

NEA President to speak at Salem High School

BY BRYON MARTIN

Teachers, administrators and members of the public are invited to Salem High School's auditorium next Thursday, when Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association (NEA), will speak on "New Unionism" in teaching.

Head of the 2.3-million-member teachers union, Chase's theme will be one of "New

Unionism," according to Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Association (PCEA).

Portelli, who has seen Chase speak at NEA national conventions, said Chase will likely discuss a refiguring of the relationships teacher, administrators and others share with schools.

"Instead of reacting (to problems), do

things in a different manner," Portelli said. "Take ownership of education and instead of always reacting, do things on your own."

As PCEA president, Portelli represents the union's 800 teachers and is involved in negotiating their contracts with the school district. When teachers join the PCEA they are automatically enrolled in the NEA, Portelli said.

Getting Chase to speak in Plymouth,

Portelli said, is a big deal. For the PCEA's 800 members it's a unique chance to hear a national leader of sorts.

It's also an opportunity for the public, he said.

"I think that hearing someone of his stature speak to us is something everyone could benefit from," Portelli said. A reception at Salem will follow the speech, which begins at 3 p.m. If Chase's plane is on time, Portelli said, there may be enough time to get him into a discussion group before the speech with students in the park's humanities and Close Up classes.

Portelli collaborated with P-C Superintendent Chuck Little, top administrator of the schools, representing, perhaps, the cooperation between union and management that Chase will address.

Simply getting the national figure to come to the P-C district was a victory in itself, Portelli said.

"I was kind of surprised because I didn't expect him to come speak to local school employees."

Location key to recreation campus

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"We had other communities volunteer to donate the entire parcel of land," he added. "Canton's getting \$20 million in services that they would have had to float a bond for with no risk at all to them. This wasn't our best economic deal."

Again, the deal maker was location, location location. Situated near Haggerty and Palmer, the recreation campus would be close to exits from I-275, and just north of Michigan Avenue, a major east-west thoroughfare, Griffin said.

Combined with close proximity to Metro Airport, a draw for regional competitors, Canton seemed the best place for the develop-

ment.

"There's a million people within 20 minutes in any direction," he said. "It's definitely a target-rich area with a lot of potential."

Minghine said Canton originally bought the land for about \$10 about 20 years ago, and the development represents a win-win situation for the township.

"We're very excited to have it in the community but it still makes sense to get the best possible deal," he said.

Melissa McLaughlin, Canton trustee and planning commissioner, agreed.

"We walk away from this with a little change in our pocket, a wonderful facility and an addition to the tax base; plus Canton kids

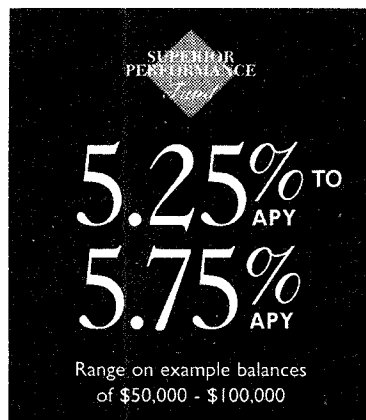
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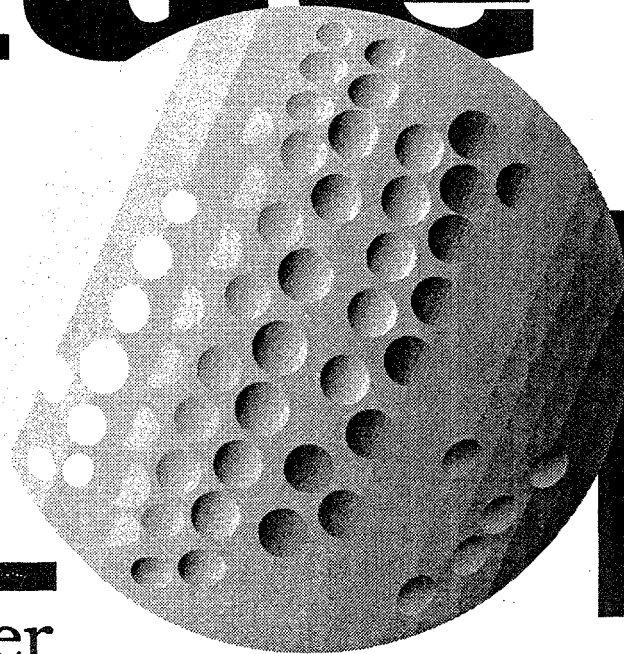
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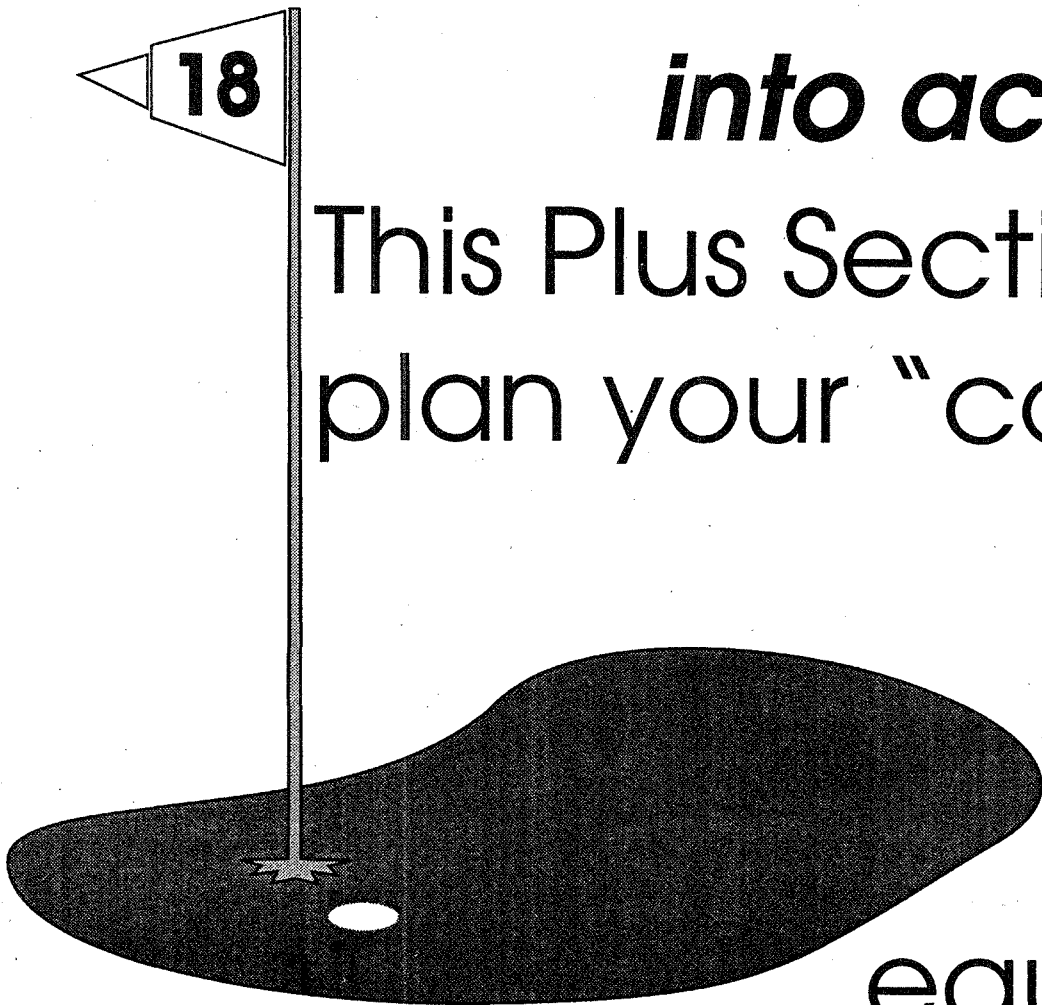
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Smith's MEU was also recently ordered to the Arabian Gulf in response to rising tensions in the area.

