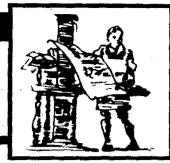
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Thomas to rejoin school board

Fewer lost votes, voters seen at polls

BY BRYON MARTIN

Less than two percent of the 2513 ballots cast in Monday's School Board election, won by Roland Thomas, were lost, according to Judy Evola, director of comrelations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

This figure was being watched closely by many, after 716 votes lost at the polls in the March 22 school bond special election.

Four separate groups filed petitions with the schools over this loss, including Thomas.

Dan Dismuke also filed recount/revote petitions. Vorva filed a lawsuit in May,

which is still in court, seeking an injunction of the bond's progress.

Following these and other allegations that the Unilect system was faulty and deficient, Evola's department worked with the schools' elections office to provide at-the-precinct training to improve voter competency with the system.

Evola said 45,000 copies of the schools' Newsline newsletter were distributed to "all the homes in the district."

Flyers and how-to-vote directions were posted in voting booths and around the precincts. An instructional video played constantly while the polls were open.

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Harold Fischer, a Schoolcraft college founder, dead at 74

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER and JILLIAN BOGATER

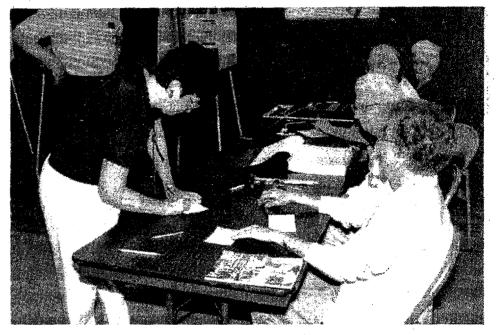
The community is mourning Harold Fischer, one of Schoolcraft College's founders and long-time friend of Plymouth-Canton education.

Fischer, 74, died Monday. He was a Plymouth Township resident and the first

chair of the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees, having also served on the Plymouth School Board beginning in 1955 and becoming president of the board two years later.

He was a tireless supporter of education causes and one of The Plymouth-Canton Community's most active Kiwanians. Whenever a school millage appeared on

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Less than 2 percent of voters miscast their ballots in Monday's School Board Election, down from 7 percent in the March 22 bond vote. Voter turnouts were also down from March's election. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).

P-C kids hurt celebrating Red Wings victory

Roof-top ride lands one in hospital

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Two teens were injured — one seriously — Saturday night in Plymouth Township while celebrating the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup Championship sweep.

Jeremiah Sullivan, 17, of Canton and Chad Brandonberg, 16, of Plymouth were thrown from the roof of a car as it cruised through a neighborhood at Sheldon and Joy.

Both were transported by Huron Valley Ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Sullivan was treated and released for scrapes on his hand, while Brandonberg was hospitalized two days for a serious head injury and a broken arm, according to the Plymouth Township Police

"We were listening on the radio and celebrating the win," Sullivan said. "When we heard the Wings won the cup, we got up on the roof of the car. Everyone was going nuts, honking horns and stuff."

As a third teen, Nicholas Vitto, 17, of Canton drove Sullivan's 1987 Dodge Daytona along a curve on Mayflower, near Mayflower court, Sullivan and Brandonberg were thrown from the roof.

Sullivan said his car was traveling about 25 miles per hour when the accident hap-

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Tax hike proposed to buy \$180,000 in Plymouth advertising

In a meeting Thursday with the Plymouth Property Owners Group, the Plymouth Downtown Business Association (PDBA) proposed a nine mill tax increase to generate marketing funds for the city.

If implemented the special assessment district, which would affect the businesses located in the Downtown Development Authority district, would raise \$180,000 to promote Plymouth.

While retailers overwhelmingly support the idea, many of the landlords felt nine mills was too high and suggested a threeto five-mill increase.

Before proceeding, the PDBA needs approval from the majority of the property owners. Next, Plymouth's City Commission will hold a public hearing on objections to establishing the district and commissioners will vote on the issue.

Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile said he plans to meet with the PDBA to solidify a proposed millage amount, then set up the public hearing.

The nine mill proposal was to replace an earlier idea that would assess a flat \$650 to each landlord.

We know it's increasingly difficult and burdensome to promote the downtown area," Guile said. "We felt this was an equitable way for everyone to participate."

If established, the district would levy the nine-mill assessment.

The PDBA projects that a property owner with a building valued at \$100,000 would pay an additional \$75 per month.

Without the funding, the PDBA says marketing will be seriously curbed.

We need to establish an image and use it for outreach programs to residential properties because of the increased competition for everyone's shopping dollars," Guile said.

A need to compete with encroaching residential housing and a future mall fuels the marketing campaign.

The PDBA addressed this fear in a Principal Shopping District Report issued at the meeting.

commercial viability of downtown businesses will begin to suffer," the report states. "The downtown district must be prepared to compete."

City land owners in the district currently pay about 55 mills.

Most of the landlords attending the meeting supported a millage increase but differed on the number of mills.

Cafe Bon Homme owner Greg Goodman suggested starting at a lower mill rate, such as three to five mills, then increasing it as things progress.

Property owner Bob Bake supported some level of millage, saying the city would greatly benefit from an organized marketing campaign.

He expressed concern for the downtown shopping district, mentioning that four

"trophy" business locations are vacant.
"We're a sick little puppy and we need

We're a sick little puppy and we need — Bob Bake

help," Bake said. "Property owners need to lead the way. I'm going to bite the bullet and absorb things the best I can."

Plymouth Realton

Some land owners remained unconvinced.

"Us as an old town fighting against commercial malls has been an issue for years," John Thomas said. "I wouldn't mind paying if I thought it was the solution to what I think is the problem. I'm not con-

The DDA currently spends \$84,000 annually to promote downtown Plymouth. The money from an increased millage would be used only for marketing purposes, Guile said.

Plymouth Sunrise Sale, Sat.

The early shopper gets the deal.

Downtown Plymouth stores are hoping people take that into consideration as the annual Sun-Rise Sale is continued on

The theme of the sale is, as the director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Fran Toney puts it, "The earlier you're up, the more you save."

Stores will be opening at 5 a.m., and prices will be cut in half in each participating store. So the earlier a shopper arrives downtown, the less money they will spend.

At 6 a.m., all the prices will be 40 percent off. As each hour passes, the prices will raise 10 percent.

The progressive and eventual raising of

the prices explains why there are lines at the stores once 5 a.m. rolls around, Toney

"With so many women working today, this will give them extra time in the day to shop," said Toney. "They can leave the kids in bed and go shop, and they won't lose any time during the day.'

The sale began when the Lorenz family - the former owners of the Mayflower Hotel - began the hot-air balloon show that was held in Plymouth in the early

The sale was then called the Inflation Sale. When the show ended after less than a decade, the sale was changed to the Sun-Rise Sale and has flourished since.

Questions surround Sheldon Rd. Ford Plant's future

BY BRYON MARTIN

They've ranged from allegations the plant is changing its name or its product, to one that it has been sold, or is even shutting down.

Rumors are circulating about Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant, in Plymouth Township.

But Denise Bither of Ford Motor Company said she could not confirm any of them.

Suggestions that the plant has been sold "are absolutely not true," she said. "And we have no plans to close."

She also said she has "no knowledge" of plans to change the plant's name or product line.

The Sheldon Plant is part of Ford's Automotive Product Operations (APO), which has 68 facilities in 19 countries. According to Ford, the organization did \$16.4 billion in sales in 1996.

The APO is a single business enterprise formed from four separate Ford divisions: Automotive Components, Electrical and Fuel Handling, Glass and Chassis.

These divisions were reorganized Nov. 1 in order to improve global competitiveness in component markets.

Roger Caldwell, President of United Autoworkers Local 845 in Canton, connected this goal to rumors he said he has heard.

Caldwell said both Ford management and U.A.W. leadership

have warned of changes that may be coming in the next six to 12 months.

"They want to remove the Ford name on parts to get us into the world market," he said. "Some people won't buy from Ford, but they'll buy from mom and pop's plastic shop."

The Sheldon plant makes injection molds, controls, aluminum radiators, and air conditioning and heater cores.

The plant celebrates its 30th year of Ford operation this year: the plant opened Feb. 6, 1967.

Of the Ford-U.A.W. relationship, Caldwell said, "We've done quite well together for a hundred years. Now we can't compete?

"The U.A.W. is completely opposed to (a name change)," he said

The plant now annually produces a total of 20 million various parts, according to Caldwell.

"It's not like we're going to Hell in a handcart," he said.

Bither would not confirm any name-change plans.

Caldwell said he, too, is waiting to see how much truth or accuracy there is to the rumors.

"They dropped it on us last week," he said. "Now we're just waiting for information from management and the leaders."

Plant Manager Paula Winkler Doman did not return repeated phone calls to comment.



Just a dash of...

Mark Nowak, of the Cafe Bon Homme, works his magic at Plymouth's Free Taste Fest (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

Canton P.D. nabs burglars

Sgt.: discouraging break-ins, 'not that hard.'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Westland police arrested a pair of juveniles for a string of home invasions, according to Canton Police Sqt. Eddie Tanner.

The latest incident occurred around 3 a.m. May 30, according to police reports.

Police say a homeowner at the 300 block of Meadowlake, near Cherry Hill and Hannan roads, was awakened by a light flashing in her window. She then noticed a person standing in the doorway, who fled when she screamed.

With assistance from the Westland Police Department, Canton Police set up a perimeter. The suspects, two 16-year-old Westland residents, were arrested later in Westland, according to police reports.

Tanner said the suspects entered the house by using an automatic garage door opener located in the victim's unlocked car. Most home invasions can be avoided by common sense, he said.

"Secure windows and doors are the best way to avoid it," he said. "There have been people who just walk around looking for open doorwalls. Some people secure their door screens, but leave the sliding glass open to circulate air."

Taking simple steps to avoid break-ins are generally effective, Tanner said, like making sure doors, windows and doorwalls are locked. "Especially side-entry garage doors. Then they can use the garage for concealment while working on the inside door."

Using motion sensor lights is another good way to avoid break-ins, he said. "It's your best bet. It's really not that hard to discourage burglars."

