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Walters gone by Jan. 31

City Commission continues internal reconciliations

BY BRYON MARTIN

In the end, it took Plymouth's City Commission as long to agree on its next meeting date as it did to accept City Manager Steve Walters' resignation Monday night.

With a bare-minimum majority, the Commission voted 4-3 to accept terms to end Walters' employment as the City's chief administrator. He will leave the post by January 31, and will collect six months in severance pay and 18 months of benefits, five of which the City will pay.

The decision brings closure to months of uncertainty and weeks of rumors in City circles about how much longer Walters' seven-year tenure at City Hall would continue.

Walters had little to say about the resignation, except that "it isn't an issue of my preference."

Walters said his decision to negotiate a resignation reflected the best mutual decision he and the City could reach together.

Before they voted to accept his terms, however, the Commission resumed its weeks of finger-pointing and backpedaling, the

political calisthenics some at the meeting say led Walters to resign in the first place.

A chorus of Walters' supporters — including former mayor Jim Jabara, long-time resident Bill MacAnich and a handful of committee members — were in the audience to laud his work and blame his leaving on the torrid political climate which has had the Commission sweating in recent months.

Nearly a year to the day after the most recent City election, most Commissioners expressed exasperation with the state of affairs in City Hall. Most shared the belief that their difficulty in getting along brought the city manager's resignation. Their agreement, however, did not carry over into commissioners' comments.

"I have to support this proposal for the good of the Commission and the citizens who elected them," Mayor Protem Joe Koch said just prior to the vote, which came at the meeting's end.

"The second reason (for supporting the proposal) is more important," he continued. "The City Manager and my friend...agrees that this is the right move for the City and the Commission at this time."

Commissioner Ron Loiselle disagreed: "We have created an environment in which Mr. Walters cannot perform his functions as city manager. I feel with my heart that I cannot support this proposal."

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury said

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Sen. Loren Bennett and Bruce Patterson were among the victorious in yesterday's mid-term elections. The pair of Canton legislators celebrated their wins with several others at The Summit on the Park last night. For results from P-C-N elections, turn to pgs. 13 - 16. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

By 17 votes

Sullivan beats McLaughlin in 11th County race

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

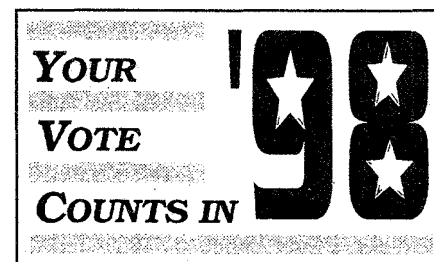
At 1:20 a.m. Wednesday morning, the Walnut room in Canton's Summit on the Park looked a little like a fraternity house living room after rush week.

Various politicians, their races already decided, sat among the mostly empty tables and on the floor, every hour of their long day showing in their tired faces.

Their races may have been decided, but the 11th County Commission seat was still up for grabs.

Republican candidate Melissa McLaughlin watched as results from each community were carefully written on the paper lining the walls. Supervisor Tom Yack, a former math teacher, punched the numbers into a calculator. With each result, it became more clear — even with McLaughlin's strong showing in Canton, Democratic Candidate John Sullivan held the advantage.

When the final results were in — absentee



ballot results from Belleville, McLaughlin was just 17 votes shy of victory, despite winning in only one community.

"I had to make one race interesting," she said, after conceding defeat. "Bruce, Loren and Thad, they're the important ones. I was the most expendable."

McLaughlin attributed Sullivan's win to the strong presence his party gave him in party literature.

"He had more visibility and spent less money," she said. "It was a good campaign in terms of issues. There was no name calling or nastiness."

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Plymouth Twp.:

'Major' crimes still rising

BY BRYON MARTIN

Sex offenses, assaults and other major crimes against people and property are continuing on the increase first reported this summer, according to totals released by Plymouth Township Police.

Compared to this time last year, Township residents have reported more stolen vehicles, larcenies, burglaries, sex offenses and assaults.

The Township released current totals in a month-end report in October. The crimes constitute major or "part one" crimes the Township and State of Michigan track.

The totals show:

- Assaults increased 151 per cent, up from 71 to 178.
- Sex offenses increased 150 per cent, up from 4 to 10.
- Burglaries increased 25 per cent, up from 55 to 69.
- Larcenies increased 27 per cent, up from 298 to 378.

State-mandated changes in how some crimes are reported might account for part of the increase, according to Chief Lawrence Carey.

Under the previous system, assaults, stalking, threats, harassment and other such crimes were reported individually, he said. Now, they're all reported under the assaults category.

But apart from that difference, he said, "the increases are increases."

Calls from the public for service and enforcement together are up at least 52 per cent over this time last year, he said.

Growth in Plymouth and neighboring communities explains part of the rise, he said, although he attributed the crimes against property to drug addicts desperate for a quick cash grab.

Carey said roughly half of the increase in sexual crimes were against children, most perpetrated by other children or by someone familiar to the victim. That makes prevention difficult, he said. "These cases are more complex because you're usually bringing in social services," he said.

To deal with the increases, Carey said Township Police will begin a Youth Services Unit this month. Officers already assigned to elementary and middle school D.A.R.E. programs and work at C.E.P. will be assigned cases involving students at their respective levels.

Ofc. John Drake will work with crimes against elementary school-aged children. Ofc. Bill Groff will work with middle school kids, and Det. David Hayes will work with high schoolers.

One bright spot among the increase in reports is just that — more reports are coming in to police, Carey said. It's a

change he attributes to a more comfortable and open relationship between officers and Township residents.

Since his arrival roughly one year ago, Carey has adjusted staff configurations and broken the Township into service areas.

That way, he said, no matter where they live, residents will get to see the

same officers on patrol, at neighborhood events and — if necessary — when it's time to file a report.

Carey said he will know whether the increased numbers represent a true increase in crime by year's end, when reports on follow ups and closed cases reveal greater details.



George Fedorka helps Rose Kitt bone up on the rules of the road during a mature driver retraining workshop in Canton last week (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Road rules review

Workshop helps Canton seniors become better drivers

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Some Canton senior citizens attended last week's mature driver retraining workshop because they wanted to brush up on their skills.

Others went because they were curious about the evaluation process. Still others went to prove that they were still able to drive safely and wanted to prove it.

Regardless of why the nearly two dozen seniors attended the 12-hour workshop and following self evaluation, they all left with a new-found knowledge of their abilities and rules of the road.

And none of them had to worry about losing their licenses.

"I think we had an outstanding turnout," said Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

The workshop was taught by the Traffic Improvement Association, and Canton Public Safety sprung for the \$20 per-student fee. Instructors Al Gapske and George Fedorka — both retired policemen — taught the 12-hour senior refresher driving course and evaluated driving skills.

Fedorka said the hardest part was letting the seniors know that their driving records weren't in any danger.

"Their driving licenses are their freedom, and they're very protective of that," Fedorka said. "We have to spend the first part of every lecture telling them this is all self-evaluated, there will be nothing written down and nothing turned in to the Secretary of State. We're simply trying to prolong their driving ability."

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Wayne church buys into Canton

Tri City Assembly grabs 48 acres for \$60,000

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Wayne's Tri City Assembly of God church has decided to jump the border into neighboring Canton.

The church, which was previously located at Hannan Road and Michigan Avenue, recently purchased a 48-acre site on Sheldon Road, just north of Michigan Avenue, from the township.

Tri City paid \$60,000 an acre for the property, which will be sold to the church in two phases, according to Senior Pastor

Rocky Barra.

Last week the Board of Trustees approved a purchase agreement for the southern 18 acres, subject to congregational approval and the approval of a site plan within 120 days.

Barra said that ultimately the church has planned a comprehensive religious campus, with a worship center, a recreation area and possibly an education center. A large hall for concerts is also possible, he said.

The order in which the facilities will be constructed is still unclear, he said.

"We don't have anything set in stone yet. The first phase was to get the land," he said. "Once we've built on that we'll go ahead with the next phase."

The remaining 30 acres will be purchased on a five year land contract. The total cost of the property is about \$2.889 million.

Tri City was established about 56 years ago, according to Barra, who came to the church in 1989.

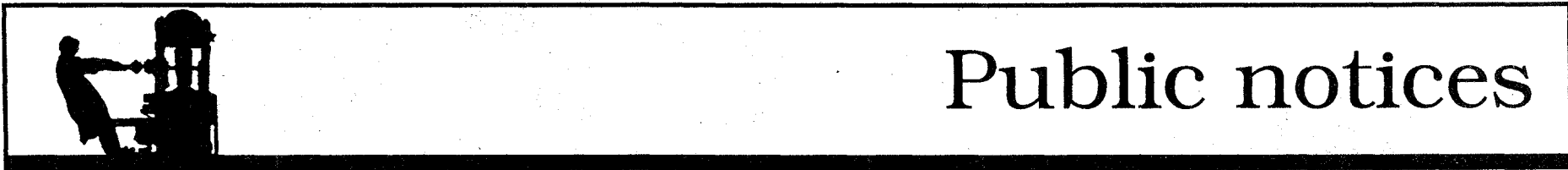
"The church has grown steadily since then," he said. "We've been on a search

for land for about three years now."

The church is best known for its music program, recreational programs, and non-denominational, practical sermons, Barra said.

With more land to expand on, Barra said he hopes to be able to expand those services as well as provide additional services to the community.

"We try and keep everything culturally relevant," he said. "We have anger management classes and grief counselors. We have a licensed professional counselor on staff. It's some things you don't always associate with a church."



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEE - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Massengill amended the agenda by adding under Public Hearing, Item G.2, Request to Approve Proposed Reorganization, and move the item already designated on the Agenda as G.2 to G.2A. Clerk Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the October 27, 1998, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy announced that there was a very pleasant duty to be performed at this meeting; Mrs. Claire Haske was in attendance to present to the Township a donation of land, known as the Miller Farm, which is being deeded to the Township to be used as a park, fulfilling the wishes of Mr. Miller. The Supervisor presented Mrs. Haske with a framed artist's rendition of the proposed park and informed her that the Township would invite her to the ribbon cutting ceremonies to be held at a later date. The Board Members thanked Mrs. Haske on behalf of the citizens of the Township for this generous donation.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted for the October 27, 1998, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public on non-agenda items.

Mr. Robert Nassar, resident, updated the Board concerning the on going problems with the detention basin, landscaping and grading in the Trillium Woods Subdivision. Mr. McIlhargey commented that the contractor has agreed to correct the situation; however the problem may not be corrected until next Spring due to the lateness of the year.

Mr. Mark McGraw, resident, addressed the Board with respect to sports and recreation in the community, especially the lack of property for Soccer fields. He requested that the Board budget some funds for this purpose. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that the Board is aware of the need for recreation facilities and is presently reviewing the situation.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m. on a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption from Hella North America for a new facility. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

Trustee Mueller moved to adopt Resolution No. 98-10-27-48 approving the request of Hella North America Holding, Inc., for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for their new facility located at 43811 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all on a Roll Call vote with Trustee Griffith absent. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Trustee Curmi moved to approve Proposed Reorganization and Policy changes as presented; with detailed policies which incorporate the recommended policy changes to be developed, reviewed by the Township Auditor to assure appropriate internal controls, and brought back to the Board for final approval prior to the implementation date of the reorganization. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened a Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m. on a Resolution to approve the 1998 Amended and the 1999 General Fund Budget.

Mr. Mark McGraw, resident, addressed the Board once again with his request

for consideration of funds for vacant land for the purpose of recreational use, particularly Soccer fields.

Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:31 p.m.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 98-10-27-49 adopting the 1998 Amended and the 1999 General Fund Budget as presented. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all on a Roll Call vote with Trustee Griffith absent.

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

Clerk Massengill moved that December 15, 1998, be established for Public Hearing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate covering an addition to the Tower Automotive, Inc.'s facility, located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Trustee Arnold moved to authorize the Township Administration to open a retirement window for non-represented employees according to the terms and conditions outlined in the memo dated 10-21-98, with the seniority dates and service time being verified. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all on a Roll Call vote, with Trustee Griffith absent.

Trustee Mueller moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Rouge River Storm Water Management Projects, Rouge River Geographic Information System Project Grant Agreement between the County of Wayne and Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy requested Mr. McIlhargey to explain the Insurance Services Office Audit Inspection of the Building Department which will be taking place for three days beginning October 28, 1998.

