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Six run for three seats



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BY SCOTT SPIELMAN
Six members of the Plymouth-Canton

YOUR

COUNTS IN

Community have filed for three school board trustee positions opening in the June 8 election.

Canton residents Sue Davis, Richard Ham-Kucharski and Sheila Friedrich along with Plymouth City resident Tim

Greenhoot and Plymouth Township residents Judy Mardigian and Darwin Watts comprise the field.

The seats opening seats belonged to Jack Farrow, who resigned from the board in early March; Mark Horvath and Sue

Davis and Mardigian, who was appointed to fill Farrow's seat, are the only incumbents reseeking seats, but all candidates have some

experience that could benefit the board.

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Mayflower: no plan yet

Plymouth District Library

Karmos negotiating with real estate developer

BY BRYON MARTIN

It's been six months; time for an update. Mayflower developers Matt and Keith Karmo said they haven't yet decided what they're going to do with the hotel, but a second party may join the project.

At a meeting Thursday, Matt Karmo told a group of downtown Plymouth landlords that negotiations have taken place over the last four months to get "a major Michigan real estate developer to team up" on the Mayflower rennovation project.

No deal has yet been struck, Karmo said. Arrangements are under consideration, but any agreement with the developer would not change the Karmos' vision for the project.

"That was our condition," Karmo said.
"There were other developers who were interested, but we wanted someone who saw what we saw in this place."

To date, plans include tearing down the existing hotel and rebuilding it with a simi-

lar design. The new structure would include a hotel with more restaurant, retail and meeting-room space.

Bringing in another, well-heeled developer could help jump-start work at the

Originally scheduled to be complete last Sept. 30, the project has been stalled since that time.

When actual costs to refurbish the existing sturcture proved to be much greater than projected, the Karmos decided to investigate demolishing the old, quirky building and starting over outright.

Members of the landlord committee, an informal group of downtown landlords affiliated with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, underscored the hotel's importance to the city's image.

"The Mayflower is our anchor," Fred Hill said. The hotel, its restaurant and its

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City delays Skate park

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Skateboarders and in-line skaters looking for a place to go this summer may be disappointed. A proposed skate park, designed to alleviate the problem of skaters downtown may not be ready this year.

Despite a recommendation by the city-formed Skatescape Committe, the city commission delayed a decision Monday to proceed with the park. The city commission delayed the decision because the committe wanted \$5,000 for a consultant to develop plans for the park, according to Joe Koch, Plymouth City's mayor pro-tem and

chairman of the Streetscape Committee.

"They wanted more information before they committed to the funding," he said.

According to the Streetscape Committee's proposal, the 6,500-square-foot skate park would be located near the cultural center on property owned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The committee is asking the city for \$5,000 so they can get professional drawings of the facility.

"Before we go to the school, we need a detailed plan," Koch said. "Plans aren't

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COMMA, Crier offices closed to worship

The Community Crier and COMMA, will close at noon Friday to allow it's staff to observe the Easter weekend.

The offices will be open again Monday at 8 a.m. for regular business. Advertising and editorial deadlines will not change.

Society girl

Canton girl's birthday party sparks a very human donation See Friends & Neighbors pg. 6

Bread men

Breadsmith is coming to town, six-ton oven and all See Getting Down to Business pg. 10

One win away

Whalers drop two-in-a-row after 3-0 series start against Belleville See Sports pgs. 23-25

Skate park on hold

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cheap. But in reality, I don't think it will cost more than \$1,500."

If the committee were to obtain approval from the schools, they could begin looking for funds to finance the project. According to Koch, those funds would come mostly from grants, other communities, and private businesses, not the city.

"I'll be upset if (the city) doesn't proceed," Koch said. "It's a good project for the community. We need something like this."

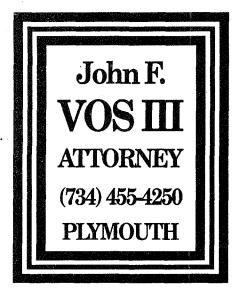
Koch blames the hold-up on commis-

sioners that didn't have anything to do with last year's youth task force.

"They want to crack down on the ordinances (designed to keep skateboarders out of downtown), but they don't want to provide a place to go," he said. "It's not fair to the kids."

Officially, the decision to move forward was delayed only to tomorrow's budget meeting. But, according to Koch, it could easily be pushed out further.

"It's important that we get going on this," he said. "Otherwise this spring and summer, (the skaters) will be out there again, and businesses downtown will be complaining.'









Library director Pat Thomas prepares for the Dunning Hough Library's big move this month. The library will be closed until the new building's grand opening April 26. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Library set to move

Tickets on sale for grand opening party

Saturday, April 25, The Friends of the Library will host a gala opening night party, "The Tradition Continues", to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Plymouth District

This black tie optional event will include appetizers, champagne, and a within-thelibrary-scavenger-hunt. The scavenger hunt is to acquaint everyone with all the innovations in our new building. Guests will celebrate from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. A Sax Quartet made

up of Carrie Fry, Steve McGuire, Aaron Shehon and Lisa Reissenwebeer will provide background music throughout the evening.

Tickets will be available at The Little Professor on the Park, at a cost of twenty five dollars per person, or by calling 453-7432. Those who donate five hundred dollars, or more, to the library will receive to complementary tickets to the party. Only two hundred tickets will be available. Ticket sales tickets will end on April 18

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Fire station nearly complete

Fire station one about three months behind schedule, contractor fined

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The good news is it's still under budget. The bad news is Canton's new fire station number one, located at Canton Center and Proctor Roads is about three months behind schedule, according to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

That may turn out to be bad news for the contractor as well, Rorabacher said.

According to Rorabacher, under an agreement in the contract, Jenkins Construction will be charged as much as \$250 for each day the project remains behind schedule, sdating back to Jan 1.

The station is nearly completed, and the township could occupy it as early as next month, he said.

"We still have to make a note of everything that's wrong and have those things corrected," he said. "The parking lot has to be completed and the landscaping has to be done, too. We're pretty close." he said.

The fire station broke ground early in 1997, and was projected to be completed by Jan. 1, 1998, Rorabacher said. At a cost of about \$2 million for the building and \$1.5 million for additional improvements such as paving Proctor Road and installing a traffic light, the station was to replace the township's 40-year-old structure at Haggerty and Canton Center roads.

The light was installed last week, and will act as an emergency light until the improvements on Proctor are completed. Then it will act as a normal traffic light.



The new fire station will replace the 40 year old structre at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads, and could be ready next month. (Crier photo by Scott SPielman.)

Rorabacher said the region's current construction climate was one of the factors that contributed to the project's slow pace.

"It's a very good market for construction right now and it's tough to get qualified builders out here," he said.

The upside is that the project is being completed, and completed well, which he credits to Municipal Service Director

Aaron Machnik's close supervision of the project. He also said that Canton Finance director Tony Minghine had a lot to do with the project remaining within budget.

'They've really watched it like hawks," he said. "The problem is they can't go out there and swing a hammer.

'Right now we just have to wait until it's done and done right, and then move

New life for Arnoldt Williams?

Groups could turn music store into community arts education center

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Just two weeks after Arnoldt Williams announced it was going out of business, Canton Township officials and community groups are looking for a way to preserve some of its programs.

Canton, along with groups such as the Canton Community Foundation and the Center for Creative studies, have met to discuss turning the facility into a community arts education center.

"We're still waiting for information from the family, but it looks like it's going to happen," said Joan Noricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation. "We're not sure of what our involvement will be yet. I'm just a part of the talking right now. We're not sure who will end up signing the lease.'

Noricks said the cost of leasing the

Arnoldt Williams building is one of the

aspects still under discussion. 'It's probably too soon to know if it's a good deal," said Supervisor Tom Yack. Tack said the cost was only one aspect of

"We're also working with a number of arts organizations to find out what their needs are and how the space would suit them," he said. "we're looking at it as a short-term approach to build a base for a potential community theater."

Organizations such as the Plymouth Symphony as well as the Center for Creative Studies could use the facility, he

The Center for Creative Studies is considering using the site as a satellite facility for visual arts education, Yack said.

The process has been sped up by the teachers at Arnoldt Williams, according to

"They've been scrambling to find a new location," Noricks said. "We have to move forward because they have a good nucleus of instructors over there and they really vant to stay together.'

Arnoldt Williams' 12 instructors currently teach about 600 students, with an additional 200 on a waiting list, Noricks said. A community education center would allow them to continue teaching inthe same place, as well as offer expanded services, she said.

'Currently there's no string program for elementary students. Their first school

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouths have each begun their curbside collection of yard waste. Grass clippings, leaves and other materials for compost will be picked up on rubbish collection day and should be set aside from trash in appropriate containers. City and township residents should use either paper yard waste bags, or reusable plastic containers marked "compost."
- Tomorrow, from 5–7 p.m. at the Water Club Seafood Grill, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will hold a membership mixer with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. \$5 per person. Call to R.S.V.P. (734) 453-1540.
- Friday, Plymouth City offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday.

NEXT WEEK

 Wednesday is the I.R.S. tax deadline. The Plymouth Post Offices on Penniman Avenue and Beck Road will extend their window hours until 6 p.m.; all mail addressed to the I.R.S. or State of Michigan received by midnight will be postmarked April 15.

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Court orders Twp. to pay jail fees

Appeal planned, fight not fruitless, Keen McCarthy says

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Plymouth Township has lost their battle with Wayne County, for now

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Rashid ruled last week that the township must pay the \$78,000 plus interest it owes the county for housing prisoners in the county jail. The ruling comes despite the township's contention that the one mill passed by county residents in 1988 should have covered all prison costs.

Earlier in the proceedings Judge Rashid ruled that the township couldn't use the millage as a defense. The township plans on appealing that ruling.

We knew we couldn't win on what we felt was the main issue," said Kathleen Keen

McCarthy, Plymouth Township Supervisor. "It turned out the way we expected."

According to McCarthy, the question of the millage was the most important aspect. "If the county showed that there were costs above and beyond what the millage paid for, then we would agree to pay for those costs," she said. "They never did that.'

The dispute dates back to the late eighties when the township first refused to pay for housing prisoners at the county jail. "We felt we were being double-dipped," Keen McCarthy said. "Why should we pay one mill to build and operate a jail, and then have to pay to send our prisoners there?"

