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Commission election Tuesday

Voters to test Optech machines

BY BRYON MARTIN

What does it take to get people to show up at the polls in the City of Plymouth?

According to City Clerk Linda Langmesser, it is probably more than a commission race or new voting machines.

Tuesday's Plymouth City Commission election is expected to draw about 1,500 voters — only 15

per cent of those registered — according to City Clerk Linda Langmesser.

"We hope for about 15 per cent," turnout, she said. "Typically they don't draw more than that. And this time there's no real hot issue or race."

The number of absentee ballots the City has

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Octoberfest a hit

Canton's Halloween event a success in its 2nd year

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

Canton Parks and Recreation held its second Octoberfest Saturday, to the delight of goblins and ghosts alike.

"It's really a fun time," says Bob Dates, supervisor for Canton Parks and Recreation department. "We encourage the kids to dress up in their Halloween costumes for a fun Saturday in the park."

The Halloween-oriented event caters to the children and young at heart, according to Dates.

"Last year was a big success," says Dates. "We had more than 1,000 children attend. It was much bigger than we anticipated."

With last year's success under their belts, the parks and recreation department added new attractions and entertainment to the agenda. They also spread out the events to give the crowd more room to walk.

"We had an estimated 3,000 kids this year," says Dates. "We also spread out the tents so that there was more room for people to walk around with strollers."

A variety of events were planned, including a magician who provided safety tips and laughter for the children.

Other events included a pumpkin weight-guessing contest, a coloring contest and an art workshop tent. The art workshop provided materials for various projects that the children could make and take home with them.

"Making pumpkin hats is our favorite part," said Caroline, 5,

and Justine Williams, 3, of Canton.

"Most of the events are free to the public," says Dates. "We gave away candy, balloons

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Breaking old ground... Wayne County Comm. Thaddeus McCotter and Executive Ed McNamara joined Northville Twp. Supervisor Karen Woodside and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey yesterday to break ground on the 890-acre redevelopment of the abandoned county property in Northville. Housing, shops and a golf course will replace the dilapidated and fallen buildings that sat on the site for years (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

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Bob Dates
Canton Parks & Rec.

Old ways

Northville poet reads work at N'ville district library tonight
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Turn around

Canton golf finishes dream season with WLAA title
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Canton fire burns N'ville Twp. records

Ameritech also suffers losses in fire; total damages estimated near \$1 million

BY TIM DAVIS

A fire in Canton last week had some Northville officials worried.

Canton Fire and Police units responded to a fire at Shurgard Storage facility on Canton Center Road.

The Charter Township of Northville had been using this facility to store some Township records, including documents from Finance, Assessing, Planning, Building and Clerks department. It also housed files from Northville's supervisor and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The intense heat and smoke destroyed approximately 70 percent of the stored documents, and damaged the rest, according to Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township Clerk.

Luckily most of the destroyed information was properly backed up on microfiche or scanned into computers, according to Hillebrand.

She said a list of the files that were not backed up has been distributed to the department heads of all involved departments. The Township is attempting to compile a list of all the important files that were not backed up.

"We didn't keep any permanent records out there, such as minutes, because we knew it wasn't fireproof," Hillebrand said. "We are pretty much covered as far as state



A fire at the Shurgard Storage facility in Canton damaged several storage units including the space rented by Northville Township. The Township stored municipal records there, about 70 per cent of which were destroyed (Crier photo by Tim Davis).

required records"

It will not be an easy task to recover the records from the fire. All of the workers who stored the information are no longer with the Township.

"For the last few days we've had all good news," Hillebrand said.

The damage is assessed and the next step is to look towards recovery. The Township is now searching through the rubble to recover any documents that were highlighted to be saved.

After they're found there will still be some problems due to smoke and water

damage, according to Hillebrand.

Like the smell.

"I'm sure we can't store them any where humans are going to be. Hopefully we will find a company that can clean or regenerate them for us," Hillebrand said.

Initial estimates show that damage from the fire may reach as high as \$1,000,000 to the structure and contents of the 47 storage units involved. Ameritech lost approximately \$400,000 worth of equipment from a switching station in the building.

The fire was responsible for many phones being out of service in the area.

Resistance to church annex

Congregation, neighbors not sold on church's plan to buy Harvey house

BY BRYON MARTIN

First Presbyterian Church's proposal to buy the house at 112 Harvey has inspired division among its parishioner and intrigue in the neighborhood.

Sunday, the congregation is to vote on the proposal which would approve the purchase of the Harvey house and its conversion into a classroom annex for youth and adult classes and programs. An earlier, less-detailed version of the proposal was voted down earlier this month, according to congregation member Amanda VanHull. The issue has created a schism among parishioner, she said.

"There is a division because the (first) proposal was done quickly and without a plan," she explained. High demand for, and limited availability of real estate in Plymouth lead church elders to hurry the vote to approve the purchase. Van Hull said it was her sense that his rush to approve a large expenditure without many details about what the money would buy inspired opposition among parishioner.

Outside of the congregation, the purchase has met with opposition among some of First Presbyterian's neighbors. Like the

church's parishioner, neighbors have complained that not enough details have been forthcoming from church elders leading the proposed project.

"We are very concerned and upset with the church's covert manner," said Brian Cohen, who lives across the street from the Harvey house. "If the church is supposed to be our neighbor, why were we not properly informed?"

According to David Brown, director of youth ministries at First Presbyterian, details have been provided to some residents.

During the past two weeks a member of the church Session, the body which guides church policy, has gone door-to-door with general details about the proposal, Brown said. "It's not that there is anything to hide. It's actually quite the reverse. We've got a space issue here."

According to Brown, Plymouth's growing population has brought an influx of young families to First Presbyterian. In an

"I just want to keep it residential: a family living in a home."

Sally Bila
William Street resident

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today WSDP will broadcast play-by-play coverage of Compuware Ambassadors hockey.
- Today, Canton's Summit offers its annual Flu Clinic for seniors. Call 397-5444.
- Tomorrow, the Plymouth Chamber's "Great Pumpkin Caper" costume contest happens at The Band Shell, Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth starting at 5:30 p.m. Trick-or-treating at downtown merchants runs from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Call 453-1540 for info.

WEEKEND

- Friday, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall hosts an interactive Halloween show for kids and adults. Call 248-349-0522
- Saturday, Canton Place Senior Adult high-rise holds its annual Craft and Bake sale from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hot dog lunch available. Proceeds to benefit the resident association.
- The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling Entertainment Ultimate books, full of coupons good at businesses throughout the county. Money raised funds charitable efforts. Call 459-6829.

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Canton congregations team up for World Aids Day

Collaboration continues between church and synagogue

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church and Congregation Bet Chaverim are sharing more than a church these days.

The two Canton congregations are getting together to make a contribution to World AIDS Day next week by co-sponsoring an Aids Memorial Quilt panel-making workshop, according to the Rev. Marjorie

Munger.

The quilt memorializes people who died from the disease with panels made by their friends and loved ones, according to Munger.

"We've always participated in World AIDS day," she said. "We just wanted to expand it a bit."

It was designed not only to spread awareness of AIDS, but to help heal, Munger said.

"People who have lost a loved one to AIDS sometimes find it difficult to speak about it openly because there's such a stigma attached to the disease," Munger said. "This is an excellent avenue for healing."

A 12-foot by 12-foot section of the national memorial quilt will be on display at the workshop, which will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Canton Administration building.

The cost of the workshop will include basic materials for the quilt, such as backing materials and stencils.

Volunteers will be on hand to offer suggestions and tips, and workshopers will also learn how to have their quilt added to the national AIDS quilt, according to Munger.

"We'll give them enough to get started," she said. "We hope that they'll get started at the workshop, take the quilt home and finish it."

The quilt panels are 3 feet wide by 6 feet long, according to Munger, and the size is no coincidence.

"They all have to be the same size, or it won't work. It is also representative of a grave plot or a body size. It's a symbolic connection for remembrance of how someone has died," she said.



Brenda Rubin (left) from Congregation Bet Chaverim and Loretta Davis (right) from Cherry Hill United Methodist display a sample panel from the AIDS quilt. The women's respective congregations, who both worship at the Cherry Hill church, will again team up to present an AIDS quilt workshop next week. (Courtesy photo).

The quilt panels are submitted along with a one page biography of the person they are commemorating to the AIDS Memorial Quilt office in Royal Oak upon completion Munger said. They are then added to the national quilt.

People interested in participating in the workshop can call 453-6957 to register. It is open to anyone, regardless of their faith, according to Munger.

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Multi-house safety focus of Canton P.D. class

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Public Safety introduced its latest community policing-crime prevention policy last week.

Called the Crime-Free Multi-Housing training program, it is designed to make apartments owners, managers and maintenance staff more aware of potential crime in their units, and how to prevent it.

The training consists of three phases: instruction, an investigation of the property, and a meeting with the tenants, according to Canton Police Ofc. Lew Stevens.

"Last week we had our first class," he said. "We had people here from 15 of the 22 complexes in Canton, as well as two from Plymouth Township. It was a pretty good turnout for our first try."

Held in the Canton Administration building, the day-long class featured lectures by professionals specializing in matters of particular relevance to apartment complex personnel, Stevens said. Some of the topics were credit checks, rental agreements, fire safety, narcotics and how to recognize unlawful activities.

The program was first developed by a public safety officer in Mesa, AZ, according to Stevens.

"They had a number of apartment complexes that were drug-infested and had a high rate of crime," Stevens said. "They developed this program and it was a huge success."

Public safety departments reported an almost 70 per cent drop in calls for service from the complexes that had undergone the crime-free training, according to Stevens.

"Before the program, the complexes had a low occupancy rate," he added. "No one wanted to live there. After they got cleaned up, quite a few of them filled up and now have a waiting list for tenants."

It worked so well the program became federally funded and tested nationwide. It first came to Michigan in Southfield, because the city's more than 200 apartment complexes made it an ideal testing ground, Stevens said.

Stevens learned of the program from Southfield, and brought it to Canton, he said.

The second phase of the program involves public safety inspecting the property and explaining how management can use the apartment complexes' layout to help prevent crime. Then, the management of the complex and public safety officers meet with the tenants, and the complex becomes certified, Stevens said.

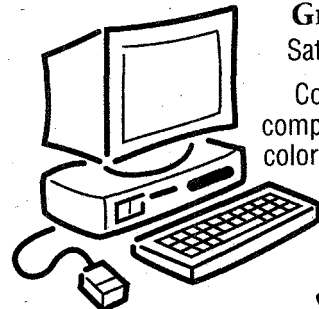
But program's real payoff is having apartment complex staff tuned-in to potential criminal problems, which can help avert criminal incidents, Stevens said. But the benefit goes beyond that, he said.

"We can do our job more efficiently, and the management can make more money when the complexes start filling up," he said. "It's good for everyone."

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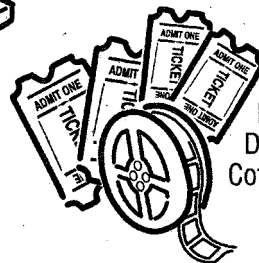
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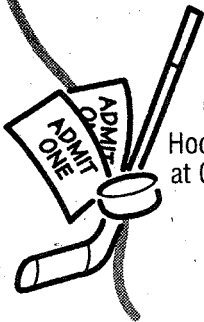


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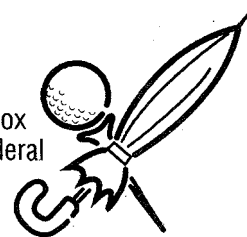


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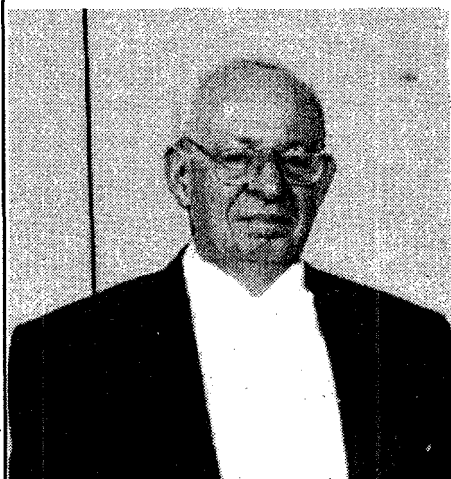
Neighbors in the news



Madonna University student **Amy Chapman**, of Plymouth, has received a \$1,500 United Parcel Service scholarship.

Chapman is a junior studying general sciences, and hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

Dr. Tom Gerou of Canton, finished 34th overall in the Detroit Free Press Marathon with a time of 2:44:55.



Seymour D. Greenstone, of Plymouth, was recently conferred with the 33rd Degree by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity, reflecting credit upon the fraternity.

Navy Ensign **Simone R. Walston**, a 1988 graduate of Canton High School is halfway through a five-month deployment aboard the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island.

Old ways remembered

Poet **Kathleen Ripley Leo** reads from her work tonight, touching on everything from childhood in Chicago to celebrating words as art forms

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Poet **Kathleen Ripley Leo** of Northville has always known what she wanted to do with her life.

She's been writing poetry since she was in the fourth grade. It has been a passion that has propelled her through her life, both as a blessing and calling, she said.

"I've always thought that our talents are both a privilege and a duty," she said. "I have a creative mind. It's a privilege to have and a duty to develop."

And develop it she has, studying under such well-known names as Nobel Prize winner Ottavio Paz on her way to earning a masters degree in Latin American Literature.

