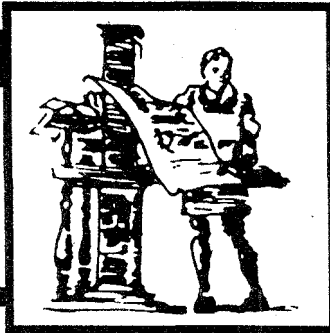


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Candidates forum Thursday

Public invited; WSDP to air interviews

Beginning at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow, The Community Crier will host a series of interviews at Plymouth City Hall with candidates running in Congressional, State House and Senate races.

The public is invited, and urged to come question the candidates about their views on issues important to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

The interviews will run as follows:

- 8th State Senate
Warfield vs. Bennett – 10:15 – 11 a.m.
- 9th State Senate
Poenisch vs. McCotter – 11:15 – noon.
- 18th State House
Conley vs. DeHart – 12:15 – 1 p.m.
- 20th State House
Dilacovo vs. Law – 1:15 – 2 p.m.
- 21st State House
Bailey vs. Patterson – 2:15 – 3 p.m.
- 13th U.S. House
Rivers vs. Hickey – 3:15 – 4 p.m.

Beginning Friday, WSDP 88.1 FM will broadcast recordings of the interviews.

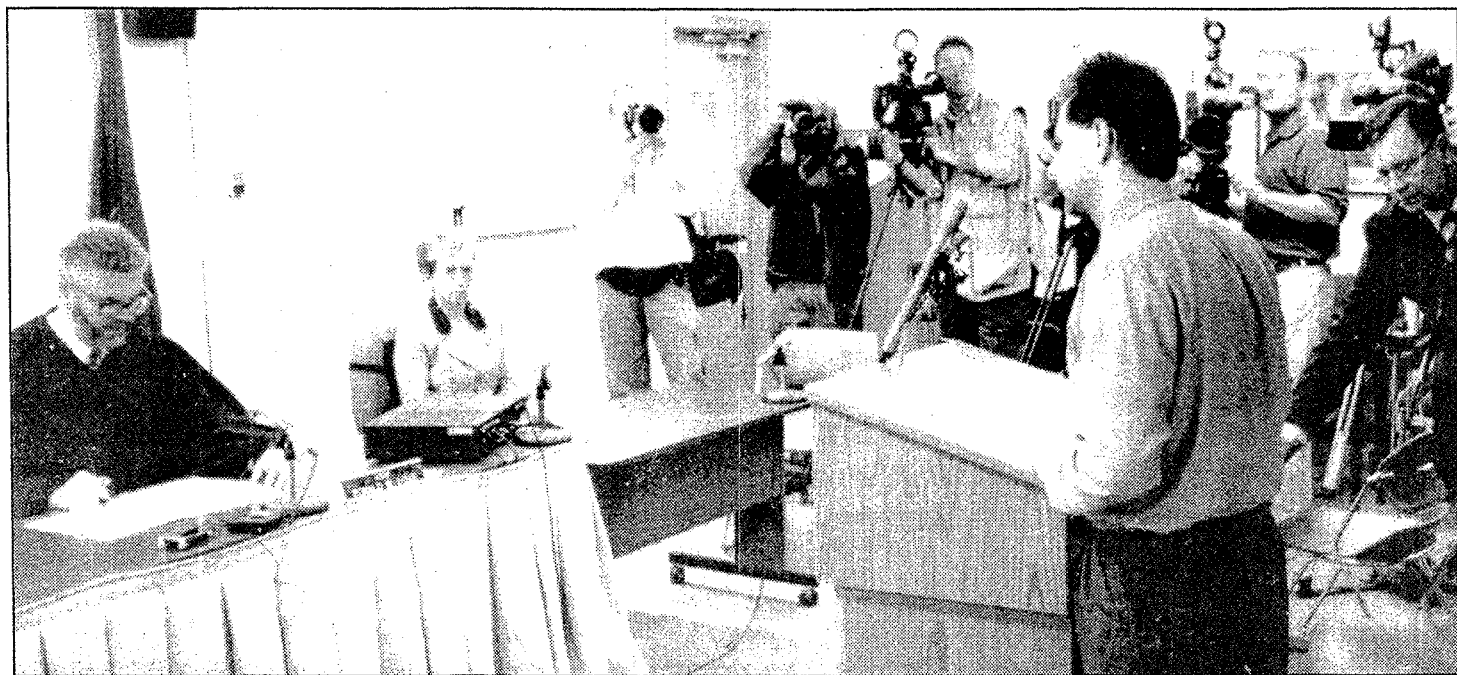
The interviews for will air in their entirety over the next week:

- 8th State Senate — Fri., 6 p.m.
- 9th State Senate — Mon., 6 p.m.
- 18th State House — Tues., 6 p.m.
- 20th State House — Wed., 6 p.m.
- 21st State House — Thurs., 6 p.m.
- 13th U.S. House — Fri., 6 p.m.

Church bombed

According to televised reports, Temple Baptist Church, on Ridge and North Territorial roads in Plymouth Township, was firebombed Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Plymouth Township police were unavailable for comment at press time, but reports on televised newscasts indicate as many as four Molotov Cocktails were hurled at the church.



Television crews were back in Plymouth Thursday as Judge Ron Lowe arraigned Randall Scott Horace on multiple counts of indecent exposure. The charges were increased to felonies punishable by a life sentence (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

Lewd photos could bring life

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The long photographic career of Canton resident Randall Scott Horace has developed into a potential life-long prison sentence.

Horace, 36, was arraigned on four counts of indecent exposure Thursday for allegedly exposing himself to children and leaving lewd photographs of himself around Plymouth.

Horace has served one 10-month sentence already, and recently began another 10-month sentence, both stemming from an indecent exposure convictions in Livonia and Garden City, respectively.

In light of his past record, the most recent charges against him have been increased from misdemeanors to felonies and carry a greater penalty — up to life in prison, if Horace is convicted.

"He said he felt an obsession," said Sgt. Steve Hundersmark of the Plymouth City Police Department. "He said he couldn't help himself."

Thursday's charges against Horace date to events from six months ago, when he began leaving photos of his genitals around Plymouth.

Photos were found in front of the old district library, and near the

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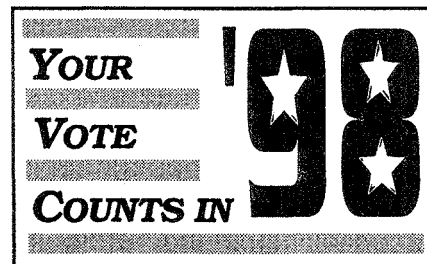
Hickey vs. Rivers

BY BRYON MARTIN

With better planning early in the campaign, Congresswoman Lynn Rivers and challenger Tom Hickey might have saved money by sharing campaign literature —

both are running on Rivers' record representing the 13th District.

Crime, health care, taxes and education — all are issues Hickey has used to frame his campaign, and are areas where he says



Rivers has fallen out of touch with her constituents' best interests.

The picture Hickey paints of Rivers depicts her as far removed from voters in the 13th District, and as a creature of the Capitol.

By contrast, he envisions himself as a citizen-legislator in the mold cast by the framers of the Constitution — an everyman who has emerged from among his fellow townfolk to represent their common interests in Washington.

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Plymouth distribution center may head south

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Lady hoopsters see conference championship

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Griffith: 'I was not drinking'

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Plymouth Township Trustee Ron Griffith says he was not drunk the night firefighters accused him of being belligerent at the scene of a false alarm, contrary to a report made by Fire Chief Larry Groth last week.

"To the best of my knowledge, I was not drinking that night," Griffith said of the Sept. 29 incident.

Griffith said he had just bought a new car earlier that day, and that the firefighter may have smelled the "strong, chemical odor" common with new vehicles.

"If you're coming from a fresh air situation, the odor can be pretty strong," he said. "I would guess that's what he smelled."

Firefighters responded to the alarm at Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury on Ann Arbor Road around 11 p.m. that Tuesday night, Groth's report said. After he determined the alarm was false, one firefighter entered the building while the other remained with the truck.

It was then that "a Township official drove up alongside of the fire truck and, in a very belligerent manner, asked (the firefighter) what was going on," the report said.

The firefighter explained that it was a false alarm and, according to the report,

Griffith responded sarcastically, "So why are you sitting there?"

The firefighter exited the truck and attempted to introduce himself to Griffith, the report said. When the firefighter put his head through Griffith's car window "he noted a strong odor of alcohol."

The report also noted that Griffith "was acting quite intoxicated."

When the firefighters returned to the station they made an internal call to Township police. According to Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, the firefighters suggested a squad car be sent to Griffith's residence to make sure he made it home.

"As far as I'm concerned it's a dead issue," Griffith said. "We have a lot more important issues in the Township and the City to deal with than this."

Griffith said he doesn't expect any more action to be taken. He said he has talked with Groth and the firefighter, and as far as he's concerned everything has been settled.

"I'm just disappointed it has gotten this far," he said. "We're really scraping the bottom of the barrel when we put these types of things of the front page."

"Sometimes you get to where you just don't want to be in politics anymore," he said. "But I guess that comes with the territory."

Canton store robbed, again

Thieves again struck the Canton Party Store on Michigan Avenue Saturday, making off with a large amount of cash and other items.

According to police reports, two men entered the store at about 11:30 p.m. The first suspect held a long, silver gun partially wrapped in a towel, and ordered an employe to the ground. He complied and the suspect allegedly took the money from his wallet, according to reports.


The second suspect was armed with a

small handgun, reports said. He allegedly ordered an employe to empty two cash registers, took his watch and a fifth of liquor.

The employes did not see the suspects' vehicle during the incident.

The store's owner, who was at the store when it was robbed two weeks earlier, said that the suspect with the handgun also participated in the earlier robbery, according to reports.

No shots were fired and no injuries were reported.

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Symphony kickoff...The Plymouth Symphony kicked off its 1998-1999 season in the Salem High School Auditorium Saturday with help from guest flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash. Conductor Russ Reed was casual at the pre-show practice, but Ash dressed the part for her performance of music from Corigliano's *Pied Piper*. For tickets to future performances, call the Symphony at 734-451-2112 (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Bonding time for City, Twp.?

Funding for Sheldon underpass could become joint ballot issue for Plymouths

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth's City Commission approved a measure Monday night aimed at enticing Plymouth Township into joining a bond issue to fund the Sheldon Road railroad underpass project.