Trustee Arnold questioned Mrs. Harvey with respects to the computer/projector inquiring as to where the screen would be placed. Mrs. Harvey explained that a review of the entire meeting room is planned at which time space will be allotted for the screen.

It was moved by Clerk Massengill and seconded by Trustee Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMCKathleen
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Supervisor
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The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on October 27, 1998. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on November 17, 1998.

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Twp. reorganizes financial depts.

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

In response to questions raised by this year's Township audit, Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy has announced plans to reorganize the way finances are handled at the Township.

Spelled out in the 1999 budget are plans to shuffle duties between the Finance, Clerk and Treasurer departments.

Specifically, general ledger and accounts payable duties will be taken over by the clerk's office and accounts receiv-

able will be a task solely of the treasurer's department.

The Finance Department, headed by Finance Director Rosemary Harvey, will be renamed the Administrative Services Department, and will deal mostly with human resources issues.

Questions about problems with the way the Township was handling its finances, and communication problems between the Finance Department and the Treasurer's Department were highlighted in an independent audit of the Township last

spring.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards accused the audit firm of developing "unfair political considerations" when the audit began in March. In August, when the delayed report was finally released, Edwards reportedly asked for Rosemary Harvey's resignation.

According to Keen McCarthy, these changes should quiet many of those problems.

"These should address many of the issues raised in the audit," she said, adding that the changes should also help the Township abide more closely to Michigan state statues concerning financial practices.

The new administrative services department will not be taken out of the money loop completely, Keen McCarthy said. They will still be responsible for processing payroll and the yearly budget.

However, one of their employees will be transferred to each the Clerk's and Treasurer's office to help them with their expanded duties. Both offices will also hire one new part-time employe.

The information services department will receive new employes through the reorganization.

Currently, the information services department employs one person, Bob Janke. In the new budget, Janke will be getting one full-time and one part-time partner to help with the Township's computer and network systems.

The added manpower should help the Township deal with anticipated problems with the change of the millennium — the Y2K bug — and the possible creation of a Township website.

"That will be one of the functions we will be able to give more focus," Keen McCarthy said.

Dodson joins Canton planners

If history is any indicator, good things are in store for the Canton Planning Commission.

Sue Dodson, a Canton resident and currently the chief building official for the City of Garden City, was appointed to the commission Tuesday.

"I feel like I have plenty of experience in the planning field," she said.

Prior to working in Garden City, Dodson served for 13 years as a plan reviewer in Plymouth Township, working for Building Official Charlie McIlhargey.

Dodson was appointed to fill a vacancy left by long-time commissioner Tom Sullivan, who stepped down from the commission this summer.

Canton solicited letters of interest from candidates and received about a dozen, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Yack screened those and, along with Canton's other full-

time elected officials, interviewed the strongest candidates. Dodson was a clear choice, he said.

"She just seemed to have the right experience base and a good attitude," Yack said.

Dodson said she thinks the current commission is doing a good job and will continue the commission's philosophy of wringing extra benefits from interested developers.

"I believe in open space and green belts, and getting everything you can from developers," she said. "People want to build in the community, they have to be willing to compromise."

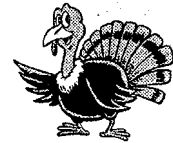
Dodson will fill out the remainder of Sullivan's term, which expires at the end of next year.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said she thinks Dodson will be a good addition to the board.

"It's important for her to come on board now so she can get up to speed," McLaughlin said. "I think she'll provide a nice balance."



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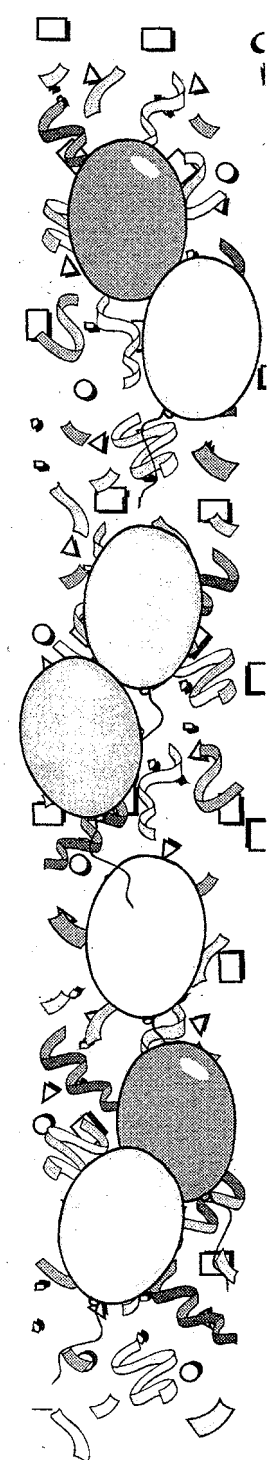
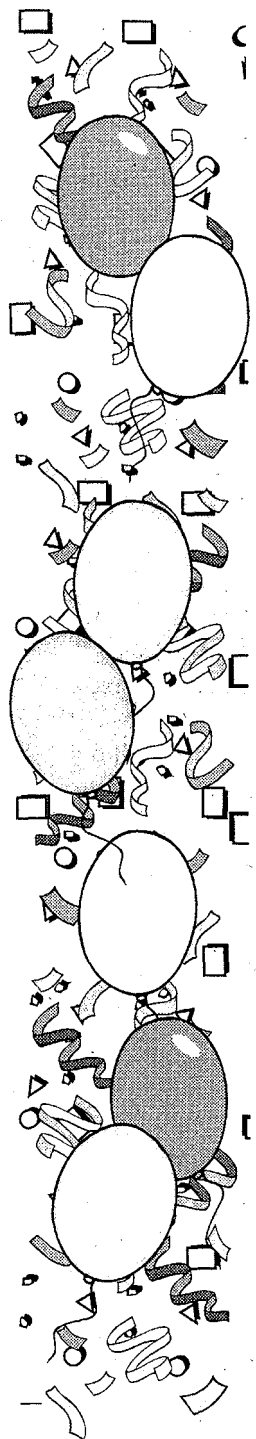
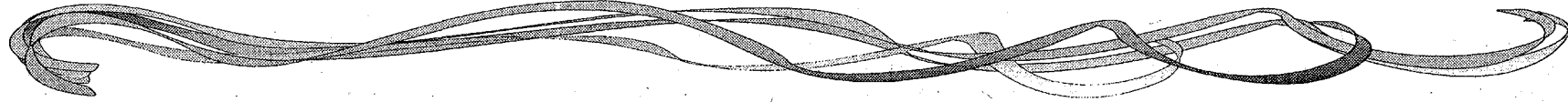
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Neighbors in the news

Six seniors from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been named as Semifinalists in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship program.

Named as finalists were **Adil Azeez, Evan Leung and Brian Ott** from Salem High School and **Molly Hyland, Annie Radcliffe and Valerie Taylor** from Canton High School.

All semifinalists entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The test served as an initial screen of more than 1.1 million Merit Program entrants who were enrolled in some 20,000 high schools nationwide. Highest scores in each state were designated semifinalists.

Brian R. Satterley, of Canton and **Morante K. Kelly** of Plymouth were among those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in August at the end of the summer session of the 1997-98 school year.

Navy Airman **Gregory J. Demarest**, son of Marcia L. Demarest of Plymouth, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf with Fighter Squadron 31, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Demarest is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School. He joined the Navy in September, 1995.

Ron Callison, a Hoben Elementary School student, was awarded the Exemplary Physical Education Award by the Governor's Council.

The awards are given to both individuals and school districts that have developed and implemented excellent physical education programs.

Sameer Patel, son of **Natverlal** and **Kokila Patel** of Canton was named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for the term ending in September, 1998.

Keri Jastrzebski, Kenneth Kedziorek, Hitesh Patel, and Jeffrey Rooks, of Canton; **Daniel P. McMullen** of Northville; and **Timothy Johnson** of Plymouth were among the August graduates at Central Michigan University.

PCAC show is only natural

Work of Salem art teachers celebrates nature, imagery

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It would be hard to think of a different name for Plymouth Community Arts Council's next art exhibit.

Called "Something Natural," it features the work of two long-time Salem High School teachers and their artistic views as well as memories of nature.

R. Graham Martin, a Salem Art teacher, has been with the district for 27 years, he said. His work, in both watercolors and pottery, is reminiscent of images he has seen in the past.

"It's a response to things I've seen in nature," he said. "I've spent a lot of time vacationing in the Great Lakes and Smokey Mountains and a lot of the imagery and pottery is related to that."

Judith Braun has been a teacher in the district for 26 years, teaching subjects as varied as skills for living, reading and math. She has also been the school librarian. Her work is based on wildflower gardens, and she has used her own gardens as inspiration.

"I've always looked at my gardens as an art form," she said. "I've always been an outdoor person, and it's only natural that my artwork should reflect it."

Braun's exhibit will also feature



Judith Braun (above) paints images that have attracted high school kids for ages: the Northville Tunnels. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

works from the Wayne County Northville Tunnels. She said she spent many hours there photographing the aged structures and then painting their likenesses to show the relationship between photography and paint. "Something Natural" will display both photographs and paintings of the structures as well as other architectural works such as Alcatraz.

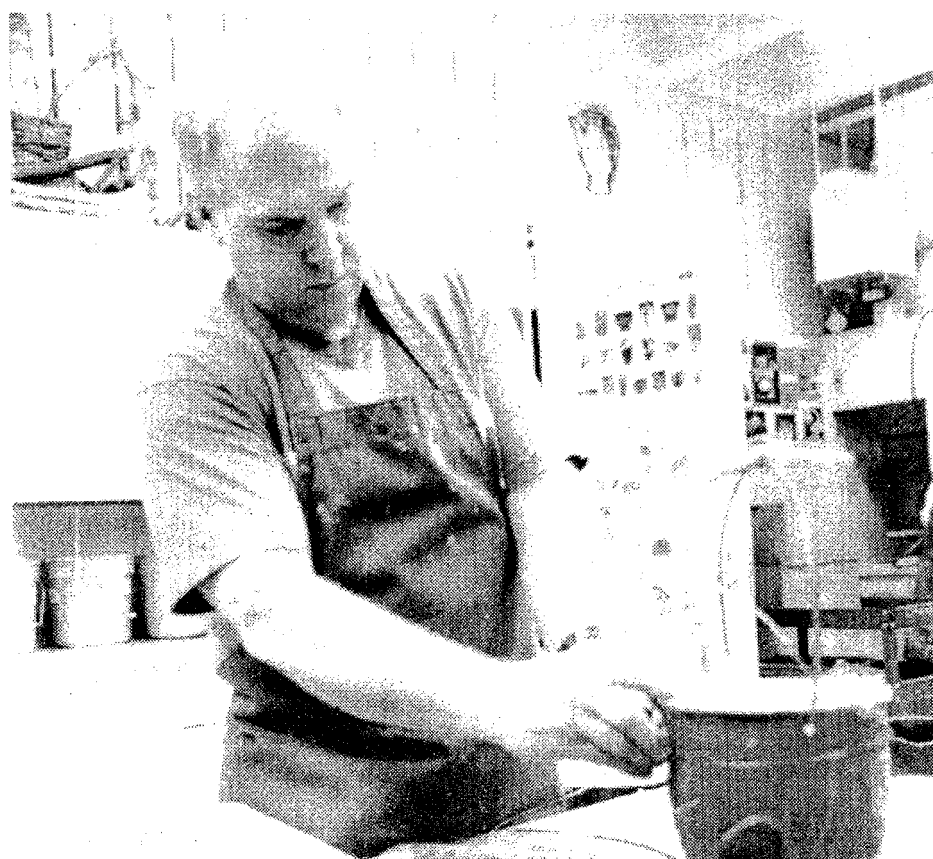
Martin said he will display several watercolor paintings along with pottery and other sculptures.

The two said they became interested in having their own exhibit while setting up a student's exhibit last year.

"We were thinking about what to do when we retired from teaching," Martin said. "This seemed to be a natural thing to pursue."

The exhibit opens Nov. 7, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Sheldon Road. PCAC will hold an opening reception from 7-9 p.m. for the public to meet Braun and Martin and view the multi media exhibit of painting, jewelry, pottery and photography.