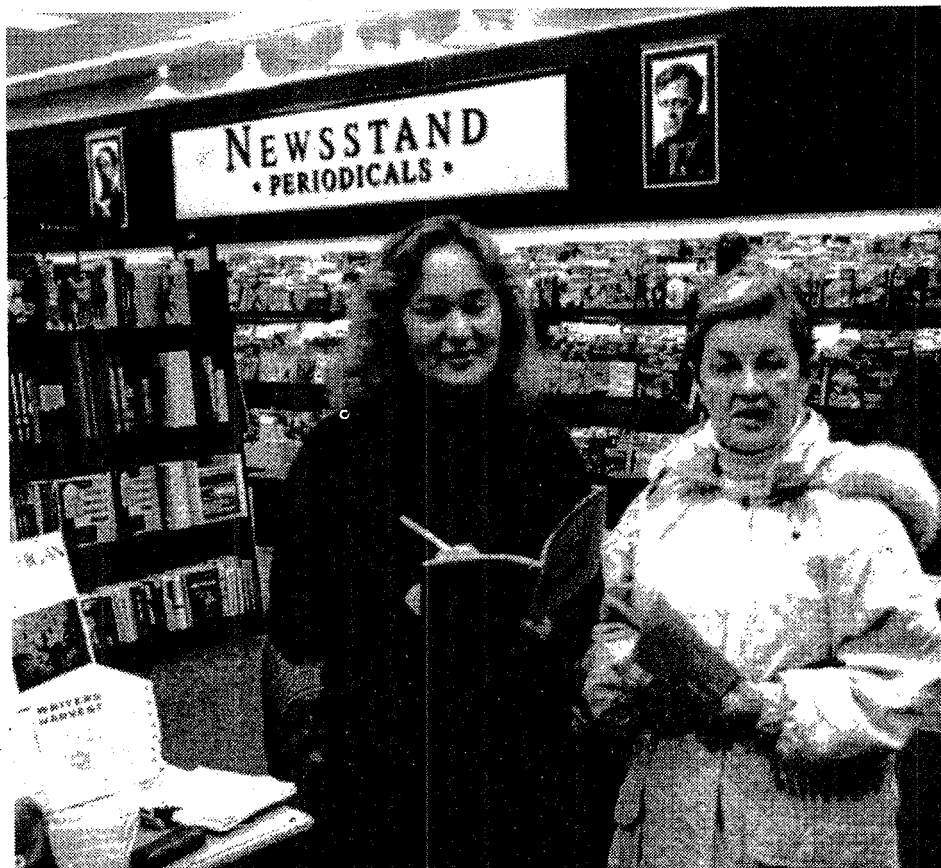
Leo puts her life experiences and education into her work, which has been published in literary magazines such as *The Bridge* and *Erratica*, as well as in five books published by Northville's Sun Dog Press, a series of postcards and calendars.

Her collection 'The Old Ways,' for example, is a series of poems about Leo's childhood in an eastern European neighborhood in Chicago.

"It was a two-language household," she said. "The kids had to speak English; they had to be American. As a child of imagination, I tried to make things up. The poems are a combination of those things."

Leo said she worked on her poems despite very little encouragement in her early life.

With no formal training in elementary school, Leo found the typical environment for environmental feedback was at



Kathleen Ripley Leo (left) of Northville signs a book for prospective student and budding poet **Menka Przekop** (right) at a poetry reading at Barnes & Noble in Northville last week. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

home.

"Criticism was a way of life for my family. If they couldn't find anything bad to say they usually don't say anything, so hearing nothing was good," she said.

as an art form, like her latest collection, 'The Circle is Assembled,' which is a series of poems celebrating words and metaphors.

Leo also teaches a creative writing class at Schoolcraft College and spends time teaching children at local schools, as well.

"There are a lot of people with different backgrounds that don't necessarily have a creative outlet, and I think our educational system needs to address that," Leo said. "If we all learn the same types of things, life gets one-sided."

"Most people are amazed that the purpose of poetry is not simply to portray emotions. You don't want to

do that; you want to reveal truths," she said.

"You want to achieve a higher level in contemporary poetry. Otherwise you're just writing greeting cards."

*'We children perched on angel-legged iron benches
under an oil painting of white callas and silver candelabra.
Our card tables were enveloped in white linen
as if a second skin wrapped us tight.
We listened to the adults at the mahogany table
to their mutterings, their shouts,
their slips of the tongue into English
when their language was not enough.
We gaped as their fists jabbed the air,
or pounded and pooled on the table.
Chins jutted from white collared necks.
Women's voices slit men's low growls.
A violin in the background tore the landscape apart.
Tuya pravda. They were unbeatable'*

Kathleen Ripley Leo
excerpt from 'The Old Ways'

"But it was a wonderful way to grow up. I didn't need anyone to tell me how great I was. I was always loved."

Leo's other works examine the word

Durant payments coming...?

Senate leader says plan for payment should be reached soon

BY BRYON MARTIN

The check is in the mail, but when will it get here?

By week's end the Plymouth-Canton school district may know when its Durant settlement funds will arrive, but only if state lawmakers can reconcile partisan differences.

The republican senate and democratic house are at odds over how the state should make good on the roughly \$1 billion it owes Michigan school districts, according to Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto.

Posthumus, who was in Plymouth last week while on business in southeastern Michigan, said an agreement on how to payout the \$211 million settlement owed to public schools may be reached this week. "We're getting close to a settlement."

A ruling in the case, filed nearly twenty years ago, awarded a settlement to 84 litigant school districts who sued the state for back funds. Since 1978 the schools have paid the entire cost of state-mandated programs that the legislature was obligated to fund, but did not.

"This is a 17-year problem," Posthumus said. "It's time we settle it."

In this matter, Democrats agree with the republican leader. They also agree that in addition to the \$211 million the 84 litigant districts will get, the state's remaining districts, also shorted on program funding, are owed \$769 million. "It's clear there is an obligation to pay them," Posthumus said.

What remains unclear and at the center of partisan debate is how the state will finance such payment.

Engler and the G.O.P. would use budgetary shuffling to finance payment to the 84 litigant districts over a three-year period. The sale of bonds would go to pay non-litigant districts immediately, a sum totalling \$769 million which could only be used for capital improvements. No restrictions would be placed on the money given to the 84 districts who won the Durant case.

This financial shuffling is unnecessary and overtly political, according to Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

'This is a 17-year problem. It's time we settle it.'

Dick Posthumus
State Senator

Smith, an eight-year veteran of the South Lyon school district, said that such financing is not only unreliable, but politically motivated. "There are three separate, unrelated issues the Governor is weaving into one solution," she said. "It's a punitive move by the Governor against schools that had the gumption," to pursue the case.

Among those schools is the Plymouth-Canton school district.

The district was awarded about \$5.3 million in the Durant decision handed down earlier this year. But Charles Little, P-C schools superintendent, said the district is owed about \$10 in back funds. And while he doesn't profess a political loyalty in the matter, the payment plan he prefers is more like that of the Democrats.

"The Governor has mixed in other factors," into the Durant settlement, he said. "All that stuff is off-point; it has nothing to do with Durant."

Specifically, Little and state democrats disagree with Republicans over the refiguring of school employee pension formulas and bonding to finance settlement payment.

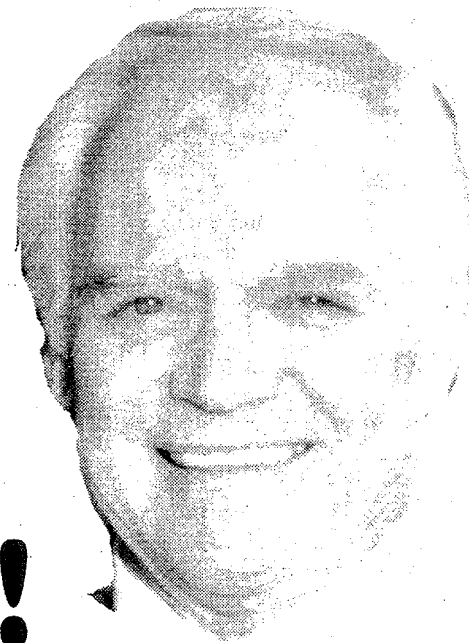
Instead of tweaking existing budgets, Little wants to see the state tap its Rainy Day Fund — a move roundly opposed by Republicans — to pay the litigant districts now, not over the next three years. Democrats propose the same.

Posthumus said he expects the state's

parties to reach a halfway point very soon. "There's a partisan middle ground. Probably some money will come from the rainy day fund; some from bonding, but less than the Governor proposes; it will be paid over two or three years and will include pension reforms."

But whatever the agreement, until a plan is found on both sides of aisle in Lansing, the schools' checks remain in the mail, and out of hand.

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'Arty' show raises funds for New Morning School

As holidays near, boasts gift for everybody

BY BRYON MARTIN

Most people haven't begun their holiday shopping yet, but next weekend will offer a chance to start.

New Morning School's 7th Annual Art & Fine Crafts Show happens Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

And according to Leslie Stolaruk, art show chairperson, all who visit the show will find a selection of fine gifts and art in time for the coming holidays.

"It's an eclectic blend of about 70 artists, many of them award winners," Stolaruk said. "It's worth a visit to the show just to check everything out. Newcomers won't leave without buying something."

Michigan and Illinois artists are bringing their jewelry, blown glass, stoneware, toys, wearables and other works to the show. And all of it, according to Stolaruk, shares one thing in common: a high level of quality.

"There's a variety of media that's not typical of other school or craft shows. It's nicely balanced; an artists' market."

As opposed to craft-oriented shows, with lots of pieces made from wood and around-the-house items, works at the New Morning show are often made of finer materials. One artist's mohair teddy bears are an example, she said. "This show has a variety of media not typical of other school shows. Most holiday indoor shows tend to be more crafty."

But the fine-art emphasis does not necessarily mean high-society costs, Stolaruk said. The range of prices will be wide.

The show will have plenty of little gifts

ideal for the secret Santa exchanges many people participate in at work. "If you're looking for a little pin for the girl at work, you'll find it. But it's going to be a piece of art; one-of-a-kind type stuff, but anywhere from \$10 to \$100 and up."

Stolaruk said it was a lack of arty alternatives to the typical craft show that first inspired her to organize the show back in 1991.

Stolaruk is a former art exhibitor herself, and has shown her works at such outdoor art festivals as Art in The Park.

"From an artist's perspective, when the holidays rolled around and the shows moved inside there wasn't as much art. It was hard to find. I didn't feel that need was being met, so I started the show. And it was an opportunity to help New Morning."

Stolaruk worked the contacts she had made with other artists at exhibitions: her work literally paid off, both for the show itself and its benefactor, New Morning School.

The private, parent-cooperative school, located in Plymouth, receives proceeds from the show. "We raise more money every year," Stolaruk said. Monies go toward the school's general fund.

Both of Stolaruk's children, Andrew and Sarah, attend New Morning. At least one of their Christmas gifts is usually from the show, she said. "There are plenty of nice, hand-crafted toys and things for children."

In fact, she says, there is something for everyone at the show.

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Groups

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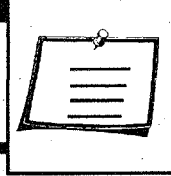
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Events

GAME AND CARD PARTY

The Plymouth Symphony League is sponsoring a game and card party **today**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For info and tickets call 451-5598.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Chaperoned children are welcome to come and join the fun from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Admission is \$1 and one bag of candy per child. For more info call 459-9550.

ALL SAINTS PARTY

Ward Presbyterian church will host an "All Saints Party" Halloween Night, Friday Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. This event is open to all children under the age of 12. Call 422-1836.

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

This sale will be held Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-2p.m. at Canton Place Adult High Rise. Shoppers are requested to park in unnumbered spaces.

CRAFT FAIR

There will be a craft fair at Oakwood health center Wednesday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. For more info call 454-8000.

BASKETBALL

Basketball teams will be registering starting Nov. 3 for returning teams and Nov. 12 for new teams. For more info call 455-6620.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

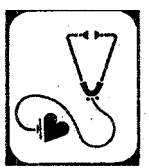
This class is open to anyone who is 12 or older and is mandatory for any first time hunter born after Jan. 1, 1960. Class runs from Nov. 5-13. All classes must be attended to be certified. Call 535-0436.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Fall Arts and Crafts Bonanza will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Dearborn High School. Spaces still available for artists. Admission \$1. Call 336-7047.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Plymouth Symphony League Christmas Ornaments are on sale now at League Office. This is the second in a limited edition series. \$6 each. Call 451-2112.



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Early Christmas

Sheldon Road Plant autoworkers driven to help kids keep warm

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Thanks to the efforts of a local union the Sheldon Road Ford Plant and Meijers Thrifty Acres, 100 children will have an easier time keeping warm this winter.

United Auto Workers (UAW) local 845 has sponsored Coats for Kids with Meijers for six years, according to UAW local vice-president Chris Hart.

"The idea came from our community service chairperson about six years ago," she

said. "We thought it was a good community relations thing to do."

Both salaried and hourly employees donate money for the program, which seeks to buy winter clothing for 100 area children, Hart said.

Hart said the union tries to raise \$40 for each of the 100 children they select from Wayne County Social Services.

Then volunteers takes them shopping at to the Canton Meijers store. The store provides

refreshments for the kids, volunteers and parents alike. They also provide a bag of Halloween goodies for the kids and funds for the coats.

"We have a price range, and Meijers gives us a discount," Hart said. "We try to buy each child a hat, gloves, boots and a coat."

"It's one of our favorite charitable events because children benefit from it," said Paula Winkler-Doman, plant manager at Ford's Sheldon Road plant. "A lot of people from

the plant volunteer to go with the child to help select coats. It's great to see people of the plant come together to help the community."

The union usually schedules the shopping trip for closer to Christmas and arranges for a visit for Santa Claus.

"We wanted to do it earlier this year so the kid could have coats all winter long," Hart said. "There were a lot of happy little faces."



'Community' Summit

Crier photo by Scott Spielman

Jack Bashaw-Stifler and his mother, Margaret Stifler (left) unveil the sculpture "Community" with the help of Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The statue was commission as a part of Canton Project Arts and the Canton Community Foundation Public Arts Donor program, which seeks to increase the presence of the arts through corporate dona-

tions.

