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Plymouth City Commission election:

Dismuke, Pobur, McDonald, Loiselle win

17% of City's voters turn out to elect commission; absentee votes decisive in victories

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The voters, what few of them there were, have spoken: the four empty seats in

Plymouth's City Commission go to Don Dismuke, Colleen Pobur, David McDonald and Ron Loiselle.

Dismuke received the most votes in the single-issue election, taking 798 ballots. Pobur followed with 744. McDonald came

in a close third with 735 votes and Loiselle won the fourth seat, a two-year term, with 691 votes. Dismuke, Pobur and McDonald will each sit on the commission for four years.

Bill Graham received 636 votes, John Thomas 425, Paul Schulz finished with 140 and Fred Dilacovo came in last with 83.

Voter turnout was about what officials had predicted. A total of 1,293 of 7,463 voters cast ballots — a showing of 17.33 per cent.

A breakdown of the election returns suggest plunking and neighborhood differences had a pronounced effect on the outcome.

Low numbers at the polls meant absentee voters, typically older home-bound residents, had greater influence. All four winners received their greatest support from absentee voters (AVs). Of the total 1,293 ballots cast 587 were absentees.

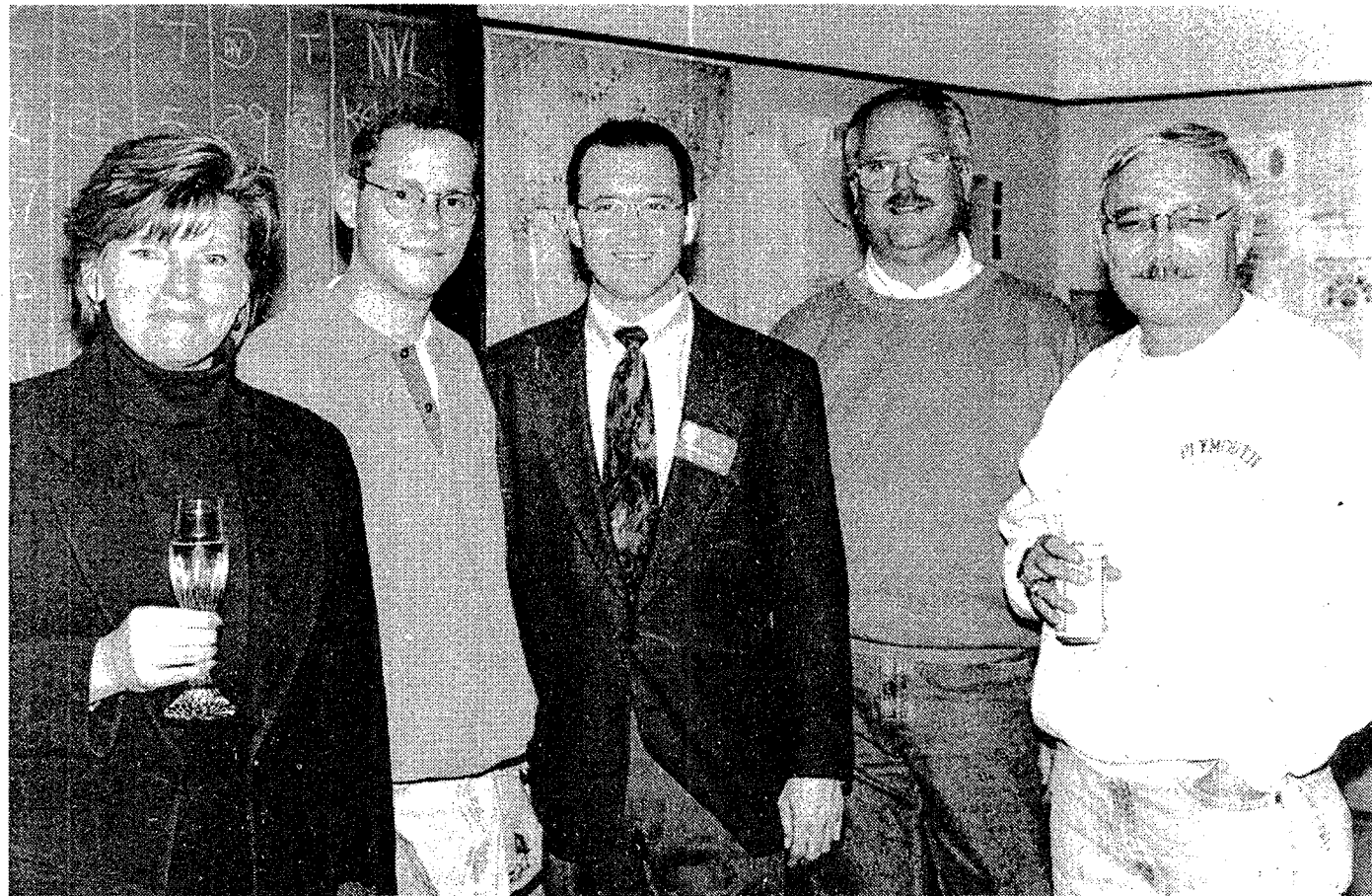
McDonald, eldest among the candidates, dominated the AVs. He received 364 absentee votes — about 62 per cent — more than any other candidate.

AVs proved crucial to Pobur's victory. She took 322 mailed-in votes. She also took the most votes in precinct two where the turnout was lowest.

Dismuke was the top vote-getter overall and at precincts one, three and four.

The commissioners-elect each acknowledged the effort they had put into their campaigns before going off to celebrate.

"Obviously, I'm tickled pink," McDonald said. "I worked very hard at this and I'm



(Left to right) Colleen Pobur, Don Dismuke, Joe Koch, Doug Miller and David McDonald celebrate the election together last night. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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A special goal

P-C Special Olympics poly hockey team are winners

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Plymouth hosts film crews for commercial shoots

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Rolling Rocks

Winning ways put boys Soccer on road to state semi finals

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State may take over roads

'Rationalization' may reassign responsibility

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) is considering a state takeover of some Wayne County roads.

The process, known as "rationalization," will help re-evaluate road function and redefine agency responsibility, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

And it may mean added improvements for local roads, he said.

"The logic originally used by the county for having county roads was the some roads passed through a number of communities within a county, so it should be the county's responsibility, not the community's," Yack said.

"The State of Michigan is using the county's own argument against them, and saying some of the roads pass through more than one county. Therefore, they should belong to the state."

Yack isn't sure if the state would be more responsive than the county in realizing funds for road improvements.

"It may come down to which office

serves us," he said. "The Southfield office is bogged down in red tape and might not be as responsive as the Jackson office."

"As far as the county goes, we are entirely dissatisfied," he said. "They are too slow. We are just now seeing plans for improvements that have been federally funded for two years."

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**Tom Yack
Canton Twp. Supervisor**

Yack said the rationalization process and redefining the jurisdiction over the roads is the first, long-awaited step in Canton getting more control over local roads.

"People hold us responsible anyway. Roads are fundamental to the

community. Many times the condition of the road reflects on that community," he said. "We're prepared to take on that responsibility. Hopefully this will lead to us having more say in road improvements. It's certainly possible and we are definitely working towards that end."

But that end may be a ways away, Yack said.

"We probably won't see any action on it until the end of the spring session," he said.

Teens suspended for alleged beating

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Three teen-agers were suspended from school after they allegedly beat a fourth teen following a Canton High School football game Thursday.

According to police reports, a 15-year-old Canton student was jumped by three other teens, who allegedly kicked and punched him repeatedly and then spit on him.

Police are not releasing names in the case because all involved are minors, according to Canton Police Ofc. Lew Stevens.

Canton Police Det. Leonard Wolons discounted rumors that the incident may have been gang-related or racially motivated.

"We don't believe that was the case," he

said. "None of these kids have had any gang-related background that would suggest it."

The assaulted teen was treated at Family Practice Center of Canton for a perforated eardrum and contusions and abrasions, according to Wolons.

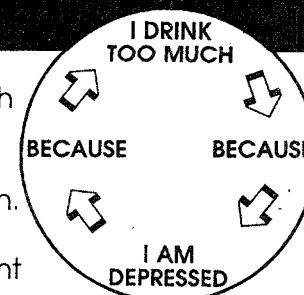
The three alleged assailants were suspended from school for five days. Wolons said he is seeking aggravated assault warrants for each of the three alleged assailants.

"We should be able to get the warrants," he said. "Usually when kids fight we can't because they don't go to the hospital so there is no record of their injuries. Since he was treated, there should be no problem prosecuting them."

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Closing up shop

Minerva Chaiken has owned one of Plymouth's oldest stores for nearly 50 years. And that's enough.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Minerva's-Dunning's won't see another Christmas.

Minerva Chaiken, who has owned and operated Minerva's-Dunning's for nearly half a century, sold the building and is preparing to liquidate everything because, as she says, it's finally time to retire.

"After 47 years, it's time," she said. "But it's still been a difficult decision."

Chaiken first opened her clothing shop on Penniman Avenue in 1950, shortly after she moved to the area from Philadelphia. Across Penniman Ave. from the post office, the original building housed the shop until 1966 when a fire burned it to the ground.

Chaiken's spirit was left intact, however. She moved the business into the current location, a building owned by Margaret

Dunning.

Things have sailed smoothly ever since, although Chaiken takes little credit for the store's longevity and success.

"You can't be successful for so long without a great staff," she said. "The girls have been wonderful and they deserve a lot of the credit."

Chaiken said the decision to close came to her recently, after she sold the building to Plymouth attorney John Thomas.

She said she hasn't had time to think much about what she's going to do in her retirement.

"I hope to do some charity work and some cooking and baking," she said. "I may even take a vacation."

Chaiken says she isn't sure exactly when the store will close for good. Minerva's-Dunning's will re-open today



'After 47 years, it's time.'

Minerva Chaiken

after being closed since Monday for a total price markdown.

Today's re-opening will be for Chaiken's preferred customers, but she won't turn anyone away, she said.

"When it comes to customers, everyone's preferred."

She plans on being closed by Christmas, possibly as early as mid-December.

When the last of the clothing is sold, and it's time to shut the doors for good, Chaiken said she will be very sad.