Canton hires lobbying firm

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Sometimes you have to spend more to get more.

That's the thought behind Canton hiring a lobbying firm, Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI), to coordinate all lobbying activities related to Canton, according to Supervisor Tom Yack.

The firm will be hired for a one-year pilot program to see how effective it is, Yack said. "If it leads to something, it's an investment. If it doesn't, then it's a mistake. It only takes one or two successes to make the investment worthwhile."

GCSI will review all legislation introduced and notify the township about any that will impact it. They will also lobby to pass, defeat, or amend legislation at Canton's direction, Yack said.

Issues Yack feels Canton needs more representation on include Act 51 road funds, future arts funding, recreation bond funds for parkland and getting a greater share of state-fund revenues as a result of Canton's mid-decade census, he said.

"(Our legislators) are very important. Without their support, nothing would happen," Yack said, "but just because they advocate something doesn't mean it's going to happen. Sometimes you need additional horsepower."

Canton's previous lobbyist, the Michigan Township Association (MTA), was ineffective, Yack said.

"There are 112 townships in Michigan, and only a few of them are fairly large,"

Yack said. "Generally MTA is not responsive to larger townships.

"With a competitive grant for example, every township applies for the grants. We can't really ask MTA to apply specifically for us."

The Township will pay GCSI \$3,000 a month during the one-year trial period, Yack said. He thinks it will be a wise investment.

"Advocacy groups know all the legislators, and have established credibility," he said. "They can educate legislators as to why putting money here in Canton would be a good thing. I don't always have time to do that."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tomorrow is the last day of school for Plymouth-Canton students. Classes resume August 26.
- Today, Canton's Chamber of Commerce meets at Damon's Ribs, Ford Rd. at noon.

WEEKEND

- Plymouth's Sunrise Sale takes place Saturday in downtown Plymouth. Call the Chamber of Commerce for details, at 453-8838.
- •The Plymouth Family YMCA 18th Annual Fathers Day Run happens Sunday, the first begins at 7:30 a.m. Registrations run from \$10 to \$25. Call 453-2904, or show up Sunday at The Gathering across from Kellogg Park.
- Mettetal Airport's Father's Day pancake breakfast begins 7 a.m., Sunday. Adults, \$3.50, 12 and under, \$2.50. Airplane ride tickets will be on sale.

NEXT WEEK

 Canton's Liberty Fest kicksoff Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Township administrative building. Just added are a pie eating contest and archery demonstration, Thursday; the Fest runs through Sunday.

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Before you go, don't forget to grab your Crier GUIDE to Canton's Liberty Fest. It's a complete listing of event times and locations. Find it in next weeks Crier.

Revamped parade promises firsts

'Good Morning U.S.A., Plymouth's reorganized Fourth of July Parade, to be bigger, earlier

BY BRYON MARTIN

This year, the fourth is full of firsts.

Good Morning U.S.A., Plymouth's revised Fourth of July parade, will be the first Independence Day parade in

First, in that it will begin before any other parade in the state --- 7:30 a.m.

In past years the parade began at 1 p.m. and, according to Fred Hill, parade coordinator, the afternoon start time put limits on its success.

"It made it difficult to get parade entries as well as spectators," Hill explained. "It was during the 'hot' of the day."

Starting the parade at 7:30 a.m. avoids some of that heat, Hill said, and better fits into people's schedules.

'It used to fall in the middle of everyone's Fourth of July picnic," he said. "The dramatic change in time has made more entries available.'

And although the parade boasts more than 70 entries, it's not their number, but their ability to entertain paradegoers that is most important, according to Hill.

"In the past our parades have been criticized for being just cars and politicians," he said. "We've made an effort to make the entries more entertaining."

Patriotic might be a better description.

The parade's theme, "America the Beautiful," will be emphasized by a number of entries making their first appearances.

Three skydivers carrying an American flag will land on Main Street to start the parade; a B-17 Flying Fortress will do a fly-over; and at 8:15 a.m., voices and radios will join in the National Anthem.

Everyone should be prepared to be part of the parade,'

That's the plan, anyway. WSDP, 88.1 FM will play the anthem as they simulcast from the site.

We hope that people will bring their portable radios and tune them in together," Hill said.

The plan is that at about 8:15 a siren will sound, the parade will stop and all radios and voices will join in

"Everyone should be prepared to be a part of the parade," Hill said.

Two interactive bleacher sections will afford spectators an opportunity to get involved, according to Hill.

City Hall and Kellogg Park will each have a 250-seat riser set up for watching and getting in on the action.

For \$10, "bleacher creatures" will get a seat on the riser and a bag of props for group fun, Hill said. An announcer will also be present at each riser.

Other first-time entries include the Caber Feidh pipe band, Emerald Knights Drum and Bugle Corps and Different Notes for Different Folks, a group of recent graduates and students whose appearance, according to Hill,

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, the Dogmatics canine drill team, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team and Miss Michigan will also be on hand.

'We've pretty well reinvented the whole parade," Hill

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of the district's 66,123 registered voters went to the polls. In Monday's board election 2,513 voted; less than 4 percent of RESULTS FOR THE those registered. "If you take away TUNE 9 SCHOOL BOARD

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last two board elections, it's 'Where were you," Board President Horvath said. "It frustrates me as a parent that a small number of people are making big decisions."

"They run out and

vote for U.S. Senators, but they don't for this," he said. "This affects their lives five

Swartzwelter represented Thomas at the board office on election night: Thomas's Sunday and was scheduled for triples her involvement, "at least for one more bypass surgery Tuesday. Thomas and famí year. You're not rid of me yet." ly flew to see her Sunday afternoon.

Suzanne Dershem, who received the

Thomas returns to school board

Votes

637

Votes

427

Votes

In the board election less than 2 percent of ballots were "lost" or miscast, down from about 7 percent in the March vote.

Fred Hill

Voter turnouts were down, too.

At the March vote 12,091, or 18 percent

a message from the Mark

Swartzwelter, former board member, said he found the election's low turnout ironic when compared to the greater turnout typical of national elections.

days a week, 190 days a year."

mother in Charlotte N.C. had a heart attack.

second-greatest number of votes in the board election, expressed disappointment similar to that of Swartzwelter and

"We made 600 calls, hung 3,000 door hangers and had something in the Bentley Elementary P.T.O. Newsletter," with the

date and time of the election on them and Dershem's for the trustee spot, she said.

"They they're too busy," she continued. "I don't

Dershem said she plans to continue her school involvement. Her position on Superintendent Charles Little's Legislative Action Committee will be among her priorities, she said.

As she left the board offices, she accepted encouragement on her loss from Horvath, and said T'll still be here.'

Caroll Bollman.

who finished with the third-greatest number of votes in the election, did not visit the board offices as precinct totals were reported. Her son stopped in to get the scores for her, she said.

Bollman said she, too, plans to continue

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Plymouth resident Jamey Clark will hold a recital featuring piano works of Franck and Albeniz on June 18 at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Recital Hall at Eastern Michigan University. The recital is free.

Recent graduates of EMU. Canton: Larry Acord, Daniel Alcock, Lori Arndt, Olan Barnes, Faith Bavol, Eric Belasco Coret Blatnik, Anthony Borg, Paul Burnette, Bryan Danek, Laura Domka, Leanne Engle, Gary Fischer, Darryl Froehlich, Sabina Gibbs, Chanda Grady, Eva Gravel, Deborah Gubert, Crystal Gutierrez, Pamela Hagan, Thomas Hanson, Jill Heckel, Sheri Heegaard, Mary Horrigan Cherie Jamés, Kimberly Jensen, Susan Kallay, Paul Kijek, Jason Kolka, Matthew Korzek, Eric Kubiel, Brook Marie LaBine, Krista Marie Mabbott, Asha Mahesh, Marilyn Mazaitis, Julia Meixner, Nichole Montresor, Michelle Jeanette Mortiere, Nan Mustonen, Sebnem Onsay, Patricia Pahl, Allen Parker, Lana Parker, Michael Parmelee, Marianne Patten, Justin Paterson, Gina Percy, Jon Rigoni, Todd Rowe, James Ryan, Manish Sikka, Cynthia Spurlock, Jennifer Stotz, Carolyn Tackett, Kristen VanLente, Sandy Victor, Barbara Visovatti, Melinda Whitteberry, and Edward Wrenbeck. Northville: Matthew Campeau, Jeffrey Clark, Michael Endlein, Dawn Fisher, Emily Gardell, Charles Grahl II, Dawn Hoefer, Kathy Kaczmarek, Elizabeth LaManna, Glen Messer II, Jacqueline Phillips, Julie Storm, Richard Subotich and Christine Wescott. Plymouth: Melissa Amin, Cynthia Baumgarten, Hugh Blake-Thomas, Tanya Bowsman, Elaine Brown, Cheryl Ferris, Roberta Helmke, David Henning, Paul Jesmantas, Cynthia Jones, Scott Kapla, Mary Beth Kowaleski, Zhana Krasyuk, Kristen Krueger, Bath McLaren, Danielle Meier, Kelly Najmowicz-Landin, Heather Oldham, William Pawelak, Jeremy Rheault, Kevin Santer, Kimberly Smith, Rebecca Smith, Jenna Stanton, Andrew Strahan and Erin Warne.Graduating with Master's degrees. Canton: Wen-Huei Chiu, Tracy Craighead, Theresa Dyke, Jori Eastman, Emily Fischer, Tina Heikkinen-Gavalier, Taha Hussain, Mark LaRue, I-Mei Liao, David Maurice, Russell Neville, Mahidhar Vallapareddy, Kelly Watts. Mary Jane Weidenbach and Qing Yang. Northville: Sharon Abramovich, Daniel Epstein, Jennifer Nixon and John Quinn. Plymouth: Peter Bec, Cynthia Blanchard-Kronig, Sarah Chun, Kara Dettmann-Ross, Sharon Filips, Camille Forster, Matthew Hader, Elizabeth Hagg, Kevin Karr, William Rotramel, Kimber Staschke, Patrick Sturdy, Amy Weber Bonnie White and Linda Witzburg,

No excuses

Northville senior finishes high school after attending every day of his schooling career

BY MATT HUCAL

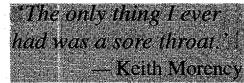
There are those who are lazy. There are those who are always sick. And there are those who spend as much time on vacations as they do in school.