"My vision of community is several people working together to reach higher," Bashaw-Stifler said.

Bashaw-Stifler, a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University, was chosen from a field of students from local universities because his sculpture best represented the idea of community.



United Auto Workers local 845 in Canton worked with Meijer Thrifty Acres to buy coats for 100 children from Wayne County Social Services. Local President Roger Caldwell, (top) and Sheldon Road Ford Plan Manager Paula Winkler-Doman (above) pose with some of the kids who benefitted from the Coats for Kids program, now in its sixth year. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

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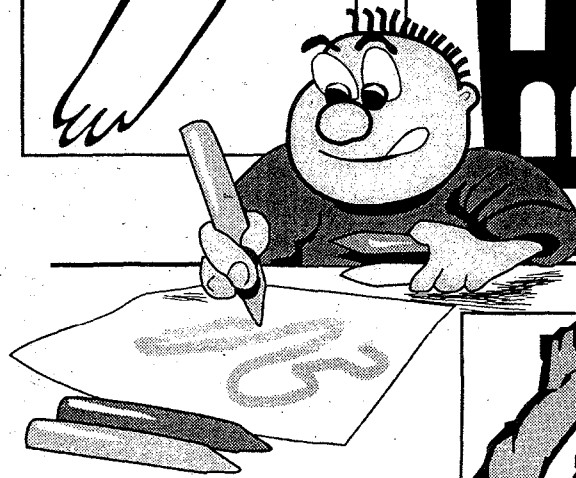
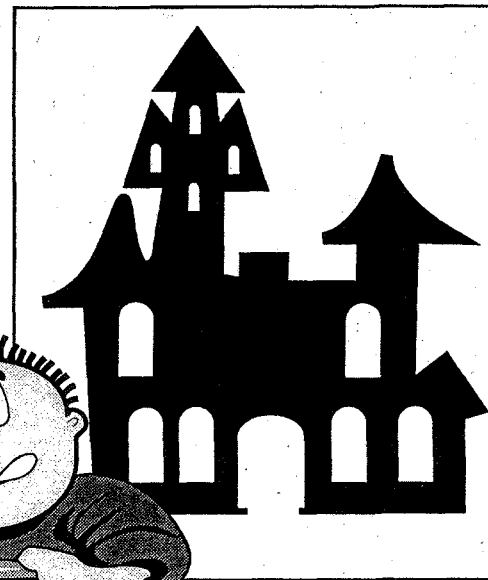
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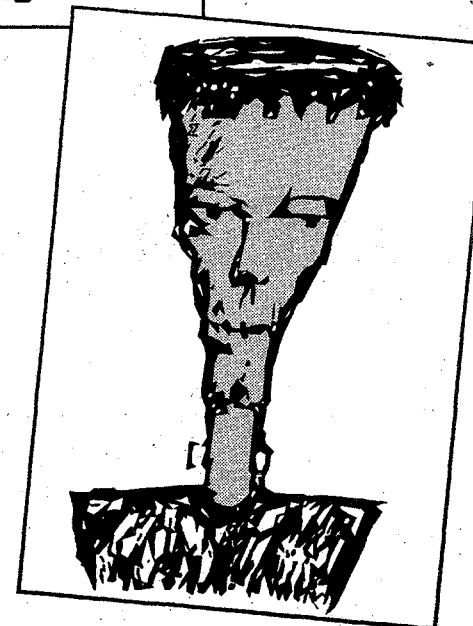
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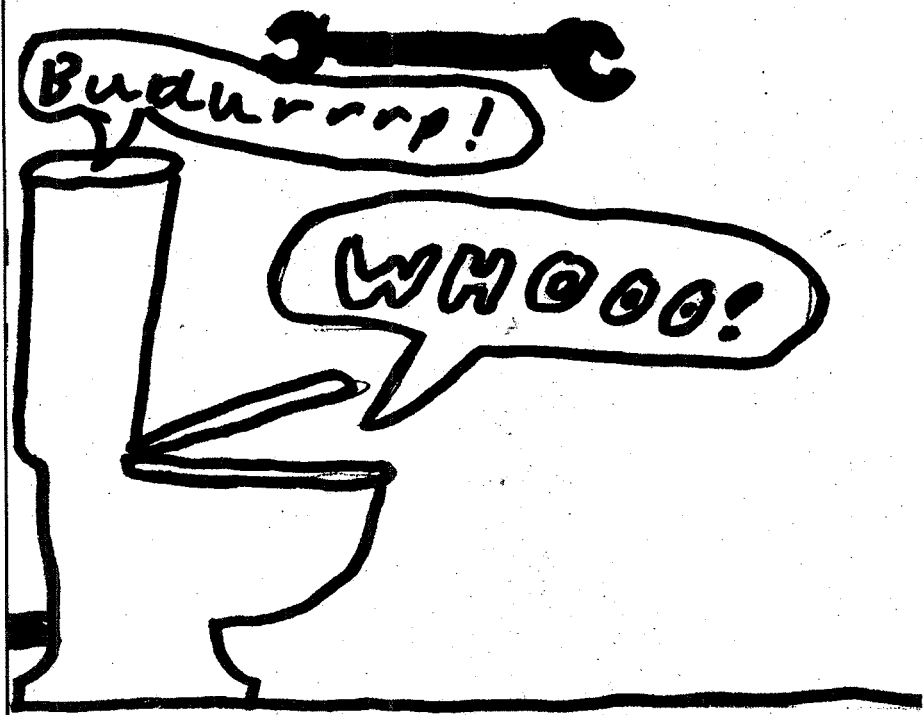
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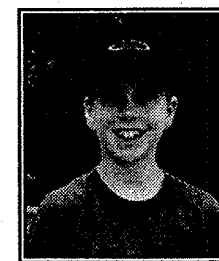
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What I like to do when

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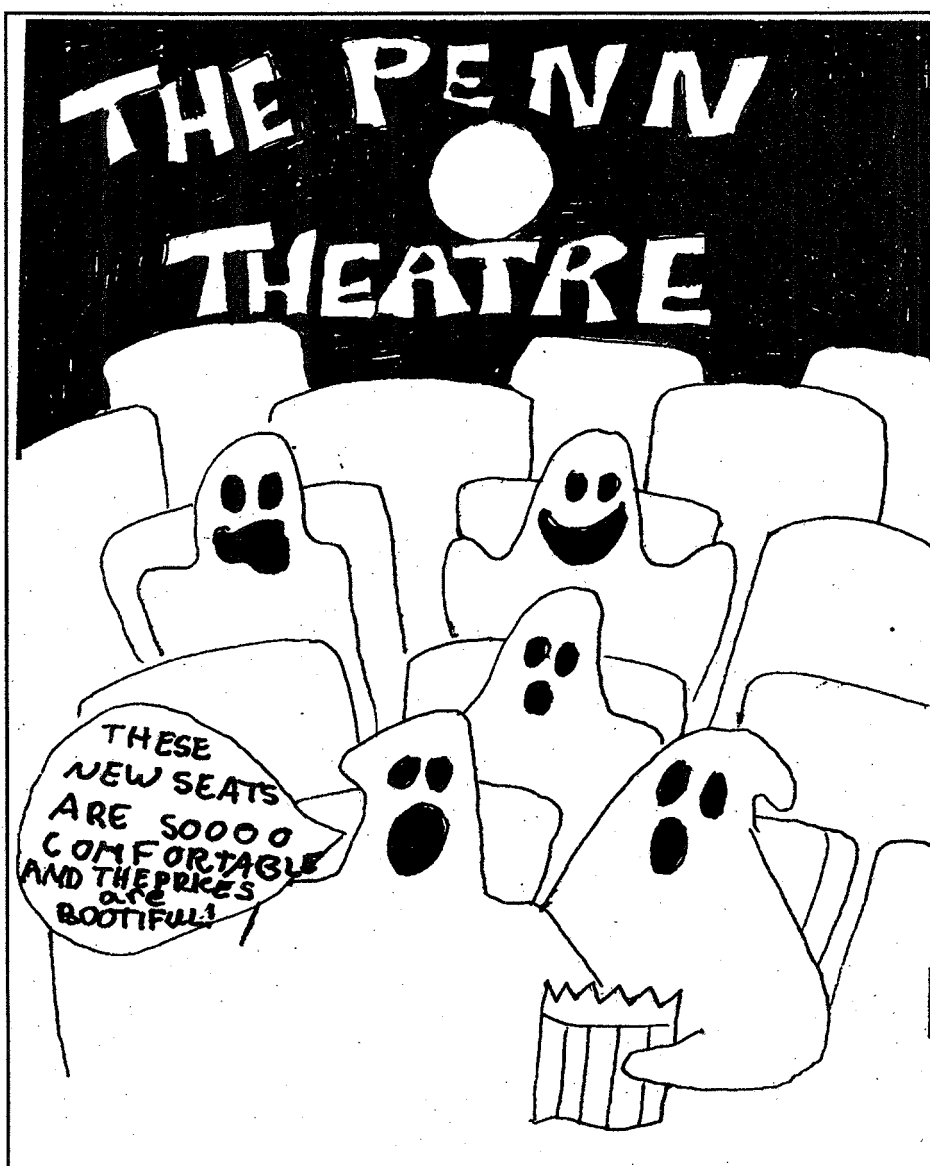
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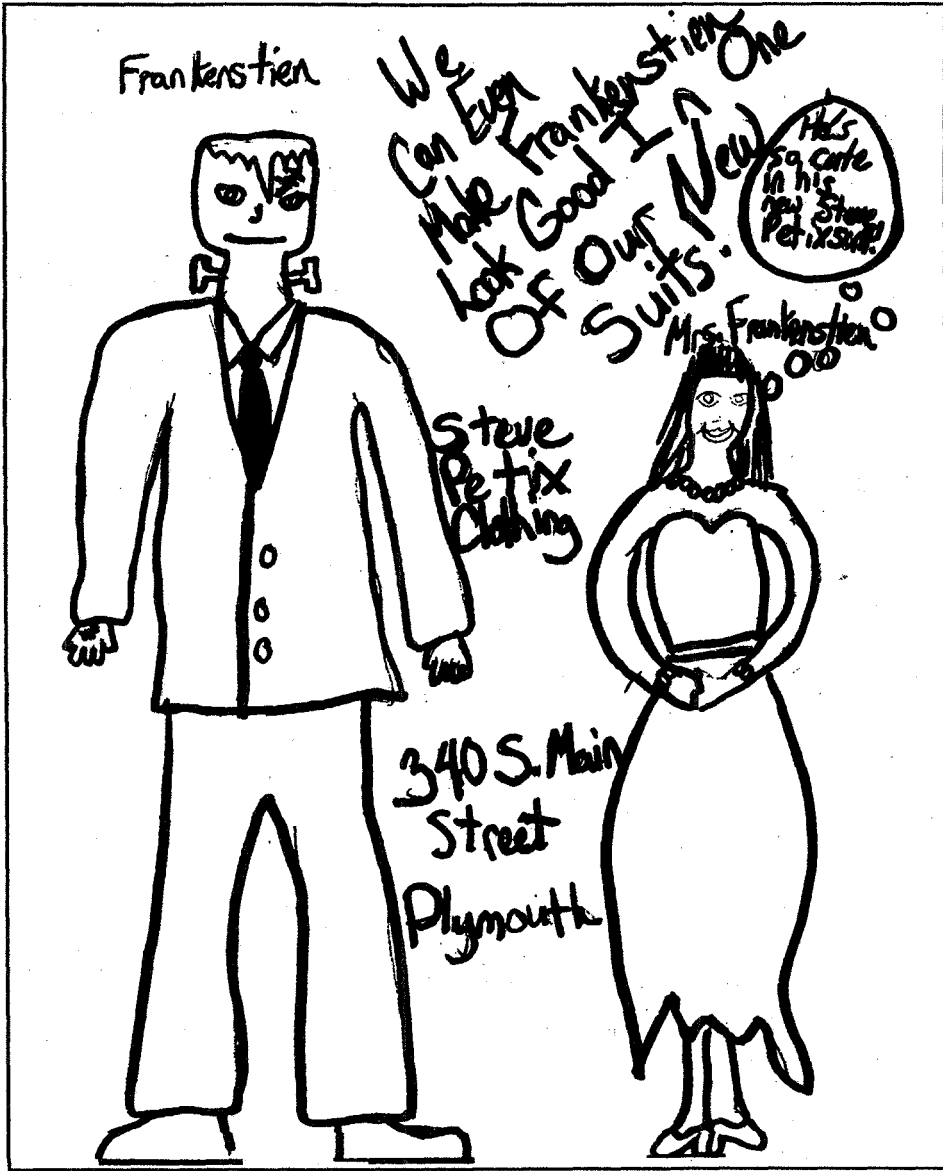


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Favorite TV Show: Sabrina The Teenage Witch

