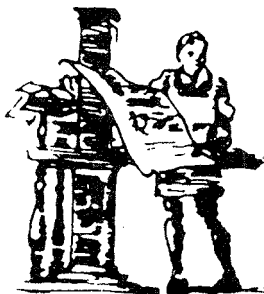


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School bus safety:

Despite 77 accidents in 5 years, P-C School officials say bus system is safe

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Despite several accidents, school buses are the safest form of over-the-road transportation, according to Plymouth-Canton School officials.

While the community has seen two recent bus accidents within the last six weeks, one involving minor injuries, the district average for injury-free accidents for the last five years is 83 percent, while the state average is 66 percent.

In spite of the safety average, there have been 77 bus accidents in the past five years in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

According to LuAnn Grech, director of Transportation and Safety for the schools, part of the reason the district has experienced so many accidents is the location of the district.

"Our average in Wayne County will be higher due to density and a greater number of vehicles in this part of the state," she said. "We are experiencing growth, traffic congestion, construction traffic parked illegally and a more aggressive motorist on the road today."

According to a chart prepared by the School Transportation office there have been 13 accidents in the last five years involving injuries. Only one of those injury accidents involved an incapacitating injury. There has not been a fatal accident in that time frame.

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Casino vote could kill Northville Downs

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Kenn Christopher sat at his desk at the Office of the Racing Commissioner early last Thursday morning paging through election results 36 hours after the polls closed.

Proposal E, which would allow casino gambling in Detroit, was one of the closest vote totals on the Nov. 5 ballot.

"By the documentation that I have, I see that Proposal E did in fact pass," said Christopher, executive secretary to the Racing Commissioner.

By a margin of 100,000 votes, 52 percent of three million voters approved Proposal E.

And with that realization, Detroit had just become the largest U.S. city with casinos, making the odds of survival for Northville Downs and Michigan's horse racing industry that much worse.

"There's no doubt it's going to have an affect on the tracks. Research has shown that casinos near tracks have a 30 percent or more negative affect on handle. And, of course, our tracks felt that

impact when Casino Windsor opened in '94 or '95, whenever it was. Now there could be as many six casinos (in Windsor and Detroit)," Christopher said.

The mood at Northville Downs was one of soul-searching.

"Casinos would be devastating to the horse racing industry across the state," said David Karoub, the new general manager of the Jackson-at-Northville meet, which runs through Dec. 31. "There are only so many gambling dollars to go around."

The approval of proposals E and S, the latter to fund a sports/entertainment complex, has been hailed in the days following Nov. 5 by Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's administration as the beginning of the Detroit's rebirth.

Thousands of new jobs will be created, Proposal E supporters say, and millions of dollars will flow into Detroit via the casinos.

Ironically, it may end a \$1 billion

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Lord, what fools these mortals be!



(left to right) Pat Wears, Gabriel Burnstein, Rick Eva and Kyle Wordynski play the comical Mechanicals in the Park Players presentation of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The story revolves around a girl who refuses to marry the man selected by her father. When she enters a supernatural forest, everything changes. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Get your tickets!

Performances are Nov. 14-16 at 8 p.m. at the Salem Auditorium. Ticket are \$5 and can be purchased by calling 416-7723.

Big story

Johnny Little heads to Nashville to cut first compact disc

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Twp. Ford management, employees, settle on contract

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District time

Salem, Canton girls basketball teams prepare for playoffs

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Volunteer opportunities available during holidays

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

As the holiday season sets in, the need for volunteers and donations for local charities and service organizations increases.

Meals on Wheels, which provides hot meals for senior citizens in the communi-

ty, is looking for a few good volunteer drivers.

Individuals or groups can help. For example, VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth provides some monetary donations for the program and provides carts used by the volunteers. VFW members Carl Adler

and Bill Fletcher also volunteer to deliver the important meals, but more help is needed.

Volunteers can choose to deliver five days per week or just one day a week. The routes take approximately two hours. Although drivers aren't paid, millege is

reimbursed by Wayne County.

Those interested in driving can contact Plymouth Senior Coordinator Carol Donnelly at 455-6620.

Local Goodfellow groups are also gearing up to make sure they fulfill their promise: "No Kiddie Without a Christmas."

The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will be selling their newspapers on the streets of the community Dec. 7.

In addition to the paper sale, the Canton Goodfellows are selling raffle tickets for a homemade quilt. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any of the Canton Goodfellows or at Canton Township Hall.

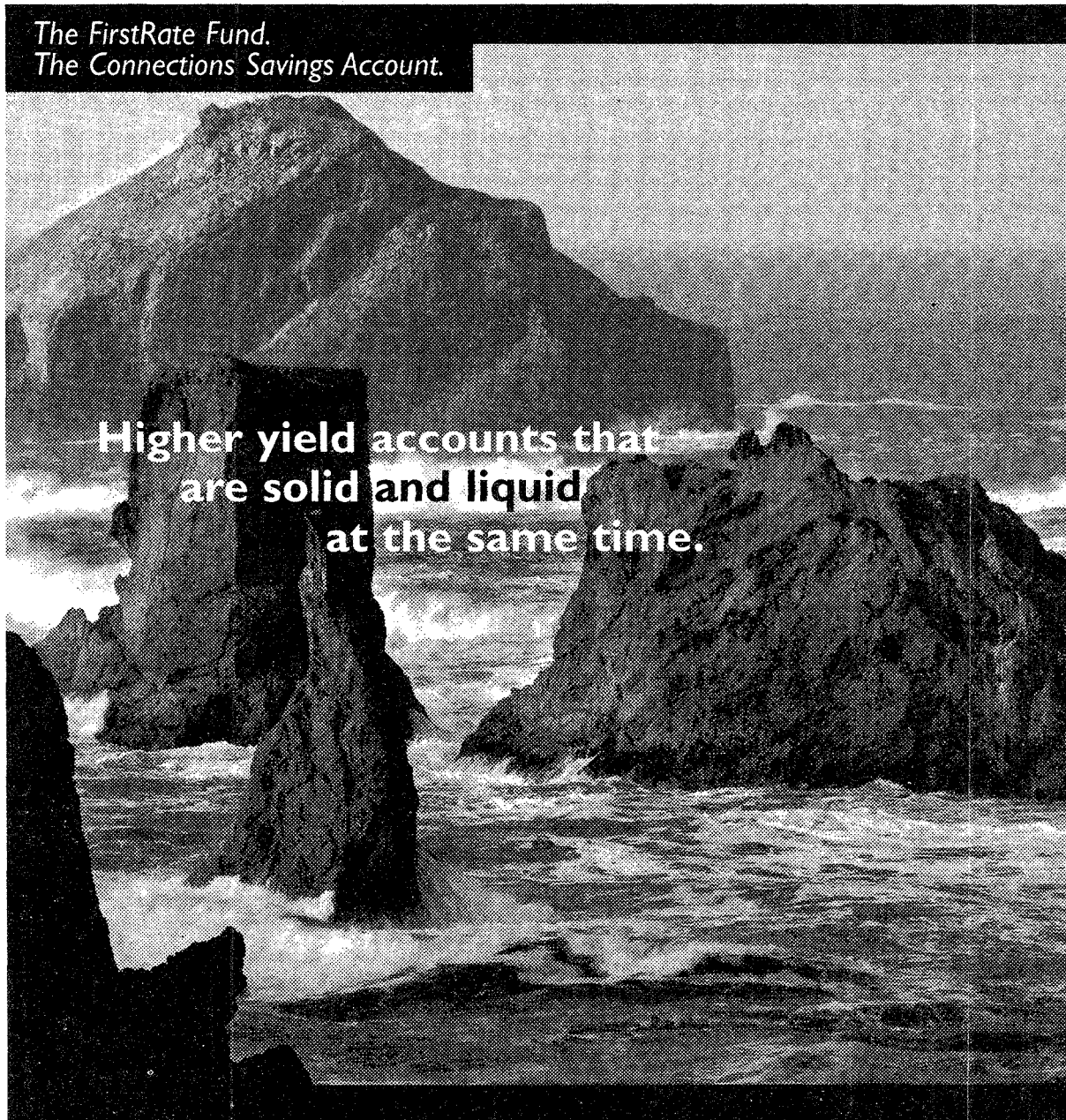
Schools to hold facility forum

In order to analyze the P-C Schools' facility needs, a community forum will be held Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

The forum will be used to help the school administration and P-C School Board determine the actual building needs for the district.

The district is asking that those interested fill out an application form for the event.

They are available at the administration building, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth or by calling 416-2757.



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| PLYMOUTH CITY | DOLE/KEMP | LEVIN | FITZSIMMONS | LAW | M ^c COTTER | 60% |
| NORTHVILLE TWP. | DOLE/KEMP | ROMNEY | FITZSIMMONS | LAW | M ^c COTTER | 66% |
| NORTHVILLE CITY | DOLE/KEMP | LEVIN | FITZSIMMONS | LAW | M ^c COTTER | 72% |

The winners from the democratic party are in white letters with a black background, republican party winners are in black letters with a white background.

Agenda

IMPORTANT

- Parent conferences for both Canton and Salem high schools are scheduled for tomorrow from 4:30-8 p.m. Canton parents report to the Phase III gymnasium. Salem parents report to the cafeteria and lower commons. All teachers, counselors and administrators will be present. Parents who wish to see teachers in both buildings will travel between both facilities. The staff will be seated in alphabetical order. Parents are asked to limit their conference to five minutes.