The following students from Canton received a degree from Western Michigan University at the end of the fall semester of the 1997-1998 school year: Michael Cermak, Erica Demchick, Michael Donhost, Stephen Hohl, Frank Learned, Ericka Mac, Robert Macy, Charles Miller, Tiffany Sniderman, Timothy Vladu, and Louise Wehrheim. From Plymouth: Stephanie Edmonds, Kelly McIlvain, Sally Oldfield and Carey White.

Andrew McDonald of Plymouth has been accepted into the sports medicine program at Central Michigan University.

McDonald is a graduate of Salem High School and the son of Jay and Patty McDonald.

The following students from Plymouth were named to the Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University: Thomas Burke, John Chick, Christopher Katke, Craig Marshall, and Christopher Preston; from Canton: Andre Arndt, Frelon Bartley, Chad Dattilio, Leah Demko, David Garber, Derek Hall, Deborah Pixley, Robin Tchewicz, Jennifer Youngblood, and Steven Zechiel.

Marine Pvt. Jamarr D. Riley, son of Billy K Riley of Canton recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Danielle A. Laborde of Canton; Amanda J. Humphrey and Sarah E. Olender of Plymouth were among the students named to the Dean's List at Adrian College.

Lindsay C. Johnson, daughter of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth, has been named an Albion College Fellow at Albion College for the fall 1997 semester.

To be designated a Fellow, a student must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive on-campus semesters.

Reed to retire from PSO after 11 years

Conductor will trade in baton for golf clubs

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

After 11 seasons with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, conductor Russell Reed has announced he will retire from the position in March of 1999.

Technically, it will be Reed's second retirement. Until 1991 he served Eastern Michigan University as professor of music and as director of the Symphony Orchestra. His reason for announcing his retirement now, he said, is a matter of time.

"There's demand for more performances and it's time consuming," said Reed. "The symphony has grown over the years in commitments and activities. When I started, it was five performances a year. Last season it was eleven and this year it will be twelve or more."

The advance warning also lets the PSO begin to look for Russel's replacement. The Plymouth Symphony Society has already formed a search committee to begin looking for a new conductor.

"First and foremost we are looking for someone very capable and who fits well with the orchestra," said Don Soenen, Orchestra Board president. "We have new aggressive school programs that will begin within the next year. We need a music director who shares our vision of the future with our schools and the community."

Reed will play a part in the search for his successor, he said. "I'm helping the search committee develop guidelines, but I won't be screening any candidates."

"We already have over 60 applications," Soenen said. "We

will continue to take applications until April 1. By the end of May, we will narrow it down to 10 candidates and then select some to be guest conductors. We are hoping to have a new conductor by January of 1999."

The door won't close completely on Reed at that point, though. He may still occasionally conduct and work with the 70 member orchestra on their outreach program in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I have mixed emotions about retiring," he said. "I thoroughly enjoy working with the PSO and I am looking forward to my last season."

As the PSO's conductor since 1987, some of Reed's favorite moments came when the part-time symphony tackled major works such as Beethoven's Ninth, Maler's Fourth and Verdi's Requiem.

"I thought Tchaikovsky's Fifth last season was exceptionally performed," he said. "The symphony is incredibly consistent and they have great concentration. Even with minimal practice they remain very focused. It's been a joy."

Soenen agreed: "Playing our concert last November at Orchestra Hall in Detroit was certainly a memorable occasion. Seeing what the orchestra can do and how they were received by the audience was a tribute to Russ and the orchestra."

Retirement for Reed will include some quiet time, golfing and cabinet making with wife Nancy.

"I will be 65 this fall and I want to have time to myself and more time to golf," he said.



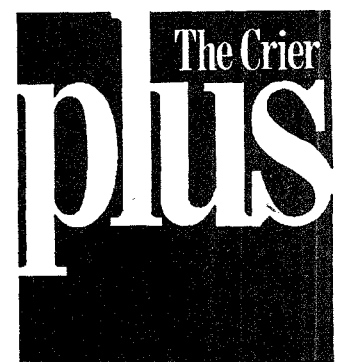
RUSSELL REED

Painting the way it is

Adam Sweeny, a 23-year-old Canton resident, makes himself comfortable as he settles in for a long night of painting. From around midnight to 5 a.m., Sweeny works to complete the mural he is painting on the front counter of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, in Plymouth. During the day it's a high-traffic spot, so Sweeny makes time in the early hours to finish the mural. Coffee Bean owner Denise hired him to paint. "I take a lot of breaks and pace myself so I don't fall asleep," he says. Loud music helps, too. And there's always the coffee, of course. Completing each of the mural's three panels takes about 24 hours, the self-taught artist said. He works with a combination of paints and designer's pens to render the scene. So what's his subject? "It reflects what I've picked up as a patron; the typical activities and variety of folks coming through." Coffee Bean regulars might be able to pick out staff members, Sweeny, even themselves. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin)



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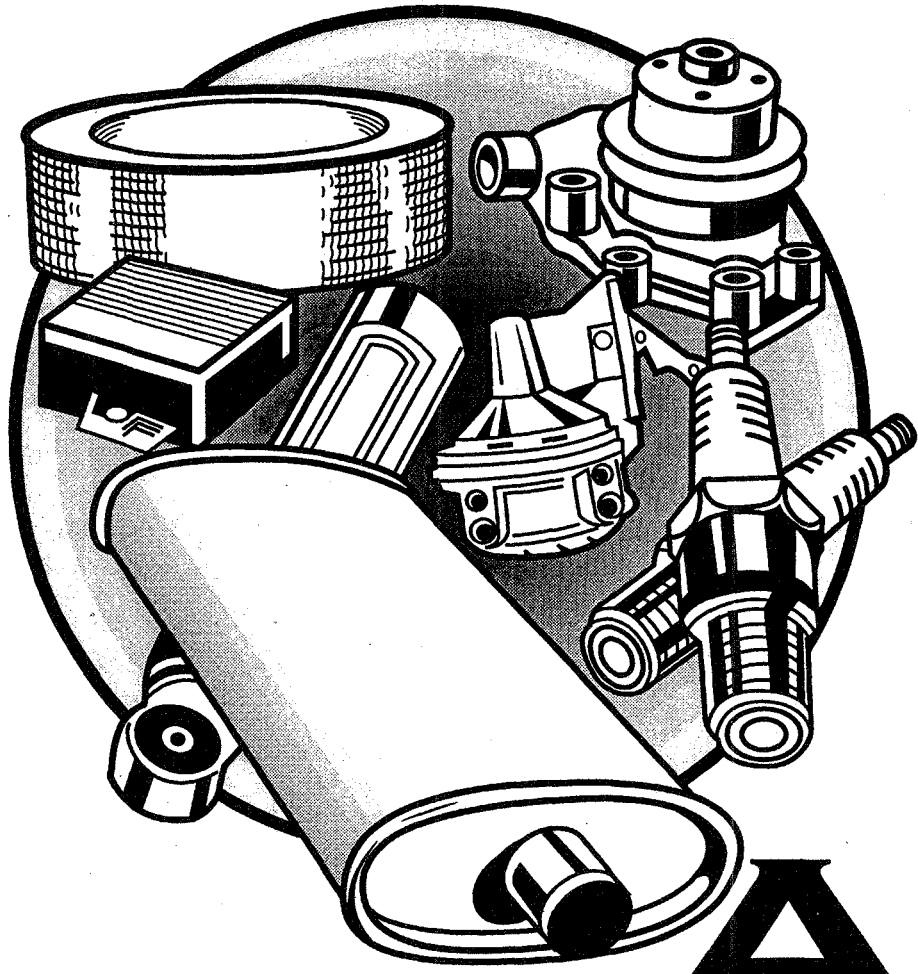


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Kohl's to move into empty Kmart

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It has finally been confirmed: Kohl's is moving into the old Kmart building on Ford and Sheldon roads.