But there are few like Keith Morency of Northville, who if anyone, can be compared to Cal Ripken.

Morency, who Friday graduated with the Northville High School Class of 1997, finished his Northville School District career without missing one day of school dating back to kindergarten.

That's right. That's 2,353 straight days of school. But Morency not only had impeccable attendance, there's more. He went through all those days without being tardy once.

Now those of you asking, HOW?, there's a simple reason — he's never been seriously sick or injured and his family



doesn't go on vacation during the school

Morency explains the two instances that nearly corrupted his attendance record.

"The only thing I ever had was a sore throat," Morency said. "And when I was in the eighth grade my brother had chicken

pox. I was exposed to them, and everybody thought I'd get them, but I never did."

Vacations and illnesses are one thing, but most high school students are prone to the bug — the skipping class bug — once in a while.

Morency dealt with that issue with a simple summarization, "When it was warm out, I knew that I still had after school to do

The annual senior skip day is one day in May that most of the seniors in high school take off to go to the beach or Cedar Point, but Morency chose instead to keep his record intact.

"My friends really wanted me to go with them, but I decided to stay," Morency said, for obvious reasons.

Among Morency's hobbies is hockey, and Mike and Marion Ilitch rewarded him for his attendance efforts by giving him tickets to game four of the Detroit Red Wings' series against the Colorado Avalanche.

Morency said he is also getting a lot of practice doing interviews and speaking to people, which helped him prepare for the speech he gave at graduation commencements on Friday. He received the superintendent's award for his achievements, then

When it comes to working at Leisure Time Pet Center on Seven Mile in Northville, at least Morency takes on a



Keith Morency can stand tall after accomplishing an uncommon feat attending every day of school from kindegarten through high school (Crier photo, Matt Hucal)

more relaxed tone than at school.

"If I'm ever late, it's not without my boss knowing beforehand," Morency said.

Scouts create quilts of opportunities

troops recently completed 10 crib quilts to other serious medical problems.

Girl Scouts and their leaders from three be donated to babies born with AIDS and



(top row) - Rachel Egglesfield, Alison Sarsfield, Julia Fabiszewski, Jenny Bedard, Lindsey Walker, Jenny Trombley, Christen Wethington, Ashley Lewis. (middle row) — Pamela Osborne,

Maygen Ross, Karen Sanders, Sarah Ruona, Jeanette Lindquist, Ashley Ringler, Andrea Martin, Kelly Weir. (bottom row) - Renee Ross, Kelly Jacek, Heather Schacht, Lacey Walker.

The girls, members of Junior Troops 205 and 766 and Cadette Troop 899, were assisted in fabric selection and sewing tips by those on the staff of Jo Ann Fabrics in

The quilts were on display during the month of March in Jo Ann's Ford Road

After the quilts are returned to the troops, they will be donated to the Children's Aids Foundation.

One of the quilts, designed by the girls, features squares with pictures they colored and then transferred to fabric using special fabric cravons.

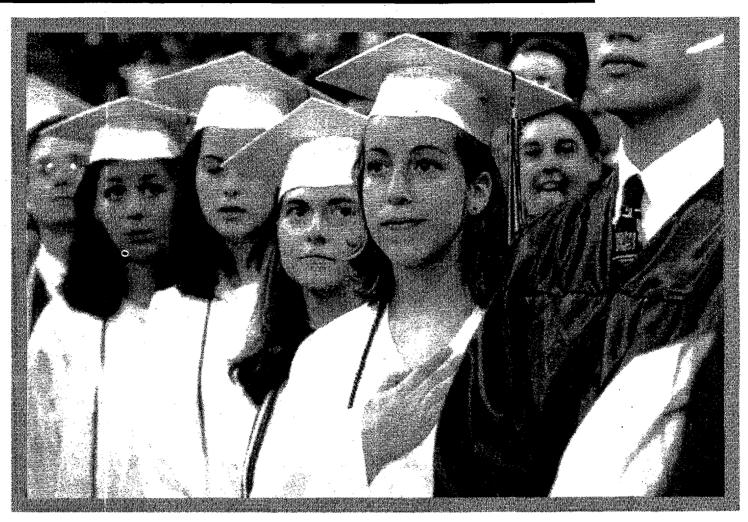
This and the other quilts were first time sewing experiences for most of the girls. They spent several hours one Saturday coordinating and sewing the brightly colored quilts.

On the troop's trip to JoAnn's, one customer asked Cadette Scout Lindsey Walker what they were making. Lindsey's response was, "We're making baby quilts."

When the customer asked, "Why are you making baby quilts?" Lindsey said, "Every baby needs a lovey."

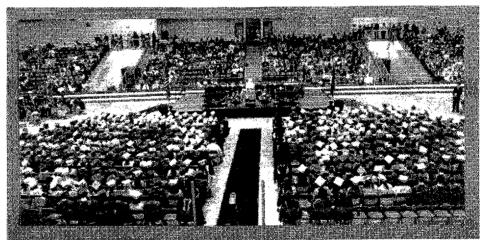
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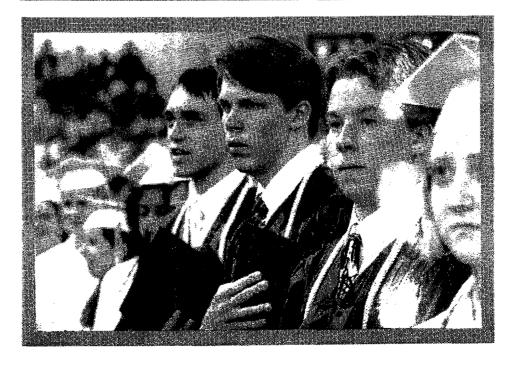
Commencement ceremonies for Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton High School students were held Sunday. Normally held at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, this year's ceremony took place at Compuware Arena.





Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.







Getting down to business



Jenny Pike, one of four geriatric clinical specialists in the state, has

joined Health Care Innovations as manager of rehabilitation services.

Α physical therapist since 1980, Pike has experience in hospitals, nursing



homes and home care. Since 1988, she has worked exclusively in home

Pike will work with Innovations Home Care, which provides home health care services to residents in the Plymouth area.

All guitarists are invited to the premier showing of the Michael Camp Guitar.

There will be an open house on Sunday from 1-7 p.m. at the Plymouth Arts Council Center for the Arts.

The Center is located at 774 North Sheldon Road at the corner of Sheldon and Junction roads.

The guitar was designed and built right here in the Plymouth area. Admission is free.

For further information, please contact Wayne Dickinson at (313) 455-1173.

A team of professional trainers at the Plymouth-based automotive division of Johnson Controls has won an award of excellence from the International Society for Performance Improvement in Washington, D.C.

The company's QUEST training team gained the recognition for designing and implementing a performance-enhancing system for manufacturing at the automotive seating and interiors supplier. The approach, called the J.C.I. Manufacturing System, saved the company more than \$8 million in two

Johnson Controls received the award at a conference in California. Members of the winning team include Linda Hogan, manager of training and development; John Rog, manager of manufacturing training; Robert Houtteman, director manufacturing engineering; and Amy Wakenhut, graphics designer.

Special recognition also went to to managers for their part in implementing the system: Gerald Beaubien, vice president and general manager; and Garry Cardwell, general manager.

Busch's takes fun approach to shopping

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

When Busch's ValuLand management wanted to find someone to head the seafood department at the new Plymouth store, they went directly to the source.

After some coaxing, they managed to lure Mike McNamara, who operated Plymouth Fish on Starkweather in Old Village for 15 years.

"I'm doing the same type of thing here," McNamara said. "Any type of fish, we'll prepare it for you, fried, baked or on a bed of rice."

It's this personal touch that Busch's management says sets their store apart from other grocery stores.

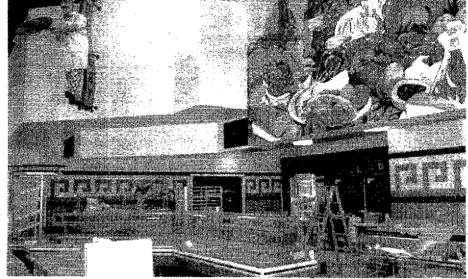
Busch's celebrates its official opening at the corner of Sheldon and Five Mile roads with an open house this evening.

Upon entering the new store, it appears more like a festive art-deco exhibit than the traditional wall-to-wall canned goods shop. Artist murals cover the walls, awnings hang from above the deli counter and life-sized caricature statues hang from the ceiling.

"It's a lot of fun to take kids to a place



Mike McNamara left his job at Plymouth Fish to head the seafood



A wall mural accents the meat counter area. (Crier photos, R. Alwood Jr.)

like this," said Peggy Conlin, Busch's ATM service and a full service pharmacy. spokesperson. "We want to present things in an attractive and fun style.'

Conlin says the large amount of perishable foods available sets Busch's apart from other stores.

"Anyone can sell green beans or stack the aisles with canned goods," Conlin said.

Fresh foods include seafood, meats, deli, cheese, pastries, breads and produce.

The store also offers a full buffet table for those who want a ready-to-eat lunch. Customers have the option to eat their food in a new atrium/cafe.

One of the most unconventional additions to the store is a cappuccino bar.

"We roast our own coffee beans and serve espresso, cappuccino and flavored coffees," Conlin said. "Shopping is a weekly chore. There's no reason not to make it enjoyable."

Artwork for the store was composed by the Marco Design Group in collaboration with Busch's owner John Busch.

The floors for the store are a combination of hardwood and tile, and mohagany trim lines the walls.

The store will offer bottle recycling, an the cafe atrium.

"And in Busch's family tradition, we will offer free coffee and doughnut holes for the customers," Conlin said.



Construction workers finish up work in

Crafts and antique mall opens in Canton

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Carousel Crafts and Antiques officially opened its doors Friday evening with a ribbon cutting

The mall, located at 41677 Ford in Canton, will offer a variety of crafts and antiques, said Barb Kosciolek, who manages the shop with Executive Director Carol Wren.