WEEKEND

- The Woman's Club of Plymouth is holding a benefit card party luncheon at noon, Friday. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Proceeds from the benefit will go to support civic organizations. Tickets are priced at just \$10. Call 453-8194 for reservations.

UPCOMING

- The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows annual paper sale will take place Dec. 7.

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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.

Election 1996:

Behind the numbers

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Look out!

Michigan partisan politics is in for a big change — if township officers are smart.

First: The term limitations on state offices kick in with the next round of Michigan elections in two years. That means that State Rep. Deb Whyman either runs up against State Sen. Bob Geake, down against Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, or find another job outside politics. (Of course Patterson may step up to run for State House from the County Commission job and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack may get into the State Senate fray). An alternative for Whyman is to take a two-year readiness-program and go for supervisor in Canton, where she ran the strongest.

Second: The Michigan Township Association (MTA) may have bitten off its nose to spite its face. These largely, outstate folks pushed to move all township offices to four-year-terms expiring at one time...but now with term limits, the local township folk may leave all at once or be sniped at.

(Like when State Rep. Gerry Law left



Analysis

the State House to be overwhelmed as a Plymouth Township Supervisor).

Third: (again) The MTA may be skakey when aligned with the Presidential/U.S. Senatorial year...CLINTON TOOK CANTON! and LEVIN TOOK PLYMOUTH CITY! Local communities may be far more independent than the MTA thought when it brought un-staggered, Presidential-coincidental terms to Michigan township government.

It was in 1984 that Canton last had Democratic leanings. Although Jim Poole, a Republican was re-elected supervisor, Canton had previously elected Democratic candidates to the board. In that election, Canton's Jim Kosteva was elected to the State House as a Democrat.

Add the 1996 voter turnout differences between communities — and it smells like upsets in the future. Just a

handful more voters and the community votes could have tipped.

Only 11 votes put Bob Dole over Bill Clinton in the City of Plymouth. (But Democrat John O'Hair beat Republican Don Knapp for Wayne County Prosecutor by 313 votes there).

Canton went for Clinton by a mere 79 votes. Yet 21 percent of its voters cast straight Republican tickets compared to only 15 percent who voted straight Democratic — that's more than one-third of the voters casting straight party tickets.

Obviously, all of a Michigan township's offices shouldn't be on the same ballot with the most distant partisan connection — President. The potential for non-sequiter upheaval looms as early as two years away...and certainly in four years when Al Gore could take Canton. (Clinton becomes the first Democrat to take Canton since all the township offices were elected every four years on the Presidential cycle).

National political watchers have discounted the "coat tail theory" — but does it work upwards rather than downwards? Local township officials should be worried about the future.

P-C School officials: Bus system is safe

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Grech said that most of buses in the fleet do not have seatbelts. "One-third of our fleet is a Type 1 school bus equipped with seatbelts, these are our smaller special education units," she said. "Two-thirds of our fleet are manufactured without seatbelts."

Grech said that the children are safer on buses without seatbelts.

"Today's school bus is designed with higher seats, significantly thicker padding that extends around the entire seat, eliminating the rear metal bar," she said. "There is less room between seats to reduce the chance of injury.

"Each seat serves as a separate compartment. Compartmentalization is the ideal protection for children because it is passive."

Grech added: "In a head-on collision, a child in a seat belt is thrown forward, but the belt holds the lower torso in place, forc-

ing the upper body to pivot about the belt. This places the impact on the head and neck with great potential for serious injury."

Grech said that the parents, who have children riding Plymouth-Canton School buses can rest easy knowing the district has an excellent safety record based on the following points:

- P-C drivers travel in excess of 1.4 million miles a year.
- P-C drivers complete an extensive training program in excess of 150 hours before transporting children.
- P-C drivers have a criminal background check.
- P-C drivers have a driving record check.
- P-C drivers must have D.O.T. drug screen prior to training.
- P-C drivers must submit to random drug and alcohol screening by a third party.
- P-C drivers must hold a CDL to be properly licensed to transport children.

'A tribute to them from us'

(left to right) VFW Post Commander Bill Fletcher, VFW Auxiliary Vice President Barbara Turnblom, American Legion 112 Commander John Devor and American Legion 112 Auxiliary President Michele Maas placed wreaths at the monument for fallen soldiers and those missing in action in Plymouth Monday to celebrate Veterans Day. In his speech to everyone gathered to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice, Fletcher said: "On every Veterans Day, we remember the men and women who sacrificed themselves on the battlegrounds all over the world. This day is a tribute to them from us, the remaining veterans who survived and returned home. We also honor our veterans from every period of peace as well, for they protect what our war veterans fought and died to defend. Today, join the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies' Auxiliary and let us say to all veterans: We are a grateful country and we appreciate your sacrifices." (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Public notices

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BACKGROUND: The 35th District Court has two elected judges and one contracted judge; a staff of 32, and caseload of approximately 40,000 annually. The Courthouse is located at 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Michigan. The Court serves the communities of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, City of Northville, Northville Township and Canton Township. In addition to the salary, the benefits include medical insurance with master medical, dental and optical insurance, life insurance and longevity.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES: The Court administrator is responsible for all non-judicial activities of the Court, including, but not limited to:

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- Facilities Management
- Caseflow Management
- Special Projects as assigned
- Public Relations with other governmental agencies, organizations and schools

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or equivalent is required.

Experience: Minimum five years Court or Court-related experience, including supervisory, administrative or management experience. Will consider extensive business management experience.

Send Resumes To: Marion Belding, Court Administrator, 35th District Court, 660 Plymouth rd., Plymouth,

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Is on the Canton Historic District Commission?

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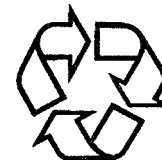


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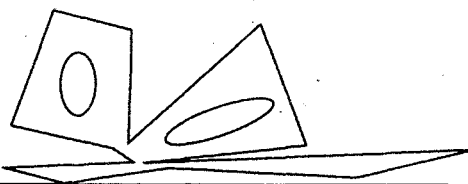
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The Plymouth Historical Museum is presenting "From Filling Station to Full Service: The Gas Station in America" Thursday at the museum at 7:30 p.m.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey S. Little, a 1992 Salem High School graduate, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific aboard the attack submarine USS Sante Fe.

Western Michigan University announced the names of their summer term graduates. From Plymouth: Mike Rafail and Lesli Ann Thom. From Canton: Dorothy McShane and Shital Bhanu Patel.

Marine Lance Cpl. Ronald K. Cullen, son-in-law of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton, is in the middle of a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group.

Air Force Airman Katherine A. Slupski, daughter of Susan and Michael Slupski of Canton, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

The following students from Canton were among those Ferris State University students on the honors list for the summer semester: Martha Bielecki and Andrew J. Ealovega.

Canton resident Melissa Napolitano and Plymouth resident Michelle M. Goltz graduated from Ferris State University during the summer term.

Navy Seaman Jason R. Radigan, son of Robert N. Radigan of Canton, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Antietam.

The winners of the 18th annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest in Canton were recently announced. Nura Shamamit, Tyler Pelto and Sneh Patel won first, second and third place respectively in the first through third grade category. In the fourth through sixth grade category the winners were: Brittany Summers, David Mannebach and Payal Patel.

Historic gift

Museum to unveil giant bronze murals Sunday

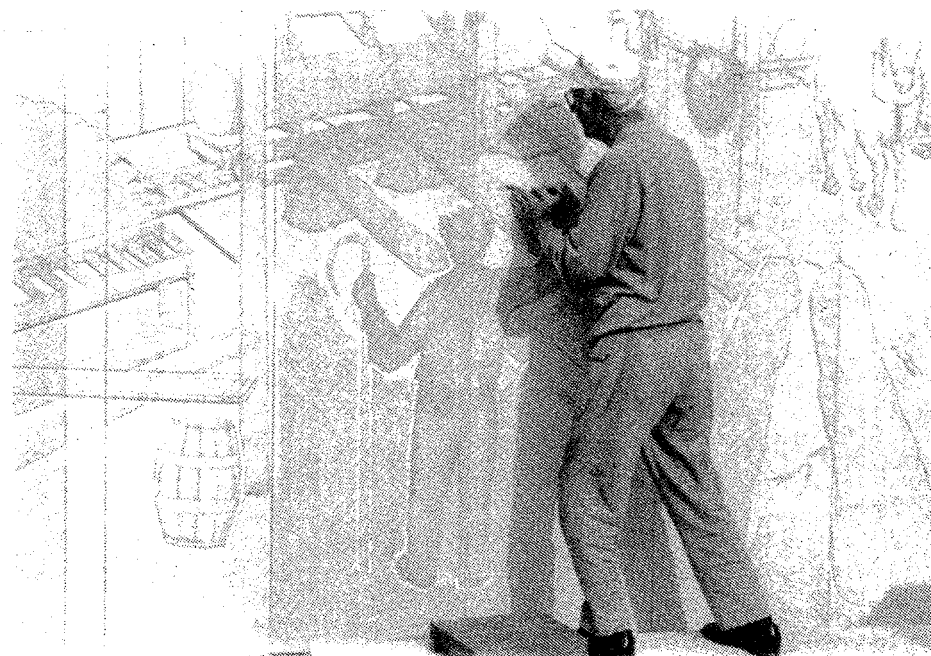
You could say that Plymouth's history will have a new face soon, courtesy of Margaret Dunning and Steve Veresh.