"Something Natural" will run until Nov. 30. Hours for the exhibit are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additional viewing times are possible by calling the office at 416-4278.



R. Graham Martin's exhibit will be a combination of watercolors and pottery. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

'Peacock on a perch...'

Ed Sudduth carries his daughter Samantha atop his shoulders Friday for a trick-or-treating trip through downtown Plymouth. Merchants and businesses handed out treats to more than 4,000 toddlers who sacked the City in search of sweets. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)



Civitans adopt cemeteries

Canton service club steps up to save historic cemeteries

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

In the name of community service, the Plymouth-Canton Civitans are donning yet another hat — that of the undertaker.

By adopting two historic cemeteries in Canton last week, the Civitans have become unofficial ambassadors to the township's storied past.

The project grew out of recent volunteer efforts in connection with Make A Difference Day, according to Melissa McLaughlin, Canton trustee and member of Canton's Historical Commission.

Canton township prioritized a number of projects for volunteers on Make A Difference Day. Both the Downer and Kinyon cemeteries were on Canton's top 10 list of projects in need of volunteer work. When the Civitans signed up and saw how much work needed to be done, they decided to make it a long-term project, according to Civitans President Eugene Kafila.

"We found out there was a lot more that needed to be done," he said. "It takes time and TLC and we're hoping that's something we can give."

Leaves needed raking; in some places lilac bushes threatened to engulf tombstones. Several tombstones had fallen over or were in other states of disrepair.

Canton's maintenance and grounds crew have maintained the cemeteries, but it lacks the manpower to do much besides cut the grass, according to Kafila. The cemeteries were beginning to suffer from the effects of neglect, as well as vandalism.

"Some of the headstones had been knocked over and broken. Others were missing," he said. "Apparently some people think it's funny to pick them up and run away with them."

McLaughlin said the Historic Commission is going to work with both the Civitans and the township to help plot out the cemeteries and identify who is lying where.

By coordinating efforts with veteran's groups and schools, she said the Historic Commission hopes to preserve a valuable piece of Canton's past. McLaughlin said Canton did an inventory of the cemeteries a few years ago, only the second such study since the 1930s.

"This is a real important component of the community's history," she said. "A pioneers' cemetery is a very tangible link to the past."

The cemeteries date back to the 1830s, and contain a number of Canton's settlers, as well as civil war veterans, according to McLaughlin.

The next step is to allocate a small amount of funds from Canton's budget to hire a professional to repair and restore the headstones, McLaughlin said.

According to McLaughlin, the restorations won't be complete without continued volunteerism, which the Civitans hope to provide.

Another way to help restore the cemeteries is to establish a community group willing to pitch in, McLaughlin said. The Downer Cemetery would benefit from such an arrangement because its location, inside the Sherwood Mobile Home park, is not a high-profile one.

"It's really, really abused because it's so out of the way," she said. "It would make a good community service project and a good start to cleaning up that neighborhood."

GUIDE to Entertainment

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Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Also note community and non-profit groups' events, listed in this Crier under *What's Happening*.

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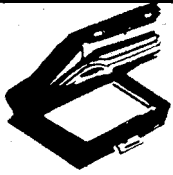
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

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The Plymouth chapter will meet Thursday at the Water Club Seafood Grill at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

The **Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's** annual dinner and auction will be held Friday, Nov. 6.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Chamber office at 453-1540.



Judy Costigan, of Northville, has been appointed to the Foundation Board of Directors at Henry Ford Community College.

The HFCC Foundation's mission is to obtain financial support from the private sector of the community to help support college programs and projects.

Costigan operates marketing and communication for Ford Motor Land Services. She has been active in the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce and many other civic organizations.

Gary G. Varblow, CFP, LUTCF, FIC, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative from Plymouth, recently attended Gift Planner Training at Lutheran Brotherhood's Minneapolis headquarters.

Upscale pub hits Canton

Now open, Bailey's features 37 draft beers, humidor and theme rooms

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Anyone walking into the new Bailey's Pub & Grille in Canton expecting a typical sports bar will be pleasantly surprised.

Rather than being overwhelmed with the sight of gigantic televisions, pool tables and dart boards, the first site you'll see is one of polished brass and gleaming hardwood floors.

All the games are there, but they are in one of two other rooms which adjoin the main dining area.

"We try to appeal to everyone," said assistant manager Don Markgraf. "We have three different rooms each with different themes and sound systems."

The first room is the main dining room. Televisions line the walls near the ceilings and hardwood floors that lead up to Bailey's extensive bar.

Beyond the dining area and to the left is the green room, dominated by a gigantic television screen on the far wall, several pool tables and plenty of high tables and stools.

The sounds of rock and roll pervade the room.

Off the other side of the dining area is the burgundy room, where the music is quieter and the air is laden with the sweet aroma of cigars. The room is geared toward crowds who appreciate rhythm and blues and jazz music sifting through the air.

"We have our own humidor and people can purchase cigars and smoke them all day long if they want to," Markgraf said.

On the far side of the burgundy room is a small game room, with boards for both plastic and steel-tipped darts.

And if the atmosphere appeals to a more upscale setting, Bailey's menu reflects it, with entrees such as baby back ribs, seafood, pasta and salads to complement the traditional bar fare of burgers and sandwiches.

The bar even has a moderate dress code, Markgraf said.

"We won't allow any guys to come in with sleeveless shirts or tattered jeans," he said. "We're not going to be real rough on people, we just want someone to be able to come here on a date and be comfortable."

Possibly the greatest attraction for patrons could be Bailey's wide selection of beers. With 36 brews on draft, and an additional 76 bottled beers, Bailey's can



From left: assistant manager Don Markgraf, service manager Eric Van Alstine, general manager John Tanski and bar manager Paul Gragosian are ready for some serious fun at the new Bailey's Pub and Grille, which opened yesterday in Canton. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

satisfy virtually any thirst, according to general manager John Tanski. Once fully stocked, the bar will also feature more than 130 different labels of liquor, as well.

Bailey's is one of two restaurant concepts developed by Total Entertainment, Inc., of Wichita, KS. The firm has a total of about 20 restaurants throughout the U.S. and plans to open an additional 16 this year.

Restaurants are typically named the Fox and the Hound, but the firm decided on Bailey's because there was already a Fox and the Hound restaurant in Detroit, according to Tanski.

"We could've demanded that they change their name because we hold the proprietary rights to it, but they've been there since 1929 and it would be stupid to interfere with tradition," Tanski said.

With Bailey's opening yesterday, and a La-shish Middle Eastern restaurant planned for the same corner, the long-vacant Canton Village shopping center is poised to offer

an upscale gateway into central Canton.

The restaurants are a step in the right direction for the corner as well as the downtown business district in general, according to Downtown Development Authority chairperson Ralph Shufeldt.

"I'm very pleased that the corner is filling up with quality establishments that will serve a variety of age groups," Shufeldt said.

Shufeldt said he thinks the business will provide a nice mix of dining alternatives for residents, and hopes it will become a driving force for homeowners and businesses alike.

A diverse business base attracts other ventures, as well as homeowners, he said.

"It's very positive for a community to have a business community that is seen as the place to be," he said. "It helps develop the residential base as well as serves a multifaceted community."

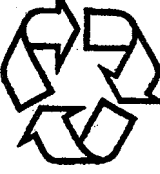
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 New Morning School is holding their 8th Annual ART HARVEST Nov. 7 and 8. The fine art and craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northville Community Center 303 W. Main. Admission is \$2. Charlie's Deli and Grille will provide food. All proceeds will go to New Morning School to enhance their non-profit innovative educational program. For more information call Dianne Quinn at (734) 454-1314.

NORTHVILLE NIGHT
 Northville Parks and Recreation will again be sponsoring the second annual family New Year's Eve event called Northville Night. More than 400 people attended last year's event, which will once again be held at Northville High School. Tickets for this family event go on sale Nov. 1 at the Recreation Department and are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 12. There will be clowns, carnival games, slot cars and miniature golf and a magic show. For more information contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

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Election '98: a long, strange trip

BY BRYON MARTIN
SCOTT SPIELMAN
and W. EDWARD WENDOVER

There were only 89 days between the Aug. 4 primary election and yesterday's general election.

Before that, there were 84 days between the May 12 filing deadline for candidates and the primary election.

That meant that for the last 173 days, The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community witnesses a lot of politicking, grandstanding and ebbing-and-flowing as some races saw primary contests, do-or-die runoffs and frantic last-minute campaigning before yesterday's vote.

Some races and issue campaigns saw little to no exposure.

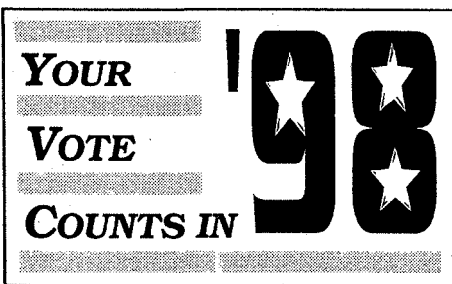
In past years, minority party candidates had often put up serious campaigns. Once, the Libertarian candidate (name long forgotten) sided with U.S. Rep. Carl D. Pursell in a spirited debate against the Democrat.

While the judges' races are often overlooked by even serious voters — who is this Isidore B. Torres anyhow? — consider the plight of the Plymouth Library Board. Little campaigning illuminated these 10 hopefuls seeking four spots.

One of them — Kim Hickey — was seeking re-election and set a new mark in local history with her husband, Tom. Kim ran for the Plymouth Library Board, an office at the bottom of the national election ballot.

As the Republican nominee for the 13th U.S. House District, Tom was near the ballot's top, and sought the highest office

After he and his opponents missed a group interview for the 20th State House race, Fred DiIacovo emerged to explain his disappearance from the campaign. (Crier photos R. Alwood, Jr. and Bryon Martin)



among Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community residents.

Thus, one household holds the unique claim of sharing both ends of a ballot.

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The local clerks predicting high 50s to 60s percentage voter turnout were surprised early yesterday morning that the voters seemed visiting the polls in higher numbers than they predicted.

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The "whoops" factor made several appearances.

Thad McCotter's primary election campaign statement listed a \$1,000 donor as the owner of Heide's Flowers & Gifts. This was quite a surprise to Steve Mansfield, the real owner of Heide's Flowers. It turned out the fellow listed owned Heidi's Salons.

Tom Hickey's campaign statement listed his wife as a donor with a Northville address. Since she serves on the Plymouth Library Board, this caught a reporter's eye. "Last I checked, she still lived at our (Plymouth Township) home," chuckled Hickey as he wolfed down a sub sandwich when the reporter caught up with him between campaign stops.

Local politicking's brightest national spotlight came when the New York Times two Sundays ago ran a large photo showing Hickey, his wife and son campaigning with Newt Gingrich. But the cutline called him "Tim" Hickey. (In fairness to the Times, this newspaper predicted the 2000 State House candidacy of Plymouth City Commissioner David "MacDonald." It's McDonald.)

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One political observer has described politics as "show business for ugly people." Ugly might be a bit harsh to describe the scene in Tom Hickey's War Room, but appearance obviously isn't the top priority around the congressional candidate's



Melissa McLaughlin (at right) never missed a chance to campaign during this year's election. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

campaign headquarters.

Dirty, floppy hats and work boots.

Sweat pants. "Hickey for Congress" tee-shirts.

Fleece vests and five-o'clock shadows.

These make up the War Room uniform.

Don't expect to see famous designers copy the style in Paris. It's a look that's better for pumping hands on the campaign trail than striking a pose on the runways. It's the look of a campaign staff: 16-year-old students earning extra credit; twentysomething politicians paying their dues, hoping to make a name; long-time friends volunteering for the cause.

In the final hours before yesterday's election, the crew was starting to show the effects of the six long months of campaigning. The converted storefront at the corner of Ford and Lilley roads that became Hickey's headquarters was showing it too.

A trash can filled with burger wrappers, paper cups and cold fries.

Photos tacked to the walls.

Dry-erase boards covered in blue scribbles.

Lawn signs, press releases and paper paper everywhere. Hickey's campaign manager Pat Rosenstiel calls it the nerve center. He even moved in as the race neared its end and hours got long and longer.

