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School bond upheld

Vorva vows to press on

BY BRYON MARTIN

Superintendent Charles Little, the Plymouth-Canton School Board and even the entire district may be ready to start building and buying now that the lawsuit against their March 1997 bond has been thrown out of a Lansing Court of Appeals.

Before the money is completely free, though, there may be one more set of steps to climb: those up to the State Supreme Court.

Jerry Vorva, the former state representative who brought the suit against the schools last summer, says this second dismissal of his case doesn't change his mind or planned course of action. He's willing to go all the way.

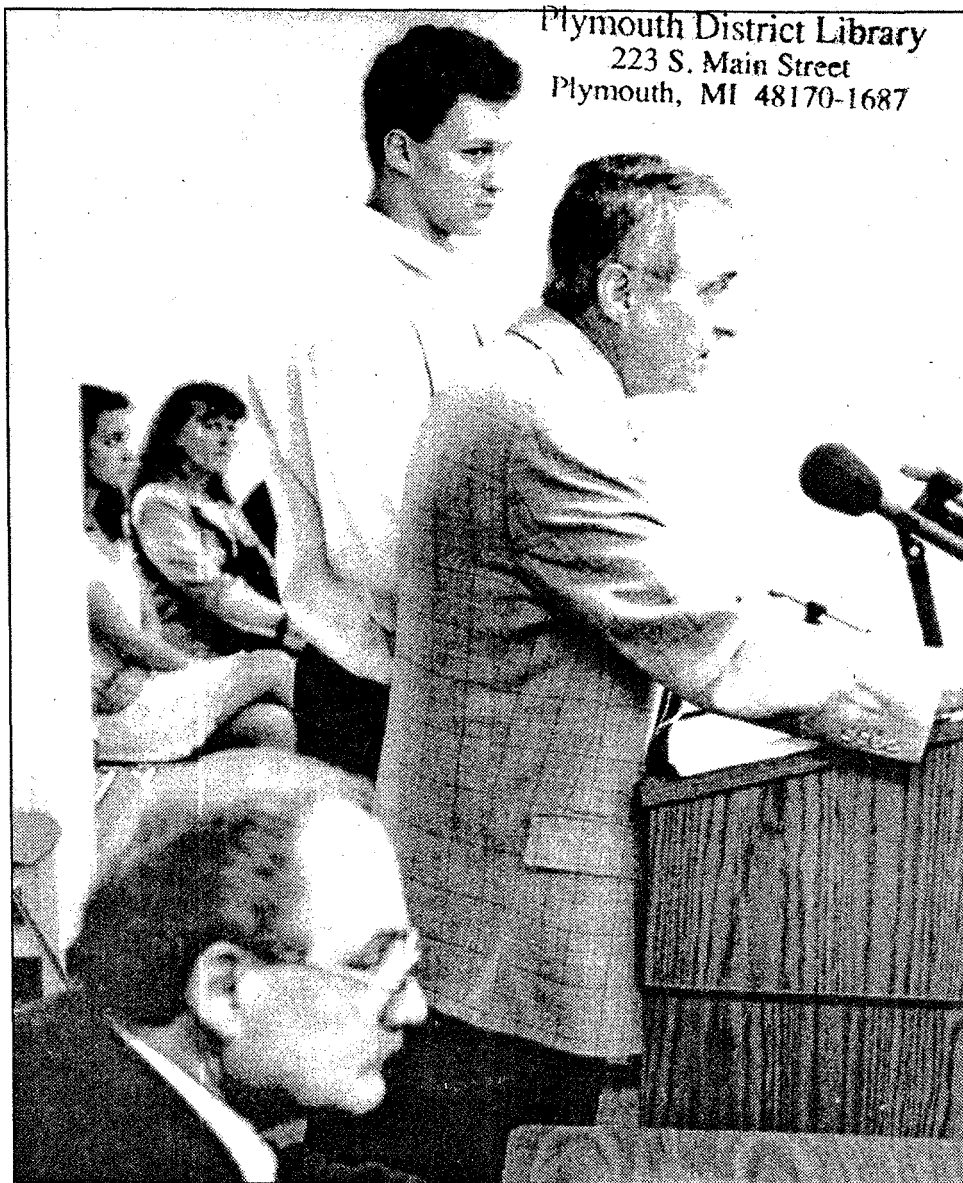
"My position has not changed," he said. "The school district intentionally and maliciously designed the election by changing the day it was held."

Vorva also maintains that the Unilect voting equipment was defective and that the district violated state law by not having the equipment approved by the state election board prior to the March '97 vote.

Local and county boards of canvassers, the Secretary of State's elections bureau and the Wayne County Circuit Court have upheld the March 22, 1997 election in which 716 voters miscast their ballots.

Little says due process has been served,

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Former Whaler Jesse Boulerice stands with his attorney, Jim Howarth, in the 35th District Court yesterday afternoon as Det. Jim Jarvis takes notes on the proceedings. Boulerice's mother and girlfriend look on from the side. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Boulerice arraigned

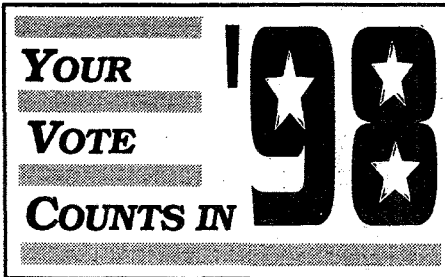
BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Standing before Judge Ron Lowe in 35th District Court yesterday afternoon, former Whaler Jesse Boulerice plead not guilty to charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

After a warrant for his arrest was issued last week by Wayne County Prosecutors, Boulerice voluntarily appeared before the court.

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City ballots late, but out



BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Voters in Canton and Plymouth Township got a one week headstart over voters in the City of Plymouth and the Northvilles for the Aug. 4 primary.

Because Wayne County got a late start in printing its ballots, the County Clerk's office decided to print the absentee ballots of communities with certain types of voting equipment before those using Opscan — which Plymouth uses.

This means, essentially, that communities in multi-community elected districts — the Michigan State House, the Michigan Senate, the Wayne County Commission, Wayne County judicial races — got at least seven more days to reach absentee voters. In most races, those absentee voters represent a significant percentage of voters and sometimes show a widely varying result from the general voting population.

In the City Commission race where Bob Jones was seeking re-election, he had bested Jack Kenyon until the absentee ballots came in. Kenyon, a Plymouth Historical Society activist, garnered a heavy vote from the senior-citizen-rich absentee ballots and won the seat after he had declared Jones the victor.

State law required that the absentee ballots be ready by June 20. The City received them Monday and mailed out 538 by 9 a.m. yesterday.

"A lot of communities have Opscan and we're really upset (at being so late)," said Plymouth City Clerk Linda

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Rockers style

P-C-N kids get kicks with pro soccer players at camp

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Finding a niche

Plymouth man finds a way to save space, avoid clutter

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NBD reneges?

1 year later, nothing's happening at Penniman-Main

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Brian Decker, Steven Decker and Heather Buchanan of Plymouth have been named to the Dean's List at Iowa State University.

The Canton Historical Society is holding its annual Flea Market Sale on August 8, 1998. It will again be on the grounds of the Cherry Hill School located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Spaces are available for rent for \$15. Antiques crafts, collectibles, garage sale items are welcome. Items for donation are also very welcome. For more information call Ronni Curtis at (734) 981-1475.

Michael J. Malloure, son of Joseph and Nancy Malloure of Northville has graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA with a BS in civil engineering.

Students named to the President's Honor Roll at Walsh College include: Reid Cameron, Lynn Cannon, Michael DeBarr, Richard Florence, Lila Gould, James Hejka, Shelley Schroeter, Daniella Sugg and Therese Tyler; from Northville: Lynn Hough, Debra Kirr, Vladimir Stecko; and from Plymouth: Yvette Burney and Terry Hoffman.

Named to the Dean's List from Plymouth were: Susan Azar, Steven Everson and Christopher Petersen; from Northville: Jennifer Crawford, Janet Evans, Pamela Fleischer, Brenda McMahon and Kevin Patmore; and from Canton: Dawn DeBarr, Laurie Demers, Scott Kemp, Avinash Patel, Joseph Stevens, Amy Tolstyka, Amy Tolstyka and Jeff Vergolini.

Marine Staff Sgt. Houston K. Barton, son of Martha Brown of Canton, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Marine Aircraft Group 46, Detachment B 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, CA.

Navy Airman Gregory J. Demarest, son of Marcia L. Demarest of Plymouth, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

He is a graduate of Northville high School, and joined the Navy in 1995.