What I like to do when

I'm not in school: Anything

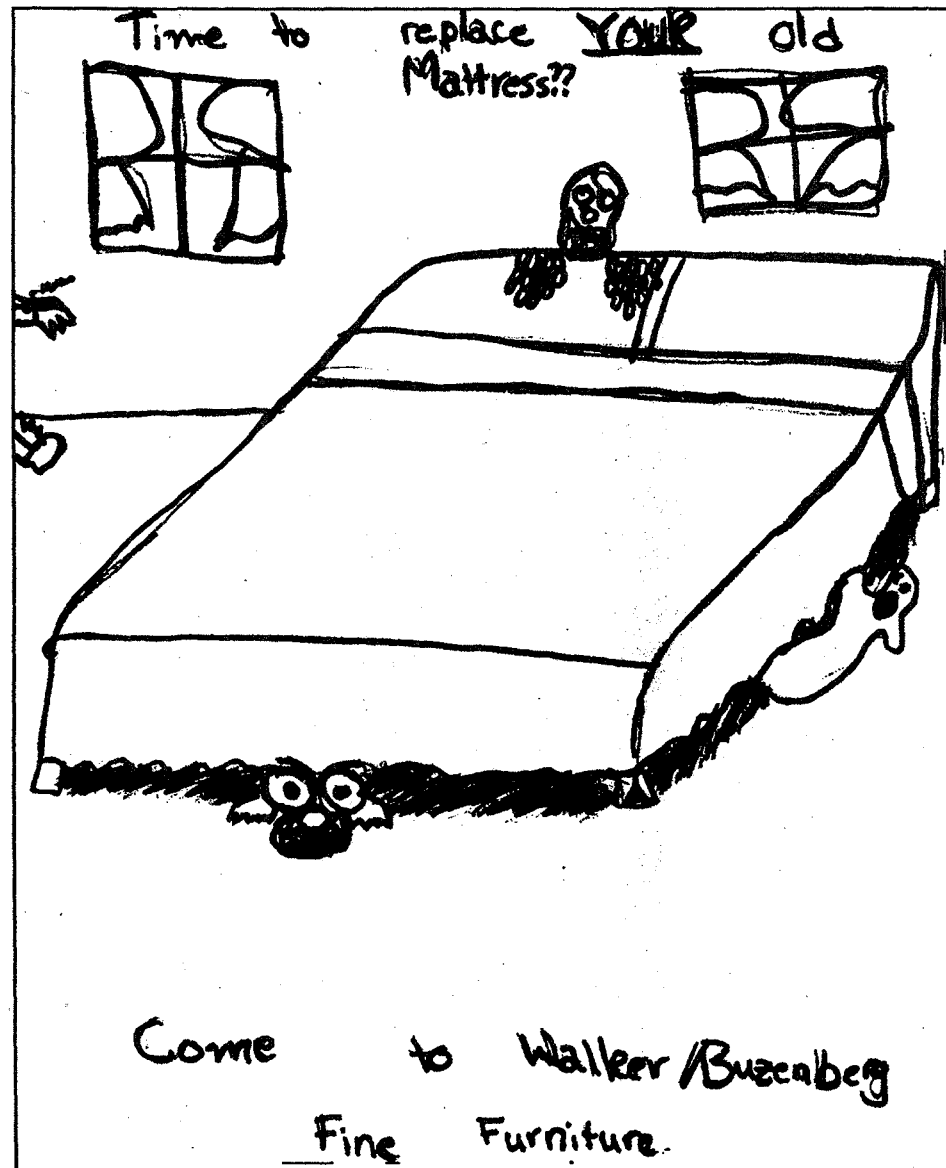


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Favorite School Subjects: Science

What I like to do when

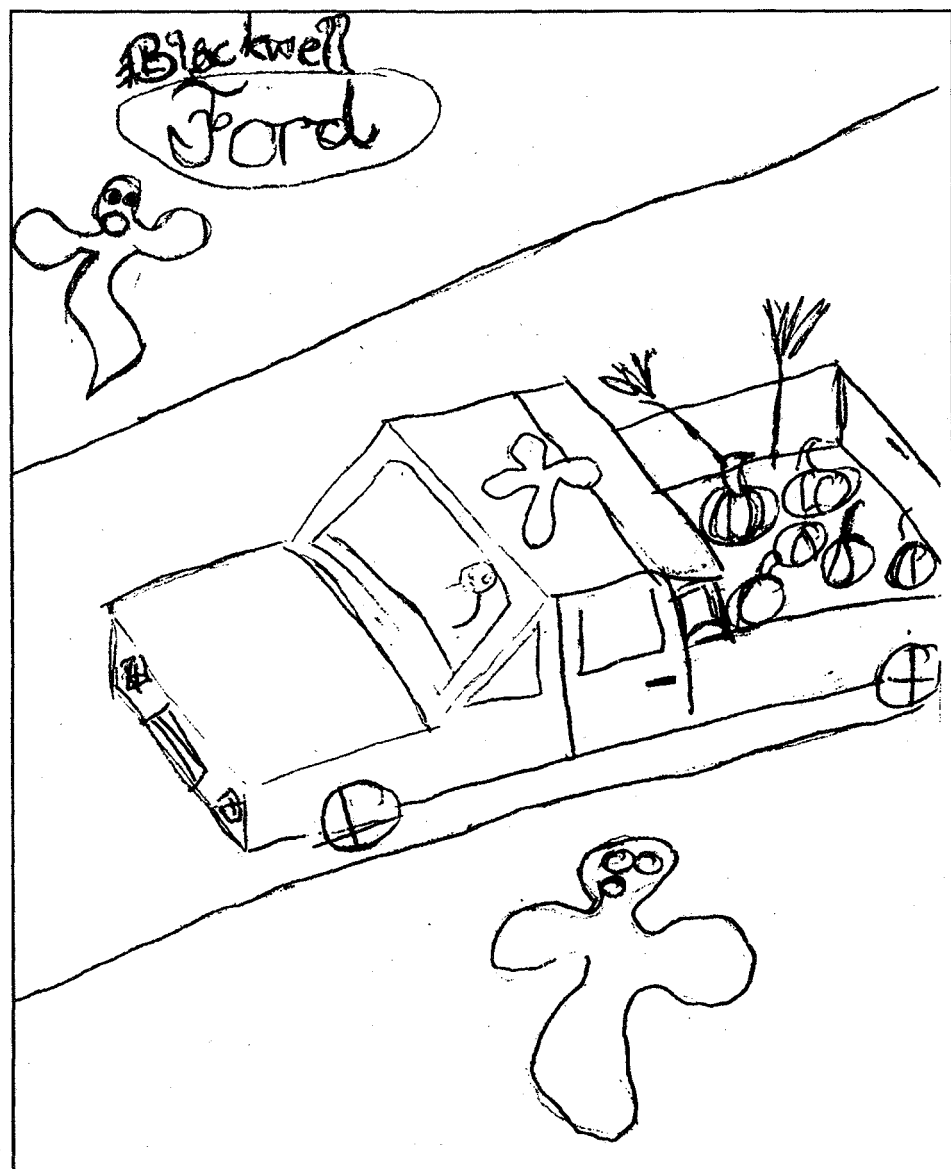
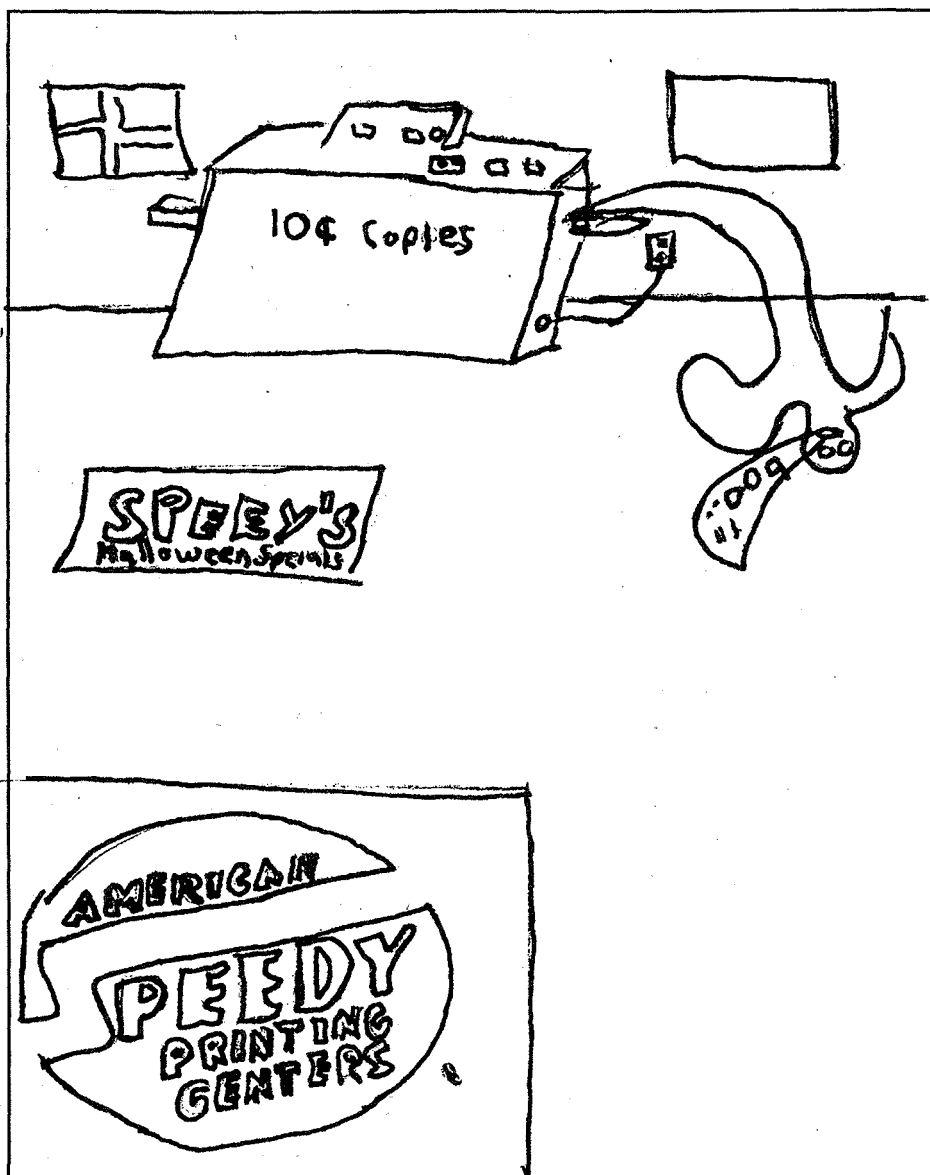
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What I like to do when

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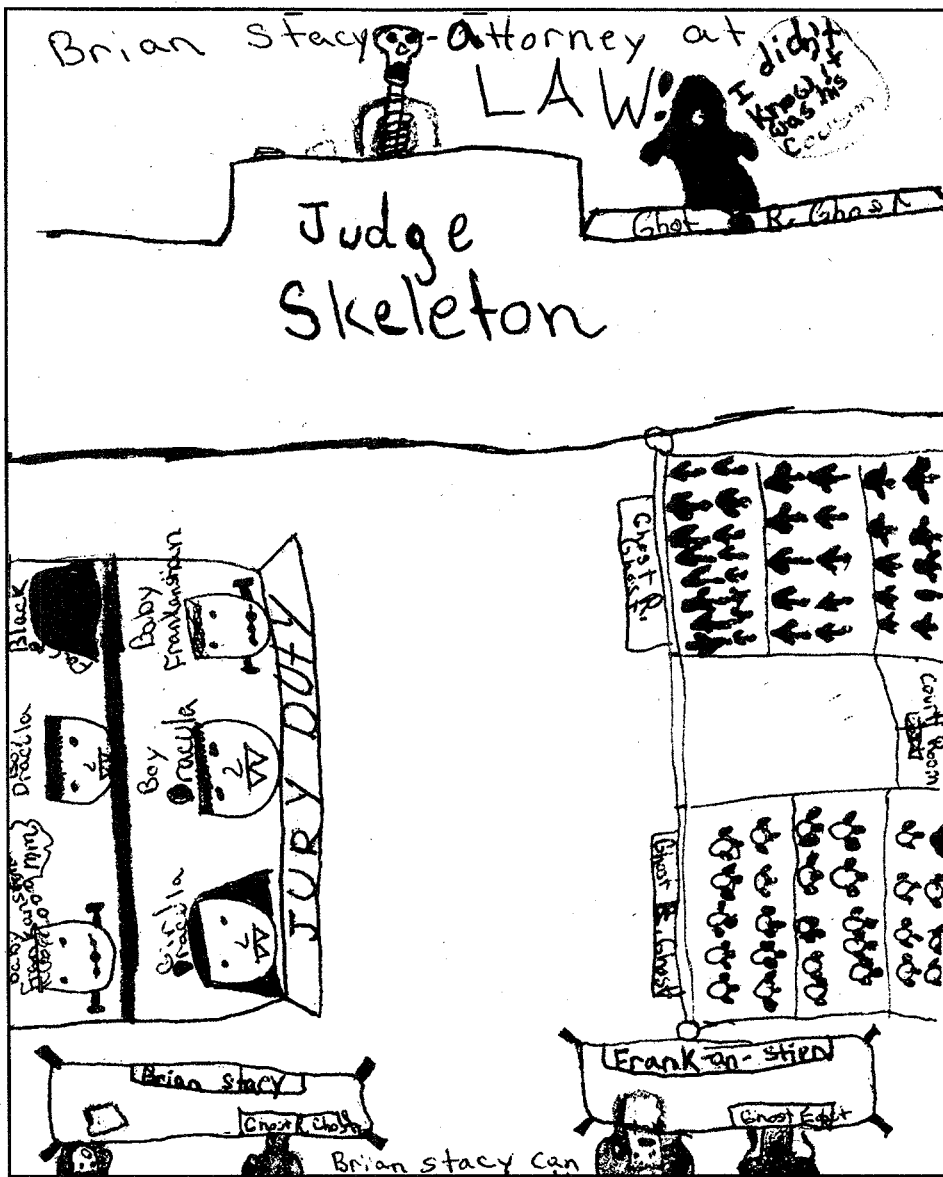


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Favorite TV Show: USA High and Saved by the Bell (The New Class)