If the Township says it isn't interested in joining the funding effort, as it did earlier this month, one Commissioner says the City might have to pursue "creative financing" alternatives to avoid losing the project altogether.

The Commission will send a letter to the Township Board of Trustees asking them to

join in a shared ballot initiative that would seek .14 mills from City and Township residents.

The letter requests a response from the Board by the Nov. 4 meeting of the Joint Services Committee.

According to City Manager Steve Walters, a decision must come relatively quickly if the Plymouths are to receive the millions in federal, railroad and county money earmarked for the underpass beneath the tracks on Sheldon Road south of M-14.

The Plymouths have until roughly next spring to come up with about \$3 million in

local funds to match the \$7.2 million from the other sources, according to Walters.

"By January we should be proceeding or we start to slip on scheduling," he said.

Township officials have said there isn't enough money in the Township budget to pay its \$1.6 million half of the project.

If the Township agreed to put the question before voters, the joint ballot with the City would ask voters to approve a bond to raise roughly \$3 million over 10 years to pay the local share of the project.

Taxpayers in both the Township and the City would pay about \$14 per year for every \$100,000 of their home's taxable value, according to the letter.

Commissioners were unified Monday in their desire to get the Township on board with the project, though some wanted to strike a more stern posture with the Township.

"We've been very nice. I think we need to be vocal in our stance," Commissioner Joe Koch said. "The City cannot and will not pay for the project on its own."

Koch said he wanted taxpayers in both

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1st absence in 20 years

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Who says local government doesn't welcome citizen input?

When Jack Wilcox, a fixture at Plymouth City Commission meetings, missed his first meeting in 20 years (except when he was out of town) Monday, they called to see if he was okay.

Commissioner Dave McDonald noted the stalwart's absence as the gavel came down to begin the meeting.

"I don't know if we can proceed tonight. Our resident commissioner Mr. Wilcox isn't present," he said.

Jack is recuperating at St. Joe's Hospital, in Ypsilanti.

Crier not sold; merger discussed

BY BRYON MARTIN

(Don't) stop the presses!

Reports of The Community Crier's sale to Michigan Community Newspapers have been greatly exaggerated, according to Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover. As in years past, he said, offers have been tendered to purchase the 24-year-old independent tabloid, but contrary to published rumors, none have been accepted.

"The Crier, in the last ten years, has received several offers to sell, merge, buy," Wendover said. "Recently, the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric papers sold its printing division, News

Printing Inc., to Mike Wilcox, who also separately owns Michigan Community Newspapers."

Beginning with its Fall Fest edition, The Crier has contracted its printing at News Printing Inc., he said.

"Obviously, this was the source of increased rumors," Wendover chuckled.

Recently, Wilcox and Wendover renewed past talks, Wendover said, and a possible merger was discussed at a Crier stockholder meeting Monday.

At press time, Wilcox was unavailable for comment.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today, seniors can get free legal aid at Canton's Summit on the Park. Call 734-397-5444.
- Tonight, the Old Village Development Authority meets at 7 p.m. Call 734-453-1234 for details.

THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday morning, Plymouth's final Farmers Market of the season will be held under The Gathering.
- Saturday, Canton's Heritage Park hosts OctoberFest 98 from noon to 4 p.m. Kids' activities, entertainment and more. Call 734-397-5472.

NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday is the last day to place an item on The City of Plymouth Planning Commission's Nov. 11 agenda.
- Wednesday, Canton offers a flu shot clinic for seniors at the Summit. Call 734-397-5444 for more information.
- Thursday, Canton's Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. Call 734-397-5472.

NEXT WEEKEND

- Friday, merchants in downtown Plymouth will offer special savings in their annual Great Pumpkin Caper.

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 1998
"LEGAL NOTICE"**

To the qualified voters of the City of Plymouth:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of selecting persons to fill the following elective offices:

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
SECRETARY OF STATE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
STATE SENATOR
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
TWO MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TWO REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
TWO TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
TWO GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, REGULAR TERM,
Incumbent positions - Vote 2
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PARTIAL TERM,
Vote 1
JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS - 1st DISTRICT,
Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions - Vote 2
JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - 3rd Judicial Circuit,
Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions - Vote 20
JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, 3rd Judicial Circuit,
Partial Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 2
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, Non-Incumbent Position,
Regular Term - Vote 2
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT, Regular Term,
Incumbent Positions, Vote 3

STATE PROPOSALS -

PROPOSAL A -

A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE WORD "HANDICAPPED" TO "DISABLED" IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION

The proposed constitutional amendment would change the word "handicapped" to "disabled" in Article VIII, Section 8, of the State Constitution. Article VIII, Section 8, of the State Constitution currently reads: "Institutions, programs and services for the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically, mentally or otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be fostered and supported".

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

Yes
No

PROPOSAL B -

INITIATED LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE THE PRESCRIPTION OF LETHAL DOSE OF MEDICATION TO TERMINALLY ILL, COMPETENT, INFORMED ADULTS IN ORDER TO COMMIT SUICIDE

The proposal would:

- 1). Allow a Michigan resident or certain out-of-state relatives of Michigan residents confirmed by 1 psychiatrist to be mentally competent and 2 physicians to be terminally ill with 6 months or less to live to obtain a lethal dose of medication to end his/her life.
- 2). Allow physicians, after following required procedures, to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to enable a terminally ill adult to end his/her life.
- 3). Establish a gubernatorially appointed, publicly-funded oversight committee, exempt from Open Meetings Act and whose records, including confidential medical records, and minutes are exempt from Freedom of Information Act.
- 4). Create penalties for violating law.

Should this proposal be approved?

Yes
No

PROPOSAL C -

A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION PROGRAMS

The proposal would:

- 1). Authorize the State of Michigan to borrow a sum not to exceed \$675 million dollars to finance environmental and natural resources protection programs that would clean up and redevelop contaminated sites, protect and improve water quality, prevent pollution, abate lead contamination, reclaim and revitalize community waterfronts, enhance recreational opportunities, and clean up contaminated sediments in lakes, rivers, and streams.
- 2). Authorize the state to issue general obligation bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.
- 3). Provide for repayment of the bonds from the general fund of the state:

Should this proposal be approved?

Yes
No

ELIMINATE THE TAX ALLOCATION BOARD BY ESTABLISHING SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS

SHALL SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS BE ESTABLISHED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OR UNTIL ALTERED BY THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY, FOR THE NOW CHARTER TOWNSHIPS, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY WITHIN WAYNE COUNTY, THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE OF WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED 1.4576 MILLS, (As Reduced By The Headlee Rollback Adjustments And As Certified In The 1997 Wayne County Commission Apportionment Report), AS FOLLOWS:

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY:	.0984 MILL
DETROIT LIBRARY COMMISSION:	.6400 MILL
TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE POINTE:	.6486 MILL
TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE ILE:	1.3592 MILLS
TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER:	.8870 MILL
HIGHEST TOTAL:	1.4576 MILLS

YES() NO()

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vote for 4

LOCAL PROPOSAL -

CITY OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed amendment to section 4.4 of the Plymouth City Charter is to establish a six month residency requirement to be eligible to hold elective office. The city currently does not have a residency requirement.

Shall the amendment to section 4.4 of the Plymouth City Charter be adopted?

Yes
No

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. A potential voter may request in person, in writing or by telephone (734)453-1234 xO or 234.

Absentee ballots will be handed to all qualified absentee voters in person at the City Clerk Office from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the prior Saturday of the election, October 31st, 1998. On Monday, November 2nd, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All City Polling Locations are handicapped accessible. The City of Plymouth Election Staff will be more than willing to assist a voter with voting if requested; at the polling locations, or with their absentee ballot at City Hall, as well as the voters home.

Polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

Precinct 1, 2&4	Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street
Precinct #3	Central Middle School, 650 W. Church

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CITY VOTING LOCATIONS MAY NOT COINCIDE WITH YOUR SCHOOL PRECINCT LOCATION.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE
CITY CLERK
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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'Certainly a threat'

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corners of Main and Amelia streets, and Joy and Fairground streets.

On Oct. 5, Hundersmark said Horace exposed himself to a group of young girls at the Plymouth District Library. Through that incident, and a photograph which included Horace's face, police were able to identify him as the suspect.

When Plymouth police located Horace, he was already in Wayne County jail, three days into his ten-month sentence from the Garden City conviction.

Police searched the Canton residence


Horace shares with his mother. They found evidence introduced at Thursday's arraignment, including a camera and a "very explicit videotape of himself," Hundersmark said.

Horace admitted to taking at least one of the explicit photos and tried to waive his right to a preliminary exam.

Judge Ron Lowe set an Oct. 26 exam date and sent Horace back to jail without bond.

"He was certainly a threat to the community," Hundersmark said.

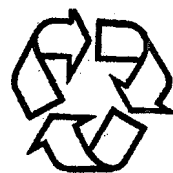
Anyone with information pertinent to this case can call the Plymouth City Police Department at (734) 453-8600.



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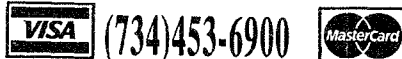
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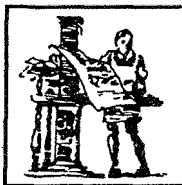


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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy and Fire Chief Groth were presented with a donation of equipment to the Plymouth Community Fire Department from Mr. Ray Caddy, Sr. Environmental, Safety and Health Engineer and Mr. Richard Terlaak, Manager, Plymouth Plant Eng/Maint, both representatives of Unisys Corporation, 41100 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, Michigan.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J.2, Request for Proposal-Auditing Services, then moved to approve the agenda, as amended for the October 13, 1998, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public on non-agenda items. There were none.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened a public hearing at 7:56 p.m. on a request to grant an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new machinery and equipment for Key Plastics, Inc. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m.

Trustee Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 98-10-13-46 granting a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new machinery and equipment to Key Plastics, Inc., located at 40300 Plymouth Road, subject to review by Mr. McLenaghan, Township Assessor's Office, to ensure that the personal property listed on Exhibit B qualifies for tax abatement. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all on a Roll Call vote.

The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened a public hearing at 8:02 p.m. on a request to grant an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for renovation of the front office portion of Key Plastics, Inc. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 98-10-13-47 granting a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Key Plastics, Inc., for the renovation of the front office portion of their facility located at 40300 Plymouth Road, including furniture and fixtures. Supported by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all on a Roll Call vote.

