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Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young taught Ryan Drzcinski and the other students in Schoolcraft College's Kaleidoscope Program the finer points of pet photography. (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride)

Low turnout expected for primary election Tuesday

On Tuesday, votpolls to choose candi-

ers will head to the Polls open from 7 a.m. dates in the primary to 8 p.m. Tuesday

Although voters must cast ballots in only one political party category, many of the races will be decided by that vote.

Many of the candidates are running unopposed. According to local election officials, the slim choice of candidates will hurt attendance at the polls.

City Clerk Linda Langmesser said she hopes 20 percent will turn out. "Based on the absentee voter ballots," she said, "we're not going to have a big turnout. Unless a big percentage of them start coming in, we won't have as many as anticipated."

According to Langmesser, 14 percent of registered voters turned out for the last primary election two years ago.

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she hopes for a higher turnout. "I'm predicting 35 percent, but I fear that's an exaggeration," she said.
"The absentee ballots aren't coming in very quickly.

"I don't know if it's a lack of interest or if voters just haven't made up their minds. Whatever it is, I'm disappointed."

Massengill said 3,841 absentee voter applications were mailed, 2,045 ballots were sent out and only 1,206 have been returned.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said she also expects a low voter turnout. "I think it's going to be down from the usual," she

Bennett said only 1,900 of the 3,528 absentee ballots have been returned.

Absentee ballots are still available at each of the community clerk offices. All local clerk offices will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate last minute absentee ballot requests. Absentee ballots will be available Monday, but they cannot be removed from the clerks' offices.

Bennett said voters in Canton need to double-check their precinct locations.

Many precincts in Canton have changed since the last major election. Voters can call the clerk's office

to check their precinct or refer to page 88 of The Crier GUIDE.

There are some changes to the precincts," said Bennett, "but the process is about the same as it's always been.

"Absentee voters in Canton will receive a punch-card ballot and a paper ballot. The paper ballot is for the delegates to the County Convention. Some of these paper ballots are blank, some have candidates. If there are candidates to pick from, voters are urged to make those choices as well and return them with the punch cards.'

Regardless of the turnout, Langmesser is testing a new optical scan device for the absentee ballots. "I don't know if this is what we'll use precinct-wide, but this is the first step toward new voting equipment for the City," she said.

For many Plymouth Township residents, this will be their first experience with the new Unilect touch-screen voting system.

"There will be instructions at the precincts on how to vote and how the equipment works," Massengill said.

Clerks across the community are bracing for the Nov. 5 general election, which generally has a much higher turnout with the Presidential vote and the Michigan U.S. Senate and Congressional elections.

Addenda & errata

The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday to decide the fate of the Mayflower Hotel ownership's request for a tax reduction on past personal property taxes. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall.

25,000 miles Local jogger hits 25,000

mile mark, ready for more See Friends & neighbors pg. 6

Family

Marblelife owners prove family, business can mix See Getting down to business pg. 8

Softball

Canton team competes in huge nation-wide event

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D.A.R.E. breakfast set for Saturday

BY MATT HUCAL

All you can eat and drink. There will be pancakes and flapjacks, O.J. (the fruit juice), sausage and coffee.

If a good meal is what you're looking for this weekend, there's no reason to look any further than the D.A.R.E. Pancake Breakfast on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held on Penniman Avenue in front of the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth.

D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a joint project between school districts and local police agencies that's been in existence for five years. It tries to help students recognize and resist the pressures that come with drugs and alcohol.

There is at least one D.A.R.E. officer in each of the surrounding community's police departments that have a 17-week program in which they visit fifth grade students and speak about future pressures.

"We try to catch the kids right before they reach the middle schools to help them with decision making skills and finding alternatives to drug abuse," said William Groff, a D.A.R.E. officer with the Plymouth Township Police Department.

The pancake breakfast is a way to build up the funds for the

Plymouth-Canton D.A.R.E. program.

"This is a pretty big event since it's in conjunction with the sidewalk sale," said Groff. "People have grown used to it (the breakfast) being there while they're sidewalk shopping."

Along with the breakfast, there will also be emergency vehicles, police cars, motorcycles, balloons, giveaways and a D.A.R.E. information station.

The fire department is bringing a smokehouse that will be wheeled into the street. There will be mist coming from it to simulate smoke and the public will be able to go through training situations. A firefighter will be manning the house and it will be used to help people to know what to do during a fire and how to deal with one.

"There's lots of community support for D.A.R.E.," Groff said. "People feel really good about coming out and doing something good for the community, and they usually have a really good time."

Tickets are available at the Community Federal Credit Union, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce on Main Street and the City and Township police departments. Advance tickets for adults are \$4 and for children the cost is \$3. Tickets at the door are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Helping special athletes

Charity softball game will feature Red Wings, help Special Olympics

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For members of the Canton firefighter and police union, the job of saving lives and helping the community doesn't end when they punch the time clock.

In fact, the group is ready to give to charity once again.

The Canton firefighter and police union is holding a charity softball game Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Softball Center

Tickets for the game that pits the union members against members of the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Red Wings Alumni and Detroit sportscasters are \$5 and are available at both Canton fire stations, Johnson's Restaurant, the Summit on the Park and the Canton Softball Center

The proceeds of the event will go to the local Special Olympics — who are also holding the Michigan Special Olympics softball events at the Canton Softball Center Saturday.

In addition to the game, those who purchased tickets will also be given the chance to collect autographs from the Red Wing stars.

A raffle will also be held. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 with the chance to win a weekend in Toronto, a weekend in Chicago, a \$100 gift certificate from Trader Jack's in Plymouth and several dinner gift certificates. Another raffle will be held for the chance to bat against the celebrity team during the game. Tickets for that raffle are also \$1.

An original seat from the Olympia

Arena — former home of the Red Wings — will be auctioned at the game.

The major sponsors for the charity softball game are the Canton Softball Center, Trader Jack's, WCSX, Environmental Quality, Elliot Travel and Budweiser. It's not too late for corporate help. The organizers are searching for donations to cover rental costs for the additional bleachers needed for the game.

For more information, call the Canton fire department at 981-1113 or 453-4114.

This is not the first charity event sponsored by the fire and police union members. In fact, they created the Firefighters Charitable Foundation to help even more in the community. Events will be scheduled throughout the year to help local charities.

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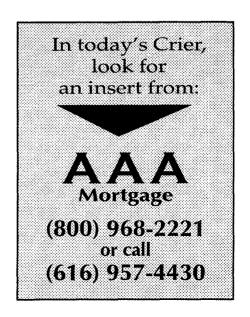
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Law, Vorva again battle in 20th district

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Republican Primary candidates for the 20th State House District are no surprise.

Incumbent Gerry Law and candidate Jerry Vorva faced-off in 1994's primary and each have previously held the position.

Perhaps their familiarity with each other has led to such a clear distinction of ideals between the two men, both of whom consider themselves conservatives.

Their disagreements ranged over several issues, including: educational funding, crime prevention, reform of the court system and each other's effectiveness and accountability as legislators.

Law, a Plymouth Township resident, has tied together his ambitions and forthcoming challenges with his accomplishments in the past. A self-proclaimed crime fighter, Law said he would continue that role by co-sponsoring bills that would require convicted criminal sexual offenders to submit to DNA samples. He also favors a new county prison and a boot camp for juvenile offenders.

Court reform is an important issue in the campaign, Law said. He would like to change the current practice that requires all young offenders to travel to the Juvenile Division in Detroit. "That's not a court system that's user-friendly," he said.

Open local courts to hear juvenile cases, said Law, who is a sponsor for the juvenile boot camp idea. "That way juveniles could be brought to Plymouth (35th District Court), which currently only handles district cases," he said. Vorva said another approach is needed. "What we need to do with court reform is depoliticize our courts," he said. "We've politicized our courts and we get skewed rulings because of it."

The solution is an appointed committee selecting a judge from a group candidates, Vorva said. "A year or two later they would face a no-confidence vote from residents, or 'Am I doing a good job?'," Vorva said.

Also, Vorva said, he would be tougher on crime than Law. "We have to reorganize our prisons. One way to do that is to have triple bunking. If it's good enough for our fighting men and women, why isn't it good enough for our prisoners," said Vorva, referring to the sleeping arrangements on many U.S. Navy ships. "I'm sick of coddling prisoners. If they get out of line, shoot them"

His crime prevention approach also includes capital punish-

ment and hard labor for prisoners.

The differences don't stop there. Law said he has been one of the most productive legislators in the state the last two years in the same position he said Vorva languished in from 1993-95. Law said he has a perfect attendance record while introducing more than 50 bills, of which 11 have been enacted into law, including increasing the flexibility of local governments concerning tax abatements, lowering home and auto insurance rates, the implementation of a multi-state lottery, stiffening laws on animal cruelty and providing more flexibility to hospices.

Law said he is currently sponsoring several other bills.

Compare that to Vorva's inactivity as a lawmaker, Law said. "Vorva introduced seven bills, and only one passed. He did nothing. The reason he wants to criticize me is because he went to Lansing and introduced nothing. He made no friends," said Law. "That's why I have all the endorsements. If you don't introduce legislation, you can't pass legislation. He was extremely unproductive."

Vorva, who is a former police officer, said that one house bill enacted into law — a state forensic laboratory fund used against defendants — is a significant piece of legislation. Also, Vorva said he did away with misused Office Expense Funds.

Those are more meaningful than Law's bloated record of house bill sponsorships. "He says he introduced 55 house bills," said Vorva, "let's take a look at what some of those are."

There's a way to be more productive and cost efficient, Vorva said. "I think we should have a part-time legislature," he said. "Let's go to work 100 days a year and make good bills."

And when he's there for those three months out of the year, he'll be more accountable. Vorva said.

"Mr. Law is just like (President) Bill Clinton," said Vorva. "He'll do anything, say anything. He talks out both sides of his mouth. The governor endorsed him because he put the governor up to it. He said he wouldn't vote for the schools of choice if he didn't endorse him."