The Plymouth Historical Society will be unveiling two bronze murals depicting the arrival of the railroad in Plymouth and the early lumbering industry.

The 9 x 14 ft. murals will be hung on the front of the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street.

The two murals, which were created by Veresh, were a gift from Dunning to the Museum.

Dunning has been planning the murals since she donated the museum building to the Historical Society in 1976. She enlisted the help of Veresh



The new murals at the Plymouth Historical Museum are the brainchild and gift of Margaret Dunning. She has planned on donating the gift to the museum for 20 years. Steve Veresh was the artist commissioned to create the murals. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

more than a year ago to carve them.

With the help of Veresh's son Stephen, daughter Judy Mastick, and friend Sandy Steele the murals are ready

for their unveiling.

The ceremony is being held Sunday at the Plymouth Historical Museum beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Little's star twinkles in Nashville

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Picture it — the year is 1982 and somewhere in The Plymouth-Canton Community there is a six-year-old boy playing the air guitar and singing his heart out for anyone who would listen.

Flash to 1996 — With what is fast becoming his trademark black cowboy hat pulled low, that same boy, now 20, is packing his bags, to include a guitar case that is falling apart, for Nashville.

Johnny Little's childhood dream is coming true, he is making the final preparations to go into a Nashville recording studio to record his first CD.

"I've been dreaming about it since I was six," he said, smiling.

In the last year Little has signed with Ancy Records to make a CD, played the club scene in Nashville, and met his idol Garth Brooks. "I met him at his house," said Little. "I just went up to his house. I saw his mom coming in and out and then he drove up.

"I went over and started talking to him. I told him I was a singer and he gave me an autographed record and said he'll be looking out for me."

Little is leaving this month to finish a process that has been long, but not tedious. According to Mitzi Mason of Ancy Records, Little's future may already be written.

"We took him out to clubs and saw the reaction on the young female's faces," said Mason. "He's good on stage and has a lot of

talent. He has an excellent chance to make it."

Adding to those odds are the quality songs that have been picked to record, according to Little.

"I think they can all be hits — I seriously do," said Little. "Every single one is great. I listen to them over and over and I'm not sick of them."

According to Little, his dream of stardom does not include writing his own songs. "I prefer singing other peoples stuff," he said. "You can hear how it's supposed to be."

Little said that what he liked about the country music scene is that it is not about backstabbing and who do you step on to get to the top, it's more like a family. "Everyone looks out for each other," he said. "Even the other people trying to make it."

According to Mason, Little will fit right into that scenario.

"He had a lot of people around him while he was here," she said. "He was and is always a gentleman. He is truly a really nice person."

The 1995 Salem High School graduate will be in Nashville until the CD is complete and then will come back here to play in this area, he said.

"The CD should be released the first part of February," said Little. "We'll have a showcase here in April. People can see me, see my stuff. It's kind of like my opportunity to shine."

And shine is exactly what he'll do, according to Mason.

"Everyone is very pleased," she said. "We (Ancy) work more with young artists. We're a stepping stone."

Both Mason and Little hope that the company will provide Little with a stepping stone to the big time.

"My goal is to be signed with a major label, like RCA or MCA," said Little. "And this time next year to be famous."

As for that crumbling guitar case, Little said that it may be time for a new one.

"I guess I should get a new one," he laughed.

Little may want to hold off on throwing the old one out just yet — who knows what it would go for when his star rises.



Johnny Little is off to Nashville to cut his first compact disk. The former Canton resident hopes to make it big. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

Will casino plan kill Northville Downs?

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industry that employs 42,000 people statewide and supports farming operations, county fairs and 4-H clubs.

Horse racing has been embattled since the arrival of Casino Windsor three years ago. Bettors headed across the river faster than a thoroughbred runs a furlong, spending an average of \$1 million a day.

As a result, horse racing wagering plummeted. Northville Downs' handle fell an average of \$100,000 per day. The amount of money bet at Michigan's seven other tracks fell by at least 25 percent.

In an effort to rebound, horse racing officials pushed for video gaming terminals (VGTs) to be installed at tracks.

VGTs would've allowed customers to play a variety of on-screen video games such as poker, blackjack and keno. Perhaps even more importantly, industry insiders said, the video games would introduce new audiences to horse racing.

But state lawmakers rejected VGTs. "We were soundly turned down," said Karoub.

That prompted the creation House Bill 4526. Signed by Gov. John Engler in January of this year, HB 4526 legalized year round operation of Michigan's eight licensed tracks with live and/or simulcast racing and eliminated the state's 4.5 percent tax on live horse race wagering.

Hardly expected to be the savior of horse racing, HB 4526 has paid its dividends.

According to data from the Office of the Racing Commissioner, handle at Michigan's tracks will likely top \$400 million for the first time in four years. Northville Downs made improvements totaling close to \$1 million that included the installation of big screen televisions and teletheaters in an effort to popularize simulcasting. "So things are looking good," Christopher said.

Good until the vote on Nov. 5.

Now horse racing must again realign itself — this time against a bigger enemy that is even closer to home. For the second time in as many years, horse racing will likely return to the state legislature asking for VGTs to be legalized. "I'm sure they are going to be asking for that again," Christopher said.

"Simulcast hasn't been the salvation of the horse racing industry by any stretch of the imagination. We have to have slots to survive, or (VGTs) to survive," said Karoub.

Christopher points to Windsor Raceway, which has remained competitive with Casino Windsor because of its extensive bingo operation and slot machines. Northville Downs and Michigan's eight other race tracks can survive, Christopher said: "But you need all the tools to compete."

Twp. plans open house for Treasurer Mary Brooks

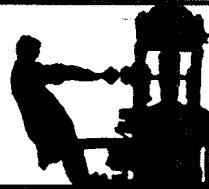
There will be a community open house honoring Plymouth Township Treasurer Mary Brooks for her dedication of 24 years of service to the community. The event will take place on Friday from 1-4 p.m. in the Township Hall Board Room.

Brooks will be honored by State Sen. Robert Geake, State Rep. Gerald Law and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.

The public is welcome to the community event.



MARY BROOKS



Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1996
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
FOR COMPUWARE SPORTS ARENA L.L.C.

PLEASE NOTE: That on November 12, 1996, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, received from Compuware Sports Arena L.L.C., a request for Tax Abatement for a theme and recreation park for their new facility located at 14900 Beck Road.

The request of Compuware Sports Arena L.L.C., is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, November 26, 1996, during the regularly scheduled board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840, ext. 224.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
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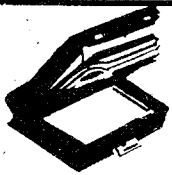
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Getting down to business

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MELISSA KOWALIS

Melissa Kowalis, a Plymouth resident and 1994 graduate of Salem High School, recently joined the University of Michigan's Office of News and Information Service as an intern. A junior majoring in communication studies, Kowalis writes press releases, contributes articles for the university's faculty/staff publication and interacts with state and national reporters. She also participates in coordinating campus media events and staffing press conferences. Kowalis has also written articles for the Michigan Daily.

Plymouth City Commissioner and former mayor **Douglas A. Miller**, assistant director for Henry Ford Hospital Pharmacy Department in Detroit, recently received the first-ever Joe Oddis Leadership Award from the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists (MSHP). Recipients of this award must be active in association work, be a member of MSHP and display leadership. Miller, a 20-year member of the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) and MSHP served on the MPA Executive Board from 1991 to 1995, and numerous other pharmacy committees and task forces. He has three times been voted Senior Class Instructor of the Year at Wayne State University.

AAA Michigan is holding a grand opening to celebrate the new Canton branch office at 2017 N. Canton Center Rd. at 9:30 a.m. this morning. AAA Michigan Vice President Ted Gambill and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack will kick off the grand opening festivities at the branch, which will include ribbon-cutting.

Ford management, UAW employees hammer out contract at Twp. plant

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Management and employees at the Ford Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township recently agreed to a three-year contract that modified the facility's job posting procedure and will add 300 parking spaces to ease congestion.

The local contract, which was signed in conjunction with the national deal between the United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Company more than one month ago, also addressed job churning, supplemental overtime and interior building improvements.

Jerry Pompa, the Sheldon Road Plant's Human Resources manager, said the deal affects nearly 2,000 employees and was completed after 12 bargaining sessions, which began Aug. 27.

"It was very professional. Both sides conducted themselves in a very professional manner. We were both eager to solve the problems of the plant," Pompa said. "We were very cordial. But we had our problems too, of course."

Earl Taylor, the UAW's plant chairman, did not return repeated phone calls.

While the national deal grabs all the headlines, the local contract is also important because it implements provisions to address the specific needs of the Sheldon Road Plant.

"One of the biggest issues was churning," Pompa said.

The practice of employees switching jobs weekly was affecting quality at times, he said. It is now limited to four shift bumps per year.

Job posting bids were also minimized. Previously, employees had no limit. "Now employees have the right to bid on two jobs per posting unlike before when there were 12 postings, they could bid on all 12," said Pompa.

The new parking lot will be placed at the north end of the plant and will add 300 spots to the existing 1,100. "It will alleviate congestion at shift change," he said.

Restrooms were upgraded, walls were painted and lighting was improved as part of the contract. "We made some improvements within the plant," Pompa said.

Simpson Industries reaps rewards of \$10 million investment in Twp. R&D facility

BRIAN CORBETT

Simpson Industries is already beginning to reap the rewards of its \$10 million technical center in Plymouth Township, which opened last month.