The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

The Supervisor explained that Key Plastics, Inc., is located within a Plant Rehabilitation District. In order to encourage upgrading and maintenance of older facilities, the Board of Trustees grant longer exemptions than with new facilities.

Trustee Arnold moved to accept the specifications for the purchase of an ambulance as written, and authorize the administration to request proposals meeting these specifications. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all.

Trustee Arnold moved to authorize the administration to seek bids for auditing services from qualified Certified Public Accounting firms as described in the Request for Proposals. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy distributed information on Senate Bill No. 1136, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, to the Board Members explaining one of the duties of her Administrative Aide is to be knowledgeable on legislation being passed and to inform the Board of matters concerning the Township. She also announced that the Newsletter prepared by the Aide would be distributed by the end of the month.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated a certificate had been received from the Township's Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier notifying the Township of a reduced premium due to the very low claims rate.

Trustee Curmi inquired as to which meeting the Towing Contract would be discussed. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy informed the Board that it would be the November 17, 1998 Board Meeting.

Trustee Mueller stated she was proud to see that the Township Police Department received an award for National Night Out Program.

Trustee Curmi questioned the Y2K status report. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated the report was discussed at a recent Study Session, of which he was not in attendance. Rosemary Harvey stated the minutes of the committee's first meeting were now being prepared and would be distributed to Board Members.

The Supervisor informed the Board that a member of the Miller Family will make a presentation at the October 27, Meeting, donating property to the Township for a proposed park to be called "Miller Park". The cost of preparing the property for a park will be discussed at the next budget meeting for incorporation into the budget.

It was moved by Clerk Massengill and seconded by Trustee Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Public notices

CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Plymouth will hold a Public Accuracy Test on Thursday, October 29th, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to certify the computer programming for the General State Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

All interested persons are invited to view the testing of the Optech Voting Equipment (Optical Scan) and ask any questions that they might have.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Amy Chapman of Plymouth, a student at Madonna University, was offered a UPS Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. The \$1,750 award is administered by the Michigan Colleges Foundation.

David Washburn of Canton, was recognized for his efforts in presenting a Centennial Celebration honoring contributions of the Michigan Volunteers in the Spanish American War at Island Lake State Park, the site where these volunteers assembled and trained during the spring of 1898.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Aaron J. Bell**, son of **John J.** and **Sarah A. Bell** of Plymouth, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Cape St. George, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

Bell is a 1992 graduate of Canton High School. He joined the Navy in March, 1993.

Army Pvt. **Paul M. Justice**, son of **Lorraine D.** and **Michael J. Justice** of Canton, has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

He is a 1997 graduate of Salem High School.

Army 1st Lt. **Jeffary M. Hoose** has been deployed on a temporary duty assignment to Soto Cano Air Base, Comayagua, Honduras, as a member of Joint Task Force-Bravo. JTF-Bravo is the command and control headquarters for most U.D. military forces deployed to participate in exercises and training activities in the Republic of Honduras.

Hoose is the son of **Greg R.** and **Meri E. Hoose** of Northville. His wife, Kristi, is the daughter of **Jerry** and **Sue Fortenberry** of Northville.

He is a 1988 graduate of Northville High School and a 1996 graduate of Indiana State University.

Army Pvt. **Jonathan P. Isensee** has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

Isensee is the son of **Becky A.** and **Paul R. Isensee** of Canton, and a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

Tellin' hand-picked tales

A modern-day bard demonstrates her art, livens up the orchards

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Listening to a professional storyteller isn't just about hearing a tale.

It's experiencing the spoken word as an art form, as tellers use language and inflection to evoke a mood, thought or memory.

These modern day bards are few, but Plymouth's Debra Christian is making sure the art lives on.

Christian, a former speech pathologist, has told and researched stories around the globe. Her current project includes a teaming up with Plymouth Orchards to provide an evening of family-based fun.

Christian will be telling stories at the orchards Friday and Saturday. Friday's theme is a spooky one, with Halloween Storytelling. The two-hour program is geared toward school aged children, and stories will range to creepy in nature.

Saturday's stories are more of the typical types Christian tells, she said. Scheduled as part of the orchard's hay rides, Christian will be waiting in the woods surrounded by storyteller props, including a bonfire.

"It will be a nice atmosphere to hear stories in," she said.

Saturday's program begins at 7 and 8 p.m. at the orchards, Christian said. A hayride takes you into the orchard, where Christian's stage is set up. After the stories, it's back to the orchard for cider and donuts.

Christian has received national awards for her storytelling abilities, she said. She has recently traveled to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, where she was selected as a featured speaker.

It's something she enjoys because of the capacity for teaching, she said.

"It's a vehicle for many types of learning," she said. "Some kids are resistant to facts and figures but everyone likes to hear a story. If you can phrase knowledge that way it brings it to as many people as possible."

Christian also tells stories at corporate seminars because they can be used to tap creativity and initiative, she said.

"I can improve their vocabulary and take them places without a plane ticket," she said. "They can't go to Turkey, but I can take them there."

For more information about, or to order tickets to either orchard event, call (734) 451-1128.



Debra Christian shows off some of her story telling props she'll use to accentuate her tales at Plymouth Orchards this weekend. (Crier photo by Scott Spiekman)

Saturday craft fair funds scholarships

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

This Saturday's Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair at West Middle School may seem like just another craft fair, but it's actually a teaching experience.

The craft fair is Delta Kappa's main fundraiser and helps provide scholarships to Canton or Salem graduates interested in pursuing a career in education.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international

sorority of women educators, according to group member Marcia Porterfield. Funds raised at the craft fair go directly into DKG's scholarship fund, Porterfield said.

"It is returned to the students to who are studying to be educators in college," she said.

Porterfield said the group solicits crafters year-round for the juried show. With more than 90 crafters already signed

on for the all-day event, this year's show could be as successful as last year's which drew more than 3,000 people.

Crafts will vary from baskets to quilts to jewelry to clothing and dolls, Porterfield said.

"We have a lot of talented people signed up," she said. "We have people from out of state, in state and a fair number of locals, too."

Scholarships are awarded on basis of teacher recommendations, grades and financial need, Porterfield said. Students can apply through their high school counselors.

"These are not just one-year scholarships for the freshmen year only," she said. "We support these kids all the way through college."

The craft show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at West Middle School on Ann Arbor Trail. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors. For more information, call 416-7605.

Make A Difference in Canton

Canton residents are invited to participate in the eighth annual Make A Difference Day activities scheduled around the community Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Some of the projects are:

- Donating blood at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Organizing a boxed food drive for needy families in Canton
- Raking leaves in one of Canton's three

cemeteries

- Cleaning and painting rooms at a Wayne County Family Shelter
- Collecting dry food goods, personal hygiene items, new socks and underwear.

Canton's Heritage Hideout Playscape in the civic center complex will serve as collection point where these items can be donated from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information call Kathleen Salla, Canton volunteer coordinator at 397-6450.

Something for nothing

County's Proposal C would fund clean-ups with no tax increase

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Something for nothing is the idea behind State Proposal C.

The proposal, which will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot, would allow the State of Michigan to sell up to \$675 million in bonds to fund various statewide environmental and natural resources protection plans, according to Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton).

Bennett, chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, helped put the proposal on the ballot. He said it is the result of work from both parties from the Senate and House of Representatives.

"We truly wanted it to be a bipartisan effort," he said.

The \$675 million would be sold over a six-year period to finance clean up of contaminated land, lakes, rivers and streams, Bennett said. Once cleaned, the sites could be used for development or parks and recreation.

"If we sold the bonds all at once, we'd have a pile of money that probably wouldn't be spent very wisely," Bennett said. "It would overwhelm the infrastructure of the businesses that perform the clean up."

The funds will be dispersed in the same way they have been, Bennett said. The state will be divided into regions of equal size. The

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will select clean up sites in the regions and submit them in a list to the Legislature.

The Legislature then has 30 days to object to the list. If there are no objections, sites will be cleaned up, Bennett said.

"Some places continue to be contaminated and we want to go in and clean them up," he said.

If approved, the funds would also be earmarked for other programs, Bennett said, such as:

- \$335 million for Brownfield redevelopment and environmental cleanup
- \$50 million for pollution control grants
- \$50 million for waterfront revitalization
- \$50 million for local parks and recreation
- \$50 million on state park revitalization
- \$90 million on improving water quality
- \$25 million on cleanup of contaminated sediments
- \$20 on pollution prevention
- \$5 million on lead hazard control

The bonds are lumped together as a single ballot proposal to avoid an excessive number of issues on the ballot, Bennett said. The 25-year bonds will be paid back through the State's general fund, at about \$35 million per year, he said.

The proposal will be written so that if interest rates change and it isn't economically feasible to repay the bonds without raising taxes, they won't be sold, Bennett said.

"This just gives us the authority to sell the bonds," Bennett said. "You can't say things might not be as good as they are now, and then not do anything."



Crowds... at the newly reopened Newburgh Lake area were pretty tame over the weekend, giving Wayne County Sheriff Mounties a chance to stop and enjoy the colorful surroundings and unseasonably warm autumn weather (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Former Rep. dies at 56

Perry Bullard, a retired state legislator and Canton resident, died Thursday afternoon at the age of 56.

His death was ruled an accidental death by the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

Bullard was elected to the State House in 1972 and represented Ann Arbor until 1992, when he moved to Florida. He moved back to Michigan two years ago and had lived in Canton since.

He will best be remembered as a champion of civil liberties, after writing Michigan's Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act and the Whistle-blower protection Act. He also sponsored the Polygraph Protections Act, which prohibits mandatory lie detector tests of employees and job applicants.

Those who knew and worked with him describe him a brilliant legislator.

"I knew him well," said Sen. Bob Geake (R-Plymouth). "He was very bright and personable."

"He defended civil liberties to a fault," Geake said. "When he was chair of the House Judiciary Committee he held up up my legislation that created anti-stalking laws. He was afraid it would interfere with the civil liberties of someone who just wanted to follow someone else around. At the time many people thought he was right."

Geake and Bullard were elected to the House at the same time, and served together

until Geake ran for Senate in 1977. Although they worked from different ends of the Capitol, many of their goals were similar, according to Geake.

"He and I were always interested in tax reform and funding education," Geake said.

According to Canton Police reports, Bullard's wife, Kelly found Bullard's body after returning home around 4:40 p.m. Thursday. She said in the reports that his car was at the house, and she found it odd that he hadn't met her at the door, as usual.