Law's well-documented past as Plymouth Township Supervisor during the scandalous sewer controversy, Vorva said, discredits Law and hurts his effectiveness as State Representative. "I've never been accused of any wrong-doing ethically," he said. "When you present that image, you have a more open dialogue with the people you represent."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

 The Plymouth Poets are hosting a "Salute to Poetry Coffee House Organizers" tomorrow from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company. The event is part of their Summer Celebration of Poetry.

THE WEEKEND

 The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce downtown merchants are sponsoring sidewalk sales Friday and Saturday. The sale will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The many shops and galleries in downtown Plymouth will be offering special discounts and bargains during the annual sidewalk sale.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City
 Commission meets
 Monday at City Hall at 7
 p.m. The meeting is open
 to the public. On the
 agenda will be the
 Mayflower Hotel tax break
 proposal.
- Primary elections will take place throughout the community Tuesday. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available through the weekend and Monday.

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Business Plus section in
this week's newspaper.
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Twp. treasurer candidates run on experience

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Mary Brooks and Ron Edwards have known each other for years. They've often discussed the financial situation of Plymouth Township.

But Brooks, who has served as treasurer since 1984, and Edwards, Brooks' challenger in the Aug. 6 primary election, don't see eye-to-eye when it comes to the state of Township finances.

It all stems from recent auditor's reports. Edwards says they show that Brooks was slow to deposit taxes collected by the Township. Brooks says it's no big deal. She said the deposits were slow because the department lacked computer accounting programs and now that they are installed, the problem has been solved.

"According to the auditor, it really wasn't a big problem," Brooks said. "The schools get their money daily. The checks are always put into our checking account daily.

"I asked repeatedly for the computer programs to make the dispersal of funds easier. I've gotten one program for the dispersal of personal property taxes."

Edwards said the problems were serious. "This has been going on for three years," he said. "I hope it's corrected now. The management letter said it was a serious deficiency in the system. It needs to be dealt with. There are people who

depend on those funds."

When Brooks and Edwards get beyond the management of the Township's finances, their positions are very similar. Both candidates feel services between the Township and City can

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Practice makes perfect



The Plymouth Community Fire Department recently held training exercises in a home scheduled for demolition. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC TEST OF THE UNILECT PATRIOT ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
FOR THE AUGUST 6, 1996, PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public test of the Patriot Electronic Voting System will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 1, in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the Primary Election scheduled for August 6, 1996. Phone # 453-3840, x224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a "Primary Election" will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, Augest 6, 1996, from 7:00 a.m.until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. At that time candidates of the Democratic and Republican party for the following offices will be voted upon in Wayne County:

United States Senator State Representative Sheriff County Treasurer County Commissioner Representative in Congress Prosecuting Attorney County Clerk Register of Deeds Delegates to County Convention

and in the Charter Township of Plymouth

Supervisor Clerk

Treasurer 4 Trustees

and the following Wayne County Proposal:

SHALL THE MILLAGE RATE WAYNE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO LEVY WITHIN ITS CHARTER LIMITATION BE INCREASED BY 1/4 MILL (25 CENTS PER \$1000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR FIVE YEARS FROM 1996 TO 2001, INCLUSIVE, TO IMPROVE AND OPERATE SEVERAL PARKS AND RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HINES PARK, ELIZABETH PARK, CHANDLER PARK AND FORT WAYNE ON THE CONDITION THAT, FOR ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THIS INCREASED LEVY WOULD BE IMPOSED, WAYNE COUNTY MUST BUDGET FROM OTHER SOURCES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ITS 1995-96 FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION FOR PARKS. THIS LEVY IS ESTIMATED TO GENERATE \$7,924,224 IN 1997.

Application for absentee ballots for the Charter township of Plymouth, may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI. 48170. Phone number 453-3840 extension 224 or 228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd. On Monday, August 5th, qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to thelderly and handicapped.

Polling places are as follows: (please note that the Township precint locations or precinct numbers may not coincide with your school district precinct location or number).

41400 Greenbriar Farrand School Precinct1 41400 Greenbriar
42375 Schoolcraft
11100 Haggerty
42350 Ann Arbor Road
220 N. Sheldon Road
44401 Ann Arbor Trail
46500 N. Territoral Road
45801 Ann Arbor Road
39750 Joy Road
45000 N. Territorial
46081 Ann Arbor Road
46250 Ann Arbor Road
9300 Canton Center Road
45201 N. Territorial Road Farrand School
Friendship Station
Allen School
Township Clerk's Office
Bird School
West Middle School
United Assembly of God Church
Church of the Nazarene
Fiegel School
First Bartist Church Precinct 2 & 8 Precinct 3 Precinct 4 Precinct 5 Precinct 6 Precinct 7 Precinct 9 Precinct 9
Precinct 10
Precinct 11
Precinct 12
Precinct 13 &16
Precinct 14
Precinct 15 First Baptist Church
Pioneer Middle School
Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ
Isbister School
First United Methodist Church

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Twp. candidates run on experience

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be shared. And both think the eventual joining of the City and Township is a promising idea.

People look at Plymouth as one community," Edwards said. "If we can save tax dollars, we need to look more at combined services. (Combining Plymouth and Plymouth Township) would be a good opportunity if we could set up a separate debt unit."

Brooks said the combination of the City and Township is inevitable. "We've had a successful merger with the fire department and I'm glad of that," she said. "I could see in the future Plymouth and Plymouth Township becoming one. It's going to happen — maybe not this year or next, but it's going to happen."

Both candidates said joint recreation services will continue to be a hot topic for the Township.

Edwards said if he's elected, ordi-

nance enforcement and the overall direction of the board will be his first priority. "Instead of reacting to situations, we need to be proactive," he said.

Brooks said a new Plymouth Township Hall is needed. "We're losing time running here and running there," she

"The roofs leak and we have problems with the heating and cooling."

Both candidates are active in the com-

Edwards, a CPA, owns an accounting firm. He's worked as an accountant for 20 years. He said he volunteers for Farrand Elementary and Central Middle schools. He was active in the library millage campaign, serving as treasurer. He also served on the Plymouth Township Board of Review.

Brooks said she is an active member of St. Kenneth Parish and the Business and Professional Women (BPW).



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PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER 525 FARMER STREET

PRECINCT 3

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 650 W. CHURCH

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC CLERK, CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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Crowded field prepares for Salem Twp. primary election

BY MATT HUCAL

Salem Township Supervisor Donald Riddering thought January would be the end of his political career. All that changed when he saw who was running for his office. He said he felt he had to run again.

"I didn't want to run again," said Riddering, "but when I saw the competition, I had to."

Riddering is running against Thomas Homrich for the Democrat spot on the November ballot. The victorious Democrat will face one of the three Republican candidates for the supervisor's office. The Republican field includes current Salem Township Office Manager Marie Sherry, current Salem Township Trustee Michael Penn and City of Northville Police Chief Rodney Cannon.

There's no love lost between the candidates. If elected, Penn says he'd change the role of the current supervisor for the better.

"I wouldn't carry myself as a Hitlertype person," Penn said. "I would be more receptive to outside people."

The issues in the race range from the need for easier public input, more administrative direction, more unified community programs, a change to a charter township and better communication between Salem Township board members

Nancy Geiger was elected to the supervisor position in 1992, but resigned after two years, leaving the board of trustees to appoint Riddering for the last two years.

"I think we've accomplished more in two years than we have in the last 20 years," said Riddering.

According to Riddering, those accomplishments include moving forward in the process of installing a new sewer system to replace the septic system Salem Township currently uses, receiving grants, revolving funds, low interest funds and grants from the Rouge River

Candidates spar in 10th commission

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A few months ago, it appeared Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter might be uncontested in his bid to re-represent the Republican Party in the November general election for the 10th District seat.

But Jeff Schroder, a former GOP precinct delegate, stepped forward to make it one of the most talked about races in this summer's political season.

Full of issues and accusations, it has been anything but boring.

McCotter has continued to press for the demolition of the long-deserted Wayne County Boys Home buildings, and the future development of the land. "Those buildings started coming down this year.

cleanup

Riddering said he feels his strong points are 40 years of living in the community and that he's retired and has the time to spend on the job. He said his main objective will be to get Salem Township more united.

"There's not enough community activity without a newspaper and the fact that we're divided into different school districts," Riddering said. "It's hard to have a unified community program when we're like we are."

Homrich served the past spent six years on the planning commission and two years as a trustee. He said he believes that public input is a must and there isn't enough of it now.

Homrich said: "I can sum it up in a statement he (Riddering) made the night he was appointed, 'I know what's best for this township'."

Homrich also doesn't think Salem Township is using its money wisely. An example he uses is that a lot of residents can't afford a new sewer system, although there is a great need for one.

"It's difficult for some people to be able to handle this (new sewer system) when no revenues from the township are going to help those people," said Homrich. "We have money coming in from certain areas, but we're not benefiting from it."

Sherry said she feels she is qualified for the supervisor position because she has a bachelor's degree in political science and has held her office management position for the last two years.

"I think I have the skills to lead us through the large period of growth we're going through," Sherry said.

Sherry said she wants town meetings to be held quarterly to offer an open door policy, the board to have final approval of conditional use permits and high Freedom of Information costs to be reduced.

Penn said his main issue is to have Salem Township establish a more open government with public input. Penn said he believes there are many people in the community who could offer a lot, but don't have a chance to.

"We can't restrict time or topic in any way, shape or form," Penn said. "There are some intelligent people who could contribute a whole lot more. People comment before and after meetings. It would be neat if people could remark about an issue when the comments come up."

Cannon has been with the City of Northville Police Department for 39 years and has been the chief for the last 17, getting what he said is a good grip on the government.

"I feel I have a good knowledge of the function of the government," said Cannon. "The times are changing and we can't stay as we are."

Cannon would like to see Salem go from the General Law Township they are now to a Charter Township to give Salem a better definition of government.

"We need a good master plan to stay within our growth potential and budget," Cannon said.