Crafters and antique dealers rent space at the mall to sell their goods. Carousel has room for 700 venders on two floors, she said.

"Crafters can display their merchandise, but they don't need to be here because we provide all the sales representatives," Kosciolek said.

Carousel is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.



Employees celebrate Carousel's grand opening. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

Bad luck for drunk driver

Canton man may have gotten away with driving drunk, if Ann Arbor woman hadn't turned

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Police arrested a 44-year-old Canton man for drunk driving Sunday evening after he was involved in an accident in PlymouthTownship.

James H. McCann was arraigned Monday on one charge of operating under influence of liquor before Judge John McDonald at 35th District Court. His next court appearance is set for July 1.

Plymouth Township Police say around 5:20 p.m. McCann was driving his 1987 Ford Econoline van southbound on Beck, south of North Territorial, when a vehicle turned in front of him to do a U-turn.

McCann then hit the 1989 Saab driven by Debbie Ann LaBelle of Ann Arbor.

LaBelle, who was extracted from her car by the Jaws of Life, was transported by Huron

Valley Ambulance to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor where she was treated

When police asked McCann for his insurance information, an officer noticed the smell of alcohol on his breath, according to the police report. When asked, McCann said he had a couple drinks but had stopped drinking at 1 p.m.

Breath tests found McCann had a blood alcohol level of ,20; Michigan considers .10 legally drunk.

Police impounded his van, along with a pet parrot named "Popeye." The bird was later released to a friend

Police cited LaBelle for failure to yield.

Teenage Red Wings fans fall from car



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According to the police report, Sullivan said he and Brandonberg had been drinking before the incident.

operator's license and careless driving.

If the Wings go on to win another cup next year, does Sullivan plan a repeat performance?

"No way," he said. "It's very dangerous. Police cited Vitto for driving without a I didn't realize it until it was too late.'

Fischer, lifetime Plymouth resident, dies at 74

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the ballot. Fischer was certain to visit the local newspaper office to stump for the

Although proud of his local roots - his father, George, preceded him on the Plymouth School Board (Canton was added to the name years later) - Fischer's former greenhouse and then real estate business background led him to vote with his business-sense, not his emotions. Serving on the committee to evaluate Central School (Fischer graduated from that as a high school), he voted to recommend discontinuing its use.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian

Visitation is from 4 to p.m. Thursday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Dr. James Skimins officiating.

Fischer is survived by his wife, Ardith; sons Harold E. of Kalamazoo, Mark R. of Albuquerque, NM and Grant G. of Milford; brother Harry C. of Maryland; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, P.O. Box 701308, Plymouth, MI 48170, or to the First Presbyterian church of Plymouth.



Red Wings fans cruised downtown Plymouth Saturday, after the team won the Stanley Cup (Crier photo, Ryan Nuñez).

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Obituaries

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ALICE B. PORTER

Alice B. Porter, a Plymouth resident, died June 3, 1997 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Porter was born July 3, 1915 in Charlotte, MI. She was a 1937 graduate of Michigan State University. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth; Chi Omega Sorority, A.A.U.W., and served for many years as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Carroll L. "Ike" Porter, former superintendent of Parks and Forestry for Wayne County; daughter, Kay (Gerald) Swain of Ann Arbor; son, Michael (Kay) Porter of Toledo; and grandchildren, Julie Swain of Chicago, Pamela (John) French of Livonia, Bradford Swain of Ann Arbor, Deborah (Michael) Pittenger of Willmington, DE and Michael (Peggy) Porter, Jr. of Cincinnati; and great-grandchild Zachary French.

Memorial services were held at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. David D. Owen officiating. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to Angela Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

LOWELL HAROLD HITT

Lowell Harold Hitt, a Ypsilanti resident, died May 30, 1997 at the age of 50.

Mr. Hitt was born Nov. 18, 1946 in Wayne. He was a Vietnam veteran, and formerly worked as a machinist at Dunn Steel Products in Plymouth. He grew up in Plymouth and moved to Ypsilanti 13 years ago from the Northville/Plymouth community.

He is survived by his former wife, Karen Panyard of Saline; daughter, Michelle (Charles) Worsham of Massachusetts; sons, Daniel of Saline, MI, Phillip of Techemseh, MI, grandchildren, Madison and Joshua; parents, Virginia Donovan of Florida, Robert Hitt of Canton; and sisters, Julie Hienz of Northville and Janice Fraissee of Louisiana.

Services were held at Riverside Cemetery with Pastor Lance Rubringer officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

THOMAS M. LAIRD

Thomas M. Laird, a Redford Township resident, died June 1, 1997 at the age of 46. Mr. Laird was born October 23, 1950 in Detroit. He was a computer engineer, and also worked at the University of Michigan for four years.

He is survived by his mother, Martha J. Thomas of Plymouth; sister, Sandra (Michael) A. Soluski of Jacksonville, FL; aunts, Mary Ann (Chuck) Curtis, Muriel (Eugene) Salata; uncle, Everett (Betty); and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Milan W. Laird.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with James Skimins officiating. Internment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

DAVID C. SCHLICK

David C. Schlick, a Plymouth resident, died May 24, 1997 at the age of 70.

Mr. Schlick was born Oct. 3, 1926 in Kalamazoo. He was the seventh of 13 children born to John and Agnes Schlick of Kalamazoo. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1952 with a B.S. in Physics and Math. He worked in Dumont Labs in Clifton, NJ, where he was involved in early TV developments. He later returned to Kalamazoo where he married Anne Rogers in 1957, and then moved to Plymouth in 1959. He also worked at the Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth and received several patents for automated check sorting equipment. He later worked for General Motors Research in the field of automative noise suppression. He enjoyed working on home improvements, gardening, reading, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Anne R. of Plymouth; daughter, Carolyn Schlick, D.V.M., of Orlando, FL; son, D. Roger (Marianne) Schlick of E. Grand Rapids, MI; grandchildren, Patrick, Margaret, and Kevin; four sisters; two brothers; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services were held at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Fr. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

ALICE M. McDONALD

Alice M. McDonald, a Canton resident, died June 3, 1997 at the age 54.

Mrs. McDonald was born Feb. 8, 1943 in Livonia. She was a former owner of Little Angel Shoppe in Plymouth for 19 years, and a salesperson with Caldwell Banker Real

Estate in Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Oscar E. McDonald of Canton; son, Daniel (Georgia) O. McDonald of Howell; sister, Rose Mary Herring of Curtis, MI; and granddaughter, Qwendolyn McDonald of Howell.

Arrangments were made by and services held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Mark Kruchkow officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

JOHN SHOLLACK II

John Shollack II. a Westland resident, died May 31, 1997 at the age of 84.

Mr. Shollack was born March 4, 1913 in Cincinnati, OH. He was a resilient floor decorator, and a member of the resilient floor decorators local 2265 for 55 years.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys M. Wright of Westland; sons, John (Sharon) H. Shollack of Canton, Robert (Catherine) R. Shollack of Plymouth; brothers, Emil Shollack of Howell, George Shollack of Canton; sister, Ann King of Holland, MI; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Our Savior Evangical Lutheran Church in Westland with the Rev. Myron F. Sordahl officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Our Savior Evangical Lutheran Church in Westland.

LAURA M. KENNEDY

Laura M. Kennedy, a Westland resident, died June 2, 1997 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Kennedy was born May 10, 1915 in New York, NY. She retired several years ago as a consumer customer service representative for Consolidated Edison. A former Canton resident, she came to the community in 1993 from New York. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (James) Frawley of Canton; son, Joseph (Mary Lee) Kennedy Jr. of Boston; brother, Ronald (Amelia) McGregor of Florida; sister, Edith Blessing of New Jersey; grandchildren, James, Kevin, and John Frawley; and great-grandchildren, Bryan, Lauren, Sarah, Amanda and Patrick.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Geroge Charnley officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangments were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home n Plymouth.

CHRISTOPHER JOHN WILLIAMS

Christopher John Williams, a Canton resident, died June 5, 1997 at the age of 45.

Mr. Williams was born Sept. 26, 1951 in England. He was a management consultant for the Thomas Group for one year. He worked for 20 years for Unisys in England and the U.S. He graduated from Dundee University in Scotland with Honors in Chemistry. He was a member of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps for eight years, was president for three years, treasurer for two years, and membership chairman for one year. He liked to travel with the Fife and Drum Corps. He liked reading, racquetball, tennis, jogging and photography.

He is survived by his wife, Louise "Yvonne" of Canton; sons, Paul and Daniel of Canton; daughter, Victoria of Canton; sisters, Jean Williams of England; Susan (Raymond) Walsh of England; mother, Joan Williams of England; Father-in-law, John McGuinness of England; Mother-in-law, Eileen Rowland of England; sister-in-law, Suzanne (Brian) Pilkington of England; and three nieces of England.

Services will be noon Wednesday, June 11 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. C. Richard Kelly, Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Plymouth Fife and Drums Corps.

ANNA VOLANTE

Anna Volante, a Plymouth resident, died June 6, 1997 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Volante was born Nov. 5, 1906 in Settefrate, Italy. She was a homemaker. She immigrated to New York with her parents in 1920, and moved to Michigan following her marriage to Joseph.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary (Maurice) Breen of Plymouth Township; six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her sons, Anthony J. and Joseph.

Mass will be held 10 a.m. Friday, June 13 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Visitation Thursday from 1 to 9 p.m., and a Wake service 7 p.m. Thursday at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Frank Bolterstein, 79

Frank Bolterstein, a Northville resident, died at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Bolterstein; one son; daughter, Pat Boucher of Canton and two other daughters; two brothers, one sister, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic church. Arrangments were made by The McCabe Funeral Home in Canton.

Time of the essence for Canton mega-development

Township commission cautious over rezoning for 124-acre commercial park

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A long-talked-about 124-acre megadevelopment may be on the way to Canton.

The development is a proposed corporate park district south of Ford Road between Lotz Road and I-275. It could contain a variety of structures, including theaters and assembly halls.

The proposal received a tentative goahead by the Planning Commission last Monday. The commission voted 7-0 to amend existing zoning on the condition that the developer meet with the Ford/Lotz study group to discuss some design issues, according to Community Planner Jeff

"My only concern was that if it was a corporate park district, there should be a consistent theme," Planning Commissioner Bob Wade said. "We wanted to be sure all the structures were uniform.

