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Rain, snow, time... ...None of them can stop Cary



Cary Black celebrates 35 years at Plymouth Post Office

(above) Cary Black receives a 35 year achievement award from Plymouth Postmaster Joseph Groff. Black has been on the same postal route in Plymouth for 30 of his 35 years of service. Black said he has plans to work for a few more years before retiring (at which point you can find him watching hockey or spending time with his family). (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



How many carriers has Black trained over the years? His fellow postal workers answer with a hands-up.

Teachers approve contract

*P-C School Board
expected to ratify long-
awaited deal last night*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

One down and one to go. That's the situation with the tentative two-year deal between the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the P-C School District.

Teachers approved the contract, which includes a salary increase each of the next two years, in voting Friday and Monday. "It passed," said PCEA President Chuck Portelli. "The 'no' total was, put it this way, it was not like the last one (in 1994); the last one passed overwhelmingly."

Tom Cotner, the chief negotiator for the PCEA during bargaining sessions, said teachers approved the contract by "a fair margin."

Portelli refused to release vote totals. But a source said approximately 300 out of the 800-plus school district teachers voted against the contract. It was the most opposition to a ratified agreement, said Cotner.

The P-C School Board was scheduled to vote on the contract last night. Last week, P-C School Board President Mark Horvath said he anticipated approval. A large number of teachers were expected to attend the meeting to witness the vote.

Eight months of contract talks were brought to an end Oct. 10 when a tentative agreement was reached following a

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No Dole in City

Presidential candidate Bob Dole's visit to Plymouth never happened

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Teachers approve contract, board expected to follow suit

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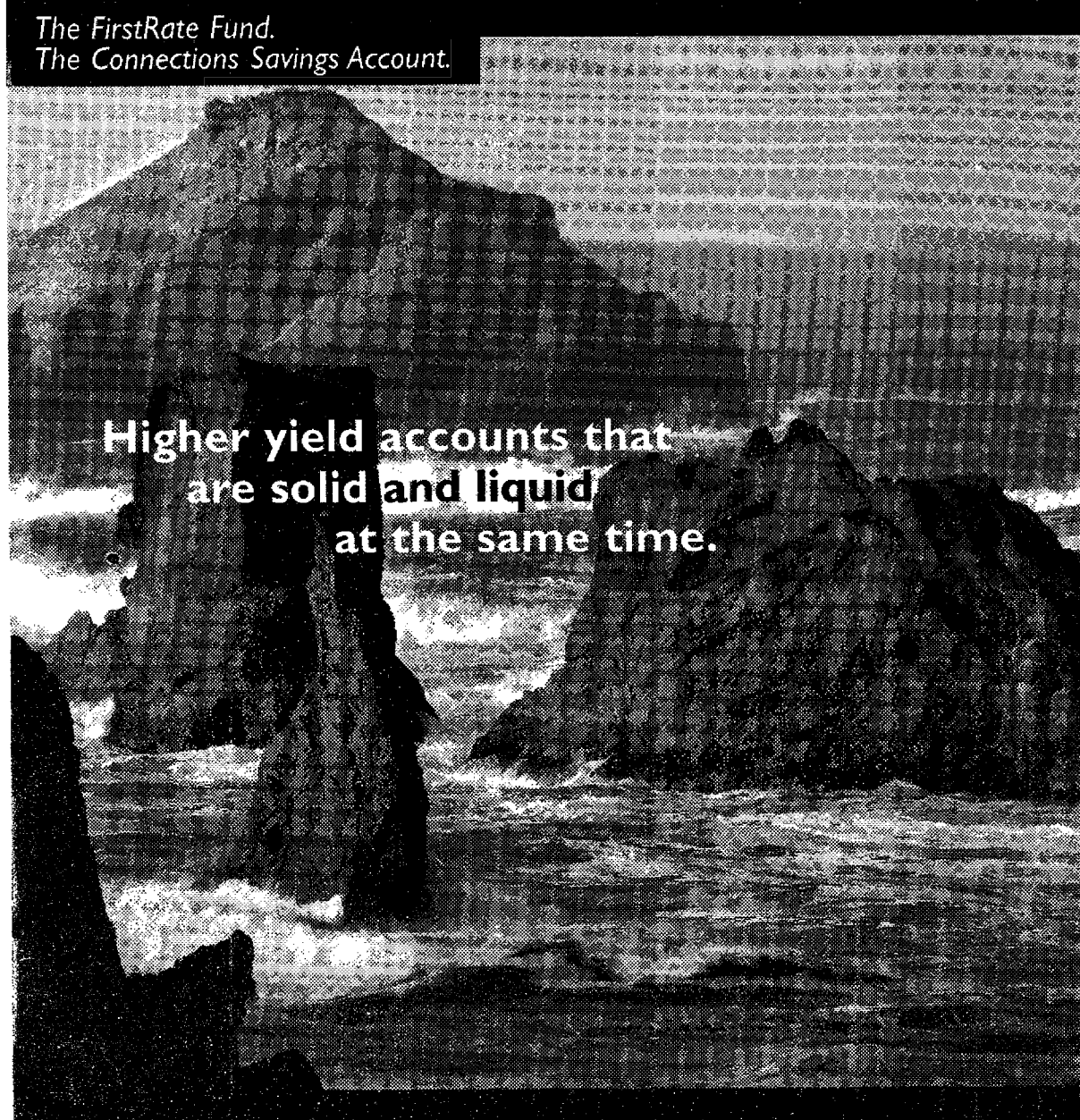
marathon bargaining session Oct. 6. In the deal, teachers' salaries will increase 2 percent this year and 3 percent next year. Teachers have also been offered a choice of paying to keep their traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage, or opt for one of two PPO's.

Portelli said there were several contingencies upset with several terms of the contract, including health care coverage, changes in elementary school specials (art, music, physical education) and the salary increase. "But it passed at all three levels," he said.

Neither Portelli or Cotner took the criticism as person-

al attacks on union leadership. "I would expect the membership to understand where we're at. I don't think it's a personal attack on the leadership, Chuck Portelli or Tom Cotner. It's what they're looking at," said Portelli.

Cotner agreed. He said: "The contract we got is OK. It's not great."



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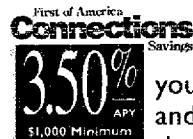
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New facility

Glenn Holtz, the director of production engineering at Simpson Industries shows a guest of their building dedication the latest in high-tech equipment used by the Plymouth Township company. Simpson Industries makes automobile components. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Agenda

THIS WEEK

- An open forum on the proposed Plymouth street paving bond issue is set for tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall. The bond proposal is on the Nov. 5 City ballot.
- Warren Road, just east of Lotz, will close tomorrow and Friday, and possibly through the weekend, because of repair work on the CSX railroad crossing. Because portions of Koppnick Road are also closed for construction and crossing work, a detour will advise motorists to take Joy Road around the site.
- First Step, a group formed to prevent domestic violence, is holding a clothing fundraiser Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their Canton office, 5820 Lilley Road. Call 981-9595 for more information.

UPCOMING

- The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is holding their seventh annual Chamber Auction Nov. 1 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the chamber office. The price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, an open bar and dancing.

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Is your group planning a holiday event? If you have a holiday listing you'd like in The Crier's "Home for the Holidays" issue, call 453-6900.

Fire causes \$75,000 in damage to Canton apartment building

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

An apartment in the Village Squire complex in Canton suffered approximately \$75,000 worth of damage in a fire Sunday, according to Canton Fire Department officials.

According to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, the accidental fire, at the apartment located at Ford and Lotz roads, began after the residents of the apartment fell asleep with a candle left burning.

"It was an accidental fire caused by a candle," said Rorabacher, who added that he hoped this wasn't a preview of things to come this winter. "I hope that was it for these kinds of fires."

In addition to the substantial damage to the apartment where the fire originated, there was smoke damage to the upper apartments and smoke and water damage to the apartment downstairs, said Rorabacher. "I would imagine that there are a lot of apartments that are going to need a good cleaning," he said.

Salvation Army seeks needy families, groups to help

The Salvation Army is aggressively seeking needy families and senior citizens to participate in the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program.

The goal of the Adopt-a-Family Program is to provide needy families with toys, gifts, clothes, health aids and a Christmas food basket. The Salvation Army has taken the pledge of "No One Without a Christmas."

Prospective families and seniors may call The Salvation Army between Nov. 4 and Dec. 6 to set up an interview. Please do not call before or after those dates. The number is 453-5464. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

The program is made possible by businesses, community groups, schools and churches who adopt needy families. Individual families may adopt as well. Each year, the Plymouth Salvation Army gives out thousands of food bags to needy families in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. As the weather turns cold, the need increases even more.

The Salvation Army is looking for businesses and groups to display a "Baskets Filled With Love" poster and food drop box or perhaps even sponsor a food drive. The posters and boxes are available for pickup at the Salvation Army office.

Extra! Extra!

The Community Crier

Dole to visit Tuesday looking for your vote



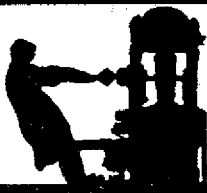
Dole to visit Plymouth Tuesday



Dole skips Plymouth

Before the ink could dry on The Crier's "Extra" announcing the arrival of Republican Presidential candidate Bob Dole in Kellogg Park Tuesday, the plan was scrapped. Instead, Dole visited Detroit Monday and yesterday morning.

But all hope is not lost for a top Republican to visit the area. The GOP announced Tuesday that Texas Governor George W. Bush will be in Livonia today to speak on behalf of the Dole/Kemp ticket. Bush will address a luncheon meeting of the Plymouth, Livonia, Novi, Farmington/Farmington Hills, Westland and Garden City chambers of commerce today at noon. The luncheon will be held at the Italian American Banquet Center, located at 39200 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty. Call the Livonia chamber for ticket information at 427-2122.



Public notices

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

To the qualified registered voters of the City of Plymouth:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of selecting persons to fill the following elective offices:

- Electors for President and Vice President of the United States
- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress
- Representative in State Legislature
- Two Members of the State Board of Education
- Two Regents of the University of Michigan
- Two Trustees of Michigan State University
- Two Governors of Wayne State University
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Regular Term,
Incumbent Position - Vote 2
- Judges of the Court of Appeals - 1st District
Regular Term Incumbent Position - Vote 3
- Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit,
Regular Term, Incumbent Position - Vote 12
- Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit
Partial Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 2
- Judge of Probate Court, Regular Term,
Incumbent Positions, Vote 3
- Judge of District Court, Districts:
35th - Regular Term, Vote 1

Plymouth District Library Board, 3 Trustees
and to vote on the following State Proposals:

PROPOSAL A

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 118 OF 1994 - AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN'S BINGO ACT

Public Act 118 of 1994 would:

- 1) Change the definition of a qualified organization which is permitted to sponsor certain forms of gaming, including bingo, millionaire parties, and raffles, so that an organization which is organized under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, including a candidate committee, is no longer qualified to receive a license to sponsor such gaming.
- 2) Permit a change in the single maximum prize or payout for a charity game sold by a licensed religious, educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal or veterans organization.

Should this law be approved?

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSAL B

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Specify that a person must have been admitted to the practice of law for at least 5 years to be qualified to serve as a trial court judge, an appeals court judge or a supreme court justice.
- 2) Provide that this requirement does not apply to any judge or justice appointed or elected to a judicial office prior to the date the requirement becomes a part of the constitution.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSAL C

A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE CURRENT MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND REQUIRE THAT EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND BE MADE SOLELY FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THE TRUST FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Establish the current Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund and the Board of Trustees responsible for administering the fund in the state constitution.
- 2) Require the transfer of all funds in the existing Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund to the constitutionally established Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund.
- 3) Authorize the State Treasurer to direct investment of the fund.
- 4) Stipulate that except for the State Treasurer's investment actions, an expenditure or transfer of a fund asset, interest, or earnings could be made only upon the authorization of a majority of the fund's Board of Trustees.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSAL D

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO LIMIT BEAR HUNTING SEASON AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF BAIT AND DOGS TO HUNT BEAR

The proposed law would:

- 1) Prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bears at any time.
- 2) Prohibit bear hunting during open season for deer, bobcat and raccoon if baiting or hunting with dogs is permitted during these seasons.
- 3) Create penalties for violations, including temporary and permanent denial of hunting license.
- 4) Allow individuals to sue for damages caused by violations and to seek injunctions.
- 5) Allow bear hunting by any method by government officials acting in their official capacity and for any person acting in defense of life.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSAL E

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT CASINO GAMING IN QUALIFIED CITIES

The proposed law would:

- 1) Permit up to three gaming casinos in any city that meets the following qualifications: has a population of 800,000 or more; is located within 100 miles of any other state or country in which gaming is permitted, and has had casino gaming approved by a majority of the voters in the city.
- 2) Establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate casino gaming.
- 3) Impose an 18% state tax on gross gaming revenues.
- 4) Allocate 55% of tax revenue to host city for crime prevention and economic developments; allocate remaining 45% of tax funds to state for public education.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSAL G

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 377 OF 1996—AN AMENDMENT REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN'S WILDLIFE POPULATIONS

Public Act 377 of 1996 would:

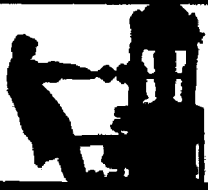
- 1) Grant the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game including bear hunting. (Currently under the authority of the director of the Department of Natural Resources.)
- 2) Require the Natural Resources Commission to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game and to minimize human/bear encounters.
- 3) Require that a public meeting be held prior to the issuance of any orders by the Natural Resources Commission regarding the taking of game.