Senator Robert Geake
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Your Guide to Worship

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Wednesday
Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm
Plymouth Christian Academy

(313) 459-3505

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod) 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (one mile west of Sheldon) (313) 453-5252

> Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

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10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth at Gotfredson & Ann Arbor Rd. (From M-14 take Gotfredson Rd South)

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Army Specialist Christopher M. Martin played an important part in the military's largest joint air defense training exercise, dubbed "Roving Sands" '96

The 10-day exercise involved more than 15,000 active duty and reserve soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. Martin is the son of Fred J. Martin of Plymouth.

Heather Buchanan of Plymouth was one of the more than 3,000 Iowa State University students who were recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list.

Students named to the dean's list must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded work. Buchanan is majoring in animal science (pre-veterinary).

Kirstin Elyse Lurtz of Plymouth received a law degree at the 111th commencement of Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College recently.

Lurtz received a law review certificate recognizing her work on the quarterly student-published review, "Environmental Law."

She was associate editor last year. Lurtz also received membership in the Cornelius Honor Society in which students are selected based on scholarship, leadership and contribution to the law

The DeVry Institute of Technology in Phoenix has announced its recent graduates and their employment at local and national companies. Chris Hambelton of Plymouth received his bachelor's degree in electronics engineering technology and is now employed at Silicon Graphics in Mountain View, CA.

Three Canton and one Plymouth resident recently graduated from Siena Heights College.

Paul A. Johnson of Canton graduated with a bachelor's degree in applied science — mechanical design technology.

Denise Ruth Kozial of Canton graduated with a bachelor's degree in child development and human services.

Danielle Marie Meyka of Canton graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology.

Matthew J. Lee of Plymouth graduated with a bachelor's degree in general studies.

Going the distance

Rawlinson reaches 25,000 mile mark...that's a lot of shoes!

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Step by step. Stride by stride. Jim Rawlinson ran for miles — 25,000 miles to be exact.

That's more than the circumference of the earth.

It was equal to a trip around the world when he crossed the finish line July 21 near Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

The ultimate marathon began for Rawlinson, 56, on New Year's Day, 1980. He knew what his goal was, but his family and friends didn't. "I didn't tell them until I had 12,000 miles in," said Rawlinson, "because I didn't want them to react to that as: 'You're not going to do that, are you'?"

But he did, averaging five-and-a-half miles a day, except for six months in 1987 when he broke his leg skiing. Besides that, Rawlinson was relatively injury free. "Oh, all the little things came up: hip problems, knees, ankles, pulled Achilles. But you do what you can," he said. "You listen to your body."

And Rawlinson's limbs told him to keep on running. "After a while, it's no longer discipline, it's habit," he said.

Rawlinson never entered a marathon, and he only participated in a few competitive races. He didn't run to win; he ran for fitness, and to relax. "Whenever you run, you're just more aware of your surroundings," said Rawlinson, a Plymouth resident since 1974.

Rawlinson's jaunts took him around the world, figuratively and literally. He ran in London's Hyde Park, past the Opera House in Sydney, Australia, over the mountains of Switzerland and through the jungles of Costa Rica.

"I'd go on vacations, and I'd take my daily runs. Just when I got there, you'd be in such a wonderful areas, I'd incorporate my runs into my day," said Rawlinson, who owns a local photography business.



It took Jim Rawlinson 16 years to reach the 25,000 mile mark jogging. He's not finished yet. Rawlinson is working toward the 50,000 mark — a goal he expects to reach in 2020.

He warns the solace he receives from running isn't for everybody. "Run only if it's right for the body," said Rawlinson. "It's too stressful on some people's knees, hips and ankles. Walking is the best exercise."

But don't expect Rawlinson to slow

down now that he has completed his journey

He plans to run another 25,000 miles, which he should finish in 2020. "People have said I should run it backwards," said Rawlinson.

Don't tempt him.

Kids walk for Special Olympians

Last Friday, the children of the Plymouth-Canton Kids Time Kamp participated in a walk-a-thon, collaborating with the local Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics.

Kids Time Kamp is an extension of the Plymouth-Canton Extended Day Program, which is housed at the 14 elementary schools in the district. During the school year, the extended day program services more than 800 students. An average of 130 children per week attend Kids Time Kamp.

Kids Time Kamp curriculum bases each week on a theme.

The theme for last week was "Run With It" in honor of the 1996 Summer

The children participated in art and

science activities related to health and nutrition.

The children and staff were very excited to participate in the walk-a-thon for the Special Olympics.

The event would not have been possi-

ble without the help of J.J. Lloyd, Linda Mogielski and Michele Latawiec for organizing the event. The Plymouth Kiwanis Breakfast Club also donated a gift for each of the children who participated.

OLGC to hold 20th class reunion

The 1976 Class of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) is having its 20th Class Reunion on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 1996.

The weekend activities begin the evening of Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Box Bar. On Sept. 1, the day will begin with a mass at OLGC followed by a coffee/donut reception and tour of the school. At noon, a family-style picnic will take place at Plymouth Township Park.

The reunion committee is still searching for addresses of "missing" classmates as well as accepting reservations for the event. If you are a classmate or know of a classmate that has not been contacted, call Patty Mester-Trueman at (810) 247-9557 or Maureen Meade-Visser at (313) 459-3551.

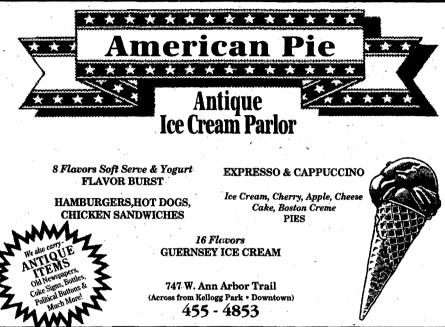


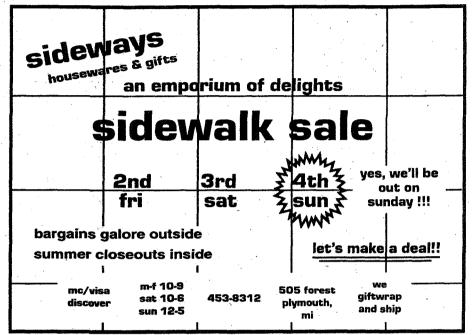
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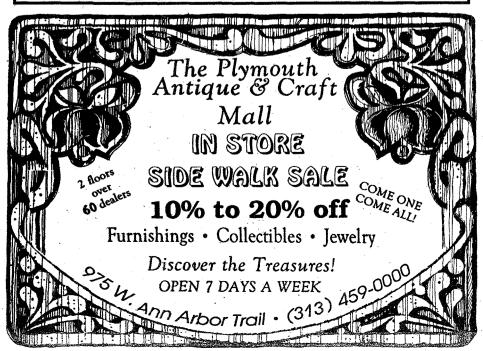














Obituaries

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MABEL RUTH COFFEY

Mabel Ruth Coffey, a Canton resident, died July 23, 1996 at the age of 70.

Ms. Coffey was born Sept. 3, 1925 in Detroit. She moved to Canton in 1990 from Taylor. She worked as a LPN at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia for 10 years in the 1950s. Following that, she worked as a homemaker. Ms. Coffey was also a member of the VFW #9973 Women's Auxillary on Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Ann Barnum of Canton; brother, John Maynard of Dearborn Heights; and grandson, Ronald Barnum of Canton.

Services were held at the Salvation Army. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the family.

THELMA DEE TAYLOR

Thelma Dee Taylor, a Livonia resident, died July 25, 1996 at the age of 71.

Mrs. Taylor was born May 3, 1925 in Morgantown, KY. She was a Realtor.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by her husband, Robert Taylor; daughters, Sharon Brockway of Canton, Kim Taylor of Livonia, and Terry (Angel) Taylor of Milford; son, Robert (Carol) Taylor of Dallas, TX; nine grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Lucas.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Roland DeRenzo of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at the Daniel Boone Johnson Cemetery in Morgantown, KY. Memorial tributes can be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075-5200.

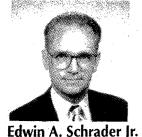


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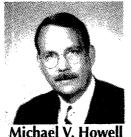
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Community deaths

ONVIA J. ROBINSON

Onvia J. Robinson, a Canton resident, died July 25, 1996 at the age of 75.

Mr. Robinson was born March 28, 1921. He served in the U.S. Army in 1944 and worked as a salvage mechanic for Detroit Diesel for 35 years, from where he retired in 1986.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Gladys Christine Robinson, to whom he was married for 54 years; son, Billie (Pam) Robinson of Canton; sister, Reba Phillips of Lake City, TN; brother, David Thomas Robinson of North Carolina; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Fr. Neil Cowling of the Kirk of Our Savior Catholic Church in Westland officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075-2689.

Vera A. Rivers, 87, homemaker

Vera A. Rivers, a Canton resident, died July 16, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon E. Rivers; son, Robert (Lynn J.) Gordon of Canton and one other son; one sister; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held at Holy Trinity Luthern Church with Rev. Dennis M. Bux officiating. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Patricia A. Spratt, 71, legal secretary

Patricia A. Spratt, a Canton resident, died July 19, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Spratt; daughter, Kathleen (Dennis) Zuccaro of Canton and three other daughters; one brother; one sister; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Anna Kunec, 88, homemaker

Anna Kunec, a Canton resident, died July 20, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Richard Kunec of Canton and two other sons; three sisters; 10 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held at Resurrection Catholic Church with Fr. Richard Perfetto officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Arthur Robert Armstrong III, 34, manager

Arthur Robert Armstrong, a Canton resident, died July 22, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Denay Armstrong; son, Alexander Richard Armstrong; daughter, Amanda Armstrong; sister, Catherine Kelly of Canton; parents, Robert and Christine Armstrong of Plymouth; and his grandmother.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth with Rev. James Skimins. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Charles W. Steele, 78, truck driver

Charles W. Steele, a Canton resident, died July 26, 1996.

He is survived by one son, two daughters, one brother and one sister.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with Rev. Joseph Wade of Temple Baptist Church officiating.

Jason M. Matthews, 20, student

Jason M. Matthews, a Canton resident, died July 27, 1996.