Other aspects the commission was concerned with include signs, landscaping, right of ways, and other detail items, Wade

But the concerns may have been a case of putting the cart before the horse, Goulet

"The concerns were based on the conceptual plan of the district, and we're a long way from that," Goulet said. "It was just a sketch to show what the district could possibly look like."

(Interchange Commercial) and R-2 (Single family residential), and was rezoned to MRD (Mid-Rise Development). The land could encompass exisiting uses and expand the capacity to include buildings up to eight stories in height.

We went ahead with the rezoning. I'm comfortable we can pull this thing together.'

— Bob Wade

One of the structures could be a multiscreen movie theater, Goulet said.

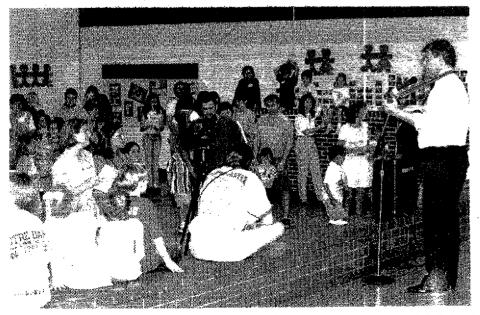
"We wanted to change the zoning," Wade said. "This project fits well with what we wanted to do with the area."

Wade agreed with the time-sensitive nature of the project, he said.

"When you have a lot of small parcels that you have to pull together, and someone starts thinking it isn't going to happen, it doesn't take much for them to pull out and the whole thing to fall apart," Wade

"But we haven't done anything to stop what the developer wants," he said. "We just went ahead with the rezoning on the ould possibly look like." condition that they meet with us. I'm com-The land had been zoned C-4 fortable that we can pull this thing togeth-

Remember us?



Dick Egli emcees the Kiddie Kampus 25th anniversary at the Canton High School cafeteria, Wednesday. Current and former staff and students, including Mary Koss, Betty DuBois and Sue Visser, reminisced and fouund themselves in 25 years of photos from the award-winning program. (Crier photo, Bryon Martin.)

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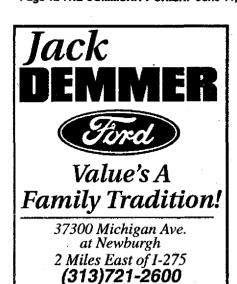
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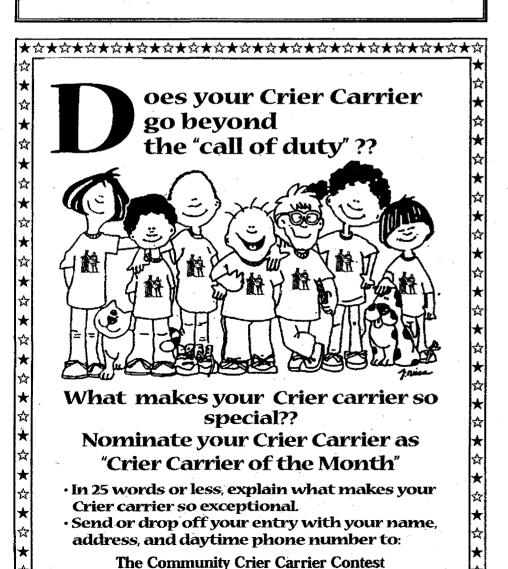


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Health...

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will host a breastfeeding class from 7 to 9 p.m. June 26 in the west addition conference room A. Cost, \$15. For more information, call (313) 655-1100

SAFE SITTER CLASS

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will host a safe sitter class for ages 11 to 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17 and 8:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 19 in pavilion conference room A. Cost is \$40 per student, registration required by June 12. Call (313) 655-1100.

CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS

St. Mary Hospital will offer an infant and child immunization program from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 18 in west addition conference room B. Cost is \$5 per child.

Groups...

KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will have an open house for prospective members at 7:15 a.m. June 25 at Vassel's Restaurant. For more information, call 453-7091.

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Plymouth Passage Gayde Post 391 will have its monthly meeting at the legion post, 173 N. Main, at 8 p.m. June 12. For more information, call 459-7890.

CHRISTIAN RECOVERY

Recovery in Christ offers assistance people needing help with an addiction or dealing with family members who are addicted. The group meets from 7:15 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in room 212 at Temple Baptist Church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

SINGLE PARENTS

Single Parents meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Free child care. Call 422-1854.

Volunteer...

YMCA VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers are needed for the Plymouth YMCA annual run, set for June 15. Specifically, the YMCA needs a volunteer coordinator, people to help direct the runners, to help give water and to help at the finish line. For more information, call 453-2904.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

CARRIAGE PARK SENIOR COMMUNITY

Those looking for a rewarding experience can contact Heather at Carriage Park: caring, energetic individuals willing to share their time and talents with residents are needed. Phone 397-8300.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Michelle Holmes at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

HOST-FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1997-98 school year. AISE exchange students live with host families and attend local high schools during their 10-month stay. For info, phone AISE at 1-800-742-5464.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

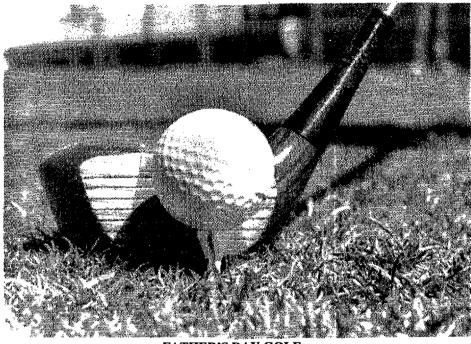
FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.



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FATHER'S DAY GOLE

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will host its 16th annual Father's Day Three-person Golf Scrambles Tournament June 15 beginning at 11 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Cost, \$96 per team. To register by June 12, call (313) 397-5110.

SCIENCE LECTURE

Speaker Joni Overton-Jung will speak about spiritual healing at 7 p.m. June 17 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty, Northville.

YOUTH SOCCER

The City of Plymouth will take registrations for fall youth soccer during the month of July from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All registrations require a birth certificate. Fee, \$40 for city residents, \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation will host its fourth annual golf outing June 23 at the Washtenaw Country Club. Cost for the event is \$135 for \$500 per foursome. Register by calling (313) 420-7010.

SUNRISE SALE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's downtown merchants will have a Plymouth Sunrise Sale from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. June 14. Saving of up to 50 percent.

GOLF TOURNEY

The Alexander McLaren Memorial Foundation will host its second annual golf tournament at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 17 at Fellows Creek Golf Club, Canton. cost is \$60 per person. For more information, call Debbie Gambino at (313) 383-8800.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton, will have a blood drive from 2:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. June 16.

GARAGE SALE

St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton, will have its annual garage sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 26 and 27 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28. For more information, call Dawn Moss at (313) 981-4877.

YMCA RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 18th Annual Run will take place on Father's Day, June 15. The day will start at 7:30 a.m. and includes categories for all ages. All events take place at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Call 453-2904.

ART IN THE SUN

The annual Art in the Sun art and crafts show will take place June 21 and 22 in downtown Northville. More than 140 exhibitors will take part in this juries show. For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

SUMMER BLAST

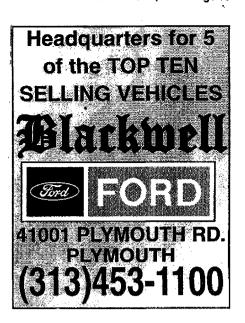
St. John Neumann's Singles Group is having its annual Summer Blast Dance from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. June 14. Cost, \$8. For more information, call Patrick Belanger at

GARDEN WALK

The Women's National Farm and Garden Association Trailwood Garden Club will host the second annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk from noon to 8 p.m. June 24. Cost, \$6 presale, \$7 day of tour. For more information, call Jeanne Hutko at 459-5285.



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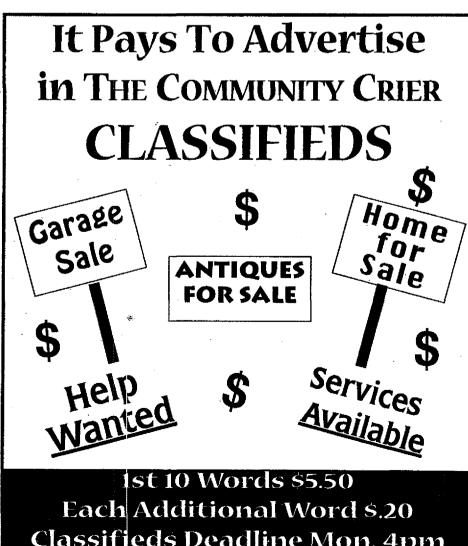
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Plymouth businesses bring LPGA Futures to MI

Four-day tour a chance to 'promote women as positive role models.'

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

If you told MedHealth Wellness Centers President and CEO Jack Moores he would head a pro-am women's golf tournament in four months, he probably would have laughed. But that's precisely what the Plymouth business executive, along with Don Massey

Cadillac, has managed to pull off.

The four-day Women's Futures Professional Golf Tour begins June 26 with a Pro-Am Tournament open to men and women. Cattail's Golf Club in South Lyon will host to the 120 national women players in the 54-Hole Futures Classic from June 27 to 29.

"This is a first for Michigan," Moores said. "The Futures players we will see are poised to become the next generation of LPGA players."

The golf outing will benefit Our Lady of Providence Center, a Northville Township organization that provides assistance for developmentally disabled women and children.

"If you love golf and want to promote women as positive role models, this is an extremely worthy cause," Moores said. "This whole thing is for and about women."

Moores said he hopes to raise about \$30,000 for the organization.