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Hobbies: Dance, Art

Favorite Foods: Ravioli, Lasagna, Burgers

Favorite TV Show: Sweet Valley High

What I like to do when

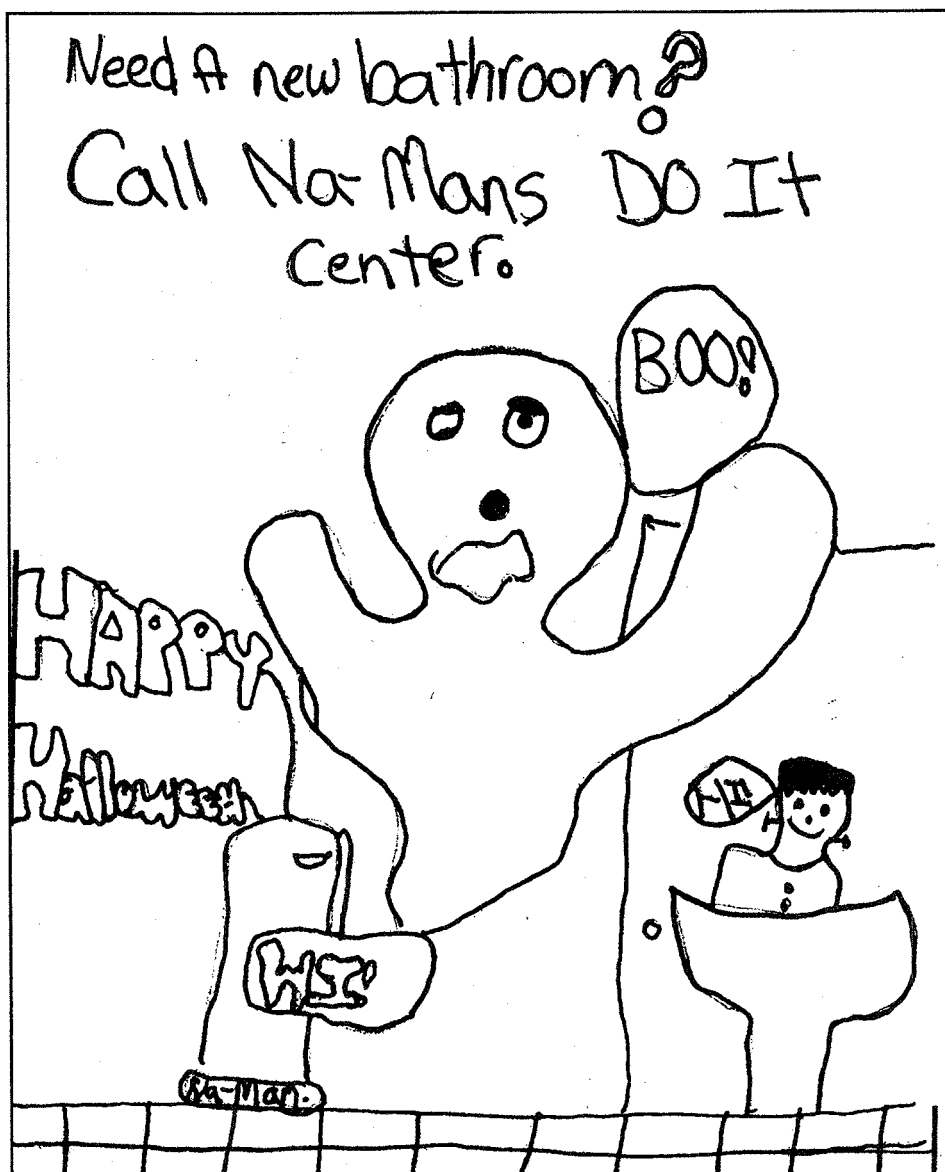
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What I like to do when

I'm not in school: To ride my bike.



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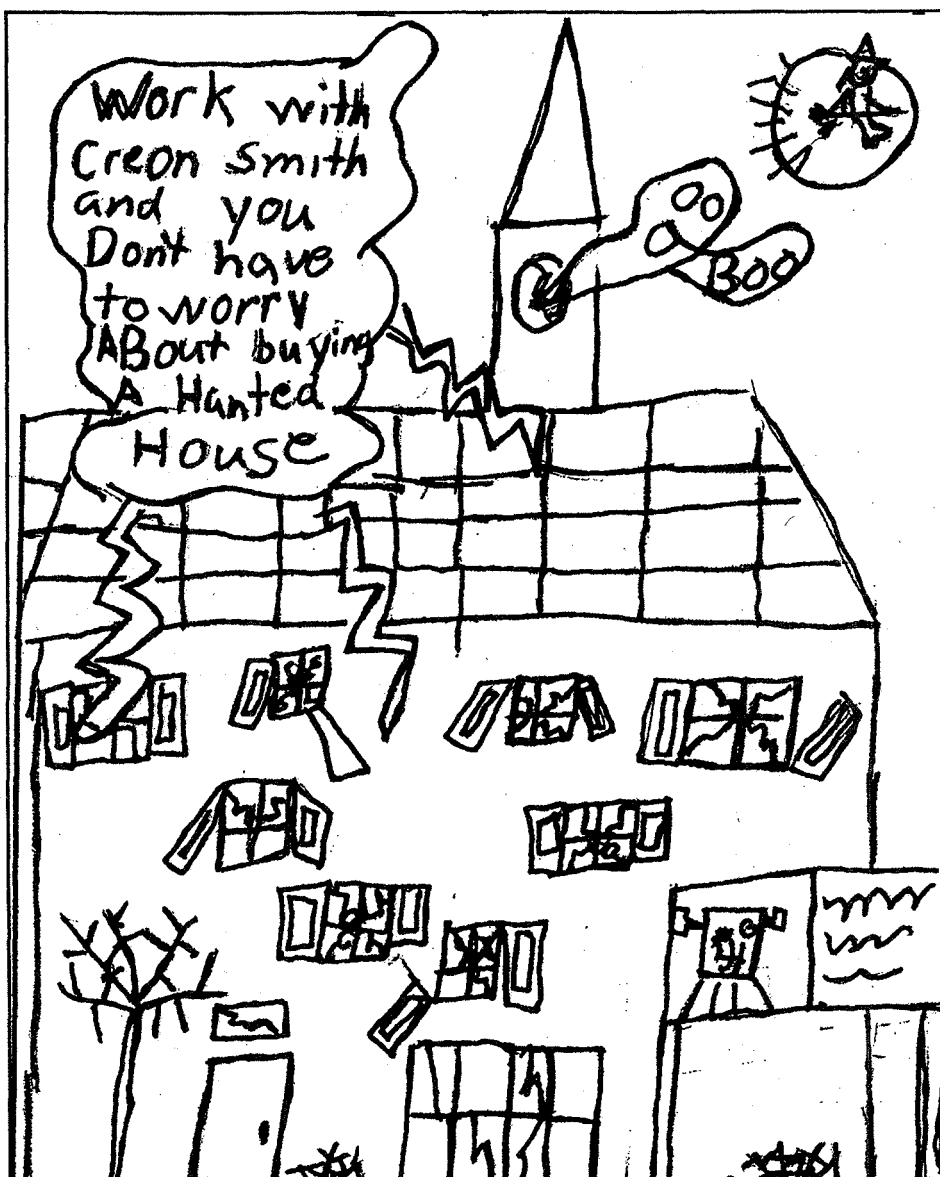
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Favorite Foods: Spaghetti, Ice Cream, Pizza and Candy

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Allen - So great to see you at the Crier. Glad you're feeling better. -Diane

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Allen - I knew there was good here somewhere. Now I will park the car and you can pay my way in. Fair is fair.

Curiosities



Happy Birthday (10-30) to our sweetheart, TOM HOWARTH. We're very proud of you. w/love from all your girls.

Will the gentleman that requested the picture of his daughter on the basketball court please call or stop by The Crier?

Curiosities

Really Althea! Couldn't find the key to your suitcase; brake the lock: found key; then lost the whole suitcases! Anything for attention.

Not true! We love you! N & G

I would like to thank all the MSU fans who will be buying my lunch all week. Mon. Ed - Thank you, Tue. Lisa - Thank You, Wed. Chuck - Thank You, Thurs. Bryon - & Fri Billy - Thank You.

Wed will be the most Elaborate Lunch Once Again Thanks, Jack

Lisa L is looking for a minimizer, while Linda K. is looking for a maximizer! Life is not fair! (Hope your anniversary was fun!)

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Thanks Mary and Dave Mills and the Locked Out Newspaper Friends for our Crier mugs!

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PSO goes downtown with 3 Baritones

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Plymouth Symphony has chosen a special place for a special concert.

Normally the symphony performs in high school auditoriums, but November 9 the Symphony will play with three well known opera singers in a performance entitled "The Three Baritones" at the Detroit Orchestra Hall.

"It's historic," said Plymouth Symphony executive director Bonnie Holyoak. "The hall is so acoustically wonderful. It will be an entirely different kind of experience."

Guest artist Pablo Elvira, a baritone with the Metropolitan Opera for more than 20 years, will join baritones Quinto Milito and Dino Valle to perform selections from popular operas.

The performance will also feature bayanist Peter Soave, an internationally acclaimed virtuoso of the bayan, a Russian instrument resembling an accordion.

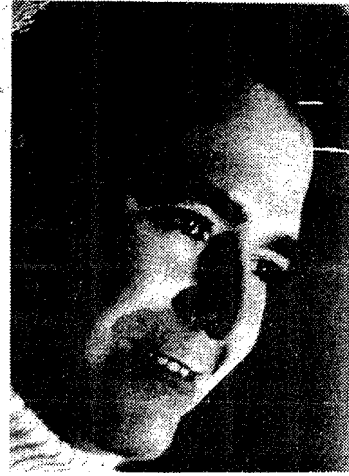
The symphony has performed with Valle and Milito before, according to Holyoak, and it was their pull that helped the symphony secure the Orchestra Hall for the concert.

Valle has studied at the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts, Madonna University and Indiana University School of Music. He founded the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, Holyoak said.

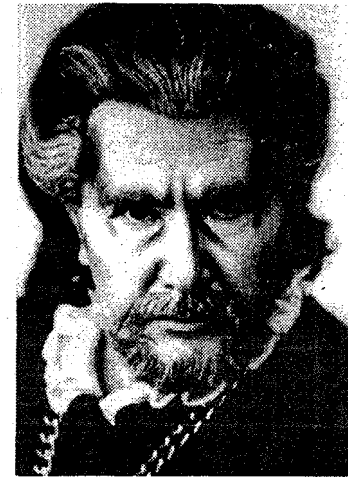
Milito is a graduate of the G. Rossini



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PABLO ELVIRA



DINO VALLE

Conservatory of Music in Pesare, Italy, and has sung throughout Europe and the United States.

The three, combined with Soave's acclaimed music, should make the performance worthwhile for opera veterans and newcomers alike, Holyoak said.

"They're singing many popular songs from the Barber of Seville, Karmen and the Man of LaMancha," Holyoak said. "Everyone should be familiar with them, and be able to enjoy it."

In general, the opera has changed somewhat over the years, according to symphony

volunteer Janice Hallsworth.

"They tend to act more," she said. "They generally sing in the language the opera was written in, but now there is generally a translation run on a screen across the top of the stage."

Seeing an opera live at Orchestra Hall is an experience everyone has, according to symphony volunteer Louise Flamboe.

"I've seen them on television and all that, but nothing compares with seeing them in person," she said. "They say music has five qualities, and its almost like opera adds another one."

Holyoak hopes the symphony can continue to use halls like the Detroit Orchestra Hall, or someday have a facility of their own.

"We would love it," she said. "Right now we are dependent on the high schools and that's okay, because it has forced us to reach out to other communities. It's just sometimes difficult to work from their schedule."

Tickets for the 3 p.m. November 9 performance are still available at the symphony's office on Penniman, or by calling 453-2112.

"It's music everyone can appreciate," Holyoak said. "It's a long show, but it's a real exciting show."

Canton chop shop?

Car fire leads police to stolen parts, maybe more

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Police may have found more than they bargained for when they investigated a car fire Thursday.

According to Western Wayne Auto Theft Sgt. Ernie Bucks, Canton Police Ofc. Randy Rankins first responded to a report of a car fire on Maben Road near Canton Center.

The car, which was totally consumed in flames, was found to be a late model 5.0 Ford Mustang that had been reported stolen, according to Bucks.

Rankins remembered seeing several Mustangs at Auto One, a nearby auto shop, according to Bucks.

"It was in such close proximity that the next, logical step was to go over there and check it out," he said.

Rankins observed some car parts partially hidden beneath a tarp, but an employee at Auto One would not let him in to check them. Rankins then contacted

Canton Police Detective Leonard Wolons who obtained two authorized search warrants, according to Bucks.

The parts belonged to the burning car.

"Using the search warrant, we were able to identify parts of the burned vehicle," Bucks said.

The second search warrant was served at a Canton residence, according to Bucks.

Bucks said the investigation is ongoing, and could not comment on the number of suspects involved or possible charges they would face.

"We're still following this up. We have a number of people we still want to contact and interview," he said.

Bucks also said he wasn't sure why the Mustang was burned. "That doesn't make much sense to me," he said. "It only served to draw attention to it. Ofc. Rankins did a real nice piece of police work by following up on the incident."

Octoberfest a hit

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and more."

Festival-goers could also have their picture for \$1 in front of an Octoberfest display, take a ride on 'Dan, the Choo-Choo Man's mini-train or jump around in the Awesome Bouncer Moonwalk.

Sightings of the invisible man were

reported, but no proof has been found.

Volunteers handed out free refreshments of cider, coffee and doughnuts to keep the public warm and happy.

Except maybe Bethany Peterson, a 7-month old dressed as a little bunny. She lost her carrot.



More than 3,000 kids turned out for Canton's second annual Octoberfest, a Halloween event designed to educate kids with safety tips and entertain them with art projects, rides and a pumpkin-weight guessing contest. (Someone should have told 2-year-old Kurumi Sugiyama that kids aren't usually entered in the contest.) (Crier photo by Linda Kochanek).



Sports

Sports shorts

Eighteen players from the Canton and Salem boys soccer teams recently received Western Lakes Activities Association All-Conference, All-Division and Honorable Mention honors. The All-Conference honorees included: Canton senior **Jared Page**, defense; Salem senior **Rob Zrodowski**, defense; Salem senior **Andy Power**, midfielder; and Salem senior **Brett Konley**, forward.