"Its advantages not only include state of the art, computerized design and engineering capabilities, but an advanced materials lab and extensive testing capability, much of it developed by Simpson," said Greg Gilbert, Simpson's vice president, Technology Services.

With annual sales of \$395 million last year, the automotive components supplier found it a necessity to combine its executive offices with engineering, development and testing areas.

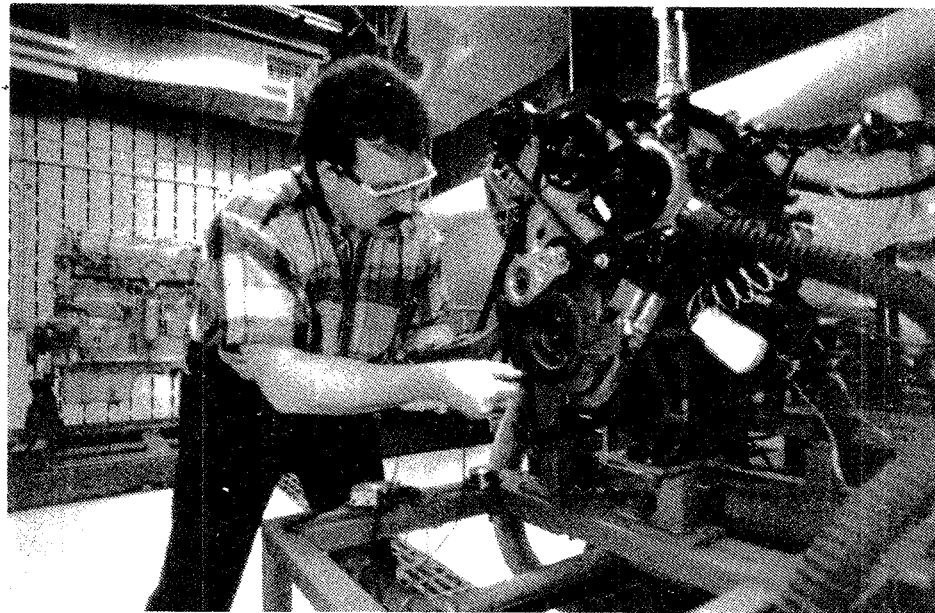
Rick Koslowski, Simpson's manager of planning and analysis, said the primary reason for Simpson's move to the Township was the proximity to the company's customers, which include the Big Three, Toyota, Mazda and Detroit Diesel.

But the consolidation has proved helpful too, Koslowski said. "There's a number of things we brought into this facility that used to be scattered around," he said.

They include the management team from the former headquarters in Bingham Farms and employees from a manufacturing facility near Jackson.

The technical center's design capabilities include computer-aided design and finite element analysis, which is the first step in analyzing a customer inquiry. Its materials engineering lab, where specialists bring together design concepts with materials, meets QS-9000 standards.

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Engine Dyno Technician Jeff Elsasser tests a crankshaft damper manufactured at Simpson Industries' new technical center, which is based in Plymouth Township.

Harshness Lab, which creates open road conditions, and Engine Dyno Lab that tests endurance and functionality of engine components and assemblies. The Servo Hydraulic Lab, which simulates actual performance conditions, is unique according to Gilbert. "In the Servo-Hydraulic Lab, we have one of only eight team torsional engine simulators in the world..." he said.

A water/oil pump test bay rounds out the 70,000 square foot technical center, which is the focal point of a company that stretches throughout the Midwest and into Ontario and Mexico.

Simpson Industries executives hope the new technical center will continue the company's growth. "Ultimately, the tech center's design and testing capabilities can optimize the

performance, weight, strength and cost of the product, and also reduce the product development cycle," said Allan L. Edwards, Simpson's vice president, Sales and Marketing.

"Some suppliers might be frightened by this change," said Simpson President and CEO Roy Parrott. "There was a certain comfort level involved when you knew that someone would hand you a print, and your challenge was to focus on making the part faster, better or cheaper than the shop down the street. In that environment, you were judged by the quality of your work. Today, increasingly, you're judged by the quality of your ideas. And the people who can develop those ideas. People with ideas are what this tech center is all about."

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Community births

Kristyn Nicole Pedlow

Pamela and David Pedlow, of Plymouth, announced the arrival of their daughter Kristyn Nicole on April 24.

Kristyn Nicole is the grandchild of George and Patsy Alver, of Plymouth; Ed and Marlene Pedlow of Westland; and Lois Pedlow of Westland.

Kristyn Nicole joins brother Kyle.

Melanie Elizabeth Sandberg

Julie and Dave Sandberg, of Plymouth, announced the birth of their daughter Melanie Elizabeth June 28.

Melanie Elizabeth, who joins brother Nicholas, is the grandchild of Earl and Esther Northrop, of Southgate; and Richard and Barbara Sandberge of Westland.

She is the great-grandchild of Anthony Pacewicz of Toledo, OH.

Shelby May Powers

Sharon (Speckman) and John Powers announced the arrival of their daughter Shelby May Aug. 5.

Shelby joins siblings: Johnny, Jimmy, Shannon, Jeremiah and Summer.

She is the grandchild of Jim and Gladys Powers, of Plymouth; and Sara and Lee Kubiak of Westland.

Jillian Jeanette Holstad

Karen (McKeon) and Chris Holstad, formerly of Plymouth, announced the birth of their daughter Jillian Jeanette May 21.

Jillian joins siblings: Andrew, Erin and Benjamin. She is the grandchild of James and Shirley McKeon of Plymouth; and Lou and Marge Holstad.

Kyle Lawrence Arnold

Jeff and Kellie Arnold, of Canton, announced the arrival of their son Kyle Lawrence Aug. 13 in Chicago.

Kyle Lawrence is the grandchild

of Larry and Joyce Arnold, of Canton; and Gary and Geri Silver of Canton.

Collin Jacob Stremich

Joanne and Mark Stremich, of Pinckney, announced the birth of their son Collin Jacob Aug. 30.

Collin Jacob joins his siblings: Jessica, Samantha and Stephanie.

He is the grandchild of Mabel Stremich, of Plymouth; and Tom and Katy Stremich of Westland.

Nicholas Joseph Schnur, III.

Vicki and Nicholas Schnur, of Canton, announced the arrival of their son Nicholas Joseph Aug. 25.

Nicholas joins his siblings: Breanna and Kaitlin.

He is the grandchild of Ray and Joan Lapworth of Warren; and Nick and Betty Schnur of Centerline; and the great-grandchild of Russ and Rita Johnston of Centerline.

Kira Star Haas

Cindy (Sadlocha) and Kenneth Haas, of Canton, announced the arrival of their daughter Kira Star Aug. 26.

Kira Star is the grandchild of Steve and Sue Salocha of Canton; and Alan and Vicki Haas of Detroit. She is the great-grandchild of Doreen Siegner and Pearl Bingham.

Joshua Alexander Lajoie

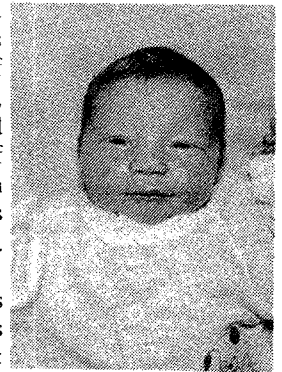
Denisse and Lawrence Lajoie of Plymouth, announced the arrival of their son Joshua Alexander Oct. 7.

Joshua is the grandchild of Steve and Glenice Lajoie; and Eduardo and Daisy Patzy.

Leah Elizabeth Grimmer

Jim and Marcy Grimmer, formerly of Plymouth, announced the arrival of their daughter Leah Elizabeth Sept. 2.

Leah, who weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and measured 19.5 inches, was baptized Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bridgewater on Sept. 29.



Community weddings, anniversaries and engagements

Wheeler

Ken and Agnes Wheeler, of Plymouth, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Oct. 12.

The Wheelers, who have five children, have lived in Plymouth for 40 years.

The couple was originally married in 1946 in White Cloud, MI.

Ken was a Professor Emeritus for 28 years at Washtenaw Community College before retiring. The couple stays busy volunteering in the community with groups like Goodfellows, Boy Scouts of America and Great Lakes Chapter 41st Infantry Division Association.

Italia-Springer

Nicol Elizabeth Italia married Ronald Joseph Springer Aug. 17, 1996.

The couple, who met at Eastern Michigan University, were wed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Ronald, from Plymouth, is employed at Central Distributors. Nicol is employed at Wayne State Medical School.

Yaeger-Bologna

Theresa Jane Neeson Yaeger was married to James Walter Bologna Sept. 14, 1996 in Plymouth.

Theresa is the Director of Human Resources for Providence Hospital in Southfield. Jim is Director of Leadership and Staff Development for Mission Health in Novi.

They are setting up residence in Plymouth.

Allen

Fred and Bertha Allen, of Plymouth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 3, 1996.



The couple, who was originally married in Cushing OK. in 1936, make their home in Plymouth.

Fred is retired from Evans Product. Bertha is retired from Cloverdale Dairy.

Morano-Mitrano

Dawnielle L. Morano and John A. Morano of Plymouth are engaged and planning an April 1997 wedding.

Dawnielle is a 1989 graduate of Salem High School and 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a clinical social worker at Boston's Faulkner Hospital.

