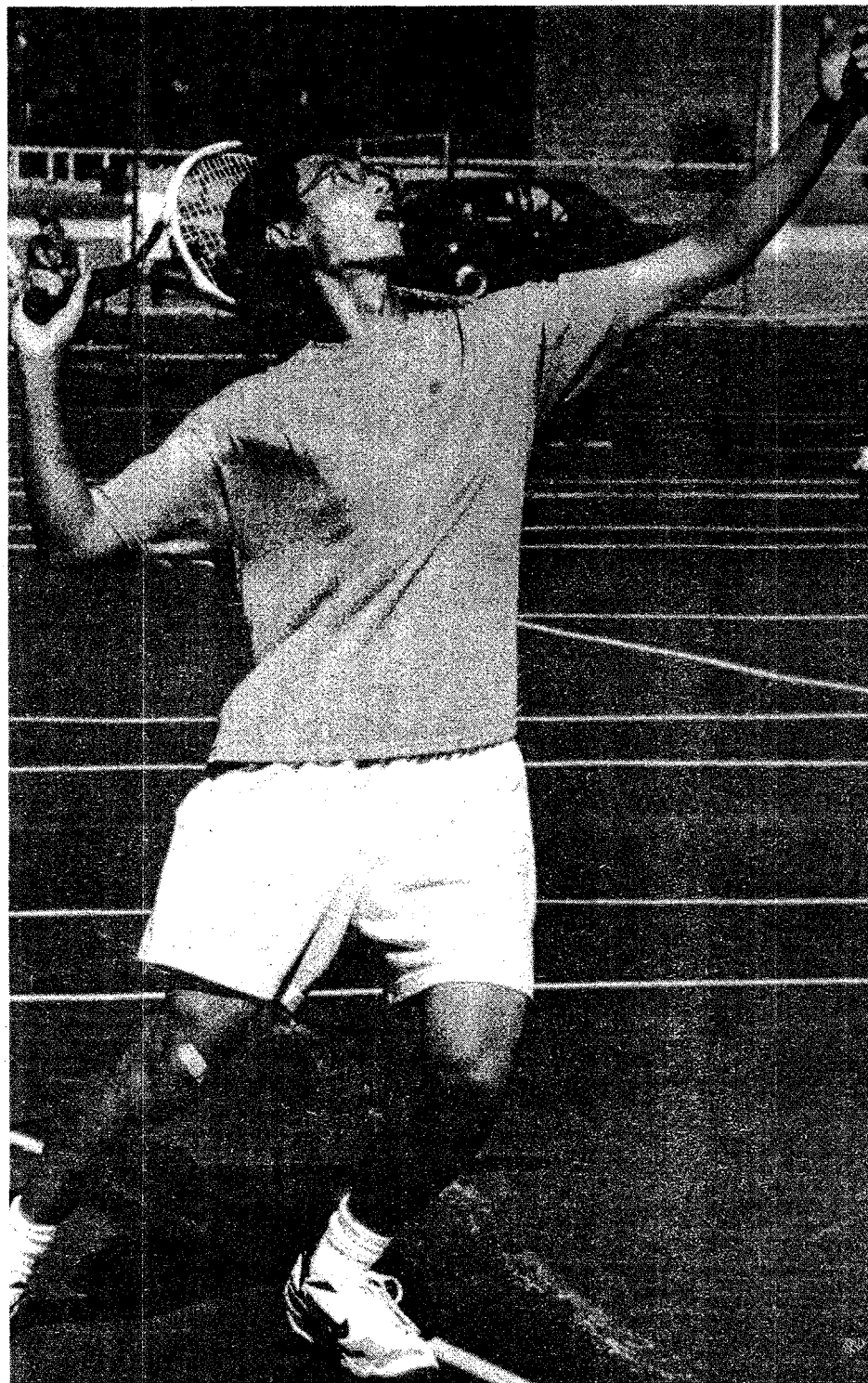
The tournament is open to all junior golfers in the Plymouth-Canton area with golfers 9-12 years old playing nine holes and golfers 13-18 years of age playing 18 holes. Check-in is at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament begins at 8 a.m. There is an entry fee of \$15, payable to the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Office at Canton High School.