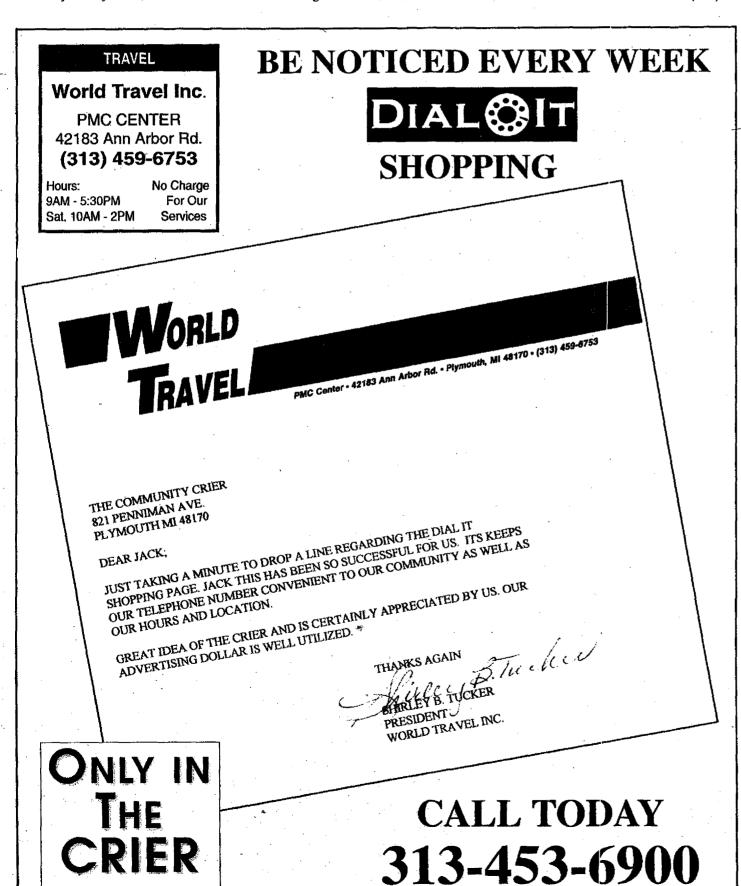
Many golfers use the Futures golf tour as a stepping stone to the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). Currently 129 LPGA golfers have competed in the Futures tour, including golfing sensations Rosie Jones, Barb Mucha and Michigan golfers Meg Mallon, Michelle McGann and recent Futures alumna Karrie Webb.

MedHealth, which specializes in cardiac rehabilitation, sports medicine and preventive health measures, sponsors Futures player Shelley Sanders of Sarasota, FL.

Moores and Sanders struck up a friendship after she gave him an impromptu golf lesson in Florida. The two stayed in touch, and when her corporate sponsor suddenly pulled out, Moores came to the rescue.

Currently the number two all-time money winner on the Futures tour, Sanders hopes to qualify for the LPGA in 1998.

Pro-Am player reservations and tournament ticket information are available by calling the MedHealth Futures Hotline at (313) 459-1800.



Walker Bros. Circus to perform today

The circus is coming! The circus is here!

The Walker Brothers Circus arrived in town and will perform today and tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

The two-day event is again sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club in the Unisys parking lot at Haggerty and Plymouth Roads.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Trading Post on Ann Arbor Road or at Beitner's Jewelry on Ann Arbor Trail until noon today.

'This is a wonderful circus for a small town like Plymouth. Last year we packed them in,'

Mary Baxter

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$6 for adults and are free for children under 12 years of age. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age.

The Walker Brothers Circus is from Sarasota, FL and travels around the east and the Midwest, organizer Bill Baxter said.

This year the the family-oriented circus will be all-new with trampolines, horses, clowns, elephants and chimpanzees entertaining the crowd.

The Lions Club will bring 10-12 children from the Pen Ricton Center for the Blind to the circus Wednesday, along with other multiply handicapped people. The Taylor-based center is one area in which the club supports.

"This is a wonderful circus for a small town like Plymouth," Mary Baxter, wife of organizer Bill Baxter, said. "Last year we packed them in and people loved it."



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BEAUREGARD eats Pam LaMarsh's chicken.

JINNY and DICK ARNHOLT - hurrah for 50 years! Many happy returns.

SHANNON: watch out for beers lurking in the Black Forest. Have a great trip!

"NO PHILLY STEAK sandwiches needed good idea Steve McM (work on gardening next)

SARA CHRISTOPHER= older!

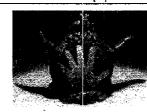
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PHYLLIS & BOB CAMERON were NOT back! That's why they didn't have time to stop in anc say, "Hi"!

LOIS JENSEN AND SISTER MARY:
These little sisters visited in our town last week. They still take dancing and play bridge, -anything that keeps them mobile and alert. We'd do well to discover their secret. 92 and 96 years of age, doing their own driving and visiting their Plymouth friends. Come back, Come back wherever you are, (Arzona, Ethink.) Come back to Plymouth. We need you!

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SHARON V. Have you forgotten that we love each other? I miss you. Come and see me, please! GG

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Molly Mundt hope you'll be feeling like a 30 year old again soon!!

Tea Night takes a 3 week breat

Curiosities

IRENE WALLDORF -I don't believe it. You couldn't possibly be ninety years old, even if you did have a great birthday party at Botsford Inn with Creon standing outside holding a balloon that said "Happy Birthday". Ninety years old?

I don't believe it!

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Green League — Fairway Club 3-1; Prudential 3-1; St. Michael #2 2-2; Dental Diplomats 2-2; Ancor 2-2; Greenfield Dye and Mfg. 2-1; St. Michael #1 1-2; Bad Influence 0-4.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its 16th annual Father's Day 3-person "Scrambles" golf tournament at Fellows Creek Golf Course this Sunday. Tee times are from 11-11:45 a.m., the cost is \$96 per team and includes greens fee, awards and snack lunch. Electric carts are extra. Registration deadline is tomorrow and the tournament is open to all golfers.

The Services, along with Fellows Creek Golf Club, is also sponsoring a junior golf program for boys and girls ages 8-17 years old. It runs from June 23 through Aug. 1, registration deadline is June 20. The cost is \$45 and includes six nine-hole rounds of golf, a golf clinic and a season ending nine-hole tournament.

Call 397-5110 for more informa-

The Plymouth Soccer Club will be holding premier and select tryouts for boys and girls in the next week.

Call these coaches for more information for the boys teams: U-10 Select, Griffin/459-3324; U-11 Select, McGraw/420-3206; U-11 Select, Brunner/981-6033; U-13 Select, Conion/459-4185; U-12 Premier, Austin/810-449-8865; U-13 Premier, Lemley/563-1858; U-14 Premier, Stafford/453-7107: U-15 Premier, Kaatz/454-0712.

Call these coaches for more information for the girls teams: U-10 Select, Joy Scott/416-5852; U-11 Select, Schilk/459-8826; U-12

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Whalers select local star at OHL draft

Plymouth's draft picks focus on size, strength

BY PETE KRUPSKY

Saturday night the Red Wings brought home Stanley for the first time in 42 years. On the same day 260 miles east, up Highway 401 at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, the Plymouth Whalers hoped to add enough new players to eventually bring home Robbie for the second time.

Robbie? The J. Ross Robertson Trophy is awarded to the Ontario Hockey League champions, won by the Whalers in 1995, then known as the Detroit Jr. Red Wings on the same Joe Louis Arena ice surface.

Although it's premature to think the Whalers are ready to challenge for another OHL title, they may have found a few more pieces to the puzzle in a draft that lasted eight hours, 24 rounds and 323 players.

Plymouth made 16 selections, including four centermen, six wings, five defensemen and a goaltender. Whaler scouts understand that size and strength are a plus in the tough OHL West Division, so all but one of the wings and defensemen are over 6 feet tall and at least 200 pounds.

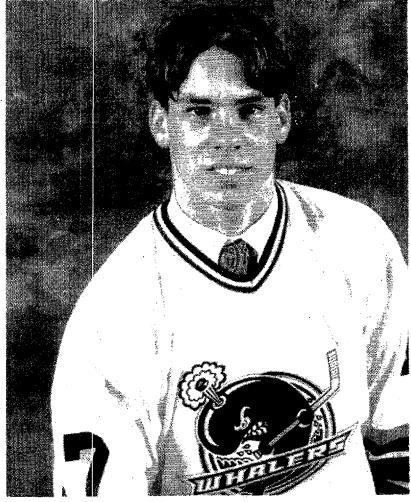
As predicted, all Plymouth General Manager/Head Coach Pete DeBoer had to do with his first choice was walk down the hall from his own locker room some 50 feet to select Compuware Ambassador center Dave Legwand ninth overall.

"We took the best skater in the draft," DeBoer said with a smile.

On a team with plenty of grit but hungry for goals, Legwand (21 goals with 41 assists) fills the need for offense as well as anyone in the draft.

Legwand played last season in an outstanding situation that faces skaters on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border - does he stay with the Ambassadors and keep his college hockey eligibility open? Go the collegiate route? Turn pro (in the eyes of the NCAA) and play with the Whalers? Or play with the National Development Team in Ann Arbor?

When asked last season, all Legwand said was he wanted to explore all options.



The Plymouth Whalers' first round draft pick, Dave Legwand (above), passed up several opportunities to play with the local OHL team. Legwand, who plays center, will help the team improve its offensive play. (Courtesy photo)

walked around Maple Leaf Gardens wearing a Whalers jersey seemed to answer the question emphatically.

"Last year when I came to the (OHL) draft I pretty much decided that this was what I wanted to do," Legwand said. "Last night, my dad asked me one more time if I wanted to be skating in the (Michigan) But the smile on Legwand's face as he maize-and-blue jersey. And I said, 'No,

this is the right way."

Plymouth's selection of Legwand is the third time the team has taken a Detroit-area player with its first round pick — the others being Pat Peake (first overall, 1990) and Bill McCauley (third overall, 1992).

In a sense, Plymouth reached back into its past when they selected defenseman

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DeBoer named to Canadian National team; Terzo lost in expansion draft

BY PETE KRUPSKY

The Canadian Hockey Association named its coaches for the national junior and under-18 team. Plymouth General Manager/Head Coach Pete DeBoer joins the WHL's Red Deer coach Rick Carriere as assistant coach of the Canadian National Junior Team.

The team — which has won the World Junior Championships for the last five years - named Real Paiement of the OMJHL as head coach.

DeBoer will be lost to the Whalers for about a month around the Christmas holidays.

The Whalers also lost centerman Anthony Terzo over the weekend, only he won't be returning.