David is a 1984 graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin and is employed by Pine Street Inn/Paul Sullivan Housing Inc. in Boston.

Arvizu-Yerkes

Frances Mary Arvizu and Michael Jeffrey Yerkes are engaged and planning a February 15, 1997 wedding.

Michael is the son of Charles and Judith Yerkes, formerly of Plymouth. Frances is the daughter of Mary Ann Resendez and the late Tomas Arvizu, Sr., of Temple TX.

She is employed by the Bell County Health Department. He works for United Parcel Service.



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GED TESTING
Offered through the P-C Schools Education Department. Tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 5-10 p.m. at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook. Registration fee is \$25. Please register in advance. For more information, call 416-4901.

FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
State funded program offered to families who meet income guidelines or "at-risk" factors. Children must be four years old on or before Dec. 1. Classes begin in January and run for 20 weeks, Monday through Thursday at Hoben and Truesdell schools. For more information, call 416-6190.

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Computers, tutoring, games, etc. The program runs Monday through Friday and begins after school ends and ends at 6 p.m. \$5 per student per session with a minimum of two sessions per week. For more information, call 420-7040.

SEPAC MEETING
Special Education Parent Advisory Committee will meet Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Tanger Center, 40260 Five Mile Rd. SEPAC serves the families of special needs students. The speaker for the meeting is Judy Carr. For more information, call 459-6026.

COMMUNITY FORUM
The third of three sessions concerning the P-C Schools future educational needs will discuss a limited number of options and priorities focusing on previously defined priorities determined in the second forum. Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, 46081 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth. For more information, call 416-2757.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION
25th anniversary of the popular P-C Schools' preschool program. June 4 at the Canton High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. All former staff and students are invited. To make a reservation, call 416-4927.

P-C SCHOOLS NEED GUEST SPEAKERS
The P-C Business Education Partnership is looking for individuals willing to share their expertise with local students. To volunteer, call 416-4903.

ATTN: CANTON/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL GRADS
Any graduate under the age of 20 is eligible for free job training in one of the 30 job training classes offered in the Plymouth-Canton School District's Community Education Program. These programs are similar to community college programs. Job training classes range from 7 1/2 weeks to one year. Classes include Dental Assistant, Cosmetology, Manicure, TV/VCR Repair and several others. If a recent graduate is not attending college and needs a career or job to pay for future college expenses, call 416-4901 for information and requirements.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL ART/CRAFTS SHOW
Sixth annual art and fine crafts show will be held Nov. 9 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 S. Main St., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$2 admission to benefit New Morning School. For more information, call 420-3331.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION
WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

Upcoming...


PCAC HOLIDAY PLAYS
The Shoemaker and the Elves; A Merry Christmas; and Little Cosette and Father Christmas. Each program runs about 15 minutes. Public performances are slated Dec. 6-8 at PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$4, and are available by calling 416-4ART. The production is also available to perform for special holiday parties. Audition for James and the Giant Peach will be held Jan 14-16. Performances will be held mid-April to May.

CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH
Canton is beginning a search for talented residents who are interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who would like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications office at 397-5472 or Scott Zuchlewski at 397-5360. Residents can also send a resume to Zuchlewski at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Interested residents will be interviewed and auditioned for various programs. Voice-overs, narration, writing, producing, on-camera, etc.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR TO BENEFIT NON-PROFITS
One-day seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton. \$60 registration fee goes to non-profit organizations. Speakers to educate individuals, business owner and directors of non-profits on creating legacies and making smart financial and business decisions. Dr. William D. Lawrence is the keynote speaker. Topics include asset protection trusts, gold as a legacy, charitable remainder trusts, social conscious tax reductions, strategic planning and tax shelters. For more information or a list of the participating, call 459-2402, 884-3927 or 451-3611.

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The third annual PCC Christmas Concert entitled "Christmas Celebration 1996" will be held Dec. 5 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. 22 selections will be presented. Tickets are available at sideways, 505 S. Forest (453-8312); Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (455-4677) in Plymouth and at the door. For more information or to order tickets, call 455-4080 or 425-1208.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The Woman's Club of Plymouth is holding a benefit card part luncheon on Nov. 15 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Proceeds will go to support civic organizations. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 453-8194.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE: "HOLIDAY HOMES AND HOSTS"

One rectory and eight homes in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community will be decorated for a holiday tour to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Pre-sale tickets will be on sale Nov. 15 in downtown Plymouth at the Velvet Plum and Beitner Jewelry, and in Northville at Friends. Pre-sale price is \$12.50 per ticket and \$15 the day of the tour. Hostesses are needed for the tour. Merchants are invited to participate through loaning holiday decorations and clothing, and/or raffle items. For more information, call K.C. at 455-0075 or Carol at 459-3189.

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Health...

HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Free health workshop every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Gingell Chiropractic Center, 9440 S. Main St. Suite 106 in Plymouth. For more information, call 453-2447.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE CLASS

At the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium in Livonia beginning Oct. 31. The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week. Designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class includes exercises and relaxation techniques as well as education on nutrition and substance abuse during pregnancy. Instructors are certified. To register, call 655-3314 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERIES

Four classes on women's health issues this fall at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Topics include perimenopause, osteoporosis and pregnancy preparation. All sessions from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required. \$5 fee includes refreshments. Classes are presented by physicians and other professionals. To register or for more information, call 397-5110.

"NUTRITOTS" NUTRITION EDUCATION SERIES

Series will be held in November at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Program teaches parents how to encourage good eating habits and offers games and videos for children to emphasize nutrition. The parents class includes food samples and tasting, recipes and a visit to a local supermarket. There is a \$15 fee for the series. For more information or to register, call 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211 for the Ann Arbor series and 397-5110 for the Canton series.

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For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 2-3 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

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Community deaths

Massengill, 66, remembered for service to community, country

Plymouth Township resident Richard Massengill, Sr., died Nov. 9, 1996 at the age of 66.

Massengill, a machine operator and tool and die maker at Ovidon Manufacturing in Plymouth, is the husband of Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a life member of the Union City, TN VFW and a member of the American Legion. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in

Plymouth.

Mr. Massengill is survived by his sons, Richard Massengill, Jr. of Howell and Michael Massengill of Westland; daughters, Tamara McLaughlin and Jerilyn Hindman, both of Plymouth; brothers, Gene Massengill and Bill Massengill, both of Union City, TN, and Ed Massengill of Fort Wayne, IN; sisters, Marianne Ann Miller of Union City, TN and Katherine Drewry of Lexington, TN; and eight grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Inez Massengill; and his sister, Magdalene Griffin.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the White Ranson Funeral Home in Union City, TN with Rev. John Archer officiating.

Burial was at East View Cemetery in Union City, TN. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Lung Association.

Obituaries

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

FRANCES M. HAYES

Frances M. Hayes, a Westland resident, died Nov. 6, 1996 at the age of 62.

Mrs. Hayes was born Oct. 19, 1934 in Hamtramck. She moved to the community in 1976 from Cohoctah. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hayes is survived by her daughters, Cheryl H. (Richard) Gassen of Livonia, Judy A. (Mike) Breneman of Canton, Marianne (Tony) Bercheny of Taylor and Janis S.

Stocking of South Lyon; son, Donald H. (Linda) Hayes, Jr. of Livonia; sisters, Anita Krasicky of Roseville, Gertrude McCanless of Utica and Lorraine Smith of Linden; brothers, Mike Legault of Ft. Meyers, FL and Rene Legault of Ortonville; mother, Armandine Sammons of Redford; and grandchildren, Brian and Kevin Gassen, Lisa and Nichole Breneman, Justine Bercheny, Jimmy and Jessica Stocking, and Michael and Sarah Hayes. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald H. Hayes.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial of cremains was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, 29777 Telegraph R., Suite 1651, Southfield, MI 48034.

PAULA BOSSE

Paula Bosse, a Canton resident, died Nov. 4, 1996 at the age of 46.

Mrs. Bosse was born March 9, 1950 in Chicago. She moved to the community in 1978 from Chicago. She received an associate's degree in accounting from Schoolcraft College in the late 1980s and was employed at American Express Tax and Business Services in Livonia. She was a member of and eucharistic minister at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Mrs. Bosse is survived by her husband of 24 years, William L. Bosse; daughters, Nicole (Robert) McKinnon of Detroit, Candice Bosse of Canton and Melanie Bosse of Canton; brother, John Miljak of Woodstock, IL; and father, Paul Miljak of Chicago.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made to St. John Neumann or memorial tributes can be made to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075.

Ola Dean Montgomery, 74, clerical administrator

Ola Dean Montgomery, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 1, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah (James) Forbes of Plymouth and one other daughter; one son; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at The Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church with Rev. Thomas Scherger officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.



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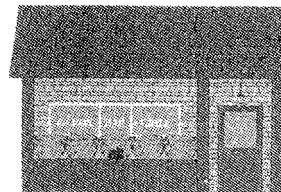
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Bob Zatta: How the museum travellers envy your classes at Redford! What a generous leader and teacher you are and how greatly we benefited from your expertise as a story teller and collector. (Your candy wasn't bad either) Thank you, from "All of us".

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Allen Odell, What would we have done without you, from the hands you held during "ghost stories", to the support you gave us walking over the rough terrain. Thank you, from, "All the little old ladies."