He is survived by his parents, Dennis E. and Denise Matthews of Canton; sister, Jennifer R. Matthews of Canton; grandparents, Bill and Joann Mongrain of Plymouth and other grandparents; eight aunts; two uncles; and many cousins.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Leonard F. Widman, 80, food service worker

Leonard F. Widman, a Plymouth resident, died July 24, 1996.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Widman of Plymouth; daughter, Andrea (Richard) Widman of Plymouth and one other daughter and a step-daughter; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered at Station 885 in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

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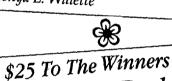
Last Friday night, July 19, 1996, while working Friday Nite Freebies, a couple of good samaritan's delivered \$100.00 back to it s owner. The couple Paula and Tom Bober was listening to music on Main street, while Paula observed a gentlemen reaching into his pocket to get his keys out when his money came out with his keys and didn't realize it. At first Paula didn't know exactly what it was, but when she realized it was money the man was already in his car and proceeding down the street, she then ran over and picked it up and showed her husband Tom, and they decided to go after the man, so Tom jumped on his Harley Davidson which was parked right behind the car that lost the money, and off he went down Main street trying to catch up with this man, which he finally did at the gas station. The man didn't even know he had lost the money. The man tried giving Tom a reward but

I think an act like this should be recognized in some form. Everyone that was on Main Street that was aware what was going on thought that was just wonderful of this couple returning the money and the way they did it.

-Tonya L. Willette

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Sincerely, Shirley & Henry Deochoa

a helping hand. It is good to know that

kindness of neighbor is still alive.

kindness shown to my husband and I.

\$25 To The Winner Fran Crowe

Dear Crier,

I would like to nominate Fran Crowe and her daughter Colleen for your Random Acts of Kindness Award. Fran and I work at Christine's Hallmark in downtown Plymouth. On the Friday before Art in the Park, Fran had had the day off but stopped by in the evening to pick up her paycheck. We stood by the window for a few minutes watching the crafters setting up their booths. Directly in front of our store was an older couple. The gentleman was in a wheelchair. (Later we found out he was recovering from an automobile accident.) The woman was trying to put together the maze of pipes, fittings, and pins that make up the frame of her tentlike booth all by herself. As we watched her struggle, Fran said to Colleen, "Let's go help." They must have spent an hour helping perfect strangers set up the booth and unload the van of boxes and boxes of their wares. The woman called them angels and offered them a hand painted shirt. Fran and Colleen declined saying they just wanted to help. Fran is always like this. She has a heart of gold. It's people like her that give Plymouth a good name. Please consider them for your

Sincerely, Patrica Drews

Attention Winners:

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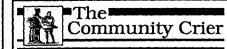
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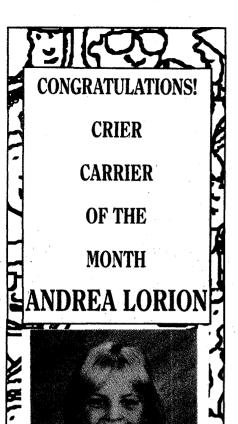
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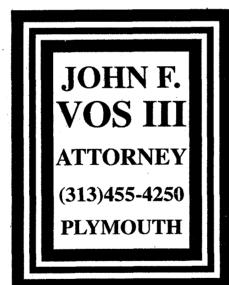
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Groups...

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-Up Club meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church on Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center roads. Guests and new members are welcome. For further information, call 459-4091.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS

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STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

CLOTHING BANK

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

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month at noon. Lunch is free, but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

GED TESTING

Offered through the Plymouth-Canton Community Educational Department Tuesday and Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 5-10 p.m. The test will be held at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook, in Plymouth. Registration fee is \$25. Register in advance. For more information, call 416-4901

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., "The Jesus Expedition" for ages three to 11.

YOUNG MOMENTS PRESCHOOL

Fall 1996 vacancies for four-year-olds girls in afternoon classes (M-W-F 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; T-TH 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Children must be four-years-old by Sept. 1. For more information, call 453-3020 or 451-1895.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DAY CHANGED

Regular meetings of the Plymouth-Canton School Board will now be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. (except on the fourth Tuesday in December and the fourth Tuesday in May) at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 Harvey St. in downtown Plymouth. During the school year, fourth Tuesday meetings may be moved to school sites.

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Special partnership found in local business community

BY JAMIE NIELSEN

Partnership and support are not two words that are usually associated with the business world. But in The Plymouth-Canton Community, support between businesses is important, if not

Ray Miezejewski, owner of the Piccadilly Petal'er in Canton, said he feels the recent move of his store because of the expansion of the neighboring Sears Hardware store has made a tremendous improvement in business.

The move from an 800 square foot store to a 1,400 square foot store allowed Piccadilly Petal'er to put in an area to hold bridal consultations and a large, open work area for the crew with a window so people can watch them while they work.

But there's more to running a successful business than a good floor design. Marketing and advertising are key, and often stores have to rely on other businesses to help get the work done.

Piccadilly Petal'er has a delivery service that comes in and picks up their products to deliver them to just about all of southeast Michigan. The store also uses several wire services to send orders throughout the world.

A stand inside the store holds the business cards of many other businesses in the area Piccadilly Petal'er recommends to its customers such as photographers, bed and breakfasts, and shops that preserve the flowers. Miezejewski said he feels that his store receives recommendations from many other stores as well, proving that these businesses work together on a regular

Piccadilly Petal'er also offers a discount program that can be very helpful to other businesses that may be placing large orders. "We have different plateaus we set up for discounts," Miezejewski said. "The more a customer spends, the larger the discount."

Each of these things plays an important role in the success of the business. The photographers and flower preservers that Piccadilly Petal'er works with add to customer satisfaction. The delivery and wire services ensure quick and easy deliveries all over the world, and the mutual referrals and word-of-mouth are free, yet effective, forms of advertisement.

Another small shop in The Plymouth-Canton Community whose employees know the importance of good business-tobusiness relationships is the House of Fudge in Plymouth.

Mark Primeau of the House of Fudge said: "It's a small

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plus

Local shops can add special touch to business relationships

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community and that's what makes Plymouth nice and unique, the fact that everybody kind of works off each other."

The House of Fudge is a small, family-owned shop that carries a wide variety of sweets from handmade fudges and brittles to sugarless candies and jelly beans.

But sometimes they don't carry a product that a customer is looking for and when this happens, they don't hesitate to refer them to other businesses in the community.

"People will come in and ask about certain shops and we're always willing to direct them," Primeau said. "The thing with most businesses in Plymouth, which makes it really nice, is that they're willing to help their fellow businesses out."

House of Fudge employees said they feel their shop also receives a good amount of recommendations from other shops in the area.

The House of Fudge has worked with several other businesses in Plymouth in the past. They've worked with a local jeweler, done promotional deals with Heide's Flowers and helped a local Realtor make candy-filled gift boxes for her new customers.

This kind of camaraderie is seen quite often amongst the businesses in The Plymouth-Canton Community. Most don't seem bothered with the idea of losing customers to a competitor, and they are usually more than happy to recommend other shops in the area to their customers.

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As a copier salesperson in the highly competitive New York City market, Randy Rosler realized that getting in the door was half the battle and focused on ways to do just that. His solution: corporate greeting cards. When it worked for him as a sales representative, he decided it could work in almost any business situation and IntroKnocks Corp. (1-800-753-0550) was born.

"Competition is fierce in business today," Rosler says. "Time is limited. You need imaginative, creative ways to reach people with your message." Apparently, his message is reaching those who count — his client roster includes companies such as AT&T, American Express, Chase Manhattan Bank and US Healthcare.

"Your cards have been a great tool for getting past screeners and closer to the real decision-maker," said David Gray of AT&T's Commercial Markets Group. "Your cards have certainly helped me to solidify sales and open up new opportunities."

The 100-plus designs are meant to draw response from their recipients. Some encourage prospects to return a call, others (referred to as appointment cards) use charm and humor to inspire prospects to meet with you. The line of business greetings also features "follow-up" cards that are designed to provide innovative ways to tactfully maintain contact with customers and "future customers."

Rosler has redefined the greeting card, tailoring it to the needs of business people. One card, which is frequently used as a

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The change in tax rules affects small- and medium-size businesses that paid more than \$50,000 in certain federal taxes in 1995, specifically the total of all federal income taxes, FICA and Railroad Retirement Act taxes.

The change in the tax deposit method stems from a 1993 law that called for the creation of a new "Electronic Federal Tax Payment System," or EFTPS, and requires an increasing number of businesses to deposit their federal taxes electronically, the quickest way possible.

Companies wishing to avoid the 10 percent noncompliance penalties should begin the process of changing their method of paying taxes now, according to the American Payroll Association, which represents more than 13,000 businesses on tax and payroll-related matters.

Today, only the largest businesses in the United States are required to make their payments the high-tech way, but that number soon will jump dramatically. IRS officials estimate some 1.3 million businesses met the \$50,000 threshold in 1995 and therefore must make their payments electronically.

Completing the mandatory enrollment process with the IRS can take as long as 10 weeks, according to APA's Government Affairs Director, Carolyn Kelly. After that, companies may need to test their system to ensure the right amount of funds are going to the right place at the right time.

APA is urging taxpayers to contact the EFTPS customer service help lines to find out about their obligations and begin to make the necessary changes to their business operations. Taxpayers in northern states can reach the EFTPS help line at 1-800-943-8400.

APA is in the midst of a massive effort to educate businesses about their new obligations and the consequences of not meeting them. "A frightening number of companies remain unaware of the new requirements," Kelley said. "The government has not done the kind of public education campaign that a change of this magnitude and with penalties this harsh should have warranted.

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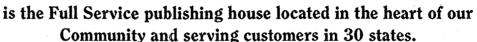


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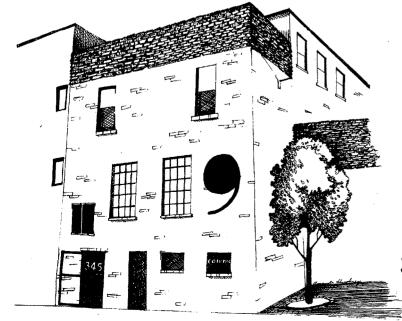
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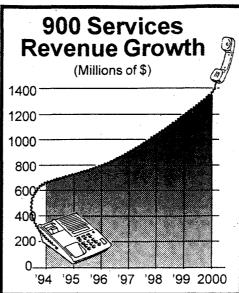
Microsoft Corporation, a world-wide leader in software for personal computers, receives 1,000 calls a day for technical support on its pay-per-call network. Customers are charged \$2 a minute, or a maximum of \$25.