"I will miss the people, the staff, and the community," she said. "Many of my customers have become my friends. I've watched their children grow up and have gone to their weddings. I'm going to miss that a lot."

PCEP band wins 4th state title

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

For the fourth consecutive year, The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band is the best in the state.

The band won the Flight I title at a state competition at the Silverdome, with a score of 93.55 out of 100. They took awards for Best Winds, Best Marching & Manuvering, Best Percussion and Best Auxilary. And among the forty different bands that competed all day, the PCEP band's score was highest.

Talk about bragging rights.

Band Director David McGrath and Assistant Director Pat Ruddy agree that the band's performance was something special. "This was certainly one of the best performances this band has ever had," Ruddy said.

"Where The Wild Things Are," a children's book by Maurice Sendak, provided the theme for the band's show. It featured painted props, trees, a mat and narration which transformed the field into a jungle, the storybook's setting.

Next up for the band is a trip to Indianapolis Nov. 13 - 15. There they will compete with more than 80 bands from around the country for Grand Nationals. As they prepare for their final competition, Ruddy, who has worked with the band for almost ten years, said "I think they have the potential to be the best band from Plymouth ever."

Plymouth United Way goal at 13%

There are two months and plenty of contributions yet to come in the Plymouth Community United Way's 1997 fund drive.

According to Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way executive director, the drive has met about 13 per cent of its \$870,000 goal since it began in September.

"It's going a little slow, but that's because (some participants) start their drives in the second week of November," she said. Participating companies usually collect donations from employees for about four weeks and then send them in all at once; so a later start means a later return of pledge sheets. Morrow said she expects a big jump in the amount raised will come soon.

"Some of the bigger firms will wrap-up their drives in mid-November. Ford, Adistra, Johnson Controls and Graco" will send in their pledge sheets in the next week or so, she said. "The goal is reachable."

Proceeds from the drive are distributed among charitable agencies in The Plymouth-Canton Community and Wayne County. The drive will continue until Dec. 30.

For those who have already contributed at work, or have stopped by and donated at the Plymouth Community United Way offices, there are other events running now, Morrow said.

Through Nov. 16 the United Way is holding a canned food drive in conjunction with the Plymouth Whalers. Participants can earn discounts on tickets to Whalers games by donating non-perishable food items at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Call the Plymouth Community United Way for more information: 313-453-6879.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Through Nov. 16, the Plymouth Whalers and Plymouth United Way offer a \$2 discount on \$6 End Zone seats for donations of three or more non-perishable food items.

WEEKEND

- Saturday, the American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call (810) 349-7404.
- Saturday, New Morning School holds its 7th annual Art & Fine Crafts show at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main, from 10 a.m.-5p.m. Admission, \$2.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday and Tuesday, GED testing is scheduled from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 5 - 10 p.m. both days. Registration: \$50. Call 416-4901 to register.
- Tuesday, The P-C schools' Ski & Snowboard club holds registration at the Canton High School cafeteria from 4 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$85. Registration after this date costs \$100 and happens at the Starkweather Center. Call 416-2937 for information.

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The Crier's Plus sections take an interesting and informative look at topics in P-C-N. Check out the Home for the Holidays section Nov. 26.

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United Way

Public notices

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1997**

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business Item J.5 Galleon Drive Extension Storm Sewer - Resolution No. 97-10-28-43 and Item J.6 Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the October 28, 1997, Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted for the October 28, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate requested by Key Plastics, Inc. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 97-10-28-41 granting a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery and equipment to Key Plastics, Inc., located at 40300 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the application of Campbell/Manix Inc., Application No. 1465/597, to rezone property located north of Plymouth Road and the CSX railroad tracks, south of Schoolcraft, east of Haggerty Road, west of I-275 Expressway, tax identification number 023-99-0030-000 from C-2 General Commercial District to Tar, Technology & Research District. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all with Mr. Edwards voting no.

Mr. Edwards moved to deny the request of Reorganized Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints/Don Treder, Application No. 1469/597 to rezone property located west of Ridge Road, north and east of Plymouth commons Subdivision and south of North Territorial, tax identification number 044-99-0001-004 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-H, Single Family Residential District. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the application of Roth Incorporated (Massey), Application No. 1471/697 to rezone property located on the east side of Haggerty Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, and north of Massey Drive, tax identification numbers 065-99-0017, 065-99-0018, 065-99-0019 from R-2-A Multiple Family Residential to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to accept the recommendation of the Township Clerk and appoint Patricia Beck and Joanne Delaney to the Board of Canvassers for the Township of Plymouth. The four (4) year terms commence on January 1, 1998, and end on December 31, 2001. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 97-10-28-42 amending the 1997 General Fund Budget and approving the 1998 General Fund Budget. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor has presented the Amended 1997 Budget and the Proposed 1998 Budget for the General Fund, and;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been conducted pursuant to law, and the Board of Trustees being advised of the contents of said budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned budgets be adopted at the functional level as presented:

	<u>1997 Amended Budget</u>	<u>1998 Budget</u>
Property Taxes	3,307,000	3,622,064
State Shared Revenues	1,847,013	1,978,205
Licenses & Permits	1,278,000	1,182,400
Federal Grants	134,500	134,500
Charges for Services	700,000	700,000
Fines/Forfeits	150,000	
Interest/Rent	575,000	600,000
Other	639,319	634,319
City Fire Contribution	640,177	641,220
TOTAL REVENUE	8,641,009	8,862,708
contribution from fund Balance	724,973	601,776
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	9,365,982	9,464,484
General Government	2,354,398	2,458,364
Public Safety	5,349,897	5,434,651
Building	568,928	703,361
Public Services	295,455	326,804

Parks	567,874	309,124
Health/Welfare	134,500	134,500
Debt Services	94,930	97,680
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,365,982	9,464,484

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to postpone Item J.3 Purchase of Kustom Smart Trailer to the next regular meeting for the purpose of obtaining additional information. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to dismiss the matter of Plymouth Township VS John and Peter Ginopolis Trusts (Roadhouse) with prejudice. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-10-28-43 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-24375 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with developer of Galleon Drive Extension and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the appointment of William Steiner, to fill the unexpired term of James Ventitelli, term expiring December 31, 1997 and further moved to reappoint Patrick McCarthy, term expiring December 31, 1999 to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold requested that the Township seek residents interested in filling vacancies on the Planning Commission by advertising in the local papers.

Mr. Curmi commented on a letter from Mr. Anulewicz regarding the installation of new sidewalks in Plymouth Township.

Mr. Curmi asked when the next recreation committee meeting would be held. The supervisor stated she would notify him of the date.

Ms. Arnold suggested that Board members, prior to the next work session, prepare a list of topics they are interested in discussing in the future.

Mr. Curmi asked for updates regarding the "NO LEFT TURN" sign at Beck Road and Ann Arbor Trail and on the Haggerty Road construction.

Acting Police Chief Smith reported that Chrysler paid to have the traffic light installed on Ann Arbor Road between Southworth and Gold Arbor.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy reported that M-Dot is considering constructing right-hand turn lanes on Ann Arbor Road to north and south Lilley.

Mrs. Mueller asked for an update regarding the traffic signal at North Territorial and Ridge Roads.

Fire Chief Groth reported the siren currently located on Ridge Road just north of North Territorial will be moved to the north side of M-14 and east of Ridge Road.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on October 28, 1997. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on November 18, 1997.

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Pillar of the community

In 10 years as owner, Bill McMullen has learned how to keep Plymouth's oldest business successful

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Bill McMullen took over Beyer Friendly Drugs 10 years ago, he started a new tradition in the City's oldest business.

McMullen began putting expired prescription pills in a large antique apothecary jar on the counter. The jar slowly filled up with pills of every color of the rainbow.

"It's kind of like a penny jar for pills," McMullen said. "It's been quite a conversation piece. Everybody wonders how many pills are in it."

Well, now it's time to find out.

As part of a month-long 10 year anniversary celebration, McMullen is holding a guess-how-many pills contest.

Beginning next week, and continuing until Dec. 6, customers can take a guess at how many pills McMullen has collected over the years. The closest guess wins \$1,000, McMullen said.

"I really wanted to do something, and thought this would be good because anyone can do it," McMullen said.

It's also a reward for customers who have remained loyal to the store, he said.

"It's been a tough 10 years. Now there's Arbor Drug, Rite-Aid and just about every type of 'mart you can think of,'" McMullen said. "It's tough competition."

But Beyer has continued to provide the

same friendly, quality service it has since it opened in 1865. Beyer has carved its niche by doing what larger competitors can't, McMullen said.

"We're not so big that we can't take care of the individual. We know our clientele very well. I know at least 80 per cent of my customers by first name," he said. "We just have the time and disposition to get to know each of our customers."

McMullen also prides himself on the speed of service, he said. Filling an average of 200 prescriptions daily, Beyer is fully computerized with a staff able to quickly fill prescriptions, according to McMullen.

"Fast means a lot," he said. "Many people don't want to go to the drug store and wait 45 minutes for their prescription. At the big stores they can be the first in line and still wait that long. We usually get ours out within five minutes."

But Beyer's friendly service doesn't stop at the front door, he said. They also provide a delivery service and McMullen also talks with seniors and other groups about medication, he said.

"I really enjoy that. A lot of people don't know a lot about medication and they have a lot of questions. When it comes to medication, vitamins and herbs they should be knowledgeable. It's a quality of life issue."



Bill McMullen is celebrating 10 years as the owner of Beyer Drugs, the City's most venerable business, founded in 1865. McMullen is asking patrons to guess how many pills he has collected in his apothecary jar in the last decade. The closest guess will win \$1,000 (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Quality of life for their customers is one of the major concerns, McMullen said. Such personal involvement is one of Beyer's oldest traditions, he said, and explains customer's loyalty.

"We have a wonderful, long-term clientele and we really appreciate their loyalty and trust," McMullen said. "That's what it takes to be a small fish in a big pond."

Avon sells pink ribbon mugs for cancer crusade

Effort to continue through the fall months

BY CHERYL VATCHER

October may have been National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but Avon's annual breast cancer awareness crusade is still in full swing.

Since 1993, the crusade has raised funds for nonprofit breast health programs that give women affected by breast cancer education and access to early detection services.