Inventor finds his niche

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

As if being an elevator adjuster wasn't an unusual enough occupation, Plymouth's Graham Glomski has just joined a group of people with an even quirkier reputation: inventors.

Not that Glomski has developed a radical new hyperdrive engine or the secret to cold fusion. His invention wasn't spawned in a mildewed lab scattered with beakers, test tubes and sparking rabbit-ear antennae, nor did it involve secretive, locked room experiments.

Glomski's invention was founded in common sense, and based on one thing that virtually everyone needs — space — and something everyone has — space.

Called the Sound Recording Storage Cabinet, Glomski's invention is basically what it sounds like: a storage cabinet for video tapes, compact disks or audio tapes. What makes it unique is that it's designed to fit inside a home's walls, Glomski said.

"The idea came from seeing dozens of compact disks and videos lying around the house.

Everyone probably has the same problem," Glomski said. "Every wall has some unused space, so I figured I'd put them together."

Glomski's cabinet is designed to be set into the wall and fit



Graham Glomski and Taffy, his dog, get some sun behind their Plymouth home. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

between the typical home's wall studs, Glomski said. Since that dimension is the same in every home, the cabinet can be used in any house, Glomski said.

The cabinet consists of a wood or metal frame that can be installed in the wall and several interchangeable plastic molds. The molds will sit in the frame, and allow for storage of video tapes, compact disks or audio cassettes. The interchangeable molds allow homeowners to personalize the cabinet anyway they want, Glomski said.

An optional door would allow homeowners to decorate the cabinet, as well.

"You could put pictures or wall paper on the door face to get it to blend into the wall," Glomski said. "You wouldn't even know it was there."

Glomski is currently working with National Invention Services, Inc. to find a manufacturer for his product, which will probably retail for about \$35.

The cabinet is Glomski's first invention. He says he has other ideas in the works, but nothing definite yet. He is currently on medical leave from his job as an elevator adjustor

with Dover Elevator, which he has held for 30 years.

Glomski was responsible for ensuring elevators stopped at the right floors, and the speed with which they accelerate.

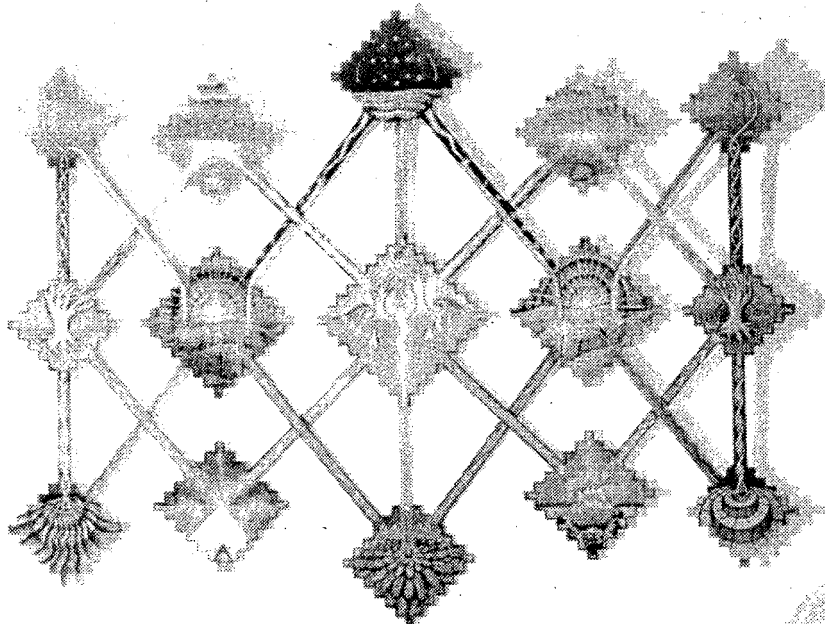
"It's a fascinating job," he said. "We even have a union."

Dream come true...

Carl Schuman, a former Plymouth resident, recently opened up his own art studio in Santa Fe, NM. Schuman's art explores geometric shapes and structure give his work an architectural and engineered precision. His works are now in private and public collections in the U.S., Canada, Europe and India.

His studio is located 708 Canyon Road #5, in the heart of Sante Fe's gallery district.

(Photo courtesy of Marilyn Meredith.)



What's up, down at Sheldon & Five:

Fairweather to fall, finally

State razes building, vacant since 1993

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Northville's Fairweather days are coming to an end.

Finally.

The State of Michigan has secured contracts for the demolition of the Fairweather Center, a former youth center at Five Mile and Sheldon roads. It's the only structure still standing in the area commonly called The Northville Tunnels.

The abandoned 16 acres of land has been a concern for the community for years. The building has been vacant since 1993 when the state closed the center. For the last five years Northville Township has lobbied the state to raze the attractive nuisance.

Because the desolate site is sheltered from the view of passing traffic, according to Northville Township police, it has been an attractive site for troublemakers: car thieves drive stolen automobiles there to burn them; teens gather there to drink, smoke and vandalize the decaying property.

The site's dangers were realized in January, 1997 with the death of 19-year-old Scott Brown. The Livonia youth fell from

the roof after drinking with friends.

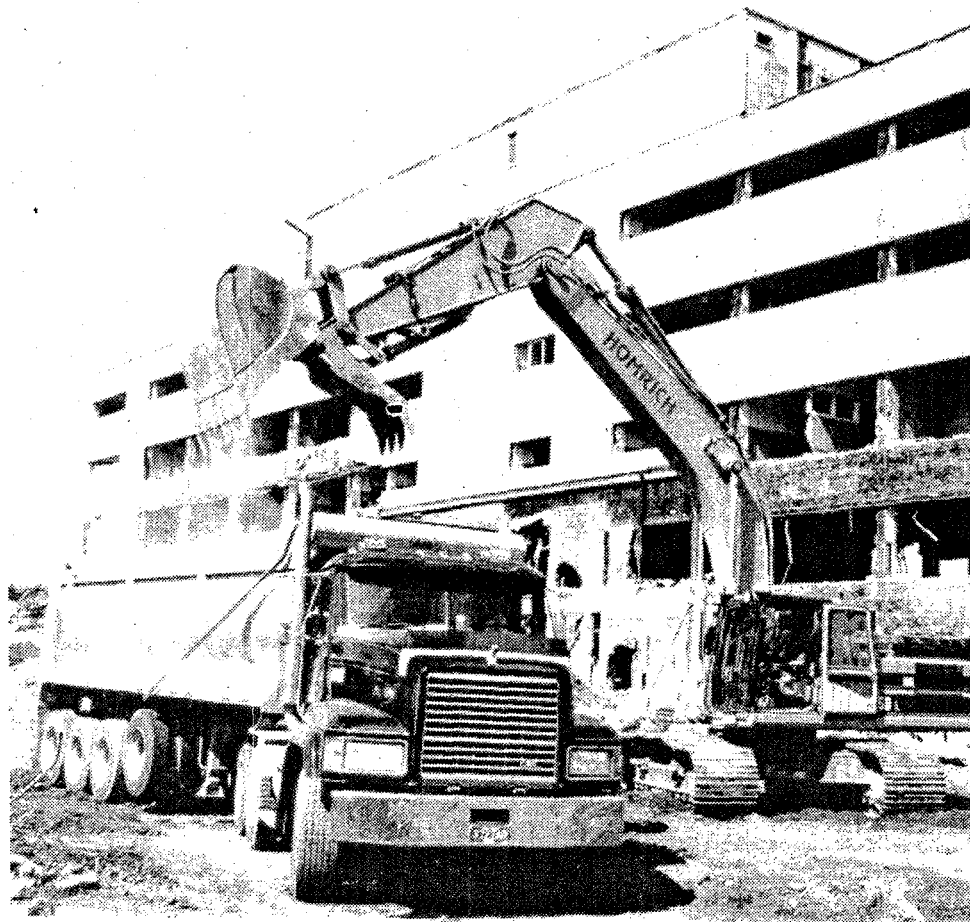
The tragedy has not kept visitors away, though, according to Chip Snider, township Public Safety Director. The site is still a source of problems, he said. The department will be thrilled to see the building torn down.

Currently, the state has taken bids for demolition and asbestos removal plans, as well as for the actual demolition, according to Kelly Chesney of the State Department of Management and Budget. The structure could be down by the end of August, she said. Officials see this as an opportunity.

Northville Township currently is in negotiation with the state to purchase the parcel, said Township Supervisor Karen Woodside. The township needs more land for recreational use, and has for more than a year, she said. She hopes the township can buy the site by the end of September.