The World Trade Centers Association in New York has been offering a pay-per-call fax-ondemand service on 900 numbers since early 1990. Through the WTC Network, importers, exporters and agents are generating sales

"USA Today" has its own 900-number sports lines. Sports fans can dial up the latest scores

without having to wait for the morning edition of the newspaper. Even government agencies are entering the 900 number business. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has a 900 number that farmers can call to get the latest farm commodity prices.

Consumer approval of 900 services is increasing. In 1994, AT&T commissioned a strategic study of consumer attitudes about 900 services and found that consumers would be inclined to use 900 numbers for professional services like medical and financial information, and auto repair; and premium customer



SOURCE: 900 KNOW-HOW

services, like computer support. Other uses identified included tax assessment, professional licensing verification, background checks for firearm sales and motor vehicle registration.

For entrepreneurs, 900 numbers represent a growing market. Industry experts predict that revenues from 900 number services will increase to nearly \$1.4 billion by the year 2000. "The industry is wide open to imaginative entrepreneurs and organizations with specialized information to sell," says Robert Mastin, a 900-number consultant.

Mastin has written what has become the industry textbook for those interested in starting a 900-number business. "900 Know-How: How to Succeed With Your Own 900-Number Business" gives entrepreneurs tips on starting a 900 service, from financial planning

and marketing, to call processing and publicity. In addition, the book provides a complete overview of the industry and a list of industry sources.

Mastin emphasizes that specialized information fits the payper-call industry the best. And he says that many applications remain virtually untouched, including the areas of law, trade, marketing, sports, food and hundreds more.

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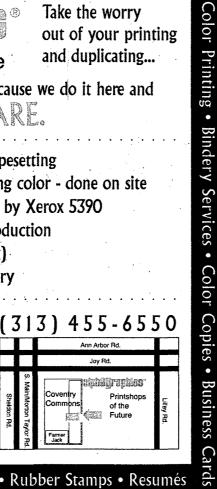
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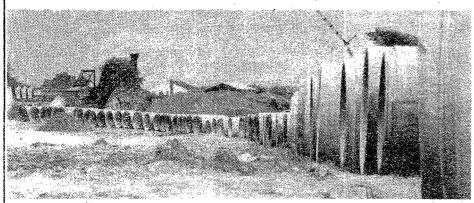
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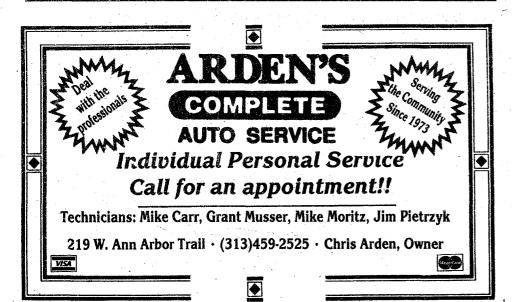
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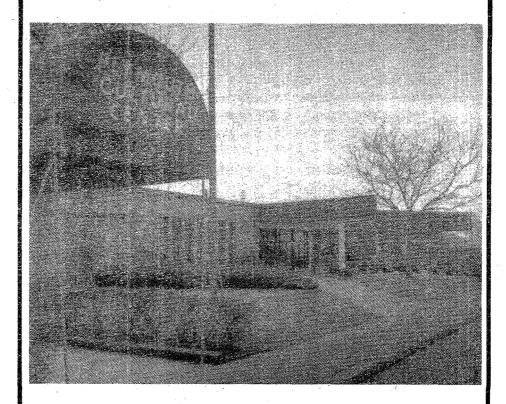


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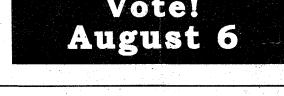
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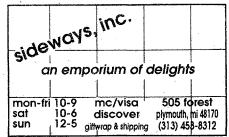
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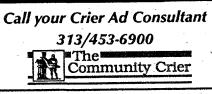
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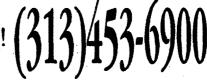
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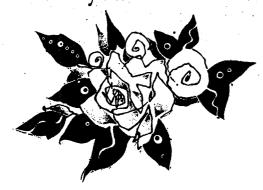
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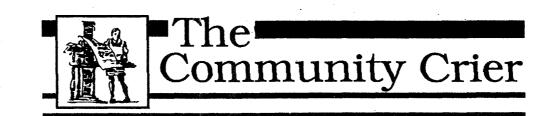


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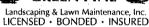
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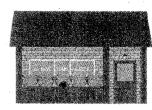
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BOB HENRY almost took out another police car in his last month on the job? Nice "evasive action" Bob!

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Commission race anything but boring

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We worked for it. We got it done," he said.

McCotter said the involvement of residents and the local government is essential to the development plan that must "respect and reflect that community."

The Willow Run Tradeport and road repair are the other major issues, McCotter said. "We need to increase the county participation at our level. We need more funding for local roads," he said.

As for the airport, McCotter has remained steadfast in his opposition to the tradeport's runway extension.

Schroder, meanwhile, said eliminating no-bid county contracts and other wasteful government spending would be the first item on his agenda if he is elected. "I would like to see a county ordinance mandating all contracts be open and be competitively bid,"

Schroder said he would make efforts to attract new businesses. "Our county tax rates need to come down," he said. "We need to create a better climate for business-

That would be done by commission vote, Schroder said. As for the much discussed Wayne County Boys Home property, more than just the zoning rights should be turned over to the local municipality. "Wayne County let Northville Township turn into a big problem for our commission. We should give the property to Northville Township,' he said. "That's what the county should do."

That's an idea McCotter scoffed at. "Northville Township will not accept that property. There's a million dollars in cleanup costs," the county commissioner said, who reiterated the progress made at the site during his term. "In the last 25 years, nothing's happened there, but in the last three years, look what happened.'

McCotter also greeted Schroder's idea for the 10th Commission District to secede from Wayne County and become its own entity with disdain. "It's a publicity stunt by two candidates for public office. The reality is we're going to be in Wayne County," said McCotter.

Perhaps the most sensitive issue among the two candidates has been affirmative action. Schroder has pledged to eradicate affirmative action programs, because he said it gives preferential treatment to minorityowned businesses in government contracts instead of quality and low price.

McCotter responded: "I believe affirmative action hurts everyone, but until everyone recognizes affirmative action hurts everyone, it'll be very difficult to get it

He pointed out women-owned businesses benefit from affirmative action, and Schroder's singling out skin color in his campaign literature is race baiting. "I think it speaks for itself. It's been denounced by party leaders. I'd never send anything out like that with my name on it," said McCotter. "It's race baiting. It focuses on one party. I've chosen to ignore it. I hope the voters do too.

These are false charges of racism," said Schroder. "You can't substantiate it. I don't approve of discrimination on that basis. Nor do I approve of preferential treatment on



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Plymouth resident Douglas A. Miller was reappointed to the State of Michigan Board of Pharmacy by Gov. John Engler. Miller, who is also a City Commissioner, is assistant director of Henry Ford Hospital Department of Pharmacy. He is reappointed to represent pharmacists for a term expiring June

Walker/Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth will host a home furnishings seminar Sunday at 2 p.m. In addition to advice on painting techniques, artist and designer Dolores Carroll will also discuss color composition and relating the finish to the total design of the room. For more information, call 459-1300.

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Marblelife franchise is family effort

West did.

But the former Alexander Hamilton Life employee, who was born and raised in The Plymouth-Canton Community, wasn't ready for the lifestyle. "Sitting around? No. Or playing golf? No," West

So along with his two brothers, Phillip and Dan, West became a franchisee of Marblelife, a worldwide marble and stone restoration and maintenance company.

It was an interesting choice for a family business venture. "My brothers and I were looking for something we felt we could do together. This is one," West

At an age most people retire, Terry Business success set in stone

said. "So we went to school for a couple weeks to get some training. It was lots of

That was September 1993 and since then. West and his brothers have serviced and repaired walls, floors and counter tops with marble, granite, terrazzo, ceramic tile and brick.

As the only Marblelife franchise in metro Detroit, West and company have no problem keeping busy.

"I can't say there isn't competition out there, because there is," West said. "But we probably have the largest number of

The operation is truly a family effort. West is general manager, looking after the office and residential accounts; Dan heads the commercial accounts division, and Phillip oversees the scheduling and craftsman, who have the tedious task of bringing faded stone back to life.

"We have some customers we go back to every year to clean or polish. Then, there's others who had marble installed 25 years ago and it hasn't been cleaned since," said West. "The marble would be very dull. But when we get through with it, you can see the reflection of the lights

Marblelife uses walk-behind-machines to clean much of the stone it encounters. but they don't mind getting down on their hands and knees to finish off those hard to reach corners and edges.

'We try to do quality work," said West. "If the customer has some concerns, we satisfy them.'

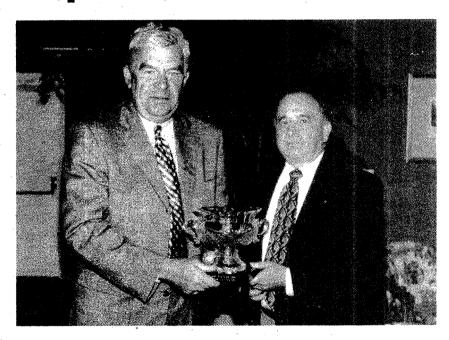
Testaments to their work ethic can be found, and walked upon, at Plymouth City Hall and the City/County Building in downtown Detroit. It's at public locations such as these, that terrazzo - a mixture of concrete and marble chips is often used.

