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## General election set for Tuesday

### 60-75% turnout expected in P-C

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Long lines are expected at local polling places Tuesday as the community and nation vote in the 1996 general election.

Clerks in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton are expecting from 60-75 percent voter turnout for the election.

The ballot is long — taking more than five minutes just to read — and clerks are urging the public to decide how they want to vote before heading to the polls.

"The lines are going to be long," said City Clerk Linda Langmesser. "People will get frustrated when they see how long the ballot is. And the precinct workers will be telling everyone to vote the



entire ballot."

Clerks' offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to process absentee ballots.

Voters who are not sure which precinct to go to can call their local clerk or see pgs. 87-89 of The Crier's GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

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## Twp. police chief cleared of union maleficence charges

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A rain suit and a pair of rubber boots that cost \$86.81 are causing quite a ruckus in Plymouth Township.

The Police Officers Association (POAM) of Plymouth Township accused Police Chief Carl Berry of "possible maleficence" for purchasing the rain suit and boots with Township money, according to a letter sent to each of the Township Board of Trustees last week.

"The chances that these items are/were for department use is very questionable," the letter said.

The letter went on to say that "the police officer who learned of the purchase took the action required of him by Department Policy, Plymouth Township Ethics Policy and his sworn duty by informing a Township trustee of the information."

Both Berry and Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy disagree.

"The equipment was used for the supervision of work release people," said Berry. "I've got nothing to hide.

"My honesty and integrity are beyond reproach."

McCarthy said that upon investigating she found that the rainwear was indeed being used by Joe Bida in his work and the boots were in the emergency kit used by the building

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## Cast vote Tuesday in these important local races:

### 13th Congressional District:

- Joe Fitzsimmons, Republican
- Lynn Rivers, Democrat
- James F. Montgomery, Libertarian
- Jane Cutter, Workers World
- Jim Hartnett, Socialist Equality

### 21st State House District:

- Deborah Whyman, Republican
- Deborah Nesbit, Democrat

### 20th State House District:

- Gerald Law, Republican
- Deborah Hoadley, Democrat

### 18th State House District:

- Dennis LeMaitre, Republican
- Eileen DeHart, Democrat

### 10th Commission District:

- Thaddeus G. McCotter, Republican
- R. Karl Burnett, Democrat

### Canton Supervisor:

- Tom Yack, Republican
- Michael Witten, Democrat — write-in candidate

### City Street Bond Issue:

A proposal where the City of Plymouth would issue bonds, not to exceed \$12 million to implement a street repair, improvement and construction program to replace the traditional special assesment districts.

Vote "yes" or "no"

### Proposal S:

A proposal where Wayne County would levy an excise tax of 1 percent of a hotel/motel tax and 2 percent from car rentals to help pay for a new Detroit sports stadiums.

Vote "yes" or "no"

**Polls open throughout the community  
Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

*Clerks are urging the public allow for extra time at the polls because of the length of the ballot and importance of the election. Absentee ballots are still available at the clerks' offices until 2 p.m. Saturday.*



Abraham Lincoln

## Leaders

Celebrate freedom  
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Presidents pgs. 15-21

## Brief message

New Plymouth business helps  
with notes, stationary, gifts  
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## Showdown

Canton faces Salem in football  
this weekend for bragging rights  
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# Bennett amendment would give townships more control over road funds

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

State Sen. Loren Bennett was at the Plymouth Township Board of Trustee meeting October 22 to talk about roads.

To be more specific, Bennett was there to speak about an amendment he made to the Senate transportation reform

package to create a block grant program for townships with populations of more than 10,000.

According to Bennett, the amendment would channel the money the state usually gives to the county to handle road issues to the townships themselves.

"It's to ensure that townships are not treated as second class governments," he said. "It puts the townships on equal footing with cities."

According to Bennett, the original law that put the counties in charge of handling township roads was passed in 1903

or 1906.

Bennett told the board that under the bill townships would have two options.

"You can sign that check over to Wayne County and continue to have them handle your roads or you can keep the money and take care of the roads yourself," he said. "Once you have the money none of it can be used for administrative costs."

Bennett said that the reason behind the amendment is that there seems to be a big difference between the amount the state allots and the amount of services Wayne County provides.

"According to Wayne County, Canton was due \$2.5 million worth of all inclusive (new roads, plowing, ditches, etc.) service on annual basis," said Bennett. "While the state generated \$11.08 million on an annual basis on behalf of Canton.

"I want to know where the rest of that money is."