"This is where it all happens," he said, leaning on the golf club he plays with constantly around the office. "This is it — the War Room."

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Partisanship issues raised several ugly heads during the local campaigning:

Melissa McLaughlin, a Canton Township trustee and a Republican candidate for the Wayne County Commission, obviously got

on the wrong mailing list. She received a mailer asking her to attend a Democratic candidates' forum that was designed to coordinate anti-Republican efforts. She didn't have the courage to attend alone.

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Fred DiIacovo, a former City Commission candidate who never showed up, pulled a no-show again as a Democratic candidate for 20th District State House against Gerry Law and Libertarian Doug MacDonald. For not showing twice, he was resoundingly whipped by the newspaper. When he showed up at the paper's office, it turned out a severe family tragedy had kept him away from campaigning. He sat down to get his views in — even if it was too late to print.

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The campaign season is the perfect time for candidates to ham it up: long hours of traveling, talking, waving and smiling, only to travel somewhere and do it again, or the desire to appeal to everyone casting a ballot.

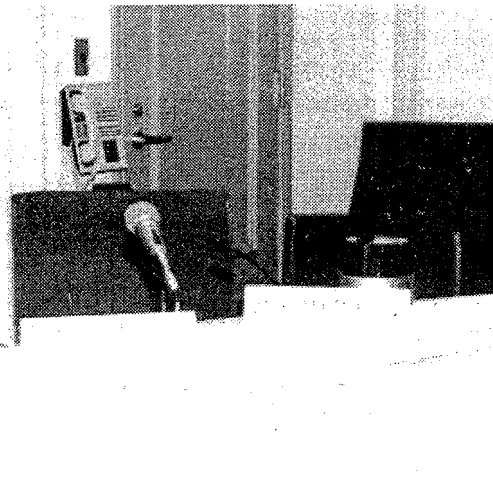
Melissa McLaughlin, candidate for the 11th County Commission, took such an opportunity a few weeks ago at Bob Boyer's pig roast to thank the Canton Chamber of Commerce members for their volunteer efforts.

McLaughlin, fresh from a function in Sumpter Township stopped by to say hello and play with an eight-week-old porker reminiscent of Hollywood's Babe.

She told a story then of her mother, proudly wearing a new dress, running into a burning barn to save livestock and coming out with several squealing piglets in the folds on her new garment.

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Rivers keeps U.S. House *McCotter takes Senate*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth resident Tom Hickey's grassroots campaign was enough to win the battle, but not the war.

Democratic incumbent Lynn Rivers overpowered her Republican challenger and handily took the 13th U.S. House district. The Ann Arbor native will return for her third term in Congress.

Hickey lost district-wide, but won on his home turf in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Unofficial returns indicate P-C-N voters cast 14,684 ballots for Hickey, and 11,073 for Rivers. In Canton, Hickey bested Rivers in all of its 33 precincts.

Neither Rivers nor Hickey returned calls for comment after last night's election.

Pat Rosensteel, Hickey's campaign manager, said he "felt good about the effort we put in and the people who worked the campaign.

"And we wish Lynn the best, obviously."

BY BRYON MARTIN

Republican Thaddeus McCotter ran away with Michigan's 9th State Senate district yesterday, defeating Democrat Carol Poenisch by 2-1.

McCotter will represent much of the same territory as he does now as a Wayne County Commissioner. He will serve a four-year term in the state's senior legislative chamber.

McCotter says his top priorities include passing a super-majority bill to make it harder for lawmakers to raise taxes. The bill would require a two-thirds

majority vote in the Senate to approve increases in taxes.

He also said public school funding reforms are a concern, and wants to build unity within the Plymouth-Canton district to approach the problem. Such stands on issues got him elected, McCotter said.

Poenisch disagreed. She said the race was all about money.

"If I had had \$130,000 to spend, I could have beaten him," Poenisch said. "And I think the Democrats need to be more organized."

3rd term for DeHart

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Democratic incumbent Eileen DeHart held onto her 18th State House seat yesterday, defeating Republican challenger Steve Conley by an unofficial tally of nearly 2-1.

Conley, a small business owner from Westland was facing an uphill battle the whole campaign. DeHart was well liked in her district, and yesterday's impressive turnout proved it.

"As a candidate you never expect to win that big," DeHart said. "It's a wonderful feeling for your constituents to show that

kind of support."

The 18th State House covers all of Westland and a small part of eastern Canton.

DeHart said her legislative priorities will be to continue her work from the last term, particularly with consumer issues. A lot of what she does will depend on whether or not the Democrats maintain control of the House.

For now, she said she'll be cleaning out her portion of campaign headquarters tomorrow and by Thursday, "it's back to work" in Lansing.

Law rejoins House

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

From the look of it, the supernatural may have been at work in the race for the 20th State House, as candidates for that seat all but disappeared after the August primary.

Nonetheless, voters came out in force yesterday to show their support for Republican incumbent Gerry Law. As expected, Law cruised to an unofficial 3-1 — 11,711 to 3,894 — over Democratic challenger Fred DiIacovo.

With the victory, Law becomes the most senior member of the House.

"It may take a long time to figure out if we've won," Law said of a possible Republican majority. "It's hard to say with 60-some non-incumbent seats, it's based on how the individuals run."

DiIacovo says he entered the race only

because he was asked to do so by the United Auto Workers. DiIacovo is the president of a UAW local in Ypsilanti, but didn't want to run for a higher office. He agreed to run in order to have to a Democrat on the ballot, he said.

But even if DiIacovo had wanted to run a competitive race against Law, the unexpected death of his father just weeks before the election prevented him from putting up any fight.

"Things went from bad to worse to tragic," DiIacovo said.

In the absence of any visible opponent, yesterday's election for the 20th State House seat was only a formality, a re-inauguration of sorts for Law, whose only real test came in the August primary.

2nd try a charm for N'ville Twp. millages

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

On their second try, Northville Township voters approved the two millage proposals they had rejected on the August ballot.

Township Supervisor Karen Woodside credits increased voter education efforts for the victories. She blamed "misinformation" for the August failures.

By narrow margins, the township won approval of the .58 mills for park land acquisition and development and .75 mills for services shared with the City of Northville, including Parks and Recreation,

Senior Citizen programs, and Northville Youth Assistance to increased voter education efforts.

Northville Township voters have approved a total increase of 2.02 mills this year to renew and add services, including the public safety proposal which was approved by a narrow margin in August.

Plymouth Township turned down three millage requests in August, but the township board decided not to seek a revote. They watched with envy as the Northville Township won yesterday.

Bankes county-bound

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

When Republican Lyn Bankes was elected to the state house 14 years ago, she harbored a desire to return to the county. Now, seven Lansing terms later, she will have her chance.

Bankes soundly defeated City of Plymouth commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury yesterday for the 10th County Commission seat. Unofficial results have Bankes winning by better than a 2-1 margin.

As of 2 a.m. last night, with a partial Livonia count, Bankes led Shrewsbury 29,997 votes to 13,591.

Bankes currently represents the 19th state district which includes part of Redford Township and the City of Livonia. Now her district will include much of Republican-dominated Western Wayne County, stretching from Plymouth to Northville, through Livonia.

"I'm very excited," Bankes said. "We ran a textbook campaign and now it's paid off. It feels wonderful."

Bankes said her first priorities as a new Wayne County Commissioner will be good committee assignments. Specifically, she is hoping to land spots on the roads and airport committee (CRAPS) and health care, committees important to her constituents, she said.

Shrewsbury, who has been almost invisible during the campaign, was not available for comment.

With the possibility of four Republican commissioners on the new board (results were still pending at press time), Bankes said she is optimistic about her new position.

"We might have a chance to form a coalition," she said of her fellow Republicans. "Maybe we could be the swing vote."

The Plymouth Library Board:

Hickey, Mackie return

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Plymouth Community voters must have liked what they saw in the Library Board incumbents yesterday, as they re-elected both Mary Mackie and Kimberly Hickey with the largest vote totals on the 10-person ballot.

Joining Hickey and Mackie will be Micheal Pappas and Joan Claeys, who came in third and fourth respectively.

The final unofficial vote totals for the winners were: Hickey, 4,230; Mackie, 3,835; Pappas, 3,443; and Claeys, 3,350.

Joanne Bellaire was the closest behind Claeys with a 2,766 vote total.

The board oversees policy and aspects of administration at the recently-rebuilt Plymouth District Library.

Thanks!

Getting last night's results into this morning's paper was no easy feat. Many helped the regular newspaper staff in obtaining information late into the night: Pam LaMarsh, Dena Lulham, Dave Pugh, Bob Mundt, Sally Repeck and Gino's Pizza.

Patterson triples Bailey

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

There were few surprises in Bruce Patterson's victory over Democrat Ray Bailey for the 21st State House District.

Patterson, who as a Wayne County Commissioner served virtually the same district, won by a 3-1 margin in nearly all precincts of Canton, Van Buren Township, Sumpter, and Bailey's hometown of Belleville.

Even the two Canton districts Bailey carried didn't surprise Patterson that much.

"I'm not enormously surprised with losing heavily Democratic precincts," he said. With the win, Patterson will assume the 21st seat vacated by Deb Whyman, who ran for the 9th State Senate seat. She lost to Republican Thaddeus

McCotter in the August primary.

Patterson said he hopes to hit the ground running in Lansing, with legislation already written to give urban townships a larger share of state-shared revenues.

Although Patterson said it was too early to tell what committees he will be appointed to, he hopes his experience as vice-chair of the Wayne County's Ways and Means Committee will translate into work with state appropriations.

"I had a great deal of opportunity to learn at the county level and I'm very grateful for that," he said. "I think it will help me a great deal in Lansing. But I don't want to get locked in to where I'll be butting heads with anyone who's better qualified to be on a particular committee than I am."

Staff outflanks Smietanka

Election outcomes are generally easy to predict. But sometimes a major battle like the Attorney General's race becomes a barn burner, a race too close to call.

Today we know, Jennifer Granholm is the new A.G.

John Smietanka, from Ada, has the outstate vote and Granholm has the Detroit and Downriver vote. Many party leaders in the 13th Wayne County G.O.P. District suggested they square off as the last debate and last big head-to-head battle. Plymouth was picked as the debate site since the strongest G.O.P. area is Western Wayne County.

Smietanka's campaign staff elected not to ask Granholm for a full debate, even if sponsored by a non-partisan organization.

Results: Granholm wins the swing area!

View from the hill

By Carl Pursell



Why? Because Smietanka would have been in her Wayne County territory. Press would have covered the debate, giving him maximum (free!) coverage in her region.

If Granholm had said no, Smietanka would have won a token scuffle. But he needed this area to add to his outstate vote to become the new A.G.

He blew it!

Bennett 'bucks' challengers in 8th State Senate

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The toughest fight in Sen. Loren Bennett's re-election campaign occurred at his home early yesterday morning.

A deer, wandering away from a nearby farm, lowered his head and charged Bennett, striking him in the thigh, breaking his watch and leaving a large welt.

As Bennett tried to keep the deer out of his house with one hand, and pull his dog into the house with the other, he must have wondered what it portended for his race.

Turns out, he needn't have worried. Bennett won re-election to the 8th Senate seat by a 2,000-vote margin over Democratic challenger Ken Warfield, Mayor of the City of Wayne.

Bennett won seven of the 11 communities in the district, including an 855-vote margin in the City of Westland.

"When I saw that we had won Westland, I had a pretty good feeling," Bennett said. "I always knew Canton would be my stronghold." Bennett won with a 2-1 ratio in Canton.

"He was one of the few incumbents truly deserving of being reelected," said Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab. "He's demonstrated his ability to work with communities on issues, as well as people on both sides of the aisle."

Bennett said in his next term he anticipates working on the Appropriations Committee, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Education budgets.

Election '98

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State Sen. Loren Bennett received a different of an entirely different kind.

A cache of Russian journalists hung out with the senator one day, looking to catch a day-in-the life of someone campaigning for a hotly contested seat.

The journalists picked their candidate well: Bennett's campaign was one of the most expensive in P-C-N and filled with all the glitz and dirt the journalists might have expected. From landfills to potholes, Republicans throwing money like it was confetti and high-priced Washington campaign consulting firms.

No doubt they left with notebooks bursting with observations.