Sally and Stewart Wroe, Allen's sister and brother-in-law. You "made" our second day. Up until then we thought you were a figment of Allen's imagination. Come visit us in Plymouth. Thank you for "being", - from "All of us"

A fall for the ladies is one thing, but tripping and getting a black eye is something else. You and your erstwhile companion added a great deal to our enjoyment "Thank you" from "All of us."

Nancy Clinonsmith yowsey. You were the only one who had a genuine ancestral claim to Gettysberg. You made us legitimate. "Thank You", from "All of Us."

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My comment on the election - Usually you try to keep the Fox out of the hen house. Some times a clever fox will get in the hen house anyway. I am always in a state of wonderment when I see the keepers of the hen house invite the Fox in - and then say "That is not a Fox" or "Even though it is a Fox, it won't eat my chickens." or "It's O.K. for the Fox to eat the chickens, after all, he's a Fox. What do you expect!" or "What's the problem? The Fox's natural place is in the hen house." I am still a traditionalist. The Fox never belongs in the hen house and shame on the keeper of the hens who let him in! It follows that pretty soon you will have no hens or eggs. O! Weird Harold

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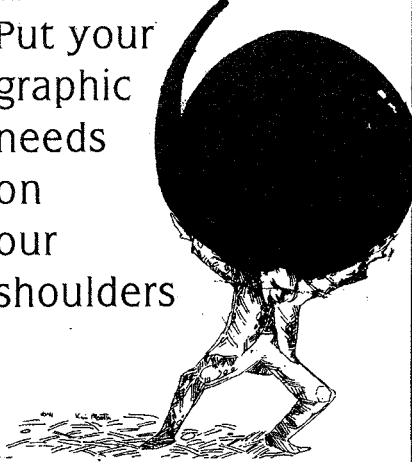
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Sports

Sports shorts

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department has **open skate time** for all those looking to kill a lunch hour or to get a little exercise. **The Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena** has open skate Monday from noon to 1:40 p.m., Wednesday from 11:50 a.m. to 1:40 p.m., and Friday from 12:50-1:20 p.m.

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes Pom Squad has captured the Mid-American State Dance Competition for their third consecutive state dance title. The 30 member squad will now prepare to compete on the national level.

The national competition will be held in Florida. Anyone willing to help can call 416-2800 to make a donation for the trip.

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**. It started Nov. 4 for returning teams and today 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 and there is a \$15 non-resident fee. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 24. For more information call (810) 349-0203.

In addition to 20 scheduled live remotes, the Detroit Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League today announced that they will increase their **1996-97 radio schedule** and include five additional home and away contest on WSDS Radio AM 1480.

All added radio broadcasts begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Plymouth United Way, Plymouth Rotary and the Detroit Whalers are teaming up for their first-annual **"Holiday Food Drive"** Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Whalers are offering fans a \$2 discount on \$5 end zone seats with a donation of three or more non-perishable food items.

For more information call 453-8400.



Canton's Teri Hanson gets a hug from her coach, Sarah Eubanks after finishing first in the 50 freestyle race. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Swim teams finish strong in conference

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The only thing standing between a conference championship and the Salem girls swim team was powerhouse Livonia Stevenson, who held off the Rocks to claim the title.

"Stevenson won," said Salem swim coach Chuck Olson. "But we swam pretty well."

Pretty well, included a first-place win for Yvonne Lynn in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 30.75.

Salem's relay teams came away with second-, third- and fourth-place finishes.

In the 200-yard medley relay Salem's foursome combined for a time of 1:54.77 to garner second place. The Rocks' 400-yard freestyle relay team earned a third place finish in a time of 3:47.19. The 220-yard freestyle relay team earned a fourth place finish for Salem in 1:44.10.

Rock Audrey Hala had a time of 2:02.91 in the 200-yard freestyle to earn a fifth-place finish. Kellyann Williams took sixth place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:20.23.

Salem's Carrie Dzialo came away from the day with a sixth-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle and a time of 26.24. Williams earned a third-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle for Salem with a time of 56.36.

Hala gave Salem a fifth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:31.77. Katie Bonner scored a sixth place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:14.95.

Canton, while finishing seventh in the overall standings, had a good day in the pool, according to co-head coach Sarah Eubanks.

"The girls swam really, really well," she said. "They swam a lot of their best times in this meet."

Leading the way for the Chiefs was Teri Hanson who captured first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.51, which qualifies her for the state meet. Hanson also garnered second place in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:00.66.

Hanson was also one of the Chiefs' foursome that earned a fourth place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Canton's 200-yard freestyle relay team finished in a time of 1:45.31 to earn a fifth place finish.

Both Canton and Salem are getting ready for the state meet, where each team has athletes swimming. The state meet is Nov. 22 and 23.

Chiefs struggle against zone defense

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Canton girls basketball team is in the zone.

Only it is not the "zone" that players find during record-setting performances. It's the zone defense Canton played against in two losses last week in Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

The Chiefs lost Nov. 5 to cross-campus rival Salem, 37-22, and was then bucked by the Northville Mustangs in last Friday's WLAA consolation game, 30-22.

"We're having a tough time against zone defense right now," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "We're having a tough time scoring inside and we're not shooting well from perimeter."

Blohm hopes the Chiefs can cure their woes before district competition begins Monday. The draw to determine Canton's opponent for the first round of the state tournament was yesterday. It will be either Livonia Churchill, Novi, Northville or Salem. The Chiefs have had their share of the latter two teams in the last week. In the Election Day showdown, Salem revenged their regular season loss to the Chiefs with the 15-point win.

The Rocks used their decided height advantage to shutdown the Chiefs' inside game. "The first quarter was really the game," said Blohm. "We scored two points and had one offensive rebound. We couldn't get any second shots. From the beginning of the game on out, they controlled the tempo."

Kristi Fiorenzi led Canton with eight points, and teammate Melissa Marzolf had six points. "There wasn't a whole heck of a lot of scoring from our end," said Blohm.

And there wasn't any three nights later in the WLAA consolation game at Walled Lake Central. "We came right back and did the same thing versus Northville," Blohm said.

The Mustangs, playing without star center Gina Chiasson, played a 1-2-2 zone versus Canton.

With the loss, Canton finished in fourth place in the conference.

Canton struggled again in the first quarter, scoring all of its points from the free throw line. The Chiefs had some offensive success in the second quarter when they scored five of their nine field goals.

But the zone returned to haunt Canton in the Chiefs' scoreless third quarter. Despite a valiant effort in the final quarter, Canton lost to the Mustangs for the second time in as many games this season.

Fiorenzi again led the Chiefs with eight points. Kristin Lukasik pitched in six points, Marzolf five and Nkechi Okwumabua had three points. Kristin Mayer rounded out the Chiefs' scoring with two points.

What should come as a surprise to no one, Canton is practicing and practicing... its play versus the zone defense this week.

Rock girls basketball team captures WLAA title with size, athletic ability

Say hello to the 1996 Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball champions: the Salem Rocks.

Coach Fred Thomann and his team cruised through last weeks playoffs with wins against Canton and Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Rocks' reward? A date in possibly one of the toughest districts in the state with the likes of Canton, Novi and Northville.

But until the opening round of the state tournament begins next week at Northville, the Rocks can savor their

championship.

Salem's run began Nov. 5. That's when the Rocks avenged their 10-point loss to the Chiefs earlier in the season with a 37-22 victory. "(Salem) played really well," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They controlled the tempo of the game, and made it hard for us to make baskets."

Salem's size and athletic ability were impressive, Blohm said. "They're tough to defend. Our trouble is we have one player who is 5'9", they can put three six-footers on the court," Blohm said.

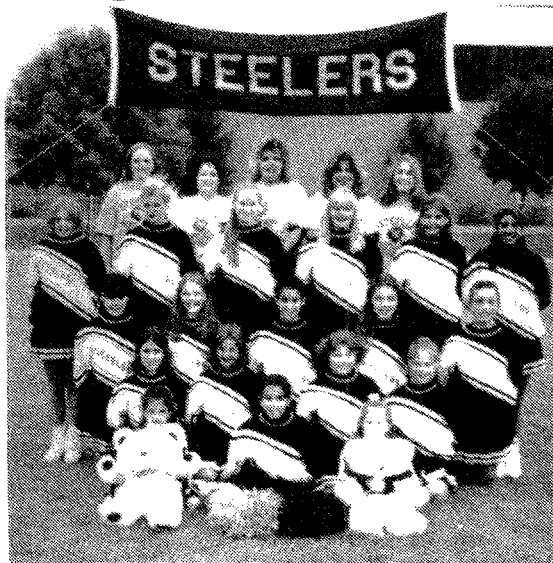
The Rocks suffocating defense and powerful style would return in the championship game last Friday at Walled Lake Central. Harrison, who entered the game a heavy underdog at 12-6, jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, but soon succumbed to Salem's strength and size.

The Rocks led 20-12 at half, and never looked back on the way a 40-30 win.

Amanda Abraham was the star for Salem, who is 17-3 entering the state tournament. Abraham (10 points, 10 rebounds) posted a double-double in an excellent team effort.

Thomann could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Big cheer!



The Steeler Varsity Cheerleaders captured the Western Suburban Junior Football League Cheerleading Rally competition at Central Middle School Nov. 9. The Steeler girls posted the highest score of the 42 teams competing to win the Gold Medal in the varsity division. The varsity members are: Courtney Akers, Andrea Alberty, Kayln Angell, Kelly Angell, Kayle Evans, Heather Flynn, Rachele Frusti, Ann Gardner, Tricia Gardner, Kara Goss, Rachel Hardy, Lindsay Heimerl, Chelsea Jeffery, Kristen Manogian, Sarah Urban, Alix Willman and Emmy Willman. The coaches are: Casey Gibson, Amanda Johnson and Christie Nicoloff.