Reports said she looked throughout the house for him with no success, then noticed the basement door was open. She found him near the foot of the stairs, unconscious, according to reports, and dialed 911.

When Ofc. Mark Schultz arrived, Kelly was attempting CPR on her husband, according to reports. Schultz took over until the Canton Fire Department arrived and determined further attempts at CPR would not be beneficial.

Police investigated the scene and found no evidence of foul play, according to reports. Reports said 'Cause of death at this time appears to be an accidental, auto-erotic death.'

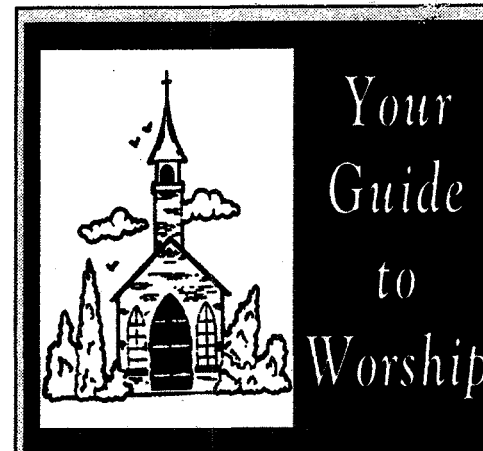
Auto-erotic asphyxiation is a process by which someone cuts off the oxygen flow to the brain to heighten sensitivities, according to Dr. Frank Ochberg, former director of the State Mental Health board.

"There's no correlation from this to any

harmful behavior," Ochberg said. "It doesn't say anything about the individual's other behaviors."

Ochberg, who knew Bullard through his position 20 years ago, said he liked and respected the legislator.

"He was a very intense person, and has become one of a number of legislators or ex-legislators to have succumbed to stress," Geake said. "It reflects the high-stress of the office. I think his death will be a great loss to our area."



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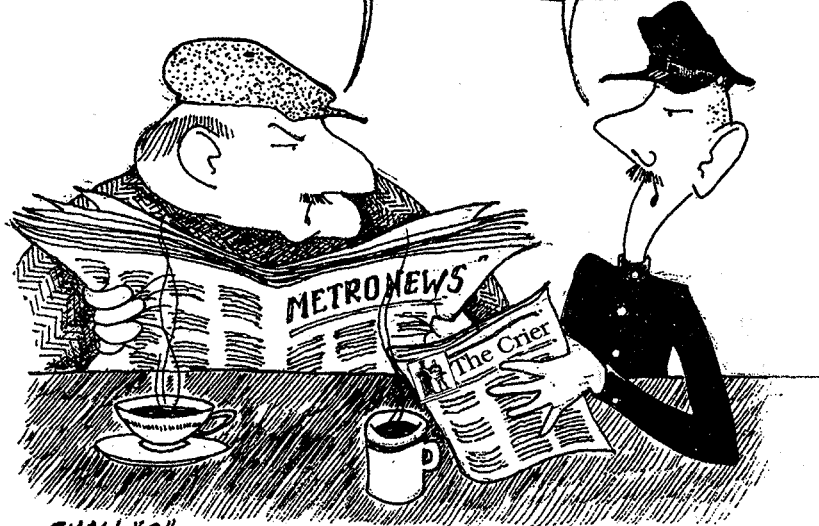
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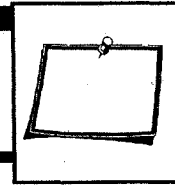
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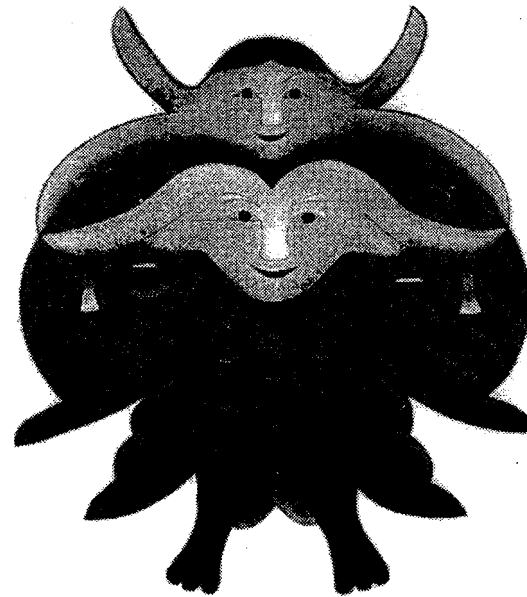


What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



Events



CAPE DORSET GRAPHICS COLLECTION EXHIBIT

Jack Strickland of Plymouth Township will be showing his collection of Cape Dorset prints (example seen above), popular Inuit sketchings that depict the life and lore of a small Inuit village on Baffit Island. The exhibit opens at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor on Oct. 23. A preview and reception running from 7-10 p.m. will take place opening night. For more information call (734) 741-8660.

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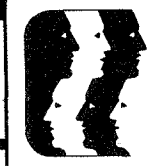
Don Schneider of York Street Glassworks is offering glasses on how to blow glass beads and ornaments. The two-day bead classes will be held Oct. 25-26; Nov. 1-2 and 15-16. Ornament classes are on Wednesdays, Oct. 14, 21 and 28; and Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25. For more information call (734) 459-6419.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

St John Neumann Singles will be holding a Halloween Dance Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. Pop, pizza and other treats will be provided, over 21 B.Y.O.B. Admission is \$8. For more information call (313) 277-6083; (734) 454-4269 or (734) 480-7830.

PIZZA FUNRAISER NIGHT

The Plymouth Historical Museum is having a Pizza FUNraiser Night Oct. 26. Guests may choose to dine in the restaurant at 555 Ann Arbor Road from 5-8 p.m., pick up an order from 12-7 p.m. or have pizza delivered by Museum Board members. For order forms stop by the restaurant or call 459-2930.



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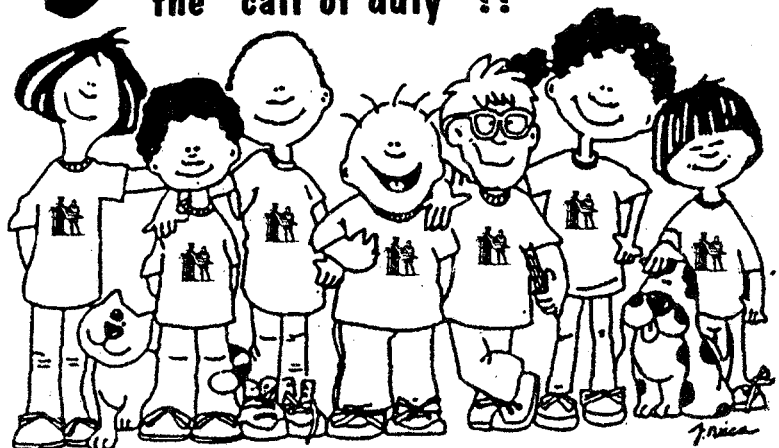
PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE

The Plymouth Symphony League is a group of dedicated volunteers that support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra through fund raising activities. The first fundraising activity will be a Game and Card Party Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club. The event will feature lunch, pastries, coffee, door prizes, raffles and games such as Bridge and Mah Jongg. Tickets are \$25. For more information, or to order tickets call (734) 451-5598.

WALTONWOOD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Waltonwood senior community needs volunteers to head a men's club, help with arts, crafts, bingo and meal services. For more information call (734) 844-3060.

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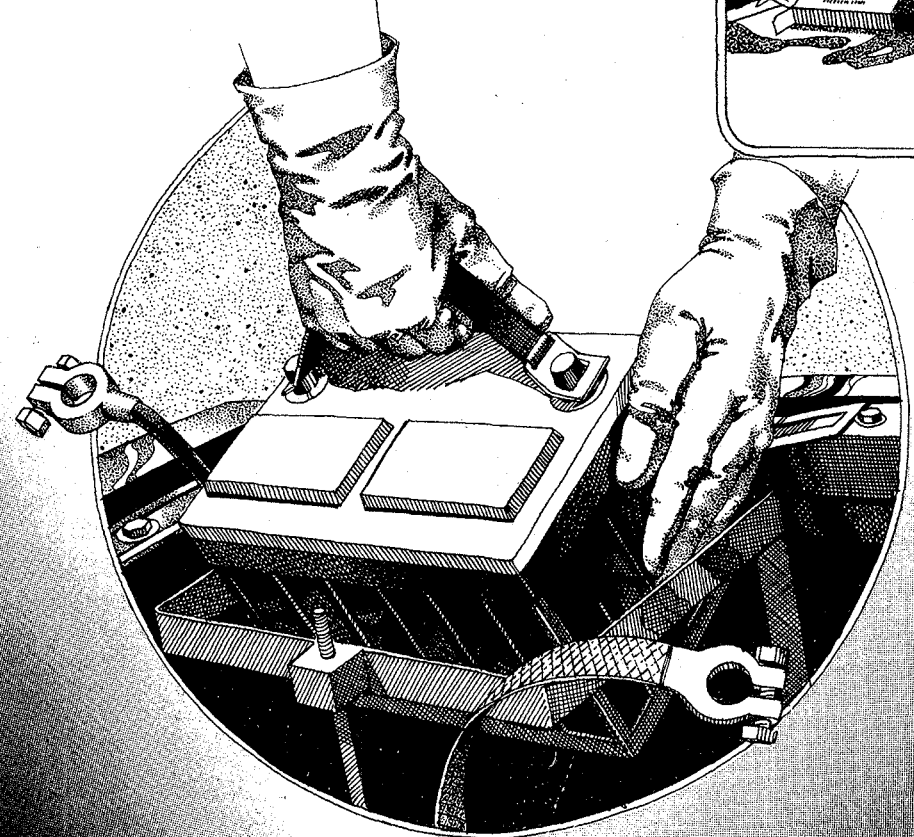
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Don Massey unveils SUV

Hoping to mirror the success of others, Cadillac introduces the Escalade

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Don Massey Cadillac unveils the 1999 Escalade today, introducing the first truck in the company's 96-year history. The Escalade — its name means the act of climbing or scaling — is a luxury Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

Cadillac announced it would build an SUV for the 1999 model year in November 1997, after the wild success of Lincoln's Navigator and other luxury SUVs was well established. Cadillac said the decision was a response to "greater than expected growth in the demand for SUVs." It appears the company has some catching up to do.