All the other communities in the county that send prisoners to the jail have paid the extra costs. But Keen McCarthy doesn't think it's a fruitless fight. "It's an important issue for the community," she said. "I hope we stick with it."

The appeal on the millage decision could take some time, Keen McCarthy said. "They're will probably be a whole lot of nothing going on for the next two years," she said.

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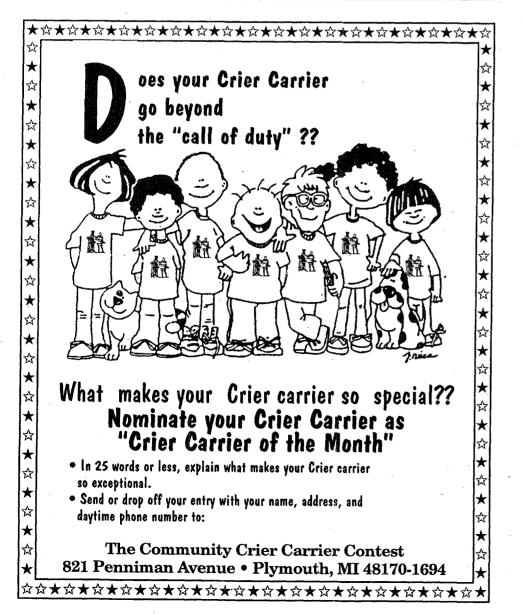


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Court waives late fees

'Limited amnesty' offered for late ticket-payers

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The 35th District Court is offering partialamnesty for people issued tickets for civil infractions prior to last year's courthouse fire, according to Court Administrator Kerry Erdman.

Erdman said until May 22 people who for one reason or another have not paid their tickets can pay only the amount of the original ticket and a \$25 fee. The fee is assessed by the Secretary of State, Erdman said.

"A lot of courts do this on a regular basis. It's just not something we had made a habit of," Erdman said."We just thought this was a good opportunity to close out some old cases."

According to Erdman the limited amnesty program is good for people who have unpaid tickets dating up to seven years old. Individuals can contact the court to pay the tickets and all court-assessed late fees will be waived, he said.

Erdman said the fire didn't affect the records of these infractions, because the court maintained a duplicate set of computer backup tapes in another location.

"A lot of people developed a false roads.

sense of security when the courthouse burned down. They thought their ticket did too," Erdman said. "But they're still very much on record. The fire didn't create those kinds of problems for us. It just took everyone a little more time to get their money in."

According to Erdman, after the ticket goes unpaid for 20 day,s, the Secretary of State assesses a \$25 clearance fee to the ticketholder. After another three to four weeks without paying the ticket the persons driver's license is suspended and they are charged an additional 20 per cent late fee.

After next month, the court will begin to step up efforts to collect unpaid tickets, such as requiring the ticket-holder to appear before a judge to show why they shouldn't be held in contempt of court, intiating tax intercepts and wage garnishes, Erdman said.

"It gets a lot more serious," he said.

Anyone wanted to take part in the limited amnesty can call the court at (734) 459-4740 or stop by the temporary courthouse at the corner of Haggerty and Plymouth roads.

Post office open late on tax day

In an effort to best serve last minute taxpayers, the Plymouth Postal Service has established extended retail services and late night pick-up services on April 15, 1998. Both Plymouth Postal Offices hours and services have been extended as follows: Penniman Station 860 Penniman Avenue between. S. Main & S. Harvey; and Plymouth Main Post Office 47526 Clipper, off Beck between. N. Territorial & Five Mile roads.

Both offices will extend their window services hours to 6:00 P.M.. Plymouth Main Post Office lobby is open 24 hours (as always), and is equipped with full service vending machines and scales.

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outward appearances are important to perceptions of a prosperous downtown, he said.

John Thomas said that for all landlords, "it's in our interest to make sure downtown is alive and well, and prosperous. Having a large property sit fallow doesn't contribute

Thomas, who said he supports the hotel's rennovation and the Karmos, said Thursday's meeting gave him the feeling that the project was "somewhere betweeen step zero and step one."

Karmo said he has hired a Plymouthbased company to study what sort of development will best suit the market and will succeed downtown, and direct the

"The study will tell us what's the best

product for the area," Karmo said. He told those present at Thursday's meeting that study findings are expected in about three

Study results can help shape the rennovation plan. With a plan—and possibliy another developer on board—the Karmos can seek financing for the project.

Until then, the hotel's fate is unknown.

'We were hoping (Karmo) was going to bring a chrome shovel and break ground again," Rick Reed, chairman of the andlord Committee, said. "But I we didn't get that sense."

Karmo said he plans to meet again with the committee and keep the community posted on the hotel's status.

"It's becoming a tradition," Karmo said. "Every six months we give an update."

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Greenhoot, a computer programmer, came to Plymouth as a contract worker for Unisys. Currently working at Nexus Software, he joined the race because he read about a lack of participation in the paper, and because he had ideas for the board, he said.

"I've been on the fringes of politics all my life," said the one-time campaign worker for Peter Defazio. "This is something I wanted to do and it seemed like the right time to do it."

Greenhoot said the board should develop guidelines for internet use in classrooms, as well as ensure that modern technology was available to students.

Davis said her desire to run was strengthened by her previous four years a as a member.

"It's taking me this long to see how things work," she said. "I think I'm more comfortable now and I know more than I did four years ago."

Davis said the overcrowding at the schools and replacing Lowell Middle School are among the biggest issues facing the schools. The Plymouth-Canton School board has lesed Lowell Middle School from Livonia for 20 years, but a redistribution of Livonia school districts means that the school won't be available after the lease is up.

"We didn't include a middle school on last year's bond because we didn't know that would happen," she said.

It's a stand shared by Mardigian. Her work with the school board has been primarily behind-the scenes, working on the Class Size Action Partnership and the Citizens Finance Committee as well as the school board's long-range plan.

With two children in the P-C system, her knowledge of the district has only increased since being appointed to the board last month.

Mardigian said along with overcrowding issues the board needs to look at ways of securing equitable funding from the state. "There's no reason other school districts should get more money just because they show up more often in Lansing," she said. "How can we be competitive if other districts with the same number of students are getting more money?"

A 1990 graduate of Salem High School, Ham-Kucharski is the youngest of all candidates. He holds a bachelor's of science in Economics from Eastern Michigan University and works as a systems analyst for EDS.

A resident since 1987 Ham-Kucharski has worked with the school board on the Goals 2000 Committee, He and Dawn, his wife, have also established the Quiller Couch Kitto technological scholarships. Named after Dawn's grandfather, the scholarship are designed to help students interested in trade or technical schools.

Future growth and available technology are among the district's biggest issues.

"We'll be out of Lowell by the year 200, and we should have a solution by then," he said.

A Canton resident for 14 years, Friedrich has worked extensively in the classroom as a hands-on mother, she said She has helped teachers in classrooms and on field-trips, and has a fourth grader at Erikson Elementary.

A motivational speaker, Friedrich counts over-crowded schools as well as school finance among the district's top concerns

"State financing of our schools is unfair," she said. "We must make state finance reform a top priority.'

Watts was another candidate to replace Farrow. A graduate of Leadership Plymouth, he and his wife have two children at Bird School.

"I'm already inherently involved because I have two sons at Bird and being on the school board is the best way I can affect community education," he said. "It's a very important issue because it effects everyone.

He believes that human relations should also be considered an improtant issue to the board, in addition to addressing overcrowding and funding. He like all other candidates stressed the importance of allowing the bond sales approved last year to proceed.

"It really needs to happen," he said.



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EASTER SUNDAY: 8:30am Mass &10:30am Masses - Church & Social Hall

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Aaron M. Gallogly and John Sannar of Northville; and Timothy P. Hannon and Eric C. Varney of Plymouth have qualified for the 1998 State Geography Bee.

Sponosored by the National Geographic Society, the competition was held at Central Michigan University.

Army Pvt. Phillip N. Jeffers, son of Debra M. Norman and Phillip W. Jeffers, both of Canton, has arrived for duty at Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

A 1997 graduate of Salem High School, Jeffers is a rifleman assigned to the Alpha Company Commanderin-Chiefs Guard, 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard). He performs ceremonial duties of national and international importance and act as the Army's official escort to the President.

Paul Justice, son of Michael J. and Lorraine Justice of Canton, has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Westland.

A 1997 graduate of Salem High School, Justice will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, GA for basic training in June.

Marine Cpl. David C. Smith, son of Linda C. Drury of Canton, recently returned to his home base of Camp Pendleton, CA after a six month deployment to the Western Pacific; Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). He is a 1993 graduate of Canton High School.

The following students from Canton were named to the President's List at Walsh College, signifying a 3.75 GPA for the fall 1997 semester: Daniella Sugg, Dawn DeBarr, Kurt Wilhelm, Lila Gould, Lynn Cannon, Michael DeBarr, Reid Cameron, Richard Florence, Shelley Schroeter, and Therese Tyler; from Northville: David Armstrong, Debra Kirar, and Paul Karam; and from Plymouth: Kevin Lipp, Tammy Croxall, and Terry Hoffman. Named to the Dean's List were Canton's Laurie Demers, Michael Hackman, Scott Kemp, George Krinke, Avinash Patel, Joseph Stevens, Jeff Vergolini; Northville's Laura Casey, Janet Evans, Pamela Fleischer, Kirk Mackinder, Kevin Patmore; and Plymouth's Steven Everson, Heidi Lipp, Jacqueline Pascarella, Christopher Petersen.

Society girl

Canton girl's birthday party sparks a very humane donation

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When seven-year-old Elyse Ringer invited her friends and classmates to her birthday party, she asked them to bring dog treats and pet toys.

It wasn't to feed or amuse Ringer's own pets — the fourth grade Plymouth Christian student's companions range from stuffed rabbits and pigs to beanie babies.

And it wasn't because she was expecting a puppy for her birthday; her father had made no such promises.

It was because Elyse wanted to donate the items to the Michigan Human Society.

"It's because I really like cats and dogs," she said.

According to her father, Joe, Elyse originally heard of the idea from a classmate at Plymouth Christian.

"A girl in her class had donated some things from her birthday party to a shelter for abused women," he said. "We asked her if she wanted to do something like that and she said she did, but for animals.