Avon's 450,000 representatives sell products featuring a pink ribbon, the international symbol of breast cancer awareness. Donations from the sales of the pink ribbon products topped \$22 million in the spring of 1997, making Avon the largest corporate supporter of non-profit breast health programs.

Throughout the fall, men and women in Plymouth who sell Avon will introduce a new Pink Ribbon mug to launch this year's crusade.

The mug features a botanical style illustration of the pink ribbon and rose motif. Made of microwave-safe ceramic earthenware, it holds 10 fluid ounces.

Louis Holtz, Avon District Manager of Plymouth and Northville said "The theme we're promoting with the mug is taking time for yourself and others. The idea is that something as simple as having a cup of tea alone, or with a friend, can be a daily

reminder to women to be aware of their breast health and to urge others to do the same."

Holtz, who has been district manager for three years, sold Avon as an independent sales representative for 17 years.

"Our district has done well in the breast cancer awareness fund-raiser," she said.

The district sold many of the lapel pins, which come in large and small sizes. Sales are good, she said.

"The mugs are selling really well," she said.

Holtz said she feels that each Avon representative must be involved in the fund-raiser.

"It's support of our women, women who are entrepreneurs. These women want to be healthy and stay active, and they are interested in promoting breast cancer awareness among themselves and others," she said.

Anyone wanting information on breast cancer and early detection services in their area can call the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-cancer. Women with breast cancer who need help can call Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization at 1-800-221-2141.

Those who'd like to donate and purchase the breast cancer awareness products can call 313-414-8680.

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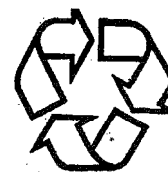
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Marine 1st Lt. **Douglas W. Smith**, son of **Nicholas** and **Joan E. Smith** of Plymouth, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

The 24th MEU can evacuate civilian, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force.

Gary A. Steinert, Jr., son of **Linda Steinert** of Canton and **Gary Steinert** of Dearborn Heights, has recently enlisted in the air force.

Steinert is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

The following students graduated from Western Michigan University at the end of the summer session of the 1996-97 school year. From Canton: **Jennifer Aittama**, daughter of **John** and **Veronica Aittama** of Canton and **Michelle Kisil**, daughter of **John F.** and **Susan Kay Kisil** of Canton. **Kristin Waszczuk**, daughter of **G.S. Waszczuk** of Plymouth graduated Cum Laude.

David H. Janda, MD, of Plymouth recently discussed his research on preventing baseball injuries at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' annual science writers seminar.

The seminar, held in New York City, is a national event that brings together radio, television and print media.

Janda is an orthopedist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor.

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Marine Lance Cpl. **Ricky L. Stults**, son of **Lee R.** and **Lynda K. Stults** of Plymouth, has completed a six-month deployment with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

Stults' unit deployed in April as part of the USS Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

During the deployment, Stults participated in the evacuation of more than 2,500 American citizens from Sierra Leone.

P-C Stars take the Bronze

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It definitely was a special day.

The Plymouth-Canton Stars Special Olympics team completed their first poly hockey tournament Saturday, and ended their first poly hockey season with a bronze medal.

"It was a great success. Everyone is very excited," said Jackie Foust, area coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics.

Following the success of the area tournament, the Plymouth-Canton Stars will head to the state Special Olympic poly hockey tournament next year in East Lansing, Foust said.

Poly hockey is a type of floor hockey played with goal pads, nets and plastic sticks. It follows the rules of regular hockey, without the ice or skates.

Poly hockey is just one way the Special Olympics is changing to better serve participants, according to Foust.

"We try to start new programs as the kids show new interests," Foust said. That was one of the reasons why poly hockey was added to a year-round schedule of sporting events that already included power-lifting, basketball, and bowling.

But the program faces as many challenges as the children do, according to Foust. Funds are sometimes hard to come by, as are facilities, and even participants.

Special Olympics athletes range from eight years old to adults, Foust said.

"The majority of kids are middle-school and high-school age," Foust said. "We need to find children at the bottom level. We need more younger kids."

Foust has trouble finding participants



Francesco Manzari congratulates **David West** at this weekend's Special Olympics poly-hockey tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

because of the special nature of their needs, she said. She can't solicit participants because there are privacy laws preventing her from asking schools for names of children in special education.

It was something that prevented her from getting her son, David, involved earlier.

"There definitely is an information gap," she said. "My son was in seventh

grade before we found out there was a program in the area. We want to get kids involved earlier than that because it's such a great program."

Special Olympics relies on support from the community for most of the its funds. They do run some of their own fund-raisers, like their current sale of Special Olympic car flags.

Proceeds go to supply the athletes with uniforms and equipment. They also go to send the athletes to the state Special Olympics weekend competition in Lansing, according to Foust.

"It's \$35 for each child for the weekend, and that's not a lot of money. But for an organization that sends 50 kids to the state, it's a big hunk of our budget," Foust said.

Foust has been the area coordinator for Special Olympics for one year, and involved with the organization through her son for more than 10 years.

She hopes to increase awareness of Special Olympic programs by increasing their presence in the community.

"Right now we're kind of stuck in the '80s," Foust said. "We have no new uniforms or equipment. But everyone is willing to help. We have a great group of parents."



Goalie Ron Walzak gets some pointers from a referee. Walzak is one of many high school to adult aged special olympians enjoying their first season of hockey. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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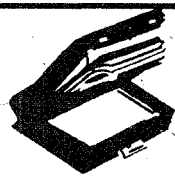
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Locals shoot up the town

Whether it's a car commercial or an industry trade video, Plymouth is the favorite shooting ground for local videologists

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Who needs Hollywood?

Certainly not anyone wanting to film a commercial in Michigan, according to Paul Schulz, video production assistant and candidate in the Plymouth City Commission election.

A City of Plymouth resident for more than six years, Schulz had a good idea where to shoot his latest commercial for Ford Motor Company, featuring the Ford Taurus.

"I was excited because this is the first shoot that I got to pick the location in," he said. "I scouted a bunch of cities: Northville, Bloomfield Hills, Royal Oak, but I always knew we'd do it here. It's perfect."

The shot called for the car to be driven through a small town, portaying someone on their way to work in small town America, Schulz said.

A section of Penniman Avenue was closed off Wednesday night for the commercial and police directed traffic for the shoot, which lasted until midnight.

Schulz, who is hoping to start his own business, Motor City Productions, has worked with a number of well known



Bernie Pavone shot part of an industry video in downtown Plymouth last week, one of two video projects in Plymouth last week. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

clients, including the rock band U2. He said he wants to shoot as many commercials as possible in downtown Plymouth to increase the City's visibility.

"This is a great town," he said. "I'd like to bring as much business here as I can."

Schulz' Taurus commercial was just one of two commercials being shot by residents last week.

Bernadino Pavone, co-founder and president of National Credit Repair (NCR), shot part of an industry video with his father in Kellogg Park.

Pavone founded NCR in 1988 with Gloria Tactac, who launched a designer

clothing business in Plymouth.

NCR offers many services, including legal services, financial services, mortgages, debt negotiation and reduction and credit repair, according to Pavone.

Now based in Livonia, with offices in Canton, NCR is projected to reach nearly \$500 million in revenue by the year 2000.

"We're growing by leaps and bounds," Pavone said.

Pavone said he wanted to shoot the video in Plymouth because he wanted to stay close to his roots.

"It's a great community," he said. "It's very distinctive."



Brian C. Barge (above) and Wesley Anderson (below) have joined Farm Bureau Insurance at 43050 Ford Road in Canton.

Barge is a graduate of Michigan State University, and formerly employed as a sales manager. Anderson is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and was formerly employed at Pagetec.

Farm Bureau agents are qualified to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement and business.



The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club is raffling off 51 Beanie Babies and a display tree donated by Larry Bird, owner of Gabriala's. Funds raised will be used for community service projects.

Tickets are being sold through Dec. 22 at Gabriala's, Penniman Gallery, Little Professor, Christine's Hallmark, Sideways and Computware Arena (prior to Whaler home games).

Evola Music moving to Canton

New facility will have more space, services and parking

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Don't worry. It's not going far.

Evola Music, Plymouth's largest music store, is growing even larger, and will move to a Canton location in the spring, according to owner Jim Evola.

The new location will be on Haggerty Road, between Joy and Warren roads, and is designed to better meet the needs of the community, Evola said. There were many reasons to locate the facility in a part of Canton that has thus far been largely warehouse-oriented.

"We're hoping for a significant amount of drive-by business," he said. "You can see the store from I-275, and that will enable thousands of people to see it as they drive to or from work."

The new building has the advantage of being a stand alone structure, unlike the location at Ann Arbor Road which is part of an office building.

"The store will have four corners, and that will increase its visibility, too," Evola said.

The new building also has a larger parking lot and 12,000 square feet of space, compared to the old location's 4,800, Evola said.

The store will also have more lesson rooms, a recital hall, and room to warehouse products, Evola said.

"We'll have five studios and one group studio," he said. "We'll also start out with eight practice rooms, and we will have 16 eventually."

Evola Music started in 1931 in Detroit and expanded into Pontiac, Utica Waterford and Bloomfield Hills locations, Evola said.

Soon, they will be in Canton too, although Evola isn't sure of the exact date.

"You know how construction goes," he said. "We'd like to be in in the spring, but we'll see what happens."

Court renovation delayed 1 month

Designer for new court expected by Dec.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Renovations to the temporary 35th District courthouse are taking a little longer than anticipated, according to court administrator Kerry Erdman.

One month longer, to be exact.

The court is currently operating out of Plymouth and Canton Township Halls, with administrative offices in the Unisys building, Erdman said. All are in the process of moving into the modular buildings in the Unisys parking lot.

"We originally hoped for Nov. 1, but things never happen like you want them," Erdman said. "It's coming along slowly but surely."

Erdman said the completion of electrical work, parking lot clean up and changes to the original floor plans have pushed back the move-in date.

The court also had to wait on sewer and water permits from Wayne County.

"It wasn't the county per se that held us up," Erdman said. "That was just one of the many factors."

'We originally hoped for Nov. 1, but things never happen like you want them.'

Kerry Erdman
Court Administrator

The buildings, modular structures leased from GE Portables, were built in Indiana and previously were used in Ohio, Erdman said. Some improvements are needed before they are up to Michigan handicapped-accessible codes, Erdman said.