"They are definitely taking over the lease," said Angela Wolosiewicz, Canton planner.

The building has been vacant since the SuperKmart at Ford and Haggerty roads opened last fall. Ramco-Gershenson, the firm that owns the entire complex, has leased the building to Kohl's, Wolosiewicz said.

Linda Anderson of Ramco-Gershenson would not confirm or deny that Kohl's was to be the new tenant of the building.

"All I can say is that it's a major, national chain that will want to use all of the space," she said.

Gary Vasques, executive vice president of marketing and advertising for Kohl's, did not return calls for comment.

Wolosiewicz said that Kohl's may also be interested in space from the neighboring Winkelman's store.

"They may be looking to expand already," she said.

Under the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) zoning, Kohl's must match the DDA's ordinances, which require extending Canton's streetscape features in front of the store, according to Wolosiewicz.

In addition to the brick walls and streetlights that line the thoroughfare, Kohl's is also planning on bumping out the front of the store and providing additional external improvements.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said Kohl's would be a good tenant and represents a need not filled in Canton.

"We need a more upscale clothing store," he said. "I think Kohl's will be a good match,"

The store is projected to be open this fall, Wolosiewicz said.

Canton next for Watts?

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Another community event may be on the way for Canton.

Mike Watts, producer of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, has requested a meeting with Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

according to Canton planner Angela Wolosiewicz.

"He's discussing a number of things to bring people to the downtown business area that will benefit the DDA," she said.

Wolosiewicz said the event might take place in the two shopping centers on Ford and Sheldon roads in Harvard Square and the Ramco-Gershenson shopping center.

Wolosiewicz said she would look into the possibility of closing Sheldon road

between the two centers to accommodate the event, which was met with a bit of skepticism.

Mike Watts, the promoter behind Plymouth's Ice Fest, is mulling possibility of Canton fest

"I don't think we should try anything like that until Hanford Road is open through to Canton Center," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "And I sure wouldn't want to live on Hanford if we did close Sheldon."

Wolosiewicz said a car show, a country music festival and an art fair have been discussed, but no decisions have been made.

Watts said he didn't have any final plans yet.

"I haven't got to the point where it's concrete enough to comment on," he said. "I can't tell you what I don't know."

Watts will meet with the DDA board next month, and the event, whatever it turns out to be, could happen this summer according to Wolosiewicz.

Megadeal questioned

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build-out cost.

"It doesn't seem like a make-or-break percentage," he said. "If the string of possibility is that thin, what happens if there's a problem with the estimate, and it turns out you're \$5 million short. Will the project stall?"

Canton Supervisor and DDA member Tom Yack said he would ask the township's attorney if the DDA board could legally meet in a closed session to discuss the costs of the project, as well as Burton-Katzman's potential profit.

But time may be running out.

Burton-Katzman also presented a tight timeline for the project. That timeline has come and gone, and some of the current property owners have backed out, according to DiMaggio.

"They are running out of patience," he said. "If we act quickly, we may be able to bring them back into the deal, but it's not certain."

Another uncertainty is the environmental impact of the project. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) both rejected Burton Katzman's initial wetland impact permits.

The site contains about 72 acres of sporadic, man-made wetlands caused by previous attempts to develop the site. Burton-Katzman still requires DEQ and EPA approval before the low-quality wetlands can be filled, according to DiMaggio.

DiMaggio said he will go to Chicago in May to appeal the EPA's decision, but it was possible that the project might be less intensive in the southern portion of the site, where the majority of wetlands are.

"I think we're going to solve these problems. We might have 100 apartments instead of 240," DiMaggio said. "Other substantial portions, like the movie theater will remain, because they are the engine that drives this project."

Burton-Katzman has so far committed \$1.35 million to the project in the form of paperwork and permit applications, according to Burton.

"This piece of land is a mess and it's going to take a lot of money to fix it," he said.

It's money that the DDA isn't sure if they want to contribute, according to Canton trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

"This is an extreme challenge for the DDA. Typically when they make these types of investments it's because a downtown has suffered some kind of regression and needs to stimulate growth and development," she said. "We've never had any problems attracting development to Canton."

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The City that cried 'fire'

Heavy winds, rain inspire calls but no fires

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response to false alarms.

"They were all related to the heavy winds and the rain," said Fire Chief Larry Groth. The false alarms were caused both by periodic power spikes and water mixing with wires, he said.

Four of the false alarm runs made went to the Adistra building off Union Street in the City of Plymouth.

For multi-station runs to places like nursery homes and old buildings, where fire stations sometimes call back every man they can, including part-timers and off-duty firefighters, one run can be costly.

"There is no given amount," said Groth. "One run could cost \$300 (in labor), the next could cost us \$600. It depends on how many people we call back."

"We have to keep going back to a place like Adistra because number one, it's an extremely old building. And number two, because the content of that building is paper," said Groth. "If something hap-

"We have approximately 100 elderly people living in Tonquish manor, and if you have a fire in just one room, the smoke it generates could do terrible damage to people of their ages."

— Larry Groth
Fire Chief

pened we would want to be there very quickly. We don't turn our back on any of those."

Another of the false alarm runs was made to the Tonquish Creek Manor, a retirement community also in the city.

According to Groth, who was at the scene, no immediate problems could be seen.

"What I did notice was all those elderly people standing outside in the rain and cold," he said. "I felt sorry for them."

Because of the elderly population at

Tonquish Creek, any alarm there, false or not, causes an all-stations reponse.

"We have approximately 100 elderly people living in Tonquish, and if you have a fire in just one room, the smoke it generates could do terrible damage to people of their ages," Groth said.

Some might question the feasibility of so many runs, especially to a place like Adistra, when it seems a simple phone call might do the job. But Groth defends their necessity.

"By making that phone call you could

cost a lot of people their lives," he said. "It is better to get there and find that nothing has happened than to get there late and not be able to save those people."

According to Groth, there is a false-alarm ordinance in both the city and the township that fines those who are responsible for repeated false alarms.

"But Tuesday's runs would not fall under those ordinances," he said. "They were caused by an act of God. You can't control those."

Benefits put City's top-pays ahead

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antees employes will earn toward their retirement at a set rate, regardless of how investments fluctuate. If the market dips, he said, then the city invests more into retirement packages to balance it out.

Walters also attributed the city's greater employment totals to its "budget scale which is a lot higher per-person in the city than in the townships."

The Department of Municipal Services, for instance, is responsible for maintaining the city's roads. Townships, unlike the city he said, do not own the roads within their boundaries.

The department also provides other services Plymouth Township and Canton do not, such as curbside leaf pick-up and branch chipping.