"We gave her the choice, but it was her idea," he added.

Elyse held the party for 10 friends at Canton's Skatin' Station. They supplied the pizza and cake, and her friends — informed about the donation by a flyer the Ringers made up — supplied the pet treats and toys.



Elyse Ringer (right, with some of her fuzzy friends) wanted to do something different for her birthday, like donate her presents to animals. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Volunteers at the shelter were so surprised they gave her a tour of the facility, according to Joe. After meeting, greeting and feeding many of the shelter's animals, Elyse was allowed to take a dalmation for a walk and posed for a picture with her.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "I like dogs the best."

It wasn't her first experience with animals. A lover of them all her life, Elyse remembers fondly a day spent feeding animals at a petting zoo in Australia.

Well, almost feeding them. The kangaroo needed a little help.

"I put the bag of food in front of his face, but he chewed up the bag and all the food fell out," she said.

Elyse said she enjoyed her experience and would donate her presents next year, too.

"It gets to a point where you have to ask how many toys do you need?" Joe said. "I think it'd be great if a lot more kids did this."

Ward sponsors 'run with a mision'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Ward Presbyterian has barely settled into its new facility, and they are already gearing up for a fundraiser.

Dubbed the 'Run With a Mission,' the Eagle Run Classic is the 14th annual fundraiser the church has used to raise funds for the Detroit Rescue Mission, according to Paul Cloud, minister of single adults at Ward.

"It started out with a group of people into running," Cloud said. "We thought that if we got together as a group we could make a serious difference."

Although the goal of the first Eagle Run was to raise money to fight world hunger, Cloud said the run's mission had grown more specific over the years. Funds raised are now donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Set for Saturday, May 9, the run will take place in Maybury State Park, as it has for the previous 13 years, Cloud said. It will feature a 5K and a 10K run as well as a one-mile fun run/walk, Cloud said.

run/walk, Cloud said.

In addition to the runs, which start at 10 and 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., the fundraiser will also feature clowns, puppet

shows as well as music. The church will also provide a picnic

lunch for an additional \$2, Cloud said.

"It's open to everybody. We try to encourage people to come out even if they don't want to run," he said.

Cloud said about 200 volunteers help out for the run, with some church members rising at five or six a.m. to begin setting up for the fundraiser, others cooking breakfast, and still more volunteers helping to clean up afterwards. It's a long day, but Cloud said it's just another example of how the congregation pulls together.

"They really believe in what they're doing," he said. "Plus they all enjoy working with each other."

Cloud said he hopes that the church's new facility at Six Mile and Haggerty roads will one day accommodate the Eagle Run, so they won't have to use the park facilities.

"They've been very co-operative and it's a good place to run because you don't have to worry about traffic," he said. "But there are a lot of hills there and a lot of people don't do that kind of thing when they're out on their normal jogs."

Entrance fees for the 5K and 10K races are \$7, while the one-mile fun run is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information call (313) 422-1854.

Music conservatory set for Plymouth this summer

Set for July 6-17, Jammin' in July would take up where middle school leaves off

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

This summer, the halls of CEP will be alive with music.

CEP's Phase III will be the sight of the P-C-N's first ever music conservatory, according to Jeff Myers, director of the newly-formed Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory.

Myers founded the conservatory because it embodies two things he's familiar with: teaching music and Plymouth. A 1982 graduate of Salem High School, Meyers grew up in the area.

He also teaches part-time at the school and gives special trumpet seminars to stu-

"When I was in high school there were lots of opportunities to explore music," he

said. "Now there are not as many, and they get to high school because there's not It's not about sitting around and rehearsing that's unfortunate because they are a lot of talented kids around here.

The conservatory will kick off this year as Jammin' in July, a two-week junior high summer music day camp, according to Myers. The camp will be open to middle school students, but the program will expand every year and eventually include high school students, college students and other arts like dance, music composition, drawing and other visual arts.

This year's conservatory is aimed at bridging the gap between middle school and high school music levels, Myers said.

"There are a lot more people in band in junior high than in high school," Myers said. "You lose a huge portion by the time enough initial support for the students. That's what this is all about."

Myers has assembled a staff of musicians from such organizations as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops, the Pittsburgh Symphony and the New York Philharmonic, he said. In fact, all of the instructors are either currently perform-

ing professionally on their instrument or have in the past. Myers, who will conduct the trumpet portion of the program, has played Symphony Orchestra Washington DC and the U.S. Army Presidents band.

Jammin' in July will be open to about 300 kids, he said. The kidswill be separated into sections based on what instrument they will play and from there broken down into private lessons, because everyone plays their instrument differently, Myers

Each student will spend about 40 or 50 minutes with one-on-one instruction with their teacher, and at the end of the day all the students will rehearse together, Myers

"It's geared around making music fun.

the same thing and being bored."

The day camps will also offer music theory classes and music appreciation classes. Teachers will play period music, such as classical, blues or Motown, and ask the students to write about what they think of the music.

The Jammin' in July program has all

advantages of firstrate music conservatory and more, according to Myers. With its proximity to town, students don't have to stay away from home overnight. Parents won't have to worry about a long drive to bring their children to the camp

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either, he said.

"We've had a pretty good response so far." Myers said. If he receives more more students than he anticipates Myers said he plans on hiring more teachers to protect the low student-teacher ratio.

"That's really the key to it. We want to make this successful and that means doing everything at 150 per cent, not secondrate," he said.

For more information about joining Jammin' in July, call (734) 254-0730.

Arts center discussed

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exposure comes at sixth grade and to take advantage of that they have to be bussed to the high school," she said. "The orchestra is less efective because there is less and less students involved.

The arts center could supply that needed link, and take heat off the schools, which have a hard time provding all the services to the students, Noricks said.

"There's a high demand here, and if we

can meet it this way, it's a win-win situation," Noricks said.

Canton should have an estimate of what it would cost to lease the facility by the end of the week, according to Yack. If the township is involved in the lease, a resolution could go before the Township Board within a month, he said.

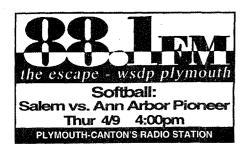
'It all comes back to economics," Yack said. "If the numbers work out it will happen. If they don't it won't happen.'



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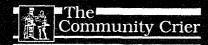
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Volunteer

PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton Head Start located at Central Middle School is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with group activities, recess and learning centers. If you have mornings or afternoons free please call 734-416-6196. Seniors and retiree's are very welcome.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteers in Canton to help children with basic math and reading tutoring. Free training. Call 313-883-2100 ext. 368.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of P-C's in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call 734-261-1011, leave a message.

THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Volunteers are needed weekday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.



Events

"THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL"

Speaker David Martin, Asst. Baseball Coach, EMU - Annual fun-filled evening of hot dogs, peanuts, and Cracker Jacks, along with David's re-enactment of baseball's most famous players will take place on **Thursday**, at Plymouth Historical Museum.

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Summit on the Park in Canton is hosting it's Annual Fish Fry **Friday**. Proceeds will go to charity. Carry-outs are available and dinner is served from 4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 734-397-6800.

NORTHVILLE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Northville Parks and recreation will be hosting it's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday** at 10 a.m. at the community park. There will be a petting farm at 9:30 a.m. This event is free to children 2-10 and is sponsored by Northville Rotary and Early Bird Kiwanis. Please call the Recreation Department at 248-349-0203.

EASTER MARSHMALLOW DROP

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring it's annual Easter Marshmallow Drop on **Saturday** at 10 a.m. Canton youngsters ages 10-under will be divided into age groups for the exciting helicopter marshmallow drop. Children will have the opportunity to retrieve marshmallows in exchange for goodies and treats.

1998 FINE ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

Canton Township is extending an invitation to all Middle School or High School in the Plymouth-Canton School District, to display, demonstrate, and sell their art work for profit at Liberty Fest '98. The student booth is free but applicants must submit an application and samples of their work. Deadline is **April 15**. Call 734-453-3710 for further information

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available in Canton, Plymouth, and Northville until **April 15**. In Canton call 734-397-5444, in Plymouth call 734-455-6620, and in Northville call 248-349-4140 to schedule an appointment. Home visits are also available.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Pops Dinner Concert at Laure Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road on Friday, April 17 at 6 p.m. Music theme performe will be 'Let's go to the movies' with a live auction at intermission. Tickets are \$45 fc adults and \$25 for children. Reservations are required at 734-451-2112.

1998 AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN PROGRAM

Northville park and Recreation will offer an after school program at the Northvill Recreation Center for all Cooke and Meads Mill students. Activities include sport games, and crafts for a weekly charge of only \$1. Runs Mondays from 3:00-5:00 p.n now through April 27th.



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Groups

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Canton Museum. Linda Strodtman, Ph.D., R.N. will narrate a slide presentation "Preserving the History of Nursing at the University of Michigan." Members and the public are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and parking is available at the rear of museum. Please call Marie Gentz with questions 734-453-5297.

FREE INTERNET PROGRAM

The Northville District Library at 212 W. Cady St. is sponsoring a program on How to use the Internet to improve your business and investment knowledge on Thursday from 7-8:00 p.m. Contact the Library for more information 248-349-3020.

GOOD FRIDAY CHRISTIANS MEN'S BREAKFAST

The annual Christian Men's Breakfast will be held Friday at St. Michael Lutheran Church located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton, beginning at 8 a.m. Guest speaker will be former Detroit Lion and United States Football League defensive back, Luther Bradley. For more information call the church office at 734-459-3333.

CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION

Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 7th Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '98. Aplication deadline is April 15. The dates of the show are June 20-21. Student artists are also welcome. Hours are Saturday 10a.m. to 9p.m., Sunday 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Sharon Dillenbeck at 734-453-

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Plymouth local ham radio operators will be broadcasting from the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville on April 18 honoring WWII Airmen and Sailors who participated in the Jimmy Doolittle Raid 56 years ago. Call Dave Langston at 248-948-4237 for details.

HANDBELL RINGERS AND DIRECTORS

The Plymouth Handbell Choir is looking for interested ringers and directors to join in the Plymouth 1998 Fourth of July parade. All ages are invited to join. Please call Fran Loiselle at 734-459-4263 for more information.