Chesney said the state is working with township and state Attorney General, who must approve any such purchase.

The township is also hoping to purchase approximately 60 acres of land next to the



After five years as an attraction for vandals and car thieves, and as the site of a death last January, the state is tearing down the Fairweather Center at Sheldon and Five Mile roads. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Phoenix Prison at Five Mile and Beck roads. That land adjoins current township recreational land.

Woodside said that, whether they get Fairweather site or not, the township is pleased to see the building come down.

St. Johns resorts

Golf course to add restaurant, pub, learning center

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Construction continues this week at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township where crews and developers are working to transform the 18-hole facility into one of Western Wayne County's premier golfing venues.

Much of the work, including a new restaurant, pub and pro shop, is expected to be finished by late August, with an additional nine holes of golf expected to be ready by spring, according to Justin Lauer, general manager at St. John's.

A year-round driving range with heated, enclosed tees should also be complete this fall and will include a "golf retail facility along the lines of a ProGolf Discount or Carl's Golfland," Lauer said.

Long-term plans call for an inn and conference center to eventually be included at the site as well, according to developer William Pulte.

"The conference center will probably be completed first," Pulte said. "There are a lot of industrial folks in the area who need a conference center."

Construction on the inn and conference center could begin late next year, Pulte said.

St. John's is owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit, and according to Pulte, they decided to pursue the ambitious renovations for financial reasons.

"They were running pretty well into the

red," Pulte said. "As long as they own the land they might as well put it to good use for everybody in the community."

The large, red-bricked St. John's seminary located off Five Mile Road, which has served as a family and youth center, will be extended to become the focal point of the golfing operation, Pulte said. It will house the restaurant, the pub and the pro shop.

Programs for married couples and troubled youths will continue at the seminary, however, and are expected to expand with the construction of an additional building.

The restaurant, dubbed "The 19th Hole," will be located on the second floor of the seminary, and will include a patio dining area overlooking the course, Lauer said. The pub will be English-style with a raw bar.

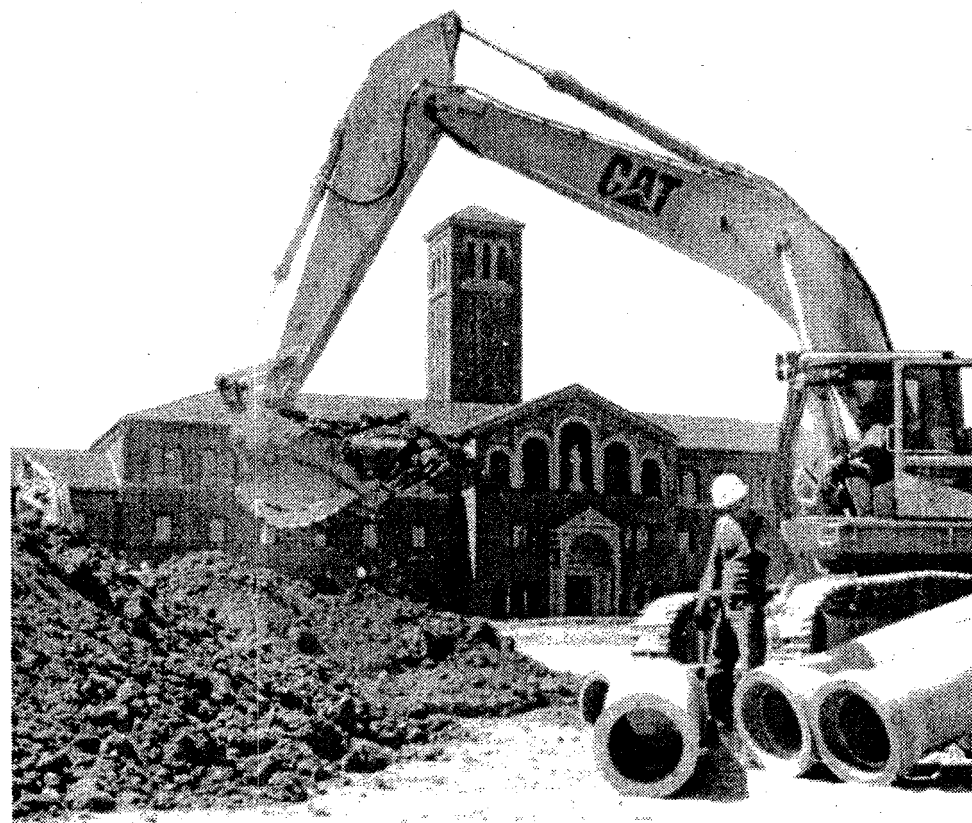
The original 18 holes, still open as construction continues, got a face lift this past spring as a part of the redesign.

"We added new bunkers, new tees and a few new holes," Lauer said. "It's more challenging and much more beautiful."

The additional nine holes, which will be ready for play next summer, were made possible by an additional land purchase and the course redesign, he said.

The new holes, designed by architect Pat Grelac, "will be very heavily wooded with a lot of terrain changes," said Lauer.

Both a permanent bathroom and a halfway



Construction crews work in front of St. John's seminary to smooth the dirt where a new parking lot will be laid later this month. Several projects, including a pub, golf learning center and nine new holes are expected to turn St. John's into a state-of-the-art golfing facility. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

stand for concessions will also be constructed as part of the new course design, said Pulte.

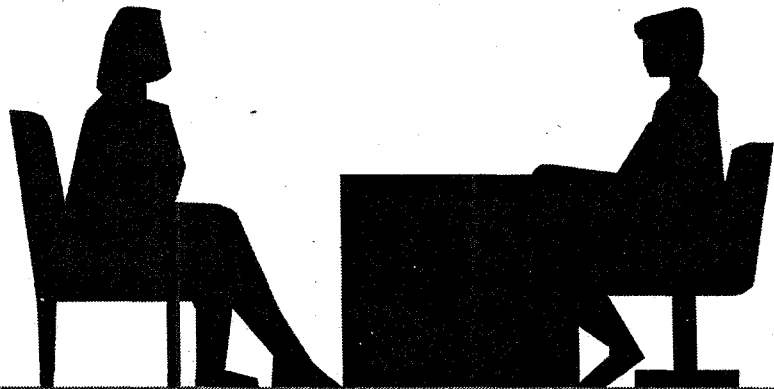
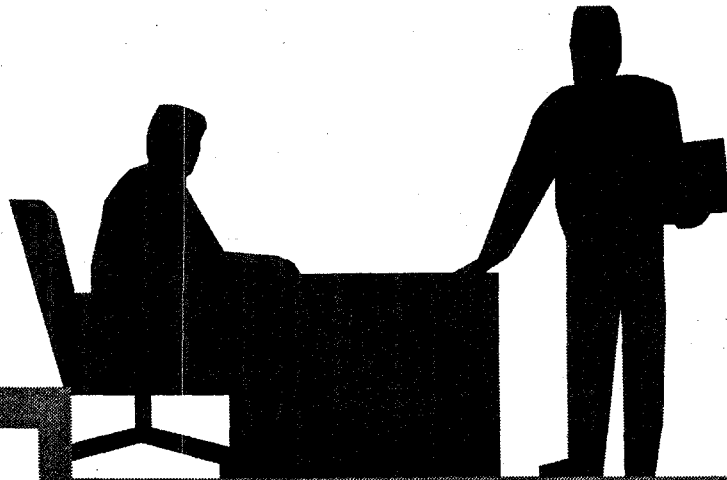
"The Archdiocese is really committed to

this project and they are doing everything right," said Lauer. "It's going to be a jewel out here."