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 The Plymouth Ministerial Association is once again sponsoring its annual Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings on Wednesdays during Lent beginning **Today** at noon through **April 1**. A luncheon of bread and soup will be provided and all proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army. Call 734-453-0326 for details.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA
 The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all **Winter 1998** classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.

WOOL GATHERER'S KNITTING GUILD
 The Wool Gatherer's affiliated with Knitting Guild of America meets at the Salvation Army the third Thursday of each month 7 p.m. - 9p.m. Call Dorie at 459-7343.

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

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.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB
 Those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, other respiratory disease. Meets second Wednesday each month, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth. Call 712-5367.

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
 Heart cancer support group meets second and fourth Monday, each month, 7 p.m., Livonia's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
 Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association offers a free support group for family members/friends of people with the disease or related dementia. Group meets the third Thursday, each month at St. John Neumann Church, 4480 Warren Rd., Canton, 7:30-9 p.m. Call Rosemary Shim, 326-1200.



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice **IN WRITING** to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received **BY NOON FRIDAY** will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



Volunteer

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

St. Mary Hospital is seeking retired medical professionals to serve as volunteers for a new screening program for newborns. Call hospital volunteer services at 734-655-2912 or 1-800-494-1652.

MENTORS NEEDED

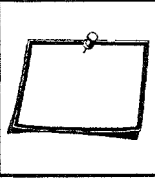
Growth Works is recruiting and training mentors for the Plymouth Canton Youth Assistance program. The program is aimed at mentors 21 or over. If you have two hours a week to help with reducing delinquent behavior in adolescents call Lynne Ponder at 734-397-3181.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL NEEDS CHILD CARE AIDE

Attention students and seniors: Plymouth New Morning School is looking for a child care aide Mon.-Fri. from 7-9 a.m. Could be volunteer or paid position. For more information call 734-420-3331.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in P-C-N area. Call 313-561-8880, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Events

SWEET CHARITY

Plymouth Theatre Guild is proudly presenting Sweet Charity on Feb. 27 and 28. For information or group rates call 248-349-7110. Advanced tickets may be purchased at Piccadilly Petal'er Flowers, Penniman Deli, Evola Music, and by mail: PTG - P.O. Box 700451 - Plymouth, MI 48170.

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Summit on the Park in Canton is hosting it's Annual Fish Fry every Friday starting Feb. 27 through April 10. Each week a portion of the proceeds will go to a different charity. Carry-outs are available and dinner is served from 4 to 7:00 p.m. Call 734-397-6800.

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

We are looking for girls ages between 17 & 23 of Irish descent for the "Maid of Erin" pageant to be held Feb. 28 at the Gaelic League. For further details call Bridie Flynn at 734-464-8556 or Peggie Bolland at 313-255-5677.

WALTONWOOD GRAND OPENING

Waltonwood Assisted Living Residence is celebrating its grand opening on March 5 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome and tours will be given. Call 734-844-3060 for more details.

GENITTI'S PRESENTS: "BEANIE BABY CAPERS"

This is an interactive show for anyone who loves Beanie Babies. In addition to the mini luncheon and children's theater, two Beanie Babies will be raffled off. The show will be presented March 7, 14, April 18, 25, and May 23, 30. For more information call Genitti's 248-349-0522.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 1998 Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College March 7. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather, and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$90; 10' by 10' costs \$55; 8' by 9' space costs \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. For additional information call (734) 462-4417.

BOYCHOIR OF ANN ARBOR CONCERT

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth is presenting a performance by Boychoir of Ann Arbor at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the church office. Call 734-453-6464 for details.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE SHOW

The Canton Historical Society is hosting "An Antique Show and Tell" on March 12, at 7:30 p.m. This event is open to the public and newcomers are invited to bring a few collectables and antiques of their own to share. Refreshments will be served. Call 734-397-0088 for details.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

VIVIAN J. EVANS GILL

Vivian J. Evans Gill, a former Plymouth resident, died Feb. 15, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Gill was born May 7, 1912 in Plymouth. She retired in 1969 from Schoolcraft College where she was secretary to the assistant Dean of Admissions. She moved from Plymouth to Indian River in 1969 and in 1985 she moved to Cedar Grove, NJ. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth and the Plymouth Elks Club.

She is survived by her son, Keith (Eileen) Evans of West Orange, NJ; and grandchildren, Jennifer Evans, Jessica Evans, Kim Evans. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gar Evans; and son, Kenneth Evans.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

JOHN PAUL ALEXANDER

John Paul Alexander, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 6, 1998 at the age of 72.

Mr. Alexander was born Nov. 14, 1925 in Detroit. He was the vice president of operations for Central Transport.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Elizabeth J. Alexander of Plymouth; daughters, Paula M. Alexander of Jackson, MI, Julie (Robert) E. Deacon of Ann Arbor; sons, John P. Alexander, Jr. of Northville, David (Maureen) Alexander of Plymouth; brother, Danny Alexander of Ormand Beach, FL; sisters, Evelyn DePriest of Las Vegas, NV, Eleanor Malgat of Rochester Hills, MI, Emma Aprahamian of Clinton Township, MI, Josephine Dupell of Las Vegas, NV, and Kathleen Pallisco of Commerce Township, MI.

Services were held at St. Thomas A'Beckett with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions can be given to Arbor Hospice 3810 Packard Rd. Suite 200 Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

LEE ANDERSON OWENS

Lee Anderson Owens, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 17, 1998 at the age of 73.

Mr. Owens was born Jan. 26, 1925 in Hickman, KY. He worked for Evans Products in Plymouth from 1945 - 1971. He worked for Ford Motor Company as a heating service engineer, retiring in 1986. He was a former volunteer fireman in Plymouth and worked part-time at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in the 1960s and '70s. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the V.F.W. in Northville; an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth as an usher and volunteer in the soup kitchen. He was a little league coach in Plymouth; loved to hunt and taught many to hunt; and he fished with the best of them.

He is survived by his wife, Marian Ida Owens of Plymouth; daughter, Janice Ida Owens of Plymouth; sons, John (Theresa) Owens of Anchorage, AK, Timothy (Roberta) Owens of Troy, MI, Thomas Owens of Plymouth; grandchildren, Lindsay, Andrew, Kyle and Katie; and brother, Cecil Owens of Plymouth.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the First United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen.

RICHARD G. WISNIEWSKI

Richard G. Wisniewski, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 16, 1998 at the age of 79.

Mr. Wisniewski was born Dec. 8, 1918 in Detroit. He was the former owner of Forest Motor Sales in Plymouth, selling the dealership in 1962. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1940 and was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII.

He is survived by his son, Richard R. (Marion) Wisniewski; grandchildren, Richard C. (Kathy) Wisniewski of Garden City, Brenda (Andrew) Bunnell of Howell, Barbara (Allan) Gaydos of Canton; great-grandchildren, Cassandra Bunnell, Robert Bunnell, Brian Wisniewski, Tommy Wisniewski and Matthew Wisniewski. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Services were held at the Rev. Fr. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Myasthenia Gravis Association.

MERRY C. NOWRY

Merry C. Nowry, a Westland resident, died Feb. 19, 1998 at the age of 73.

Mrs. Nowry was born Dec. 25, 1924 in Westland. She worked for Kmart in Plymouth as supervisor of the cafeteria for 16 years. She attended the Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth. She was a member of Cats (the National Order of Alley Cats), an auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald of Westland; Kenneth James of Waterford, Michael (Tammy) of Bessemer, MI; grandchildren, Michael, Kelly, Jeffrey, Joseph, Kimberly; and brother, Roger (Ethyl) Spencer of Pinckney, MI.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Livonia Center Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

LUCIENNE C. MAGEE

Lucienne C. Magee, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 22, 1998 at the age of 70.