Should this law be approved?

___ YES ___ NO

and to vote on the following County Proposals:

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Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a BID for the purchase of a Portable Sound System for use by the Board of Education. Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained from David Rodwell in the Office of Research and Technology, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI during normal business hours. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 1, 1996. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Susan E. Davis, Secretary

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Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC TEST OF THE UNILECT PATRIOT ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 1996, GENERAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public test of the Patriot Electronic Voting System will take place at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 30, 1996, in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the General Election scheduled for November 5, 1996. Phone # 453-3840, Extension 224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Public notices

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED

"SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 3.120 TO AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION COUNSEL TO ASSERT AND DEFEND THE LEGAL RIGHTS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION; AND BY DELETING THE DUTY OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL IN SECTION 4.312 TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE COMMISSION?"

___ YES ___ NO

AUDITOR GENERAL POWERS DEFINED

"SHALL SECTION 5.113 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER BE REPEALED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 1997 AND SHALL SECTION 3.119 BE AMENDED TO GIVE THE AUDITOR GENERAL RATHER THAN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER POWER TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT; AND TO GIVE THE AUDITOR GENERAL EXPRESS POWER TO AUDIT THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF ALL COUNTY AGENCIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS AND OTHER LAWS?"

___ YES ___ NO

PROPOSITION "S"

WAYNE COUNTY STADIUM PROPOSITION

"SHALL WAYNE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED, AND AN ORDINANCE APPROVED, TO LEVY AN EXCISE TAX OF 1% OF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED TO TRANSIENT GUESTS, AND 2% OF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLE RENTALS BY THE COUNTY TO THE DETROIT/ WAYNE COUNTY STADIUM AUTHORITY, WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE A NEW PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL STADIUM (AS DEFINED IN PUBLIC ACT 180 OF 1991), TO BE DEVELOPED NEAR THE SITE OF A PLANNED NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM FOR THE DETROIT LIONS, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED UNTIL THE OBLIGATIONS ARE RETIRED BUT FOR NO LONGER THAN THIRTY YEARS AND SHALL NOT SECURE NET BOND PROCEEDS IN EXCESS OF \$80 MILLION; AND SHALL THE COUNTY USE THE EXCISE TAX REVENUES TO LEASE THE NEW BASEBALL STADIUM, AND THEN SUBLEASE THE STADIUM TO THE CITY OF DETROIT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, WHICH SHALL IN TURN MAKE THE STADIUM AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE DETROIT TIGERS?"

___ YES ___ NO

STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDING PROPOSITION

"SHALL THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN, BORROW THE SUM OF NOT EXCEED TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$12,000,000) AND ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS UNLIMITED TAX BONDS THEREFOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVING, REPAIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND PAVING PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY TOGETHER WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS AND APPURTENANCES RELATING THERETO?"

___ YES ___ NO

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, phone number 453-1234 ext. 234 or 225 for registered voters in the City of Plymouth.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 2, 1996. On Monday, November 4, 1996, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All City polling places are handicapped accessible and locations are as follows:

Precinct #1, 4 & 5 Plymouth Cultural Center
525 Farmer Street

Precinct #3 Central Middle School, 650 W. Church Street

Please take note that the City and Township Precinct locations may NOT coincide with your school precinct locations and if there are any questions to contact City Hall.

LANGMESSER, CMC

LINDA J.

CITY CLERK
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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and to vote on the following Local Proposal:



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club are presenting the **Great Pumpkin Caper**, which will include a costume party and trick or treating.

Both events will happen Oct. 30. The **costume contest** is taking part at the bandshell in Kellogg Park from 5:30-6:30 p.m. To enter pick up a ticket number at the bandshell between the above times. The winner will be announced at 7 p.m.

The **downtown merchants** will be handing out treats to all the little ghosts and goblins from 5:30-7 p.m. at their respective stores.

The Friends of Miller Woods group is sponsoring a **fall walk in Miller Woods** Sunday at 2 p.m. The meeting place for the walk is on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge roads.

Denise Gerisch and Karen Massey, East Middle School secretaries, were awarded the Extra Miler Award by the Plymouth-Canton School Board recently.

They were nominated for the award by Ellen Tucker, the president of the Community School Council.

The Detroit Edison Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to the **Plymouth-Canton Schools** to support their Safety Town program. The schools were one of only 10 agencies to receive the special grant.

Mary Vertrees, a counselor at Salem High School, was recently nominated for "Favorite Teacher Day" recognition at the Lee Honors College of Western Michigan.

Vertrees was nominated by 1995 Salem graduate **Kristin Young**, who is currently a student at Western Michigan.

Carla Howe and Patrick Krause, both seniors at Canton High School, have been nominated for the 1996 Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's said: "We are proud to recognize Carla and Patrick and are honored to associate Wendy's with these remarkable individuals."

Women of Artistry



Frame Works in Plymouth is hosting an art exhibit and sale at a champagne reception for the "Women of Artistry" Nov. 3 from 1-5 p.m. The exhibit features the work of Susan Argiroff, Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, Julie Giordano, Carol Lynn McCreedy, Norma McQueen and Kelly Sauter-Dobson. In addition to the champagne reception, the artists work will remain on exhibit until Nov. 16. Frame Works is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Make a difference in community Saturday

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

For the past two years Canton residents have been making a difference. Plymouth is also making a difference. You can too.

Make a Difference Day is the national day of volunteering that is being celebrated on a local level Saturday, according to Kathleen Salla, Canton's volunteer coordinator.

"I made information on the events available to charitable and service organizations," said Salla. "They are very excited to be a part of this."

"It gives you that feeling of making a difference in your community."

According to Salla, the Make a Difference Day projects were chosen by the volunteers taking part in the event.

"We have about 14 projects scheduled," she said. "They are projects that people came to me with."

Salla said that she expects a couple of hundred people to turn out Saturday, but added its not to late to through your hat into the volunteering ring.

"It's very hard to tell how many there will be," she said. "Probably a couple hundred people."

"If people still want to help they can call me right up until Friday and volunteer."

The host site for the event is The Good Food Company West, at Ford and Lilley roads. According to Salla the event will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., volunteers can stop by to register and enjoy a variety of activities there.

"We'll have free food tasting, entertainment and a mini health fair at that location," said Salla.

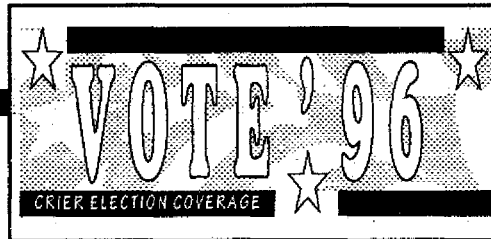
The projects for Saturday are:

- Vietnam Veterans clothing drive to benefit homeless veterans.
- Canton Goodfellows quilt raffle and volunteer sign up.
- Plymouth-Canton Schools Close-Up classes food drive to benefit the Salvation Army.
- A charity fundraiser to benefit the Canton Community Fund, the Children's Leukemia Fund and St. Peters Home for Boys.
- Canton Beautification Committee yard clean up at First Step.
- Canton Newcomers Club will deliver lunch to shut-ins.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program new socks collection to benefit needy families.
- Bentley PTO - Bentley Elementary School landscaping and beautification.
- Canton Historic District and community volunteers - Cherry Hill School and Sheldon School fall yard clean up.
- Canton Rotary Club - canned food drive at the Canton versus Salem high school football game to benefit First Step.
- Scary Story Fest Benefit.
- Canton Township Employees - collecting items for First Step.

For more information on volunteering at the Canton events call 397-7450.

Plymouth also has some activities on tap for Make A Difference Day, which will be held at the American Pie ice cream shop on Ann Arbor Trail across from Kellogg Park.

Local elected officials and community volunteers will be on hand to collect a can or cans of food to donate to the Plymouth Salvation Army Food Bank.



P-C Community plays important role in 13th U.S. Congressional race outcome on Nov. 5

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For voters in the incredibly diverse 13th Congressional District, which includes the Plymouths, Canton and part of Northville, the vote seems to be divided along party lines.

When this election is stripped down to its most basic elements, the vote comes down to a decision between two ideological choices. Although the candidates make attempts to slightly distance themselves from their parties, it's clear where they stand on the issues.

If you like the way President Bill Clinton is running the White House, choose incumbent Democrat Lynn Rivers. If you like the direction the Republicans are taking the United States while running the Congress, vote for Rivers' challenger, Joe Fitzsimmons.

Fitzsimmons, who recently retired as the chairman of University Microfilms International (UMI), has never held or ran for a public office before. But that hasn't stopped him from becoming an accomplished campaigner and politician, a characterization he denies.

"I'm an outsider to the process," he said. "I'm not a lawyer, not a politician. I'm a much more bipartisan individual...I'm here to serve, not to be served."

Rivers has been tagged as a liberal by her opposition — a charge she would have a tough time disputing when the actual voting records are examined. She has consistently voted the party line.



REP. LYNN RIVERS

And party line is what this race is all about. This is one of the most hotly-contested Congressional battles in the country. The amount of money spent on this race shows its importance. Both campaigns are expected to spend more than \$1 million.

Rivers is sticking with the same basic staff that took her through the 1994 election against Republican John Schall. Fitzsimmons has put together a strong group of veteran campaigners, including GOP strategist Jeff Timmer as campaign manager and Janna Nuzum, who is a



JOE FITZSIMMONS

former Dole for President press aide and former press secretary to the Snelling for Governor campaign in Vermont.

After looking at the 13th Congressional District, it's easy to see why the Democrats are trying so hard to keep the seat and Republicans are working overtime to oust Rivers.

In addition to the Plymouths, Canton and parts of Northville and Livonia, the 13th also includes all of Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor Township, Salem, Superior, Ypsilanti, Augusta, Sumpter, Van Buren, Belleville, Huron, Romulus, Wayne,

Westland, Inkster and Garden City.

Ann Arbor, the home of both Rivers and Fitzsimmons will be a key battleground. Ypsilanti, Inkster and Romulus are key Democratic strongholds. Wayne, Westland and Garden City are traditionally Democrat, but have swayed to the Republicans for certain candidates such as Ronald Reagan. The smaller, less populated townships vary greatly from the liberal voters in Van Buren to the conservatives in Salem and Superior.

That leaves The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community as one of the most hotly-contested areas the candidates are sure to focus on in the next several weeks.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Coverage for this key race for the 13th Congressional District will continue in next week's edition of The Community Crier. The issue will include an in depth story on the candidates positions on the issues and The Crier's endorsement in the race.

Plymouth District Library Board faces enormous task of overseeing construction

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It is unlikely that there has ever been a time when the responsibilities of the Plymouth District Library Board of Trustees has been more important.

And that's the reason Steve Harper, Hugh Harsha and Joe Gilmore are candidates for the three open seats on the Plymouth District Library Board of Trustees.

The Dunning-Hough Memorial Library is set for a complete demolition and rebuilding project. Services have been moved down Main Street to an old grocery store for the next two years until the building is complete.

"I want to finish the library," said Harper, a Ford employee who has served the library board since its inception. "That's the big thing."

**The Community Crier
endorsements for the Nov. 5
election will appear in next
week's edition.**

Same goes for Gilmore, who is waging a write-in campaign. "Clearly, the biggest issue of the board is implementing the new library," said Gilmore.

There were other reasons that drew him to the race, though. "I'm just retired," said Gilmore, formerly a program manager at Ford who lives in the Township. "I'm interested in the library. I use it a lot. I'd like to contribute to the community."

In order to do that, Gilmore needs three write-in votes. "Which is kind of tough I guess, because I think it takes a lot of effort to write-in on this ballot," he said. "You're going to have to get instructions."

If elected, Gilmore said he is prepared. He has attended board meetings for the last three months and worked with the Friends of the Library.

Harper, the current board treasurer and a Township resident, said he will work to maintain a quality library catalog along with watching the costs of construction. He said his decade of service to the library has been enjoyable. "I've really enjoyed it. It's been interesting especially to get in at the ground floor level of a governmental unit," said Harper, who served on the Plymouth-Canton School Board before joining the library board.

The third candidate, Harsha, a City resident and current board member, could not be reached for comment.

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Toltest of Plymouth was honored at a luncheon last week in Troy as one of the 1996 Future 50 companies of Greater Detroit. The keynote speaker was former Detroit Piston Vinnie Johnson, president of Piston Packaging. According to Michael Collins, managing director of BDO Seidman, LLP's Troy office, a cosponsor of the event, Toltest was selected because they demonstrated a remarkable record of success in a very competitive market; retained qualified employees; and met ever increasing demands for quality customer service.

Freundenberg-NOK of Plymouth Township recently announced the sale of its AUTTOCOM composite plastic engine intake manifold business to Southfield based CMI International, Inc., a manufacturer of aluminum and plastic intake manifolds. Terms were not disclosed.

Freundenberg-NOK will continue to operate and manage the manifold production activities at its Manchester, NH facility until production is transitioned to CMI facilities, according to Joseph C. Day, CEO of Freundenberg-NOK. Responsibilities for existing development programs will be split between Freundenberg-NOK and CMI until production begins.