MEET OTHER MOTHERS

Meet Other Mothers invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion. Meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. Call Kate 453-3675

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR SENIORS

Canton's Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering a book discussion group which meets the first Wednesday of each month, in the Summit's Parkview Room. For more information call 734-397-5444.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' APRIL BOOK SALE

New and used books are needed for the League of Women Voters' book sale fundraiser. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. Call Esther Friedrichs at 734-427-0222 or Marge Gade 734-261-3191.



Health

FREE INTRODUCTORY YOGA CLASS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring a free introductory yoga class Tonight from 6-7:30 p.m. at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Wear loose clothing and bring a small blanket. Regular six week class starts May 6. Call 734-416-4ART for details.

STOP SMOKING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a two-week, four-session smoke-free living class from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, from April 13 - 23, in the first floor conference room. Registration is required. Call 734-655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650 to register or for more information.

THE PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obtrusive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call 734-712-5367.

GUIDE to Entertainment



Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community Also note community and non-profit groups events, listed in this Crier under What's Happening

CANTON CINEMA 6
734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Good
Will Hunting" "Primary Colors"
"The Man in the Iron Mask"
"U.S.Marshals" "Lost in Space"

CENTER STAGE

734-981-5122; Thurs. – Sat.: Dance to mainstream music rock, alternative & more.

ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs.: Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat.: Live Music in Piano Bar.

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.:Live music with Al Hill and the Love Butlers

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Wed.: Open Mike Night with House Band Crimson Sky, Fri.: Robert Knoll Blues Mission, Sat.: The Blue

MR. B'S PLYMOUTH

734-459-4190; Sat.: Live music with H'Oliver Twist.

NORTHVILLE DOWNS

248-349-1000; Harness racing Every night except Sun. & Wed.

PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing: "Mouse Hunt" & "Sphere".

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Fri.: Live Acoustic music with Family

PLYMOUTH WHALERS

734-453-8400; Call for playoff game information.

STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. – Thurs.: Live music with Wally Gibson; Fri.-Sat. Wally Gibson and Angelino Primo.

WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri. Friday dances at Burton Manor.

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.

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Getting down to business



D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel will be hosting three all day theme workshops next week. Workshops vary from 'Discover Egypt,' April 13; 'Discover the Rain Forest,' April 15; and 'Discover Outer Space,' April 16. Workshops are five hours long, begin at 10 a.m. and cost \$30.

D & M Studio's is located in Canton at 8691 North Lilley Road. For more information call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

Earth Tech, Inc. has added Plymouth's Ralph Martin and Ryan Stowe to the Engineering and Construction Division.

As a senior mechanical engineer located in Plymouth, Martin will be involved with design and development projects for clients in eastern Michigan. He has more than 15 years experience working with institutional, governmental and industrial clients. Prior to joining Earth Tech, Martin worked on construction and renovation projects for such customers as Ford, General Motors, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, IBM, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological University.

Also located in Plymouth, Stowe will serve as project engineer. His primary duties are technical evaluation, engineering design, troubleshooting, and start-up of various projects in eastern Michigan. He has worked with industrial clients throughout the United States on various manufacturing projects and consulted on a hydrocarbon recovery system for a Caribbean-based client. He graduated with honors from the Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

The **Plymouth Chamber of Commerce** is holding their 9th Annual Secretary's Day Luncheon April 22.

The luncheon will be held at the Plymouth Manor from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 11:45 and lunch is served promptly at noon. This year's speaker is K.C.Mueller from Remerica Hometown Realtors.

Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling the chamber office at 453-1540.

The cost is \$17 per person.

National Bread chain moves in

Breadsmith is coming to town, six-ton oven and all

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN Europe is coming to Plymouth. Well, European-style bread, at least.

Owners Bruce Carroll and Chuck Colbeck are opening their third Breadsmith franchise here next month, according to Carroll.

"Our focus is pretty simple," Carroll said. "We want to provide European-style hard crust bread that hasn't been readily available since the 1900s."

Breadsmith is a five-year-old company based in Milwaukee, WI with 38 stores open nationwide, Carroll said. He and Colbeck own three franchises in the Detroit Metro area, one in Livonia, one in Milford, and the one in Plymouth, which should open later next month, he said.

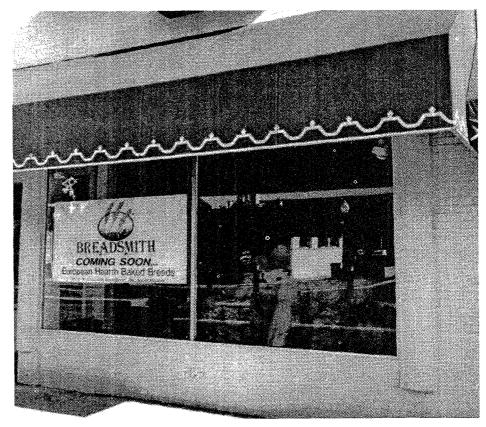
The store is dedicated to freshness, he said, with employes starting their day as early as 1 a.m. to begin mixing recipes. At 5 a.m. kneaders arrive and begin hand-kneading the dough.

Breadsmith is committed enough to freshness that they won't even sell day old bread, according to Carroll. All bread not sold through the day is donated to soup kitchens or other charity food organizations.

"It's our way of giving back to the community," he said. In fact, in the 10 months that the Livonia store has been open, the franchise has donated about 24,000 loaves of bread, or about \$85,000.

"We don't sell any day-old bread because we believe in giving the best product possible," Carroll said.

Part of the product comes from Breadmsith's corporate recipes, which are embellished by several recipes of Carroll and Colbeck's own, he said. All breads



Breadsmith, a bakery voted Best Bread SHop in America by Bon Appetit Magazine, will be opening on Ann Arbor Trail next month. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

are baked with high quality ingrediants, such as cinnamon imported from Saigon or caraway seeds imported from Holland in the company's trademark six-ton stone oven.

Imported from France, the oven takes about a week to put together, and is what gives Breadsmith's bread its unique, European-style hard crust.

Carroll and Colbeck bring an extensive business background to their franchise, Carroll said. Carroll had owned

a company that produced sophisticated cash registers, while Colbeck owned three Burger King franchises.

Each of their three Breadsmith franchises require about \$250,000 to get off the ground, and they are hoping the Plymouth location will be among the busiest in the nation.

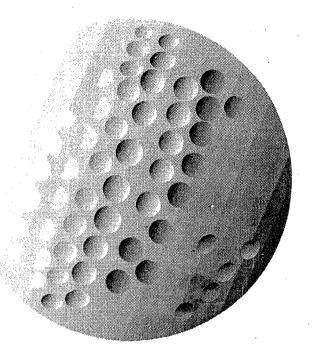
"There's so much potential," Carroll said. "We've been looking to move into Plymouth for more than a year and we think this will be a great spot for us."



Don Dolson of
Plymouth (center, with
Bob DeMattia (left) and
former Plymouth
Township Police Chief
Carl Berry (right), won
a 883 Standard Harley
Davison at Motown
Harley Davison's grand
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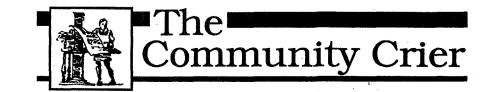


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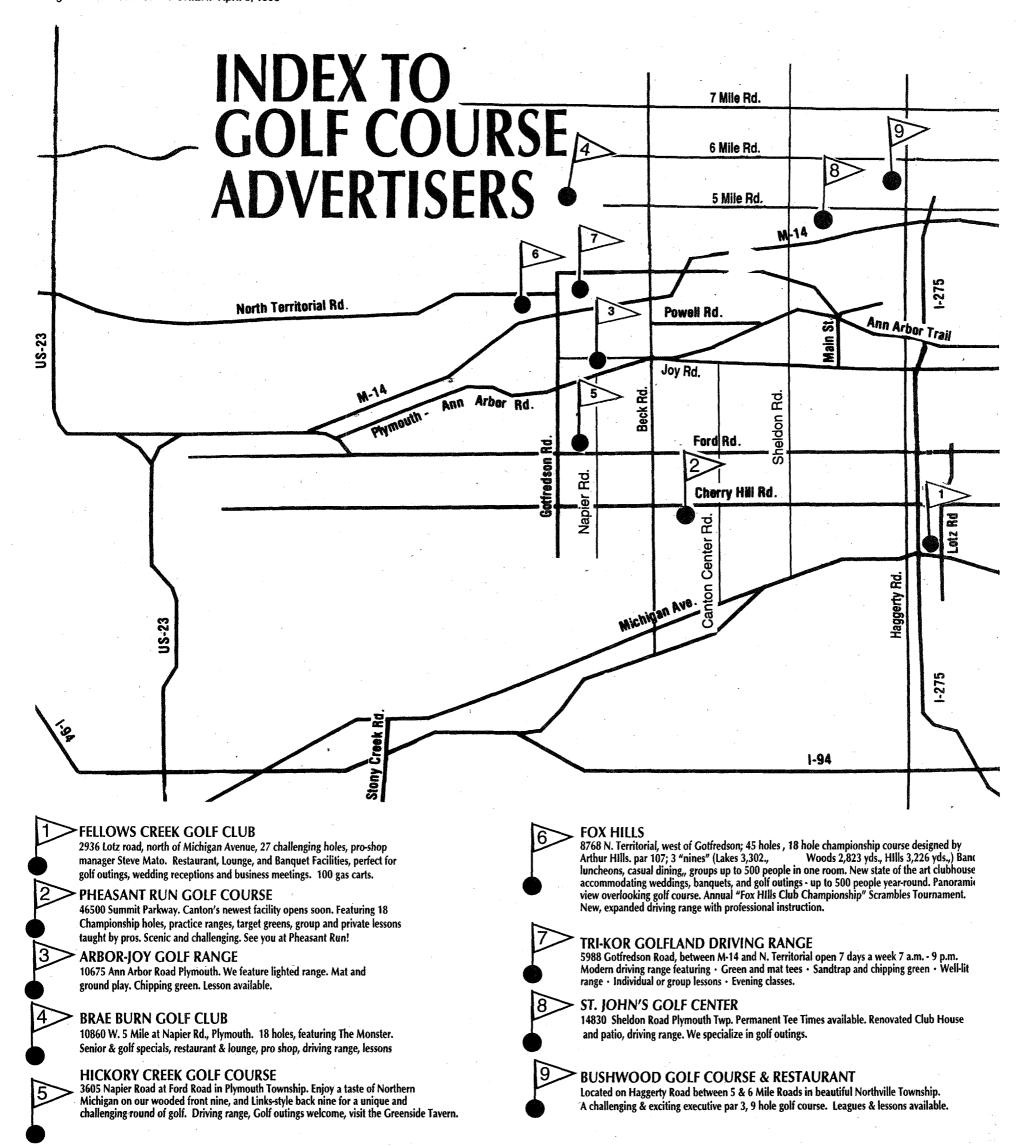
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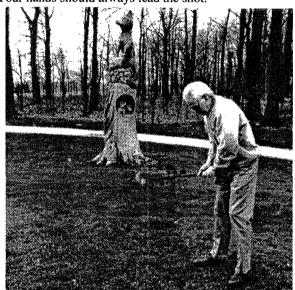
Tom Wofford of Fox Hills Country Club. A pro for the last 31 years, Wofford migrated from Tennessee where he won several local tournaments. Wofford's advise for those who want to hit the ball further: "Hit the ball as hard as you can, then run fast backwards."