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While shuttling from one part of his campaign headquarters to another, Congressional challenger Tom Hickey took a quick break from last-minute election preparations Monday to reflect on his first bid for office.

"This exercise has been a good one on its own," he said of his uphill battle against Democratic incumbent Lynn Rivers. "Win, loose or draw, I'm holding my head high and saying, Hey — we accomplished something here."

As he spoke, a posse of middle school- and high school-aged kids gathered lawn signs and literature to blanket nearby neighborhoods one last time.

"We've brought kids in, a lot from the CloseUp classes at the high school. They worked on the campaign for community service hours," Hickey said. "They needed four. But you know, a lot of them have stayed on to see this thing through. We've built the party."

Although positive, the observation was the type of face-



Kimberly Hickey chats with the Tom Hickey for Congress campaign crew during an eleventh-hour meeting Monday afternoon. As he strategizes, Campaign Manager Pat Rosenstiel taps the golf club that was never far from his side while pacing the floors of Hickey's War Room in Canton. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

saving spin a reporter might expect from a candidate hours away from a big loss.

But as the students walked out the door, one stood out. Canton resident Justin Sondergaard had been in the news while a student at East Middle School. He and a teacher mailed his drawing of President Bill Clinton to the White House, and got back an autographed photo and letter.

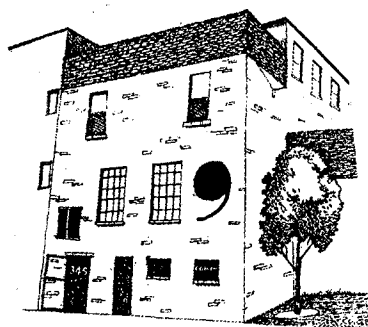
Back then the middle schooler wore his pride on his sleeve. But did his G.O.P. boss know about the drawing?

"No, I didn't tell him," Sondergaard said. "To tell you the truth, I kind of wish I hadn't even done that drawing in the first place."

So much for spin. Indeed, Hickey is building the party.

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New court cost may rise \$170k

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It didn't take long for the estimated cost of a new 35th District courthouse to grow — as the project goes out for bids within the next two weeks, the price tag has already potentially increased by \$170,000.

According to architect Dennis Dundon of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta, Inc. (CDPA), the extra costs came while fine-tuning the plans for the site.

"When we did the original estimate we thought we could do it with sheet drainage, but we have to provide an underground storm water system," Dundon said.

Another increase in cost came from the court advisory board's wishes to provide underground wiring, for the building. The electrical wires serve neighboring Riverside Cemetery as well, which requires burying an additional amount of power lines, as well as installing a new transformer, Dundon said.

Other added costs were incurred as the building's plans went through the approval process. The City of Plymouth's planning commission asked for additional landscaping and building treatments to shield the building from people using the cemetery, according to Dundon.

The final bit of costly news came early Monday, when court officials learned they needed to replace the site's water main.

Water pressure wasn't strong enough for fire suppression standards, according to Court Administrator Kerry Erdman.

In all, the extra site improvements could cost as much as an extra \$170,000, according to Judge Ron Lowe.

"This is the figure that is already outside of the estimate," Lowe said. "It's just for informational purposes only."

The real answers will come when bids for the project are returned, which are due by Dec. 10, Dundon said. Until then, even the best estimate is merely speculation.

"We're at the mercy of the construction market," he said. "There is a lot of flexibility there."

Dundon said that bids for two of CDPA's recent projects came in with drastically different results. Estimates for a junior high school came in at \$4 million less than anticipated. At the same time there was only a 1.5 per cent difference in the preliminary estimate and final bid for a planned fire station, he said.

One thing is certain, however: with the lease running out on the court's current location in modular buildings on the Unysis site, officials are unhappy with the potentially higher costs.

"This site is becoming more and more expensive," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "If I knew before what I know now, I never would have voted to put the building on the same spot. I think we're setting the stage for a real bloodletting if the bids come in higher than expected. We're heading that way already."

La-Shish restaurant coming to Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One of Metro Detroit's best-known Middle-Eastern restaurants is expanding westward, and could be open in Canton by the end of the year.

La-shish restaurants have been in operation for nearly 10 years, the newest proposed for the corner of Canton Center and Ford roads.

Billing themselves as the ultimate Middle Eastern dining experience, La-shish has been voted Best Middle Eastern Restaurant in Detroit by the Metro Times. The cuisine they offer is gaining in popularity because it is both healthy and flavorful, according to owner Talal Chahine.

"If I had to categorize the restaurant I would call it upscale," he said. "But we have a very non-pretentious atmosphere."

The Canton site would be Chahine's seventh restaurant, he said. Other locations include Dearborn, Farmington Hills and Van Dyke, with a new location to open in West Bloomfield within three weeks.

Chahine, a Plymouth Township resident, said Canton was a logical place to locate

another restaurant.

"It's a very up-and-coming area. To be perfectly honest, when I categorize the type of area I would like to open a restaurant in, it would be well-educated, and therefore open-minded and willing to try new things," Chahine said. "I believe Canton is such a setting and we will be successful."

Canton will hold a public hearing Nov. 24 for granting La-shish a Class C liquor license. The liquor license also includes provisions for Sunday sales, food, entertainment and a dance permit, Chahine said.

"That may be a bit misleading," he said. "We just want to be sure that if someone wants to hold a birthday party, bring in a DJ and whoop it up a bit we'll be in complete compliance. We're not going to open a dance club."

With liquor license approval and a lot of hard work, Chahine said he hopes to have Canton's La-shish open by the end of the year.

"It won't be an easy program," he said. "I know it's a very aggressive development plan. I'm just hopeful it will be well-received."



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).



Groups

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 1998 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50 per cent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling (734) 453-3016 or at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth (734) 451-2112. The book is \$40, and all proceeds are used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

MEET OTHER MOTHERS (MOM)

Meet Other Mothers meets on the **second and fourth Fridays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m.** MOM's main goal is to provide an outlet for those moms who are at home, either full or part time, with their children and are seeking a network of women in similar situations. They also schedule an evening activity, MOMs night out, once a month. For more information call (734) 207-9715.

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.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, on the third **Thursday** of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The heart cancer support group meets the second and fourth **Monday** of each month, 7pm, at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." Meet third Friday of each month, noon. Free lunch with reservation. Call Pattie, 981-0286.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

Canton Republican Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. Call Melissa McLaughlin, 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH YMCA "Y" KIDS

For children ages 3-5. Openings for afternoon sessions. Age 3 meets Tuesday and Thursday, ages 4-5 meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Call YMCA, 453-2904.

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Society invites interested singers to join this year's performances, including Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and the Duruflé Requiem. Practices held weekly. No audition necessary. Call Clark or Karen Chapin, 453-4765.

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Guild is dedicated to advancement, education of ceramic arts; 25 members share space, equipment for pottery production. Classes each semester. Call 207-8807.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS

First, third Monday of month, 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Grill at Ann Arbor Road and I-275. Includes dinner and speaker. Call Felix Rotter, 453-2375.

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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.

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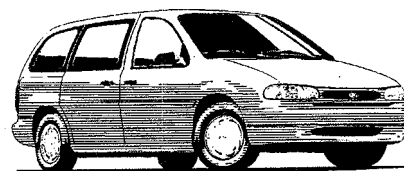
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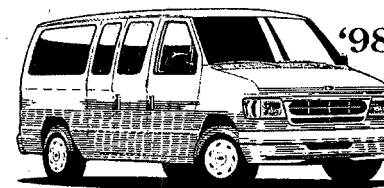
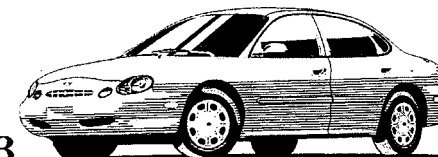
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Dorothy Huber, 88, former Daisy employe

Dorothy M. Huber, a life-long Plymouth resident, died Oct. 29, 1998 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Huber was born Nov. 19, 1909 in Plymouth. She worked at the Daisy Air Rifle in Plymouth in the machine shop,

electing to stay in town when the company moved to Arkansas.

Her hobbies were gardening, canning, reading and watching television.

She is survived by her niece, Olga Huber

of Dearborn; great nephews, Mark Huber of Westland, Michael Huber of Garden City; and cousin, Ray Melow.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell

Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

TRUDA MAE SIMMONS

Truda Mae Simmons, a long-time Plymouth resident, died Oct. 11, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Simmons was born Oct. 2, 1917 in Hickman County, KY, the eldest of Lofton and Maggie Mae Singleton's eight children. She grew up on a farm, graduated high school from the Clinton Consolidated School System, and moved to Plymouth in the mid-1930s. During the heart of the Great Depression, Mrs. Simmons found part-time work on her second day in Plymouth at an all-night diner in Lower Lown. Between her arrival and the onset of WWII, she assisted all her siblings and ultimately her mother in relocating to Plymouth. She completed a one-year course of study in Psychology at the University of Michigan and served as a social worker for Wayne County during and following the war.

Mrs. Simmons moved to San Francisco for two years and then to Texas for one year during the early 1950s. She then returned to Plymouth and worked as a waitress in the main dining room of the Mayflower Hotel for almost 30 years, until her retirement due to illness in 1983. In 1996 she relocated to California to enjoy the ideal climate in her later years. Mrs. Simmons traveled widely in North America, read voraciously and practiced meditation. She was not a joiner and had no organizational affiliations, still she made many solid friends everywhere she lived.

Married three times, Mrs. Simmons had six children. Family and especially her children was her first and greatest concern. She dedicated most of her efforts to the care and rearing of her children, helping all get started in their careers and gently pushing those who pursued college educations. Mrs. Simmons combined firmness and great love in her parenting.

She was preceded in death by her daughters Peggy Ruth, Betty Mae, and Mary Ann. She is survived by sons, John Tobin of Santa Cruz, CA, Rob Chance of Ellensburg, WA, and Steve Simmons of Plymouth; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; brothers, Jimmy (Barb) Singleton of Plymouth and Roy (Doris) Singleton of Northville; sisters, Betty Hees of Plymouth and Sarah Enochs of Dyersburg, TN; and sister-in-law Nancy Singleton of Mancelonia, MI.

Mrs. Simmons was a strong, courageous and loving woman who will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A private memorial service was held in her honor in Santa Cruz, CA. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

ALICE MARIE McBAIN

Alice Marie McBain, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 28, 1998 at the age of 73.

Mrs. McBain was born July 4, 1925 in Holton, MI. She was a registered nurse.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Naumes of Ashland, OR, James (Kim) McBain, Jr. of Gregory, MI, Russell (Roseann) McBain of Plymouth; daughters, Lynn (Paul) Shonts of Beaver Dam, WI, Carol (Randy) Smith of Westland, Dawn Foster of Westland, Gail (Jay) Hodge of Sarasota, FL, Jane Bully of Canton, Amy (Craig) Eudis of Westminster, CO; 23 grandchildren; four brothers; and three sisters.

Services were held at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter Berg officiating. Burial was at Holton Oakwood Cemetery in Holton, MI. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street Plymouth, MI 48170.

GEORGE L. KALLOS

George L. Kallos, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 28, 1998 at the age of 70.

Mr. Kallos was born Feb. 6, 1928 in Flint. He retired from the Shiawasee School District after 11 years of service. He was assistant superintendent of special education for six year and then he was superintendent of the intermediate district when he retired. After his retirement he spent some time in Kuwait setting up a school to teach English. He came to the Plymouth community in 1980 from Owosso, MI. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was wounded in the Philippines during WWII. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth V.F.W. and he was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club. He loved to play golf.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce M. of Plymouth, MI (former owner of Cloverdale Dairy in Plymouth); daughters, Marian (Charles) Matiyow of Owosso, MI, Jennifer (Glen) Rosenberger of Owosso, MI; step sons, James (Tammy) Tomlinson of Highland Township, MI, Robert (Nancy) Tomlinson of Silver City, MI; and brothers, John (Joan) Brantigan of Livonia, Paul Marble of Zephyrhills, FL.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas G. Bradley officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

BARBARA E. SMITH

Barbara E. Smith, a Canton resident, died Oct. 31, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 28, 1915 in Mineisville, PA. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Norman R. Smith of Canton; daughter, Gretchen (Lawrence) Buslepp of Canton; sons, Paul J. (Patrice) Smith of Argyle, TX, James (LuzAngela) Smith of Leon, France, Stephen Smith of Salt Lake City, UT; eight grandchildren; and sister, Julia Luongo of California.