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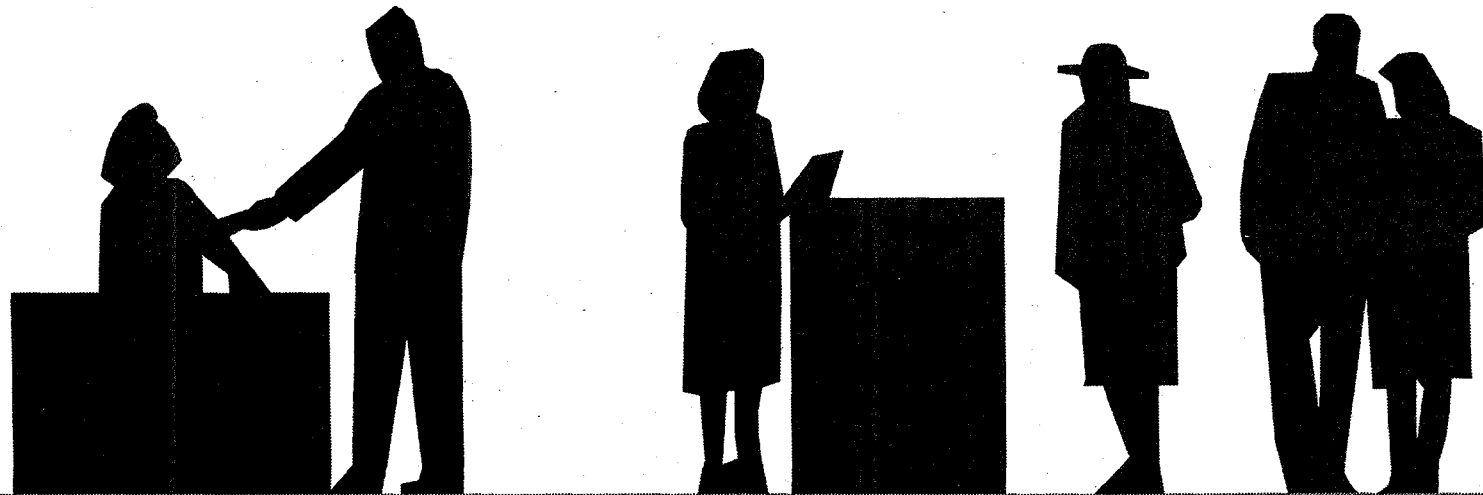
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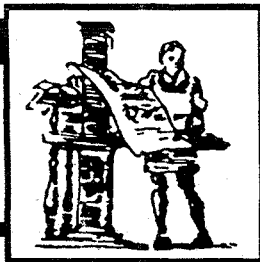


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11th County Commission: 3 Canton residents make county bid

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If you're thinking of just voting Canton for Wayne County Commission, you may have to get a little more specific.

Of the five candidates for the 11th Commission seat vacated by Bruce Patterson, three live in the township.

Republican Candidate Melissa McLaughlin and Democratic hopefuls Tom Harnett and Fred Bolden have all lived in Western Wayne's fastest growing community, while democrats David Parrott and John Sullivan hail from Van Buren Township and Wayne, respectively.

Parrott, Bolden and Harnett bring a wide variety of experience and ideas to the Aug. 4 primary; Sullivan did not appear at a Crier candidate interview or return calls for comment.

Bolden, 43, has lived in Canton for six years. He brings possibly the most diverse background to the race, working in telecommunications, computers, and as an auxiliary police officer in Illinois.

With a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a masters degree in computer information systems, Bolden also has culinary arts training and is pursuing a doctorate in public administration from Western Michigan University.

"I think my best asset is my education," Bolden said. "I've worked with real people in all kinds of environments."

Parrott, 38, has lived in Van Buren Township since 1987. The son of a police officer, he grew up on the east side of

Detroit. He received a degree in general studies from U of M and a law degree from the Wayne State University Law School and is currently practicing pension law, representing local public employe retirement systems.

Parrott said his experience as a child in Detroit as well as his law practice has allowed him to relate to a broad spectrum of people.

"It really gives me a great deal of experience bringing people together and uniquely qualifies me to draft legislation," he said.

Harnett has lived in Canton for 18 years. A graduate of the Detroit College of Law, he had a private practice in Plymouth and has also worked as a computer systems analyst. He currently works as a Friend of the Court Attorney, and as such sees family issues as important.

The issues the candidates support are as varied as their backgrounds. Harnett lists among the county's primary issues the breakdown of the family and the imposition of an "Impact Tax" on developers to make them pay for road improvements, sewers and other infrastructure improvements.

"When I think about development in Canton I wonder how did it ever get so bad," he said. "The people who live in the subdivisions have put up long enough. I think the developers should have been charged an impact fee."

Parrott cites the environment as a major issue, especially airport noise and expansion, and damage caused by gypsy moths. "These

are quality of life issues, and they need to be addressed on the county level," he said.

Bolden said that public education, family violence and lack of affordable health care ranked among his top issues. Schools should develop curriculums to meet the demands for future workers, while family violence can be fought with better community education.

The county issues at the August primary have split the candidates as well. The super majority issue drew perhaps the biggest differences between the three. Bolden said he was for the issue, while Parrott said he agrees with it in part.

"I have no problem with it as a concept, but I fear that it could become meaningless. It only requires one majority to overturn it," Parrott said. "It also violates the one person, one vote rule and could turn around to bite us someday."

Harnett, on the other hand, was strictly against it. "People will start to think of Canton as a fortress," he said. "Right now Detroit has a conciliatory mayor and we have to start being conciliatory ourselves."

Likewise, the issue of road funding showed the differences between the three, with Harnett coming out strong and boldly declaring he was for a raise in the gasoline tax.

"The current level of gas tax does not support the damage we're doing to the roads with trucks banging away at them," he said. "There's not been enough money at the general level to deal with the roads. How much property you own shouldn't determine how much you pay for roads. The tax has to be raised. It's not just a convenience, but a safety issue."

Parrott said rather than raising the tax, the county should use the funds more efficiently and get away from temporary fixes such as blacktop overlays.

"The roads should be not just repaired, but rebuilt. We have to bite the bullet," he said. "The technology is out there and we have to consider whether it's cheaper to build the road for 10 years or 50."

Bolden said he was in favor of taxes on developers that bring increased traffic into the area. He also said there has been a lack of long-range planning for road maintenance. Ways to protect the roads, such as having stricter weight limits for trucks also require attention, he said.

"We haven't been able to foresee all the problems we're having with the roads," he said. "The counties needs to work together and plan for the future."

MDOT rejects offer

Discussions continue in lawsuit against Mettetal

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A Canton resident and businessman's suit against Mettetal Airport could be settled as early as next month.

According to David Woelkers, attorney for Ed Tate, a settlement conference in the suit is set for Aug. 12.

Tate filed his suit last year against Michigan Department Of Transportation (MDOT) and airport manager Doug Kitzel's business, Kitzel Aviation, according to Woelkers. The suit alleges that MDOT owes Tate compensation, because their refusal to allow Tate to use an easement on his property put him out of business.

"When he bought the land he had access to the rear of his property through the airport's driveway," Woelkers said. "That was shut down after he bought it by the state."

Woelkers also said the MDOT added further barriers to the easement, planting several trees and putting up a chain to block access.

"The state did everything they could to stop his business because they wanted the property," Woelkers said. Tate is seeking compensation and the use of the easement, Woelkers said.

MDOT rejected the first mediation offer last week, according to Gary Naeyaert,

director of communications for MDOT.

"Tate asked for a \$750,000 settlement and our mediation panel recommended MDOT pay \$22,000," Naeyaert said. "We rejected that. We think that's too much because we think his case is totally and utterly baseless."

Naeyaert said MDOT is not responsible for Tate's lack of business success.

Tate purchased the land after MDOT took control of the airport in 1992. There was no formal agreement about the use of the easement that existed beforehand, according to Naeyaert.

The case is scheduled for a settlement conference Aug. 12, after depositions are taken by Canton officials and members of the Mettetal advisory board.

Naeyaert said MDOT will make another settlement offer, but it probably won't be as large as the \$22,000 already rejected by MDOT.

"If we thought that was too much you can bet our next offer is lower," Naeyaert said. "It only goes to show how strongly we feel that his case is without merit."

Woelkers is not convinced. "This is a classic case of the little guy getting squeezed out by other interests," he said. "It's a sad situation."

Kids from all over

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about their collaborative art records. The book doesn't have a category for highest number of contributors, Raychel said, but they may before she is done with the project.

Workers at the booth collected the names of all the children and have documented the work with photographs. They're hoping to get a listing in the Guinness Book.

But Raychel said the best part of the project is the kids. "It was huge," she said. "There were kids from Texas, Florida, Colorado and all over Michigan, not just the Plymouth area."

"And it didn't cost anything," she said. "Parents kept asking how much it cost. But it was free for everyone."

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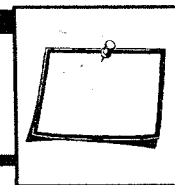
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Events

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Old Village Development Authority is holding an ice cream social Saturday from 12-4 p.m. at the Old Firehouse Park at the corner of Spring and Holbrook. The event will feature hot dogs, free ice cream, soda, balloons and a live band. There will also be Old Village T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. For more information call (313) 441-2410.