TIPS

Beginner: Control your backswing. Most beginners go way too far back.

Intermediate: Remember the swing remains the same for all iron shots, it's the ball position that changes. When using a driver the ball should aligned with the forward heel. When hitting a wedge, the ball should be lined up in the middle. All irons should fall somewhere in-between.

Advanced: Club head always follows the hands.



TOM WOFFORD



DAVE HORSTMAN

Sand Play

PRO

Dave Horstman of Phesant Run Golf Club. A golf pro for 13 years, Horstman once played the mini-tours down in Florida. He has had five hole-in-ones and once missed the U.S. Open by two shots during a regional round.

TIPS

Beginner: Just concentrate on the follow-thru. The most important thing is to get the ball out of the bunker.

Intermediate: Look at purchasing a sand wedge or

Advanced: Learn to experiment with different ball positions, club face positions, and angles of attack. There is no such thing as only one swing for bunker play.



Doug Klask of Hickory Creek. Klask has been teaching golf since 1979 and has been a golf pro since he was 21. A golf team alumnist of the University of South Florida, Klask once coached PGA tourman Greg Kraft.

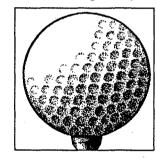
Beginner: To chip, position ball in center of narrow stance with hands forward even with front thigh. Use a pendulum motion never allowing clubhead to pass hands.



DOUG KLASK

Intermediate: Keep head still and hands ahead of the ball on chip shots to ensure contact and a decending blow.

Advanced: Show confidence, chip more often than you putt when slightly off putting surface. Chipped shots are twice as likely to be holed.





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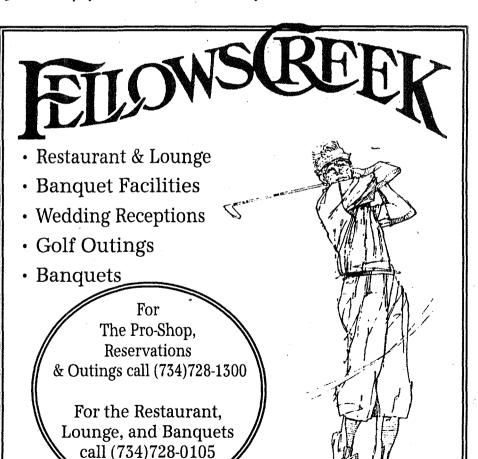
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foolhardy. Add in sand traps, trees, ponds, and wind currents that can carry the tiny projectile yards off course and factor in the number of different clubs you can use to achieve your goals and the challenge seems insurmountable.

These people have an option, a way to get out in the sun and enjoy the spirit of golf, if not the letter. All they have to do is be willing to exchange the aroma and feel of fresh cut grass for that of feltcovered concrete; dodge windmills and bricks instead of standtraps and develop their bank shot.

Putt-putt it's called by some, miniature golf by others and adventure golf by those given in to euphemisms. One ball, one club: the game hasn't changed much since its inception, although the courses have gained some originality.

located in Canton. Not far from the two dog-legs.

For some, the thought of trying to hit rolling slopes and greenish ponds of

business section Michigan Avenue and Bellevile Roads.

On both of my visists there I found short lines, which allowed me to play at my leisure (my goal at any course is to sink the putt

before the six-stroke maximum. Consequently it's advised to either get there before me or bring a book.)

Canton Fun Center's course isn't as fun to look at as Sport Way's pirate ship found just past Canton's eastern border on Ford Road, and with only 18 holes, it's not as long, either. It is however, a lot more fun.

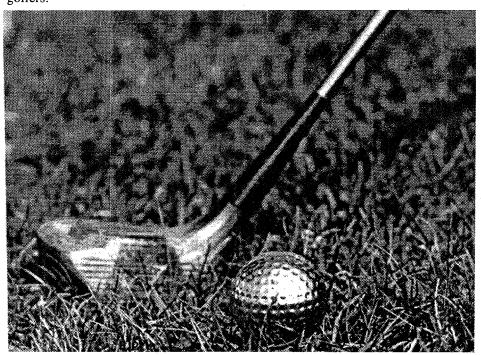
From the first hole golfers are challenged with quirky angles and hidden slopes. Although no windmills bar the way and the holes look straigtforward, the misleading greens often baffle would-be golfers. It's quite a contrast from Sport Way's course; all flash and construct, but One of the best courses around is the holes are mostly straight forward, par-

Off the cuff By Scott Spielman

Canton Fun Center's putting greens, are bordered by brick that sends ball reeling like a cue ball from a pool cushion, and often the golfers only recourse is the smack-it-and-see-whathappens strategy. It's not necessarily the wisest course of action, but it does make for some interesting play and, occasionally, colorful dialogue between

So the next time the desire to take in a few holes strikes and the area courses seem too daunting and crowded remember one ball and one club are all

After settling for a five on a par-three hole you may wish you had stayed with a full-sized course, but that's half the



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Community deaths

Obituaries

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RONALD J. CLEMENTS

Ronald J. Clements, a Plymouth resident, died March 30, 1998 at the age of 60.

Mr. Clements was born Feb. 13, 1938 in Ottawa, IL. He worked for Ford Motor Company as a development engineer in the heating and cooling field. He retired after 34 years of service. He was a member of the Signet Star Lodge #555. He was a Master Mason, a member of the Knights Templar, and a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. He graduated from Illinois College with a degree in Physics.

He is survived by his wife, Linda L. of Plymouth; son, Scott (Kristen) Clements of Milford; brothers, Fran (Wendy) Clements of San Diego, CA, Keith (Janine) Clements of San Diego, CA; one niece; and two nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, Christopher.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Nancy J. Zerban officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association.

LILLIAN E. CLELAND

Lillian E. Cleland, a Livonia resident, died April 2, 1998 at the age of 83. Mrs. Cleland was born Nov. 21, 1914 in South Range, MI. She was a bookkeeper.

She is survived by her sons, Keith (Jeannine) Cleland of Plymouth, Bruce (Mary) Cleland of Milwaukee, WI; sisters, Anne Zitterbart of Farmington Hills, Ruth Simone of Houghton Lake, MI; and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jessica and Christopher.

Services were held at Newburgh United Methodist Church with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Detroit Public Television (Channel 56) 7441 2nd Blvd Detroit MI 48202.

ARNOLD LEONARD HEIDT

Arnold Leonard Heidt, a former Plymouth resident, died March 29, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mr. Heidt was born April 11, 1916 in Millington, MI. He was employed with Godwin and Sons for 45 years, retiring in 1981. With Godwin and Sons, he helped build and was the greens keeper of Salem Hills Golf Course. He transferred to Godwin Glens Golf Course in South Lyon as greens keeper until his retirement. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He taught Sunday School and held many offices at St. Peter's. He moved to St. Joseph, MI, three years ago.

He is survived by his wife Estella Heidt of St. Joseph, MI (formerly of Plymouth); daughter, Sharon (Herman) Esch of St. Joseph, MI (formerly of Plymouth); grandchildren, Julie Esch of Minneapolis, MN, Matthew Esch of St. Joseph, MI; and brother, Raymond (Elsie) Heidt of South Lyon.

Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter Berg and Pastor Martin Bentz from St. Joseph officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth or Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Joseph, MI.

KAREN ANN McLAND

Karen Ann McLand, a Canton resident, died April 1, 1998 at the age of 54.

Mrs. McLand was born June 15, 1943 in Highland Park, MI. She was a customer service representative at the National Bank of Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, James W. McLand of Canton; parents, Clarence A. (Frances) Hodges of South Carolina; daughter, Kimberly (Douglas) Roehl of Birmingham, MI; sister, Bonnie Bierma of Australia;

brother, John Hodges of Lansing, MI; and mother-in-law Virginia McLand of Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Joel F. Beam officiating. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham. Memorial contributions can be given to Arbor Hospice 2366 Oak Vally Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752.

JOSEPH ALBERT WHITE II

Jospeh Albert White II, a Plymouth resident, died April 2, 1998 at the age of 74.

Mr. White was born Nov. 17, 1923 in Swoyerville, PA. He was a millwright with the Burroughs Corporation.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice H. White of Plymouth; sons, Joseph (Camille) A. White of Canton; William (Rose) G. White of Lake Leelanau, MI; sisters, Jennie Frew, Georgia Daley, Josephine Reid, all from Plymouth; granddaughters, Stacy White, Christine White, Jessica White, Emily White; and grandsons, William White, Geromy White, Joseph White. He is preceded in death by his sisters, Elizabeth Lahr, Lottie Cole, and Grace Owens.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to American Heart Association, West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072-1029.

ROBERT G. WEIDEMAN

Robert G. Weideman, a South Carolina resident, died April 3, 1998 at the age of 74.