The All-Division honorees included: **Ryan Dyer**, Canton defender; **Aaron MacDonald**, Salem defender; **Nick Szczechowski**, Salem defender; **Dan Wielechowski**, Salem midfielder; **Brent Mullin**, Salem midfielder; **Scott Wright**, Canton forward; and **Ben Davis**, Canton goaltender.

The WLAA Honorable Mention honorees included: Canton's **Steve Epley**, **Brandon Anulewicz** and **Trevor Anulewicz** and Salem's **Giuseppe Ianni**, **Brian Wozniak**, **Jeremy Finlay** and **Mike Shull**.

Basketball Travel League Nov. 3 to Dec. 19. Practices are Monday or Wednesday, games Friday or Saturday. Four age divisions. For more information, call the Plymouth Community YMCA at 453-2904.

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.

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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.

Spartans start early, beat Chiefs, 36-20

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Canton was unable to start a winning streak Friday, losing its playoff game to Livonia Stevenson, 36-20.

Canton, who won its first game of the season Oct. 17, got off to a rough start against the Spartans, falling behind 15-0 in the first quarter.

Both Stevenson touchdowns were made off of consecutive fumbles by Canton. The first touchdown came after a six-play, 34-yard drive was capped by a five-yard run. The extra point was good, and Stevenson led, 7-0. After the second Canton fumble, the Spartans drove 36 yards in four plays, setting up an 11-yard touchdown run.

The two-point conversion gave Stevenson a 15-0 lead.

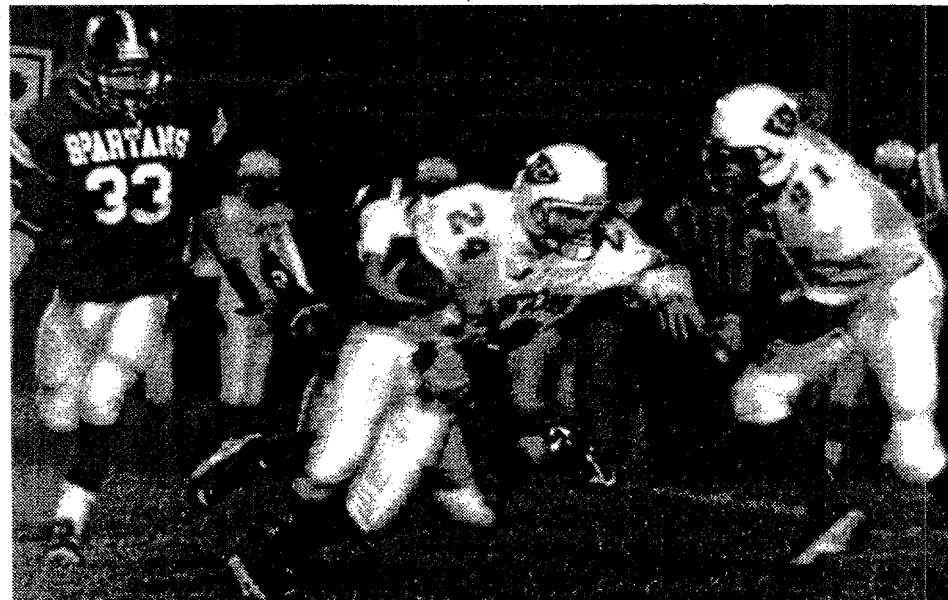
A six-yard run in the second quarter by Stevenson put the Spartans up 22-0.

The Chiefs finally were able to put themselves on the board after Jay Schmitt completed a nine-yard touchdown pass to Brian Musser.

However, the Spartans came right back with two more touchdowns on a 55-yard pass and a five-yard run, respectively, before the intermission.

The score was 36-6 when the teams headed in for the half.

In the third quarter, after the Chiefs recovered a fumble at midfield, Eric Frazer passed 20 yards to Casey McCusker for a touchdown.



The Canton offense had trouble moving the ball early in the game at Livonia Stevenson Friday, and the Chiefs quickly fell behind 36-6. Canton lost, 36-20, and fell to 1-7 this season (Crier photo R. Alwood Jr.)

Glenn Heinrich returned an interception 45 yards to Stevenson's 12-yard line, which led to another touchdown.

Late in the third quarter, Frazer passed 10 yards to Musser for another touchdown. The two-point conversion was

good. The score held at 36-20 for the remainder of the game. Stevenson had 357 total offense, and 231 yards rushing.

Canton quarterbacks completed seven

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What a turnaround

From 2-9 to 11-1, improvement due to desire, teamwork, Chief golf coach says

BY BRIAN CORBETT

For the last three seasons, the Canton boys golf team has shared bus rides to tournaments with the defending conference champions Salem.

"They'd seen Salem do it. They wanted to do it too," said Canton coach Tom Alles.

They've done it. The Canton boys golf team improved from a 2-9 record last season to win the Western Lakes Activities Association regular season and tournament titles, and finish 11-1 overall. It didn't take long for the Chiefs to discover that they were much better than even they expected.

"It started early in the season when we had our best score ever at the invitational at Michigan State," said Alles.

And it didn't stop. The Chiefs shot a 202 in a dual meet against Ann Arbor Huron on Aug. 26, setting up an early season showdown with Livonia Stevenson. The Chiefs were still considered dark horses at the time, and Canton's win on Stevenson's home course proved to be a springboard for the rest of the season.

"When we beat Stevenson over there, and we shot 200, they really started to believe in themselves," said Alles.

Slowly, but surely, the rest of the WLAA started to believe in Canton, too. They rattled off wins versus Northville and North Farmington in mid-September, before losing their only match Sept. 22 at

Hilltop to Westland John Glenn. But the Chiefs regrouped, and kept their composure during a close win over Walled Lake Western a week later, led by Brendan Wheeler's 39 score, the first of three straight for the sophomore sensation.

But this team's success can't be attributed to individuals. "The key was our consistency. Ben Tucker and Brendan Wheeler had a 41.3 stroke average, and Derek Lineberry was not far behind," said Alles.

Justin Allen improved 10 strokes this season to 42. "He couldn't even break 50 last year," said Alles. "They worked as team. They really wanted to help one another," added Alles.

Erik Arlen and three-year varsity player Matt Heiss also were key contributors. "(Heiss) really came on at the end of the year as well. He earned all-division honors by shooting 82 at the conference tournament," said Alles.

The Chiefs finished seven strokes ahead of the field at the WLAA tourney Oct. 7. They carried that outstanding play into the regionals four days later, claiming fifth place. The Chiefs' 317 score would've qualified the team in any other region for the state tourney.

But you'll find no one complaining. "This happens once or twice in a lifetime, when you turnaround something from 2-9," said Alles.

Chief tankers coast by Walled Lake, 100-86

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Canton girls swimming team won its meet against Walled Lake last Thursday. The final score was 100-86.

Canton's top 200 freestyle swimmer was Sue Fanning; she finished with a time of 2:11.78.

Terri Hanson swam the 200 IM in 2:22.76. Kristin Kalymon swam the 100 fly in 1:08.18.

Erin Rogala swam the 100 breast stroke with a personal best time of 1:17.09.

The first 200 freestyle relay team was comprised of Megan Dowd, Angie Frost, Jaclyn Bernard, and Terri Hanson. Their time was 1:46.78.

"We're 4-0 in the division championships. We just have one more dual meet with Northville," said coach Sarah Eubanks.

"It was a very exciting meet. The girls did a really great job."

In cold pursuit



Canton's Brandon Anulewicz controls the ball with Salem's Rob Zdrodowski (12) and Brent Mullin in pursuit during the Rocks' 2-1 double overtime district win in frigid conditions Saturday in Livonia. (Crier photo W.H. Bill Dean)

Canton gridders fall to 1-7

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of 20 passes for 107 yards.

Byron Miller had five carries for 30 yards, Nick Allen four for 23.

Canton had a total of 178 yards. Canton is 1-7 overall.

Plymouth winless on road trip

The Whalers went on a three-game road trip last week, and it would appear their defense didn't come with them.

Plymouth, who had allowed 30 or more shots on goal in two of eight games prior to the swing through eastern Ontario, surrendered an average of 33 shots on goal and 4.6 goals against in its winless (0-2-1) road trip.

Plymouth lost to Peterborough Thursday, 5-3, and Kingston Friday, 6-5, and tied Ottawa, 3-3, on Sunday.

In the game against the Petes Thursday, Peterborough scored two goals midway through the second period to take a 3-1 lead over the Whalers. Brian Passmore's first OHL goal at 18:55 of the second pulled the Whalers within one, but the Petes answered with the game-winning goal 6:03 into the third period.

Joel Trotter and Jesse Boulerice also scored for Plymouth. Robert Esche made 28 saves for the Whalers.

One night later in Kingston, the Frontenacs scored a power play goal 2:05 into the extra period to overcome a 5-3 Whaler third period lead.

Boulerice was called for high sticking in overtime and slapped with a 10-minute misconduct to give Kingston its fifth man advantage of the game; the Frontenacs had three power play goals in the game.

Eric Gooldy tied the game at 1-1 for Plymouth with his third goal of the year at 10:34 of the first period.

The Whalers used second period goals from Randy Fitzgerald, Julian Smith and Trotter to take a 4-3 lead into the second intermission.

Dave Legwand added to the lead with his 11th goal of the season 4:32 into the third period. But Kingston scored two goals in the game's final four minutes, including a power play tally with 15 seconds left in regulation, to tie the score, 5-5.

Stevie Lyle made 29 saves for Plymouth.

The Whalers salvaged some satisfaction Sunday by forging a 3-3 tie in Ottawa against one the stingiest defenses in the league. Plymouth held a 2-1 lead late in the second period on power play goals from Legwand and Jason Lawmaster.

But the Whalers again gave up a goal late in a period, this time in the second with 12 seconds remaining, that tied the game.

Trailing 3-2 in the third period, Plymouth returned the favor when Harold Druken scored with 11 seconds left on the clock.

Esche made 30 saves, including 16 in the first period.

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WINDSOR	3	12	0	2-8-0	8

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
KINGSTON	12	3	1	7-3-0	25
OTTAWA	8	5	1	7-3-0	17
PETERBOROUGH	6	6	2	4-5-1	14
BELLEVILLE	6	9	1	4-5-1	13
TORONTO	5	6	2	3-7-0	12
OSHAWA	4	8	0	3-6-0	8

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
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OWEN SOUND	6	7	1	6-4-0	13
KITCHENER	5	6	3	6-4-0	13
SUDBURY	5	8	1	2-8-0	11
NORTH BAY	3	9	2	2-8-0	8

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Team GA: OTT (32)

CATCH OF THE DAY

The Five Hole Forward Joel Trotter has five points in five games since he joined the Whalers Oct. 18. He has three goals and two assists, and at least one point in every game.

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Salem passes test, beats Canton 2-1 in OT

BY BRIAN CORBETT

This time, it was Salem's turn.

The intense Salem-Canton soccer rivalry was taken to new heights Saturday in the Rocks' 2-1 double overtime district final win at Livonia Stevenson.

Senior forward Brett Konley scored for Salem with 7:20 left in the second overtime period after nearly missing all of the first half while taking the American College Test.

It was sweet revenge for Salem (16-0-3), who was knocked out of the state tournament last year by the Chiefs. Canton had revenge on its mind, too. The Chiefs had lost both games this season against Salem

entering Saturday's showdown. "It was a good ballgame. They beat us again," said Canton coach Don Smith, whose team finished this season 13-6-1. "They've got a really good team. We played well, too. We had our chances, but we didn't capitalize."

Salem coach Ed McCarthy was impressed with Canton's effort. "Canton played one of their best games that I've seen," he said. Salem's victory advanced the Rocks to Monday's regional contest versus Livonia Churchill (14-2-4).

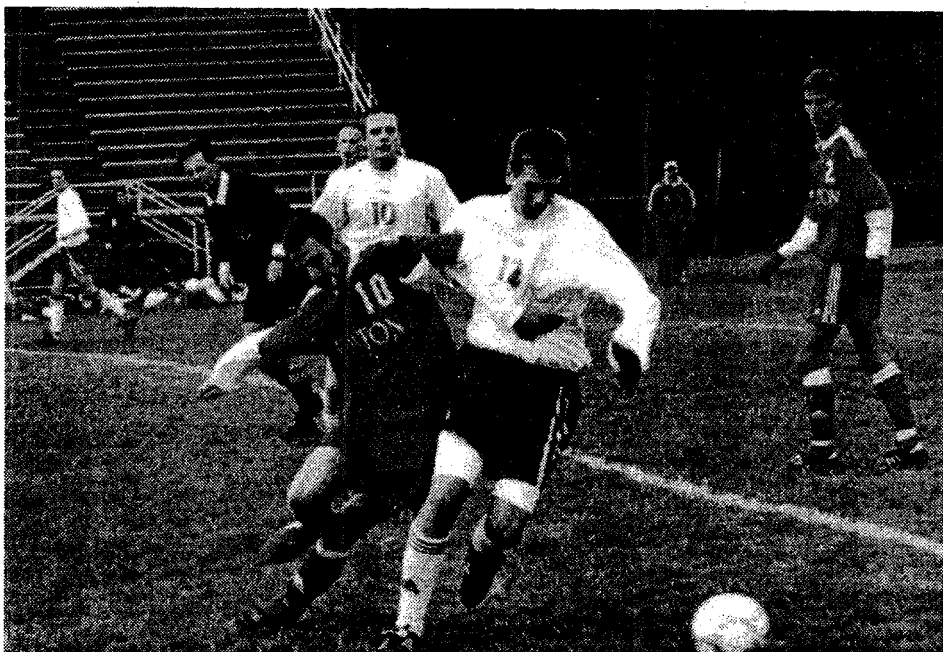
Salem dominated Canton during the game's opening 20 minutes, despite the absence of Konley and fellow starters Nick Szczechowski and Risha Sinha, who also

were taking the ACT. Junior Giuseppe Ianni scored for Salem four minutes into the game, beating Canton goalkeeper Ben Davis on an assist from Brent Mullin. When Konley arrived with less than five minutes left in the first half, "he tried to do too much," said McCarthy.