The reception to Cadillac's attempt at jumping on the SUV bandwagon seems warm. Five days before the Escalade's arrival

in Massey's Plymouth showroom the dealership was already processing orders for customers buying a car they had never seen.

"If we have any left on Friday," said Lisa Smith, dealership finance consultant, "Well, I'm sure we won't."

The much-awaited Escalades arrived at area dealerships Friday, but Massey would not put them out until the 1999 lineup gala tonight. Some dealerships report having received only two from the manufacturer. One dealership got 30 vehicles, but all have taken orders for many more Escalades than they have in stock.

Smith would not say how many Escalades Don Massey got in, but said they will order as many from Cadillac as they can.

Cadillac says the Escalade

targets the luxury car consumer, offering a new option in the showroom. "It has all the cushiness and security of a Cadillac, with the versatility of an SUV," said Smith.

The Escalade may fit nicely into a mid-sized luxury SUV niche. It does not offer a third row of seats, options on Ford Expeditions, Lincoln Navigators, and Dodge Durangos, but for consumers who find some SUV's "just too big," the Escalade may feel a little more manageable.

Standard features include a 255 horsepower V8, Auto 4 WD, 4WD HI, 4WD LO and 2WD HI options, ABS breaks, CD player, BOSE music system, five power outlets which will operate laptop computers and fax machines, separate temperature and music controls for the rear passengers, and the OnStar system, which uses satellites to locate vehicles in distress, help drivers who need directions or restaurant or hotel reservations, find stolen vehicles, and unlock the car when the keys are locked inside.

Smith said Cadillac does not compete against anyone, but that the need to "stay competitive in the market" led to Cadillac's

decision to produce an SUV.

Less variety

General Motors, which had been promising to stop putting different names on the same car in an attempt to reach the whole market, sold out to a quick fix grasp at the booming SUV market by producing a SUV for Cadillac earlier than previously reported. GM gussied up the Chevy Tahoe and GMC Yukon model to

produce the Escalade, but here also, Cadillac seems to be following the SUV pack.

Almost every SUV manufacturer has introduced a luxury label version of virtually the same SUV. The Toyota Landcruiser and Lexus LX 450, the Acura SLX and the Isuzu Trooper, the Infiniti QX4 and Nissan Pathfinder, the Oldsmobile Bravada and Chevy Blazer, and the Mercury Mountaineer and Ford Explorer are all cousins on different sides of the marketing tracks.

The Escalade has more interior wood than the Yukon, softer leather seats, a better warranty, and the OnStar system standard. With an MSRP over \$46,000, the Cadillac hood ornament has a price, too.

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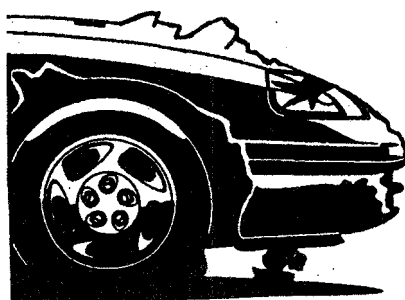
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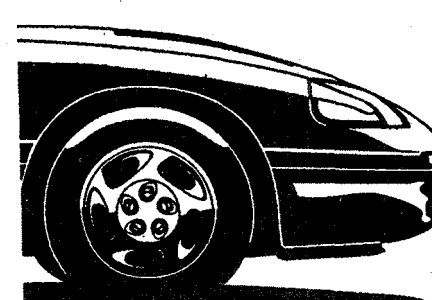
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Muscle cars and Minivans

Old favorites and new vans vie for '99 sales

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If next year's car models are any indication, the muscle car is back and the minivan is here to stay.

Len Gossman, sales manager at Blackwell Ford said the newly restyled Ford Mustang is among the hot ne cars that will be hitting Ford dealers soon.

"It will be restyled from bumper to bumper and freshened up a bit," Gossman said. "They're also going to reintroduce some of the 1960s style to it."

With the restyling comes an increase in horsepower for both the six cylinder and eight cylinder models, Gossman said.

Gossman said buyers can also expect slight reworkings of the Explorer and Expedition, Ford's Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV), which have remained popular. They will also notice a significant drop in prices in the Ford Taurus models, Gossman said.

"They'll be cheaper than the 1998 models," Gossman said. "We're just trying to cut costs."

The Escort Zx2 will return, with many new colors and and splashier treatments to liven up the car.

The Windstar will also be completely redone, Gossman said. The minivan will now come with sliding power doors on each side of the vehicle, complete with remote keypad.

Car aficionados will have to wait

for the unveiling of the new Thunderbird, however. The classic car is set to be revealed in the year 2000.

Honda is nice again entering the van wars, according to Steve Norris, general manager of Sunshine Honda.

The reworked Odyssey will be at dealers in a few weeks, he said.

"Honda had a van before, but it wasn't very competitive," he said. "This will take over as the benchmark of minivans."

Among the redesigns in the Odyssey are a bigger engine — a 210 horse power 3.5 liter V-6 — and improved suspension.

The van will also feature dual sliding doors with a motion detector, so that they stop rolling if your hand is between door and frame. Add in a versatile array of seating, and the Odyssey will be among the top vans for comfort and innovation, he said.

Also returning to Honda dealers is the popular subcompact CRV. The vehicle, which made its debut two years ago, has been selling at a rate of about 75,000 per year, Norris said.

"We can't keep them in stock."

Other changes in popular Hondas won't be as noticeable, Norris said. The Civics and Accords will have very little different about them, and are only remodeled every four or five years, he said.

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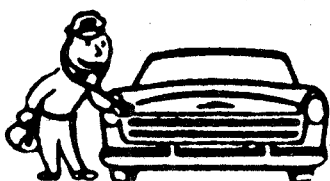
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Canton's smallest battle

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The 18th Michigan House District covers only a small portion of Canton Township's easternmost edge, but its influence ranges throughout Western Wayne County.

Democrat Eileen DeHart is seeking her third term in the seat on Nov. 3. Her campaign, she said, is built on her long-standing platform of consumer rights and "basic Democratic principles."

Her opponent is Republican Steve Conley, a small business owner from Westland who claims to be "not your typical politician."



CONLEY

Conley's attempt to label himself as a non-politico has infused the race with common citizen versus government big-wig air about it. Or so Conley hopes.

"I definitely believe I'm up to the challenge," he said.

Conley opened an accounting staffing business in 1996, and said he hopes his success in the private sector will transfer into state politics.

"I haven't been a government crony my whole life," he said. "I can look at things from a business perspective. I know what it means to meet payroll every month."

Conley cites education and taxes as focus issues. He will also pursue the interests of small business owners, he said.

"Small businesses create jobs and do more to promote the economy than anybody else," Conley said. "The government should do more to aid the small business owner."



DeHART

On crime, like many of his Republican colleagues, Conley

claims to be "a big believer in crime and punishment."

"Prisoners shouldn't look forward to going to jail," he said. "Today they've got libraries and workout facilities. It should be more of a punishment."

On his opponent, Conley said he isn't "comfortable with some of (DeHart's) leadership ability."

Conley ties DeHart's stance on crime to that of controversial democratic candidate for governor, Geoffrey Fieger. "I am opposed to the Fieger/DeHart crime plan of letting out violent criminals," he said.

Twp. seeks property for firehouse

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Because of concerns that the current location at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads is too restricted by developments and traffic, Plymouth Township officials are searching for a parcel of property to build a new fire station.

A \$2,630,000 "contingency" account in the tentative 1999 master budget has been slated for the fire department purchase, according to Finance Director Rosemary Harvey, but the budget has not yet been approved by Township trustees.

According to Fire Chief Larry Groth, the Board of Trustees directed him at the last budget session to continue searching for property in the area.

"We are currently looking along the Ann Arbor Road corridor," Groth said.

Because of the shared services agreement between the City and Township, the fire department cannot build a new fire station more than one mile from its current location. Those limitations have made the search difficult, Groth said.

A new station's proximity to railroad tracks is also a concern when choosing a new location, Groth said. If the station, which on a first response basis covers two-thirds of the City, was

DeHart, however, is quick to denounce the claim that she and Fieger have any sort of plan together.

"Quite frankly, I don't know what the Fieger plan is," DeHart said. "And I'll bet Conley doesn't either."

If re-elected DeHart says she hopes to continue the work she has done over the past two terms.

She now has a bill in the Senate that would make it more difficult for telemarketers to disturb private citizens. Another bill would require telephone companies to inform users of prices before they use their collect-call services.

"These are issues that are important to my constituents," she said.

DeHart describes herself as a moderate and said she votes on issues independent of partisan politics. "I just don't play those sort of games," she said.

moved farther north, off of Ann Arbor Road, that could pose a problem.

According to Township Trustee Ron Griffith, the Township is concerned that the current fire station location is becoming unsafe for firefighters and motorists.

The westbound right hand turn lane at the intersection is slated to be extended the length of the Township property by the Wayne County when Ann Arbor Road is reconstructed in the next few years. If that occurs, the driveway leading from the fire station would be significantly shortened, leaving little warning for passing motorists when an emergency vehicle is pulling out.

According to Harvey, the \$2.6 million for the project would cover both property and building costs. The Board could scale back the number and use only those funds necessary for buying the land, she said.

"I don't think that number (\$2.6 million) will survive the budget process," said Harvey.

Bonds could be sold to pay for construction of the building, she said, rather than sap the general fund balance.

The Board will discuss the budget at Tuesday's study session. They need to approve the budget before Nov. 1.

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Hickey: 'It's decision time'

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constituency," he said, comparing his style of representation to Rivers'. "I would be around and visible, working the territory."

Hickey has lived in The Plymouth-Canton Community for 18 years. In 1987 he started a small business called Mediquest, a medical equipment supplier based in Canton.

His campaign is run with the help of up to 50 high school and college students, and operates on roughly \$50,000, none of which comes from special interest groups. "This is a real grassroots effort," he said.

His most recent campaign literature mailed to voters criticizes Rivers' record on public school issues.

"She wants to keep education decisions in Washington D.C.," it reads. "Tom Hickey is on our side. He knows education decisions must be made by parents, teachers and local school boards. That's why Tom Hickey supports sending 90 per cent of our education dollars directly to the classroom."

According to Rivers, Hickey's ideology isn't as hometown as he says, and that 90-per cent figure is proof. Rivers said the number refers to a Republican-backed bill that failed in Congress last summer. It would have effectively dissolved the National Department of Education and redirected federal public school dollars to state and local budgets, she said.