Goalie Esche leads Whaler defense in victory

The Detroit Whalers ended a four-game losing streak in the second of game of a weekend series at Sault Ste. Marie.

Detroit goalie Robert Esche allowed just three goals after surrendering 25 in his four previous games. Andrew Taylor scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal nine seconds into the third period to give the Whalers a 4-1 lead that they almost squandered.

Taylor and forwards Chad Cavanagh and Steve Wasylo all had a goal and an assist. After a first period, that ended deadlocked at 1-1, Cavanagh scored his fourth power play goal of the season at 9:33 with assists from Steve Dumonski and Sergei Fedotov. Mark Cadotte and Taylor assisted on Wasylo's goal six minutes later to put Detroit up, 3-1.

But the Greyhounds, who are in second place in the OHL's West Division and 13 points ahead of the Whalers, nearly came back after Taylor's early third period goal.

Joe Saroski started the late comeback at 15:49 on assists from Joe Thornton and defenseman Robert Mulick.

Thornton added to his league leading 14 goals at 18:59, but the final 1:01 was scoreless.

A night earlier, the Greyhounds ran away from the Whalers in an 8-2 victory. Thornton was a pain in the side, scoring his 13th goal of the season and assisting on three more. He scored the first goal of the game and assisted on a power play goal at 10:59 and the Greyhounds were on their way to a commanding 3-0 lead.

Detroit forward Eric Gooldy made in a contest for a short while when he scored 14 seconds into the second period; Steve

Dumonski assisted.

But Thornton would strike again, setting up a goal by center Richard Uniacke at 4:20, beginning a string of four unanswered goals.

With the Greyhounds leading 7-1, Dumonski scored his second goal of the season midway through the third period.

Chatter

The Whalers called up forward Jimmy Jordan last week because of injuries to other Whalers. Jordan, a right wing, has played Tier II hockey this season at Ajax, Ontario. He is pointless in four games with Detroit.

OHL standings

Central Division

| Club | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Streak | Last 10 | Pts | Pct. |
|--------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|--------|---------|-----|------|
| Guelph Storm | 17 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 85 | 56 | 2W | 7-3-0 | 27 | .794 |
| Kitchener Rangers | 21 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 85 | 74 | 1L | 4-4-2 | 24 | .571 |
| Owen Sound Platers | 17 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 77 | 90 | 3L | 6-4-0 | 19 | .559 |
| Barrie Colts | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 83 | 78 | 1L | 5-4-1 | 19 | .528 |
| Erie Otters | 20 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 90 | 72 | 3W | 6-3-1 | 19 | .475 |
| Sudbury Wolves | 17 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 72 | 84 | 5L | 3-6-1 | 12 | .353 |

East Division

| Club | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Streak | Last 10 | Pts | Pct. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|--------|---------|-----|------|
| Ottawa 67's | 19 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 100 | 56 | 1W | 8-0-2 | 32 | .842 |
| Oshawa Generals | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 67 | 60 | 1W | 6-3-1 | 21 | .583 |
| Peterborough Petes | 20 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 68 | 78 | 2W | 4-6-0 | 21 | .525 |
| Kingston Frontenacs | 21 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 79 | 92 | 2W | 4-5-1 | 18 | .429 |
| Bellefonte Bulls | 20 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 71 | 85 | 1T | 2-4-4 | 14 | .350 |
| North Bay Centennials | 22 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 70 | 109 | 1L | 3-7-0 | 11 | .250 |

West Division

| Club | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Streak | Last 10 | Pts | Pct. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|-----|--------|---------|-----|------|
| Sarnia Sting | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 87 | 59 | 1W | 7-2-1 | 28 | .778 |
| Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds | 20 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 93 | 69 | 1L | 5-4-1 | 26 | .650 |
| Detroit Whalers | 19 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 55 | 76 | 1W | 3-6-1 | 15 | .395 |
| Windsor Spitfires | 21 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 78 | 109 | 4L | 2-6-2 | 11 | .262 |
| London Knights | 18 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 75 | 88 | 1L | 1-8-1 | 9 | .250 |

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL
Salem takes on Canton at Northville at 7 p.m., Nov. 20.

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15th — WINDSOR



Community opinions

Are you being served?

Good service deserves praise, bad service should be exposed in P-C Community

Is it really that much harder for a retailer to "go the extra mile" and provide first-class customer service?

Larry Bird, owner of Gabriel's in downtown Plymouth, isn't just "selling" the customer. He's creating strong relationships with his customers by providing top-notch service before, during and after the sale.

My wife and I were looking in downtown Plymouth for a wedding present for out-of-town friends. We headed to Gabriel's and found a very nice candle. It needed to be shipped, so the helpful clerk said they could send it UPS right from the store. The clerk also packaged the glass candle holder so it wouldn't break. The box was nicely wrapped in festive paper for us, too.

We left the store happy, having been served and treated properly. We thought it ended there, but our great service was just beginning. We received a receipt of our package being sent with a note of

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



thanks from the clerk. A nice touch. But there was more. The store sent this note along with a \$5 "Customer Appreciation Certificate:"

"Please accept our sincere thanks for allowing us to serve you. We hope to have the opportunity to do so again in the future. A happy, satisfied customer is the 'key' to our success. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you again."

The note was signed by "Your friends at Gabriel's Country Charm."

Larry Bird's example should be followed.

Let's face it. Customer service isn't at an all-time high in this country. Most malls are impersonal and

the clerks care little about the anonymous customers that mindlessly pass through the stores.

Bad service is everywhere. Customers are being treated like they are a bother, not a bonus.

Luckily, The Plymouth-Canton Community has many businesses that buck the "bad service" trend.

And I firmly believe that's why there's virtually no empty retail space in the community.

My family and I will continue to do as much shopping as we can in the community, where people remember to treat customers with the respect we deserve.

What about you? Do you have a story about great (or horrible) service in The Plymouth-Canton Community? If you do, drop me a note for The Crier's Community Opinion pages at "Service," The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Good service needs to be recognized, as does bad service.

Street bond approval shows pride in community

EDITOR:

It's official. The citizens of Plymouth have demonstrated once again that they truly do have pride in their community by passing the Street Bond Proposal by a margin of 2 to 1 Nov. 5.

You don't have to be the mayor, the president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce or the head of a civic club or lodge to be a booster. Anyone who lives in a town should take pride in it and be a booster.

Each person should be like the waiter in a restaurant where a visitor to the City had come to eat breakfast. The stranger asked the waiter, "Tell me, what do the people of this town have for breakfast?" The waiter smiled and his eyes shone with pride as he replied, "They eat the same thing as everybody else, but before they eat they say, 'Thank God I'm in this city'."

I personally would like to thank all of the citizens who voted "yes" on this proposal. Despite a very long and somewhat confusing ballot, voters of Plymouth came to the polls informed and voted accordingly. I would also like to thank the City of Plymouth for their excellent job of informing all the citizens of this

Childs' work deserves memorial honor from Plymouth Library

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Plymouth District Library Board, I would like to honor the memory of Mary Childs for the work she did to establish the Plymouth District Library. She, along with Esther Hulsing, helped effect the change from a city to a district library.

As a district library, we have been able to offer the citizens of Plymouth greatly improved and expanded service.

As a tribute to Childs, the Friends of the Library have established a fund that will be used for a specific memorial honoring her work. This memorial will be located at the new library, which is scheduled to open in 1998.

The library and the friends will accept contributions for this memorial from those who would like to remember Childs for her work on behalf of the Plymouth District Library.

Childs has earned her place in the history of Plymouth. We at the library will always be grateful for her efforts on our behalf.

SHERYL TRIPP KHOURY

PRESIDENT-PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

community about the pros and cons as it related to special assessments versus a voter-approved millage for street repairs.

A special thank you needs to go out to the volunteers of this community who came together to help spread the word to other citizens of Plymouth about what the bond issue would mean to the City of Plymouth and to its citizens.

As for The Community Crier newspaper: Even though your newspaper did not endorse this bond proposal, I would like to thank you for the coverage you did give to the citizens of Plymouth.

DEL TEMPLETON

Frightening fun had by all

EDITOR:

The Great Pumpkin Caper enjoyed another successful year.

Thank you to Carrie Blamer and the Plymouth Rotary Club. They came early and stayed late serving as crossing guards helping keep our large and small ghosts and goblins safe all evening.

We thank Halloween costume contest coordinator Steve Ragan of Mission Health and judges: Tony Welsh, AAA Michigan; Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy; Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle; and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter for helping judge our costume contest.

Thanks to First of America for providing the prizes for the costume contest, the Plymouth Department of Public Works — Paul Sincock and Mark Hammer — for providing the needed assistance for the evening and Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins and Sgt. Ed Ochal for their assistance and patience.

A special thanks goes to all the downtown merchants for their continued generosity and willingness to provide a special evening for all our community children.

What a great community!

FRAN TONEY

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave.,
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Community opinions

Remember clerk's plight when complaining about voting lines at next general election

It's finally over!

For the months leading up to the election we had to listen to politicians fling their campaign promises and mud pies at us on the radio, TV and in the newspapers — now it's over.

Too bad the complaints and whining didn't end with the election.