Inc. Magazine's October cover story, "Too Cool For School" features Plymouth business owner **Margaret Fitzgerald**, a graphic designer who went back to night school for an MBA as a 1990s business world survival tool.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced the grand opening of Dancewear Gallery, 44926 Ford Rd., in Canton Monday. **Dancewear Gallery** officially opened its doors to the public Sept. 3, and is owned and operated by Cathy and Aimey LeMay.

Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture will hold a special preview of Ducks Unlimited Home Furnishings on Friday from 6-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Through a business partnership agreement between Smith Elementary School and **Community Federal Credit Union**, a student-operated branch will open Tuesday at Smith Elementary at 9:15 a.m. Participating students are fourth-graders. The project was coordinated by Community Federal's Debbie Phillips, the Plymouth-Canton Schools' Betty Bloch and Smith Principal Cheryl Clason.

Johnson Controls expands east

The emerging Far East business field recently got a new player.

Johnson Controls signed a major joint agreement in China, launched its first manufacturing operation in India, opened a new regional office in Singapore and acquired an Australian interior supplier.

"The Asia/Pacific region market is the next major competitive battleground for automotive suppliers, and we aim to prevail as we have in North America and Europe," said John Barth, Johnson Controls executive vice president. "Johnson Controls is a major strategic partner for global automakers in an emerging market and we will help ensure their success with world-class interior systems." Johnson Controls Automotive Systems Group is located in Plymouth Township.

In China, Johnson Controls formed a joint venture with Beijing Automotive Industry Corporation (BAIC) to produce automotive interior systems and components for major automakers in China. It also opened a new regional office in Singapore to manage the company's growing business in Asia/Pacific markets. Just a few weeks ago, the supplier's new joint venture with India-based Tata Auto Comp Systems began manufacturing seats and related components for Ford cars at a new plant in Pune.

Also in August, Johnson Controls acquired Aldersons — a Melbourne, Australia-based interior supplier. Johnson Controls is expected to supply complete seat systems for more than one million vehicles annually in the Asia-Pacific regions by 2000.

The new Johnson Controls/BAIC joint venture is called Beijing Johnson Controls Automotive Trim Company. It will operate an existing 420,000 square foot plant in Beijing, Johnson Controls' first automotive seating and interior operation in China. Beijing Johnson Controls Automotive will supply seats and other interior components for vehicles produced by Beijing Jeep, such as the Chrysler Jeep Cherokee and Isuzu light trucks.

BAIC, which was founded in 1973, is among the six largest automotive manufacturing corporations in China. It employs 46,000 people. Ma Shou Ping, chairman of Beijing Automotive Industry Group, says he welcomes the opportunity to work with Johnson Controls in China. He said: "We are impressed with Johnson Controls' management and technology leadership in the interiors industry. Our goal is for BAIC and Johnson Controls to develop long-term, strategic partnership in the Chinese Automotive market."

Under terms of the agreement, Beijing Johnson Controls Automotive Trim also assumes ownership of a 25 percent share of Beijing Yanxi Automotive Decoration Company, a manufacturer of foam seat cushions. Johnson Controls' new Indian venture, Tata Johnson Controls Automotive, last month

launched a 22,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Pune. It will supply complete seats, and trim covers for about 20,000 Ford Escort vehicles annually produced by Mahindra-Ford. The Pune plant is also expected to provide seat systems and related components for future vehicle programs in India.

In other international Johnson Controls development:

- Australia: The purchase of Aldersons by Johnson Controls gives the company its first operations in Australia, and access to business with all four of the country's major automakers.

- Singapore: Employees at Johnson Controls' new regional office will develop new business and manage plant-start ups slated to occur by 1999. The company expects to operate facilities in Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand.

- Indonesia: Johnson Controls has a technical agreement with Dmai Columbus in Jakarta to develop and build seats and other automotive interior components for future Chrysler and Ford vehicles.

- Malaysia: For Chrysler, Johnson Controls is providing technical assistant and seating components to Malaysia-based automotive supplier Auto Parts Manufacturing, which supplies seats in that market for Jeep Cherokees

- Thailand: Johnson Controls has a technical assistance agreement with Summit Auto Seats in Thailand, the country's largest vehicle producer.

- Taiwan: For Opel, Johnson Controls has a technical assistance agreement with Tsuan Hine-GSK to supply seats for Astra cars.

- Japan: Johnson Controls opened a regional office in Tokyo to develop closer relationships with automotive customers and joint-venture partners in Japan.

Final deal

Bake prepares to close office after nearly 3 decades of business

It appears long-time Plymouth Realtor Bob Bake is about to close his downtown office at Harvey Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

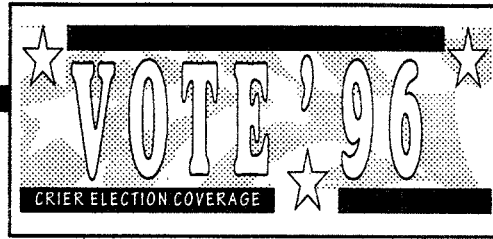
Bake, who founded his realty company in 1967, said last week a deal is in the works. "It's hasn't been completely resolved yet, but it's moving in that direction. I don't have a story for you yet, but it's more or less dotting the i's and crossing the t's," he said.

A deal should be completed by the end of the month, Bake said.

Canton women honored for 25 years



(left photo, second from left) Margaret George and (right photo, second from right) Judith Smyczynski of Canton were recently honored by Hudson's for 25 years of service at a dinner at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. George works at the Fairlane store and Smyczynski works at the Twelve Oaks Hudson's. They were both admitted to Hudson's 25 Year Club.



Nesbit, Whyman fight to represent Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Democrat Deborah Nesbit, the challenger in the race for the 21st Michigan House District, is facing a tough battle against State Rep. Deborah Whyman to represent Canton in Lansing.

Nesbit said she's not concerned because her focus is on the community.

"I feel I have a very good handle on what the issues are in terms of education, fair and accessible health care, concerns about the environment, and I will bring a fresh face into Lansing," she said. "I would represent the community and not the special interest groups. My interest is only the community."

Although it's Nesbit's first run at an elected office, she has been involved in the Canton community since moving there with her husband 10 years ago. Her grassroots campaign arose from her work with the Canton Business and Professional Women, her participation with the Plymouth Symphony as a boardmember, graduation from Leadership Canton in 1996, work with Canton's First Step, counseling battered women and volunteer work on the Canton Playscape.

A social worker, Nesbit said education is her first priority. "One of my concerns is education and the fact that we have at least 640 new students to the Plymouth-Canton School District," she said. "We're not going to have the funding we're going to need to buy the equipment and maintain the school district."

Nesbit said it's important to her that



WSDP News Director Erin Walterscheid and Community Crier Editor Rob Kirkbride interviewed Deborah Nesbit (center) for broadcast and use by The Crier in its endorsement process. Whyman cancelled plans to attend the meeting at the last minute because of the format. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

funding from the district stay in the district.

"My first concern is our kids and we need to make sure that an education is there," she said. "One thing I'd want to do...is to amend Proposal A and get some of those funds in our district. I would certainly lobby to keep those funds in our district, to make sure the money goes to students and smaller classrooms."

The upkeep of Canton's roads is another of Nesbit's top priorities. "...they're in poor condition and Canton has grown so much, there's no way we can continue to use the same roads in the same condition without making some kind of plan to improve our roads," she said.

Nesbit said there has been a lack of

accountability at the state and county level in regard to road funding.

"What happened to the funding that was supposed to be used for our roads?" she asked.

Nesbit said an increase in the gas tax is an option she would examine to fix the roads in the community.

Race has played a part in the campaign since a fundraising letter was sent by Deborah Whyman saying, "...The Detroit NAACP has recruited a very serious candidate to run against me. I have worked diligently fighting Affirmative Action programs..."

Nesbit blows off all the race charges. "We've tried to stay away from the race issues because we don't feel it has a place in this campaign and we think people are

more concerned about the issues rather than about race or sex," she said.

Nesbit said the candidates' stand on issues is more important than race. "Race has nothing to do with quality education," she said, "nothing to do with providing accessible health care, nothing to do with a clean environment."

"I think that is what she (Whyman) would have preferred, yes, to divert the issue away from the issues of education, health care and our roads. I think a lot of politicians use that, unfortunately, in both parties."

Nesbit said her goal is simple: to serve the community she loves. "I'm somebody who's gotten a lot from Canton and now I want to give something back."

EDITOR'S NOTE: State Rep. Deborah Whyman's answers to the above topics are conspicuously missing. Whyman was invited to The Crier's endorsement interview, which was held in conjunction with the PCEP student radio station, WSDP, in an attempt to reach more voters. The meeting time was confirmed nearly a month in advance by Whyman and her campaign. The day the interview was scheduled, Whyman called The Crier with concerns that the meeting was somehow stacked against her — that the student participation was orchestrated by former Wayne County Commissioner Bill Joyner, who is running Nesbit's campaign. She chose not to attend the meeting. It is not the first face-to-face meeting Whyman skipped this election season.

McCotter, Burnett slug it out again for Wayne County Commission

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The race for the 10th district seat in the Wayne County Commission includes no surprises.

R. Karl Burnett and Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter are the same candidates as two years ago.

Democrat Burnett supports Proposal S for stadiums in downtown Detroit. Republican McCotter does not. McCotter opposes any type of gasoline tax. Burnett said he could support it.

Burnett said he believes the Democratic Party would best represent 10th district residents. McCotter says the same about his Republican Party.

But don't let party lines lead your way to ballot box. "I'm a member of the Democratic Party and as I've said and stated in other forums — and will continue to state — I think that the Democratic Party and Democratic principles by which it's based serve better the cross-section of American citizens and voters in this country, than does the Republican Party...But I think that the issue of partisanship is not what the issue is, it's candidate and content. The ability to do the job; not suggesting Thad doesn't have the ability to do the job. But partisanship or party affiliation doesn't have as much to do with it."

McCotter concurs from one aspect. "Well, I would agree with Karl to the extent that I believe he could do the job, but we would do it differently. I differ,

obviously, I think the Republican Party is the best party that represents the greater number of people in this country. And I think on the County Commission, where we have three Republicans, that's been shown. When you look at Wayne County government there's a monolithic mindset that's pro-taxes, and pro-spending taxes and pro-squandering the money of the people of Wayne County. I think that when you talk about problems in county government, they are Democratic problems. All five county-wide elected officials are Democrats. Twelve of the 15 commissioners are Democrats. This is not really a partisan issue, but it does cut across. I think there are even Democrats who are even upset with the way Democrats have run Wayne County."

Meanwhile, McCotter said he is solving and trying to prevent problems for residents in the 10th District. He's began demolition of the deserted Wayne County Boys home property in Northville Township that has been an eyesore to drivers along Sheldon Road for decades.

The OIS building and other possible developments in the southern part of Northville Township will help develop an alternative tax-base residential developments, according to McCotter. "It's the first start of a productive tax base in Northville Township," he said.

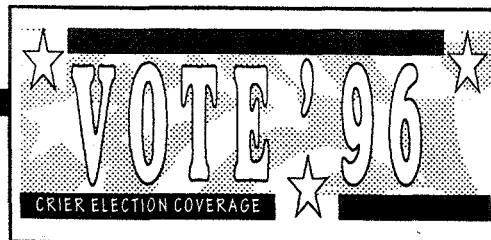
McCotter said he'll work to protect other money

resources and jobs in the 10th district. "They (the County Commission) treat our area as a piggy bank that they can raid," he said.

He is against a gasoline tax, the Willow Run Tradeport, the secession of western Wayne County and Proposal S for a sports stadium complex downtown. "You cannot justify providing a tax for what are two private entities. I would urge people of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, to vote no against it... I don't have a problem with Detroit getting two stadiums. I have a problem with the way they want to get it," said McCotter, a Livonia resident. Burnett, also a Livonia resident, says McCotter opposes the use of public funds for Proposal S, but supported the construction of OIS facility at Beck and Five Mile roads. That's a conflict of ideology, said Burnett, a General Motors employee and recording secretary for Local 22, United Auto Workers.

He's against the Tradeport, and the suggestions of secession of western Wayne County because it would create more bureaucracy and use more money from taxpayers, whom Burnett will not overburden. "As commissioner, I will pay close attention to the level of taxation, and the level of services provided," he said.

However, he favors the stadium proposal. "The county around will benefit from it," Burnett said. "When the Silverdome went up, it wasn't just people from Oakland County who went to the games."



Political newcomer Hoadley tries to unseat Law in 20th State House race to serve Plymouths, Northvilles

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

In the race for the 20th District State Representative seat, middle-of-the-road Democrat Deborah Hoadley is attempting to defeat Republican incumbent Gerald Law.

The 20th District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia.

A newcomer to politics, Hoadley, a resident of Plymouth Township, has mounted a campaign focused on education, crime and the roads.

While Law, also from the Township, is running on his experience and accomplishments as the state representative from 1983-1991 and 1994-present. The two candidates talked about the issues facing The Plymouth-Canton Community.

"I would like to sit on the transportation board," said Hoadley. "Why are our roads not being repaired?"

"I see trucks with payloads of 165,000 pounds on the road. Our roads can't handle that."

Hoadley added that part of the problem is that we need tougher laws guiding the out-of-state leasing agencies.

"We should be addressing that, making sure that they're paying Michigan taxes," she said.

Hoadley said that she would be in favor of a gas tax.