The momentum swung in Canton's favor when Steve Epley scored with eight seconds remaining the first half. Salem lost starting goalkeeper Jeremy Finlay when he received a yellow card for arguing an official's call. He was replaced by Brian Wozniak.

Tied 1-1 both teams continually denied the other quality scoring chances. Until Salem's Dan Wielechowski corner kicked the ball over a scrum of players to Andy Power; he fired a shot at Davis (12 saves), who made the stop. But the rebound couldn't have gone to a more dangerous player. Konley's goal was his 33rd of the season.

"I think if you would've posed the question before the game went into overtime, 'Who will score the winning goal?' The only answer would've been Konley," said McCarthy.



Canton senior Steve Epley and Salem's Rob Zdrodowski battle for the ball during Salem's 2-1 double overtime win Saturday. (Crier photo W.H. Bill Dean)

Salem beats Churchill, 1-0

On Monday night, junior Dan Wielechowski scored the only goal of the game, and goalie Brian Wozniak recorded the shutout for Salem, who advances to the regional final Saturday at the PCEP at 1 p.m. versus the Monroe/Woodhaven winner.

Rocks crush Patriot revolt, 34-13

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Livonia Franklin's patriotic spirit wasn't enough to hold down the Salem Rocks last Friday. The Rocks, who won 34-14, easily dominated the playoff game.

From the start of the game, the Rocks were able to control the ball, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter alone.

The first touchdown came on their first possession. The Rocks started on their 19-yard line, and called seven straight rushing plays. Sophomore Matt Fair, who has been the starting quarterback since senior Tony Bernhardt was hurt earlier this season, then passed the ball 25 yards to Andy Kocofloski, bringing the ball to Franklin's 31-yard line.

Two plays later, Fair scored at 6:42. Salem led, 6-0.

Later in the first quarter, a punt by Rob Zdrodowski pinned the Patriots on their own 11-yard line.

On second down, Franklin fumbled on a running play to the strong side; the Rocks recovered and scored their second touchdown with 2:17 left in the first quarter. Salem led, 12-0.

Early in the second quarter, Franklin put together its best drive of the game, a 74 march, topped off with a three-yard run at 9:39. The Franklin drive was aided by Salem face mask and pass interference penalties.

However, Salem was able to block the

extra point, and hold the score at 12-6.

Shortly before halftime, a 15-yard Franklin punt gave the Rocks prime field position at the Patriots 35-yard line. On first down, Fair threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Jeff McKian. Eric Peterson ran in the two-point conversion, to give Salem a 20-6 halftime lead. The action then slowed down in the third quarter, but returned again early in the fourth quarter.

Franklin started on their 20-yard line and set up to punt after three plays. But Franklin's punter threw a shovel pass which resulted in an 81-yard touchdown run at 8:42. Salem led, 20-13.

Salem sunk by Dearborn

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Salem girls-swimming team lost to Dearborn Oct. 21, 104-82.

Salem came in first in the 200 Medley Relay with a time of 1:57.50. The Salem relay team included Kari Foust, Katie Bonner, Lori McKay, and Carrie Dzialo.

Bonner also came in first in the 100 breast stroke with a time of 1:13.99.

Salem was close behind Dearborn in several events.

Lindsay Hartz finished the 200 freestyle in 2:07.48. Hartz swam the 100 fly in 1:07.11. Sarah Rogers had a time of 2:26.89 in the 200 IM. Kathy Kelly narrowly missed Dearborn with her time of

It wasn't long before the Rocks struck back, though. David Clemons returned the kickoff to Salem's 49-yard line. Six plays later, Peterson scored from a one yard out, to give Salem a 27-13 lead. The Rocks then scored again off of a 45-yard drive, capped with a two-yard touchdown run by Charlie Schmidt to complete the scoring.

Peterson and Schmidt led the team in rushing, both with 85 yards.

Fair completed four of 10 passes, for a 90 yards. Salem had 300 yards rushing. The offensive line played one of their best games of the season.

Salem is 5-3 overall.

0:26.11 in the 50 freestyle.

Salem's top three divers were Michelle Wallon, Jessica Hedges and Mahshid Pirzadea. Dzialo finished the 100 freestyle in 0:57.28. Rogers finished the 500 Free with a time of 5:38.15. The 200 freestyle relay had a team included Kelly, Dzialo, Latva, and McKay. They finished with a combined time was 1:45.10. Stephanie Tyler swam the 100 Back and finished with a time of 1:07.49. Salem's top 400 freestyle relay team timed in at 3:55.80. The team consisted of Kelly, Hartz, Dzialo, and Rogers.

"We had a few people out, so the meet was just OK," said coach Chuck Olson.

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CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tomorrow at Farmington Hills Harrison. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. WLAA playoffs begin Nov. 6.

CANTON GIRLS CC

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

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SALEM FOOTBALL

Friday at the PCEP versus Canton at 7:30 p.m.

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Tomorrow at home versus Livonia Stevenson. Tuesday at Mason. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

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



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

RALPH L. SHAW

Ralph L. Shaw, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 20, 1997 at the age of 67.

Mr. Shaw was born Nov. 26, 1929 in Detroit. He was an airline mechanic for United Airlines. He served in the Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his daughters, Cyndi L. (Russ) Barnett of Plymouth, Vivian L. (Clayton) Metcalf of Taylor, MI; and son, Mark A. Shaw of Lincoln Park, MI. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elwood and Marie Shaw.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association West Metro Region P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072-0129.

FLORENCE M. HICKOK

Florence M. Hickok, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 25, 1997 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Hickok was born Sept. 23, 1908 in Austinburg, OH. She was a teacher in the Detroit public school system for 43 years. She came to the community in 1991 from South Lyon. She was a member of the South

Lyon Methodist Church, the Michigan Education Association, the South Lyon Historical Society, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of South Lyon, and the Child Study Club of South Lyon.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 29, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Hart officiating. Burial will be at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

BERTRAM M. CONDRON

Bertram M. Condron, a Canton resident, died Oct. 23, 1997 at the age of 71.

Mr. Condron was born May 13, 1926 in Dearborn. He was an engineer with Modern - Chrysler. He enjoyed boating, bowling and singing. He served with the Army in 82nd Airborne during WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Viola Eleanor Frank Condron; daughters, Kathleen (Terry) Gingrich of Pennsylvania, Kristine Kanzenbach of Pennsylvania; step-daughters, Georgia Siemen of Dearborn Heights, Christine Jewel and Charles Collins of Hell, MI, Carolyn (Michael) DeRouchie of Monroe, MI; sisters, Ethel & Gilbert Schettenhelm of Warren; step-sons, Kevin (Shiela) Campbell of Ann Arbor; Dwight (Pamela) Campbell of Plymouth; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Wyandotte Hospice, 140 Elm Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

BERT E. TRIPP

Bert E. Tripp, a Westland resident, died Oct. 25, 1997 at the age of 74.

Mr. Tripp was born Oct. 3, 1923 in Binghamton, NY. He was a chemist.

He is survived by his wife, Rita M. (Sullivan) Tripp of Westland; sons, Michael B. (Debra) Tripp of Canton, Mark J. (Denise) Trip of Westland; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Daniel J. Zaleski officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made.

JOSEPH CHARLES SCHWALL

Joseph Charles Schwall, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 24, 1997 at the age of 52.

Mr. Schwall was born July 17, 1945 in Dearborn. He was an emission technician for Ford Motor Company.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy B. Schwall of Plymouth; daughter, Cynthia L. (Michael) Andro of Carleton, MI; son, Steven J. Schwall of Plymouth; brother, James Schwall of Fowlerville, MI; and grandson, Matthew J. Andro of Carleton, MI. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles F. and Mary Schwall.

Services were held at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Kavasch officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170-3446.

Kenneth D. Richards, 70

Kenneth D. Richards was a Canton resident.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Richards; daughter Terri Keski-Hynnala of Canton; one brother; one sister; and three grandchildren.

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



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Trish Donnelly-Runnion memorial run Sunday

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

The Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial run will be held Sunday at Salem and Canton High Schools.

Donnelly-Runnion ran for the Plymouth Salem track and cross-country teams and later became a teacher for learning disabled students before she succumbed to breast cancer in January.

"She really liked to run," said Carol Donnelly, Trish's mother. "She was well-liked and motivated. People who knew her will be there."

The run is open to the public, but it will also give those who knew Trish a chance to get together in her memory.

"We already have sixty responses turned in so far," says Donnelly. "It all depends on the weather, but I have faith that it will be nice."

"Trish excelled as a runner and a teacher. It's fitting that the run will help the cross country team members succeed in pursuing college." Carol Donnelly

The idea for the memorial run came from Donnelly-Runnion's high school coaches, Tommy Williams and Gary Belconi.

"Trish excelled as a runner and a teacher," says Donnelly. "It's fitting that the run will help the cross country team members succeed in pursuing college."

The run will benefit the Plymouth Salem boys and girls cross country teams. Two scholarships will be given to one male and one female students. The remainder of the proceeds will be

donated to the Salem cross country teams.

There are three races for all different physical levels, all starting behind Salem High School. A one-mile run/walk, a 5K run and a 10K run. Registration times are 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 before the race and \$18 that day. All ages are welcome to participate.

Contact Geoff Baker at 313-595-4250 or Dave Gerlach at 313-416-7708 for more information.



TRISH DONNELLY-RUNNION

Neighbors oppose church annex

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effort to meet the needs of new adult and younger members, programs such as Bible study groups, communion classes and mid-week groups have been expanded and added. "It's a reality of the demographics of the area."

The Harvey house, if bought, would be used to house the church classes' growth, Brown said. "We're not exploding over here. We have a steady increase and you

want to tend and accommodate that growth."

Some of first Presbyterian's neighbors, however, do not want the church to spill over into residential areas.

"This is the City of Homes. That's our motto," Sally Bila said. Bila lives on William Street near the church. She and her husband, former Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila, said they both oppose non-residential uses of neighborhood homes. "I just want to

keep it residential: a family living in a home," Sally said.

The Harvey house is now zoned for multi-family residences, according to the City of Plymouth building department. Use as a classroom annex would require a public hearing and special permission from the Planning Commission.

Brown said First Presbyterian would make basic renovations to the structure, but plans to retain the house as a home.

"It's not going to get leveled for a parking lot. There won't be Christian rock bands practicing there. It's not for crises or drop-ins. It's additional classroom space," Brown said. "The church has tried to be sensitive to the neighbors' concerns."

Cohen disagrees, however, and said he and a group of other residents will go to the church's vote meeting this weekend. "We will demand to be heard this Sunday."

Commission vote Tues.

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sent out is typical, too, Langmesser said. About 570 absentee ballots have been mailed to residents. Less than 20 per cent of those have been returned, she said. "By the end of the week they'll start coming in. I think people usually wait to read the newspaper endorsements" before mailing in ballots, she said. To be counted, the City must receive absentee ballots by 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Voters will choose from eight candidates running for the four seats open on the commission. Running are:

- Don Dismuke, City Commissioner since 1995.
- William Graham, former City of Plymouth Finance director.
- Ron Loiselle, Mayor of Plymouth.
- David McDonald, Chairman of the Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Colleen Pobur, Wayne County Department of Airports, Director of Neighborhood Compatibility.
- Paul Schulz, video production assistant.
- John Thomas, Plymouth-based attorney.

Fred Dilacovo missed the deadline for

withdrawal from the race and will appear on the ballot, but has pronounced himself a non-candidate.

As Langmesser said, the race lacks a burning issue or other political drama to raise voter interest; turnouts should be average. The only thing new about the race is the balloting system.

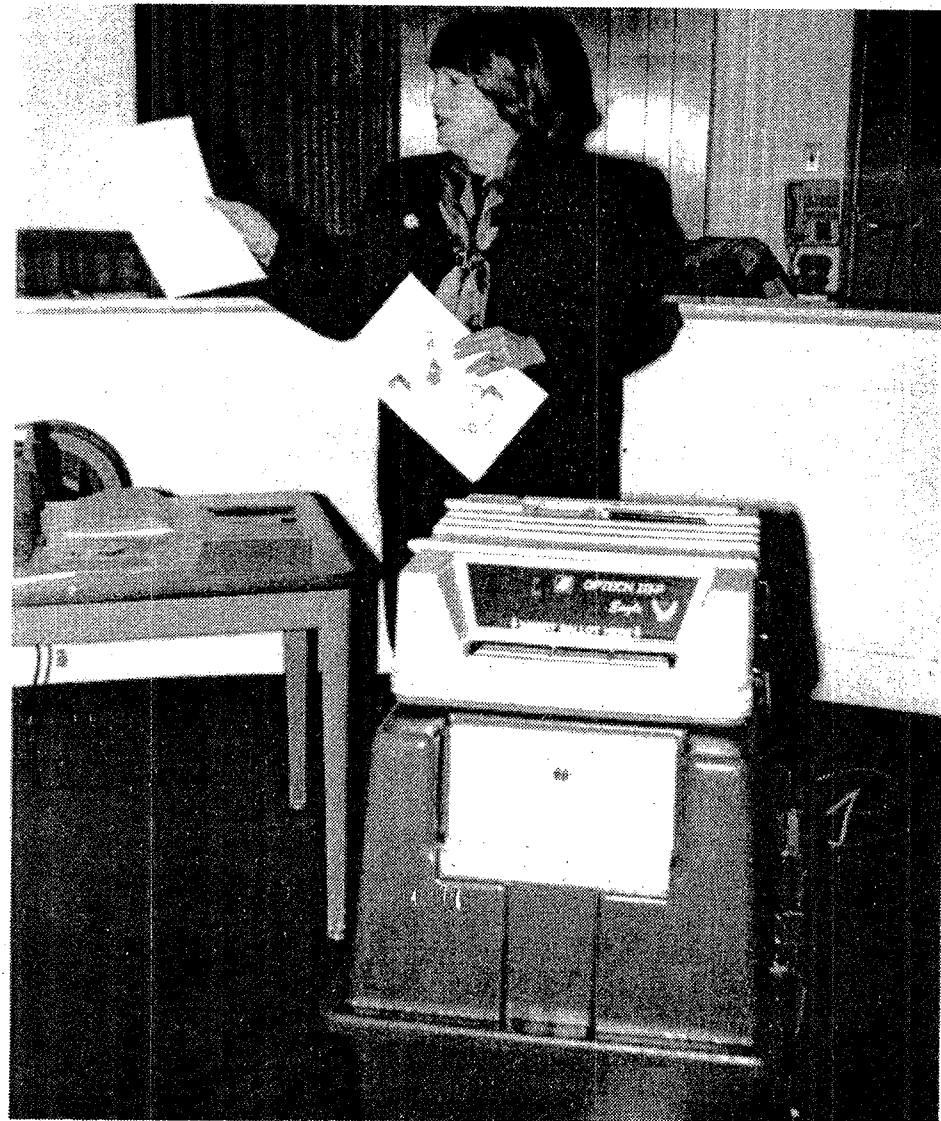
The City's Optech voting machines, which keep track of votes by optically scanning voters' ballots, will make their precinct debut Tuesday, Langmesser said. The machines have been used to tabulate absentee ballots in the City's previous two elections.