Mrs. Magee was born July 13, 1927 in Detroit. She was a laborer. She was a long-time Plymouth resident, and formerly worked for Daisy Air Rifle and Adistra Corp. She enjoyed babysitting, especially for her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Ellis L. Magee of Plymouth; sons, Robert (Jeananne) John Magee of Merritt, MI, David (Lori) Magee of Mancelona, MI, Mark Magee of Plymouth; daughters, Carol McMichael of Nashville, TN, Sandra (Thurman) Bitting of Windsor, OH; brothers, Edger Bergeron of Howell, MI, Emile Bergeron of Okinawa, Japan; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Thomas A'Beckett Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

VELMA L. MCMANN

Velma L. McMann, a former Plymouth resident, died Feb. 23, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mrs. McMann was born Jan. 11, 1917 in Union City, TN. She worked for Packaging Corp in Plymouth (now Tennaco Corp) for 30 years, retiring in 1977. She came to the Plymouth Community in 1947 from Union City, TN.

She is survived by her son, Lee (Holli) McMann of South Lyon; and grandson, Aaron McMann of South Lyon. She is preceded in death by her husband, John.

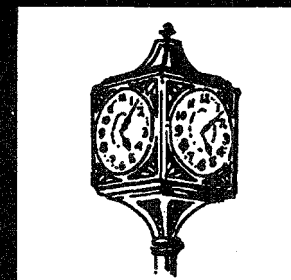
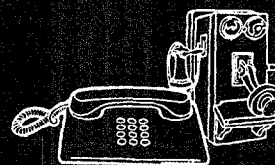
Visitation will be held Thursday from 2-9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral home in Plymouth. Services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Internment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



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Playing with percussion pro 'gets fires going again'

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out of the tambourine. Another flip, and then he holds it against his chest and plays it like a drum with a forefinger. Again it's in the air, he catches it and whacks it against his elbow, "pop!"

There's a loud, vigorous shake, a high speed jingle and a final "pop!" The tune is done. You can see Zimbalista breathing.

Slowly, the students begin to clap. They're a little wide-eyed. This is what he has come to teach them in an hour and a half?

Learning Hebrew might be easier.

Masters Classes

"It gets the students turned on a bit," says Gregg Rinehart, director of percussion at CEP "I have lots of guests in as often as I can."

Peter Irskin, Steve Houghton and Michael Burrit are all renowned professional percussionists who have come in and played for and with the Percussion Ensemble. Part expert's lesson, part jam session, the visits are called masters classes and seek to teach, as well as dazzle the students.

Dazzle them, Zimbalista does. Technical proficiency and showmanship are part of the job if you're trying to elevate percussion into a stand-alone genre. By bringing that mastery to CEP, though, he not only shows it off, but personally shares it with the Ensemble. The bandroom, an everyday place for the students, livens up a bit. Toes tap. Seat edges get a heavier load than normal. The students pay attention.

The tambourine is gone. Zimbalista has walked over to a marimba. A set of large wooden blocks arranged something like a piano keyboard and sounded with mallets, it gives off round, lasting tones. "It's my instrument," he tells the class.

With two mallets in each hand, he plays a song with no less effort or skill than his tambourine demonstration. Up and down the seven-foot length of the marimba he

slides, shrugging up his shoulders, reaching to higher blocks, stretching his arms down to the lower ones.

His song ends and again he is applauded. But before the last notes have faded Zimbalista calls up John Seymour, a Canton senior, percussionist and flute player. If this is a class, it's time to learn.

Seymour takes a whack at the marimba, literally. Although he has years' experience with the instrument, the lack of a warm-up combined with the nervousness attendant to playing for an obviously superior musician conspire to keep one marimba block out of reach. Seymour repeatedly misses the low B. "Oh — ah," he mutters quietly as he keeps playing.

"Take your time," Zimbalista soothes. "Listen. And if you hit the wrong note don't go," he tightens up his arms and shoulders, his eyes wide, his mouth faking a nervous grimace. He points to the audience. "They don't know. Really, they don't know. Keep playing."

Stacie Ludwig, a Canton senior and clarinet player, gets Zimbalista wisdom, too. She gets applause for her rendition of "Frogs," but Zimbalista has a bug in his ear over the last note.

Again and again, he suggests different ways to hear and envision the final note, the punctuation after a series of quickly ascending notes that finish the song.

"I was glad to get the advice," she says later. "It was nice that he wanted us to play for him."

"Us" eventually included Salem seniors Jesse Young and James Walker, Salem junior Adam Kasten, Canton seniors Eric Schuetzler, Seymour, Ludwig, and Eric Lee, Justin Broome and Julie Maguire.



CHEN ZIMBALISTA

The nine collaborated with marimbas, rainmakers, congas, doumbeks and other instruments in a Brazillian-flavored improv led by Zimbalista.

This kind of fun, as much as any tips on technique, is important says Rinehart. One reason is because it excites the students. The other, he says, is "they're used to being at the back of the orchestra pit playing three cymbal crashes while the rest of the band is up there going crazy. (In the masters classes) they get a

chance to see that percussionists make music."

Zimbalista's brand of percussion taps that sort of musicality and brings it out in others in the form of the students' imperfect by excited solo.

For Rinehart, the visits are also an economical way to invigorate what he sees as an under-funded program.

The Texas school district he came from in 1994 spent about \$125,000 on music programs for four middle schools, he says, compared to the roughly \$5,000 the P-C

district spends on music at five middle schools. Masters classes such as Zimbalista's, arranged with the U of M's University Musical Society, are no-cost and high-energy.

"Each year we're used to having something to look forward to," says Ludwig. In 1996 it was the Ensemble's starring role as the only high school performers at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Nashville.

For the '97-'98 year, she says, the Zimbalista gig gets top billing.

Rackham performance

"We were all up on the stage and there were tons of people who paid \$18 to come see us," said Adam Kasten, one of the students who played Saturday with Zimbalista at Rackham.

He and a few fellow Ensemble members were eager to review their performance.

"It was the same kind of jam we had in class," Seymour said.

"But it was a lot better," Ludwig interrupted.

The stage was crowded, the seats were full and it was the first such public performance for most of the students who played.

"You could see all these faces in the audience," Seymour explained. Compared to playing with the marching band, "it was not less formal, but more intimate."

"We got compliments from the audience after the show," Katsen said.

Back and forth, the students were eager to relate their stories, to talk about their experiences playing percussive music with a master.

This is what the classes — the music — is all about, according to Rinehart.

"They had a great time. It's a good motivational outlet. You get new ideas, new life," he says.

"I think they learn a lot watching an older, more experienced person play. It gets the fires going again."



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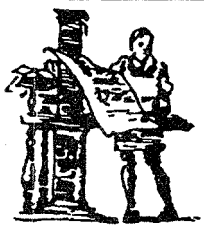
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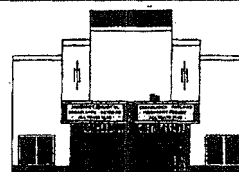
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Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League registration will be held March 7 at the Canton High School cafeteria between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Ages served: 7-18 years.

The City of Plymouth parks and recreation department will again be offering the following **adult softball leagues** in 1998: Men's Slow Pitch, Men's Modified, Women's Slow Pitch, and Co-ed Slow Pitch. League play begins in April. For more information call Recreation Director Tom Willette at 455-6620.