"The problem of road funding is one that has been debated for years," said Law. "There are a lot of things to do before you think about raising taxes."

"The big thing on gas taxes are why are we sending so much to the federal

government. Who's trying to balance out their problems?"

Law said he does not agree with a gas tax, saying the problem with the roads is not strictly a state problem. "It's not just the state. I don't think Wayne County has given us priority," he said.

Hoadley said her biggest concern is the education the communities' children are receiving. "Funding for education in this district is at risk," she said. "This district doesn't have an option to vote in a millage."

"Education is such a priority to me."

Law agreed with the importance of education and said that educational funding will be tight in the future.

"Proposal A didn't leave any options for local schools," said Law. "To extend the three mills (from Proposal A) locally you would need three quarters vote of the legislature, which is almost impossible."

"Education is going to change because of a lack of funding," Law added. "We really lost a lot when we lost the three mills."

In her campaign literature, Hoadley lists crime prevention as something that will be a priority. Law said that it has been a priority for him already.

"I've supported state funding for the building of new prisons," said Law.

He said he was also a supporter of the first new juvenile prison in the state. Law is the cosponsor of House Bill 4723, which establishes juvenile boot camps. Law said he has also sponsored and co-sponsored bills that would "tag" sex offenders.

"I sponsored the bill for tagging of violent criminals," he said. "It would



Democrat Deborah Hoadley hopes to unseat State Rep. Gerry Law for the 20th Michigan House seat on Nov. 5. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

require the DNA testing of individuals who are convicted of sexually motivated crimes."

Hoadley said that sentences should be carried out fully. "They (persons convicted of crimes) know they're not going to serve their whole sentence," said Hoadley. "Prisoners need to know that if they do the crime, they're going to do the time. We need to cage criminals in."

That's not to say that Hoadley doesn't believe in rehabilitation. She said that in order for it to happen, though, the business community needs to become involved.

"They must have opportunities for rehabilitation," she said. "We need

business to work with prisoners. They need to have jobs after they get out. It's a two-fold thing."

Law cited his experience as the reason he deserves the vote. "My experience in having served in local as well as state government makes me the right candidate," said Law.

Hoadley said it is her community involvement that makes her the right candidate. "My involvement with the schools, involvement with the sheriff's department and my compassion for small business," she said. "I just feel I would be a better candidate. I feel I would best represent this community."

Search bottom of ballot for City street improvement issue

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

City of Plymouth residents will find one thing added to their ballots Nov. 5 — the Street Improvement Bonding Proposition.

If the proposition is approved, it would give the City the ability to borrow up to \$12 million and issue one or more series of its unlimited tax bonds to pay for the cost of improving, repairing, constructing and paving public streets.

According to The Plymouth Courier, the City's newsletter, no more than two mills would be levied in additional taxes for this program.

"We're stopping to let voters have the choice (of how to improve the streets)," said Steve Walters, City manager.

If you're not familiar with this proposal don't feel bad. According to property owner Jim McKeon, there are a lot of people with very little information.

"The City Commission doesn't want to talk about it," said McKeon. "I feel that if they (homeowners) don't have all the information they can't make a good decision."

Walters agreed that there hasn't been enough information on the proposal.

"No (there hasn't been enough information)," said

Walters. "We're going to send out another flier."

If the bond proposal is passed by the voters, it would replace the special assessment districts that the City has used in the past to improve the roads.

Under the special assessments, when a street was paved, the homeowners living on that street were assessed 75 percent of street frontage cost and 37.5 percent of side street frontage costs.

According to Del Templeton, a City resident, the bond proposal is the best way for the City to go.

"I'm pro passage of the millage," said Templeton. "The reason I feel it should pass is it is fair and equitable to everyone."

"If the bond passes and you have a SEV (state equalized value) of \$75,000 to \$100,000, it's going to cost you about \$150-\$200 a year."

Templeton added that the money is also tax deductible with the bond proposal, whereas it is not with special assessments.

McKeon said that although he supports the proposal for homeowners, he worries about the commercial and industrial owners in the City.

"Overall I do think it's a good idea," he said. "But I think it puts an undo burden on the commercial and industrial taxpayer without them knowing it."

"Two property owners didn't even know about it and it's going to cost one of them about \$8,000 a year."

Not everyone wants the millage to pass. "Living on Mill Street (which is a Wayne County road) I guess it would just be a little frustrating paying the same as everyone else," said City Commissioner Doug Miller. "All we can tell these people is, 'Yeah, maybe we can get something done'."

Because the passage of the millage would mean that all City homeowners would pay, those individuals that live on County roads may wonder how they would benefit. "The people that would favor staying with special assessment districts are the ones that wouldn't pay anyway," said Walters. "When the County makes improvements the City pays a local share. Ironically the people on County roads will be paid for by millage."

If the millage doesn't pass, and according to Walters that is a real possibility, then the City will continue with the special assessments. "The ballot itself is a disadvantage," said Walters. "People have to go out of their way to vote on it (it's the last proposal on the ballot)."

"The commission indicated (if the proposal doesn't pass) that they would continue with the special assessment program."



What's Happening

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The Plymouth Symphony League is fund-raising by selling Entertainment '97 books. Each book contains hundreds of two for one discounts on dining, fast food, movie, sports activities, special attractions and hotels. Profits will benefit Symphony. To order, call 453-3016.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SINGLES GROUP HALLOWEEN DANCE

St. John Neumann Singles Group in Canton, 44800 Warren Ave., is having a Halloween Dance Friday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Pizza, pop, raffle tickets, prizes and great music by James Dunn. BYOB. No jeans please. The cost is \$8. For more information, call Marilyn at 591-9269 (after 6 p.m.), Patrick at 277-6083, Theresa at 277-2171 or Scott at 266-7253.

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Upcoming...

P-C VVA CHAPTER HOSTING TWO EVENTS SATURDAY

First event: clothing drive for homeless veterans of the Detroit area. Bring your warm, wearable clothes, coats, hats, blankets and gloves to The Good Food Store in Canton at Ford and Lilley roads Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Second event: Blood Drive at Canton Township Hall Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct. 25 from 7-10 p.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket Hall, 555 S. Lilley Rd. Prizes for the best costume for kids and adults. Pizza, beverages The Haunted Room, and music. \$5 per person; \$15 per family. For tickets and information, call Chico at 459-6026 or John at 981-3105.

ST JOHN'S WINTER BAZAAR

Featuring baskets, toys, kitchenware, jewelry, crystal, candles, cosmetics and bake sale, candles and fresh greens. Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

At Trinity Presbyterian Church Oct. 31. An alternative to trick-or-treating. Games and hayrides from 6:45-8 p.m. At 8 p.m. Psalty Singing Celebration to be followed by Trinity drama, "The Powers That Be." Costs is one bag of candy per child plus an additional \$1.25 per child. Admission fees includes one souvenir picture. For more information, call 459-9550.

WOMEN OF ARTISTRY SHOW

Art exhibit runs through Nov. 16 at Frameworks, 525 Penniman Ave., Each of the artists specializes in various mediums: acrylic, oil, watercolor, fabric art and photography.

PLYMOUTH YMCA ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

Volunteers are needed, ages teens through adults. The Haunted House will be Oct. 25-26. For more information or to volunteer, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

PCAC PRESENTS "DEGAS BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM"

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Theatre Guild is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a spectacular musical review. Popular and acclaimed American musical numbers tell the story of the Theatre Guild's five decades of comedy, drama and musical theatre. More than 50 entertainers. Friday-Sunday and Nov. 1-2. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., Sunday performances are at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$11 in advance; general seating. For more information, call 810-349-7110. Performances are at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CRAFT FAIR

At West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 80 juried crafters. Admission \$2 and lunch available. Pottery, stained glass, dried and silk floral arrangement, dolls, jewelry, and more. Proceeds from the craft fair fund scholarships for students who are becoming teachers. For more information, call 416-7550.

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STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL A A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 118 OF 1994—AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN'S BINGO ACT

Public Act 118 of 1994 would:

- 1) Change the definition of a qualified organization which is permitted to sponsor certain forms of gaming, including bingo, millionaire parties, and raffles, so that an organization which is organized under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, including a candidate committee, political committee, political party committee, ballot question committee, or independent committee, is no longer qualified to receive a license to sponsor such gaming.
- 2) Permit a change in the single maximum prize or payout for a charity game sold by a licensed religious, educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal or veterans organization.

Should this law be approved?

YES

NO

PROPOSAL B A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Specify that a person must have been admitted to the practice of law for at least 5 years to be qualified to serve as a trial court judge, an appeals court judge or a supreme court justice.
- 2) Provide that this requirement does not apply to any judge or justice appointed or elected to a judicial office prior to the date the requirement becomes a part of the constitution.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

PROPOSAL C A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE CURRENT MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND REQUIRE THAT EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND BE MADE SOLELY FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THE TRUST FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Establish the current Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund and the Board of Trustees responsible for administering the fund in the state constitution.
- 2) Require the transfer of all funds in the existing Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund to the constitutionally established Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund.
- 3) Authorize the State Treasurer to direct investment of the fund.
- 4) Stipulate that except for the State Treasurer's investment actions, an expenditure or transfer of a fund asset, interest, or earnings could be made only upon the authorization of a majority of the fund's Board of Trustees.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

YES

NO

PROPOSAL D A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO LIMIT BEAR HUNTING SEASON AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF BAIT AND DOGS TO HUNT BEAR

The proposed law would:

- 1) Prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bears at anytime.
- 2) Prohibit bear hunting during open season for deer, bobcat and raccoon if baiting or hunting with dogs is permitted during these seasons.
- 3) Create penalties for violations, including temporary and permanent denial of hunting license.
- 4) Allow individuals to sue for damages caused by violations and to seek injunctions.
- 5) Allow bear hunting by any method by government officials acting in their official capacity and for any person acting in defense of life.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

YES

NO

PROPOSAL E A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT CASINO GAMING IN QUALIFIED CITIES

The proposed law would:

- 1) Permit up to three gaming casinos in any city that meets the following qualifications: has a population of 800,000 or more; is located within 100 miles of any other state or country in which gaming is permitted; and has had casino gaming approved by a majority of the voters in the city.
- 2) Establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate casino gaming.
- 3) Impose an 18% state tax on gross gaming revenues.
- 4) Allocate 55% of tax revenue to host city for crime prevention and economic development; allocate remaining 45% of tax funds to state for public education.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

YES

NO

PROPOSAL G A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 377 OF 1996—AN AMENDMENT REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN'S WILDLIFE POPULATIONS

Public Act 377 of 1996 would:

- 1) Grant the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game including bear hunting. (Currently under the authority of the director of the Department of Natural Resources.)
- 2) Require the Natural Resources Commission to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game and to minimize human/bear encounters.
- 3) Require that a public meeting be held prior to the issuance of any orders by the Natural Resources Commission regarding the taking of game.

Should this law be approved?

YES

NO

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSALS

Independent Counsel For County Commission Authorized

Shall the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended by adding Section 3.120 to authorize appointment of an independent commission counsel to assert and defend the legal rights, powers, and duties of the County Commission; and by deleting the duty of the Corporation Counsel in Section 4.312 to provide legal services to the commission?

YES

NO

Auditor General Powers Defined

Shall Section 5.113 of the Wayne County Charter be repealed effective November 30, 1997 and shall Section 3.119 be amended to give the Auditor General rather than the Chief Executive Officer power to engage an independent external auditor to prepare a comprehensive annual financial report; and to give the Auditor General express power to audit the operations and administration of all county agencies for compliance with ordinances, regulations and other laws?

YES

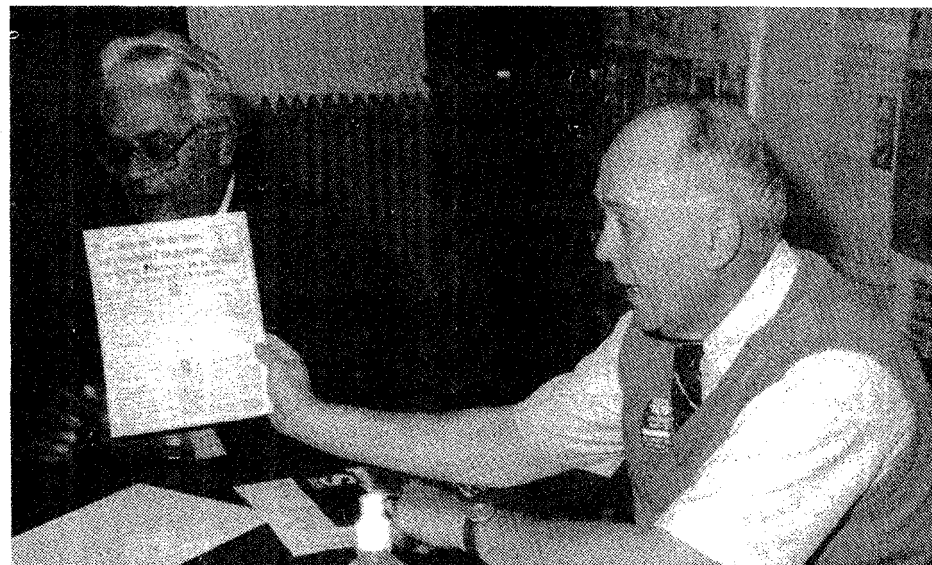
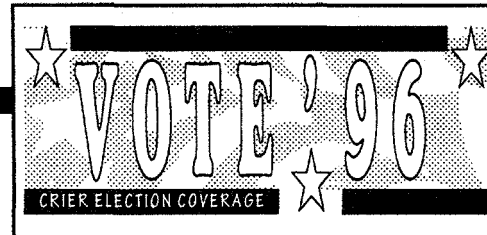
NO

PROPOSITION "S"—Wayne County Stadium Proposition

Shall Wayne County be authorized, and an ordinance approved, to levy an excise tax of 1% of gross receipts from charges for accommodations provided to transient guests, and 2% of gross receipts from motor vehicle rentals for less than thirty days, primarily to secure and fund rentals by the county to the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority, which has been created by the county to acquire a new professional baseball stadium (as defined in Public Act 180 of 1991), to be developed near the site of a planned new football stadium for the Detroit Lions, which taxes shall be levied until the obligations are retired but for no longer than thirty years and shall not secure net bond proceeds in excess of \$80 million; and shall the county use the excise tax revenues to lease the new baseball stadium, and then sublease the stadium to the City of Detroit Downtown Development Authority, which shall in turn make the stadium available for use by the Detroit Tigers?