All players will receive a tee prize, competition for closest to the pin and longest drive. Awards will be given to the champion and runner-up in each age division. The deadline is this Monday and the tournament director is

Please see pg. 27

# Tennis titans clash

Larry Chen was just one of the many to take part in the Canton-Plymouth open singles tennis tournament sponsored by The Community Crier and the Plymouth and Canton parks and recreation departments. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



## Tournament returns to Plymouth-Canton Community

These are the results from the Canton/Plymouth/Crier Tennis Tournament that took place last weekend at the PCEP tennis courts.

In the boys 10 years and under division, Michael Ware defeated Phillip Lake by the scores of 6-1, 6-1.

In the boys 14 years and under division, Richard Ikeh defeated Todd Schmalhurst by the scores of 6-0, 6-1.

In the boys 18 years and under division, Vinnie Ikeh defeated Corey Krabill by the scores of 6-1, 7-5.

In the Mens Open, Mike McCormick defeated Bill Sayed by the scores of 7-6, 6-2.

In the Mens 40 years to 50 years division, Jack Brandmill defeated Ivo Drury by the scores of 6-3, 6-2.

Ryan Plecha gets ready for a serve during the tennis tournament. Weather is ideal and competition tough as the best area tennis players took to the courts. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



# Sports



## Sports shorts

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Salem golf coach Rick Wilson.

**Ladies Fall Golf Leagues** begin the week of Aug. 26 at the Oasis Golf Center. The leagues run for eight weeks on weekday evenings and Wednesday mornings. There are beginner and intermediate levels of play available. They will be followed by a banquet at Italian American Center. For more information or to reserve a tee-time, call 420-4653.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by Blackwell Ford, is holding their **Annual Golf Classic** on Sept. 10 (rain date is Sept. 17) at the Fox Hills Country Club. Check-in is at 9 a.m. and teeing off will begin at 10 a.m.

Individual tickets will cost \$175, a twosome sponsor is \$440, a foursome sponsor is \$600 and dinner is \$50. Sponsor includes tickets for golf, cart rental, meals, open bar, refreshments, sponsor prize and a sponsor sign. All tickets are available after Aug. 9 on a first-come, first-serve basis. All guests will have a chance to win 1996-97 season tickets for two to Plymouth's new minor league hockey team, the Whalers. Call 453-1540 for more information.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding its **Annual Golf Outing** on Aug. 13. Check-in time will begin at 7:30 a.m. and registration will be limited to the first 144 golfers. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., a scramble format and the entry fee will include continental breakfast, lunch and 18 holes of golf.

Outing chairman Mike Gerou and his committee have been busy securing a wide variety of prizes and surprises. If a company would like to sponsor a hole or an event, call the chamber office. For more information, call 453-4040.

The City of Plymouth, in cooperation with Bianci Tours, is offering the following day trip.

The **Boot Scootin' Boogie** will take place on July 30 at a cost of \$36 for City residents and \$37 for non-residents. The trip includes the following: round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach to Perrysburg, OH, Libby Glass Factory Outlet Store, a "Western style" Cowboy buffet picnic at the DC Entertainment Complex, line dance instruction and a souvenir memento. For more information, call 455-6620.

## Take your chip of public courses

BY MATT HUCAL

Despite the opening of the highly touted Pheasant Run Golf Course, the two other government owned courses in the area — Hilltop and Fellows Creek — seem to have not been greatly affected.

It's been a year since the Pheasant Run course at the Summit on the Park began catering to golfers of all skill levels, and the public response has been very good, if not great. Fellows Creek, also in Canton, and Hilltop in Plymouth, know their courses may not be as competitive as Pheasant Run. But they think they offer a lot to the Canton resident golfers, and have dealt with their Pheasant's opening pretty smoothly.

Pheasant Run, along with the Summit building, has become a main attraction to residents of Canton and non-residents alike.

"We've had a really good response and we're doing approximately how we expected," said Paul Simpson, the Pheasant Run assistant golf professional. "Word is getting around the area about the course and business continues to pick up."