Boys AAU Basketball try-outs for ages 13 and under will be held from 4-6 p.m. March 3 and March 5 at East Middle School in Plymouth. Participants must have born on or after Sept. 1, 1984. Players who are in the seventh grade and were born on or after Sept. 1, 1983 are also eligible. For further information contact Bob de Bear at 459-0543.

The Canton parks and recreation department will hold **Adult Softball Informational Meetings** on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Summit. The men's meeting will be held at 10 a.m., the women's meeting at 10:30 a.m., and the co-ed meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Information to be discussed includes registration fees and dates, schedules, residency rules and league set-up. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Rocks remain solid; topple Chiefs

A week ago, the Canton Chiefs and Salem Rocks volleyball teams dueled it out. The outcome was perhaps expected, with the Rocks emerging victorious.

The Rocks were triumphant 15-7 and 15-6, not allowing the Chiefs to collectively score enough to beat the them.

Salem dominated play all night, and proved to be the stronger team of the two. Their players did have height on Canton, and their skills proved to be sharper as well.

In the first game, the Rocks quickly emerged the leader, 7-0. By the time the Rocks had climbed to 9, the Chiefs were able to raise their score to 7, but that's where it stopped. The Rocks easily got the six points they needed, and took the game.

The second game, Canton was put at an even greater disadvantage, when setter Angie Germain and co-captain Stephanie Chefan were taken out for injuries. Germain has an injured knee, and will probably remain out for the rest of the season. Chefan was not hurt as badly, and returned to play.

Despite the absence of Germain and Chefan, Canton was able to get the first point, and led 2-1, until Salem took their lead by scoring six straight points. Canton was able to pull up with four

VOLLEYBALL

more points, but that was apparently all they had. The Rocks were again the winner, and captured the match.

Salem senior Amanda Abraham proved to be in prime form during the game. She had fourteen kills, four blocks, and four digs. She proved to be Salem's most powerful player all night. But she didn't get the win all by herself; Jenny Trott had four kills and nice digs, and only missed one serve reception out of seventeen. Angie Sillmon had six kills, three blocks, and three digs, Kelly Street and Andrea Pruett both had two kills and two blocks. Setters Kari Flynn and Laine Sterling also played important roles, assisting to twelve and ten kills respectively.

Canton's Liz Elsner had a good game with five kills, and Christy Even had nine digs. Before setting for the sidelines, Germain assisted to five kills.

Canton is now 6-4 in the conference, and has some long bridges to cross to finish up the season successfully.

Salem is now 10-0 in the WLAA, and 38-5-1 overall. This year's team has proved themselves as powerful as any of the past, and their goal of reaching states could very well be reached.

Spanish Flies whiz past Van Buren Boyz

Funky names and heated rivalries keep indoor soccer league rolling

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

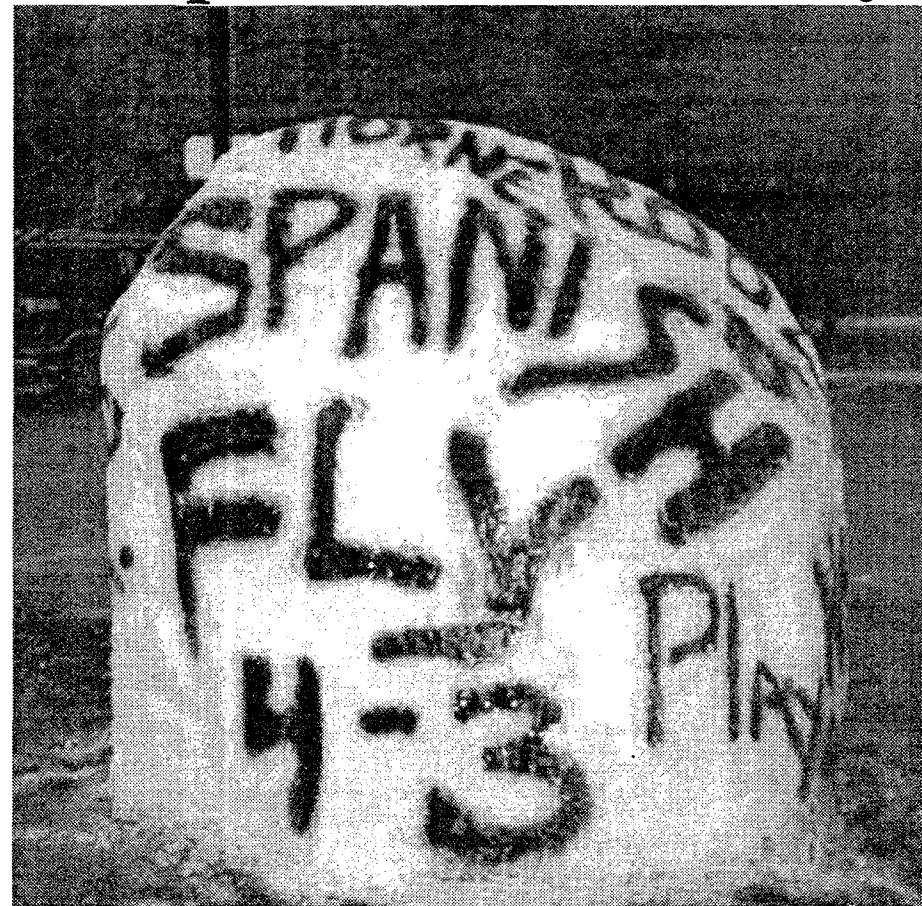
There is a new sport at Salem and Canton. Indoor soccer has become a new phenomenon at the park. However, the teams aren't called the Salem Rocks or the Canton Chiefs. They are not even affiliated with the schools. These soccer teams are through the Novi Soccer Zone, but are made up of players from PCEP.

Last Thursday two of the teams, The Van Buren Boyz and the Spanish Flies, met up at Soccer Zone for the biggest match of the season. There is a bit of a rivalry between the two teams, so the game was sure to be good.

The rivalry is said to have something to do with the jerseys, but no one is really sure. The Spanish Flies wear yellow-orange tees with a big black fly on the front. The VB Boyz wear hunter green tees with two hands on the front with eight fingers up. Why eight fingers? It all goes back to how VB got their name.

The guys borrowed their name from a Seinfeld episode. Jerry and George decided to have a gang named after Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States. The guys decided that this would be a cool name for the team, so the title was adopted.

The Spanish Flies' name is a little more difficult to figure out. One of the Flies say it came from a morning cable fishing show. Others deny that definition and say that the name has a little more to it. However, the actual truth is unsaid.



Following their 4-3 victory over rival the Van Buren Boyz, members of the Spanish Fly indoor soccer team covered Salem's rock with their colors and an announcement of their triumph last week. Although some players claim the name "Spanish Fly" comes from a cable fishing show, others hint at a deeper source. Maybe next week they can paint the rock again, explaining the true meaning of their name. (Crier photo by Kristen Van Dusen)

The Van Buren Boyz sport such names as Guava Fish, Deer Nutz, Big Sexy Mother Loaf, Steindog, Mojambo, Master J, Beefcake, E-Liminator, and Van Ace. The Spanish Fly have player names like Z, Frog, Hollywood, Big Daddy, Cassanova, Biggie, Playmaker,

Roots, and Scrubjay.

Thursday's game brought many supporters for both teams. At the end of the first half, the score was 1-1. Dave Meyn scored for VB and Peter Andreoli scored

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Whalers continue push for first place

Despite disappointing tie versus Owen Sound, Plymouth remains undefeated in last six games

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Mark Friday, March 13 on your calendar.