YES

NO



Retired lawmaker Carl Pursell is leading the fight against Proposal S, which would tax car rentals and hotel rooms in Wayne County to help pay for new Detroit Lions and Tiger stadiums. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Pursell leads fight against County stadium proposal

BY BRIAN CORBETT

They agree that the outcome of Proposal S on the Nov. 5 is not the deciding factor in Detroit's future.

But their mutual feelings stop there.

There's no shortage of differing opinions between supporters and opponents of Proposal S, or the stadium proposal as it is also known.

The stadium proposal seeks to fund a sports-entertainment complex in downtown Detroit through a "tourist tax." Two new stadiums, one for the Tigers and another for the Lions, would be built. The 2000 completion date would coincide with the completion of a \$1.6 billion expansion of Metro Airport. Those are the facts. Opinions of the future differ.

Sue Hall, a stadium proposal supporter and president pro-tem of the Southgate City Council, said it would increase national exposure and improve Metro Detroit's image by hosting Super Bowls, basketball tournaments and conventions, and create 5,000 jobs and other economic spinoffs. The funds to build the stadiums will be attained through taxes on car rentals and hotel rooms, which are designed to have minimal effect on Wayne County residents, Hall said. The taxes would cost 80 cents a day on a \$40 car rental charge, and 70 cents for an average hotel room. "If you do not rent a car for less than thirty days or do not stay in a hotel room, it won't cost you a dime," she said.

But Carl Pursell fears Detroit's framework for renaissance is chipping away at Detroit's core. Pursell, a Plymouth Township resident, former Republican U.S. Representative and former Wayne County Commissioner, calls the proposed \$240 million public contribution "corporate welfare."

Hall compared the effects that the stadiums could have to the construction of the Ford/Mazda Flat Rock plant years ago, which revitalized many downriver communities. "There's a lot of things that are going to revitalize Detroit. The Empowerment Zone is one of them. The stadium issue is one of them," Hall said.

Pursell said Detroit's leaders, particularly Mayor Dennis Archer, are ignoring the problems with education and are instead using County money to fund the project for Tigers owner Mike Illitch and Lions owner William Clay Ford, both billionaires. "I'd say, 'Mr. Ford build the stadium yourself. We're not opposed to the stadium, but build it yourself just like (Pistons owner) Bill Davidson did,'" he said.

Hall countered by saying Oakland County did assist Davidson during the construction of The Palace of Auburn Hills by improving surrounding infrastructure. "The dollars used for the stadium will be just that — infrastructure," she said.

Hall added it's common practice in 1990s to contribute public dollars to private sports facilities. Take a look at St. Louis and Jacksonville, two NFL franchises that shared none of the costs associated with their new stadiums, she said.

In addition to having its priorities confused, the county "tourist tax" is unfair, Pursell said. "This is not a 'tourist tax.' It's pure and simple an excise tax, and it's a hidden tax," he said.

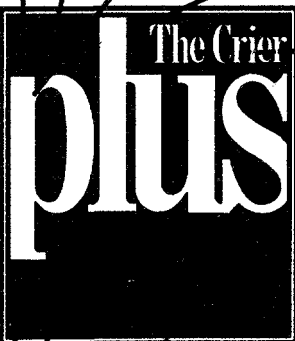
Pursell said the slogan "Wayne County's ticket to the future won't cost you a dime" used by the Committee to Rebuild Detroit & Wayne County in pamphlet literature is misleading. He said supporters have falsely claimed endorsements from hotel owners, including the Mayflower, and politicians. Hall said she double-checked the endorsement listing Monday, which includes no Plymouth-Canton officials, and found no errors.

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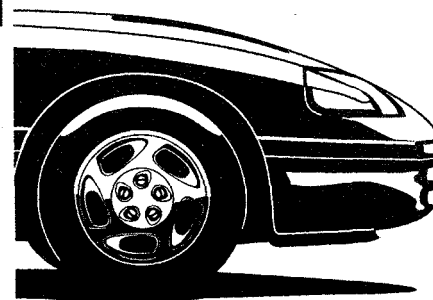
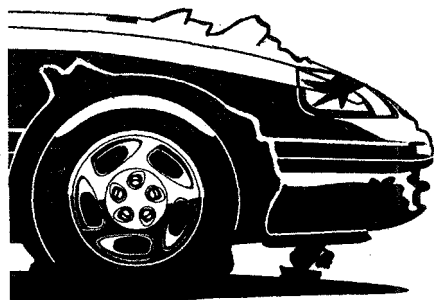
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Ready for winter driving? *A light look at winter driving in The P-C Community*

What are the biggest hassles driving in The Plymouth-Canton Community? Here's some problems with winter driving in the community and how to

avoid them.

- **Steer clear of hidden Plymouth and Canton streetscape features.** It was just a little more than a year ago that a motorist took out one of Plymouth's Ann Arbor Trail pedestrian island light posts. Take care not to slide into one this year. They were expensive to replace (and it took a long time, too).

- **Take a detour when attempting to drive the new section of Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Ford roads in Canton.** Oh, yeah. That piece of road hasn't been completed yet. Scratch that.

- **Never let heavy snow stop you from driving.** It doesn't help to wait until the plows come on the County roads. They never do. That leads us to:

- **Tune up your car and make sure the treads on your tires are up to snuff.** It helps to have a finely-tuned car and chunky tires for all that slush driving we do around here. Which also leads us to:

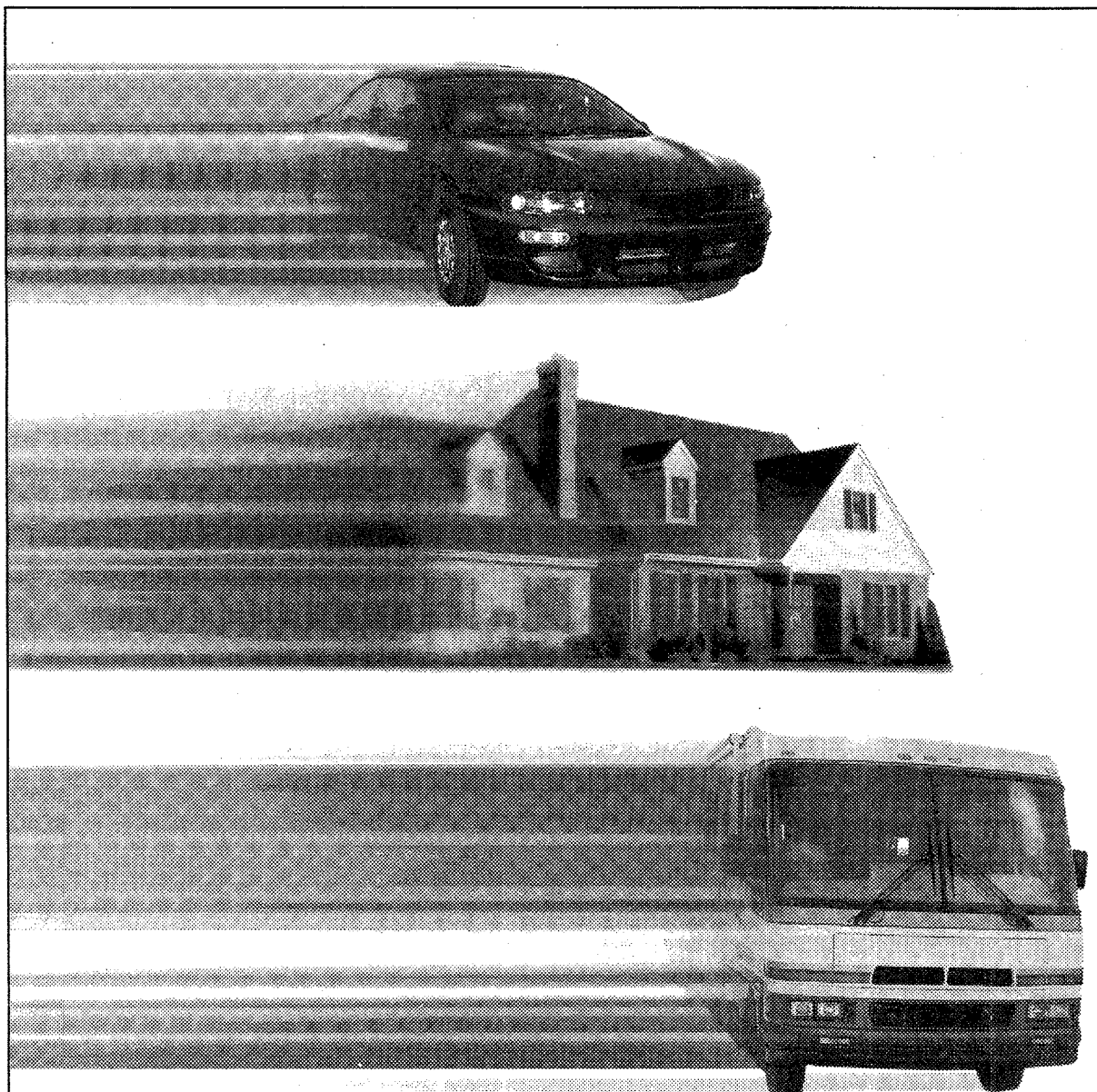
- **Don't bother washing your car during the winter.** The salt is spread so heavy around the community, it makes all our cars look white.

- **Let the shocks go.** The pot holes are so huge, there might not be a tire left on your car, let alone shocks.

- **Don't worry about salt on Canton's roads.** There's so much construction in the community, the mud tracked onto the roads acts as salt (Unfortunately, the same holds true for the summer).

- **Drag out those bricks the Plymouth Historical Museum sold from the original Main Street road.** The Plymouth DDA might need them to replace the ones knocked out by the snow plows on the streetscape sidewalks.

- **Smile and enjoy the weather.** It doesn't help to be grumpy when Old Man Winter comes knocking.



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Protect your car with fall maintenance

BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

As the cool fall days turn to blustery winter weather, there are preparations we all must make. One of them is car maintenance.

Before the snow begins to fall, certain measures must be taken to protect our safety and vehicles.

One of the most simple, but important procedures is checking your antifreeze. You want to make sure your antifreeze is within the freezing point, which is about 30 degrees below zero.

"It works its best at a 50-50 solution with water," said Chris Arden of Arden's Auto Service Center in Plymouth. "It protects the engine more and is actually more efficient than 100 percent antifreeze or 100 percent water."

If you go into the winter with weak antifreeze it could freeze and crack your engine block, virtually destroying the engine. It's also important to check the level of your antifreeze corrosion inhibitors, making sure the interior of the cooling system is protected against rust and corrosion.

The damage to belts and hoses is also a greater problem during the winter months. Cracked belts or hoses could lead to failure — and a cold walk down the side of the freeway to the nearest service station.

According to Mike Morris of Mel's Auto Clinic in Canton, that can be prevented with a little protective maintenance. "If you have a cracked hose or a cracked belt, when it heats up it'll expand, when it cools down it'll contract," he said. "So you take a cracked piece of rubber that's heating and expanding and shrinking as it contracts, eventually it's going to crack or

break."

When looking over your belts and hoses, check for cracks and glazing. Belts and hoses should be a dull color, not too shiny.

Check around the connection of the hoses for seepage or any staining resulting from a slow leak. The hose itself should be pliable; not too stiff or spongy. Either condition could lead to a failure.

Look over your belts to make certain the alternator is charging properly and the battery is in a condition to last the cold season.

In order to make it comfortably through the winter, your heater should be providing efficient heat output and defrost. If the heater and defrost in your vehicle isn't clearing the windows when it's frosty out, it could cause an accident.

When parking your car, try not to place it into the wind. "You don't want to park your motor facing the wind because you'll get cold air blowing in it," said Morris. "Fuel injected cars start getting a fuel line freeze up or the relays don't want to work because it gets so cold."

Remember to protect your car's paint job with a good cleaning and waxing before the salt, snow and wet weather affects the finish. If your car has clear coat, it's wise to use a brand of wax specifically designed for the finish. This will protect the car and keep the paint looking shiny and new.

It's always a good idea to have provisions in the car in case you get stuck in a snow storm. "With my family, I try to make sure they have scrapers, an emergency kit with flashlights and a blanket or two in the car," said Arden.