Everything has been up and running since the beginning of the year when the grill was opened, the final piece of the Pheasant Run puzzle being put in place.

Meanwhile, Hilltop has gone through some changes in the last year as American Golf took over the lease and operations on February 27. Their general manager and superintendent positions were replaced and renovations and upkeep have been ongoing.

"We haven't been open long enough to tell the effect (of Pheasant's opening)," said Hilltop General Manager Paula Ball, "but we have been improving and providing quality customer service."

Hilltop's new management has been

running long enough to begin work on new cart paths, tee markers, ball washers, new bunkers and drainage.

Fellows Creek is a course that's been chugging along without any changes in the last 10 years, and even with the opening of Pheasant Run, Course Supervisor Steve Mayo said that on a day-to-day basis, nothing has changed.

"Right now I don't think we're in the same arena in quality of courses as they (Pheasant Run) are," Mayo said. "We're

not the same type of course. We like to give the average golfer the country club feel, so I think we're here for the average Canton resident."

One of the main reasons the effect of Pheasant's opening has been minimal is the fact that Fellows Creek and Hilltop holds leagues from Monday to Friday every week.

Meanwhile, Pheasant Run wants to provide open tee time for non-league golfers.

## Special Olympics set for Canton Softball Center

Softball and golf fans are in for some exciting competition when Special Olympics athletes from all over Michigan gather at the Canton Softball Center and Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti for the Third Annual Summer Sports Classic on Aug. 2 and 3. The two day event is hosted by the Wayne Civitan Club. Teams train and compete in local programs before advancing to the state tournament.

Fifty-four softball teams will be at the Canton Softball Center for screening starting at 10 a.m. and competition begins at 6 p.m. on Aug. 2. The golf competition takes place at Pine View Golf Course beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 2. Golfers and softball players will attend Opening Ceremonies at Canton Softball Center Field 12 starting at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 2, followed by the Victory Dance at U.A.W. Hall 735. More softball competition begins at 8 a.m. on Aug. 3, concluding at 3:15 p.m. with the Closing Ceremonies.

A total of 827 athletes with mental retardation will participate in the event. In addition to the 54 teams competing in the softball tournament, 56 athletes will take part in individual softball skills. Forty-six golfers will be involved in individual golf skills, while 14 golfers will compete in nine hole golf.

The Summer Sports Classic features Unified Sports competition in both golf and softball. Unified sports is an innovative program that pairs an equal number of athletes with and without mental retardation on the same team to promote friendship and acceptance on and off the playing field. There will be five Unified softball teams and 22 Unified golf teams in this year's Summer Sports Classic.

Come out and cheer on Special Olympics athletes as they give their best, competing in softball and golf in this exciting state tournament. Michigan Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities. It is headquartered on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. For more information about the Summer Classic or Michigan Special Olympics, call 1-800-644-6404.

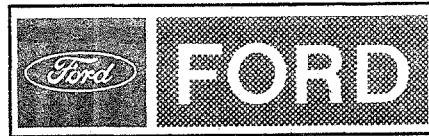
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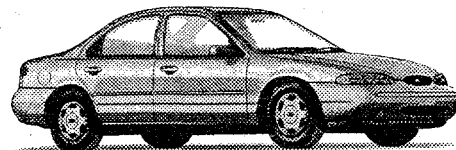
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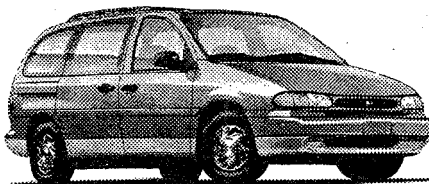
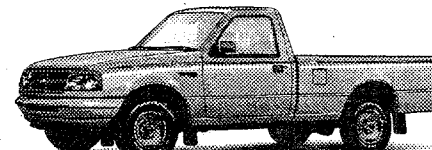
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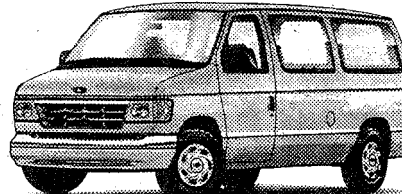
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