Mr. Weideman was born June 20, 1923 in Cleveland, OH. He was a financial specialist with Ford Motor Company, retiring after 30 years of service. He received a BA in Economics from DePauw University and served during WWII as a B24 pilot in England. He was a member of the Mac Users Group and the 9 Hole Keowee Key Men's Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Weideman; sons, Paul Robert Weideman of Sante Fe, NM, Drake Howard of Jackson, MI; daughter,

A memorial service was held at Chapel of Seneca Mortuary. Internment will be at Fort Custer National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements were made by the Seneca Mortuary in Seneca, SC. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of The Foothills, 390 Keowee School Road, Seneca, SC.

DALE J. MONTGOMERY

Dale J. Mongomery, a Plymouth resident, died April 1, 1998 at the age of 59.

Mr. Montgomery was born April 6, 1938 in Royal Oak, MI. He was a shipping and assembly worker for General Motors Corp. Fisher Body Division. He loved the outdoors.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Montgomery of Plymouth; brother, Gerald (Joan) Montgomery of Pine Hurse, NC; mother, Mary Montgomery of Birmingham, MI; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his sister, Janice; and father, William.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at the Dixboro Cemetery in Dixboro, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

David Earle Swisher, 49, manufacturing technician for Ford Motor Company David Earle Swisher, a Canton resident, died March 31, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce of Canton; son, Scott Swisher of Canton; daughter, Jennifer Swisher of Canton; father Richard Swisher; sisters, Beverlyn Johnson and Marie Steffes. He is preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

City cops test laptops for cruisers

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Hoping to "sidestep the clerical issue," and "increase the quality of report writing," the Plymouth City Police Department is testing a portable laptop computer system for patrol vehicles. The laptops allow officers to write reports, check old records, and keep personal notes without having returning to the station.

"This should keep the officers out on the streets where they can be of more service," said Police Chief Bob Scoggins. "That's the plus side of using technology."

The department is using one laptop right now during the test phase. Scoggins said he expects this phase to last no more than 60 days, at which point the department will buy four more computers at a price of \$2,500 a piece.

"I've selected one officer per shift to work the bugs out," Scoggins said. "As soon as we are sure this is the right piece of application we will buy the rest."

In the past, police officers took field reports by hand and then transcibed them into a computer after their shift. The new laptop system eliminates that step, allowing officers to not only input reports on site, but also to access other reports while on patrol.

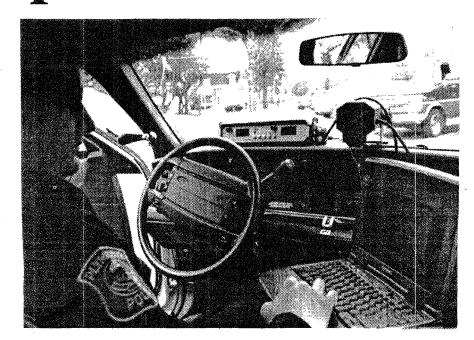
"The officers will be able to do a better job because they have more information at their fingertips," Scoggins said. "Our objective is to make it simple and effective."

In the future the system could include a citation program as well. With a small printer installed in the vehicle, citations would be printed on site and be directly inputed into the department data-base, Scoggins said.

The labtops, which includes a report program designed especially for police, will be windows-based to correspond with the systems at the station. According to Scoggins, the system is also being used by the Ann Arbor Police Department, and has worked out very well for them.

Scoggins said this is yet another sign that technology is becoming the norm for the police department.

"The philosophy of the computer is that you get first generation data," he said. "It increases not only the efficiency of our work, but the quality as well. It's the right way to go."



Ofc. Jamie Grabowski checks out an experimental laptop computer system in his police cruiser. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin).

Disgruntled employe charged in harassment

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

An ex-employe of Process Control Services of Plymouth was charged in connection with a series of E-mail harassment incidents, according to Plymouth City Police.

Mark Dowd, 27, of Garden City is accused of sending several threatening and sexually explicit pieces of E-mail to his former employer, apparently as retaliation for his dismissal.

According to police reports, the E-mail harassment began in December of 1997, two months after Dowd was fired. Initially the E-mail messages were thought to be an internal joke. But, by the end of February, the messages became more serious in nature.

On February 19, a secretary at Process Control announced over E-mail that she was leaving the company. The next day, she received an angry E-mail in return stating "It's about time. How are you going to survive, your husband doesn't work!"

Included with the E-mail was a 14-second X-rated video clip.

When officials at Process Control recognized that an outsider was penetrating the system, they changed the passwords to prevent further access. Less than a week later however, the E-mails began again.

"You may have closed the front door," one E-mail began according to reports, "but there is always a side and a back, and when you get through those, it gets ugly."

The message also stated that an "egg," or virus, had been laid in the computer and would hatch on March 13, 1998. Fearing that a virus could cause several thousand dollars in damage, the company contacted police.

After a series of interviews with Process Control employes, police quickly developed a short list of suspects. One of those suspects, Dowd, had left on bad terms, and had an ongoing dispute with the company over health insurance benefits. Dowd was also believed to have the knowledge and means to

access the company's computer system, according reports.

Following this lead, detectives tracked Dowd's E-mail address to his Internet server. Officials at the server provided detectives with a usage statement for Dowd's account. From this statement, detectives determined that messages sent from Dowd, and those received by Process Control matched.

Armed with a search warrant, police raided Dowd's home in Garden City on March 4 and seized several thousand dollars worth of computer equipment.

Dowd was not home at the time of the seizure, but was contacted by police through family members. According to the report, Dowd said he would surrender peacefully once a warrant for his arrest had been issued. He also said that the threatened virus did not exist, and that he meant to cause no damage to his former employer.

If convicted, Dowd could face 6 months in jail and an \$1,100 fine.





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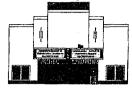
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AT LEAST I SHOPPED at Hudsons. ERICA MANSFIELD: this has been a wonderful week together. I'll never forget the hot tub...-B

HAVE FUN - Annual Yard Sale Plymouth Historical Museum Sat. May 30th, 8am-5pm. See you there!

GENEVA is a lawn volunteer. --thanks! LIAM STAYS! DOES JACK ARMSTRONG

return photos? --Amy AIN'T CHEMISTRY fun?

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& Keep Smiling!
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Hey Ed - At least I got to go places in Hudsons that you never got to go! Ha! Geneva Guenther is on an undercover assignment in Aruba and will return next

Curiosities

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Curiosities

Amanda - What a beautiful name and a beautiful person! Happy Easter!

Hey Ed & Sally - Welcome Home. Beauregard sure missed you. Ed: for a small fee (like a Chinese dinner), I'll tell you who played hookey while you were gone! Beauregard

A big hello & welcome to our new Crier Carriers, Adam Grady, Joe Bartell & Mike Johnson!

Bob - Getting close to the end of semester yeah! 1 more to go!!!

PETE - Thanks for the pillows!

Curiosities

Happy Easter to all Aunty Lisa's little bunnies!

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City of Plymouth and Canton Township Parks and Recreation final 1997-98 Co-ed volleyball standings: Blue Division: Over the Hill Gang, 80 pts; We Dig, 65.5 pts; Toe Jams, 48.5 pts; Team #4, 42 pts; Back Again, 39 pts; Ball Busters, 32 pts; Ward Presbyterian #1, 23 pts; Carol's Crew, 6 pts. White Division: Team #13, 74 pts; Lear Headliners, 64.5 pts; Buddy's, 51.5 pts; Mr. B's II, 51 pts; Mr. B's I, 36 pts; Canton Road Running Club, 22.5 pts; SKF-NATC, 21.5 pts; Ward Presbyterian #2, 15 pts.

WDSP (88.1 FM) announces their spring high school sports schedule. Baseball: Salem vs. John Glenn on 4/20 at 4 p.m. Canton vs. Churchill on 4/24 at 4 p.m. Canton vs. Salem on 4/25 at 11 a.m. Softball: Salem vs. A.A. Pioneer, Thursday at 4

Chiefs nearly defuse Rockets Canton "within a heartbeat" of upset

BY BRYAN BOYD

Taking on the defending champs is always a tough order. Last year John

Glenn annihilated the Canton track team 99-38 en route to a conference title. Yet, with one event to go in Thurdays's rematch, the Chiefs had a chance to pull the upset of the year.

"Everything was going according to plan," said Coach Bob Richardson. "We knew what our kids could do and they were

With three events to go the Chiefs were facing a nine point deficit. Then a strong Canton senior class took over.

Eric Larsen took the 200-meter dash with a 24.1. Next, Bryan Boyd won the 2 mile in 10:45, teammate Jerry Reynolds narrowly finishing second in 10:47.

"The two mile put us in a position to win," said Richardson. "Our seniors came up big."

But the rally ceased with the defeat of the Chief 1600-meter relay team. Jason Falardeau, Larry Anderson, Clinton Harris. and Shaun Moore posted a 3:44.5, finishing a mere 0.7 of a second behind the Glenn relay team anchored by last year's 200-

BOYS TRACK

meter regional champion Harden James.

Despite the loss, Richardson labeled the meet "a moral victory. We came within a

heartbeat of upsetting the conference champs."

Part of the reason was the domination of senior thrower Kevin Keil. Keil set a new school record in the shot put, with an astounding 51' 7". He also won the discus with a throw of 154'

Other significant contributers were senior captain Shaun Moore, Larry Anderson, and Freshman Chris Kalis. Moore won mile in 4:47.5 and anchored the victorious 3200 meter relay of Steve Blossom, Jason Rutter, and Marty Kane. Anderson won the 400-meter dash in 53.7 seconds. Kalis took second in both hurdle events—the 300 and 110—as well as the high jump.

Eric Larsen finished second in the long jump and third in the high jump to complement his victory in the 200-meter dash. Marty Kane took second in the 800 with a time of 2:09.7.

The Chiefs face Livonia Churchill at home today. Field events start at 3:30.

Salem Track continues top pace, wins U of M Indoor meet

BY BRYAN BOYD

In a meet that was never as close as

the final score may indicate, the Salem Rocks track team took their first step towards living up to their top ranking Thursday with a 73-63 victory over Livonia Churchill.

'We gave a lot of different people a chance to run," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. Many familar faces were missing from their usual events.

The effort was ignited by a Salem sweep in the shot put by Dave Hester(46' 5"), Thomas Foor(42' 6") and Karl Brandenburg(41' 10"). Dave Hester and Andy Brandt finished second and third in the discus.