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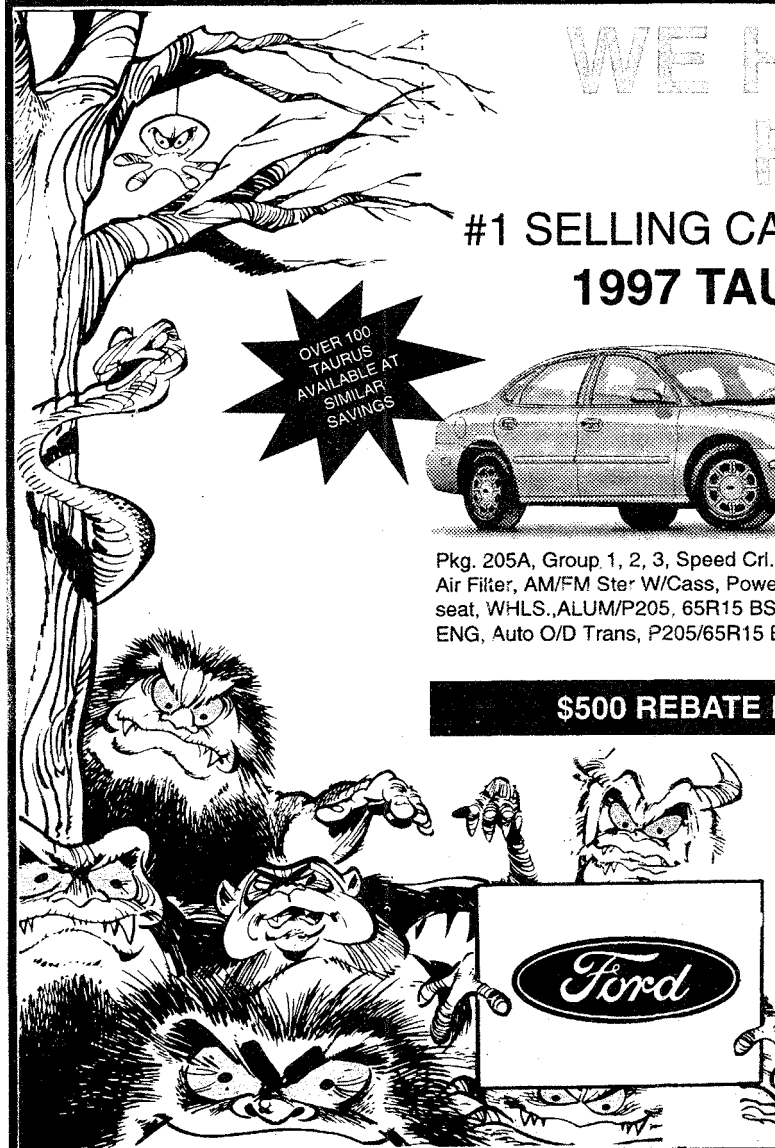
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Help available for ding spots in automobiles

BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

If it's not a dent, it could be a ding.

In this case, you might want to visit the ding removers. Brothers Chuck and Bob Bashawatui are the owners of a unique Plymouth business called Cabaron, a division of which specializes in those pesky little knocks to a car's finish.

A ding is a slight indentation in the sheet metal of a car. Bob Bashawatui said, "We remove those nasty little door dings you get in parking lots when other people inconsiderately open their doors into yours and leave a little dent."

In order for the indentation to be a ding, the paint cannot be wrinkled or broken.

When a ding is removed from a vehicle, it's not necessary to put the car in the shop for a long period of time. This makes for shorter repair time and less money spent to fix the damage.

The ding is removed with special hand tools of various shapes and sizes. The tools are made of special hardened steel so they don't break. Certain shapes and lengths of rods are used depending on the location of the dent.

"If it's underneath the reinforcement breaks, you have a different shape than one that's out in the open or closer to the edge of the door," said Bashawatui.

To remove the ding, they come in from behind it, find the spot on the inside and "massage" the metal until it pushes the ding back to its original shape. This can be done because the metal has some degree of "memory" and when worked properly will go back to its initial form.

The process of ding removal is 75 percent cheaper than the cost of taking your car into a body shop. For the initial ding, it's about \$50 and \$15 for any additional ding. At a body shop, a single dig would cost approximately \$200 to repair.

"Where you really save money is if you have dings on several panels," Bashawatui said.

For example, if your car had three dings, a body shop may charge \$500-\$600 to repair. Using the ding removers would cost just \$80.

The process is not only cheaper, it's also quicker, taking approximately 15 minutes to repair a ding. So instead of having your car tied up in the body shop for days, you can have it done and ready to go within minutes.

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What's with all these car gadgets?

Most people don't use ashtray for ashes anymore or pen holder for pens

Since the invention of the automobile some 100 years ago, it would seem to me that cars now are quite the same as the originals in regard to the basics (engine, tires, oil and radiator). With the exception of the safety belt, the so-called "convenience items" now contained within the interiors of our cars make me begin to wonder if it wouldn't be easier to revert to the olden days.

Some 100 years ago, cars contained only the basics. As you look at the console of your car, take note of what you see. For years, car manufacturers have included something called an "ashtray." The name "ashtray" is fine for those who smoke. But for people like me who don't smoke, I find that, over time, my car's ashtray gets filled with candy and straw wrappers. Since smoking and snacking are vices in their own class, I feel that the name "vicetray" would be more appropriate. The discrimination against us wrapper people would then be cleared up once and for all.

Next, open your glove box. Is that convenient little pen holder inside your glove box without a pen? This holder is an idea with good intention but, honestly, do you return your "glove box pen" to its holder when you're done? If you're at all like me, this convenient pen has just ended up in your checkbook or your pocket. Or, does it even get that far? Be honest with yourself! How many pens turned up during your car's annual or (I'll give some of you credit) biannual cleaning? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to conclude that car designers could spend their time creating a "glove box pen chain" instead!

Speaking of rocket scientists, I've noticed an excessive amount of rocket scientist wanna-be's while driving around town. These are the drivers and passengers who travel without the one sensible invention since the creation of the car; the safety belt. The freedom to go flying through the air when hit by another car may be a real turn-on for these people. Fortunately, in my driving years I've never thought about making such a drastic career change. The crash films that I was exposed to in driver's education some 15 years ago changed the direction of my life.



These old, rusty cars weren't much for modern-day conveniences, but they were easy to operate. Do people really know how to use the fancy gadgets on new cars? We'll see when the time changes this weekend when many motorists will scramble for their manuals to see how to change the clock. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

In the workshop

by Maura Cady



The idea of becoming a projectile in the event of an accident became a real turn-off for me. At the risk of saving my life, I gave up all hope of becoming a rocket scientist.

Lastly, have you studied your car's clock lately? With the change back to Standard Time fast approaching, have you taken the time to ask yourself how in the world you're going to reprogram your car's digital clock? Before you attempt this dangerous feat, I would first suggest that you locate your owner's manual (try looking in the trunk under the cooler and chairs from last summer's family reunion). If your car is like mine, then your car's clock is a cinch to program. Although I miss the days of the minuscule holes to stick a pin into, my car's clock has two simple buttons; the "H" for "hour" and the "M" for "minute." I couldn't ask for more. But, if you're one of the unfortunate pin-type car clock programmers, let me say that you now have four days to find your programming pins — either that or you may want to start wearing your watch.

I'm sure there's much more that I've missed, but I'm afraid I can't continue. My car's trip odometer has just revealed that this journey must come to an end.

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WALTER C. ZAKUL

Walter C. Zakul, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 9, 1996 at the age of 88.

Mr. Zakul was born Jan. 15, 1908 in Scarbro, WV. He moved to the community 30 years ago. He worked at Ford Motor Company's Northville Valve Plant for 30 years.

Mr. Zakul is survived by his daughters, Antoinette (Ralph) Chapman of Plymouth and Ilene (Dr. Thomas J.) Krupa of Royal Oak; grandchildren, Brett Butler of San Diego, CA, Julie (Brian) Odom of Novi, Julie Lawson of Neosho, MO, Thom (Charlene) Krupa of Kalamazoo, Susanne (Tom) Bianchetti of Hartland and Nancy (Peter) Tocco of Rochester Hills; and 10 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude Zakul.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Tom Hovermale of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Memorial tributes can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Citizens for Better Care, 4750 Woodward, Suite 410, Detroit, MI 48201.

JUANITA E. DANN

Juanita E. Dann, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 11, 1996 at the age of 82.

Ms. Dann was born July 15, 1914 in Washington, IN. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Dann is survived by her daughter, Marjorie S. O'Day of Livonia; sister, Katheryn Woods of Monroe; brother, John Lawyer of Garden City; grandchildren, Mark (Julie) of Atlanta, GA, Michael of Westland, Suzanne Rosenblum of Tampa, FL; and great grandchildren, Carly and William O'Day.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump and Rev. John Grenfell officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Internment was at Cadillacs Memorial Gardens West. Memorial tributes can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or West Trail Nursing Home Building Fund, 395 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

HELEN P. STEINHAUER

Helen P. Steinhauer, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 13, 1996 at the age of 75.

Mrs. Steinhauer was born March 10, 1921 in Detroit. She moved to the community in 1977 from Livonia and was a lifelong Detroit area resident. She graduated from Cass Tech High School in 1940. Mrs. Steinhauer was a homemaker who loved cooking, sewing, crafts, shopping with her daughters, her grandchildren and enjoyed playing cards with friends.

Mrs. Steinhauer is survived by her daughters, Judith Anne (William) Zachary of Plymouth and Doris H. Steinhauer of Plymouth; son, Robert F. Steinhauer of Howell; sister, Adah O'Brien of Canton; brother, Richard Rundell of Florida; and five grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frederick A. Steinhauer.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Sr. Linda Werthman officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorial tributes can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile

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FRANCIS P. LEARY, JR.

Francis P. Leary, Jr., a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 15, 1996 at the age of 58.

Mr. Leary was born May 8, 1938 in Teaneck, NY. He came to the community in 1971 from Chicago. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Marquette and a master's degree from the University of Detroit. Mr. Leary worked as a manager, TQE, Powertrain Operation for Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Leary is survived by his wife of 38 years, Joan M. Leary; daughter, Elizabeth A. (Tod) Wallgren of Fisher, IN; sons, Robert P. Leary of Redford, Michael P. (Kimberly) Leary of Collierville, TN and James E. Leary of Plymouth; sister, Barbara Greenwald of St. Louis, MO; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with Fr. James Livingston officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Masses can be made in Mr. Leary's memory to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 901 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170.

LAWRENCE K. KIERNAN

Lawrence K. Kiernan, a Salem Township resident, died Oct. 16, 1996 at the age of 63.

Mr. Kiernan was born in Grosse Pointe Farms. He served in the U.S. Army's Second Division during the Korean War. He was known for his generosity and sense of fairness, loyalty and true friendship. He had a tremendous impact on the lives and careers of those he knew from work and socially because of his willingness and ability to teach and guide them. He had a very quick wit and loved to play pranks on friends and family. He even made somber occasions a little lighter. He enjoyed monthly camp-outs with his travel club and traveling in his new fifth wheel with wife, family and friends. He was an avid outdoors and sportsman. He enjoyed bow and rifle hunting at his cabin in Gladwin with friends and family. He loved target shooting at Western Wayne County Conservation Club. He was a licensed pilot and once owned a Beech Musketeer and flew out of Salem Airport before it closed. He was appointed to the Salem Fire Administrative Board and was involved in obtaining new fire trucks for the township. The new fire trucks were present at his funeral. He was a member of the Wayne Moose Lodge and life member of the National Rifle Association. Mr. Kiernan studied engineering at Lawrence Institute of Technology and received an industrial management degree from Cleary College. He worked at Ford Motor Company for almost 40 years. He traveled extensively in Japan and Mexico and developed many close Japanese friendships. He even encouraged the daughter of one of those friends to come and study at Eastern Michigan University while he oversaw her needs. After retirement he worked as a consultant for Reminc Corp.

Mr. Kiernan is survived by his wife of 43 years, Nancy; daughter, Tammy; sons, Tim and Terry; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon with Fr. Howard Vogan officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the Lawrence K. Kiernan Scholarship Memorial Fund at Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast Dr., Redford, MI 48239.

PAMELA LYNN MCPHERSON

Pamela Lynn McPherson, a Livonia resident, died Oct. 17, 1996 at the age of 43.

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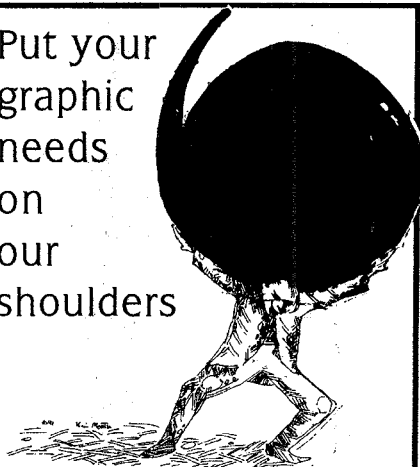
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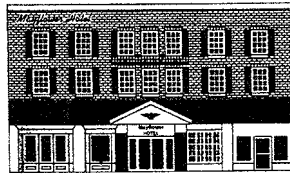
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Community deaths

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Ms. McPherson was born May 2, 1953 in Detroit. She studied art at Schoolcraft College and earned an associate's degree in 1974. She loved art, music, classic movies and travel.