Services were held at the Church of the Divine Savior with Father Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was at Southern Michigan Service in Livonia, MI. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to Sisters of St. Joseph (Nazareth, MI).



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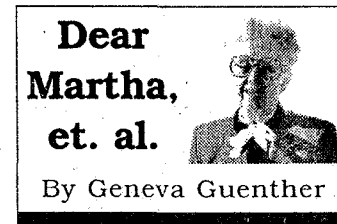
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By Geneva Guenther

Dear Martha, et al,

Missed your call yesterday and had so
much to tell you. I had two of the nicest
experiences I've ever had. First of all I was
invited to visit New Morning school It's a
private school--pre-school through eighth
grade with one hundred thirty students and
many, many volunteers--parents mostly. It
was indeed an awakening for me, and I
couldn't help but wish the same exposure
for every child.

The next topper was Halloween, not
Halloween per se but Friday, the night
before the celebration. The stores in
Plymouth all participated and the costumed
children, with some costumed parents
came full force. I have never seen such
imagination in dress. Babies in arms, - pea
pods no less. Parents like the Russell
Crosby family. Russ was dressed like
someone out of Charles Dickens. Monica,
his wife carrying on a family tradition, was
dressed as Charlie Chaplin, Johnnie, her
mother-in-law, always dressed the same,
but wore her outfit at the drop-of-a-hat on
any occasion, all year. Their little boy and
his cousin were also dressed. Such fun!

I helped give out candy at The Crier to
literally hundreds of children. I honestly
felt a little guilty giving out all that candy
until the young mother said she ate the loot
between stop, and loved tootsie rolls, (st
I gave her extra.) It made me remember
when I was a little girl and cried
"Halloween Apples" at each stop. It would
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Curiosities

IF YOU DIDN'T VOTE yesterday, don't complain.

STEVE WALTERS: Thanks for a good run - Sally, Beauregard and Ed

Our Halloween favorite costume: The greyhound dressed like a Dalmatian - The Crier Crew

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Happy birthday to Lee Cady - my dear mother! With love, Maura

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KIM GUENTHER: you're out of the "domestic" Rolling Rock?

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Curiosities

Ed and the Lowertown folks - thanks for the toast! - M.

REEF MORSE got older - at a Plymouth Symphony concert?

ALL HAIL HERMAN the hermit crab. He was a good pet.

THANKS TINA JONES for your scanner expertise.

"TOO BAD I'M DRINKING WINE, I could have had milk." - Terri K. 1998 (And! She could have had a V-8!)

GO WHALERS!

CONGRATULATIONS REBECCA AND TOM from PHS Homeroom 1966 (Tom and Ed)

GOOD LUCK JACK -Ed

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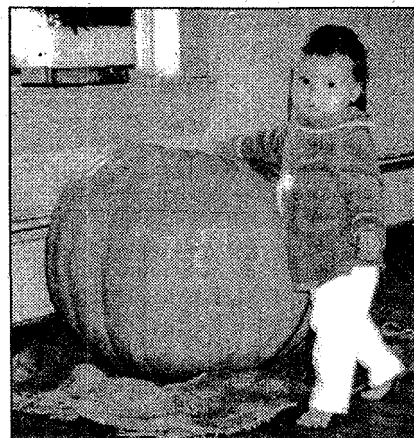
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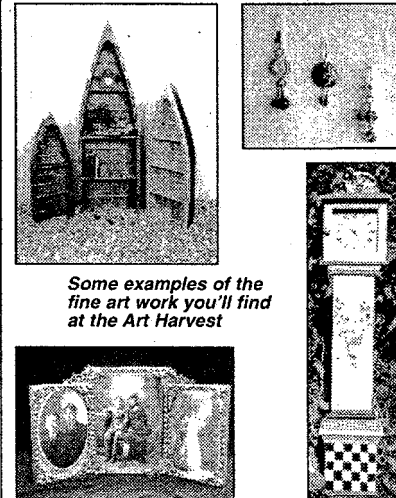
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'There are lots of things left hanging'

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Walters is "being driven out of office," regardless of whether his departure is described as a resignation or termination.

Shrewsbury cited as Walters' successes the 1995 streetscape project and a turnaround in the City budget from a \$197,000 deficit to a series of surpluses and the establishment of a \$500,000 backup fund.

Shrewsbury, Loiselle and Commissioner Stella Greene voted against accepting Walters' resignation. Prior to the vote, all three read prepared statements praising the

City Manager.

Greene said none of the scores on Walters' performance review warranted his dismissal or resignation. Early in the meeting, she said she could and would "continue to work with Steve," and offered a motion to commit her fellow commissioners to the same cooperation. The measure failed.

Greene said she was dissatisfied with the Commission's progress on fixing its problems with Walters. Her comments touched off a domino effect of responses which began with Commissioner Colleen Pobur and eventually crossed the dais.

"I'm very disappointed with these comments. I thought we were moving past these surprise attacks," Pobur said, who was "blindsided" by the self-indictments and internal criticism which had returned to Monday's Commission meeting:

Pobur — who approved the resignation with Koch, Commissioner Dave McDonald



WALTERS

and Mayor Don Dismuke — did not predict that Walters' departure would be a panacea for their political ails.

"The problems we have on the City Commission are bigger than any problem we have with the city manager," she said. "We have to figure out what we're going to do to fix our own house."

Pobur pressed the Commission to agree on a date to meet in public to discuss internal relations and devise ways of improving them. After some reticence and schedule juggling, the meeting was set for Thursday, Nov. 12.

It may be an opportunity for the City officials dissatisfied with Walters' departure and the lack of progress at the Oct. 22 meeting to clear the air.

"There are a lots of things left hanging that we're not dealing with," Greene said.

Dismuke said the City has not yet set a preliminary deadline for hiring a new city manager, or even when that process would begin.

He did say that the City could perform the search for Walters' successor, or hire a consultant to do it as it has in the past.

Last year, Plymouth Township spent roughly \$30,000 and several months to locate its new police chief, Lawrence Carey.

According to Bill MacAnnich, who spoke in support of Walters, any search will likely be hampered by the manner of Walters' departure from the City.

"The difficulty of getting a competent person after you've sacked a competent person is great."

Seniors driving course may return

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The workshop was divided into three days. The first two days were primarily classroom-oriented, with discussions and written tests, according to Fedorka. Then the instructors tested the seniors' night vision and reflexes with computer aided tests.

The third day was set aside for on-the-road tests.

Rose Kitti, an 85-year old Canton resident, said the workshop was very informative.

"The instructors were superb," she said. "They were very patient and nice. I always thought I was a good driver and now I know I am."

The program was started in 1987 and ran for three years before being put on a shelf for a while, according to director

Joan Rich. Now, with more awareness about senior citizens and their ability to drive, the program was started again.

"It's an idea whose time has come," she said.

Rich contacts various seniors groups to determine if there is a desire for the course, and enough participation to fill a 25-person class.

It's up to the group — or in the case, the police department — to pay for the workshop.

Schemanske said he received such positive feedback from the program that he would try and bring it back to Canton in the future.

"We'll going to ask to expand it to two sessions next year," he said.

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Sports

Sports shorts

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IN PLYMOUTH

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will once again be offering both a Men's and Women's basketball League this winter.

The entry fee for each league is \$525 per team, plus \$20 for each non-Plymouth resident. Teams may have as many non-City residents as they wish.

Each league plays a 12-game schedule, plus playoffs for the top four teams. The men's league plays once a week either Wednesday or Thursday nights. The women's league plays on Monday nights. League play begins Monday, Nov. 30, with the men's league beginning on Dec. 2.

The men's league has a 12 team limit. The women's league has a six team limit. Registration for returning teams has already begun. New teams may begin registration on Monday.

Registration will take place at the City of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information call (734) 455-6620.

COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Canton and City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation departments are hosting a Coed Volleyball league at the Summit on the Park Gymnasium in Canton.

Registration for returning teams has already begun. New teams can register beginning Monday through Nov. 20.

Games begin on Friday, Dec. 4 and last for 12 weeks. They will be played at night between 6 and 9 p.m.

The cost is \$175 per team, plus \$15 for each nonresident player. A nonresident is anyone who does not live or work full-time in Canton or the City of Plymouth. Teams are allowed as many non-residents as they like.

There will be 16 teams, six players per team with a maximum 12-player roster:

Teams may register in person Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Summit.

ERIC ANDERSON SHINES FOR THE SAINTS

Plymouth native Eric Anderson scored three goals in a two-game sweep of Merrimack College as St. Lawrence University's hockey team improved to 3-1 on the season. The sophomore center now has four goals and two assists on the season

Chiefs advance to final four

After beating number-one ranked Stevenson Wednesday, Canton fights off a pesky Dearborn team to advance to the state semifinals today versus Brighton

BOYS SOCCER

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The tables will be turned today for Canton.

This past week, they were home and the underdog with nothing to lose against the number-one team in the State. Today, playing at Brighton against Brighton, they may be considered the favorite, playing on foreign soil against a foreign team.

These are the days that define a champion.

To reach the state semi-finals, the Chiefs may have already faced their toughest tests. After beating cross-creek rivals Salem in the district championship game last week, Canton drove into regionals riding a late-season surge and a wave of new-found confidence.

But they still had to deal with Stevenson, champions of WLAA conference and winners over Canton just two weeks before.

Canton, however, knew they could beat the mighty Stevenson, having handed the Livonia squad their only loss earlier in the season.

Wednesday, at home, with the season on the line, they handed them another.

The game was everything it was expected to be: tight, furious and nail-biting. But when Scott Houdek scored the eventual game-winning goal with less than 2 minutes left in the game, it was not the game Stevenson fans had hoped for.

When the final seconds ticked off, it was 2-1 Canton, and a disappointed Stevenson team went home earlier than they had hoped.

"I was worried about going into overtime," said Canton Coach Don Smith. "I knew both teams were extremely tired. Some of my guys were playing in positions they weren't used to, and I wasn't sure how much longer they could go. It couldn't have been any closer."

After Stevenson's goal in the first half, Canton fought back with one of their own when Steve Epley notched a score with less than five minutes left in the half.

For the rest of the first, and most of the second, it was back and forth. And it soon became obvious that the next score would be the decider.

Off a pass from forward Scott Wright, Houdek scored the second goal and sent Canton into the regional championship.

"We worked hard for this," said Smith. "We came up and made the big plays when



Canton's Jeff Parent fights for a loose ball Saturday afternoon against Dearborn in the regional tournament semifinals at Canton High School. Parent scored a goal and an assist in Canton's 3-1 victory that sent the team into the state final four. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

we needed to."

In particular, Smith noted the play of Jonathan Johnson, who was moved to marking back to cover Stevenson's leading scorer Tom Eller. Johnson, who usually plays midfield, used his speed to shut down Eller, who had killed Canton in the conference championship with two goals.

Smith would not rule out the possibility of keeping Johnson as a marking back against Brighton. "I'll put him wherever we need him," he said.

Beating Stevenson didn't guarantee Canton a regional championship though. They still had to beat Dearborn, who had squeaked by Monroe, 1-0, in the semifinals.

With only three losses during the season, Dearborn was apt to be a challenge.

And they were, fighting and clawing against their favored adversaries. But in the end, Canton's offense was too much, racking up three goals to cruise into the final four.

Epley, Wright and Parent all had goals for Canton. Wright and Parent also grabbed an assist.

"It was a good overall team effort," Smith said. "We're gelling as a team at the right time."

Smith said he doesn't know much about Brighton, but said, "If they are in the semifinals they have to be good."

He said he doesn't anticipate too many changes to his line-up. "We'll have to make some adjustments during the game," he said. "But you can't do too many things different when you're winning."

The beat goes on for winning Whalers

Three-win weekend ends with final minutes victory at Kitchener

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It would almost be sacrilegious to hockey fans to evoke the likes of Sonny and Cher to describe the happenings of the Plymouth Whalers these days, but what else can you say. The beat goes on.