Until the move, the court will continue to operate in four locations, Erdman said. Now some administrative personnel work out of Unisys offices. Criminal court is held at Canton Township Hall and civil court is held at Plymouth Township Hall, Erdman said.

The court's payment and probation services are based at Canton's Fire Station



'It still has that new firetruck smell...' Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Canton Firefighter Bill Grady take Canton Public Safety's newest acquisition out for a test ride. The fire truck with more than 700 horse power seats six firefighters comfortable with specially designed seats that accommodate any equipment they carry, including oxygen tanks. After being fitted with a pump and other fire fighting accessories, the total cost is about \$350,000. The new fire truck replaces a 20-year old fire engine (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

No. 1 on Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads.

"Anyone who needs to make payments or has a probation appointment can go there," Erdman said.

Today, the court reconstruction committee will begin to evaluate the qualifications

of potential architectural firms for the new courthouse. The committee will select several firms to bidding on the project, which will be built on the site of the old courthouse.

Erdman expects to have an architect for the new courthouse by Dec. 12, he said.

Plymouth Twp. adopts '98 budget

Budget up, some spending down

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees adopted the 1998 budget Tuesday.

Township expenditures are estimated at about \$9.5 million, up from about \$9.4 million in 1997, according to Rosemary Harvey, Plymouth Township finance director.

Plymouth Township's 1998 General Fund Budget allows for a slight increase in general government expenses, Harvey said.

The township will receive an additional \$300,000 in property taxes and an additional \$125,000 in state-shared revenues over 1997, according to Harvey.

Harvey said the slight increase in the general government expense allows for changes in staffing levels from last year to this year.

"The budget allows for a couple of new staffing positions for this year," she said. "The 1997 numbers reflect positions that were budgeted for but not filled."

The Township will spend about \$250,000 less on park improvements because the Township paid off major projects this year, such as the repaving of Plymouth Township Park roads, according to Harvey.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said the board might ask for additional mills in the future.

"We have to consider it. We levy 2.5 mills for police and fire and spend about 4.5 mills," she said. "State shared revenues make up the rest, but that doesn't leave much for anything else."

Canton man sentenced for shooting

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 25-year old Canton man was found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the shooting death of another Canton resident last year.

According to Canton Police Ofc. Lew Stevens, Steven Walker, 25, was originally charged with second degree murder in the Jan. 5, 1996 shooting death of 21-year old Kevin Armstrong.

"Apparently, Walker walked into the house where Armstrong was, put a gun to his head and shot him," Stevens said.

Walker was found guilty of manslaughter, use of a firearm during a felony, and dis-


charging a firearm inside of an occupied dwelling, Stevens said.

Stevens said he was unclear as to the motive of the crime, but thought it may have been drug-related.

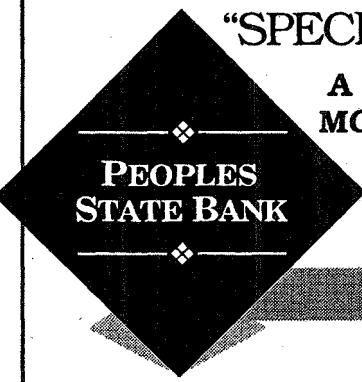
Manslaughter carries a term of up to 15 years in prison: discharging a firearm in a dwelling is punishable with a four-year offense, use of a firearm in commission of a felony is a mandatory two years in prison, Stevens said.

Walker is being held in the Wayne County Jail. His sentencing is set for the middle of this month.

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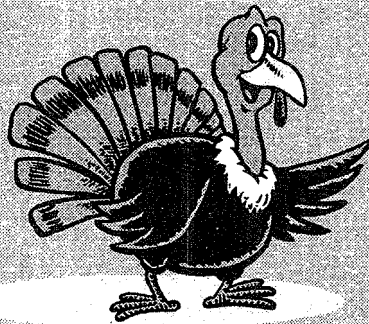
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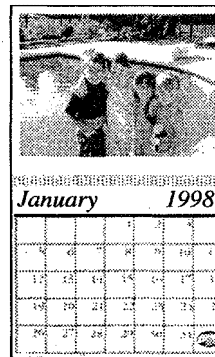
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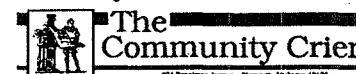
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Groups

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers club holds its Holiday Decorations Display and Demonstration tomorrow 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Cornwell Pool and Patio, 874 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Cost, \$2 per person. Call 453-0232 for info.

WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM & GARDEN ASSOCIATION

The Plymouth Branch's sale of holiday greens is now in progress. Wreaths, bows, cedar roping and mixed greens available. Call JoAnn Harreld at 455-4224 to order before Friday.

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Holiday Customs meeting at Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church Friday at 7:30 p.m. (donation). Nov. 21 at the church will be the Benefit Card Party, starting at noon. Call 453-4388 for info.


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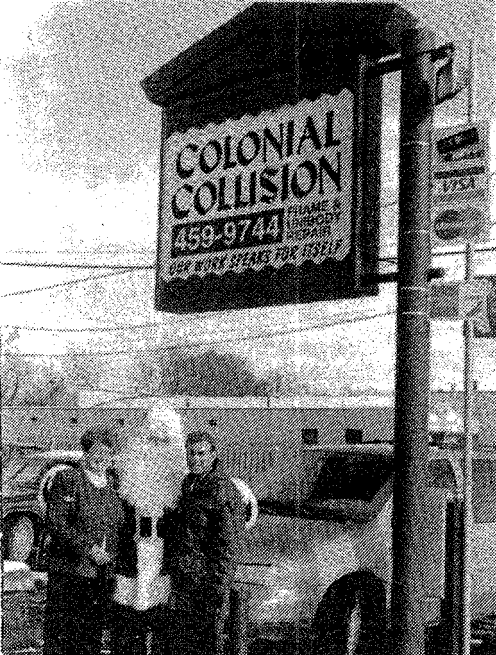

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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JULIE PHELEY

Julie Pheley, a Canton resident, died Oct. 29, 1997 at the age of 50. Mrs. Pheley was born in Royal Oak, MI. She was an assistant business manager at WJR/WHYT radio. She graduated from Garden City High School and attended Wayne State University. She enjoyed golf.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Dennis; daughter, Jennifer Sroczyński; sister, Barbara Moorhead; parents, Gertrude and William Moorhead; and grandchild, Beka Wagner.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

EARL ROBERT MINCH

Earl Robert Minch, a Westland resident, died Oct. 28, 1997 at the age of 54.

Mr. Minch was born July 5, 1943 in Highland Park, MI. He was a school system maintenance supervisor.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Titus Minch; daughters, Jody (Todd) Webb of Cookville, TN, Pam (Kenny) Webb of Canton, MI; son, Curtis (Brenda) Minch of Garden City; brother, Jerry (Kathleen) Minch of Westland, Mark (Patty) Minch of Garden City; father, Earl Robert Minch of Garden City; and grandchildren, Lauren and Jacob Minch, Kyle, Kayla and

Caitlyn Webb.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Edward Prus officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

JOHN A. JARVIS

John A. Jarvis, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 28, 1997 at the age of 82.

Mr. Jarvis was born July 21, 1915 in London, England. He was a senior sales representative for British Airways. He retired in 1982 after 36 years of service. He served in the British Army during WWII from 1939-1945. He came to the Plymouth community in 1966 from England. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel B. of Plymouth; daughters, Linda (John) Hoffman of Houston, TX, Anne (William) Brauker of Honolulu, HI; grandson, Jeremy Hofman of Houston, TX; granddaughters, Margaux Brauker of Honolulu, Chelsea Brauker of Honolulu, HI; and niece, Frances Ridgely of Cambridge, England.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Kidney Foundation, or the charity of choice.

CHARLES ROBERT BAILEY

Charles Robert Bailey, a Dearborn resident, died Oct. 31, 1997 at the age of 62.

Mr. Bailey was born June 8, 1935 in Detroit. He was a retired photographer for Ford Motor Company.

He is survived by his sons, David (Wendy) Chubb of Wayne, MI, Brad (Kim) Bailey of Westland, Adam Bailey of Livonia, Michael Corpolongo of Lincoln Park, MI; daughter, Catherine (Ron) Pyle of Livonia; mother, Thelma Bailey of Westland; and brother, William Bailey, Jr. of Westland.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Margaret I. Ringer, 75

Margaret I. Ringer, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 26, 1997. She is survived by her husband, Lewis Ringer; son, Douglas Ringer; daughter, Linda Vassallo; Marion Chard; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Arrangements were made by and services held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Theresa M. Fecco, 82, homemaker

Theresa M. Fecco, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 29, 1997. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Lawrence J. Fecco of Plymouth; her sister, Erma Bommarito of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by one sister and five brothers.

Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Joann M. Vettese, 56, inspector at Ford Motor Company for 29 years

Joann M. Vettese, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 31, 1997. She is survived by her sister, Janet (Bob) Breithaupt of Plymouth; one brother; mother, Helen Vettese of Plymouth; and four nephews.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Anita J. Aldrin, 54, homemaker

Anita J. Aldrin, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 31, 1997. She is survived by her husband, Richard F. of Plymouth; daughters, Laura (John) Hurley of Canton, Gretchen (Joseph) DeLano of Northville, and one other sister; son, Adam of Plymouth; three grandchildren; her mother; and two sisters.

Private services were held. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Aaron J. Solano, 20, employed at Belle Tire Company

Aaron J. Solano, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 31, 1997. Mr. Solano is survived by his parents, Gerard and Karen Solano of Plymouth; his sisters, Andrea and Kelly; his brother, Colin; his grandparents, Marge and Lou Krieger; and his faithful companion, Lucky.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.



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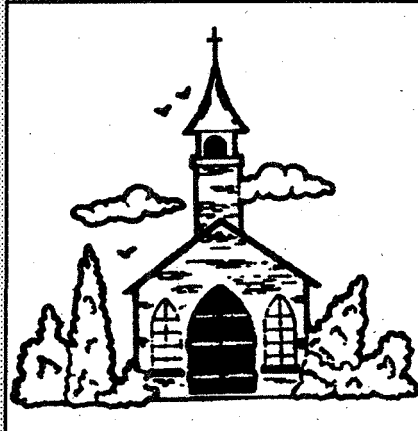
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Walters gets raise, renewed contract

BY BRYON MARTIN

As the last act in its former lineup, the Plymouth City Commission voted Monday to renew City Manager Steve Walters' contract, give him a 2.3 per cent pay raise and a \$2,000 performance bonus.