For this election precinct workers have had three training sessions, the most recent conducted Monday by state personnel.

Langmesser said the machines are popular among the workers. "Ballots will be easier to tabulate and paperwork can be filled out more quickly," she said. "The workers are enthusiastic about them."

This Optech excitement is not expected catch on with voters, though.

"I don't expect it will bring more people to the polls. It's too bad, too. Commission elections are just as big a job for the City as Presidential elections."



Monday, City of Plymouth voting precinct workers received their third lesson in how to operate the City's Optech balloting machines (at right). The machine will be used by voters for the first time in Tuesday's City Commission election. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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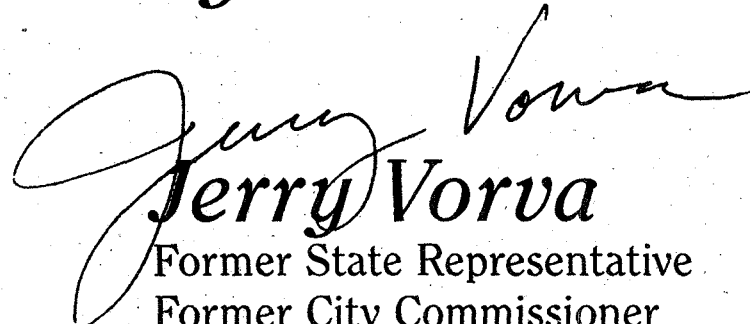
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Community opinions

Community plays part in safer Halloween

EDITOR,

In response to an effort by the Coalition on Alcohol Advertising and Family Education to limit beer advertising at Halloween, it's important to remember that Halloween is a national holiday enjoyed by adults as well as children. In fact, Halloween has become second only to

United Way: day of caring thanks

EDITOR,

The Plymouth Community United Way, Our Lady of Providence Center, and Plymouth Opportunity House would like to thank all of the volunteers who made the day of Caring such a success.

Marie Morrow, President of Plymouth United Way would like to express a heartfelt thanks to all the individual volunteers and the following companies:

Ford Motor Company, UAW, Plymouth United Way, Blackwell Ford, Gabriela's hallway picture, Sherwin Williams on Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Carpet Service, Einstein Brothers, Edwards Bake Shop, and students that volunteered from West middle School, Plymouth Salem and Canton High Schools.

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Christmas in seasonal sales. As baby boomers have moved into adulthood they have taken Halloween along with them. Across America adults celebrate this ritual at costume parties and Halloween-themed promotions in bars and taverns with family and friends — and sometimes they enjoy a cold beer — just like they would during any other recognized holiday.

Our holiday promotional materials, be they for Halloween, Independence Day or St. Patrick's Day, are designed for adults. They have no power to help adults — who have already decided to drink — choose our brands of beer over our competitors' brands.

When it comes to preventing drunk driving and underage drinking, we are as serious as anyone about these issues, and we are working hard to develop realistic programs that promote the use of designated drivers among adults and promote the role of parents and peers in helping young people respect the law.

Efforts like these are making a real difference. Drunk driving and underage drinking are both on the decline. The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that in 1995, total fatalities in teen drunk-driving crashes declined 64 per cent since 1982, while all drunk driving fatalities decreased 36 per cent since 1982. And the University of Michigan has found that the percentage of high school seniors that report having a drink within the past month is down 27 per cent since 1982. This progress is encouraging, but there is more work to be done.

To continue these trends, our community must continue working together on educational programs that will make a real difference in the fight against drunk driving and underage drinking.

BILL VENTOLA
Special Programs Coordinator
Central Distributors of Beer, Inc.

Candidate hounded on eligibility

DEAR MR. BEAUREGARD,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your affidavit expressing your intent to run as a write-in candidate for City Commission. Please be advised that I cannot accept it for the following reasons:

1. You are not eligible under City Charter Section 4.4, which states that to be eligible to hold elective office, a person shall not be in default to the City. My records show that you have no dog license as required by City Ordinance, and that you are therefore in default to The City of Plymouth.

2. You would not be able to take the oath of office if elected. First of all, you cannot raise your right hand — and if I were to accept "right paw" as meeting the intent of the law, I still would not know

whether the front right paw or back right paw would be the proper one. I suppose you could resolve this by raising both right paws, except that then you would fall over.

3. I am skeptical that you would be able to "vote on each question before the Commission" as required by Charter Section 5.7(h). Even if you are clever enough to respond to the command, "SPEAK!", I would have no way of knowing whether you were genuinely casting your vote or merely reacting in a Pavlovian manner in expectation of one more dog cookie.

Finally, please be warned that if you persist in running for office, you better not be caught running at large. The City Dog ordinance requires that you be on a

leash under the control of your campaign manager at all times.

LINDA LANGMESSER
City Clerk

DEAR MR. BEAUREGARD,

I have been following your campaign for City Commission (from a safe distance) and have concluded that you are a candidate with four feet planted firmly on the ground (except occasionally when nature calls).

Since you have pledged if elected to serve cats as well as dogs, I hope I can count on your pledge to oppose cat licensing. I think dog licenses are fine — it's no fur off my back. Besides, if a dog runs away and gets lost, the tag may help the poor mutt get home. However, if I were required to wear a cat license, it would make too much noise while I am communing with my fine feathered friends.

To solidify your anticipated opposition to cat licenses, I am enclosing a campaign contribution — a package of Friskies Master's Choice Premium Beef-Flavored Sizzle Sticks. I wish it could be more, but my humans are pretty stingy when it comes to my allowance.

Purrfectly yours,
TIGGER THE CAT



BEAUREGARD

Counsel takes paws for issues

DEAR MS. LANGMESSER,

We are in receipt of your Oct. 20, 1997 letter to our client, Beauregard. Please be advised that we do not agree with your rejection of our client's standing as a write-in City Commission candidate and will take legal measures to see that he is properly seated on the commission should he (as the polls now indicate) receive more votes than at least five candidates listed on the Nov. 4, 1997 election ballot.

In addition to the ridiculous recent change in Michigan law requiring write-in candidates to pre-register, Beauregard has

every intention of using his candidacy to challenge several other laws, such as:

- Dog licenses (which we hold to be unconstitutional if cat licenses are not required);
- Prohibition of City employees displaying election signs in their front yards (note the Beauregard signs popping up — these, by the way, were not authored by our client);
- The City Charter requirement that a Commission candidate "run at large" while City Ordinances require a leash (we believe the Charter carries the weight on this —

please so advise your City Constabulary);

- Prohibition of dogs in City Hall (are ferrets prohibited?);

Finally, please be advised in response to our letter: other candidates you have certified are "in default" with the City; our client does not fall over (you may have him confused with his roommate); our client is fully able to exercise his First Amendment right to free speech (have you checked the City Hall lawn lately?).

Sincerely yours,
I. CHEATUM, esq.
Lawyer



Community opinions

Vote Dismuke, Graham, Pobur, McDonald Commission election Tues.

Eight candidates, four open seats in City race — easy math, right?

This is going to be simple.

City of Plymouth voters have it easy Nov. 4: a one-issue ballot to elect four members to the City Commission.

Look at the ballot — four seats are open, eight candidates are running. Simple math, right? Pick four from eight? Well, not quite. Look a little more closely at the ballot, start scratching off names and the math gets even easier.

Right away Fred Dilacovo is out, off the ballot in all but ink. The self-described "non-candidate" has realized that family and work are his paramount concerns and has renounced his commission ambitions. If he had had his epiphany a little earlier, before the cutoff date, his name wouldn't even be on the ballot.

That leaves seven candidates in the race.

Until you scratch John Thomas. Another non-candidate, except for his yard signs, Thomas has been quizzically absent from the campaign trail. The Crier made two invitations to

Thomas, chances for him to pitch his candidacy, neither of which got responses.

He has done business in town long enough to have a name. He had an issue, too, challenging the City's residency requirement for Commission members. But while his challenge was successful, setting up shop at a friend's City address, his campaign was not. Scratch Thomas from the ballot.

That leaves six.

Paul Schulz seemed an intriguing choice, claiming a fresh voice as representative of youth-oriented ideals; but his ideals lacked ideas, mostly, one

supposes, due to his lack of any real City service experience.

He's young, local and excited about the City, but still too green for a commission seat. If he spends the next two years as a volunteer, if he becomes more involved and attends some meetings — and keeps that interest and energy — he could make a stronger showing next time around.

Not made of material suitable for the Commission, much less Mayor, Ron Loiselle comes off the ballot, too. With Loiselle as its Mayor for the last two years Plymouth has seen sluggishness and a dearth of leadership at City Hall.

That leaves four candidates for four seats.

The first should go to Don Dismuke. His

City's Hall in the Commission Chambers, Dismuke is digging around in the foundation. There, he hopes to place organizational basics like a mission statement, more regular review processes and a concentration on quality management, which are essential to the City's structure.

Also to his credit is his function as a bonding agent among the commission's disparate personalities. He fits in well with what Stella Greene, Dennis Sherwsbury and Joe Koch — the three candidates not up for re-election — bring to the commission. This and his big-picture focus make Dismuke a solid choice for Mayor.

For the second commission seat Bill Graham is the obvious choice.

His financial ken and experience — Canton Trustee, nearly a decade as The City of Plymouth's Finance Director and now Vice President of Peoples State Bank — are well matched to the position. His familiarity with the workings of municipal finance

should allow him to quickly acclimate to the job.

The third and final four-year seat goes to Colleen Pobur. Director of noise abatement for Wayne County's Department of Airports, Pobur is accustomed to communicating with the public and meeting its needs. Involvement in a wide variety of community boards and committees and a forthright manner meld into the steely core of a leader. Among her fresh, definite ideas is the creation of a senior citizens advisory board. She's a problem solver, communicator and the best bet for the commission's third chair.

The fourth chair, a two-year seat, is a good spot for David McDonald. Defeated in the commission race four years ago, he stuck around and worked as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Whatever it was that he learned through his involvement since '95 has made him a more attractive choice (a template for Paul Schulz?). He still has the Army green aura acquired in 29 years of military living; and his brusqueness hasn't softened, but has been tempered with increased wisdom and experience. He's ready for the two-year seat.

Dismuke, Graham, Pobur and McDonald: four candidates for four seats. Easy math. Clear choices.

Plymouth voters have it easy Nov. 4.
THE COMMUNITY CRIER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Candidate John Thomas is involved in a lawsuit with this newspaper that is unrelated to his candidacy.

Vote '97
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accounting training and experience, and performance on the commission since 1995 neatly answer the qualifications question.

Easily the most visible and aggressive in the current field, Dismuke's campaign has asked questions of its own: What is the commission's vision, its direction? What is it doing right or wrong? What are the commission's most effective and efficient practices, and what needs to be changed?

He asks these questions because the City's approach to problem solving has been reactive and micromanagerial, he says. And that's not so good. Rather than look for answers up on the second floor of

Why, how we endorse

Because the staff of The Community Crier watches the day-in, day-out activities of government, they witness the community's political personalities in action.

In addition, through campaign season reporting, The Crier staff has an opportunity to meet and interview the newcomers, the challengers, the "wannabes," and to reevaluate the incumbents.

Accordingly, The Crier offers its endorsement of those races that have special impact on The Plymouth-Canton Community. Newspaper endorsements should be used by voters as one more criteria for making their own choices, not the sole basis for voting.

This endorsement is the collective opinion of the newspaper's staffers who vote on the races following debate. Each candidate, each campaign is lobbied for, criticized and otherwise discussed by those present at the group interview. All views are given equal weight.

The Crier's endorsement can help differentiate between the candidates, but these opinions are not nearly as important as the vote of every person who casts a ballot on election day.

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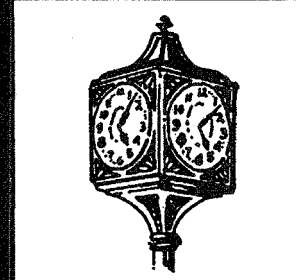
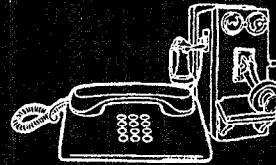
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