Ms. McPherson is survived by her sister, Marianne (Gary) Peltier of Canton; mother, Florence McPherson; niece, Elizabeth Peltier; and nephews, Andre and Jean Peltier.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48210 or to mass offerings.

IRENE MERKEL

Irene Merkel, a Plymouth Township resident, died Oct. 18, 1996 at the age of 66.

Mrs. Merkel was born Oct. 1, 1930 in Yugoslavia. She moved to the community in 1976 from Garden City. She worked as a goldsmith in jewelry manufacturing, from which she retired in 1978. She enjoyed crocheting and cooking.

Mrs. Merkel is survived by her husband of 39 years, Konard J.; daughter, Betty (Horst) Appich of Wayne; sons, Terry K. (Susan) Merkel of Tucson, AZ and William J. Merkel of Wayne; sister, Hilda Gundlach of Germany; brother, Rudy Keller of Germany; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the donor's choice.

JOSEPH H. ROOSE

Joseph H. Roose, a Livonia resident, died Oct. 20, 1996 at the age of 85.

Mr. Roose was born Jan. 3, 1911 in LeRoy. He moved to the community in 1946 from Dighton. He worked as a carpenter and was a member of Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Roose is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary J. (Updike) Roose; sons, Stanley (Elaine) Roose of Farmington Hills, John (Linda) Roose of Plymouth, Carroll (Donna) Roose of Brandon, FL and Douglas (Mary) of Howell; sister, Sarah O'Nan of Clio; brothers, Walter Roose of Cadillac and Emery Roose of LeRoy; 12 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Harvey Robert Barker, Jr., 50, manager

Harvey Robert Barker, Jr., a Canton resident, died Oct. 14, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Barker; son, H.R. (Chip) Barker III of Canton; daughter, Alysia Apley of Plymouth; his parents; one brother; and sister, Ellen Grenfello of Canton.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with Fr. Bob Colis officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Thomas R. Craffey, 80, buyer

Thomas R. Craffey, a Canton resident, died Oct. 15, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Craffey; son, Richard Craffey of Canton and one other son; two brothers; four sisters; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton with Fr. Richard Peretto officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Edna M. Jennings, 73, cashier

Edna M. Jennings, a Canton resident, died Oct. 16, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Herbert Wayne Felker of Canton and one other son; one brother; one sister; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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



Sports

Sports shorts

Canton will be holding its first ever "Halloween Fest" for children of all ages Oct. 26 at Heritage Park. The activities will run from noon - 4 p.m. There will also be a free storytelling in the evening from 7 - 10 p.m. For information call 397-5110.

The City of Plymouth and Canton Parks & Recreation Departments will be holding registration for its co-ed volleyball league starting Oct. 28, and new teams may register starting Nov. 6. The entry fee is \$175, plus a \$15 non-resident fee. For more information call 455-6620.

The Detroit Whalers announced that individual game tickets are now on sale for the 1996-97 season. Tickets may be purchased at the new Compuware Sports Arena located at 14900 Beck Rd. or by calling (313) 453-8400.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be holding registration for its men's basketball league starting Nov. 4 for returning teams and Nov. 13 for new teams. For information call 455-6620.

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a Sunday men's basketball league. The entry fee is \$330 per team, there is a \$15 non-resident fee. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 24. For more information call 349-0203.

Canton High School soccer players Kevin Gniewek, Jason Bennett and Salem High School players Matt Sarkesian and Brett Konley were named to the Western Lakes Activities Association's All Conference Boys Soccer team. Matt Ammons, Mike Bennett, Dan Steinert and Nick Wright from Canton, and Salem's Chris Curry, Josh Fair, and Ryan Konley were named to the Western and Lakes All Division teams.

Jeffrey Kleinsmith, a 1982 Salem High School graduate, competed in the International Law Enforcement Olympics.

Kleinsmith was awarded two gold medals and one silver medal.

A winless weekend

Whalers tie Oshawa, lose to Sarnia in weekend games

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Whalers had their second consecutive winless weekend after tying Oshawa, 4-4, Saturday and losing to divisional rival Sarnia, 4-2, Sunday night at Compuware Sports Arena.

Detroit hasn't won since Oct. 6 versus Barrie, going 0-3-1 since then.

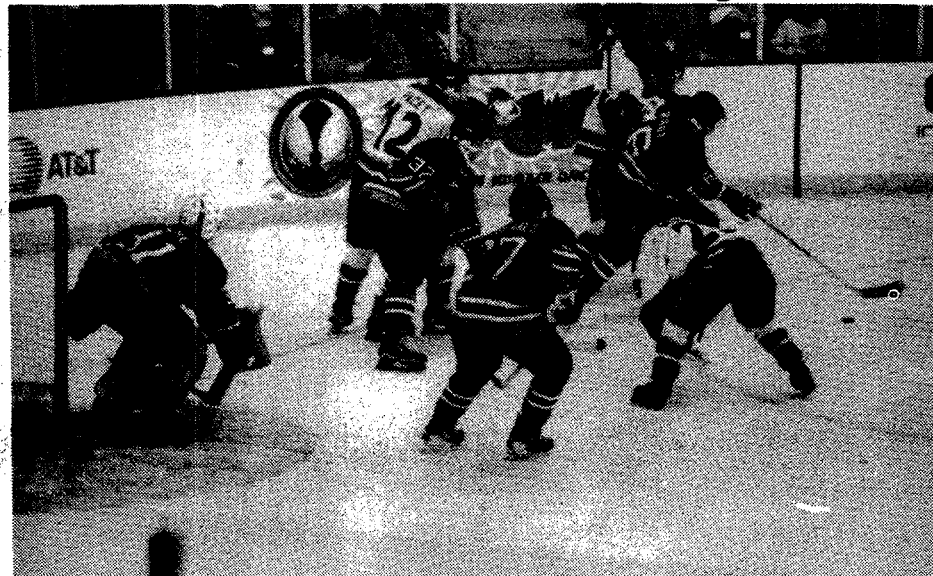
Once again — as in losses to London, Kitchner and Guelph earlier this month — the third period proved Detroit's undoing in the loss to Sarnia, who scored three power play goals. "I think it's just an experience thing," said Whalers Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer. "They had the best power play in the league last year, and they returned almost everybody from those units. They got a few power plays late in the game. I think both teams had power plays in the third, and they just capitalized and we managed to get one. And we can't trade off power play for power play with a team with that kind of firepower. We did a good job killing penalties. I think it's just a matter of time before those guys get warm."

Sarnia's Wes Mason and John Sim weren't warm — they were hot, burning Detroit for two goals and an assist, and a goal and an assist, respectively. Sergei Fedotov and Julian Smith scored for Detroit.

The Whalers, who surprised Sarnia, 4-2, in the third game of the season, jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Julian Smith's first period goal. Captain Mike Morrone, who played his typical physical game, recorded the assist along with Randy Fitzgerald.

Detroit hammered Sarnia for 13 shots on goal in the second period, but leviathan goalie Patrick DesRochers, who leads the OHL in save percentage (.943), stopped them all.

Mason scored at 4:07 of the third period to tie the score at 1-1. Fedotov answered for Detroit on the power play with his first goal of the season at 8:01, with assists from Steve Wasylo and Mark Cadotte. On an assist from Sim, Mason struck again on the power play at 13:05. The duo hooked up again four minutes later when Sim took a cross-ice pass from Mason and buried it past



In action earlier this season, Sergei Fedotov (32) and Luc Rioux (16) battle for control of the puck near the Whalers' goal. Forward Randy Fitzgerald drops back to help. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Detroit goalie Robert Esche on a slap shot from the right circle. Just 1:02 later Todd Miller scored on a backhanded shot to give the Sting a two-goal lead.

With the game in hand, several bouts followed. Morrone was jumped at center ice by Sarnia's Richard Irwin. After they had been separated, Irwin went after Detroit defenseman Troy Smith. Detroit tough guy Jesse Boulerice stepped in and KO'd Irwin with left hand. The players paired off when a Sarnia player left the bench to fight Boulerice, who again got the better of his opponent bringing the 2,466 in attendance to their feet.

In the game Saturday against Oshawa, it was Detroit who came from behind to tie the game and earn a point. The Generals led three times and in every period, but Julian Smith's goal with less than seven minutes left in the game gave Detroit its first tie of the young season. Five Whalers had two points. Marty Wilford had two goals for Oshawa; Mike Zanutto had three assists.

Dan Hinote put the Generals in the lead with a power play goal at 12:40 of the first period. Harold Druken scored with the man advantage on assists from Chad Cavanagh and Andrew Taylor. The

same line accounted for the next goal at 11:40 of the second period when Taylor beat goalie Marc Cairns. Wilford scored the next two goals of the period, the latter a power play goal at 17:58.

Down 3-2 in the third period, Boulerice tied the game for third time on an assist from Fitzgerald. Ryan Lindsay put the Generals in the lead again midway through the final period. But Detroit responded again when Boulerice and Fitzgerald recorded their second points of the night assisting on Julian Smith's game-tying goal at 12:28.

Standings

Detroit's record is 4-6-1. They have nine points, behind Sarnia (7-1-1; 15 points) and Sault Ste. Marie (8-2-1; 17 points). Ottawa (8-2-1) leads the OHL's East Division. Kitchner (8-4) and Guelph (7-0-1) are battling in the Central Division.

Notebook

Detroit's Joshua Carter, a Plymouth resident, was optioned from the Whalers roster prior to Saturday's game. According to DeBoer, Carter could either play in Canada or for the Tier II Compuware Ambassadors, who also play at Compuware Sports Arena.

Chiefs girls CC second to one in WLAA

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Canton girls cross country team rounded out their league action with a strong showing at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet finishing second only to Stevenson.

"I was absolutely pleased with our performance," said Canton coach George Przygodski. "Stevenson took first — they'll probably win the state meet."

Becky Wolfrom was the highest finisher for Canton crossing the line at 19:38 for fifth place, Beth Knight took 11th place with a time of 20:03, Angkana Roy finished 14th at 20:12, Lori

Schmidt had a time of 20:44 to finish 20th, Christiana Bradford crossed in 22th place with a time of 20:50, Jamie Vergari took 27th place in a time of 20:59 and Darcy Crain finished in 37th with a time of 21:39. "This is the second fastest team we've ever had," Przygodski said of his team.

Canton captured the Western Division Title with a dual meet record of 6-0. The Chiefs next challenge will be at the Regional meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer Saturday. "We race in and extremely tough region," said Przygodski. "One of our goals has been to qualify for the State as a team. So that's what were going to do."



Salem Rocks coach Chuck Olson consistently has one of the best swim teams in the state. This year is no different. The Rocks participated at the Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association meet last Saturday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Salem swimmers shine at meet

Relay teams finish with state qualifying times; individuals qualify for state meet; Salem's season record 6-1

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Salem girls swim team caught fire at the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association's meet at EMU Saturday.

Seventy-four teams entered the meet, with only the top 40 swimmers in each event competing.

"We did very well," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "They don't keep track of team standings, but we had a very nice day."

Each of Salem's relay teams taking part finished with state qualifying times, said Olson.

Yvonne Lynn, Katie Bonner, Lori McKay and Kathy Kelly finished in fourth place with a time of 1:54.18 in the Medley Relay, which set a new school record.

In the 200-yard Freestyle Relay Kelly, Carrie Dzialo, Kellyann Williams and Lindsay Hartz captured sixth place with another team record time of 1:43.16.

Williams, Dzialo, Audrey Hala and Lynn combined in the

400-yard Freestyle Relay for a seventh-place finish and a team record of 3:46.89.

Salem did well in the individual events as well, said Olson.

In the 200-yard Freestyle Hala had a personal best and finished 24th with a time of 2:02.73. In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Lynn took a ninth place and qualified for the state meet with a time of 2:02.73.

Williams also made the state cut in the 50-yard Freestyle with a time of 25.37, which earned her ninth place.

In the tough 500-yard Freestyle Hala finished 13th with a time of 5:27.63, which just missed the state cut, according to Olson.

"We did almost everything we went there to do," said Olson. "Now we need to improve on the ones that just missed the state cut."

"We have some meets left to do that."

Salem, who is 6-1 on the season, will compete Thursday at North Farmington. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

Chiefs boys CC 3rd in WLAA

Varsity team sets personal bests; regionals next

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Canton Boys Cross Country team set some milestones Saturday at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet.

"All the guys on the varsity team set personal bests," said Canton coach Mike Spitz.

The Chiefs finished third at the meet behind Walled Lake Central, who captured the conference title; and Walled

Lake Western who took home second place. Stevenson and Salem finished fourth and fifth respectively behind Canton.

Shaun Moore was the top finisher for Canton finishing fifth overall with a time of 16:43.

"We did well," said Spitz, who added that with a solid performance at the regional meet the team could finish high.

"It's hard to say where we'll be," said

Spitz. "If we have a great day we might finish as high as third. If we run how we have been we may finish between fifth and seventh."

The Chiefs finished their dual meet season with a record of 5-1, suffering their first dual meet loss in five season's to Walled Lake Western, who walked away with the Western Division title.

"We had won 27 meets in a row," said Spitz. "We still finished second."

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At home versus Northville Thursday at 7 p.m.

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At regional meet Saturday.