Rivers called Hickey's reference to the bill and her vote against it "a pretty dishonest attack."

"He makes it sound as if it was about taking local tax dollars and redirecting them to Washington. It wasn't," she said. "They were talking about closing down the Department of Education."

Rivers, a nine-year member of the Ann Arbor Public School Board, said she supports federal-level structures but



HICKEY



RIVERS

not at the expense of local decision making.

As evidence, she cites her role as the sole dissenting vote against a bill to prohibit public schools from social promotion — allowing students to continue on to the next grade without fulfilling their academic requirements. Her opposition grew from personal experience.

One of Rivers' daughters suffered hearing loss in elementary school, hampering her completion of the normal grade coursework. She and her husband Joe grappled with the issue, she said.

"It was an emotional time, a hard time. There were lots of tears," she said. Through discussions with local school officials, though, the Rivers decided it was better to keep their daughter in class with her friends and

to try to recoup the lessons she had lost — a local decision that would have been prohibited by Congress.

"This is not a federal issue," she said. "There are educational issues that should not be nationally driven."

Since elected to Congress in 1994, she has also supported measures to create national standards school districts could choose to adopt, or ignore.

In 1996 and 1997 respectively, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA) said Rivers voted their preferred position in 100 per cent of the votes they considered most important during those years, according to data assembled by the non-profit non-

partisan organization Project Vote Smart. In 1996, the U.S. Student Association said Rivers voted their preferred position in 91 per cent of crucial votes.

Her record on public education has been strong enough to earn NEA and AFT endorsements this year. Hickey's attack on her education position is not just curious, she said, but indicative of a hand-me-down strategy.

"He's taken the national Republican Party playbook and applied it to everything I've done, even though it hasn't been relevant," she said.

Sharing a record

On one issue, though, she said Hickey has departed from the G.O.P. and taken a more extreme tack. He suggests giving 25 per cent of the anticipated federal budget surplus back to taxpayers. Most Republicans suggest a 10 per cent refund. "He seems clueless," Rivers said.

The projected budget surplus is the product of an increase in Social Security payments engineered in 1983 to counter a deficit in Social Security funds anticipated by 2000.

"That surplus is Social Security money," she said. "That's where it should go."

On health care and taxation, Rivers and Hickey's rhetoric converge. Both said decisions in Washington must balance with state-level priorities.

"I don't like the federal government trying to impose its view of what should be done on the states," she said.

"I trust our local officials to make local decisions. They know what's best for our district," Hickey said. "But when I go to Washington, I'll bring leadership back to the district, not just a vote."

Hickey acknowledges that the race he is running is against a popular incumbent with strong support in her hometown of Ann Arbor. But even there, he says, his target demographic of young, conservative families is unhappy with Rivers' performance, and he's the candidate to make a change.

"It's decision time," he said.

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Allen Douglas DuBois, a Canton resident and teacher at Canton High School, died Oct. 19 at the age of 53.

The Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School will always echo the love of history and teaching of Al DuBois. As captivating with his animated lectures and booming displays, so he was also with his wit, caring, generosity, determination and perseverance.

Mr. DuBois bravely battled cancer for

24 years, being dignosed with lymphoma at 29 and given 20 months, he started his life-long determination to never give up, to live life fully.

He was born in Battle Creek on May 14, 1945, married Betty, his only love at 18. They moved to Plymouth with their son, Geoff in 1968 after Al received his masters degree in education from the University of Michigan. He had a calling to always be there for others, to be a positive influence

and live his own dreams. That was obvious in his spellbinding methods of teaching American History and Social Studies and of his active participation in the teacher's union as in life, in teaching, he believed that everyone had the right and responsibility to be the best they could be.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Betty, beloved son and daughter-in-law, Geoff and Penney; granddaughters, Leslie and Steffanie; sister, Sue; brother, John,

mother-in-law, Norma Denny and sister-in-law Patricia Denny.

A memorial celebration will be held at Summit on the Park in Canton from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. Arrangments were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, 48154.



Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director, or call (734) 453-6900.

MICHAEL EVANS

Michael Evans, a Livonia resident, died Oct. 10, 1998 at the age of 52.

Mr. Evans was born Aug. 25, 1946 in Ann Arbor. He was vice-president and controller of Diamond Automation in Farmington Hills. He was a very active member of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. He served on the Endowment Fund Committee and the Finance Committee. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1964 and then from the University of Michigan. He loved to play golf and travel.

He is survived by his wife, Jan of Livonia; daughters, Lisa (Steve) Dibble of Dublin, OH; Laura Evans of Holland; mother, Margaret Baude of Plymouth; step-father, Roy Baude of Plymouth; brothers, Mark (Cindy) Evans of Duluth, GA, Mitch (Marcia) Evans of Suwanee, GA; and step mother, Ruth Evans of Dulth, GA.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey and the Rev. Tom Badley officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

KENNETH DALE ROHDE

Kenneth Dale Rohde, a former Plymouth resident, died Oct. 16, 1998 at the age of 70.

Mr. Rohde was born June 3, 1928 in Plymouth. He was a Livonia firefighter for 28 years, retiring in 1981. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1947. His hobbies were woodworking in the winter and fishing in the summer.

He is survived by his wife, Martha L. of East Tawas, MI; daughters, Ann Rohde of Livonia, Shari (Ron) Quinkert of Livonia, Susan (David) Weber of East Tawas, MI; son, Kenneth Rohde, Jr. of Livonia; grandchildren, Aimee, Rachel, Ron, Rebecca and Carolyn.

Services were held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Mueller officiating. Burial was at Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Tawas, MI. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

MARYE A. KWARSICK

Marye A. Kwarsick, a Bloomfield Hills resident, died Oct. 17, 1998 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Kwarsick was born Aug. 15, 1926 in Flint.

She is survived by her children, Douglas A. Kwarsick of Bloomfield Hills, Jeffrey M. (Marcia) Kwarsick of Texas, Katherine A. Siarto of Plymouth; grandchild, Kyle M. Siarto; and sisters, Pat Pisula, Kitty Fournier and Joyce (Richard) Sykovich.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Kenneth Bieber officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Church of the Risen Lord, Westland, MI; Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics or the American Diabetes Association.

ROY G. BRENNAN

Roy G. Brennan, a Livonia resident, died Oct. 12, 1998 at the age of 45.

Mr. Brennan was born Jan. 17, 1953 in Detroit. He was a tool and die repairman at E & E Manufacturing in Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1971. He loved to fish.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy of Livonia; mother-in-law, Norene Cripps (and the late William Cripps); nephew Michael Cripps; and several sisters and brothers.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the Michigan Anti-cruelty Society.

ROY FRANKLIN DYER

Roy Franklin Dyer, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 11, 1998 at the age of 62.

Mr. Dyer was born Jan 31, 1936 in Wynnberg, TN. He was a self-employed escort driver through laramie and M.C. Trucking. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1949 from Tennessee. He was a member of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble V.F.W. Post No. 6695, Plymouth; the American Legion Post No. 32 of Livonia. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in Germany with the European Occupation.

Services were held at the V.F.W. Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, MI. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CHRISTENA FAY TEETERS

Christena Fay Teeters, a Novi resident, died Oct. 16, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Teeters was born Dec. 9, 1928 in Highland Park. She worked for a manufacturing company.

She is survived by her sons, Randy (Janice) M. Teters of Livonia, Lonny (Kathleen) G. Teeters of Canton, Scott (Terri) P. Teeters of Groveland, MI; daughters, Ricky L. Preston of Plymouth, Regena (Jack) F. McDonald of Whitmore Lake, Laurie (Jeffrey) S. Cook of Novi; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Robert J. Easlick officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the family fund.

ADELBERT G. SCHMITZ

Adelbert G. Schmitz, a Northville resident, died Oct. 12, 1998 at the age of 72.

Mr. Schmitz was born May 12, 1926. He worked at the Ford Motor Company, Livonia Transmission Plant, retiring after 30 years of services. He came to the Northville community 47 years ago. He was a member of the American Legion and the Northville Eagles Arie No. 2504.

He is survived by his wife, Olive of Northville; children, Virginia Moon of New Hudson,, Gerald Schmitz of Minneapolis, MN, Teresa Jordan of Milford, Bruce Schmitz of Northville, Nancy Zwalesky of Northville; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother, Tom (Joyce) Schmitz of Plymouth.

Arrangement were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Jim Kean officiating.



Sports

Sports shorts

AMBASSADORS STUNG BY ST. LOUIS, THEN STING BACK BY NICK GISMONDI

After brawling with the Sting in the championship of the Fall Classic in Plymouth last week, Compuware was ready to face St. Louis again this weekend.

On Sunday the game was an scoring fest for both teams. At the end of regulation the score was deadlocked, 6-6. In the NAHL there is no OT, just a shoot out. Captain John Shouneyia put in the game winner for Compuware, the only one to score in the shoot out for either team.

With that goal it also notched a hat trick for Shouneyia. Other scorers from Compuware included Steve Jackson, Troy Milam, Pat Brush, and J.J. Swistak. Compuware overcame a 6-3 deficit with goalie Dwane Bateman in net. Bateman stopped 26 shots. Bateman, who also was a member of the Whalers, was moved down for the weekend.

Saturday, the Ambassadors suffered their first loss of the regular season, 2-1 at the hands of the Sting.

The Sting scored once in the second, and once in the third to open enough of a lead. Compuware did strike back with a goal, when Mark Mink drained on half way through the third. But it was too late, Sting goaltender Dominic Blouin held the Ambassadors silent the rest of the way.

The Ambassadors record now stands at 7-1-0 and remains in second place behind the Soo Indians (Soo has played 2 more games than Compuware). The Ambassadors next game is Thursday at the CSA against the Cleveland Barons.

You can hear that game on 88.1 FM, WSDP Plymouth, starting at 6:10 with the Pre Game. They then play again on Friday, also at Compuware against the USA under-18 team.

TENNIS COACHES, PLAYERS, LOOKING FOR SUPPORT AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Coaches, parents, students and concerned citizens are expected to speak at Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting over the condition of the tennis courts in the district.

Led by Salem coach Tom Kimball, the group is expected to present a case that the high school courts are in such disrepair they have become dangerous and detrimental to competition.

Kimball says he hopes residents who use the courts show up in force to support a plan to rebuild the courts.