HISTORIC OLD VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE & SIDEWALK SALE

The Old Village Development Authority is holding a garage and sidewalk sale Saturday Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A walking map of homes and businesses that will be participating will be available to those who wish to travel the streets of Old Village looking for bargains and treasures. For more information call Jan at the Brew Ha Ha (734) 354-9432.

THIRD ANNUAL BARGAIN BAZAAR

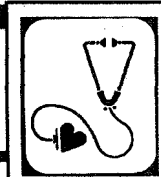
The Northville Central Business Association announces the Third Annual Bargain Bazaar on Saturday, August 1, from 9a.m.-5p.m. on Main and Center Streets in historic downtown Northville. Booths are available now. Call Lorie Wyant at 248-349-3537 for details.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLOCK CONCERTS

Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring Friday Night Clock Concerts at the Gazebo on Main Street. This Friday the Farmington Band will perform. This free concert begin at 7:30 p.m.

DDA'S ENTERTAINMENT ON US

The Downtown Development Authority of Plymouth presents Schunk, Starr, Dryden, 7-9 p.m. this Friday at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. "First-call" studio players flex their musical muscle in the jazz-fusion power trio format.



Health

SUICIDE LOSS PROGRAM

Arbor Hospice offers a group for adults who have experienced a loss through suicide. The group meets at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth on the first and third Monday evening of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information call 734-662-5999 or 248-348-4980.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

40-page handbook contains current domestic violence laws, women's rights, community resources list, and more, in Arabic. Pick-up copies at Arab-American and Chaldean Council, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Wayne County prosecutor's office and department of public health clinic in Dearborn. English, Spanish versions available. Call 313-224-6994.

WEIGHT AND CHOLESTEROL MANAGEMENT

St. Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring the Nutriway weight and cholesterol management series. The program includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival and more. Classes available at Canton Summit on the Park. Call 313-712-5110 for details.

FOCUS ON LIVING

A self-help group for cancer patients and their families meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Call 734-655-2922 or 800-494-1650 for details.

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Attorney: Boulerice is big, not bad

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Lowe set an examination date of July 27 for Boulerice but his attorney, Jim Howarth, asked for an extension so he could better prepare his case.

In particular, Howarth said he had yet to view the OHL tape of the April 17 incident in which Boulerice is shown slashing Guelph Storm forward Andrew Long across the face with his stick. Long suffered severe facial injuries and a concussion from the hit.

Silent throughout the proceedings, Boulerice, 19, was accompanied by his mother, father and girlfriend who had all traveled from their home in upstate New York to appear at the arraignment.

No other members of the Whalers organization were present. Nor was Long, who continues to recover at his home in Ontario. Long is expected to attend training camp with the Florida Panthers this fall.

In a show of support for Boulerice, several members of the Whaler Fan Club, including President Laurie Johnson, were on hand. After the arraignment, they each gave the defendant a hug and kiss in the hallway

outside the courtroom.

Det. Jim Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police was also present, but Ray Walsh, the expected prosecutor in the case, did not appear.

Boulerice was released on a \$10,000

personal bond. During the proceedings, Judge Lowe was careful to point out that he was a Whalers' season ticket holder, but didn't think it was a conflict of interest. The defense agreed.

After the arraignment Boulerice's attorney hinted at a possible defense. Boulerice was under the influence of pain-killers during the night in question, he said. They may have clouded his judgment.

"He was playing with a broken hand the night of the incident," Howarth said. "I don't want to blame the team for anything, but they provided the pain-killers and there is a question of whether or not he should have been playing at all."

A similar hockey-game assault case occurred last year at the Detroit Skate Club in

Bloomfield Hills. In that case, the defendant, a University of Michigan player, plea-bargained for eight months probation.

Howarth said this case could follow a similar track. "If that's the kind of solution the Wayne County Prosecutors seek, I would be happy to talk about it," he said. "Jesse Boulerice walks into jail over my dead body."

If the case does go to trial, Boulerice's reputation as a hockey bruiser will likely come into question. But, according to Howarth, that reputation has been overplayed.

"He was just a good tough kid playing good tough hockey," Howarth said. "This is not a kid who wants to hurt other kids. He may be big, but big doesn't make you bad."

6 Jesse Boulerice walks into jail over my dead body. 9

**— Jim Howarth
Boulerice's attorney**

Suit not about buildings

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and that it's time to move on.

"We've had enough time to look at this," he said. "The process has worked. In fact, it's worked five times. It's time to serve the kids."

The high school and elementary school the bonds would fund have been on hold during the court proceedings and are now three and two years off-schedule, respectively, according to Little.

"But there's a lot more to this bond than the high school," he said. New buses, computers and capital improvements are also to be bought with the \$80 million bond.

School officials have maintained that the district loses money every day sale of the bonds is delayed. The district could have been earning interest on the bonds if they had been sold last year.

Officials have predicted the delay might weaken the bond's earning power, since construction costs have continued to rise in Wayne County while the bond amount has remained fixed.

"The delay has certainly eaten into any contingency (money) we had," Little said. Whether this means the district will need to scale back its projects, as some have

predicted, remains to be seen, he said. The answer will come once the district begins to sell the bonds. But they can't begin until legal proceedings are done, and Vorva says he's not finished yet.

"My inclination is to go to the next step," he said. He met yesterday with Boak to "dissect" the court's decision and to plan that next step: maybe another trip to the Appeals Court, or higher.

A trip to the State Supreme Court would be appropriate to gravity of the issue, he said.

"This has nothing to do with school buildings. It's about the fundamental right to vote," Vorva said. "How did all of our civil rights get decided? In the Supreme Court. This is one of those issues."

Vorva says he wants to change the way school districts administer elections — a big task.

"That's pretty hard for the lower courts to do," he said. "I have to take this to the Supreme Court."

Whether his case moves on to another hearing in the Lansing Appeals Court or the state's top court is a decision he'll make in the next 21 days, when briefs are due. Any action would likely be months away.

But Vorva says that's alright by him. The schools are doing wrong, and he wants it changed.

"It's going to stop or nine old men and women in black robes are going to tell me otherwise."

Extrapower

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Langmesser. "This is the latest it's ever been."

The question remains whether the one-week delay — with less than three weeks to go — will give extra voting "power" to those communities in multi-community districts.

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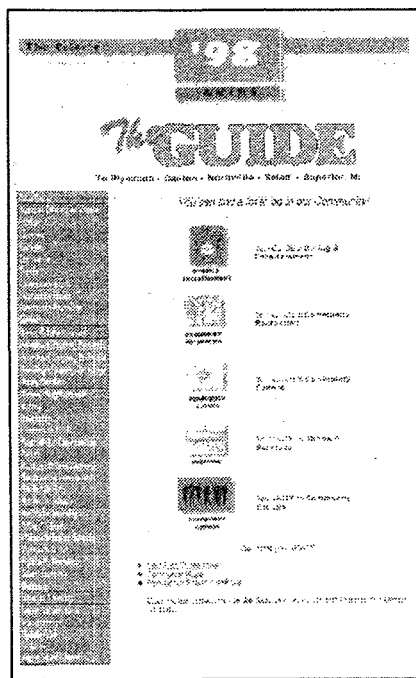
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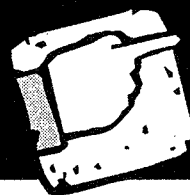
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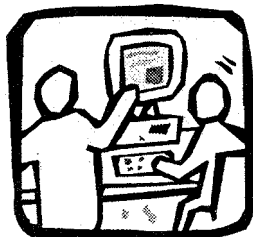
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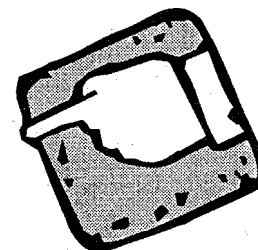
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DONALD L. NICKERSON

Donald L. Nickerson, a Hamburg Township resident, died July 7, 1998 at the age of 79.

Mr. Nickerson was born Nov. 23, 1918 in Fowlerville, MI. He was a foreman at the Ford Motor Company Livonia Transmission Plant for 20 years. He retired in March of 1974. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1938 from Roseville, MI. He moved to Hamburg after his retirement. He was a charter member of the V.F.W. of Plymouth. When they moved to Hamburg, he transferred his membership to the Hamburg Post. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Doris of Hamburg; son, Donald (Janet) Nickerson, Jr of Inkster, MI; daughters, Shirley (Bill) Bakhaus of Milford; Connie (Mark) Howcroft of Clarkston, MI; five grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Ann Lusk.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Carl F. Welser officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

GERALD JAMES TRYLINSKI

Gerald James Trylinski, an Ann Arbor resident died July 7, 1998 at the age of 48.