Community opinions

Keep campaigns clean

The Nov. 5 election is right around the corner. As voters, we have the responsibility to be informed on the issues and candidates and take the time to get out to the polls and cast a ballot. But the candidates and issue-spinners also have responsibilities to us.

Far too often, the final weeks of political campaigns turn into mud-slinging matches. Instead of focusing on the issues, campaigns sometime turn to ugly personal attacks in desperation. Let's not let this happen to us in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Candidates should remain focused on the issues that affect us. They should also attend each and every one of our local forums and debates. Granted, there are some scheduling conflicts, but the best effort should be made by every candidate to attend these important events.

State Rep. Deborah Whyman obviously thinks we, the voters, aren't very important. She has skipped all four scheduled face-to-face interviews with her opponent, Deborah Nesbit.

After all, how can candidates be taken seriously if they skip opportunities for us to weigh the pros and cons of their campaign? When candidates skip public forums, it's a slap in the face to all of us.

We voters can also expect a barrage of campaign literature to clog our mailboxes from now until election day. Some of this mail will focus on the topics. Other mailings will unfairly attack candidates. As voters, it's our right and duty to recognize these unfair tactics.

Many current and would-be lawmakers ignore laws against placing signs on public right-of-ways like the I-275-Ford Road entrance in Canton or the Sheldon Road-M-14 entrance in Plymouth Township. We need to vote "no" for candidates who pollute these public areas illegally. So as we move closer to election day, it's time for the candidates to clean up their act. We demand a change in campaign tactics and will make that known on Nov. 5 at the polls. The only way campaigns will become cleaner is one community at a time. Let's start with ours.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Lowertown or Old Village?

The votes are being tallied. The readers will decide. What should the quaint part of town on the northeast border of Plymouth be called: Old Village or Lowertown? Send in the ballot below along with an explanation of what led to the decision. The ballots will be counted and The Crier editorial staff will use the arguments to decide what the official newspaper title will be for this historic section of Plymouth. Obviously, this is not scientific and will not be used by the Plymouth City Commission to change the name.

See what your neighbors are saying about the Old Village-Lowertown debate on today's — and future — Community Opinion pages. Many opinions have already come in. What do you think?

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Community Editorials

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It's Old Village to us

EDITOR:

I believe that this historic section of Plymouth should be called Old Village as opposed to Lowertown.

Historic does signify being "old" and is "history." It is a quaint little village and I think Old Village suits it better for a name. It is also a little more dignified.

Lowertown seems to downgrade the town or village (as preferred). It sounds less dignified. Just like the "other side of the tracks," so to speak, or articles referring to upper class people, lower class people, upper class neighborhoods, lower class neighborhoods, etc. "Lower" seems to downgrade.

If you want to get technical, the village is not south of Plymouth, but northeast, so it isn't really lower. If anything, it could be called Uppertown, in that respect.

If the "Village" were in a valley and Plymouth were up in the mountains, then it would be appropriate to call it "Lowertown" or "Lower Village."

DOLORES THIBEAU

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In my opinion, Lowertown sounds demeaning for the area.

GAYL PARR

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The 1860 plot of Plymouth, prior to the railroad and incorporation of a village, show distinctly that the main part of Plymouth was Liberty, Starkweather, Mill St., etc.

That part of town was first and it has nothing to do with upper or lower.

JIM MCKEON

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I voted for the quaint part of town to be called Old Village because that name is much more descriptive.

I am a new resident of Plymouth. If I were to see a headline or a sign regarding Old Village, I would know immediately what that meant; I would not know what Lowertown meant.

CORRINE KERT

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The Lowertown Grill should be called The Old Village Grill. Lowertown should have never been called Lowertown in the first place.

Downtown Plymouth is on a lower level than Old Village. My dad, Karl

Starkweather, used to tell people that it was really uppertown, and it used to perturb him a bit when he heard people call it Lowertown.

DORIS S. WERNETT

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I am casting my vote for "Old Village" for a number of reasons. In my opinion, the term Lowertown is derogatory in nature and paints a "lower class, wrong side of the tracks" image. This image becomes magnified when you consider the fact that this is the only area of the City of Plymouth that is considered low to moderate income and eligible for Federal funds. This isn't the image I want painted for my neighborhood of my community.

Recently, the City contracted with HP Associates to conduct an historic district feasibility study. While their report has not been published as of this date, they have reported to me that their findings indicate that this area was never officially designated as Lowertown. According to the information provided to me, the area was initially called North Village and was later changed to Old Village. The term Lowertown was used by some in reference to this area, but was never an official designation. Further, the "wrong side of the tracks" reputation and image seems to date back to the era when a debate ensued on whether to build Starkweather School on "that side of the tracks." This seems to further indicate that the term Lowertown was meant to imply a lower class, wrong side of the tracks image.

This is an area of town that has much to offer the Plymouth community both in history and diverse architecture. It is an area of town that is currently undergoing a renaissance. Many of its home and business owners are investing a great deal of time and money into their properties. While I am not necessarily opposed to changing the name of this area, it should be a name that reflects its character. I should be a name that paints an image of its history, architecture and community spirit. To me, the name Old Village depicts this image and character better and without the negative and derogatory tone that Lowertown seems to imply.

CAROL STONE

How about Lowertown's Old Village?

EDITOR:

I am originally from upstate New York, but have many friends from the Plymouth area. The old, long-time residents, from what I hear, like Lowertown because that's the original name. They get upset at this area being called Old Village.

Well, in my opinion, it does look like an old fashioned village area, but if born here, I'd want the original name. So to make everyone just a little bit happy, why not call it, "Lowertown's Old Village."

SHIRLEY BULSON



Community opinions

We love Plymouth's Lowertown

EDITOR:

Of course it must be Lowertown!

It has always been Lowertown. My grandmother was a Lowertown kid, my dad was a Lowertown kid and I am a Lowertown kid!

Many great people grew up in Lowertown. Congratulations to the Lowertown Grill for bringing back the memories.

PEGGY WINGARD

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My husband Don has lived all of his 67 years in Plymouth Township and Plymouth. I moved here from Newburg in 1940.

It was Lowertown then and still is when we talk about it.

DON AND JESSIE SCHAUFLE

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Michael and I have both lived in Plymouth for a long time. We always called it Lowertown all through high school and it didn't mean anything derogatory as some have suggested, just that the elevation was lower.

Old Village is just a trendy name that has no history behind it. Let's go back to Lowertown!

KAREN AND MICHAEL WAGNER

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My vote for the charming, distinctive, older part of the City of Plymouth is Lowertown. I came to Lowertown in 1939 when I was a small boy. My father worked at Daisy Air Rifle. I have so many wonderful memories of that time of my life and all of them center around Lowertown.

I graduated from Plymouth High School — many memorable years there, too. There is no longer a Plymouth High School, which is sad. Let's not lose the name Lowertown.

Why doesn't Fitzsimmons list party affiliation on billboards, literature?

EDITOR:

Thanks for last week's column by Ed Wendover about the politicians in the back room of the Box Bar (which I mistakenly thought had been taken over by the McDonald's restaurant chain).

In the column, Ed mentions that Joe Fitzsimmons (candidate for the 13th Congressional District seat) is a Republican, a fact one cannot glean from Mr. Fitzsimmons' many campaign signs and billboards. It makes one wonder: Is Fitzsimmons ashamed of telling us he is a Republican or just dodging the bullet of the upcoming Dole debacle?

In any case, who on earth would ever vote for a politician who hides his party affiliation?

MIKE CARNE

Old Village just doesn't fit the bill. Old means antiquated or perhaps no longer useful or productive. Lowertown is vibrant and alive and a unique part of the City. Village, according to the dictionary, means a territorial area having the status of a village, especially as a unit of local government. A visit to Lowertown and the unique neighborhoods and shopping areas is a breath of fresh air when one is surrounded by malls and so many look-alike subdivisions.

Long live Lowertown, an important part of the City of Plymouth.

DWIGHT ECKLER

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Old Village is inaccurate: Wasn't Plymouth's oldest house built on the site of the Mayflower? Lowertown is genuine, the actual name used by its residents. Lowertown is distinctive, not an echo of the names invented by countless other cities aiming at stressing (or stretching) their historicity.

M.L. MACDONALD

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I think of all these wonderful folks who lived and died in Lowertown; if they were to come back and someone should say, "Welcome to Old Village," they might ask, "Where in heaven's name is that?"

D. JEWELL

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Nothing but Lowertown to me. Someone may come here and try to rename it, but no dice. Too many of us knew it as Lowertown 50 years ago and longer and this is the way it shall remain! No change. Hooray for the Lowertown Grill! Shove this new name to another area, not here.

HELEN CLINANSMITH

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I was born and raised in Plymouth and am 70 years old. I have lived in Plymouth all my life except for two years in the U.S. Army in W.W. II. It was called Lowertown because Plymouth is on a shelf and is uptown and you had to go downhill to get to Lowertown.

HARRY KRUMM

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Lowertown definitely! Lowertown is historically accurate, colorful and has panache. There is, or never was, in my opinion, anything derogatory or demeaning attached to the name Lowertown.

Old Village is a contrived, historically inaccurate name created by some self-appointed historical revisionist during a fit of cuteness. It was an ill-chosen application of "political correctness" before the term or concept existed.

Three cheers for Kim Guenther for bringing this long-smoldering issue to the front by naming (appropriately) his restaurant The Lowertown Grill.

In case you haven't guessed already, the renaming of Lowertown to Old Village has always riled me.

WALTER SCOTT

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I started school at Starkewather. My dad worked at Carl Shear Buick Agency, had his hair cut at Curly's Barber Shop.

My aunt's parents owned Beyer Rexall Drug Store. We bought our groceries at Gayde Bros. If you needed something from the hardware, you went to see Mr. Wilson. I didn't have to decide on Lowertown because that's what it's always been to me.

G. OLSON

There's plenty of parking for all in Plymouth

EDITOR:

I applaud the column jointly written by your staffers Brian Corbett and Janet Armstrong, "What parking problem?"

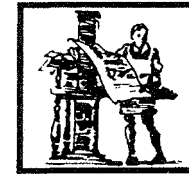
Indeed! I have had a shop in downtown for the last six years. The only problem I have had is with the police ticketing myself and customers for shopping for more than two hours.

Why is it that merchants have a problem where people park? The customers don't have any problem finding a place to park!

If these merchants would spend more time creating good will and less time "beating a dead horse" and as for this Big Brother, "tell on your neighbor" policy, lighten up Plymouth. We have plenty of parking for all!

FRANK KUSZAK

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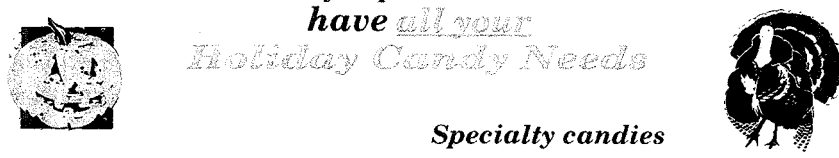
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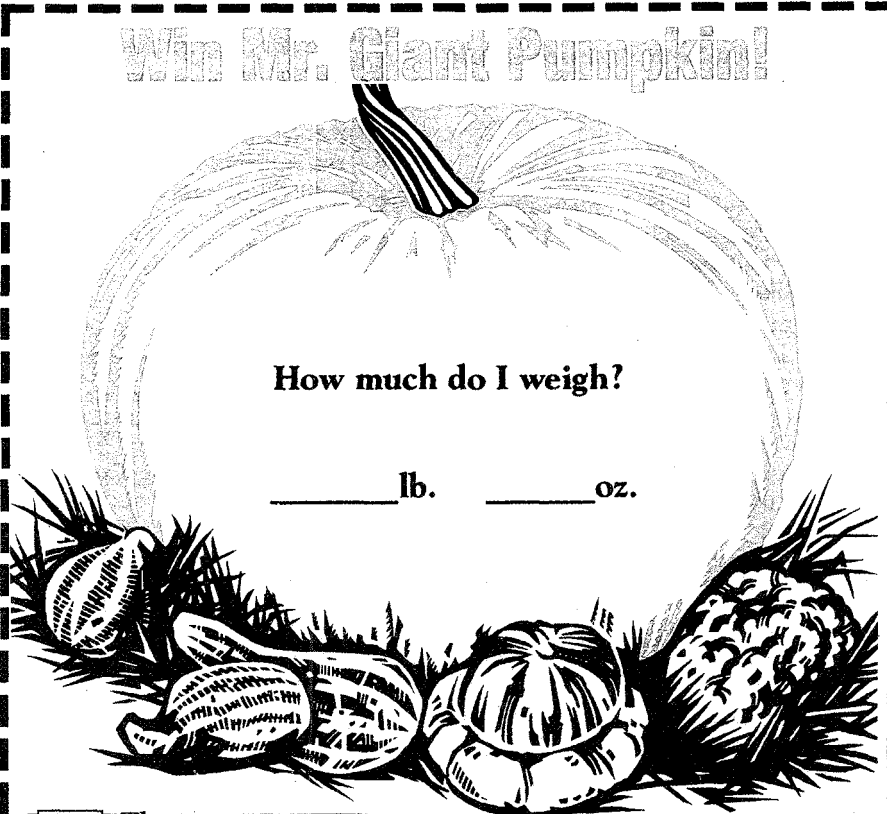
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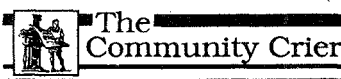
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