Chiefs winning streak hits 7

Conference championship in sight, Canton hits their late-season stride

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Canton girls basketball team has seen the light at the end of the tunnel, and so far, it's looking pretty bright.

With only two division games remaining, the Chiefs are in prime position to claim their second straight division and conference crown.

"Things are going to be wild over the next few weeks," said Coach Bob Blohm. "It's going to be a big test for us."

With games at home versus Walled Lake Western tomorrow and away at Salem and Northville next week, Canton faces their most important string of games this season. If they go undefeated, the conference is theirs.

Thursday, the Chiefs showed their ready for the test, as they trounced Churchill 63-34. Janell Twietmeyer led the way for Canton with 15 points, while sophomore sensation Anne Morrell added 12.

"Her improvement has been dramatic," Blohm said of Morrell.

Last Tuesday, Canton overcame a taller Walled Lake Central team, 54-41, in an important league game. Twietmeyer scored 15 and Elise Thirnell notched 9 points.

"It was a test trying to defend their size," Blohm said of Central. "But we pulled it off."

The Chiefs have improved to 10-3 overall and 6-1 in the league.



The Canton girls basketball team was in the face of Churchill offensive players all night. The Chiefs quickness has been a big reason Canton has gone on their impressive late season winning streak (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Canton rolls to second win, 35-0

Despite no yards passing, Chiefs dominate Franklin

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Canton's defense had been giving up big plays all year. Against teams like Harrison, those big plays often came in bunches and led to embarrassing losses.

But last Friday, Canton again showed what they were capable of: stonewall defense, and a few big plays themselves.

For the second time this season, the Chiefs again notched one in the victory column, and for the second time this year, they did it convincingly, dropping a winless Franklin team, 35-0.

"We're starting to get the hang of it," said Coach Tim Baechler.

They're certainly getting a hang of the running game. Baechler's gang ran the ball an astronomical 58 times, compared to only three passing plays, for 405 yards.

"We're going to stick with the running game come hell-or-high water," Baechler said. "We just got it rolling Friday."

FOOTBALL

Junior fullback Nick Stonerook again led the way with 161 yards rushing on 15 attempts. Emmanuel Etim, also a junior, added 78 yards on 9 carries, while sophomore Jerry Gains tallied another 73 yards on 15 carries.

The Chiefs controlled the pace of play, totaling 61 plays compared to only 39 for the Patriots.

"The kids are really getting used to the new system," said the first-year coach. "It was a big change for them, and these things take time."

This second win means Canton has eclipsed last year's total, and with such a young team finally catching onto Baechler's philosophy, things are bound only to improve.

"We're so proud of these kids," Baechler said. "They find reasons to get excited."

Whalers off to best 10-game start ever

Plymouth improves to 9-1-0 after wins over Erie and Barrie at home

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Although they are currently ranked fourth in this week's Canadian Hockey League standings (the second-highest OHL team behind the undefeated Ottawa 67s), the Plymouth Whalers have to be the most feared team in the league.



With all their players back from their respective NHL camps earlier than expected, the Whalers are in full gear only 10 games in the 1998 season. And after two convincing wins this weekend at home, Plymouth has shown they don't only beat up on teams with losing records.

"To come away with two wins against quality teams like that is great," said Coach Pete DeBoer. "Winning never gets old for a coach."

On Friday, the Whalers faced their first opponent with a current winning record, the Erie Otters, and early on it appeared as though the Whalers' offensive express, powered by the likes of David Legwand, Harold Druken and Adam Colagiaco, might have not been all it was cracked up to be.

After a scoreless first period where the Whalers outshot the

Otters 11-8, the game moved to the second with the Whalers clearly in command.

But period two would be a different story. Again Plymouth outshot the Otters, but it was Erie that stuck the puck in the net. The Otters struck three times, each time unexpectedly, just as the Whalers were putting on the pressure. With Plymouth down the 3-0, the Compuware crowd of 2,222 was silenced.

The Whalers would pull within two goals, however, on a late second period powerplay goal by Jamie Lalonde, his fourth of the year.

Down 3-1, the Whalers went into the lockerroom at intermission to regroup, staring down the barrel of this season's first home loss. According to DeBoer, they were still confident they would be victorious.

"We've got enough experience in the lockerroom that these guys don't need a whole lot of motivation," he said.

In the third, despite a fierce offensive push by the Whalers, Otter goalie Ben Vanderklok continued to puck aside all shots, and with only five minutes left in the game it appeared as though the Whalers were running out of luck.

Finally, a powerplay goal by defenseman Nik Tselios seemed to break the iron gate open. Within the next two min-

utes the Whalers scored twice more to take the lead, once by Colagiaco and another, the eventual game-winner by Legwand. Harold Druken added another less than one minute later, to bring the final score to 5-3.

"That was a real confidence builder," DeBoer said. "It really shows our level of experience. We wouldn't have won that game two years ago."

DeBoer said it wasn't so much a let down on the Whalers part that led to the early deficit Friday night. It was the play of the Erie goaltender.


"He was just outstanding through two and half periods I thought we were getting a lot of quality scoring chances," he said. "I think it was just a matter of time before our pressure finally got to him."

Plymouth 5, Barrie 1 — Harold Druken continues to score goals and gather points at a blistering pace this season. On Saturday, he notched two more goals to help lead the Whalers over the visiting Colts.

The Colts actually scored first at the 13:49 mark of the first period, but it wouldn't last long. Less than one minute later, Paul Mara, back for his first weekend of play with the


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WINDSOR	2	7	1	2-7-1	5

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OTTAWA	7	0	2	7-0-2	16
PETER.	7	3	0	7-3-0	14
BELLEVILLE	4	3	2	4-3-2	10
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BARRIE	6	3	0	6-3-0	12
NORTH BAY	3	5	2	3-5-2	8
TORONTO	2	6	2	2-6-2	6
SUDBURY	2	7	1	2-7-1	5
MISSISSAUGA	0	9	0	0-9-0	0

WHALER STATISTICS

Team Leaders:
Goals: Druken (12)
Assists: Druken and Colagiaco (12)
Points: Druken (24)
PIM: Fitzgerald (35)
+/-: Druken (+15)
GAA: Holsinger (1.97)

CATCH OF THE DAY

The Whalers face the number one ranked team in the CHL on Sunday, the Ottawa 67s.

UPCOMING GAMES:

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• Sat. at Kingston (7:30 p.m.)
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SALEM GIRLS TENNIS

Season over.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at home versus Stevenson, 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dexter 9/10 Invite, 8 a.m.

SALEM GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington Metropark, time: TBA.

SALEM FOOTBALL

Friday at Northville, 7:30 p.m.

SALEM BOYS SOCCER

Today through Friday, districts continue at Ann Arbor Pioneer, times: TBA.

SALEM BOYS GOLF

Season over.

SALEM BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington Metropark, time: TBA.

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday at home versus Walled Lake Western, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Salem, 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TENNIS

Season over.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at Churchill, 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington Metropark, time: TBA.

CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at home versus Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER

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Season over.

CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington Metropark, time: TBA.

Salem, Canton fail to shine at The Emerald

BOYS GOLF

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The wind howled strong across the fairways and greens of The Emerald Golf Course in St. John's this past weekend, and with it, blew away the state championship hopes of the Salem and Canton boys golf teams.

Salem scored their highest round of the season Friday (329), four strokes higher than the cut to participate in Saturday's round. Canton came in even higher (338) as hard winds and fast greens shot-up scores to unusual heights.

"We didn't play as well as we intended," said Salem Coach Rick Wilson. "It was certainly a disappointment."

Coming off their first regional championship and record scored at the conference tournament, Salem seemed poised for a run at the state crown. But it wasn't to be, as some Salem scores came in seven to eight strokes higher than average.

Eric Kruger was the only Salem player to break 80 with a round of 76. Kruger's score allowed him to advance to Saturday as an individual finalist. He scored a 76 the second day as well and finished fifth in the state.

"The whole team was proud of Eric," Wilson said. "I think they all expected to be playing on Saturday. But at least one Salem guy was represented."

Adam Wilson, finishing out his four year varsity career, shot an 80. Ryan Nimmerguth (85), Matt Leon (89) and Mark Doughty (89) finished out the scoring for the Rocks.

For Canton, Ben Tucker again led the way with a 78. He was followed by Jon Johnson (82), Justin Allen (88), Matt Rosel (91) and Derek Lineberry (92).

Despite the disappointing showing, Wilson says his team shouldn't look down on the season. "We have a lot to be proud of," he said. "We've set all kinds of school records. This team will be

on the record board for a long time."

Even with the loss of Wilson and Kruger, who could be playing collegiate golf next fall, Salem should return another contending team next year, as a strong, experienced junior class becomes seniors.

Stevenson outlasts Chiefs in WLAA conference final, 3-0; district tourney begins today



Number-one ranked Stevenson closed the door on the potent scoring attack of Canton last Wednesday to capture the coveted WLAA conference championship. Both Salem and Canton will compete in this week's district tourney at Ann Arbor Pioneer (Crier photo by W. H. Dean)



Paul Mara (dark jersey) returned from the Tampa Bay Lightning training camp last week and quickly made an impact, contributing one goal and four assists to the Whalers' two victories (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Whalers pass first test

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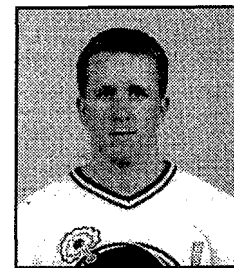
Whalers, got his first goal of the season of off assists from Tselios and Colagiaco.

The Whalers added two more goals in each the second and third periods, again on the backs of their leading scorers. Druken scored his league leading 11th

and 12th goals, while Tomek Valtonen, the Detroit Red Wings second round pick, got his second of the young OHL season. Legwand also added a score.

Robert Holsinger, still sharing goal-tending duties with rookies Rob Zepp and Dwayne Bateman, stopped 30 Barrie shots for the victory.

WHALER OF THE WEEK



#7 DEFENSEMAN
TROY SMITH

An overage leader, Smith has been solid on defense all season, one of the major reasons for the whalers' record start. Smith has also been active with school children. Last week he spoke to kids at Nankin Middle School on the importance of education. (Whaler Player of the week chosen by the Crier editorial staff.)

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Community opinions

Walking the edge with Ron

I guess what my friend Dan says is true: independent film making is living on the edge.