Mr. Trylinski was born Oct. 17, 1949 in Detroit. He was an electrician

for the state of Michigan, and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

He is survived by his father, Michael J. Trylinski, Sr. of Detroit; brothers, Michael J. Trylinski, Jr. of Lexington, MI, John M. Trylinski of Lincoln Park, MI; sister, Theresa (Gerald) M. Fliss of Canton; nephew, Jeffrey Fliss of Canton; and niece, Michele Fliss of Canton.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was at the 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 the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 1625 Northland Drive, Suite 212 Southfield, MI 48075.

ELEANORE M. NEAULT

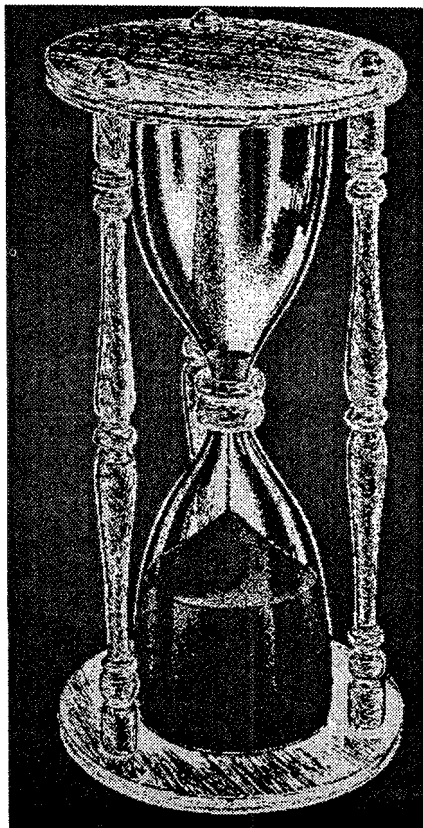
Eleanore M. Neault, a Plymouth resident, died July 11, 1998 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Neault was born Sept. 2, 1908 in Laurium, MI. She was a cook at Gallimore School in Plymouth and was also a cook in the rectory at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth for 30 years. She was a member of the Altar Society at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

She is survived by her son, John W. (Elizabeth) Neault of Plymouth and three grandchildren, Mike (Jen) Neault, Dan Neault and Ann Neault. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. Neault.

Visitation will be today at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth until the time of mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Memorial contributions can be given to Community Hospice or the Plymouth Senior Alliance.

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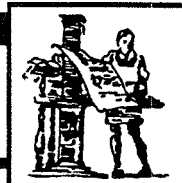


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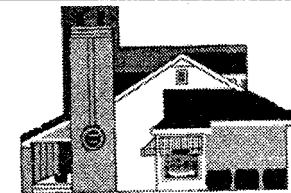
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people. Perfect weather, a truly success-
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 The Bobbsey Twins, Marilyn and Nancy, are back. All's right with the world.
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 BEWARE BARKING DOGS!
 LIAM CAN SAY "Mao"
 (Guess he likes that photo)
 CHIP FALCUSAN got stung --watch for those hornets, he says.
 SURPRISE, TOM WEBBER has more than 50 friends at 50!
 VICKY & DAVE - Sounds like a lovely house... hope it comes through.

Curiosities



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 (Happy Birthday) -Linda
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 ...Quoth the parrot, "Bombs away."
 -Edgar Allen Podunk
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Curiosities

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Sports

Sports shorts

Volunteers are being sought for the 1998 National Archery Championship being held August 2-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Anyone 14 and over can participate. Positions are open for score runners, score keeping and Day Camp assistants.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers will receive an official tournament T-shirt and lunch everyday for their efforts. Interested volunteers should contact Kathleen Salla at (734) 397-6450.

They may be young, but these Cobras will sting you just the same.

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, an 11-year-old travel baseball team, won the Ithaca Classic this past weekend. The Cobras swept through the tournament, made up mostly of 12 and 13-year-old teams.

They beat the Okemos Chiefs in the championship game. They had already beaten the Chiefs earlier in the tournament to grab the winners bracket.

Nate Rzeppa parked two over the fence for the championship team. Bobby Pollard and Steve Williams also went yard.

Winning pitchers included Brian Whiting and Rzeppa. Alex Enright performed his duties as closer, earning a save and closing out three of the victories.

Other Cobras include: Eric Byrne, Sean Downey, Chris Drabicki, C. J. Greenwell, Buddy Musa, David Scherbaty and Andrew Shumaker.

Ron Rzebba, Don Shumaker, Troy Geenwell and Tom Byrne serve as skippers for the team.

Summer Camp Rockers Style



Detroit Rocker forward Rodrigo Gonzalez shows campers the shake and bake of a professional soccer player. More than 120 kids turned out for the camp, the largest in Plymouth so far. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Area kids get their kicks with the pros

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Anybody who doesn't believe soccer is on the cusp of a popular explosion should have been at the Rocker's Soccer Camp last week.

A swarm of little bodies, most adorned in nylon shorts and camp T-shirts, fluttered about the field at Heritage Park in Plymouth. They learned drills, scored goals, and slashed and dashed their way through a summer morning with professional soccer players.

Campers were taught first hand by Rocker players on what it takes to become a soccer superstar—or at least the first few steps.

Participants ranged in age from six to sixteen. One group, made up mostly of ten and eleven-year-olds, took their cue from the affable Rodrigo Gonzalez, a Rocker forward.

"It's awesome," said one tired camper between heavy breaths.

The Detroit Rockers are the area's only professional indoor soccer team and have been putting on these camps for seven years throughout metro Detroit. This is their fourth year in Plymouth, and according to Rocker forward Tim "The Flash" Ernst, they are only getting more popular.

"This is the biggest year I can remember," he said. "Plymouth is one of our biggest camps."

The Plymouth camp ran all week, every morning for two and a half hours each day. Because of the size of the camp (more than 100 kids), every Rocker participating in the

That's what separates us from other sports. We're out here in the community, meeting the fans and watching the kids play.

— Tim Ernst

Detroit Rocker Forward

camps attended the one in Plymouth.

The camp provided kids with a great opportunity to meet professional athletes in person. Unlike basketball or football, where fans are lucky if they see their favorite players getting onto the bus after a

game, indoor soccer hasn't been overwhelmed by mass attention and superstar egos.

"That's what separates us from other sports," Ernst said. "We're out here in the community, meeting the fans and watching the kids play."

The Rockers popularity continues to grow, Ernst said, as does the popularity of soccer in general.

"We always say that soccer is a generation away," he said. "When all these kids grow up and have kids of their own, they'll be getting their kids into the sport and taking them down to games."

The recently completed World Cup is a good example. Although the United States team was outclassed again, the intense coverage and interest shown for the tournament reveals the way in which our country is molding in with the rest of the world. Soccer isn't likely to take over football or baseball as our most popular sports—those are firmly ingrained in the American persona—but it is beginning to shed that "foreign" stigma. Particularly the younger generation seems caught in the soccer web.

At the Rockers Camps, they play a World Cup tournament of their own. Every

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Canton runners take on Heritage Park

Good weather helps turn out record number of racers

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Mother Nature must be a runner.

Last month, at the YMCA run in downtown Plymouth, she provided a picture perfect day for walkers and joggers alike.

Last week in Canton she did it again.

Under clear blue skies, more than 300 participants competed in the 5th annual Race Day in the Park, held at Heritage Park.

For their effort, each runner received an official Race Day in the Park T-shirt and

was eligible for more than a \$1,000 worth of business donated prizes.

In the five-mile run category, Paul Pobursky, competing in the 15-19 year old age group, took first place with a time of 28:55.

The winner of the 5K walk?

Luke Skywalker, who came in with a time of 32:02.

Apparently, Han Solo, his chief walking rival, was nursing a sore leg and was unable to compete in the event.

Women's Pro Billiards Tour on cue at Shark Club in Canton

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It's dubbed the Detroit Classic, but it makes it's home in Canton, the Shark Club to be exact.

The best 48 women billiards players in the world turned out last weekend for a three day tournament at the Canton club, giving many area residents a rare chance to see the pros on their game.

Allison Fisher came away with her second straight Detroit Classic victory, edging Vivian Villareal 7-6 in the final match.

With a \$50,000 purse up for grabs, this was serious pool. ESPN was on hand to tape some of the matches, which, according to Shark Club Owner Michael Mazza, will air July 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Mazza said he was a little disappointed by the turnout, but overall, it was a good crowd.

"I don't know how many people in Michigan give a damn about pool," he said. "They like to play it, but not watch it."