That's the day the Whalers play their final regular season game at first-place London. And it may be the game that decides the Western Division championship.



"It looks like it might come right down to the last game of the season," said Peter DeBoer, Whalers coach and general manager. "We've made up 11 points on London over the last three weeks," he said. And with nine games remaining, and two points between them and the top, the Whalers are primed for a last-minute hostile takeover.

But first they must survive this weekend. Three games away, one at Oshawa and two, back-to-back against red hot Erie could debilitate the Whalers' chase. Erie is on a seven-game win streak.

"We've got three tough games this weekend, and if we want to continue our push on first place we have to get at least three or four of the six points," said DeBoer.

More important than the points, this weekend may define the Whalers' character. If they pull together, win two or three and possibly take over the first place lead, they should surge through the rest of the season and into the playoffs confident of their abilities.

On the other hand, if they falter, they could drop from first-place contention, and be forced to fight through the playoffs without home-ice advantage and without a belief that they can win on the road when they need to.

Plymouth 5, Owen Sound 5 — Two minutes into Sunday night's game the Whalers had already scored a pair of goals, Owen Sound had pulled their goalie and the night

"It looks like it might come right down to the last game of the season"
 — Peter DeBoer
 Whalers' coach

looked destined for another lopsided victory.

But 63 minutes later, Plymouth skated off the ice stunned, reeling from a disappointing 5-5 tie.

"That's hockey," said DeBoer. "It changes quickly."

Some fans might have left the game early, since after the first period the Whalers had it firmly in hand. An impressive wrap-around wrist shot off his own rebound by Yuri Babenko, and goals by Andrew Taylor and David Legwand had Plymouth on top and in command.

"We knew they were going to be a bit flat at the beginning" because of the long bus ride in, DeBoer said. "In the first period we played it to a tee. We limited them offensively, and they're a real good offensive team."

After a give-and-go goal by Whaler Randy Fitzgerald from Paul Mara 6:12 into the second, Owen Sound, down 4-0, seemed lifeless. Their play was choppy at best, and their goalie continued to be the victim of a rapid-fire Whaler assault.

But then something changed.

At the halfway point of the second period Owen Sound scored its first goal. Sean Avery beat Robert Esche stick-side high. Six minutes later, after another Plymouth goal made it 5-1, the Platers scored again as Esche was beaten by defenseman Mike Lankshear.

Up by three goals heading into the final period the game still seemed in hand for the Whalers. "I would have liked to put them out of the game early," said DeBoer. "Instead we let them get their legs underneath themselves."

Despite several breakaway opportunities for the Whalers, the third period was all Owen Sound. Suddenly inspired, the Platers poured it on, scoring three goals including one fluky ricochet shot that dropped in over Esche's head, to the lock the score at five for good.

"After the third goal, I think they sensed a chance to get back in the game," DeBoer said. "In the second half of the game, we were

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WHALER STATISTICS

Team Leaders:
 Goals: Legwand (48)
 Assists: Legwand (40)
 Points: Legwand (88)
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Indoor soccer adds color to winter

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for the Flies.

In the first minute of the second half, VB got their second goal. It was scored by Andy Merrick, but the VBs joke that it was knocked in by Shaun Moore, one of the Flies.

Andy Horn tied the score with a second goal for the Flies. Within minutes, Kurt McKee got a goal, making the score 3-2, with the Flies ahead.

Jared Page, assisted by Eric Larsen, made the VB's third and final goal. The score was tied until the last minute of the game. The Flies clinched the win with a goal by Rob Zdrodowski with forty seconds left. The final score was 4-3 and the Spanish Flies were victorious.

Some of the VB key players were Page, Meyn, and Zach Bornemeier. The Spanish Flies stand-outs were Zdrodowski, Horn, McKee, Kieth Finney, and Brad Schroeder.

"For missing four key players for the majority of the game, we played well," said VB Steve Bak.

"We did not play to potential," said VB Andy Merrick.

"We had a great time," said Larsen. "Spanish Fly played a great game and we look forward to the rematch.

"We played our best game of the season," said Fly Bryon Boyd. "This game proves that trash-talking gets you nowhere."

"It was a shame there had to be a loser," said Fly Shaun Moore.

"It was close," said Fly Zdrodowski. "In a game like that, any team could've won."

"Now we have our entire team," said the VB Boyz. "On the day of the rematch, the Spanish Fly will be humiliated."

Both teams plan to join the third session of Wixom's indoor soccer leagues.

VB Ben Davis said, "They can beat us, but they can't join us."

Whalers dismantle the Soo, cruise past Windsor

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thinking too much about offense and maybe running up the score instead of taking care of our own end.

"We turned the puck over a couple of times and got caught with some odd-numbered attacks," he said.

About goalie Robert Esche, who was surprisingly porous following the previous night's shutout, DeBoer said, "Early in the game he didn't get a lot of shots and that's always tough on a goaltender. He couldn't stay focused or fresh. And as a result, when he did start seeing pucks in the second half of the game, he wasn't sharp."

Plymouth 8, Sault Ste. Marie 0 — S.S.M. might just want to forfeit their two remaining games in Plymouth. With this loss, and last weekend's 7-2 trouncing, the Soo might be thinking it's no longer worth the seven-hour trip to Compuware Sports Arena.

Behind two goals from captain Andrew Taylor, four points from David Legwand and Yuri Babenko, and two assists each from Brian Passmore and Kevin Holdridge, the Whalers levied a ferocious non-stop attack, doubling Sault Ste. Marie's shots-on-goal total 48-24.

With 24 saves, the shutout was Esche's third of the season.

"We really played a great game," said DeBoer.

Plymouth 6, (at) Windsor 3 — After he was named OHL's player of the week, Harold Druken continued his second-half tear with three more points (a goal and an assist) Thursday evening.

Defenseman Nik Tselios' two first-period assists and second-period goal helped the Whalers put the game away early. Randy Fitzgerald added three points (a goal and an assist) and Eric Goodly assisted twice



Whalers' center Julian Smith gets tripped up by Mike Dombklewicz of the Owen Sound Platers at Compuware Sports Arena Sunday night. With three tough road games this weekend, the Whalers hope they don't get tripped up in their quest for first-place. With a first-place finish, the Whalers could get a first-round bye, and home-ice advantage deep into the playoffs. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

for Plymouth.

"We got out to an early 6-1 lead and then coasted in from there," DeBoer said.

Both Esche and Robert Holsinger tended goal for the Whalers. Esche made 14 saves in 40 minutes, giving up two of the goals. Holsinger

made six saves, giving up one goal in 20 minutes of play.

Chatter — Jesse Boulerice, the

Whalers' penalty minutes leader, was suspended for two games following an end-of-the-game altercation Saturday night. He will return to play for Saturday's game at Erie.

There's a new line in town. The Druken-Taylor-Legwand line, newly formed as of last week, may be the most productive collection in the OHL.

"Druken is having a great second half, and Legwand is definitely our offensive star, so its a pretty potent line," said DeBoer. Combined with Taylor's experience and leadership, this may be the mix that drives the Whalers into first place.

"Rather than spread things out, we've loaded things up," DeBoer said. "And they've been able to handle the checking lines they been faced with."

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

Friday, playoffs begin at 6 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

Thursday, Conference Prelims at home, 1 p.m. Friday, Conference Diving at home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Conference Finals at home, noon.