That differs greatly from residential favorites: granite, marble and ceramic tile. "Every floor is different," said West. "Every floor reacts differently to

"Marble is a personal thing, a status symbol," said West. "It's used a lot on counter tops, foyers, floors. Of course, what's very popular is the granite right now for kitchen tops and bar tops, because it's difficult to scratch, but it also

West said he has no plans to open another Marblelife in the Detroit area, which has its corporate headquarters in Canton and outlets in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Ireland.

Top award



Ronald Fisher (right) of the Caviston Agency recently received a President's Award from Westfield Insurance Company President and CEO Cary Blair. The award was presented during a company function and is in recognition of Fisher's dedication to providing professional insurance service to his customers.

\$5 million in bonds granted to local companies

Nearly \$5 million in tax-exempt bonds were granted recently by the Michigan Strategic Fund to help finance the construction of two facilities in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Westland Control Systems, Inc. will receive \$2 million for construction of a 40,000 square foot building in Canton, and Link Engineering has been issued \$2.9 million to help finance an addition to its current Plymouth facility.

The project for Westland Control Systems, Inc. includes the acquisition of land, construction, and the purchase and installation of machinery and equipment.

"Projects such as this provide increased job opportunities for Michigan residents. We are pleased to be able to provide support," said Doug Rothwell, chief executive officer and department director of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Westland Control Systems, Inc. is a manufacturer of electrical control panels primarily for use by the automotive, glass and food industries. The company currently employs approximately 25 people. The expansion will create an estimated 22 new jobs initially, with an estimated 47 new jobs to be created at full operation.

The plans for the Link Engineering Company expansion includes a 40,000 square foot addition, and the purchase and installation of equipment and machinery.

Link Engineering Company, established in 1953, is a manufacturer of test equipment for use by the friction metals industry and other automotive component manufacturers. The company also manufacturers production equipment for the electric motor industry and performs parts testing on a contract basis. The company employs approximately 183 people. With the expansion, 20 new jobs will be created initially with an addition of 10 new jobs created in two years.

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DEAR MARTHA - Can you imagine? The Sidewalk Sale is this weekend - then we'll be getting ready for Fall Festival! There's a feeling in the air - happy in anticipation, I think. Plymouth looks wonderful with it's new landscaping now in order. Flowers and shrubs abound. Homes look great with their manicured lawns and flowers in profusion. Your friends will be so glad when they can share it with you.

KAREN OCHMAN is filled to the brim with art and culture after a Saturday at the DIA. She'll have a lot to tell her artist brother.

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Sports

Sports shorts

Registration is underway for the Plymouth Community Family YMCA's "Y" Kids 1996-97 preschool year.

Classes for three-year-olds will run every Tuesday and Thursday from either 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. (choose either time). With full (family or youth) membership, a yearly fee is \$420, and with program membership a yearly fee is \$620. Both prices may be split into monthly payments of \$42 or \$62.

Classes for four- and five-year-olds will run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from either 9:15-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:45 p.m. (you choose either time). With full membership a yearly fee is \$630 and with program membership a yearly fee is \$930.

Full memberships for families is \$54 and youth is \$36. Individual program membership is \$10. A \$15 registration fee per child will be charged.

There will be an open house on Aug. 13 between 4-6 p.m. at the Plymouth YMCA Grange Building at 273 South Union St. Come meet the staff and learn about this unique program for 3-5 year olds. Registrations can be taken at this time. Call 453-2904 for more information.

The Plymouth YMCA office will be closed Aug. 26 through Sept. 2. They will re-open on Sept. 3. YMCA hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ladies Fall Golf Leagues begin the week of Aug. 26 at the Oasis Golf Center. The leagues run for eight weeks on weekday evenings and Wednesday mornings. There are beginner and intermediate levels of play available. It will be followed by a banquet at the Italian American Center. For more information or to reserve a tee-time, call 420-4653.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual golf outing on Aug. 13. Check-in time will begin at 7:30 a.m. and registration will be limited to the first 144 golfers. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., a scramble format, and the entry fee will include continental breakfast, lunch and 18 holes of golf.

Outing chairman Mike Gerou and his committee have been busy securing a wide variety of prizes and surprises. If a company would like to sponsor a hole or an event, call the chamber office. For more information, call 453-4040.

'Unbelievable turnaround'

Canton Connie Mack baseball team has great season

BY MATT HUCAL

The Canton Connie Mack baseball team had an up-and-down season that ended abruptly Friday, but that didn't extinguish what was, according to coach Coleman Flaskamp, "an unbelievable

turnaround," this season.

The team qualified for the playoffs for the first time since the mid-1980s last week, and with a 14-6 record, finished in second place behind Howell - in front of the 13 other teams in the league.

Howell chose what regional they wanted to play in, then Canton picked the American Baseball Congress regional in Grand Rapids.

Canton had two games Friday, the first against an East Lansing team that went up by the score of 4-1 after Canton gave up three unearned runs early in the game. Jason Mortiere threw 84 pitches in seven innings and his team had a chance to tie the game in the final inning. They had runners on second and third base, but they were unable to convert. Jon Wright powered the offense and went 3-4 with a double and Jeff Opalinski went 2-4.

Canton was bombarded in the second game of the day and lost, 8-2, to Grand

"Their pitcher was about 6'5", 6'6" and just threw some gas at us," Flaskamp said.

Pat Nelson pitched with a sore back and lasted just over 3 innings. Most of Grand Haven's early runs were unearned off walks and wild pitches. Finishing off the pitching for Canton were Mark Hazard, Dave Wampler and Keith Boughner.

But what Canton did in the playoffs wasn't nearly the story of the year. Just reaching the playoffs was a feat in itself since Canton and Salem are the only teams in the league that don't recruit players from other schools. They keep the players from the previous high school season.

The Canton squad opened the season with a 2-3 record, somewhat worrying Flaskamp. Then something happened to his team, something that impressed him greatly. His team won their last 12 of 15 games.

"It was looking like it wasn't going to be a successful season," said Flaskamp. "I've never seen a team turn around like this one did. It was great coaching a bunch of guys who are this unified."

Wright was the third batter in the lineup throughout the season, and Flaskamp said he could always count on him getting on base somehow. Wright had a .530 batting average this season and catcher Jason Bricker hit .480 with four home runs and is, what Flaskamp calls, the best defensive catcher he's ever coached. Both players will be attending Grand Valley State University this fall.

Mortiere finished the year with a 6-2 record and a 1.75 earned run average (ERA) and will be Flaskamp's number one pitcher next year. Hazard was 4-2 with a 2.80 ERA.

"Our senior leadership on this team was unbelievable," Flaskamp said. "We may be losing some seniors, but next year we're going to have a really good





Former Canton football and basketball star Ron Hunter is preparing for Saturday's high school all-star football game at Michigan State University. Hunter will attend MSU in the fall.

Whalers announce schedule

The Detroit Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) recently announced their 1996-97 regular season schedule.

This year's schedule features 33 home games and 33 away contests. The Whalers upcoming campaign begins on the road in late September, facing Guelph Storm, Owen Sound, Sarnia Sting and Erie Otters before returning for their home opener on Oct. 5 against the Kingston Frontenacs.

Most games are played on weekends including 13 on Friday, 22 on Saturday and 16 on Sunday. The remaining contests include one on Monday, two on Wednesday and 12 on Thursday. All weekday games will start at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday games beginning at 6

The Whalers, who compete in the West Division, will face division rivals 36 times including the Windsor Spitfires (10 games), Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (10 games), Sarnia Sting (eight games) and London Knights (eight games). The remaining 30 games are played against East and Central Division teams.

Plenty of VIP, Executive Reserved and End Zone Reserved season tickets are still available. Call (810) 737-7373 for more information.

SALVERTA BELLE



Sports

Softball shootout

Canton hosts huge softball tournament BY MATT HUCAL

The Canton Softball Center held the grand tournament of them all in girls under-14 softball last Thursday through Sunday.

The United States Slow-pitch Softball Association (USSSA) held its World Series at the center after it won the bid for the event. There were 54 teams representing 18 states at the World Series with three local Michigan teams faring reasonably well.

The Finesse team out of Garden City was the highest Michigan finisher; they ended up in fifth place. Clinton Valley was ninth and the Canton Orioles came in 29th place.

The eventual winner of the tournament was the Arkansas Patriots. They beat the Georgia Brewer Brats in the bottom of the seventh inning by the score of 13-12.

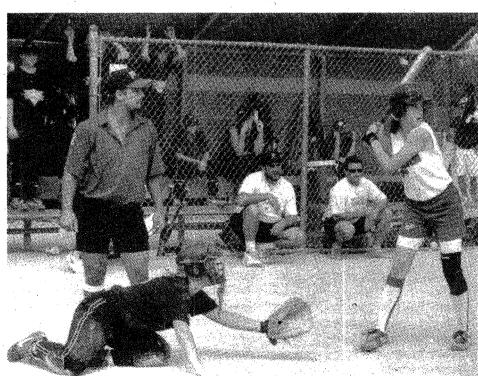
The teams competing in the series have been qualifying since the first week of June and every week the stakes rose. Each team played about 100 games on the road to the series.

At the series, the games ran from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day in a double elimination format. Teams that went 0-2 and 1-2 were placed in the friendly bracket as the others kept fighting it out competitively.

The effect on the Canton community was huge. Between 3,000 and 4,000 people came in for the tournament, bringing with them about \$500,000 in revenue to the area.

"The teams are real serious about the series," USSSA president Don Dionitis said. "The competition was the real story. Those were future scholarship college players and high school players competing out there."

Hosting the USSSA World Series is just one of the reasons why Canton Softball Center was named the National Sports Complex Center of the Year.