Now instead of it being the politicians crying about political mudslinging, it's voters crying about long lines at the polls election day.

Now before you start that letter to the editor about how I'm generalizing about all voters, let me tell you that I'm talking directly to those individuals that were rude, cranky and just plain jerky to the precinct workers and clerk staff.

First of all for those people who didn't like the long lines I say WHO DOES? Some of you even called your respective clerk's office to say that the lines were long and ask if there was something that could be done. Bravo, you kept your cool and just wanted to see if anything could be done, there's nothing wrong with that.

Now for the few bad apples who made complaints like you were denied your constitutional right to vote because the wait was too long and you had an appointment or my favorite "the lines have never been this long, they weren't this long last election, it must be something

Second Thoughts

By Janet Armstrong



you've (clerk and staff) done," BULL!

I did a little research on our area during past elections.

The clerks in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton all predicted that they expected between 60 - 75 percent voter turnout during this year's election, they were right on the mark.

It certainly wasn't the largest turnout though, in the 1976 presidential election the local clerks predicted a turnout of between 70 - 85 percent.

In fact in 1976 Canton resident Chuck Thompson, when entering his voting booth (at 10:10 p.m.), was asked about the long wait: "I planned it that way," he said with a SMILE.

In 1980 Canton reported 67 percent of registered voters turned out at the polls, while Plymouth Township had 75 percent turnout.

"Long lines and complicated ballots made an experience out of exercising the right to vote in the Plymouth-Canton Community Tuesday," was the lead paragraph of a Crier story in the Nov. 5, 1980

edition.

And to quote the former Township Clerk Esther Hulsing, preparing for the 1992 presidential election "We are expecting at least 14,000 out of the 17,758 registered in Plymouth Township to vote. We had 76 percent vote at the last presidential election. They always turn out for the presidential election."

As a reporter I spend a lot of time in the Clerk's office, especially during elections. I have to say that the way SOME people acted was incredible.

The staff members in each of the clerk's offices work hard and long getting ready for their busiest day of the year, registering people to vote, sending out absentee ballots and answering questions.

In return for this work they get screamed at about long lines and unregistered voters (who waited until Election Day to check out whether they can vote) telling them they registered.

Don't say, "That's what they get paid for isn't it?" because you probably like a kind word or two when you work hard.

Look I know how hectic life can be, so I have a few tips to help during the next presidential election.

1. When you change your address at the Secretary of State office — YOU HAVE TO ASK TO REGISTER. It doesn't happen automatically.

2. If you didn't get to vote this time because you weren't registered go to your local clerk's office (before Election Day preferably) to register.

3. If you want to cut the wait down for voting, write or call your local officials and tell them to buy additional machines (if you want to spend the money for something you'll use once every four years).

4. Don't bring the kids to the polls. Do bring a book to the polls.

Everyone's patience can wear thin, especially on a hectic day like election day — keep in mind though, what people have sacrificed, both past and present, to make voting possible for you.

To every person who worked to make this election as smooth as possible — GOOD JOB!

Especially: Canton Clerk's election staff: Terry Bennett, Polly White, Jeanette Laframboise, Doris Kelly, Karen Ballelli, Joyce Matevia, Connie Roessler, Linda Kato and Anna Stump. Plymouth Township Clerk's election staff: Marilyn Massengill, Mary Nalepka, Sandy Groth, Lillian Payne, Kathie Gornick and Marcia Elsner. Plymouth Clerk's election staff: Linda Langmesser, Myra Gentry, Maggie Pitts, Tom Alexandris, Paul Sincok and Jim Penn.

Thank goodness it's over!

Help needed with Red Kettle drive

EDITOR:

What if the Salvation Army only had one Red Kettle and only one bell ringer to man it?

To collect enough money to allow the Salvation Army to assist the people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville in their time of need, the lone bell ringer would have to ring the bell all day long, every day for two years.

The lone bell ringer's two-year task must be completed in 22 days. The Red Kettle Drive will begin on Nov. 29 and continue through Dec. 23.

Can you or your organization help?

Members of 45 organizations in the three communities as well as many individuals have already volunteered to help, but many time slots are still empty.

Ask veteran bell ringers why they return year after year. Their enthusiasm will inspire you to join the ranks.

The most pressing need is for volunteers who can man the Red Kettles between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

MARTHA SCHULTZ

EDITOR'S NOTE: To volunteer, contact Schultz at the Salvation Army at 453-5464.

Addenda & errata

Mathematicians at The Crier failed to properly calculate the weight of the giant pumpkin. The weight of the pumpkin was 197 lbs. Converted to the metric system, the pumpkin would have weighed 89 kilograms.

Find a factual error in The Crier?

The editorial staff of The Community Crier is committed to providing the readers with accurate information. If you find a factual error with an article you read in The Crier, please call the editorial office of The Crier at (313) 453-6900.



Community opinions

Canton residents worth four bits

Canton residents are worth 50 cents apiece. That's right, half a buck. Four bits. Two-for-a dollar.

It seems low, but the figure is correct. It comes directly from our Canton Clerk.

There are two ways to treat this type of information. On one hand, some citizens will take offense at this obvious miscalculation of their worth, and they should. I know several fellow residents who are worth at least 10 times that much.

On the other hand, at 50 cents a head, we should be considered a bargain. If our value drops any further, I might be tempted to buy up all 60,000 of my undervalued neighbors and make a killing when the price jumps.

I'm only guessing when I say 60,000. Canton's last census was in 1990, when the population was 57,040. While the housing in Canton increased 16 percent over the past six years, who knows how much the population has grown? Should we care?

Yes, and here's why: If the population growth has matched the housing growth, we'll enjoy a corresponding increase in our state shared revenue after Canton's mid-decade begins this spring. Hey, that sounds like good news.

The only way to find out if the

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



revenues are coming is to start counting. An old-fashioned, door-to-door census is still the best and easiest way, although I did think of a few others:

Option 1: Invite everyone to the Summit on the Park community center and have a roll call. The first person shouts, "One," then the next person, "Two," and so on until we've heard from every man, woman and child.

I'm sure the logistics could be worked out, because I've been there on occasions when the entire Canton community showed up. There is a drawback: If each person takes only 10 seconds to call out their number (think about it — at some point you'll have some six-year-old with his front teeth missing trying to shout a number like 37,777), it would take more than a week. I'll agree to this plan only if I can be the guy who shouts, "One," after which I can go home.

Option 2: Stand on the corner of Ford and Sheldon roads during rush hour and count the people in their

cars as they inch past. This might take longer than the first idea.

Option 3: Count everyone's legs. Divide by two.

My bet is that the clerk already settled on a plan for the enumeration and it involves a small army of door-to-door census takers. When they come to your door in March, please be sure that all of your family is counted, even the ones you're ashamed of.

To ensure that we meet the goal, you might consider inviting some out-of-town relatives to stay for a week, or, rent out your spare bedroom.

Expecting a visit from the stork? Have him bring twins!

In all seriousness, I would never encourage deceiving the census taker. Theirs is a difficult job (just imagine taking attendance for all those people) and the pay isn't great. For every person counted, they'll receive 50 cents.

So, it's like I said at first. From a census-taker's perspective, Canton residents are worth 50 cents apiece.

Wendover up to old tricks in Childs obituary

EDITOR:

I see that your publisher, W. Edward Wendover, is still up to his old tricks, making slanderous statements against public officials, this one some 17 years after the fact.

I refer to the statement that he included in the Oct. 16 obituary of my good friend, Mary Childs. The statement that Mary was "surprisingly" elevated to mayor "when Tom Turner quit, right after illegally firing City Manager Fred Yockey" is certainly irrelevant to the obituary, which in my opinion besmirches the memory of one of our community's most dedicated public servants, and is filled with inaccuracies.

To say that I "quit" when the facts were — as reported on the front page of The Crier in August of 1979 — that I had been transferred to Venezuela by my employer, the Ford Motor Company, suggests that Wendover wishes to convey a cause and effect relationship with some event during my term as mayor. He then goes on to say that it was "right after illegally firing City Manager Fred Yockey." First of all, my resignation in August followed by several months the resignation of Yockey, a period during which Ken Way was "acting City Manager." Secondly, Yockey resigned and the City Commission accepted his resignation. As even a casual observer of the Plymouth government should know, it operates under a weak mayor/city manager form of government within which the mayor has very limited powers

and could not fire a City employee (particularly the City Manager) on his or her own volition.

What evidence Wendover has that causes him to use the word "illegal," I cannot imagine. Perhaps some developments occurred after I moved to Venezuela, but I would certainly assume that I would have been made aware of it if I was allegedly involved.

I believe a retraction and an apology (if Wendover really means he has "Malice Toward None") is in order.

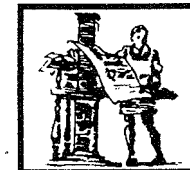
Relative to Child's passing, I share The Plymouth Community's sense of loss of one of the finest public servants in its history. Several years ago, I wrote to the then-Mayor and City Manager suggesting that Childs be honored by renaming Cannon Park, the site of a large number of her record marriages, in her honor. About a year later, I received a copy of a newly-passed regulation stating that such actions could not be taken until 10 years after the death of the individual. I would guess that there may have been some relationship between my suggestion and the passage of the new regulation.

In any event, it would seem that the commission at that time was not in favor of the suggestion. The clock has now started, and I hope someone will remind the City fathers in 2006 that they should recognize this public servant in an appropriate way.

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