Winning is almost becoming monotonous for the Whalers (although Coach Peter DeBoer is doing all he can to keep his players motivated). After losing a week ago Thursday, the Whalers haven't lost since, going on another winning streak (this one at five games) and extending their already substantial early season lead in the OHL's West Division.

After three more victories this weekend, the Whalers now stand at 14-2-0. They have scored the most goals in the league, and only the Ottawa 67s, whom Plymouth has handed a sole loss, have allowed fewer total goals.

With the exception of a few glitches, it has been nearly total dominance through the first five weeks of the season for the Plymouth boys, and so far, there are few signs of stopping.



"I'm very impressed with our team," DeBoer said. "They go into every game expecting to win."

And it's not just the stars, of whom the Whalers pack plenty. The rookies and non-starters are playing their roles as well.

"It's really the strength of our team," DeBoer said. "We are very deep."

Plymouth hosts Owen Sound and Sarnia back-to-back Friday and Saturday. Then they travel to Sarnia Sunday to round out the home-in-home series.

Plymouth 5, (at) Kitchener 4 — Nik Tselios scored the game-winning goal, his second of the game and ninth of the season, with six minutes left in the final period to lift the Whalers to their first win at Kitchener in recent memory.

"I don't think we've won there in three years," DeBoer said. "We showed a lot of character and guts to pull off this win."

Rick Smith, Paul Mara and Harold Druken also added goals. Druken raised his league leading number to 19 goals in 16 games. Tselios also added two assists.

The Whalers were playing without several key players including defenseman Kevin Holdridge, Jamie Lalonde,

rookies Kris Vernarsky and Damian Surma who were out with suspensions. The suspensions stem from an on-ice fight in Thursday's match-up with Windsor (more on that in a moment).

Because of the suspensions, most for two games spanning Saturday and Sunday, and because of injuries to Troy Smith and Max Linnik, Plymouth was forced to play several rookies and backup players.

"Players who don't usually see a lot of action got to play in tight situations," DeBoer said. "They really stepped up and played well."


Rookie goaltender Dwayne Batemen stepped in to replace Robert Holsinger in the final period because Holsinger was ill. Bateman stopped eight shots to help with the victory.

Plymouth 7, Brampton 2 — In a game the Whalers were expected to win against the expansion Brampton Battalion, the game turned out closer than the score indicates, according to DeBoer.

"They really played us tough," he said.

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WHALER WATCH

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LONDON	7	9	0	5-5-0	14
S.S. MARIE	6	7	1	4-5-1	13
WINDSOR	5	9	2	3-5-2	12

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
OTTAWA	11	1	2	8-1-1	24
PETER.	9	6	0	6-4-0	18
BELLEVILLE	6	6	3	4-4-2	15
OSHAWA	5	5	2	3-5-2	12
KINGSTON	5	8	1	3-6-1	11

MIDWEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
GUELPH	11	4	0	7-3-0	22
OWEN SOUND	7	5	2	4-5-1	16
ERIE	7	6	0	6-4-0	14
KITCHENER	6	6	2	4-4-2	14
BRAMPTON	1	12	0	1-9-0	2

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
BARRIE	10	4	1	7-2-1	21
NORTH BAY	5	7	3	5-3-2	13
SUDBURY	5	8	1	4-6-0	11
TORONTO	3	9	3	3-6-1	9
MISSISSAUGA	1	11	1	1-8-1	3

WHALER STATISTICS


Team Leaders:
Goals: Druken (19)
Assists: Colagiocomo (18)
Points: Druken (34)
PIM: Fitzgerald (49)
+/-: Druken (+17)
GAA: Holsinger (2.07)

CATCH OF THE DAY

The Whalers are scoring on more than half of their power-play chances at home this season. They're penalty kill percentage at Compuware is 91.3 per cent.

UPCOMING GAMES:

• Fri. at home versus Owen Sound (7:30 p.m.)
• Sat. at home versus Sarnia (7:30 p.m.)
• Sun. at Sarnia (6:30 p.m.)

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SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at home for the Conference preliminaries, 1 p.m. Friday, conference diving finals at home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, conference finals at home, noon.

SALEM GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, State Finals.

SALEM FOOTBALL

Season over.

SALEM BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, State Finals.

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday at North Farmington in a WLAA conference playoff game, 5:30 p.m. Winner plays the winner of the Salem-Churchill game Tuesday.

CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, State Finals

CANTON FOOTBALL

Season over.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday at Brighton for the State semi-finals, 7 p.m. Winner advances to State Finals Saturday at Bloomfield Hills, 1:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, State Finals.

CEP MARCHING BAND

Saturday, Michigan Circuit Band Association State Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome, time: TBA. Note: CEP is searching for their fifth straight state championship.

Plymouth-Canton tennis supporters search for ways to finance new courts

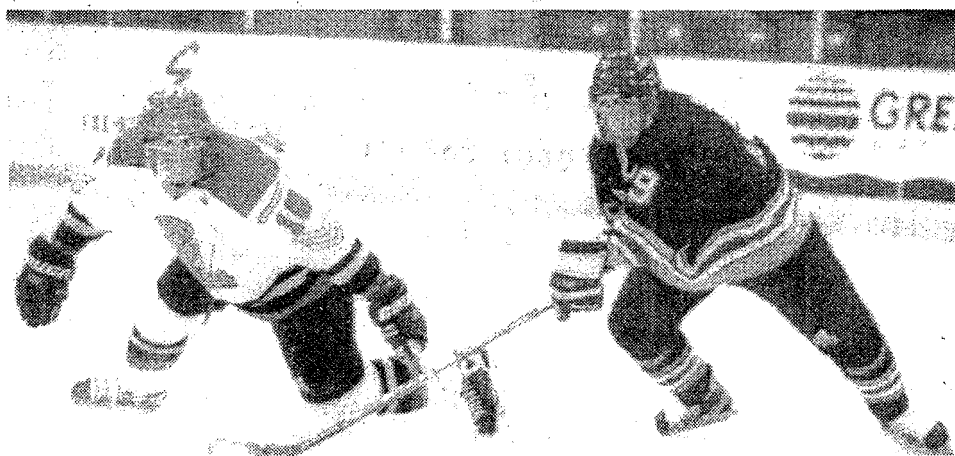
BY SCOTT GOODWIN

They need money. That's what they want.

The old Beattie mantra may have been applicable last Tuesday night as more than 100 coaches, students and parents turned out at the Plymouth-Canton School Board meet-

ing to support efforts for new district tennis courts.

Led by the high school tennis coaches, the group asked the school board to finance new tennis courts for the high schools and middle schools.



Whaler Harold Druken helps fend off the Brampton Battalion Saturday night by chasing down all loose pucks. The Whalers didn't take the pesky expansion team lightly, coming away with a 7-2 victory. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Whalers undefeated at home

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Tsleios notched a pair of goals against the Battalion, while Druken and Adam Colagiaco continued their scoring ways each grabbing a goal and an assist.

Rookie Tomek Valtonen got his fifth goal of the season and Rick Smith added another. Legwand had a three assists.

Another fact about Saturday's game: the Whalers got their thirteenth win on Halloween night. Coincidence or something more?

Plymouth 6, (at) Windsor 2 — The Whalers brought out their big guns and big fists Thursday night as Legwand and Druken each scored two goals to lead the Whalers over rival Windsor.

Julian Smith and Valtonen each added a

goal. But the story may have been the fight at the midway point of the second period.

The fight involved every player on the ice, and even a few who came off the Windsor bench to join in the melee. When it was over (it lasted about four minutes) nine players from both teams were left with at least two game suspensions.

"In that sort of situation, everybody on the ice automatically gets suspended," DeBoer said.

He added that the two Windsor players who came off the bench could face further suspensions.

"Anytime someone comes off a bench you have the chance for a bench clearing brawl," DeBoer said. "And that can turn serious."

The courts, they say, have fallen into near-ruin and by next year, either the courts are fixed, or the tennis teams will have to find a new place to play.

The proposal was made — how much it would cost, why it was needed — and the school board listened.

But in the end, their answer was simple: sorry, we don't have the money. You'll have to find it somewhere else.

Now, a board has been assembled hoping to accomplish just that. But according to Salem Tennis Coach Tom Kimball, the committee is still searching for ideas.

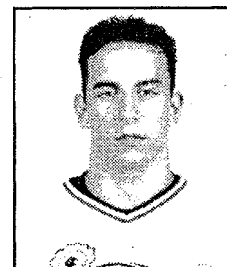
"We don't know what we are going to do at this point," he said.

The group is waiting for word from the school district on how they should proceed, Kimball said.

If finances for new courts can't be gathered, the high school teams will likely move to a pay-to-play facility next year, probably either Huron Valley or Livonia.

Despite the board's reluctance, some monies have been routed to athletic facility improvements, including new basketball court floors, a new football practice field and reportedly a planned repaved outdoor track.

WHALER OF THE WEEK



#3 DEFENSEMAN

Nikos Tslios

A first-round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes last year, Tslios, the cousin of Chicago Black Hawk star Chris Chelios, has shown every bit of his NHL Prospect skills this season. Tslios scored three goals this past weekend, including a third-period game winner Sunday night versus Kitchener.

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Ambassadors fall short in shoot-out with Barons

BY NICK GISMONDI

The Ambassadors traveled south and west this weekend, trying to hold their second place standing in the NAHL.

On Sunday Compuware went south to take on the Cleveland Barons. In all four games the Ambassadors have met Cleveland the game has been decided by one goal. Mark Mink scored first for Compuware at the 18:08 mark of the first period. After the Barons tied the score in the second, Pat Brush scored to give the Ambassadors a 2-1 lead but with just 17 seconds left on the

clock Cleveland scored to tie it up. With no score after the five-minute OT, they were going to a shoot out. Troy Milam scored for Compuware but the Barons scored twice and handed the Ambassadors their first shoot out loss of the season.

On Saturday the Ambassadors went trick-or-treating with the BearCats in Grand Rapids. The first period would go without any scoring. Then in the second at the 1:55 mark, Steve Jackson scored for the Ambassadors. Then John Shounyia scored his 12th goal of the season when he

received the pass from Troy Milam and skated in on the breakaway where he beat Chris Newman High blocker side. In the third Brush would send a low hard one past the left pad of Newman, and the Ambassadors were victorious 3-0 shutting out the BearCats in their second straight game.

The Ambassadors stand in second place in the NAHL with a record of 11-1-1, with 23 points. Their next game is this Friday when they take on the Springfield Jr. Blues in Springfield.



Community opinions

Another roadside infraction

Signs, signs, everywhere is signs; mucking up the scenery, breaking my mind....

Even without a calendar, newspaper, television or radio, you can tell it's election season. All you have to do is open your eyes and walk outside.

Campaign signs dot the landscape with more color than the autumn leaves — in some places, they even seem more plentiful.

With signs popping up in more places than drug stores, it's a perfect opportunity for the sign police to increase their stores of scrap paper — and to hassle farmers.

Take Duane Bordine for instance.

Barely a week after Duane donated about \$70 worth of his pumpkins and other decorations to the Canton Township for its Oktoberfest celebration, Duane returned to his roadside stand on Ford Road to find that the township had uprooted the signs advertising his business.

The township told him after the fact that his signs, like so many others, were in the right of way. Township ordinance officers are quick to say it's a non-selective process — it had been a busy weekend and everyone's signs had been picked up. Officials weren't picking on the poor farmer. They were just doing their job.

DiIacovo's loss

The Community Crier extends its sincere condolences to Fred DiIacovo and his family for the unexpected death of his father earlier this fall.

Understandably, his father's passing took precedence over DiIacovo's participation as the Democratic challenger in the race for the 20th State House.

In last week's endorsement for the 20th House race, The Crier harshly criticized DiIacovo for his disappearance from the race, an apparent repeat of his non-candidacy in the City Commission last November. Had DiIacovo returned calls earlier to make these tragic circumstances known, The Crier could have tempered its criticism.

Last week, he stopped by The Crier offices to explain his situation and to pick up the issue of The Crier in which he and incumbent Gerry Law lost the endorsement to write-in candidate Donald Duck.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

When City pols cooperated

While Ed Wendover's remarks in last week's edition of The Crier were amusing, I frankly would prefer to remember my tenure as a member of the City Commission (and my term as mayor) as a time when elected representatives in the City were able to work cooperatively and collaboratively to accomplish a good deal.