Walters will earn \$75,924 annually under the three-year contract, not including other bonuses.

The raise came after discussion of the manager's Performance Appraisal, an annual

review of how well Walters does his job.

As City Manager, Walters is the City's chief administrator and works with the city commission, department heads and other officials. He manages the City's municipal services, recreation, finance/assessing, police, fire, City Clerk and building departments.

"When you look at (city managers in) communities of similar size, he has got to be in the top 5 per cent" outgoing Commissioner Doug Miller said.

Miller, a former Plymouth mayor, had worked with the City Manager since Walters came to the commission in 1991. Commissioner Stella Greene also praised Walters as did Commissioner Don Dismuke, who said the report showed "significant improvements" in the manager's performance over last year's review.

Each of the City's seven commissioners filled out a copy of the appraisal. One section listed Walters' strengths, including "strong

technical skills and professional knowledge." Walter's planning and decision making skills were also highlighted. His public image and interpersonal skills need development, the report said.

The report also named infrastructure improvements and shared recreation services with Plymouth Township as the top goals for the commission in the coming year.

Between April and June Walters' performance will again be up for review.

Candidates respond to victories

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pleased the people of Plymouth had enough confidence in me to allow me to serve."

Pobur said that in the end, the electorate was the winner.

"I'm very pleased that the voters understood that I'm in this for them," she said. "I'm pleased with how well I did, and I'm looking forward to serving with the commission."

Dismuke said he was honored to be chosen from a field of such qualified candidates.

As top vote getter, he has a chance of being appointed mayor at Monday's organizational meeting.

"I'm very excited about it. It's exactly what I wanted," he said. "The field was highly qualified so I had no idea what was going to happen. It was a fantastic field of candidates."

McDonald, who vowed to pick up all his lawn signs last night, said he knew what it was like from both ends of the spectrum.

"Four years ago I was the bottom vote getter. I know what it's like to lose, and now

I know what it's like to win."

While voters seemed reluctant to head to the polls, not even bodily harm could keep some precinct workers away.

Volunteer Ilene Beaugrand had to rush to the dentist for an emergency tooth extraction. She still made it to her post at precinct two.

Tom Berry showed up at precinct four, despite the 11 stitches he received in his

hand after falling at his home. Until his dad returned from the emergency room, Berry's son covered for him at the polls.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Linda Kochanek, Dan Martin, Allen O'Dell, Sally Repeck and Cheryl Vatcher contributed to gathering this report.

City Commission vote returns

Candidate	precinct 1	precinct 2	precinct 3	precinct 4	Absentee ballots	Totals
Dilacovo	12	12	25	5	29	83
Dismuke	113	57	165	124	339	798
Graham	94	65	112	93	272	636
Loiselle	101	51	115	77	347	691
McDonald	88	60	137	86	364	735
Pobur	98	68	140	116	322	744
Schulz	24	15	21	15	65	140
Thomas	58	37	66	52	212	425

Total voter turnout: 1,293 Percentage of registered voters: 17.33%

New commission to organize Monday

BY BRYON MARTIN

It's mostly procedural, but Plymouth's newly formed City Commission will have a full plate before them at their first meeting Monday night.

New members Colleen Pobur and David McDonald will join returning commissioners Don Dismuke and Ron Loiselle, and seated commissioners Stella Greene, Joe Koch and Dennis Shrewsbury in organizing for the coming term.

The first order of business: Dismuke, Loiselle, McDonald and Pobur will be sworn into office, officially making them city commissioners.

As such, their first duty will be to cast ballots to elect a mayor. A simple, four-vote majority will do the trick.

Once elected, it's the mayor's responsibility to appoint a mayor pro-tem to put the final personnel piece in place.

The commission can then proceed to adopt or change the rules of procedure, and set times and dates for its regular meetings;

most likely, no significant changes, if any, will be made, and meetings will take place the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m., second floor at Plymouth City Hall.

Finally, outgoing commissioners Doug Miller and John Vos III, who were ineligible for re-election because of term limits, will be recognized for the service on the commission.

Addenda & errata

Steve Guile, Downtown Development Authority director, is Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). David McDonald serves as a member of the ZBA, not chairman.



Despite a spirited campaign late in the race, write-in candidate Beaugrand conceded his loss last night to Don Dismuke, top vote getter and likely candidate for mayor (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.).



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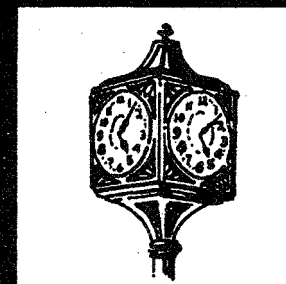
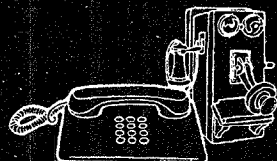
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Sports

Sports shorts

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Salem girls cross country team ran extremely well in the state meet on Saturday, considering the harsh conditions the girls had to endure.

Freshman **Alison Flohr** came in 64th place. Her time was 20:39.

Senior **Evelyn Rahhal** came in 117th with a time of 21:09.

Despite the muddy course, the runners looked strong throughout the entire race.

Ann Arbor Pioneer came in first place.

Rockford placed second and Stevenson placed third.

Travel Floor Hockey League Nov. 6 to Dec. 18. Thursday through Saturday. Two age divisions. Players need wood shaft, plastic blade stick. For more information, call the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904.

Girls Basketball Instructional League Nov. 5 to Dec. 17 (omit Nov. 26). This league will teach basic skills including dribbling, shooting, passing and rules of the game.

Location: Bentley Elementary School in Canton on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. Ages 9 to 12.

Please call the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904 for more information.

Indoor Instructional Soccer League Nov. 4 to Dec. 16. Ages 7-8 on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. at Isbister Elementary School.

Ages 9-12 on Tuesdays from 8-9 p.m. at Isbister Elementary School.

Both players and parents will benefit from a combination of skills and organized play.

Players will be assigned to a team and will have a practice followed by a game. Please call the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904 for more information.

Preschool Indoor Soccer Nov. 7 to Dec. 19. Ages 4-5. Location: Allen Elementary School. Class is held on Friday evening at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. Players are asked to bring their own shin guards and water. A size three ball in optional. Registration is currently being held.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904.

Salem survives Canton scare, 10-7

Salem finishes season at 6-3; Canton (1-8) comes up short again

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Friday things looked scary for the Salem Rocks.

It was muddy, rainy, and Salem was trailing, 7-3, to its cross-creek rivals, the Canton Chiefs.

It had been four years since Salem lost to Canton, but the Chiefs weren't about to hand out any treats, especially a sweet victory.

In the end, it was Canton who was tricked as Salem managed to win the showdown for the fifth year in a row, 10-7.

Canton, who has had its share of tough luck all season, was able to get the game off to a good start.

In the first quarter, the Chiefs' 12-play, 75-yard drive included passes of 26 and 31 yards from quarterback Eric Frazer to Brian Musser.

Senior co-captain Nick Allen capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown run. Senior Matt Marcos kicked the extra point to put Canton up, 7-0.

It didn't take long for the Rocks to strike back, however.

A 15-play drive started with a 19-yard run by Jason Lukasik and ended with a 23-yard field goal by Rob Zdrodowski.

The Rocks mounted another drive in the first quarter, but a fumble by quarterback Matt Fair, recovered by Canton's Phil Greenfell, halted the possible scoring threat for Salem.

The defensive units remained in control during the second and third quarters, and Canton's 7-3 lead remained intact.

Salem and Canton entered the fourth quarter with their pride at stake. A classic rivalry to be decided, as they always should be, in the game's final minutes — and won by a departing star, battling injuries, while taking his team down the field in a season-ending drive.

Enter Salem quarterback Tony Bernhardt in the role of hero.

Canton's Moore 22nd at cross country state finals

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

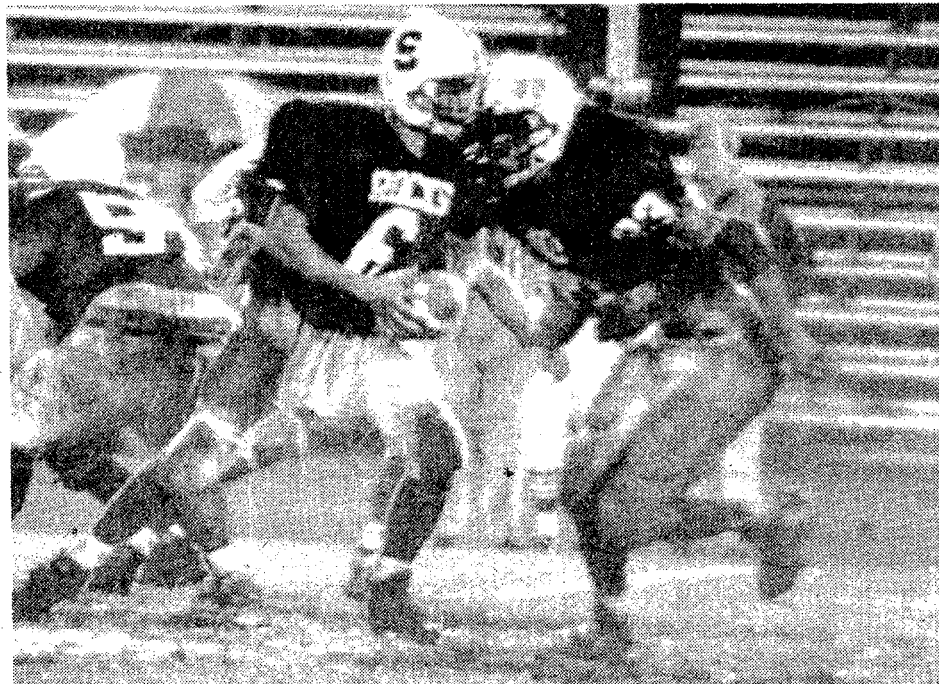
After placing ninth at regionals, the Canton boys cross country team's only member to qualify for states was senior co-captain Shaun Moore.