Nonetheless, Mazza said those that did show up, filling up most of the bleachers, were a satisfied bunch.

"Most of the people that came on Sunday stayed the whole day," he said.

Mazza has already signed on to host the event again next year. He said he hopes to schedule it a little earlier in the season, but has to contend with the area's bigger draw.

"This time of the year people want to be outside enjoying the weather," he said. "But if I want to schedule (the tournament) earlier, I have to worry about the Red Wings advancing in the playoffs. The girls don't like to play pool with all that noise."

Sports shorts

Canton Township Parks and Recreation soft ball standings as of July 10:

Red League: MSA Delivery, 9-1; Equitrust Mortgage, 9-2; Don Coleman and Associates, 7-3; Shark Club #2, 5-5; Mobility Transportation, 4-6; Canton Friendship Church, 4-7; Shark Club #1, 2-9; J & B, 1-10.

White League: ASAP Machine Company, 9-2; Shark Club #1, 9-3; Canton Ice Cream Center, 9-3; Shark Club #2, 8-4; Mexican Fiesta, 6-5; Fairway Club, 4-8; Grewyhounds, 2-10; Geneva Church, 0-12.

Green League: Prudential, 11-1; 9 Jerks and a Squirt, 10-2; St. Michael #2, 9-3; Dental Diplomats, 7-5; Rose's Restaurant, 5-7; Fisher Group, 4-8; Rusty Nail, 2-10; St. Michael #1, 0-12.

Only a couple of weeks remain in the season.

The top four teams from each league will advance to the tournament being held July 31 - August 2.

Whalers' assistant G. M. to move on

The Plymouth Whalers have announced the resignation of Kerry Kerch, assistant general manger for the team. Kerch should leave the team before the season begins this fall.

Since the Whalers moved to Plymouth two seasons ago, Kerch has been instrumental in the marketing and public relations aspects of the team.

A former goaltender at the University of Windsor, Kerch is expected to become a player agent and scout.

A replacement for Kerch has not been named.

A World Cup of their own

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Friday, after a week of new skills learned, teams are developed and paired up against one another.

Ernst said with the World Cup being played out now, kids are able to associate themselves with their respective team. "They may not know who Renaldo (of Brazil) is," he said, "But when they see him on TV, they can say, 'Hey, that was me.'"

Including in the week-long event, each camper will receive a replica Kendis NPSL soccer ball, a camp T-shirt, a free 4x6 group photo, two free tickets to a Detroit Red Wings pre-season game, and a VIP season ticket pass for the 1998-99 Rockers season.

"Now the kids can come down to the games and recognize us," Ernst said.

For only \$119, the week-long camp and the bevy of goodies adds up to a great deal. But Ernst is quick to admit, it's about promoting the team and the league as well.



French youngsters reacting to their country's first world cup victory? Not quite. But these campers at the Rockers Soccer Camp in Plymouth had their own reasons to cheer and jeer in the camp's last-day tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"We consider ourselves the pioneers of our league," he said. "We realize it's all a part of our jobs."

Many of the Rockers take second jobs to supplement their income. For some, like

Ernst, coaching at the camps is enough.

Many of the players also coach for various soccer teams around the area. Ernst, who has been with the Rockers for seven years, coaches a team out of Livonia.

"I think people play soccer more than any other sport," Ernst said. "It's gotten so big. These camps have gotten bigger. It won't be long before it catches on for good."



Community opinions

Boak's letter & The Twp. millage:

'Let's look at the real issues'

EDITOR:

I'm writing to address the allegations directed at the Plymouth Township police department in a recent letter by Stephen Boak. I questioned not only the "facts" he quoted, but also the intent behind them.

The writer listed as "facts" the repeated appearance of numerous police cars at a local restaurant as a disclaimer for added personnel. If, in fact, this has occurred, an appropriate action would have been for the writer to contact the chief or supervisor on duty so that an explanation or investigation could have been obtained. It's hard to refute an unsubstantiated complaint in a newspaper letter to the editor. I seriously doubt that the presence of officers eating should be a determining factor on the needs for additional manpower.

The writer would be better served in his debate by investigating true facts about the community.

Factors such as the projected calls for service with an expanding community, the detective staffing and case load and adequate time for follow up.

Training needs department-wide and the impact on manpower, request for police service with average response time are some of the items that need to be considered. Let's look at the real issues that affect the quality

of life for community residences, and not the alleged eating habits of officers.

To address the complaint of Township squad cars on M-14, I would like to ask how often one sees a State Police car in that area.

To address the question, "When was the last time your employer paid you to attend a funeral," I'd ask when was the last time someone in your profession was feloniously killed or injured, and how often does it happen?

Unfortunately, not very often, as they are too overworked and understaffed. The freeway system is not the exclusive domain of the State Police, but is shared responsibility of any police jurisdiction that it passes through. I welcome the added enforcement of an area that is traveled by my family and friends when vehicles pass them at a speed well above the 70 MPH limit.

Finally, I find it sad and misdirected of the writer to complain of officers being allowed to attend an officer's funeral. I'm

sure the writer has the luxury of working in a controlled and safe environment as opposed to that of a police officer.

An officer, regardless of the community, has the potential to face deadly encounters at

by numerous Metro Detroit departments, including cities of Ontario, Canada as well as hundreds of other officers throughout the state. Had the police department sent officers on a paid junket to entertain and gamble somewhere, I could see the argument. But since when has attending a funeral been seen as fun? Fortunately, this community has not suffered the loss of an officer, but if it occurs, it will see an outpouring of support that was shown Traverse City by the Plymouth Township police department.

To address the question, "When was the last time your employer paid you to attend a funeral," I'd ask when was the last time someone in your profession was feloniously killed or injured, and how often does it happen?

Perhaps the writer would like to wear a police uniform for a while (I doubt it) and see what a truly thankless and tough job it can be. I trust that the community residents will do their own research into their true needs for police and fire service, and make informed choices wherever they are.

The issues, as they were presented, were hardly "facts" that should be used to make a decision that will affect residents whatever the outcome of the vote.

ANDREW ZAZULA

Twp. officers at funeral a 'show of strength'

EDITOR:

On Monday, May 18 I stood and held a grown man as he hopelessly cried and mourned the loss of his friend and colleague of 30 years. This was one of many such incidents that have occurred in the past few years since I became president of Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MI-COPS).

The officer that I held mourned no other than his partner, Sgt. Dennis Finch, a 30-year veteran of the Traverse City Police Department who was machine gunned to death May 12. Finch took almost 30 bullets and was left lying hostage on the front porch of a deranged citizen's home while other police officers from multiple agencies attempted a rescue.

I am concerned, not only as a survivor of a peace officer killed in the line of duty, my husband of 18 years being killed as a Michigan State Police Trooper, but as a citizen. I ponder the comments and attitude of a few toward law enforcement today. I would like to recite a few statistics of law enforcement for the citizens of this great state:

- A peace officer is killed every 52 to 57 hours in the United States.

- A peace officer is attacked and injured every nine seconds in the United States.

- One out of every 25 peace officers attacked and injured will be forced to leave employment because of permanent disabling injury.

- The State of Michigan ranks in the top 10 states in the nation for the highest line-of-duty death of police officers.

- In The State of Michigan, 463 peace officers have made the supreme sacrifice, an average of one officer killed in the line of duty every 3 to 3.5 months.

- The average police officer is verbally and/or physically attacked about 2.3 times per week.

Unlike the average citizen, police officers don't get the luxury of eating dinner at a given time, they get it when the community rests long enough for them to sneak in a meal. Many times, officers don't get dinner at all because of the activity going on in the community. Please remember, police officers

are still patrolling even if they are trying to eat.

And yes, by the grace of God and all that is good on this Earth, the Township supervisor and chief of police did allow two honor guard officers on duty to attend the funeral of Sgt. Finch.

And yes, maybe these two officers did get paid to attend this event. I'm sure every citizen in the community knows what an exciting day that was, to drive five to six hours up north, sit through the funeral of a fellow officer in blue, hug the wife, children, parents, siblings and co-workers, go to the cemetery and then drive five to six hours home, making this only an 18-hour day. I'm sure every citizen is envious that they could not partake in such a fun event at work. And just imagine, with pay no less.

The attendance of these two officers at the funeral of Sgt. Finch is not just honorable, it is a show of strength to the community, to the department that suffered the loss and to the family of the brotherhood. The attendance at a funeral of a brother in blue promotes healing — healing within the law enforcement family and within the community.