Examples of achievements during those years include the downtown streetscape improvements; the work we did to find a home for the Plymouth

Community Arts Council; the creation of Plymouth's first historic district; the merger of the City and Township fire departments; the formation of the Old Village Development Authority; the modification of the on-site parking requirements in the Central Business District (opening the door for new restaurants and expansion of existing ones); and the development and implementation of a plan to rebuild the City's streets, sidewalks and water/sewer system, to name a few.

If Wendover hopes to gain credibility as an expert commentator on the activities of the Plymouth City Commission, he really should try to find the time to actually attend a few of their meetings.

That group assembles at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at City Hall.

(Note to Ed: City Hall is that big building next to the library on Main Street.)

DOUGLAS A. MILLER

Former City Commissioner and Mayor

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



But couldn't their job be done just as easily by telling Duane his signs were in the right of way and allow him a chance to move them?

Political signs are a different matter.

I don't think you need to see 15 different 'Getting It Done' signs in one lot. Likewise, a single Warfield sign can get the point across just as well as a fleet of the fire-engine covered gems.

But when it comes to one man trying to sell his crops, it couldn't hurt to be a good neighbor.

Bordine had gone through the the whole process following the rules as he knew them. He applied for a special land use to sell the pumpkins on the land — which is adjacent to land that has been in his family for generations.

(At that planning commission meeting, commissioner Ron Lieberman even said it was neat for people driving into Canton to see a reminder of what Canton used to be: a rural community.)

Bordine even paid Canton for a sign permit to put up the signs advertising his roadside stand. The signs were all the more important because he couldn't fly his giant, pumpkin-shaped balloon over the site due to local ordinances. (That requires yet another permit.)

I'm not saying he should be above the ordinances or that the township should look the other way. But it seems to me that he deserves more courtesy than having his signs yanked up as if he were on some fleeting political quest.

It's a good thing to remember that Bordine will be around long after the campaign signs (and probably the politicians) are gone. As a farmer, and a life-long Canton resident, he's earned at least the courtesy of a warning.

Halloween is behind us now, and Duane's roadside stand will be closed. It's too late for this year. But perhaps this instance will serve as a lesson for next year, one that officials, developers and farmers still have to learn:

How to be good neighbors.

It's time

With the Walters issue settled, the City Commission should turn its vision inward

At last.

Plymouth City Hall can now begin to move forward past the dissension over Steve Walters' retirement.

The City Commission, which saw its several raw feelings and backbiting aired Monday night, can now put that feuding behind it.

It can do so simply by agreeing to disagree in a pleasant way. It can take up the lesson of the late Arch Vallier, who was the Commission's gadfly — a friendly reminder that tough questions must be asked.

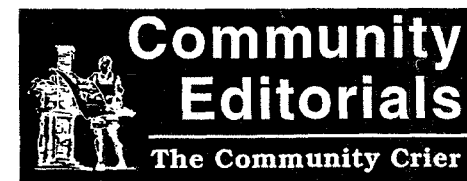
Although it was difficult for the seven commissioners to agree Monday night, they finally agreed to hold a "love fest" meeting Thursday, Nov. 12. They want to air their gripes and learn to work together — an awkward moment, but a good idea.

They can turn the dissension around by focusing on the real topics at hand:

- Completing the parking plan.
- Helping in the development of the Wilcox site.
- Helping in the development of the Mayflower site.
- Helping in the development of the Amoco site.
- Working with Plymouth Township on both recreation and the Sheldon Road railroad underpass.

There's enough on the plate for the commissioners to sink their teeth into.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER





Community opinions

Dollars for DARE are well spent

EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the column written by Scott Goodwin titled, "Twp. should DARE to be different" (The Community Crier, 10/14/98). I would like to address some issues that he failed to mention or make clear.

I am a DARE officer for the Northville Township Police Department. I have taught the DARE program for the past six years, and over the past two I have assisted the Plymouth-Canton DARE program in several of their schools.

Goodwin stated he never was a part of the fifth grade DARE program when he was in elementary school. He further states he had a DARE program when he was in high school.

First of all, Goodwin did not interview graduates of the DARE program to get an objective view on how successful the program was in Plymouth-Canton. He only mentions one student who had a problem with drugs. It is important to realize that DARE is not the "silver bullet" and will not control problems that may arise in a DARE graduate's life beyond the actual lessons. Hopefully the DARE program will give these students the life skills necessary to resist drugs and violence.

As far as I know, the Plymouth-Canton DARE program does not have an organized DARE course in high school. There might have been visits by the DARE officers in the past, but no organized curriculum. The fifth grade DARE program has 17 lessons taught once a week that stresses the severity of abusing drugs and talks about real consequences to stress this point. DARE has changed with the times. DARE has been updated and revised in the past years to include issues of violence and other crucial situations going on in today's society. My DARE students look forward to each lesson.

I have graduates who are now in high school who are still drug and violence free. If DARE can help one child choose a drug-free life, then the millions spent are well worth it!

Goodwin offers no alternatives on what we can do to prevent drug use and abuse. As I said earlier, DARE is not the only answer to the drug problem in our community, rather it is one facet that is putting up the best fight!

OFC. MATTHEW MAYES
Northville Twp. Police DARE program

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Is that reason enough?

Twp. made the right move

Inspired by the whispers of democracy, Kathleen Keen McCarthy has done the right thing.

It's not always popular to agree with the Plymouth Township Supervisor these days, but on one point she was absolutely correct.

The three Township millages that failed in the Aug. 4 primary should not have reappeared on yesterday's ballot.

Keen McCarthy was vehement about not doing so in August, and remains so today, against the will of many "influential" people in both the City and the Township.

The Township residents have spoken, she said. And she was right. But some experts contend that the millage proposals, and the corresponding campaign were a mess. That's why they failed.

That may be a valid argument. There was no recreation plan. The police and fire millage was too high. And the WTUA proposal was confusing. Plus, putting three millages on one ballot was just begging for failure.

Straighten those items out, the experts said, and the millages will pass.

Since the millage fallout, angry voices have come shouting from the crowd prophesying the fall of the Plymouth Community.

"No recreation? What will we do?"

"The police and fire millage failed? My God, think of the children."

Soon, some residents called for the millages to be reinstated onto the ballot. They complained that Township Hall had blown their chance to get these important millages passed.

This type of millage blitzkrieg has worked before. Some school districts return their failed millages to the ballots again and again until they finally pass.

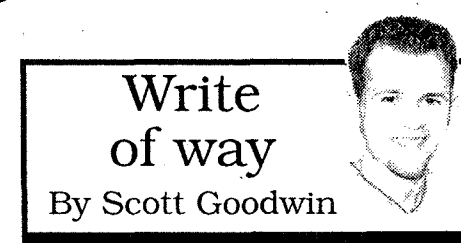
Northville Township did it. Two of their three millage proposals failed in August. Now, a scant three months later, there they are again back before the voters.

Of course, Northville Township has complained that an erroneous news story just days before the election misrepresented the millage proposals and led to "no" votes.

That may be. But it's not far from what millage proponents in Plymouth Township are arguing. But both have failed to consult or consider the most important constituents in this equation: the majority.

As is often the case, the minority has been more vocal. But it was the majority who made the biggest noise in August. It is the majority Township officials should listen to now.

If Township voters had wanted the



Write
of way
By Scott Goodwin

millages to pass in August, they would have passed.

Maybe — heaven forbid — they just don't want to pay for recreation. Maybe they feel safe enough with the number of police and firefighters they have now. And maybe they don't care from which direction WTUA comes.

The majority has spoken, but the stubborn minority has refused to accept it. And that's their problem. Either accept the fact that you live in a community where the majority doesn't like high taxes, or move to a community that does.

Of course one of the millages is likely to reappear sometime next year, probably for recreation. And, with a solid recreation plan in place, it may even pass.

Then the nay-sayers will be nay-sayers no more. The coin will have flipped and they will be the majority, quieted like Keen McCarthy was by the power of democracy.



Community opinions

The madness is over

Bennett is behind us

No more guards. No more orange suits and prisoner numbers.
No more buzzing in through locked, barred doors with your legal documents.
No more passing your birth certificate under a plexiglass window as you converse through a vented hole.
Say goodbye to Fast-Fingers Louie. At last, the madness is coming to an end.
Thank God.

Actually, thank two of your public officials. Secretary of State Candice Miller and State Sen. Loren Bennett have joined forces to squash a scourge that has plagued our fair state for far too long: incarcerated notary publics.

Yes, my fellow Michiganians, you can breathe easy.
The legislative wunderkinds have together backed a bill now before the State Senate to "automatically revoke the notary public commission of any prisoner serving a prison term." Miller, the "Keeper of the Great Seal of Michigan" is protecting her turf. Bennett is putting umph behind his get-tough-on-crime rhetoric.

"A notary public is a position of public trust," Miller was quoted as saying in a press release from the Michigan Department of State. "Anyone convicted of breaking the law and incarcerated has violated the basic tenets of...trust."

Good point, Candy.

I imagine it's the same sort of trust voters extend when they cast votes for their elected officials. It's the trust we expect them to vindicate by protecting our interests as constituents, and when necessary, by writing laws to preserve or improve our quality of life.

By stripping inmates of their notary public credentials, haven't Miller and Bennett done that? They seem to think so.

"Currently there are about 150,000 notaries in Michigan who play a vital role in serving the public," Bennett said in the press release. "It is critical that the public and legal responsibility they hold is not compromised. The bill protects the integrity of the notary process."

Maybe.

But doesn't it do more? Doesn't it reveal the fruit of our votes and

Some might say

By Bryon Martin



our tax dollars? Think about it.

Bennett's office said his annual salary is about \$53,192. Over the last two years — \$106,382 in tax dollars — he has sponsored three bills passed into law. If he earned his salary per bill, each he passed in the last two years would have cost us about \$8,100.

With our hard-earned dollars, Bennett and Miller would guarantee that when we, the people of Michigan, require certification of our signatures, oaths or affidavits, it will never be done in a state penitentiary or county lock-up.

Whew.

Isn't that the kind of life-improving law you hoped Bennett would enact when you voted for him yesterday, or back in 1994? I think a statewide sigh of relief is in order.

Well, maybe not quite yet.

The bill is still just that — a bill, not a law. As an article by Eric Freedman suggested in a recent issue of The Detroit Sunday Journal, the bill looks like a classic piece of election-year legislation; a proposal to get Bennett and Miller's names into the press

True? Who knows? If nothing else, it is at least true that both were running for office this year.

In fact, it was just yesterday that we re-elected them both. Miller will serve another four years as Secretary of State. And for those of us in Canton, Bennett will represent us in Lansing for another four years, writing the legislation that preserves or maintains our quality of life. As this bill shows, with Bennett — and the elections — behind us, the madness is coming to an end at last.

Until the next election cycle, at least.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

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DARE equips our youths

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This letter is in response to Scott Goodwin's column, "Twp. should DARE to be different" (The Community Crier, 10/14/98).

I will never be able to express my disappointment or begin to understand the twisted perspective of this type of "journalism."

I am a fourteen year veteran with a suburban police department that has been administering the D.A.R.E. program to approximately 750 students annually since September 1990. I was involved in teaching the curriculum from January 1991 to June 1995 and it is that level of experience that I wish to respond to certain assertions made in the aforementioned article.

In the third paragraph of Goodwin's article he admits "I never experienced the elementary of junior high curriculum." The elementary program is the foundation that the entire D.A.R.E. program is built upon. It appears that he bases his denouncement of the program on some classes he attended in high school and perhaps some reading on the subject. Is that not like watching the ending credits of a movie and then deciding you didn't like the movie?

This article was written with several misconceptions and downright false statements which I will clarify for your readers.

When talking about a problem such as our nation's drug epidemic, teenage pregnancy, or a myriad of other social concerns, there are

many variables to contend with. D.A.R.E. is presented as a means of providing important information to our youth to better equip them about not only how to say no to drugs and violence, but why they should say no.

As a D.A.R.E. Officer I can list success stories that would fill an encyclopedia and can testify to the permanent and positive relationships that are formed with students and their parents.

After all is said and done I suppose you can step up and try and make a difference in this world or you can sit back and use your God given abilities and talents to undermine or destroy things that you just don't understand.

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