Terzo was taken by the expansion Toronto St. Michael's Majors.

Terzo scored twice with an assist in 50 games last year. Other forwards taken included Mike Kosterewa (Kingston), Frank Mucher (Sault Ste. Marie), Vladimir Antipov (Windsor), Clarke Duncanson (Peterborough), Andrew Plumley (Oshawa), Ryan Robichaud (Guelph) and Marcin Snita (Sarnia). The Majors took eight defensemen, including Sean Murphy (London), Richard Gallace (Owen Sound), Chris Biagini (Belleville), Jason Cannon (Barrie), Jay Leach (Ottawa), Gerald Moriarity (Sudbury), Rob Stanfield (Kitchener) and Troy Turyk (North Bay).

St. Mike's may be new to some fans, but they actually have along history in the OHL, having won Memorial Cups in 1934, 1945, 1947 and 1961.

Control of the Contro

Canton soccer: 14 wins, 14 shutouts

Defense, balanced scoring make Chiefs elite team — again

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Call him the Scotty Bowman of soccer.

Canton coach Don Smith likes to keep his players on their toes. A successful tactic that has produced numerous championship teams for both coaching legends, led by a balanced scoring attack and a stalwart defense.

This season was no different for Smith and his girls soccer team. The Chiefs went 14-2-2, capturing the Western Division crown and losing in the Western Lakes Association championship game to Livonia Stevenson, 1-0.

The Chiefs' leading scorer had only eight goals, and Canton had 14 shutouts shared by goalies Kristin Lukasik and Becky Hayner. The pair of netminders surrendered just seven goals in 18 games.

"We just worked really hard and covered each other," said Smith, whose teams have won three WLAA titles this decade. "We worked really hard at giving good team support."

Despite losing six seniors — including goalie Sarah Warnke — from the 1996

team, and an early season rash of weatherrelated game cancellations, the Chiefs carried on the program's tradition, which includes two state titles during Smith's tenure.

"Once you've won, it just feels like nothing compares to it unless you win again," said Smith. "We're always competitive. We always feel like we have a chance."

A chance is what most opponents didn't have versus Canton. The Chiefs' ball pursuit gave opposing teams fits, creating turnovers that Canton capitalized on more often that not. Inevitably, a seam would open in the Chiefs' defense, but the riddle posed by Lukasik and Hayner proved too difficult to solve. "I was a little concerned about our keeper (Lukasik) because she didn't get in many games when we had Warnke, but she stepped it up," Smith said.

An impressive 1-0 win at Northville in April solidified this team's potential. In the last week of April, Canton defeated Farmington, Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Central by a combined score of 20-0. The Chiefs ther rattled off several wins against quality opposition. The Chiefs had one of the toughest schedules in the state; that's something Smith would like to change, and his intentions will likely surprise you.

"I think we have to play more good teams, and that's not taking away anything from the teams we played, but we didn't get to play Troy this year, (and) Mercy we didn't get to play because we had to make room for a makeup game. Games like those make you work hard. But you need those games. If you have four or five games when you're not tested, you get into trouble in the top games," Smith said.

Such as the 1-1 tie versus Salem on May 7, and the meetings with Canton's season-long nemesis, Stevenson. The Spartans were 2-0-1 against Canton in 1997, and held the Chiefs scoreless in every match. Stevenson ended Canton's season with a 3-0 win in the state tournament.

It was the final game in the high school career of six Canton players. Jenny Parvianen, Emile Meier, Jill Reinhardt, Beth Knight and Hayner are graduating. "They're going to be missed. They're good players, but they are replaceable like all players. We already have kids playing those positions," Smith said.

Emily Fitzgerald has positioned herself as a rising star after a breakthrough performance this season. "She stepped up her game really well," Smith said. "Last year, she was just sort of a role player for us."

Lukasik, Melissa Marzolf and Elisa Esper are also expected to be key contributors, along with a strong incoming freshmen class, on a team that will feature seven seniors and six juniors.

"We're suppose to have a good freshmen class coming in, so maybe I can pick up a few sparkplugs who will give us a jump start," Smith said.

Freshmens' eagerness to play often inspires the more experienced upperclassmen, Smith said.

"But I don't think the seniors will need that incentive next year," he said. "I think they were a little disappointed with the way things ended."

Don't say you weren't warned, Stevenson.

Hornets win Michigan Cup



The Canton Hornets won the Michigan State Cup finals at Rochester on June 1. The Hornets, a U-14 Little Caesars Premier soccer team, won all six of their games in the two-week competition by outscoring their opponents 21-3. The Hornets now advance to the regionals in Rockford, IL and will represent the state in a six day competition.

(left to right) P.J. Colandro, James Steinert, Matthew Magers, Derek Gismondi, Keith Schenkel, Mike Harkins, Nick Tochman, Mike Reoch, Eric Sullivan, Michael Zemanski, Andrew Holmes, Evan Malone, John McGlone, Jeff Haar, Tomasso Mainella, Assistant Coach Roscoe Nash. Head Coach Mark Zemanski and Canton Soccer Club Coach Bryan "Goose" Finnerty. Not pictured are Sean Kreimes and Assistant Coach Rick Schenkel.

Whalers draft 16 players

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Jeff Jillson from Mount St. Charles High School in Rhode Island in the second round.

The last time the Whalers selected a player from Mount St. Charles?

Whaler great Bryan Berard, who became the first pick overall in the 1995 National Hockey League Entry Draft and had an excellent rookie season this year while playing for the New York Islanders.

"Jillson plays like Berard, only two inches taller," DeBoer said.

While Jillson follows Berard and goaltender Brian Boucher (Tri-City, WHL) as the third Rhode Islander to play in the Canadian Hockey League, he actually patterns his game after another pretty fair American.

"I think I try to pattern my game after Chris Chelios," Jillson said. "I'm kind of a mix — I'm a defensive-type player, but I can play the finesse game as well."

Jillson scored 16 goals with 14 assists for 30 points in 15 games for Mount St.

Charles last year.

Plymouth's third round selection — 6-foot-4, 200-pound Andy Burnham from New Liskaerd midgets — offered a Canadian geography lesson.

"It's about five hours north of Toronto, and then another hour north of North Bay," Burnham said.

"I love going up and down my wing, mucking it up in the corners and I think I can put the puck in the net. So I'm pretty much an all-around player."

Burnham's stats — 20 goals with 24 assists for 44 points and 230 penalty minutes in just 31 games — back up his claim.

As the draft rolls on to the late rounds, teams look for diamonds in the rough who slip the the cracks.

Plymouth may have picked up a sleeper in the seventh round in goaltender Brandon Sacco from Port Colborne Jr. B.

"As a real young goaltender, he's put up good numbers now for two seasons (3.89 goals against last year)," DeBoer said of Sacco, who turns 17 in October.

Sports shorts

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Premier, Esper/420-2236; U-14 Premier, LaMasse/397-8325; U-15 Premier, Schilk/459-8826; U-17 Premier, Kaatz/454-0712.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a discounted ice rental rate of only \$.75 per hour until Sunday.

The Department is running discounted rates on their open skating schedule until Sunday.

Today and tomorrow the discounts run from noon-2:30 p.m., Friday it's noon-2:30 p.m. and 6-7:50 p.m., and Sunday the time is 1-2:50 p.m.

The adult rates for Plymouth residents is \$1.50 and non-residents is \$2. For children and senior residents the price is \$1, non-residents is \$1.50

Call the department at 455-6620 for available hours and to reserve ice time.

The Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue will be holding tournaments every weekend through Sept. 21.

The Detroit Rockers will be holding summer soccer camps throughout the summer, and will visit the area two times.

The Rockers will visit Heritage Park on July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1. Both camps will run from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and will cost \$119

To register or for more information call 313-396-7070.

The Plymouth-Canton baseball coaching staff and player will sponsor the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp for boys 7-14 years old, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on June 16-20.

The camp will be at Canton's varsity baseball field and will include five days of group and individual instruction in all phases of the game.

The cost is \$85 before June 6 with late registration being \$90. Lunch and T-shirts will be included and baseball hats can be purchased for \$10.

It is recommended to sign up early because the camp is limited to 150 players. Registration forms are now available at Canton Sports and The Trading Post in Plymouth.

For more information on the camp call Ken or Diane Oplainski at 981-7313, Ron or Sharon Mortiere at 981-5113, or Mike or Diane Kwiatkowski at 981-2024.

Holmes ace pitcher, student

University of Michigan softball standout and Canton High School graduate Kelly Holmes added another award to her list of 1997 achievements when she was named to the 11-member GTE Academic All-America First-Team by the membership of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Holmes, who was a GTE Academic All-America Second-Team selection in 1996, graduated from the university in May with a degree in accounting. She will begin work in July as an auditor with Plante and Moran in Southfield.

A pitcher with the Michigan softball team, Holmes put together a career season in her final year. She finished as

the Wolverines' career wins leader (76-24) and was second in career innings pitched (731). She recorded 30 shutouts over her career — 12 in the last season — and tossed 361 strikeouts.

Holmes' award list for the year includes a third Academic All-Big Ten Conference and second GTE Academic All-District IV First-Team citation. She was named to the National Fast pitch Coaches Association All-America Second-Team (at-large) and was a First-Team honoree on the All-Great Lakes Region team.

Holmes was named Big Ten Conference Pitcher of the Year, All-Big Ten First-Team and NCAA Region 6 Most Valuable Player. She was twice selected as Big Ten Pitcher of the Year, and was chosen Michigan's Most Outstanding Player and Outstanding Pitcher for the season

Holmes helped Michigan capture its third straight Big Ten Conference Tournament title and third consecutive NCAA regional crown.

She started all three U-M games at the NCAA Women's College World Series and finished with a 1-2 record, including a 1-0 shutout victory over South Carolina in the second round.

Holmes is the fifth Wolverine softball player tabbed for national academic honors by GTE and CoSIDA, and is the third player to earn recognition in two seasons.

Plymouth YMCA Fathers' Day run Sunday

The Plymouth YMCA's 18th Annual Father's Day Run will be held this Sunday. From the Diaper Dash to the 10K Run, there is action for all ages.