Last Saturday, Moore (16:47) finished 22nd in the Class A race held at Michigan International Speedway. He also was named to the All-State Team.

Coach Mike Spitz was proud of Moore and his accomplishments.

"It was real sloppy, real muddy, and he didn't let that get in the way of his goal." In reply to the weather, Moore feels he "runs better with the rain."

Moore, who placed 98th at states last



After starting the last several games, Salem sophomore quarterback Matt Fair alternated snaps with senior Tony Bernhardt in the Rocks' 10-7 season-ending win over rival Canton. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Bernhardt, who coach Tom Moshimer put in despite the various injuries he's been battling all season, started the drive on Salem's six-yard line.

He hooked up with McKian for a 17-yard completion on third and 13.

A Canton penalty for roughing the quarterback tacked on more yards for the Rocks.

With less than six minutes remaining, Bernhardt completed passes of 11 yards to Andy Kocoloski and 16 yards to Alan Hodge. A critical pass interference penalty extended the Salem drive.

Finally, after 12 plays, Bernhardt passed to Kocoloski for the touchdown. Zdrodowski nailed the extra point, to give

Salem a 10-7 lead with 1:27 left in the game.

The drama ended on the ensuing kick-off after the ball hit Canton's Clinton Harris and went out of bounds at the five-yard line.

The game brought the Chiefs' season to a close at 1-8.

Salem outgained Canton in total offense, 273 to 189 yards. Bernhardt completed seven of 12 passes for 79 yards, and Fair went three for three for 31 yards.

Eric Peterson had 18 carries for 62 yards, and Charlie Schmidt had seven for 46 yards.

Canton's Frazer had an outstanding first half, completing four of five passes for 98 yards, but he hit on only one of five passes for five yards in the second half.

Despite the two teams significant difference in records, they played like they were perfectly matched.

"I wasn't surprised it was a tough game," said Moshimer.

"It was highly emotional. In a game like this, the records could be thrown out the window."

Perhaps Moshimer's best move of the game was putting in Bernhardt, who had been on the sidelines throughout much of the season.

"He absolutely engineered the last play to win us the game," said Moshimer, who also felt "all the kids stepped up in that last drive."

Salem finished at 6-3, and Moshimer was more than satisfied with his team's performance: "We accomplished everything we were capable of accomplishing. It was a pretty darn good season."

Whalers net Otters; Spitfires crash in Plymouth

Plymouth extends home winning streak to 8; Legwand has 6 points in victories

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Different season, same story.

The Erie Otters continued their belly flop routine at Compuware Sports Arena Saturday with an 8-3 loss to Plymouth.

The Otters were as helpless as a fish out of water, struggling to keep up with the Whalers' speed and snipers up front, the physical transition game at center ice, and Plymouth's steady, mistake-free defense.

Erie goalies Patrick Dovigi and Joe Exter saw more rubber than a Firestone factory, and the cycling Plymouth power play had the opposition skating in so many circles the Otters must have been reaching for Dramamine after the game.

But Erie was threatening to tie the game on the power play with four minutes left in the second period, until forward Joel Trottier's shorthanded goal from just inside the blue line at 17:06 gave Plymouth a 5-3 lead, opening the flood gates for a three-goal, Whaler offensive tidal wave in the final frame.

It was Plymouth's best performance of the season, and the Whalers' eighth straight win at home.

The rookies did most of the damage

on the scoreboard for the Whalers, with forwards Yuri Babenko (two goals, two assists) and Dave Legwand (one goal, two assists) named the game's No. 1 and No. 2 stars, respectively.

The Whaler veterans, led by captain Andrew Taylor and forward Jesse Boulerice, did most of the damage on the Erie bodies for Plymouth, who are 4-0-1 versus the Otters all-time at CSA.

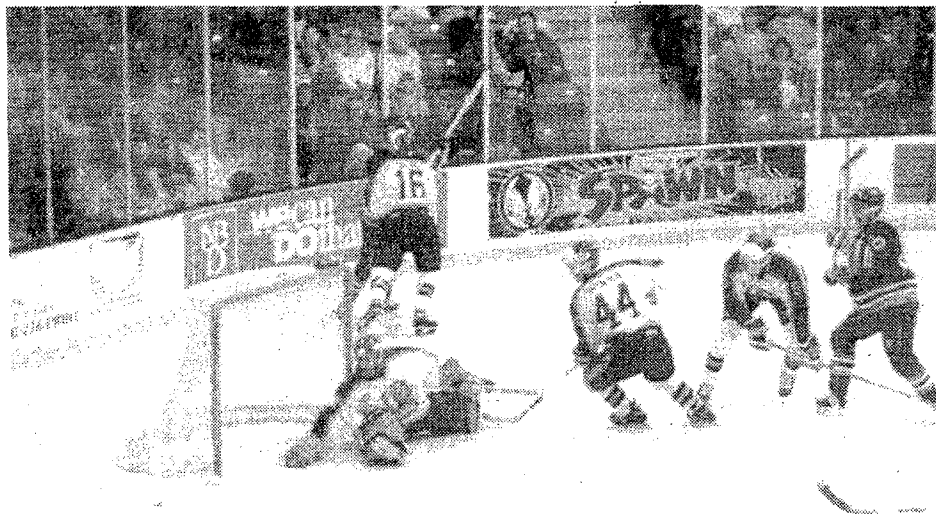
"I think every team has another team or another rink they struggle in," said Plymouth Head Coach/GM Peter DeBoer. "For us, it's Sarnia."

"We played 60 minutes," said Taylor. "Whenever this team plays 60 minutes, the result is going to be a win."

There was no letdown Saturday night, or even a sluggish start for that matter.

The score was tied, 2-2, at the end of one period of play on goals by Eric Gooldy and Taylor for Plymouth and Erie's Brett Gibson, but the Whalers clearly dominated play with their puck control and offensive pressure.

Dovigi's stick work protected the Otter net until early in the second period when goals by Julian Smith and Legwand gave Plymouth a two-goal lead midway



Spitfire goaltender Michal Podolka, a Red Wings' draft pick, was tested often in Windsor's 5-4 loss to Plymouth Sunday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.) through the period.

Wade Clubb pulled the Otters within one just minutes later, but Trottier's tally started a string of four unanswered goals by Plymouth; the final three came in the third period by Babenko and Eric Gooldy.

Plymouth 5, Windsor 4 —

The high hopes the Spitfires had at the start of the 1997-98 season are quickly losing altitude.

Riddled with internal conflict due to a series of discipline-associated suspensions, the Spitfires lost for the 14th time in 15 games. But it was the Whalers

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OHL DIVISION STANDINGS						OHL STATISTICS	
WEST						Current leaders:	
SARNIA	9	6	3	6-3-1	21	Goals: R. Mailloux, KGN (20)	
ERIE	10	7	0	5-5-0	20	Asst: two players (22)	
PLYMOUTH	9	5	1	6-3-1	19	Pts: Mailloux, KGN (32)	
LONDON	9	6	0	6-4-0	18	GAA: S. Kotyk, OTT (1.51)	
S.S. MARIE	3	11	2	1-7-2	8	Team Winning Streak: BAR (5)	
WINDSOR	4	14	0	2-8-0	8	Team GP: KGN (115)	
EAST						Team GA: OTT (38)	
KINGSTON	15	3	2	7-1-2	32	CATCH OF THE DAY	
OTTAWA	9	6	2	5-3-2	20	Plymouth's 15 games played is	
TORONTO	6	7	3	2-5-3	15	the lowest in the league, but the	
BELLEVILLE	7	9	1	6-4-0	15	Whalers are tied for second in	
PETERBOROUGH	6	8	3	4-4-2	15	the OHL with Erie in Goals For	
OSHAWA	5	11	0	4-6-0	10	with 71. They are fifth in the	
CENTRAL						OHL with 56 Goals Against.	
BARRIE	12	4	1	8-2-0	25	UPCOMING GAMES:	
GUELPH	10	4	2	6-2-2	22	• Friday (7:30 p.m.) at Kitchener.	
KITCHENER	6	6	4	2-5-3	16	• Saturday (7:30 p.m.) vs.	
SUDBURY	7	9	1	5-4-1	15	Sarnia.	
OWEN SOUND	6	10	1	2-8-0	13	• Sunday (6:30 p.m.) at Sault	
NORTH BAY	4	11	2	3-6-1	10	Ste. Marie.	

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Salem soccer tops Trojans, 3-0

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If you're a Salem boys soccer fan, you've got to like what you're seeing.

If you're a just a general sports fan, you've got to admire what you're seeing.

The Rocks' (19-0-3) methodical state playoff run took another leap forward Saturday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with a 3-0 regional final win over Monroe (19-4).



Salem's Brent Mullin moves the ball up field during the Rocks' 3-0 regional final win Saturday over Monroe. (Crier photo W.H. Bill Dean)

The Rocks' post-season performance resembles that of a professional team dressed in red and white that steamrolled through its playoffs in another sport to a championship last spring: the goaltending is spectacular, the defense is fierce, the stars are scoring, and the veterans are leading.

"It's been pretty good so far. Hopefully our work is not done yet," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

No, it's not. Salem plays tonight in the state semifinals in Jackson at Mehal Field versus Portage Northern.

But if history offers any hints, the Rocks will be prepared, just as they have been in the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Salem has surrendered one goal in that span.

Against Monroe, the defense and goalie Jeremy Finley kept the game a scoreless tie until Brett Konley, the Rocks' leading scorer, broke the deadlock with a second half goal.

Brent Mullin assisted.

Andy Power gave Salem a 2-0 lead on an assist from Risha Sinha.

Konley wrapped up the scoring with a tremendous volley, beating the Trojans' goalie to the upper, righthand corner of the net.

On deck

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

WLAA Conference playoffs this week.

SALEM/CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

WLAA Prelims, Diving and Final at Salem Nov. 6-8.

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State semifinal game tonight in Jackson versus Portage Northern. The state final game is Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

WLAA Conference playoffs this week.