Also keep in mind that, when those officers left the Township, the citizens were not left unprotected.

As far as the comment about the Michigan State Police jurisdiction, someone is obviously living under false pretenses and needs to quit watching so much television. The Township police have an area to "protect and serve" as do the MSP. There is no such thing as domain, only the responsibility to protect the citizens.

You have a few police cars at any given time trying to cover and serve as much as area possible. If the average citizen knew how far-spread the area is that a police officer has to cover, and why it takes so long to respond to some calls, they would be passing the millage without any questions.

As far as the final comment by Stephen Boak about throwing money to the four winds, let us remember that the reason he is probably even here to write Letters to the Editor is because police officers have been keeping him and his family's lives safe.

LAURIE ERICKSON
President, MI-COPS



Community opinions

Election year clues:

Twp., Mueller messages mixed

EDITOR:

Election year campaigns are always a source of amusement. Most elections provide clues hidden in political and campaign rhetoric of real intentions of the candidate or committee. This year the intentions are blunt.

Plymouth Township is requesting a total of 4.25 mills increase. Each mill represents \$1.2 million in additional revenue for the Township (in one year, higher in subsequent years). The 4.25 mills represents a requested increase of \$5.3 million in revenue for the Township. The total budgeted revenue for 1998 is targeted at \$9.5 million. If passed, the

added revenue would amount to an increase of 55.3 per cent over the budgeted 1998 revenue.

The supervisor has admitted that if the 3-mill police, fire (and new Township Hall) request is passed, it will free up \$1.9 million for other purposes (New Township Hall?).

So, if the 3-mill increase (\$3.7 million) provides a \$1.9 million cushion, maybe they are asking for \$1.9 million too much, eh? The blunt message is clear — they are asking for more money than they need for police and fire.

Related to this millage request are the words versus actions of State Rep.

wannabe K.C. Mueller. In her latest political "elect-me" brochure, she stressed tax cuts/credits if elected.

However, as a Plymouth Township trustee (already elected), she is actively promoting the millage increases mentioned above. Her actions are not consistent with her campaign promises.

The same election manager is constructing the strategy for her State

Rep. campaign (promise to cut taxes) and the Township millage increase request campaigns (I'm working hard to increase your taxes).

She voted for the paid position for the campaign manager of the "Plymouth Yes Millages Committee."

The blunt message is clear —

elect me on my promise to cut taxes, not on my actions to raise taxes.

IWAN MICH

The blunt message is clear — elect me on my promise to cut taxes, not my actions to raise taxes

Congrats on 1st-class Art in the Park

EDITOR:

Dianne Quinn is to be commended for Art in the Park. It is now a premier art fair on par with Ann Arbor's, but on a smaller more manageable scale.

Annette Horne, the chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce Retail

Committee, is being myopic when she complains about this first-class event.

Thousands of people are drawn to the City by Art in the Park, and many of them will return to visit the outstanding retail shops. Instead of complaining to the local media, perhaps the merchants

should find ways to take advantage of the captive audience right outside their doors.

I can't imagine a Chamber of Commerce in another community complaining about an event that brings thousands of people to its Central Business District.

Art in the Park is a jewel in the city of Plymouth and I hope it continues to shine for many years to come.

DEBORAH MUNCEY VIGLIOTTI

Former mayor: do it for the City

EDITOR:

"Community" — United body of individuals; people with common interests; an interacting population.

So much for Webster.

What happened to community pride? Community involvement? Community commitment? Two headlines in our local papers say it all — "Retailers 'hate' Art in the Park," and "City eyes pay board."

For Art in the Park: It's two days out of 365 — think and thank (not harangue) who does all the planning and work to make this event and exposure of downtown Plymouth a first-class event. How else do you draw so many people from so far to a two-square-mile community? It's not what we necessarily now provide. Get real, people.

City Commission pay: Who asked you to be a commissioner? Why did you run? Who are you serving? You should serve on the commission to help your community, not your self interest. It's not what you are paid as a commissioner, it's what you contribute and accomplish.

To be a city commissioner is an honor and a privilege, a once-in-a-lifetime chance to give something back to your community.

Don't make money an issue to serve in a public position — do it for love of your city, and how you can make Plymouth a better and great place to live.

BUD MARTIN

70-year resident and former mayor, City of Plymouth

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Community opinions

The Canton road millage:

Taxes for the ignored

EDITOR:

Twenty years ago, Canton voters defeated a proposal for a 4-mill tax levy to create a farmland preservation fund which would have purchased development rights in the remaining farmlands of the township. At that time, residential values were about 33 - 40 per cent of their present value, and farmland predominated the township.

The idea of the proposal was to slow the rapid residential growth in the township. At that time, as it is now, Canton was at or near the top of the list for new building permits every year. By slowing growth, the township would relieve the rapidly increasing demand for government services such as roads, water and sewer, schools and police and fire protection.

Unfortunately, from my point of view both then and now, that proposal was defeated. The residents of Canton are now being asked to pass a 2-mill tax for road improvements. Because of the increase in value of homes in the township, this tax will cost more per year than the farmland preservation millage.

Over the last several years, Canton

officials have approved the expenditure of millions of dollars from the general fund to pave new roads in the township. A large

I can vote 'no' on the road millage and ask that some of those tax dollars be spent in other areas of the township.

number of those paving projects facilitated and hastened the development of residential subdivisions on the former farmland. As a result of that new development, with each new home having at least two vehicles, several trips a day are made by the new residents over Ford, Sheldon, Warren, Cherry Hill, Lilley and the other core roads east of Canton Center Road. Meanwhile, maintenance of those core roads has been

ignored, or only occurred after months and years of protest and pleading. Then only the extremely bad areas were repaired and the moderately bad areas were left to a later date and continued deterioration.

As a 25-year Canton resident I intend to vote 'no' on the road millage proposal and urge other voters to do the same.

While the existing roads in Canton, without question, require improvement, I would suggest that other means of funding be obtained.

First of all, if any new roads have been budgeted for paving, cancel them and apply the money to road maintenance. If new roads are necessary for development, use special assessment districts or even require the developer to foot the bill. Enact a surcharge for all new residential building permits and place these revenues in a dedicated road maintenance or improvement fund, restricting the expenditure to existing paved roadways.

Unfortunately we cannot turn back the clock 20 years and Canton will be built solid in the not too distant future. There is nothing I, or any other voter, can do about that. After the township has spent millions of tax dollars to promote growth and ignored the long term effects of that expenditure and growth on the older existing areas of the township, I can vote 'no' on the road millage proposal and ask that some of those tax dollars be spent in other areas of the township. I believe it is time to use existing resources for the needs of the existing road system.

Stop paving new roads, stop discussing ice rinks, performing arts centers, etc. and start putting our money into areas long ignored.

I urge a 'no' vote on the 2-mill road tax.
LARRY BOWERMAN

WSDP celebrates parade

WSDP was pleased to participate in this year's Good Morning U.S.A. Parade. We enjoyed providing pre-parade music and interviews for the Plymouth-Canton Community.

Fred Hill, the parade's organizer, deserves many kudos for putting on such a fine parade. One of our students told me she was thoroughly impressed by the parade. It far exceeded any expectations she had. Many parades are content with a lineup of politicians and a few bands. Fred worked hard to exceed those perceptions. I get the sense that he's a kid at heart and likes to see a grand show.

Thanks, Fred, for involving WSDP in your plans. We're looking forward to being involved for years to come.

BILL KIETH
Station Manager, WSDP

City opposition to ethnic restaurants?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was originally addressed to Plymouth's City Commissioners.

It is apparent that some action must be taken to remove the blatant racial prejudice that is being voiced, particularly by Colleen Pobur.

A few years ago a consultant recommended ethnic restaurants be created

in Plymouth. The owner of Cloverdale remembered this when a proposal was made to open a Chinese restaurant in her building. The owners spent more than \$200,000 to remodel a part of the building, bringing it up to code and began to operate as the successful Ann Arbor restaurant was operating.

They discovered that Plymouth was

quite different from the Ann Arbor climate. They have since remodeled and obtained a liquor license.

However, continued negative remarks have been spoken at your meetings, then published. Instead of welcoming this new business to Plymouth and trying to assist in its success, the opposite occurs.

GEORGE KALLOS

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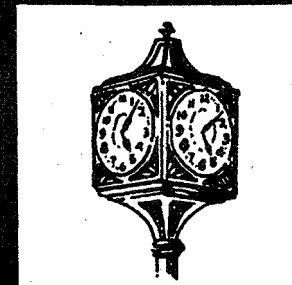
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