Teams from across the nation converged on Canton last weekend for the softball tournament. Between 3,000 and 4,000 people attended the event. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



The Canton Orioles represented the community at the United States Slow-pitch Softball Association World Series in Canton last weekend. The local girls, who participated in the under-14 division had a tough tournament. They finished in 29th place, but gained valuable experience against teams from across the country. The Canton Orioles are: Christina Kiessel, Lisa Niemiec, Theresa Horn, Jennifer Jablonski, Amanda Sutton, Jennifer Allen, Amy Dorogi, Kristen Barnes, Kaitlin Anderson, Jennifer Bordin, Sarah Pack, Katie Conlon, Brittiany Ritter, Jackie Slebodnick, Crystal Neher and Jenna Perino. They are coached by: Buck Horn, Bob Slebodnick and Joe Niemiec. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



The Canton Orioles brought their own cheering section. Marge Erikson, Christine Horn, Judy Kiessel, Donna Anderson and Sue Niemiec cheered the team on. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

The softball tournament brought nearly \$500,000 in spin-off business to local shops. It also brought thrills to people who attended the tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)





Law top Republican candidate for 20th District

The 20th District State Representative Republican Party primary race has the same candidates as it did two years ago, Gerald Law and Jerry Vorva.

And it should have the same outcome as then — a Law victory.

Both men are qualified to represent their party in the November general election, each having served previously as State Representative.

But Law, who dethroned Vorva in 1994, has earned the right to face the Democratic challenger, Deborah Hoadley.

He has overcome a tumultuous past that included quitting his job as 20th District State Representative in 1991 to become Plymouth Township Supervisor, where he faced charges of nepotism and eventually disappeared, except to pick up his Township paycheck.

Law has now completed a term as a committed and active lawmaker. He regularly co-sponsors bills, and has been involved in several pieces of legislation important to the local community, especially efforts to reduce auto and home insurance rates. Law's impressive accomplishments additionally include, the hospice residence legislation and giving communities more flexibility dealing with tax abatements.

Law needs to remain ambitious in his campaign leading to the general election. He has a reputable campaign platform, calling for better road repair financing and tighter weight restrictions on trucks. He should also pursue his plans for a court reformation and opposing county-wide mill enhancement votes

for school districts.

While Law has several endorsements that he calls "substantial," one he could have done without is Gov. John Engler. If the governor really cared about The Plymouth-Canton Community, he would have participated in the Fourth of July Parade and not skipped an appearance at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Vorva, who had become a responsible legislator by the end of his two-year term ending in 1994, has steered his political career downhill with outlandish campaign tactics.

Vorva, who once challenged lawmakers to a fistfight at the State Capitol, has offered to pay for a polygraph test to prove Law's alleged wrongdoings. And Vorva's ultraconservative stance on some issues would not be appropriate for 20th District residents, or anywhere else for that matter. He seems, in this campaign, to be trying to front a more conservative facade than is really his position. Nor has he showed the touch-each-voter zeal this time around.

However, he should be credited with recognizing the inequities of the gasoline tax.

The bottom line is: Law is the best candidate in the 20th District Republican field. But in the future, the Plymouths, the Northvilles and Livonia would be better served by a new candidate — one with fresh ideas and fewer skeletons.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Republicans face (unusual) primary challenges

What's the difference between a puppy and the local Republicans?

The puppy will stop whining.

Although Democrats have fielded few serious local candidates for races in The Plymouth-Canton Community in the last decade, that party long ago grew accustomed to primary battles.

Local Republicans still feel horrified that any hopeful wouldn't patiently wait until the "GOPowers"-that-be annoint him or her for a position.

It first started a decade ago when the Biblethumpers took over the state's Republican delegation — ousting folks like Canton Clerk Terri Bennett as district chairperson.

Avoid opposing each other, hurrrumph the Grand Old Party elders. (Of course don't point out to the GOP that voters see that as back room politicking of the worse kind, denying them the choice.)

Take next Tuesday's contest between Thad McCotter, Wayne County Commissioner (and State Senator wanna-be), and his aggressive opponent, Jeff Schroder.

Sure Schroder has proven to be a race baiting insult to educated voters — not unlike his other pineapple-boycotting friends — but the local Republicans' reactions to his candidacy go beyond mere altruism.

They don't like anyone opposing a fellow GOP incumbent without their blessing. The whining that started slowly two years ago for the open Congressional seat has moved up a notch.

It carries into the Gerry Law vs. Jerry Vorva race too. One local political watcher asked, "Was I RipVan Winkling for two years? I dreamt I saw a Vorva and a Law sign on a corner."

The difference this time is that the Governor, ripe and ready to be picked in San Diego, has decided to break tradition and ENDORSE in the primary. (Law) So if the Guv has decided that it's OK to play

With malice toward none



primary shuffling, why are some locals still whining?

It's just that the Republicans don't learn free market competition in politics as quickly as they embrace it in business (when it suits their purpose.)

On the most local level, Mary Brooks was the object of scorn by her Plymouth Township Board colleagues. They attacked Mary's bookkeeping acumen and talked, even publicly, about a challenge for the job.

When push came to shove, they backed down and kissed up to Mary's impressive political clout. Although one theory has it that Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy's endorsement of Mary carried a

high allegiance price tag.

Meanwhile, challenger Ron Edwards has gained more credibility in this race than any of his political outings so far.

While things are otherwise quiet here, it's different just across the boundary line into Salem and Northville townships.

In Salem, former deputy Plymouth Police Chief Rod Cannon is in a three-way race for Republican nomination as township supervisor.

Northville Township's shootout sees Karen Woodside, the impressive candidate in the last 35th District Court judgeship, is running for the top spot.

Both Salem and Northville also see township contests at other levels too.

Those darn Republicans challenging each other in the primary. Never would've happened 20 years ago. At any rate, almost all local voters will be casting ballots in the Republican primary Tuesday.

Maybe the whining will stop by November.

Vote 'no' on Proposal P; keep local money for local parks

Wayne County is asking voters to approve Proposal P—designed to improve Wayne County

Unfortunately, Wayne County has not proven they know what to do with the money they already have. Voters should vote "no" on Proposal P. Proposal P — a 1/4 mill increase — would mean a \$18.75 per year increase for taxpayers with a \$150,000 house.

Where will this money go? Wayne County says it will be used to improve Hines Park, Chandler Park, Elizabeth Park and Fort Wayne.

But it wouldn't be the first time the county collected on a millage and did nothing. We're still waiting for the juvenile detention center. And there's no reason to believe Wayne County wouldn't squander this money too.

Projects like the Plymouth and Canton playscapes and Canton's Summit on the Park prove local governments can do it quicker, cheaper and better than Wayne County.

Keep local money local — for local parks and recreation programs. Vote "no" on Proposal P.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Brooks best candidate for Twp. treasurer

The experience and integrity of Mary Brooks makes her the top candidate for Plymouth Township Treasurer in the only Plymouth-Canton race Tuesday.

Although her opponent Ron Edwards shows promise as a local leader, his services might be better tried on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, not in the treasurer's office.

Brooks has served as treasurer since 1984. Before that she was deputy treasurer. She's also active in the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association. That kind of experience is needed in the community.

Edwards runs a successful accounting firm but lacks municipal experience needed for the

treasurer's position.

Brooks has weathered a storm of controversy over auditor's reports in recent years. Brooks' detractors say it shows her inability to run the treasurer's office. Brooks says she repeatedly asked for computer accounting software to solve the problems. In fact, since the software was installed, the problems do seem to have been solved. Brooks should have been more politically-forceful in asking for the software, but the suggestions in the auditor's report are virtually identical to those other communities are given as accounting becomes computerized.

Edwards keeps getting closer to election in Plymouth Township — and he shouldn't stop trying.

He is an important part of local politics. He should remain active. Edwards unsuccessfully ran for Plymouth Township Supervisor in 1992. He also served as treasurer for the recent Plymouth Library millage campaign.

What sets Brooks apart is her work as a legislator on the Township Board. She's not afraid to make the tough decisions, even if it's not popular. Her honesty and integrity while serving as a board member are beyond question.

Brooks has made important strides in the past four years. Financially, the Township is better off than it was four years ago. Brooks is the best candidate for Plymouth Township Treasurer.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

McCotter's strengths overshadow Schroder's divisive, racist tactics

The race for the Republican nod in the 10th Wayne County District is a lopsided battle between incumbent Thaddeus McCotter and political newcomer Jeff Schroder.

The top choice is simple: McCotter's experience and success on the Wayne County Commission outshadows the divisive, even racist, tactics of his opponent.

Residents of the Plymouths and Northvilles should cast their vote for McCotter; he deserves to represent his party again in the November general election.

McCotter has been a watchdog for the 10th County Commission District. He has taken a proactive role on county-wide and local issues.

For example, he was the first commissioner to oppose the Willow Run tradeport — a proposal that would increase air traffic and have a negative effect on the current lifestyle of the community.

Also, McCotter has been unrelenting in his fight to achieve equal tax dollar spending in western Wayne County.

He has worked to improve road conditions, and — finally — initiate the removal of this area's biggest eyesore, the Wayne County Boys Home in Northville Township.

McCotter promised to continue his crusades in the name of the 10th District citizens, despite the fact that he's outnumbered on the liberal Wayne County Commission.

His opposition to commission pay raises and new taxes make him an excellent representative for Plymouth and Northville. In fact, he's become one of the community's strongest representativesalways available to the public and local officials.

Jeff Schroder, McCotter's opponent, who is running for his first public office, discredited himself with campaign literature that drew charges of race-baiting from fellow Republicans.

He managed Deborah Whyman's successful campaign in 1994, but may have divided support for the State Representative because of his unpopular, unethical tactics.

Schroder's platform does not represent the best interests of the residents of this district; it is a disgrace to the community, long known for its positive stance on racial equality.

Schroder declined to debate his opponent in front of Republican organizations that he said have already endorsed McCotter, just another reason that Schroder would be incapable of being an effective voice if elected to the county commission.

How could the community expect him to battle the Democratic majority if he can't face his own party?

When Schroder did debate during the campaign, he strayed from the real issues facing the voters, and instead said the 10th District should secede from Wayne County. While some of his other ideas were marginal, they lacked a formula, and an idea without a plan is a dream.

McCotter deserves the nod in the Republican 10th District. Schroder deserves to be taught a lesson — politics here has no place for narrow-minded, racist candidates.

Vote McCotter.

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The Crier takes elections seriously. Crier staff interviews candidates for all the races that effect the community. (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride)

How, why we endorse

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

In addition, through vigorous campaign season reporting, The Crier staff has an opportunity to meet and interview the newcomers, the challengers, the "wannabes" — and to re-evaluate the incumbents (if any).