At 7:30 a.m. a Junior Jog for ages 6-8; the Tot Trot begins at 7:45 a.m. for 3 to 5-year-olds; 8 a.m signals the start of the One Mile Run/Walk; the 5K Run/Walk begins just 15 minutes later at 8:15 a.m.; the 10K Run gets underway at 8:45 a.m.; and the Diaper Dash concludes the day's events at 10 a.m. Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Ribbons will be given to all Junior Jog and Tot Trot participants, and awards will be given to the top three finishers in the other races. Volunteers also needed to help with the race. Call the YMCA at 453-2904 for registration information, or simply fill out the form below.

Mail or deliver entry to: Plymouth Community YMCA, 248 S. Union St., P.O. Box 6120, Plymouth, MI 48170. The fax number is 453-4191. The fee for the Tot Trot and Junior Jog is \$8, and \$20 for all other races.



Jeffrey Martin, of Northville, as he won last year's 5K portion of the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

YMCA Father's Day Run First Name Last Name Address Male Female Daytime Phone (_____ Birthdate Jr. Jog 🔲 One Mile Fitness Walk 🖵 Tot Trot One Mile Fun Run RACE: 5K Fitness Walk 🖵 5K Run 🖵 10K Run Triple (select race for award) I hereby state that I am inproper coindition for the race I have entered and that I waive any right I may have against the Plymouth Community Family YMCA and the City of Plymouth for any injury or damages resulting from my participation in the Plymouth Community Family YMCA 18....th Annual Run.



Community opinions

Make a pet a 'fixture' in your life

Cute, playful, frisky, soft. Homeless, helpless, motherless, scared. The kittens just



showed up one morning, crawling out from under the backyard deck into the bright light of day. The mother cat must have had the kits right there in the cool, dry darkness, then disappeared. She's either dead in a ditch somewhere, or back at her irresponsible owner's house sitting in a warm, oblivious lap and gazing out the window. Maybe tonight she'll be outside again, getting started on her next litter.

The first two kittens were scooped up and adopted on the spot, by neighbors willing to expand their household by two very small but hungry mouths. Litter-trained and growing by the day, these two cats seem to have it in the bag. The other two still live under the deck, though, and their future is still an open question, nine lives or not.

The smaller of the two is having a tough time—his hind legs are nearly useless. In-breeding of stray cats sometimes results

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



in birth defects. He still play-fights with the other kitten, but he can't run away when approached. He just sits there, shaking and looking around nervously, like a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs.

Food for these two little left-behinds is put out by the homeowners, who have taught the kittens not to fear humans. The lady of the house has made friends with the little comedians, but her husband isn't particularly interested in adding to their current menagerie. They still own the cats they adopted a few years ago from the Humane Society, rescued from the eternal catnap like Death Row inmates given a reprieve by the Governor. The two kittens under the deck haven't gotten that phone call, and time is running out.

Kittens, puppies, cats, dogs, domestic animals of all shapes and sizes are destroyed on a regular basis, simply because they're unwanted. If you love your pet, but have no desire to care for its offspring, please take it to a veterinarian and have it fixed. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please call the Humane Society.

Oh, by the way — June is "Adopt-a-Cat" month.

Memorial parade nice; sound system wasn't

EDITOR

The Memorial Day Parade this year had a nice "Americana" atmosphere. It was moving to see so many people turn out to honor those who died in service to our nation.

It was a shame though, that the audio system at the ceremony in the park was so inadequate as to provide decent coverage to everyone attending.

Were we attempting to imitate the ceremonies of a hundred years ago before public address systems? This is the nineties and we should be able to have an adequate P.A. system.

We stood as close as possible, yet could only make out about one word in ten. We were surrounded by people who were also anxious to hear the speeches, but could hear nothing. It would have helped the situation if the speakers by the fountain were working.

Were we attempting to imitate the ceremonies of 100 years ago before public address systems? This is the 90s and we should have an adequate P.A. system.

It's such a special occasion — next year lets allow everyone who wishes to join in the festivities be able to hear.

Future awaits class of 1997

CLASS OF 1997

Congratulations on your achievement! Please, class of 1997, look at what you have done. Your Class Council has had great leadership. You started out slow, but have developed into a great leadership group. If it had to be done, you did it.

Your class just this year won the Boy's Basketball Conference and District Championship; Girl's Basketball Conference and District Championship; Boy's Swimming District Championship; Girl's Gymnastics District Championship; qualified for Girl's Volleyball State District Championship for the first time in 19 years; Boy's Cross Country Districts; Girl's Cross Country Conference and District Championship; Girl's Swimming Conference and Division Championship; and Boy's Soccer Conference, Division and District Champions. Wow, are we great!

You have also won many other areas of outstanding awards like Debate; Forensics; Concert Ghoir; and the PCEP Marching Band earned a superior rating in competition. I could write a lot more.

Four long years have passed and you've grown so much in wisdom, maturity and responsibility. You've

learned English, history and math, but you have also learned compassion, caring and self-motivation. You are ready to meet the many challenges that lie ahead in life.

You have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the future. Don't sit on the sidelines watching someone else, get up and get involved. You'll enjoy life more and will really have the chance to make some positive changes in the world.

That first college class, first "real job," first serious relationship and eventually, for some of you marriage

and your own family. I'm certain you will have the skills to meet these challenges.

Class of '97, you have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the future. Go for it! Get involved. Don't sit on the sidelines watching someone else — get up and get involved. You'll enjoy life more and will really have the chance to make some positive changes in our world.

Life's paths change, and you and your friends might end up going in different directions, but you will never forget those special people you spent four years with at Plymouth-Canton High School. They will always hold a special place in your heart. I'm sure the staff has enjoyed all of you (some even raised blood pressure a little) and will miss you, your enthusiasm and your energy.

My hope and prayers for the class of 1997 is fond memories, and a healthy self-respect with an attitude that knows you can accomplish any goal you set your mind to. Best of luck in the future. Thank you for letting me be a small part of this.

KEN SMITH 1997 SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR



Community opinions

Be rational in the face of rudeness

Helping people who can't help themselves is a time-honored noble calling.

Helping people who go out of their way to make life difficult and unpleasant for those who try to help is another story.

There's a strong temptation to do nothing — or worse when folks you're trying to help go out of their way to slap you

Three such examples surfaced last week.

Jack Moores, Jr., who heads the MedHealth Wellness Center, succeeded at sullying his otherwise noble cause to help women's professional golf as a benefit for Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville Township.

Moores, known in the past too for his abrasiveness, tried this approach to asking for media coverage:

"Come to think of it, I can't remember one line in (The Crier) about a (local) business sponsoring a major sporting event," he

This certainly is a way to encourage the reporter working on the story to pursue his benefaction in the face of his rudeness. (Maybe a long day in The Crier morgue reading past issues would change his attitude.)

It's just like Bob Bake, a local Realtor who keeps his name plastered on a long-vacant building as a professional testament.

While downtown Plymouth has regained momentum since completion of the Streetscape, the out-of-state banking bean-counters have announced they'll close the Main and Penniman branch that is Plymouth's oldest banking location.

At the end of the Downtown Landlords Committee meeting last week, Bob whispers to the reporter, "Put a positive spin on this story or we won't invite you back.'

Here's a reporter already going out of her way to cover a "lesser" committee meeting because she recognized the importance of the decision making going on there.

Hit her again, Bob.

But perhaps the toughest slam of the week came from National Bank of Detroit — now First Chicago-NBD.

With malice toward none



While downtown Plymouth has regained momentum since completion of the Streetscape, the out-of-state banking beancounters have announced they'll close the Main and Penniman branch that is Plymouth's oldest banking location.

It has the lowest number of transactions in the NBD group, says the bank.

Yet, with Community Federal Credit Union building its new corporate headquarters two blocks away and a new bank looking to move downtown, it seems NBD has slapped clowntown in the face just as it stood to gain more from the momentum.

NBD may have other issues about its downtown location as well. Wayne County Circuit Court records show the bank is involved in a lawsuit with its landlord, to whom it sold the building three years ago. There is not much easily-accessible parking for the bank now that it no longer has an exit to the Central Parking Deck. There is no drive-up facility.

Despite that, it was NBD's decision to move lending out of the downtown offices years ago that eventually doomed the bank's business level.

As other business booms downtown, how can NBD miss this

Trying to help foster businesses downtown has been a rewarding struggle. (The same can be said for the roots laid down by the late, great Bart Berg who fathered the Canton Chamber of Commerce.)

But it's hard to help when a business slaps you in the face.

To help keep NBD in its historic location, there is something vou can do:

CLOSE YOUR ACCOUNT AT NBD until the decision to keep the branch open is - at least - reconsidered.

INFORM NBD of your decision by calling or faxing:

Vern Istock, chairman

First Chicago-NBD

Phone: (312) 732-9511

Fax: (312) 732-6092

Even though NBD started with a slap to the face, you can help them make the right decision.

Promotion tax levy impractical

The "Marketing Plan" unveiled by the Plymouth Downtown Business Association, the Downtown Development Association and City Hall shows one

These groups are unsuited to plan and execute such a program.

A millage to promote downtown or any shopping district is novel and may well be a sound IDEA

But it is clearly UNWORKABLE AS PROGRAM:

While the initial thoughts of a one or two mill tax on the properties in the DDA made some sense philosophically, the city-coached plan came out asking for an autrageous nine mills. (Each mill raises about \$18,000 per year.)

That demonstrates how incredibly unable these forces are at planning or running such a program. Individual shopowners, who would be paying the proposed millage as a pass-on from the landlords, have no desire to turn over their entire marketing budgets to City

Past marketing efforts by the city-led promoters have met with less than stellar success. In fact, the most ambitious try ended up with a threatened lawsuit with

the advertising agency.

The very fact that city led forces thought a nine-mill levy made senses shows that the whole idea to have them execute a plan is unworkable.

Downtown Plymouth Jusinesses, like businesses everywhere, should promote smarter and most should promote more. Obviously, the downtown business group, the chamber of commerce, the DDA and the community should help when

That's the key word.

This effort has just shown it's unable

to view this in a practical way.

There is no need for a promotion tax levy that is impossible for a city-led effort to plan or expend properly. Oppose this tax increase!

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