Canton swimmers win division; Salem swamped by River Rats

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Canton girls swimming team won their meet with Northville. The final score was 100-86.

Because of this important win, Canton is the division champs. Their dual meet record is 5-0.

Terri Hanson swam the 50 Freestyle

with a time of 25.67. Hanson also swam the 100 Fly at 1:01.33.

Jaclyn Bernard finished the 100 freestyle with a time of 58.91.

The 200 freestyle Relay finished with a time of 1:48.10.

The team consisted of Hanson, Bernard, Brandi Schuler, and Angie Frost.

Erin Rogala finished the 100 breast stroke with a time of 1:14.86.

Hanson, Frost, Michelle Nilson, and Megan Dowd were the 100 freestyle relay team.

Their time was 4:05.00.

"The girls swam extremely well," said coach Sarah Eubanks.

"They all did a great job."

Canton goes to the Conference Preliminaries on November 6.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

The Salem girls swimming team lost their meet against Ann Arbor Huron last Tuesday. Huron was ranked No. 1.

Salem came out on top in the 50 freestyle. Carrie Dzialo swam with a time of 0:26.11.

Kathy Kelly swam with a time of 0:26.21.

Sandra Taylor finished at 0:27.43.

Salem also swam well in several other

events.

Their top 200 Medley relay team had a time of 1:58.22.

Kari Foust, Katie Bonner, Lori McKay, and Carrie Dzialo swam this event.

Salem's top 200 Free swimmer was Lindsay Hartz. Her final time was 2:08.02.

Sarah Rogers finished the 200 IM with a time of 2:26.58.

McKay finished the 100 Fly with a time 1:05.04.

The top 100 Free swimmer was Sarah Rogers.

Her time was 0:59.22.

Audrey Hala swam the 500 freestyle with time of 5:38.70.

Kelly, Dzialo, Rogers, and Katie Latva swam the 200 freestyle relay and finished with a time of 1:45.08. Foust swam the 100 Back and finished with a time of 1:06.30.

Bonner finished the 100 breast stroke with a time of 1:14.05.

Hartz, Rogers, McKay, and Dzialo finished the 400 freestyle relay with a final time of 3:55.91. "Everyone swam pretty well," said coach Chuck Olson. "We're getting ready for conferences right now. We hope we will be prepared and will swim well."

Canton hoops clips Hawks

BY TIM DAVIS

The Canton Chiefs girls basketball team rebounded itself to a 38-19 win over Farmington Hills Harrison Thursday night.

The victory continues the Chiefs' winning streak to 11-0 in the league season and 14-3 overall.

"It was a great team effort. We needed everyone; although there was no one in two figures we had a couple girls up near seven and eight points," coach Bob Blohm

said.

Nkechi Okwumaboa and Janell Tweitmeyer had excellent game from the free throw line, and the Rocks also excelled in defensive passing and rebounding, Blohm said.

Canton defeated North Farmington Oct. 28 by a score of 52-30.

Okwumaboa had 13 points and seven rebounds, and Tweitmeyer recorded 13 points six rebounds.

Spits crash in Plymouth

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pushing the panic button in the final minutes of this contest.

DeBoer called a timeout following midway through the third period after a 5-1 Plymouth lead had dwindled to 5-4 in a matter of minutes.

With goalie Michal Podolka off for the extra skater, Windsor kept the play in the Plymouth end and had several chances in the game's closing minute to tie.

But Plymouth's defense and goaltender Robert Esche, both stalwart for the game's first 40 minutes, rebuffed the Spitfire barrage.

The Whalers broke open a 1-1 tie in the second period with goals by Randy Fitzgerald, Taylor (two goals) and Boulerville.

Legwand opened the scoring at 16:28 of the first period by knocking in a loose puck at the right side of the net.

Whale Tales:

File it under Rookie Initiation. The Whalers' first-year players were dressed to scare in the locker room Friday for Halloween.

It's a team tradition for rookies, and the newcomers took the gag quite seriously. "They did an unbelievable job," said DeBoer.

Goalie Stevie Lyle drew the most attention with his Freddy Krueger costume...

Whalers Assistant General Manager Kerry Kerch and his wife, Katy, became proud parents of their second daughter, Kendyl, on Oct. 17.

'The girls swam extremely well. They all did a great job,'
Sarah Eubanks
Canton girls swim coach



Community opinions

Old Hudson's 'a part of our city'

Plymouth bears connection to Hudson's, Hudson's to Detroit's future

It was 1911, when after 20 years in business, Joseph Lowthian Hudson's shopping empire began to take shape along Woodward Avenue in Detroit. At that time, life was simple. To the delight of their customers, the J.L. Hudson Company could provide nearly anything under the sun and offered nothing less than top-notch service.

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from her mind the thought of ever becoming a department store again. However, the "Queen of Woodward" has not entirely given up hope. She still stands strong and proud at the corner of Woodward and Gratiot Avenues, hoping to avoid the wrecking ball, while at the same time, daydreaming of the time when she becomes a useful part of society again.

Although this issue directly affects the fate of a piece of property in Detroit on Woodward Avenue, this metropolis still plays a role in our daily conversations. Whether or not we wish to admit it, Detroit is a city that has an

Although this issue affects a piece of property in Detroit, this metropolis still plays a role in our daily conversations. Whether or not we admit it, Detroit is a city that has an effect on us all.

In The Workshop

By Maura Cady



effect on us all.

It seems so easy for us to sit back and speak of wanting the Hudson's building to survive, but there is no chance for this building's survival unless we come together to prove to the City of Detroit that we in Plymouth, Canton and Northville still care about the history and fate of a city from which a good majority of our roots came.

Why can't we see that this building represents the revitalization of Detroit? Why can't we come to grips with the fact that taxpayer's money will be wasted on the destruction of this building for something that has yet to be determined? Why can't we see the injustice in the Detroit City Council's decision to rob preservationists of the chance to express their opinions or provide proposals for this site? Why

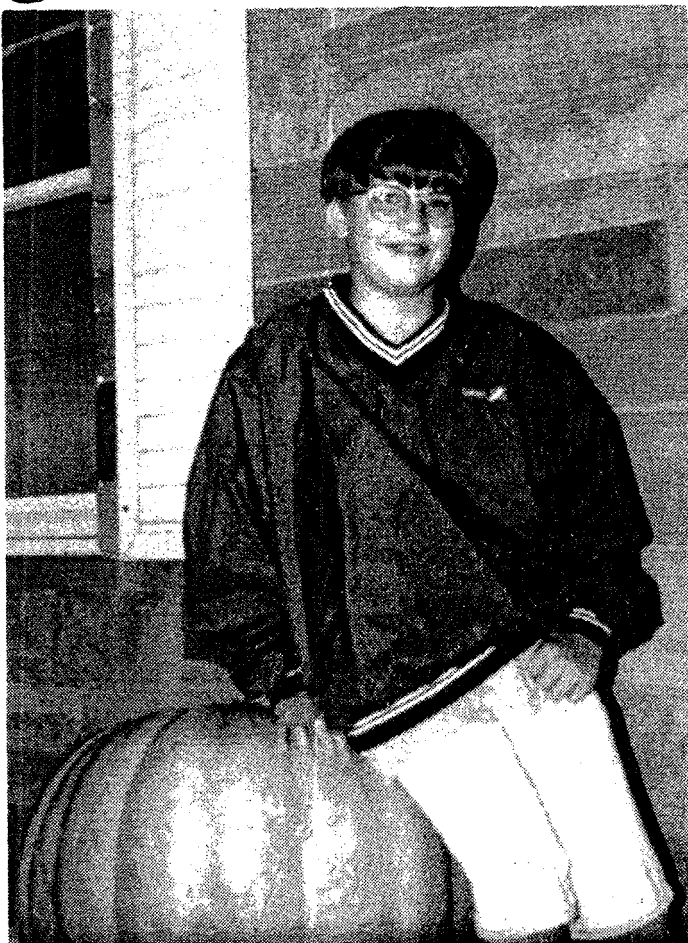
can't we go beyond the "dark" pictures we see of this building and realize that the Hudson's building is a strong and viable piece of architecture?

If this was happening in Plymouth, Canton or Northville, I know that we certainly would not lay this issue to rest! Let's take advantage of this opportunity to contact Mayor Dennis Archer and show him that one doesn't need to reside in Detroit to care about the revitalization of OUR city.

Although the Hudson's building may not look like much now, it can be used for many worthwhile/alternative purposes to bring enjoyment to our children, our children's-children and many others in years to come. Detroit is a city we should care for as much as our own towns 35 miles to the west.

Best guess

Brian Ardanowski, of Plymouth, had the closest guess in The Crier's Giant Pumpkin contest. The pumpkin tips the scales at 194 pounds, and was grown and donated by Canton farmer Duane Bordine. Brian guessed the weight at 200, three pounds closer to the mark than the next closest guess of 185 pounds. Here, Brian was willing to pose with the giant gourd, but said he had no plans for pies (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).



Thanks for 'Plymouth is Family' day

EDITOR:

The Second Annual Make a Difference "Plymouth is Family" Day was an outstanding success. Several thousand cans of food, dozens of mittens and hundreds of pop bottles were turned in at the Plymouth Township Hall. Each person trying to make a difference in their hometown of Plymouth.

I want to thank Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township Treasurer Dennis Shrewsbury, Plymouth City Commissioner K.C. Mueller, Plymouth Township Trustee and Marilyn Massengill, Plymouth Township Clerk for stopping by and showing the support of our local elected officials. Thanks also to Firefighter Bill Conroy for showing countless number of young children a real fire engine.

A number of community businesses donated gifts to be given to citizens that were making a difference. Businesses thanking citizens for helping others, Mr. B's, Leo's Coney Island, Bea's Flowers and Gifts, Speedway, Dunkin Donuts, Busch's Krogers, Amerispec, Colonial Collision, Remerica and Community Federal Credit Union.

The Pen and Ink donated all of the printing and the Plymouth Canton Community Schools sent the flyers home with elementary school students, and the students turned out on Saturday in large numbers with their parents. One cooperative effort after another.

Thanks also to the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club for providing the leadership and coordination for the second year in a row. Ron Edwards conceived of a program to be tied with the national "Make a Difference" Day. He continues to work to help build a community of which we can all be proud.