Accordingly, The Crier offers its endorsement of those races that have a special impact on The Plymouth-Canton Community. Newspaper endorsements should be used by voters as one more criteria for making their own choices.

This endorsement is the collective opinion of the newspaper's editorial staffers who vote on the races following heated debate. But these opinions are not nearly as important as the vote of each and every person casting a ballot on election day.

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Where are candidates?

There is only one primary race for a local elected position. That's the race for Plymouth Township Treasurer. Where are all the other candidates? Canton doesn't have a single contested race. Are all the people in Canton that happy about the way things are going? New ideas are needed. Original approaches should be taken to solve problems in the community.

Where are these ideas? Who will step forward to help lead the community? As controversial issues come before the Canton and Plymouth Township boards in the next few years, it will be interesting to see who comes to complain.

At that point, will the community wish it had a choice? THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Mayflower should withdraw tax gift request

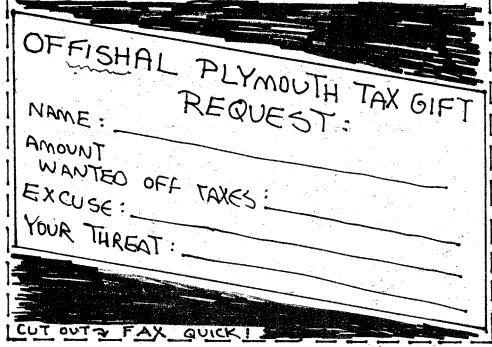
The owners of the Mayflower Hotel should ask to have their tax reduction request removed from Monday's City Commission meeting.

The tax gift is not deserved and is unfair to all the other taxpayers of the community.

The current ownership of the Mayflower Hotel has held the community hostage for far too long. They've taken advantage of the community's compassionate nature—using the spirit of Ralph Lorenz, the hotel's former owner, and the promise of a revitalized Mayflower as a lure to reduce their own personal tax burden.

But the Mayflower Hotel ownership has done nothing to reassure the community of their commitment to refurbish the landmark. Paint still peels from the front awning. Carpet is still torn. The community is still waiting for something, anything to be done to save the hotel — a place full of fond memories for so many local residents.

By asking the City to remove the item from the agenda, the Mayflower Hotel ownership would take the politics out of a situation where it shouldn't have been in the first place. By accepting the tax burden, the Mayflower Hotel would also be showing the community their commitment to the remodeling



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If the item is not removed from the agenda, the Plymouth City Commission has no other reasonable

choice but to vote the tax gift down.

The hotel was purchased at a bargain price to begin with. In addition to the low purchase price,

the City administration secretly met with county tax officials and Mayflower ownership to lower the value of the property — another tax break. Along with these gifts, the Mayflower owners still haven't paid a single cent toward their water bill.

It's time for the Mayflower ownership to show they're serious about managing the property before tax breaks are given. Up to this point, they've done nothing to reassure the community of their commitment.

First, they should pay a large portion of the back taxes. Then, the water bills should be paid. Simple maintenance should be completed. They shouldn't come to the people for a break until all that is done.

And the Plymouth City Commission shouldn't allow the \$50,000 tax reduction until a good amount of the past problems have been taken care of. The City Commission meets Monday at 7 p.m. at City Hall. That's the time for the community and commission to stand united against this tax gift.

It's important for The P-C Community that the Mayflower Hotel succeed, but the community and City Commission need to ask themselves one question: What price are we willing to pay?

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Trailwood vandalism isn't funny to those affected

EDITOR:

An open letter to the person or persons who have been vandalizing Trailwood:

I suppose you think you're pretty funny. And of course, you are. If my family were watching a movie, we'd laugh if a house got egged. We'd laugh if several cars were spray-painted in one night. We might even laugh if a cellular phone was stolen. And we'd be in hysterics if someone came out of their house one morning to find human feces on their car.

Thankfully, I was not the victim of all of these acts of vandalism. I was lucky enough to have my car phone stolen out of my car recently, and then to awake to: "Andrea, wake up, your car's been spray-painted."

My neighbors two houses down had their house egged, and my next-door neighbors were the lucky recipients of the human feces.

I think what bothers me most about this is that the police think the perpetrators are people my own age, 17-18 — just "kids in Trailwood getting squirrely," to quote the police officer. He's probably right. I can't imagine why any adult would walk around in the middle of the night spray

painting cars. No wonder no one in Plymouth trusts teenagers.

But the purpose of this letter was not social commentary. I'm writing this letter to let you know that if you wanted to trouble a whole lot of innocent people, you were successful. If you wanted to bother the police when they probably had better things to do, you were successful. If you wanted to wake my mother and me up at 5:30 in the morning so that we could try to get the spraypaint off the window of my car, you were successful

If you wanted to completely disgust my neighbors by putting human waste on their car, you were successful. If you wanted to keep me from seeing one of my best friends (whom I almost never see) because I had to stay home and talk to the police officer when the car phone was stolen, you were successful. But most importantly, you were successful if you wanted to destroy whatever faith I (and a lot of my neighbors) had left in society. I hope you're happy.

Not that I expect you to feel any regret; I know better than that. And I wish I could say I didn't want revenge, but I'm not that noble. I hope the

police catch you. I would love to see you thrown in jail so I could come and laugh at you. A silly fantasy, I know, because you probably won't get caught, and you certainly won't be imprisoned, but it makes me feel better.

I don't know what is wrong with you people.

By the way, you owe my parents \$85 for the cell phone, and you owe me whatever it takes to get the paint off my car.

ANDREA FREY

Dean's column clever, enjoyable

EDITOR

W.H. "Bill" Dean's column regarding the relocation of the Plymouth Library ("Tequila Mockingbird" — July 17 issue) was clever and enjoyable — a great change of pace from the usual news of the day. Thanks for tickling my brain and creating some smiles.

SANDY BARANSKI



The 'Green' Team

Local athlete hopes to mulch his way to Olympic medal

The competitors have converged on Atlanta and the Games are well underway. It's now safe to reveal a closely guarded secret. A select group of Olympians from around the world spent two months right here in The Plymouth-Canton Community, training for their specialty. Our heavy spring rains, along with an abundance of above-ground tree roots, made for ideal training conditions for these athletes to practice their craft.

First, a little background. Competitive lawn mowing made its debut in Barcelona four years ago as a demonstration sport. As part of a grassroots movement, the USLMA petitioned the International Olympic Committee for inclusion. Once the IOC realized how many people participate in the sport on a recreational level, the decision was clear-cut.

Another secret: One of the U.S. team's medal hopefuls is homegrown. Warren "Big Daddy" Meadows, the pride of Canton, will be competiting in both the singles and team events. I caught up with Warren as he came off the practice lawn, his red, white and blue tee shirt soaking wet.

"Competition in the United States, in my own backyard, as they say, is a dream come true," Warren said as we waited for his practice score to be composted. "I nearly fell out of my hammock when I heard I'd made the

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean

team."

His main competition may come from within the U.S. team. Skip Whitley, the 14-year-old law mowing prodigy from Southern California, defeated Warren at last month's U.S. Nationals.

"I had the match in the bag," Big Daddy remembered, as he slowly stirred a tall glass of lemonade, "but I lost my concentration for a split second and veered off line and clipped a tree root. Chinese elm, I think. Never saw it."

He had difficulty discussing what happened next.

"I tried to make up the lost time in the bagging compulsories, usually my strongest event," said Warren, "but I broke a cardinal rule and overstuffed. My twist ties wouldn't hold and clippings flew everywhere when the bag split. I felt like a rookie lawnboy with a box full of kitchen bags.'

He struggled to finish seventh and made the team only after other team members were forced to withdraw because of chronic blisters, missing digits and allergies. Warren looks forward to a rematch with Whitley in

the Olympics.

'Skip has a certain flair, for sure," he said. "He's a cut above your average mower. Plus, he's been mowing since he was six, and with the extended cutting season in California, he's had plenty of time to sharpen his skills.

"His fresh approach has been good for the sport, but the European judges may frown on his freestyle technique."

Like some of the more visible Olympic performers, competitive mowers have not escaped the long shadow of scandal. In the recent past, some of these "amateurs" were rumored to have cut grass for money. Warren makes no attempt to sidebag the question.

"Sure, I took a few bucks," he said, puffing on a cigar. "We all did. It was the only way to train full-time and still put food on the grill."

The mowing final is Saturday afternoon, immediately following the equestrian events.

Good luck Warren, and watch your

Thanks for help with July 4th parade, fireworks

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, I would like to thank some of the following community members for helping to make our Fourth of July Celebration such a great success. First, to community members Carl Berry, Charlie McIlhargey and Joe Bida for their endless fundraising that made this celebration possible. Secondly, to our sponsors, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Inc., R.A. DeMattia Company, Compuware Sports Arena, L.L.C. (new home to the Detroit Whalers), Tom Mollins and TNT/EDM Inc., Valassis Corporation, Temple Baptist Church (also for the wonderful parade float), LOC Performance Products, Inc., EQ-The Environmental Quality Co., Sunshine Automotive, Don Massey Cadillac, Inc., Plastipak, Fox Hills Chrysler-Plymouth-Jeep/Eagle, Inc., Jack Cook and National Concrete, Blackwell Ford Inc., Plymouth VFW Post 6695, Ronev & Co., Vico Products Co., Robert Bake Realtors, PENN Theater Inc., Earl & Bonny Smith, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengil, Plymouth Township Treasurer Mary Brooks, Republic Bancorp Mortgage Inc., Sean F. Cox, Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, Ronald

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We would also like to thank the many City and Township workers who sacrificed their holiday to take care of the many details that helped everyone to have a happy, safe celebration.

Thank you to all the parade participants for celebrating

Because of this community's spirit, and the support of many business and developers, as well as political candidates, our parade grew to 93 entries this year and we went from a \$7,000 display to \$12,000.

Part of the purpose of the Jaycees is to give young people experience in fundraising, organizing and running large community projects. Thank you for helping us!

KATHRYN PUMPHREY **PRESIDENT PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES**

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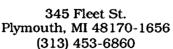












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