SALEM WRESTLING

Today, Team Regionals. Saturday, Individual Regionals.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Conference meet. Monday, J.V. Tournament at home at 4:30 p.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Thursday, the Western Lakes Conference meet at Canton at 6 p.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday, playoffs begin.

CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Conference Prelims at Salem, 1 p.m. Conference Diving at Salem, 2:30 p.m. Conference Finals at Salem, noon.

CANTON WRESTLING

Today, Team Regionals. Saturday, Individual Regionals.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

Thursday, the Western Lakes Conference Meet, at home, 6 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Conference meet, time and place TBA. Monday, J.V. Invitational at home, 4:30 p.m.

It's a pretty potent line!
—Peter DeBoer
Whalers' coach on newly formed Druken-Taylor-Legwand combination



Community opinions

Big-town firm, big-town price

Sure, we can build you a courthouse for \$4 mil. But for 9 —

It's been said that an expert is someone who isn't local.

The 35th District Court needed a new courthouse, and they wanted an expert; someone with a long and well documented tradition of building courthouses.

They chose Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta, Inc (CDPA), a 37-year-old Southfield firm with 14 courthouses under their belt already. They've also designed there municipal buildings including Canton's new fire station number one, which will be open by early spring.

CDPA has it all: in-house security experts, technology experts that can deal with a court's special technological needs and a hefty price tag. Their latest courthouse was recently completed in Dearborn at a cost of about \$11 million. The court advisory board joked about how the 35th District courthouse rebuild

was a different situation, with a tighter timeline, and a tighter budget.

Leave out the marble, they said.

CDPA managed to trim off about \$2 million, but the projected cost of \$9.1 announced last week was still far above the anticipated (and asked for) budget of about \$5 million.

Still, this number is slightly skewed.

First of all, the building itself, as proposed, will only cost about \$7.1 million; the remainder of the cost is eaten up with architect fees and furnishings, some of which the court has already purchased to outfit their temporary quarters. CDPA charges a percentage based on the cost of the building. The bigger the building, the higher the cost, of both the building and its design.

It's no wonder the first plan turned out to be about 55,000 square feet, instead of the estimated 35,000 - 40,000 square feet the committee said they wanted.

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



The court advisory board won't pay \$9.1 million for a courthouse. Something that big, while it would solve the court's needs for the foreseeable future, will be difficult to fund at best. It is just a preliminary drawing, the first in a series of plans as the court board and the architects decide which details are needed, which are wanted and which are extraneous.

But it still seems like a wasted step. As CDPA goes back to the drawing board to meet a more reasonable budget, the clock continues to tick. Already the firm, which projected a finished courthouse in July of next year, is pushing that completion date

back to late fall.

These initial stages of planning are crucial; the sooner the project goes out for construction bids, the better. With as busy as the construction industry has been in recent years, the early bid gets the worm.

You have to wonder if the court advisory board would be one step ahead right now and not looking at a daunting \$9.1 million had they chosen a smaller firm.

I guess there's no way of knowing. We'll just have to wait until the next set of plans comes in from CDPA.

After all, they're the experts.

Don't mess with Mary

This is NOT recommended procedure!

"I don't think I'll be doing this again," said Mary Millington of Little Professor on the Park Booksellers in downtown Plymouth.

But that shoplifter sure got a rude awakening last Thursday.

A delivery person at the bookstore saw a large man stuffing map books inside his coat and pants and looked for Mary of the bookstore.

Meanwhile, the man left the store, without paying for the map books, according to Plymouth Police reports, and Mary ran outside after him.

He jumped into his van on Ann Arbor Trail and then Mary stood in front of the van and started banging on his window. (Ironically, this occurred in front of the former location of Wayside Gifts where the owner, Julie Thoman, used to have a sign that read, "Shoplifters will be cheerfully beaten to a pulp. SURVIVORS WILL BE PROSECUTED." She had the same sign at Sideways which she also owned.)

Realizing that Mary was a woman on a mission, the man gave up. "He just reached in his pants and kept pulling these things out of his pants," Mary said.

"Then he started begging — it was really pathetic," the normally-meek bookseller said. "He was really scummy."

Police responded quickly thereafter and are now searching for the man — armed with his license plate and description. This was a felony (15 map books at \$13 each), say police.

With malice
toward none



They also chewed Mary out. "The police department has always recommended that people not do this," said Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins.

DO NOT — repeat — DO NOT attempt to take matters physically into your own hands if you spot a shoplifter.

Or a Chief (and new grandfather) Scoggins urges retailers, "Just call us at 9-1-1."

"It's that gray area when you walk into it; you never know how it's going to go. The ramifications are great when you make a decision like this. A person who has the volition to steal has a potential to harm," Scoggins warned.

Lately, local police and citizens have been on a good roll at nabbing crooks, the chief points out. During last Ice Fest, Sideways owner Sharon Pugh — true to her predecessor's sign — chased a young woman shoplifter clear over around Fleet Street.

Shoplifters should be aware that the Plymouth-Canton businesses have a phone-fan-out system to apprehend shoplifters and counterfeit money passers. Pugh had been alerted by that.

And in case anybody gets any ideas in the future, every Plymouth-Canton retailer has moved Mary's phone number to first place on the phone-fan-out list. (Her cape is on order.)



MARY MILLINGTON IN FRONT OF LITTLE PROFESSOR



Community opinions

P-C school bond:

Khoury: Vorva's plan illegal

Debate over absentee ballots continues between Plymouth lawyers

EDITOR:

While I was amused by Vorva's response (Feb. 18), it is probably necessary to set a few things straight. My prior letter questioned the constitutionality and propriety of Vorva's proposal to settle the school bond litigation. His proposal to the school board would require the board to automatically send absentee ballots for every school-related election to every voter over the age of 65.

First, Vorva suggests that I should disclose that I am a licensed attorney. I am happy to say that. Perhaps he wants to contrast that with his status as an unlicensed attorney.

Second, Vorva discusses a number of cases. I did not do any research into this issue (other than that discussed below), but his cases seem to stand for the proposition that it is illegal for any body to try to favor any group of the electorate.

I certainly agree with that. In fact, it

is probably for that reason that Michigan law requires any citizen to affirmatively request an absentee ballot in order to cast a vote in that manner, so that a public body cannot "stack the deck" by making it easier for one group than any other.

I did do two things to analyze Vorva's "settlement proposal," including reviewing the applicable statutes and contacting the state elections bureau.

So that it is clear to everyone, the statute of the State of Michigan governing absentee voting requires voters to affirmatively request ballots. It is illegal for the school board to automatically send ballots in the manner suggested by Vorva. Applications for ballots can be sent to groups classified by the statute to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot (this would include voters over 65, who can always request an absentee ballot for any election), but ballots themselves cannot be sent.

While Vorva may consider my



interpretation to be flawed, it was confirmed by the Assistant Attorney General in charge of these matters, so I feel that I am on pretty solid ground.

The proposal is nothing short of the kind of voting restrictions which were outlawed during the civil rights era, and should be seen for the blatant attempt to manipulate future elections that it really is. It is not unreasonable for citizens who want to vote to do two simple things: (1) vote at the election stations on election day or request an absentee ballot in accordance with the law; and (2) if the person doesn't know how to use the ballot machine, ask for help.

This is not a matter of constitutional interpretation; it is a matter of state law, and even if the law was changed to permit such conduct, I doubt it would pass a constitutional challenge simply because it prefers one part of the electorate over another.

MICHAEL S. KHOURY
Plymouth

So that it is clear to everyone, it is illegal for the school board to automatically send ballots in the manner suggested by Vorva.

— Michael Khoury

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