Director Kathy Vander and Ron Bachman, the subject of her half-hour documentary, 'Walk This Way' certainly walked that edge Saturday. That day was to be the movie's premiere, a culmination of seven years' worth of work, a moment to sit back and enjoy.

Well, not quite.

The movie was shown twice at Plymouth's Penn Theatre that night, once at 7 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. The 7 p.m. show went off without a hitch. Indeed, people were still milling about, talking to Ron and into cameras when I arrived to ensure there were tickets left for the 9 p.m. showing.

Sitting in the theatre, I couldn't help but feel the excitement that was building in the crowd. Many of them were crew members, or volunteers that had offered their expertise throughout the film's long production.

Kathy said a few words, the lights dimmed and the crowd fell into such an instant, anticipatory hush that for a second I thought I had gone deaf.

That's when we learned that showing an independent film isn't always as easy as showing a Hollywood production.

For one thing, the documentary was filmed in 16 mm, which requires a different projector. And this projector, though it had sailed through the first showing of the film, now stubbornly refused to work. There was light, action, and pictures, only no sound.

After a few more unsuccessful tries with the film, Kathy returned to the front of the theater to explain that they were changing

projectors. A slight delay would follow, but it was apparently nothing the audience wasn't prepared to wait through.

Dan and I sat back, listening to the murmuring of the crowd, which was at times punctuated by a sharp burst of laughter and deep, booming burst of feedback as the projectionists struggled to correct the dilemma.

The talk around us turned to mishaps with other projects people had worked on. Dan and I found ourselves drifting back into reverie to a movie he had once attempted to make.

It was 1991, and Dan had recently moved into Plymouth. I was living in Canton, and with a rag top assembly of half a dozen friends (and a budget of \$1,000) Dan set out to make a fantasy movie about Druidic rites, called *Midsummer*.

Granted, the obstacles we (and I'm just trying to claim part of the credit here, because I was only involved toward the end of the project) had to overcome at the time ranged from the ridiculous to the terrifying. But now the memories were shrouded in the fondness of time and distance.

There was the tornado that destroyed the set, the day a lead actor decided to stick his face in black powder and nearly blew his face off (on camera, no less) and the wonderful mock combat sequence in which a \$50 ceremonial Knights of Columbus sword neatly broke a much more expensive, hand-forged weapon in half.

Stories such as these entertained us while waiting, and before we knew it Kathy had returned to say that the second round was

about to begin.

The immediate hush followed, and as the film started — to the full accompaniment of sound and dialogue — cheers broke out.

The film started with a short clip of Ron at an early age. Bachman, now a Northville resident, had been born with a severe birth defect that left both his legs useless. As the dry, monotone voice of his doctor dictated Bachman's condition the youngster sped around the room on his hands and we were left to watch in awe and wonder — as Ron himself asked — how he could be so happy.

'Walk This Way' is a film about a man who overcame obstacles that would give most of us nightmares, simply by being himself. His strong, charismatic personality and sense of humor are very much prevalent in the film. Watching him on screen, it is easy to see how he found his calling as a motivational speaker.

The second projector broke about 10 minutes into the film, just as Steven Tyler, lead singer for the longevous rock band Aerosmith, began to describe what being a friend of Ron's had meant to him.

There was a communal groan of disappointment and Ron came out and answered questions and talked as this new problem was handled. Still the mood was light — this wasn't a spoiled Hollywood audience irritated at delays, it was a group of professionals who recognized the quality of

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



the work, the importance of the story and were eager to see more.

And they did. A third projector was brought online, and more of Bachman's life was revealed. We listened to his daughter telling what it was like growing up with Ron as a dad. We were brought quickly from solemnity to laughter as his father told of the reckless, daredevil boy who was the most popular of all his children.

Bachman's story is sad one moment and happy the next, but it is always inspiring. His optimism underscores all the events in his life, through marriage, divorce and into the future.

It must have been catching, too. The third projector burned the film in half and put an abrupt end to the evening's festivities. And while there was another collective groan, again it was from people drawn into the story and wanting more of it.

No one demanded refunds. No one shouted for freebies. This was independent film making, after all. The showing was rescheduled for a later date, and I for one, look forward to seeing the end. I agree with one audience member, who spoke up when Ron was apologizing for the technical difficulties:

"Good for you, Ron. You've done well."

Resisting the impulse to look

Four television cameramen sat waiting for the defendant to arrive, their cameras perched and ready, while a few other reporters lingered around, including one getting his afternoon nap at the back of the 35th District courtroom.

The arraignment of Randall Scott Horace, accused of leaving lewd photographs of himself around the City of Plymouth, was already 15 minutes behind schedule, but none of the cameramen seemed to mind. It gave them a chance to comment of the perversity of the case. They were veterans of these sorts of cases. And they had seen the down and dirty before.

"People are fascinated by this sort of stuff," one cameraman said.

"We make them fascinated," replied another.

They all laughed.

Another cameraman, younger and sitting

aside from the veterans, was more to the point. "People hear sex and they look," he said. "It's simple. Sex sells."

Later that evening, Horace's face would be seen on every major television station in Detroit, either as the lead news story or the one right behind it. It was the third day in a row the case was featured prominently on Detroit television news. And that's just the way the stations like it, a new development every day.

One station referred to the case as "Plymouth Porno," and characterized Horace as a perverted loner terrorizing a small, normally peaceful community.

Imagine strolling along the sidewalk, looking down and seeing a picture of a man's genitalia staring back up at you, they said. Imagine the horror, and the weeks of therapy that are likely to follow.

Certainly, seeing sexually explicit photos of someone can be a shocking experience, especially for children, the apparent target of Horace's perversity. But the importance of this case has been blown out of proportion, particularly by television news.

Sure, sex sells. We've all heard the mantra before. Show a little leg and somebody will look. Sex is the bait that brings in the big fish.

But lately, it doesn't seem to matter how big, or obvious, the hook is.

This case isn't only about sex, though. It's about what else draws attention: the unusual.

People enjoy the unusual, otherwise a show like Jerry Springer wouldn't be such a big hit. The unusual makes people feel normal.

That's fine. There's nothing wrong with that until it supercedes everything else.

The Horace case, in particular the television coverage, has shown us that news is

Write of way

By Scott Goodwin



becoming less about news and more about the show. It's more entertaining, less informative.

This is nothing new, but the trend is showing few signs of stopping.

The irony of the Horace case is that he wanted to be seen. He was taking pictures of himself for public display, and four days later, after his arrest, there we all were taking pictures of him.

Probably just the way he wanted it.



Community opinions

Don't just vote Nov. 3, vote smart

When voters head to the polls in Plymouth, Canton and Northville Nov. 3, it's not enough that they simply cast ballots. It is important that they cast informed ballots.

Tomorrow, The Community Crier will host a candidate forum at Plymouth City Hall. It will be an opportunity for residents to come and get a quick, potent dose of information on the candidates who want their votes.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Crier reporters will question candidates in state and Congressional races about the issues important in this year's election. Incumbents will be asked to explain their voting records; challengers will have to explain why they deserve a shot at elective office. Both will have the opportunity to question one another on public school funding, taxes, physician-assisted suicide, the environment — issues important to P-C-N.

WSDP 88.1 FM radio will also be on hand and will broadcast the interviews over the next week.

Those who can't make The Crier's daytime forum can hit the Canton Chamber of Commerce forum tomorrow night. And next Wednesday he Plymouth Library hosts candidates from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For those who prefer to do their own research, there are a number of non-profit, non-partisan organizations that post campaign and public information on the Internet:

- www.vote-smart.org gives candidate biographies, voting records and ratings by special interest groups.

- www.tray.com compiles campaign finance reports from the Federal Elections Commission, and features charts and graphs that make finance figures easy to read and compare between candidates.

- www.crp.org lists the Center for Responsive Politics tracking of campaign finance, PAC contributions and finance features.

Whether off the Net or out in a local forum, the key to informed voting is out there. There's no excuse for casting an ignorant ballot in P-C-N Nov. 3.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



No news to you:

Image, not ideas

Pay attention P-C-N. News stories and election coverage are coming together again to remind you of what you already know: TV news is all about pictures.

Last week, morning and evening news programs covered the Randall Scott Horace arraignment in Plymouth, one calling the story "Plymouth Porno."

Since early this summer when Geoffrey Fieger hit the campaign trail, incendiary sound bites have peppered the daily diet of Gubernatorial race coverage.

Look at the images in both stories.

Shots of the scruffy Horace standing before the judge and slinking in and out of the courtroom fit the bill suggested by the sensational "Porno" headline. They also underscore the maxim many (including another columnist in this paper) have used: sex sells. Especially deviant sex.

Metro Detroit's TV news programs led morning and evening broadcasts with the Horace story. While newsworthy, it certainly should not have eclipsed other stories, particularly when statewide elections are only two weeks away.

But then again, TV campaign coverage focuses on pictures, too, and now more than ever.

The Fieg has become an emblem of The Image and its precedence over ideas. As long as he spouts hot words and throws hard looks to the cameras, he doesn't have to speak in-depth about his plans for running the state. He makes for great TV coverage, but probably a bad governor.

I'd love to get Fieger to The Crier's candidate forum tomorrow.

What are your qualifications for office? Don't tell me what you want to do, tell me how you're going to do it. Give me the details that will convince me you are worth my vote, that the work you would do is worth my tax money. These

Some
might say
By Bryon Martin



are the questions state and congressional candidates will have to answer for The Crier tomorrow.

Candidates such as Thad McCotter, Carol Poenisch, Gerry Law, Steve Conley and other state Legislature hopefuls depend on newspaper interviews and endorsements. They get little TV time and their campaigning is done more through newspapers than broadcast media. As such, it can be more substantial. Why?

You know the answer as well as I do. Print media is dominated by words. Ideas fit onto pages much easier than into cameras.

And really, that's too bad. It's no secret that more people get their news from broadcast media than from print media. In a perfect world, TV would be not only the most prevalent medium, but the the most informative, too.

But it's not. Television reports have less time to tell their story than print media do. Whether they're after a candidate's political ideology or the logic behind a weird crime, time constraints prohibit TV reporters from plumbing the depths of any story.

That's what happened last week when the TV crews swept in to Plymouth to cover the "Plymouth Porno," story. They found the pictures they wanted, and took off once they had them. Expect more of the same this week following the firebombing at Temple Baptist Church.

TV crews will hunting here again, with a blind eye to our community, and one wide open on the lookout for The Image.

And that's no news to you.

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