The track events were paced by a Nick Allen victory in the mile (4:45.3). Jon

Little finished right behind (4:45.4). Ian Searcy continued his undefeated streak in

> the 800 meter dash with a 2:01 and also helped lead an 800 meter relay team of Dave Clemons, Scott Kingslien, and Mark Sheehan to

– Geoff Baker

Salem Track Coach

Other contributers were Andy Briggs taking first in the 400 meter dash (53.9) and Cameron Blanchard equal that in the 100 meter dash (11.9). Blanchard helped Pat Johnson, Kingslien, and Clemons win the 400 meter relay in 47.1.

Salem continued their winning ways Saturday, taking the University of Michigan Indoor meet with 102 points. Toledo Central finished second with 78. The rocks were led by Ian Searcy's victory in the 800-meter (1:56). Searcy also

anchored the Rocks 3200-meter relay team of Matt Anderson, Andy Briggs and Nick Allen. The group posted an 8:09, good enough for first place. Briggs also won the 400-meter dash (51.8) Teammate Scott Kingslien immediately followed in 52.7. Jon Little ran a 4:33 in the 1600 meter run also taking first.

"We are very pleased with our performance this week," said Baker. "Our depth is going to allow us to set a liuneup against stronger teams but not always stick with it. We don't always have to use our top guys."

The Rocks run Wednesday at Livonia Stevenson.

State champs too much for Chiefs

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Last Wednesday, the Canton girls soccer team had their season opener. Despite a strong effort, they were shut out 3-0 to Livonia Stevenson, the defending state

GIRLS SOCCER

The match started off well offensively for Canton, while Stevenson struggled defensivley. Freshman Annie Morrell, who is in the pool for a spot on the next olympic soccer team, was working hard on the front

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Top 10 at Spartan Relays

GIRLS TRACK

6 We don't always have

to use our top guys

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

in the first meet of the season on Thursday with Churchill. The

rocks were victorious with a final score of the 1600. 106, defeating Churchill's score of 22.

Salem also attended the Spartan Relays in Lansing on Saturday. There were over The runners were Erin Kelly, Anne-Marie 30 teams in attendence. Salem placed in Verycruse, Shannon Will, and Becky the top ten.

Salem brought home eight medals. The Salem Girls Track team participated Ellen Stemmer placed fourth in the 3200.

Alison Flohr placed fourth and Evelyn Rahhal placed fifth in

Autumn Hicks jumped 4'10" in the high jump. The Distance Medley placed sixth.

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One game away from semis

But after taking 3-0 series lead, Whalers drop 2 in a row

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It couldn't be that easy. Not even after game one, an impressive 6-5 victory at home. It would only get more difficult right?

It had to. Game two and three were at Belleville, where the Bulls

had the best home record in the league this year (only six losses all season). But with game two the Whalers got another victory, again by one goal. Game three, same thing, an overtime victory. Up three games to none, the Whalers had to be asking, "Could it really be this easy?"

After games four and five this weekend they had their answer: no it couldn't.

The series now stands three games to two in favor of the Whalers. On the surface it would appear that they still have the advantage. After all, how many teams have come back from a 3-0 deficit? But the Whalers are reeling. After two one goal losses this past weekend the question has changed from "Can it really be this easy?" to "Can we really blow this series?"

"Belleville is too good a team for us to think we could come in here and sweep them," said Peter DeBoer, Whalers coach and general manager. "We made the mistake of thinking they would just lay down."

The season has come down to this moment for the Whalers. If they can recollect themselves and win game six at home, they will not only advance to the semi-finals, they will advance in their quest for maturity, a quest they must complete in order to win the championship.

If they lose, they will most likely lose the series, and will forever view these playoffs as a disappointment.

We made the mistake of thinking they would just lay down.

- Peter DeBoer Whaler's coach

(At) Belleville 4, Plymouth 3 — Despite three points apiece from Paul Mara and Harold Druken, and the presence of hockey legend Bobby Orr, who was in the audience, the Whalers couldn't close out the series Sunday night in Belleville, dropping game five to the Bulls 4-3.

The Whalers never trailed during the game until

Belleville scored their final goal with 5:38 left in the third. They got on the board early when Nik Tselios beat Shawn Gallant on a power play five minutes into the first, and led 1-0 after 20 minutes.

After outshooting Belleville 21-8 in the first period, the tide changed in the second. When the Bulls scored their first goal 13 minutes into the period, they had outshot the Whalers 13-1. But the Whalers would come back with one of their own three minutes later when Dave Legwand grabbed his fifth goal of the playoffs off a Paul Mara rebound.

Down 3-1 after two, the Bulls would come out firing in the third. Belleville center Justin Papineau scored 35 seconds into the period to tie the game again. But after a Mara goal at 5:35 again gave the Whalers the lead, they were only a few defensive stands from taking the series.

Give the Bulls credit, not once during this series have they given an indication they would quit. Not once have they given up. And Sunday night would be no exception.

Chris Stanley again tied the game for the Bulls at 12:41 of the final period off assists from Joel Dezainde and Papineau. The goal was the third power play goal of the

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Assists: Mara and Legwand (12)

Points: Legwand (17) PIM: Fitzgerald (33) +/-: Druken (+7) GAA: Esche (2.79)

TEAM STATS

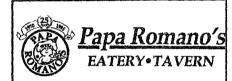
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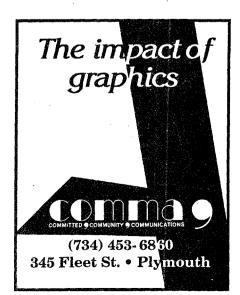
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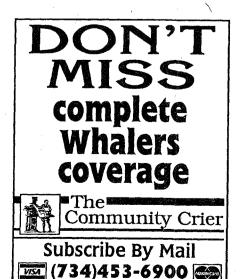
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Led by freshman kicker Morrell, Canton girls seek "unison" of offense and defense

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line the entire quarter. It wasn't until shortly before the intermission that the Spartans got on the board.

Canton goaltender Kristin Lukasik, a team captain, went out after a pass. While she was out, Stevenson got the ball into the net capturing the first goal. The goal shattered the concentration of the Chiefs', and it wasn't long before Stevenson got inside the net again.

Stevenson easily got the ball into the net again before intermission after fighting past several of Canton's defenders. The game went to intermission at 2-0 in favor of the Spartans.

The Chiefs kept pushing through the second half, with shots on goal from Annie, and her sister Abi, a sophomore. Abi had a hard kick twenty-five yards from the Stevenson net that unfortunately met the crossbar after flying over the heads of several Spartans.

Stevenson got their third successful shot on goal after Lukasik ran out to meet the ball which the Spartans were able to stealthly pass past Canton's defenders. The

One goal games

define series

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evening for Belleville.

game closed at 3-0. The loss didn't devestate the Chief's, and they were able to identify what key elements they would need to work on for the rest of the season.

Their match Saturday against Troy was a tie, 1-1. Annie Morrell got the shot for Canton with assistance from her sister Abi.

Captain Lukasik doesn't feel discouraged that the team hasn't emerged victorious yet. "Right now we're concentrating on getting a feel for how it is on the field," she said. The team has twenty-seven girls on it, including other captains Melissa Marzolf and Elisa Esper.

"We have to get our offense and defense working in unison, so if one breaks down that other can recover," said Lukasik. This was evident after the first goal scored by Stevenson on Wednesday. The shot shook them up just enough that they were unable to hold together for the rest of the half.

Lukasik feels that the team will be successful this year after acheiving these tasks, and adds "it's going to be important that we score in the big games and play solid defense."

And if the team keeps working and

"stays focused and pushes each other" as Kukasik said, they could emerge as successful as any Canton team of the past.

Sprinting towards improvement

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Phelan

"We have a lot of good competition at this point in the season," said co-captain Ellen Stemmer. "We're a young team and still have some room for improvement."

The head coach this year is Mark Gregor. The sprint coach is Dana Driscoll, Dave Gerlach coaches distance, and throwing is coached by J. Blayloch.

The captains are Ellen Stemmer, Evelyn Rahhal, Katie Bonner, Hannah Watts, and Wendi Leanhardt.

The season looks promising for the Rocks. They are on to a successful year with a lot of returning runners.

Whaler goalie Robert Esche turns to his gloveside as a Belleville-slapped puck whizzes by Friday Night at Compuware. Despite the loss that kept the Whalers from notching a sweep, coach Pete DeBoer was complimentary of his goaltender. "He's really kept us in every game this series," he said. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

lead. Forward Kevin Baker grabbed his fourth goal of the playoffs, and the eventual game winner, beating Robert Esche off an assist from Dan Cleary.

Sunday night's game showed that this series has less and less to do with who out-

With less than six minutes left,

Belleville scored again to finally take the

plays who, and more to do with who scores last. Every game thus far has been decided by one goal, a testament to how evenly matched these two teams are.

Belleville 3, Plymouth 2 — Harold Druken's two goals weren't enough for the

Druken's two goals weren't enough for the Whalers to end the series Friday night, as they dropped game four to Belleville in front of 3,166 at Compuware.

Druken grabbed his seventh and eighth

Druken grabbed his seventh and eighth goals of the playoffs, one in the first period and one in the third, but the Whalers couldn't produce any more offense. They were held to 28 shots-on-goal, compared to 39 for the Bulls.

Joel Dezainde, Dan Cleary, and Andrei Shurupov each scored a goal for Belleville to keep their team alive in the playoffs.

Plymouth 4, (at) Belleville 3 — Julian Smith beat Shawn Gallant 1:42 into overtime to give the Whalers a stunning three games to none lead in the series Wednesday night at Belleville.

Captian Andrew Taylor continued his timely offensive spark by scoring twice in

third to force the extra period. Harold Druken and Shaun Fisher also added a goal apiece.

Robert Esche was fantastic against a ferocious Belleville front. The Bulls outshot the Whalers 45-27, with 35 of those shots coming in periods two and three.

Plymouth 3, (at) Belleville 2 — Paul Mara, Jesse Boulerice, and Randy Fizgerald scored for the Whalers last Tuesday night in front of 2,867 in Belleville.

The win marked only the seventh time all season the Bulls lost at home. Yuri

Babenko added two assists in the victory.

Chatter — Jesse Boulerice, who missed Friday night's game with an injured hand, returned to the line-up on Sunday.