Thank you Plymouth for making a difference.

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Community opinions

Canton growth extends to the arts

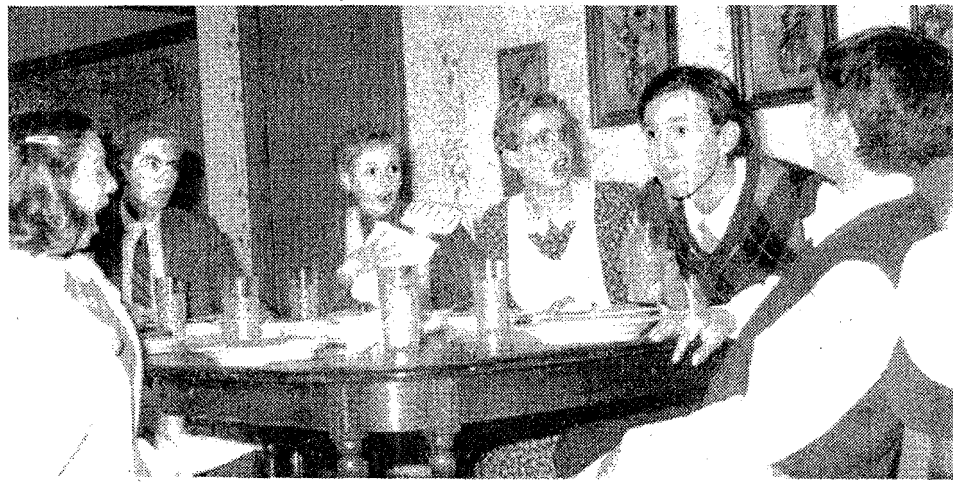
Quietly, Canton is becoming artistic in its own right.

With the unveiling of the new sculpture "Community" by Jack Bashaw-Stifler at The Summit, the third major public sculpture project in Canton is completed. That art joins the "Storyteller" by Cantonite Joe DeLauro in front of the Canton Library and "The Shell Kids" donated by Hank Meijer of Meijer Inc. that sits at the east entrance of The Summit.

And not only fine arts are growing here; performing arts are blossoming too.

The Canton Seniors Kitchen Band has gained regional notoriety.

Liberty Fest showcases a wide variety of performances at the amphitheater in Heritage Park.



'If you didn't have a problem...' The Plymouth Park Players will present "Brighton Beach Memoirs" Thursday through Saturday at the Salem High School Auditorium. Written by Neil Simon, the play is about life in a poor Jewish family in 1930s New York. Phil Boileau will play the part of Eugene Jerome, the play's central character, who deals with a variety of family struggles. As his father, Jack says, "If you didn't have a problem, you wouldn't live in this house!" Eugene (at right) and (left to right) Laurie (Michelle Vanston), Jack (Jim Duggan) Kate (Diana Riley) and Blanche (Amber Law) look on as Stanley (Kyle Wardynski) spits out his water at surprising news. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Vorva's conspiracy theory?

EDITOR:

What does Watergate, Teamsters' President Ron Carey's union troubles, former Secretary of State Richard Austin and the integrity of the judicial bench have in common with the Plymouth-Canton school district's March 22nd bond vote?

According to Jerry Vorva, plenty. At his voters' rights forum on October 7th, he freely tossed out these names and issues to his courtroom audience, hoping to reel in some more believers for his case against the school district.

At times it was difficult to tell if Mr. Vorva was practicing for his upcoming bar exam or preparing for the 1998 political election.

Was the public forum and the lawsuit it embodied about voters' rights or about politics? You be the judge. Consider:

The first item on Mr. Vorva's agenda was the presentation of the bond vote and suit. He proceeded to comment on the taking of depositions, and how "the more he finds it's like Watergate." Clearly that remark would

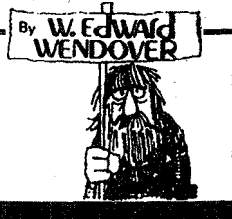
set the tone and define the parameters for whatever was to follow.

Then there was an apology to fellow Republican and Secretary of State, Candice Miller, whose office oversees elections and voting devices. According to Mr. Vorva, the local and state Board of Canvassers ruled on his lawsuit as they did because the current Secretary of State "inherited a bureaucracy from the former (Democratic) Secretary of State, Richard Austin."

The integrity and capabilities of the local courts were called into question as well by Mr. Vorva, indicating that his suit would be "probably go to the Supreme Court." He candidly stated that our local courts do not know what to do with a lawsuit of this nature nor do they want to deal with it.

More troubling and disheartening were Mr. Vorva's assertions that Judge James J. Rashid rendered his decisions as he did "because he is funded by the education industry." Totally untrue and uncalled for with no supporting evidence offered by Mr. Vorva to back up his assertion.

With malice toward none



The curtain goes up on "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at Centennial Educational Park's Salem High Auditorium in Canton tomorrow night. It's not only a challenging acting effort for the Park Players, but also a major artistic set design effort. (For ticket information call 416-7723.)

Many other performances — from acting to music — and examples of fine arts can be found at CEP. (Canton purists point out that the high schools are in Canton even though the school district is often called "Plymouth" rather than "Plymouth-Canton" or "Canton-Plymouth.")

The Plymouth Symphony will join with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company in presenting "The Nutcracker" Dec. 12 - 14 at Salem High School auditorium. (For ticket info, call 453-0750.) The Plymouth Symphony, like the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Community Chorus, and the Plymouth Community Band all draw members and audience from Canton's larger population but have never added "Canton" to the name.

As many "New Age Canton" leaders have stressed an improving quality of life here, it may actually be the arts that Canton is becoming known for. Canton Project Arts has been quietly spearheading much of the arts attention and deserves some the credit along with Supervisor Tom Yack and the Canton Foundation.

Canton is becoming a Michigan-known center for the arts. It's a great legacy to leave for the future.

When there are not enough merits in what one has to say, an individual often resorts to making derogatory remarks to discredit the others who do not share the same views. If that's not enough the next step they take is to divide and conquer.

Item three on Vorva's agenda, educational options for the Plymouth community, was his proposal to split the Plymouth-Canton school district. It drew fire from some of his own supporters. A sense of community won out over politics.

A community draws its strength and spirit from the people who work to pull it together, not from those who work to pull it apart. It was through just such a community effort that the local court system was able to quickly return to serving the public after a devastating July fire.

And it will be the law, not political innuendoes and speculations which must decide and resolve our community's dilemma as quickly as possible.

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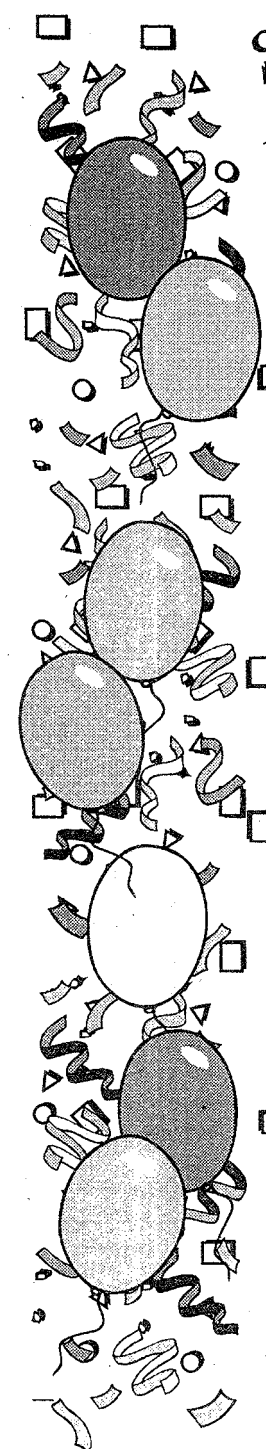
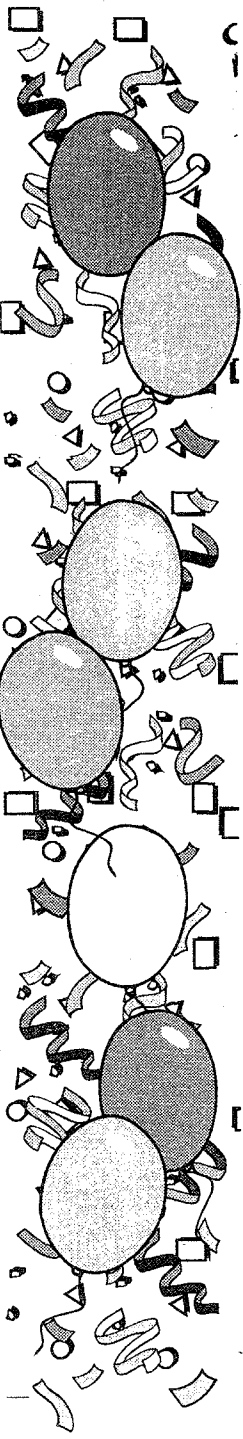
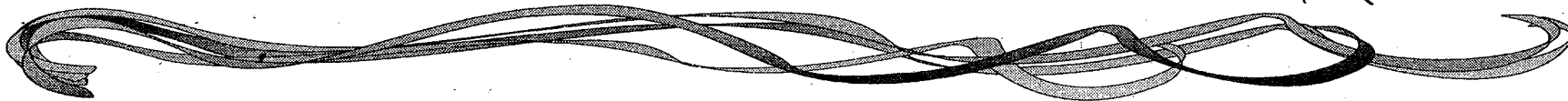
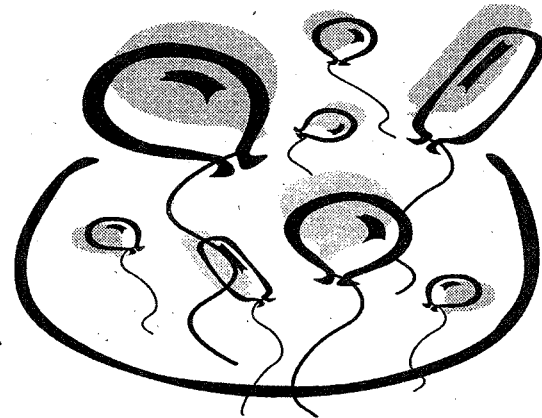
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