If the Whalers win their series versus Belleville, they won't get much of a break. The semi-finals will begin this weekend. If, as expected, London wins their series, the Whalers will face off with Guelph, the best team in the league during the regular season. Guelph dominated Sudbury in their second round matchup, outscoring the Wolves 22-6 en route to a four game sweep.

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Today at Franklin at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Today versus Walled Lake Central at home at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Today at Stevenson at 3:30 p.m.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Today versus Frankiln at home at 4 p.m. Thursday, a doubleheader, at home versus Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Today at home versus Churchill at 7 p.m. Thursday at Troy Athens at 7 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Today at home versus Stevenson at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Today at home versus Ann Arbor and Canton at 3 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

Today at home versus John Glenn at 4 p.m. Tuesday at home for a double-header versus University of Detroit High School at noon.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Today at Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

Today at home versus Churchill at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, a scrimmage, at Ann Arbor Pioneer at 10 a.m.

CANTON SOFTBALL

Today at John Glenn at 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

Today at North Farmington at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at home versus Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Today at Churchill at 3:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS GOLF

Today at home versus Ann Arbor Huron and Salem at 3 p.m.



Community opinions

Bond about responsibility, not size

he vote was never

L about class size.

worries merely scratch

the surface compared

Never. Class-size

to real problems.

EDITOR:

On touchscreens-

Do you remember when touchscreen gift registries were first introduced in large department stores years ago? They seemed to be slow and you often needed to touch the screen harder or twice due to the slow speed of the computer.

Have you stayed at, or visited hotels that have touchscreen entertainment directories in the lobby for guests? I've seen some where the screen squares sometimes don't line up and you have to touch the screen a couple of times for the computer to respond to your touch.

When using ATM machines, have you encountered some where the buttons don't line up with display selection? How many times have you stood at an elevator and watched several people come up and re-push the button that is lit?

The common knowledge and experience of buttons and touchscreens is that we press buttons more than once just to make sure they are pressed.

Pressing a button twice should not cancel the operation.

Pressing your voter selection several times to make sure it is registered should not cancel

the vote. It should latch in on the first press.

On the school bond vote—

Prior to the vote, the following issues were unacceptably given second rank in the public forum, causing great concern about the direction of the public school system: teaching methodology, curriculum, discipline, teacher authority, corporal punishment, back-to-basics, student behavior, societal changes reducing student

behavior as they enter the school system, unequally applied rules, a plan for c o m p u t e r implementation.

The vote was never about class size. Never. Class-size worries merely scratch the surface compared to real concerns. The vote was a referendum on

responsibility. It asked one question, "Citizen, do you accept society's decline and do you feel a duty to heft the yoke of society's slacking responsibility around your neck? Are you willing to sacrifice even more of your life for weak policies, changing

attitudes and decline? When will you draw the line, now or never?"

The bottom line is that for a sustained period of time the district taught many hundreds more students than are in the system now. The district was new, societal attitudes were different, pay was less, perpupil moneys were less, class sizes were "large," and we achieved greater academic success.

The three-topic campaign of computers, over-capacity and success tied to class size was like pouring an inch of blacktop over a Michigan road or cold-patching year round—the surface is smoothed out.

Sure, lower class size will help any district. But the

foundation is not repaired. The real problems are still there. Keep working on them and "over-capacity" will become the secondary issue to success.

On the positive side of the stalled bond:

• The district can refocus on

strengthening the basics.

- Government almost hears the will of the people concerning recent tax votes.
- When I say no twice (in '93 for 4 mills and '94 for 2.3 mills) I mean no, not let's roll this up into a new package.
- I can't afford a family computer yet, but the delayed \$200 tax allows me to set that money aside for my own family computer fund
- Computers are faster and less expensive now so the district can save tens of thousands toward computer purchases.
- Many other districts have had problems properly implementing computer technology, defining what software to use, training staff to use the expensive teaching tool/perks. By allowing other districts to experiment on their students for another year we can reap the benefits of their bad and good experiences.
- The district mission and vision statements were outdated and are now renewed.
- There was no plan in place to implement computer technology before March 22, now there is.
- I get a second chance to resubmit thoughts to the school board.

GLENN KREMER

Thanks: all who came to Schools Summit

EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Legislative Action Committee to thank the more 600 people who attended the first Michigan Summit on School Equity at the Summit in Canton. In particular we would like to thank the two speakers on school funding, State Sen. Daniel Degrow and Rep. Jim Agee for their insight and analysis.

We also would like to thank the State Senators and State Representatives who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the Summit. These included Senators Loren Bennett and Alma Wheeler Smith. Representatives included Jim Agee, Lynn Bankes, Liz Brater, Eileen DeHart, Thomas Kelly, Kirk Profit, Andrew Raczowski and Andrew Richner.

Further, we would like to thank those gubernatorial candidates who took time off from the campaign trail to

attend the Summit. They were Gary Artinian, Edward Hamilton and Doug Ross.

Every State Representative and State Senator in the Tri-County Area was invited to this event. These were the Representatives and Senators who took time out of their schedules to discuss the issues with regard to our childrens' future. In addition, the Govenor and all gubernatorial candidates were invited to this summit.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Legislative Action Committee, which include Chistina Bair, Tracy Brooks, Judy Evola, Carl Fanning, Lucy French, Earl Harrington, Mark Horvath, Pat Kiewicz, Joann Lamar, Charles Little, Judy Mardigian, Judy Mersch, Coralee Ott, Gayle Piwowar, Chuck Portelli, Leslie Rowe, Darice Schubatis, Catherine Seay-Ostrowski, Dian Slavens, John Stewart, Martha Trafford, Mary Uhl, and John Wallace.

There were representitives from more than 30 different school districts present at this Summit.

We would like to thank Bill Ballenger of *Inside Michigan Politics* for the wonderful job he did as the moderator of this event. We also would like to thank the news coverage we received and hope that the media will continue to investigate and report on the problems in school funding and equity.

Finally, again, we would like to thank the more than 600 parents, citizens, educators, candidates, students and children who attended this event.

If you are interested in becoming involved in upcoming events or being put on our mailing list please contact Judy Evola at 416-2755, John Wallace at 416-4269, Judy Mardigian at 451-2230, or Mark Slavens at 421-5210.

MÄRK SLAVENS

Chairman of Michigan Summit on School Funding Equity

Strong schools build strong communities

EDITOR:

The Summit on Education, sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Schools, was an important first step in raising levels of consciousness regarding the need for funding equity, a need driven home by the passage of proposal A. I am impressed with the hard work given this project by chairman Mark Slavens and his committee, and I wish that I knew all of their names so that they

could be thanked personally.

With this first step comes a recognition that we must work together to bring this issue to a head in Lansing. We should continue to join together with other school districts to see how joint action can bring about the change needed.

My one disappointment was that the three legislators who live in and represent our district were not in attendance, especially since some of the State Representatives and Senators drove long distances to be with us. Robert Geake in the Senate, and Gerald Law and his partner in Lansing Deborah Whyman should have made every effort possible to be with us. I am sorry that they were not.

As a Plymouth Township Trustee I recognize the important role a strong public school system plays in building a community, one that we can be proud of.

Those who planned this display of support for change should know that this one elected official applauds their work and joins their effort.

K.C. MULLER

Plymouth Township Trustee.

EDITOR'S NOTE: K.C. Muller is running against Gerald Law for his seat in the State House.



Community opinions

Former residents back Vorva

Bond vote trampled rights

It seems not that long ago that I was compelled to write you regarding this school bond issue. As the wind rages off of Lake Michigan up here at our new home near Mackinaw City, it makes for a good metaphor.

We have The Crier delivered by mail to our outpost up here. Sadly, I pick up each issue and I see that the storm still rages among those who want Big Schools, vs. Jerry Vorva who wants accountability.

I just finished reading a strong opinion letter attacking Jerry's work and intentions. I am deeply disturbed by what the writer had to say. I was saddened that this young man has had his thinking manipulated by the rhetoric of those who are still trying to justify a poorly run election.

Tn a rational world where special interests and hidden agendas were absent, this controversey would have been settled.

It has been approximately one year since this controversy arose. In a rational world

where special interests and hidden agendas

Whip appeal...Bill Baxter recently appealed to the Crier for proof of allegations that he was "the most antiquated buggywhip" trustee when he put on a one-man picket in front of The Crier offices. The description of him came in a March 11 column by publisher W. Edward Wendover. The placard in Bill's left hand asks The Crier to "Prove it!" The buggy whip in his right hand, does. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

were absent, this controversy would have been settled. Unfortunately, we have leaders in our educational system who are willing to trample on the most important right we have as Americans: the right to

This right was executed last year to vote for this controversial bond proposal. It was held on a Saturday (not a normal voting day) in March (when many retirees are away and, in this case, they did not receive their absentee ballots) and on and on. After the vote count the bond issue passed, backers were thrilled. They were so excited about getting their way that they were willing to trample all over our right to vote.

In steps Jerry Vorva—thank God! He is taking a lot of unfair abuse over stepping in and taking action in order to resolve an issue that has the potential for causing far more damage than just passing a bond that may not have been what Plymouth residents wanted.

Wes Farrow had the courage and the right to speak out and say that Vorva is wrong. The curious thing here is that Farrow does not see his own irony. He has the right to speak his mind and to speak it publicly. His right is protected under the Constitution. Wes, our right to vote is also protected there. We have the right to cast a vote in an un-manipulated environment. Why does our government take such pains to send advisors to other countries who want free elections? This right is critical in preserving our rights as individuals.

This bond issue should be put up for a new vote. That would be the simple solution. Hold the election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Make sure the out-oftowners have their absentee ballots, and use established voting machines. If it passes, fine! If it does not, ok. The true democratic process will have been preserved. There are always going to be winners and losers. But as long as our rights remain in tact, we all win.

The rhetoric that is being taught to our students in order to serve special interests is deplorable. Socrates was accused of teaching rhetoric to the youth and he had to take responsibility for his own actions. I am not calling for a hemlock solution to this issue, only a

We need more Jerry Vorva's in this country. He has put the preservation of our rights as individuals ahead of his own right to live outside the eye of public scrutiny.

Keep it up Jerry! **MARTY GARGARO**

A former Plymouth resident who still considers it home

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