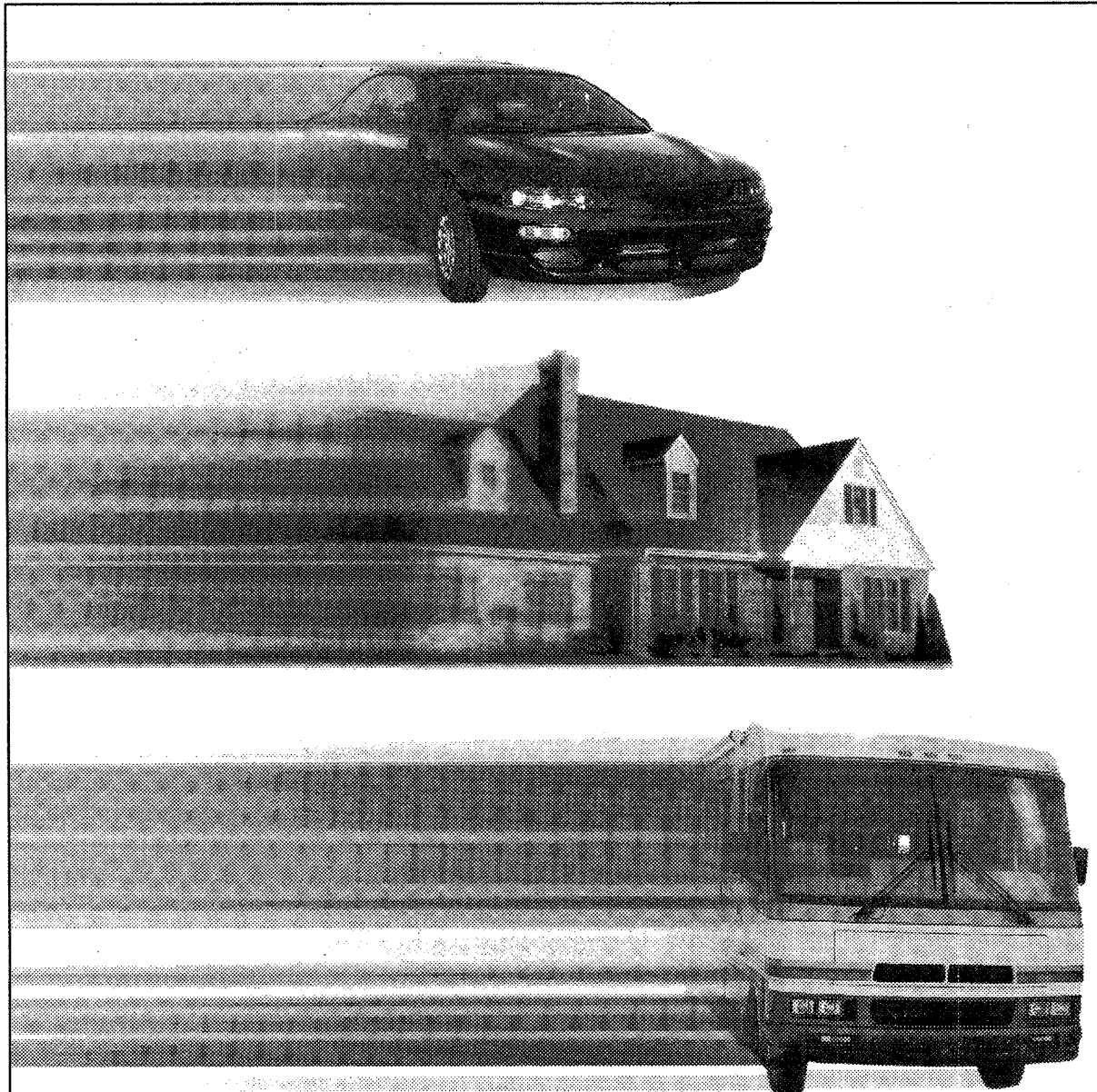
Bennett said he hadn't heard the annual service due amount for Plymouth Township, but said that \$4.7 million is generated by the state on their behalf.

"It raises some interesting questions along with opportunities," said Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy. "There isn't evidence that the county has spent that much."

The bill itself has a tough road ahead before becoming law though. "It's been passed in the Senate," said Bennett. "It faces an uphill battle in the House. "The counties' are exercising a full court press to defeat this in the house."

Bennett said if the bill doesn't make it in the house he will reintroduce it next year, in the mean time he wants to know where all the counties road money is going. He asked the attorney general to conduct an audit of Wayne County.

"I'm not accusing anyone of anything," said Bennett. "But I'll not be satisfied until I have documentation of where that money is going."



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Plymouth once again will see the double-decker bus used for events in town. The City will be able to use the bus six times per year.

## City double-decker bus is back in action

It's ready to roll!

The double-decker bus is repaired and ready to roll into the City of Plymouth the next time the City needs it, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

The City Commission voted to sell the bus in June 1995 to the London Double Decker Bus Company for \$1. In exchange, the bus will be available to the City six times a year. "It's operational," said Walters. "It's available to us six times a year."

When the City will use the bus is still unknown, but Walters said the City will have to "balance" when it's useful. "If it turns out to be useful for us, we'll borrow it," he said. "We haven't yet borrowed it because we have to provide a driver."

Walters said that one event that is a definite possibility is the Fourth of July Parade.

## Salem, Northville Township voters face full ballots

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Election season is busy everywhere. Clerks and precinct workers in Northville Township and Salem Township are preparing for the Nov. 5 election.

Northville Township's elected administration is running unopposed. They

include Republican incumbents: Karen Woodside for supervisor; Dick Henningsen for treasurer; and Sue Hillebrand for clerk.

Voters will have five choices for four spots on the Northville Township Board of Trustees. They include Republicans

## Canton write-in

*Witten runs for supervisor*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For Canton supervisor write-in candidate Michael Witten, it's not a matter of winning or losing, it's how the political game is played.

And for him, the game has gone against Canton voters under Tom Yack's administration.

"A lot of people are finding that Canton's administration is not a friendly environment," said Witten, who is a life-long Canton resident and works as a legal assistant for a Detroit law firm.

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## City sucks leaves

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The City is sucking leaves.

They are also picking them up this fall with a claw attached to the back of a truck. As the leaves continue to fall the City has pickup dates for resident's leaves. They are:

- Pickup for south of Ann Arbor Trail and west of Main Street will be the week of Nov. 18.

- Pickups for north of Ann Arbor Trail and west of the railroad tracks will be the week of Nov. 4 and the week of Nov. 18.

- Pickups for Old Village (north of Ann Arbor Trail and east of the railroad) will be the weeks of Nov. 4 and Nov. 25.

- Pickups for south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of Main Street will be the weeks of Nov. 11 and Nov. 25.

According to Paul Sincock, the assistant City manager, residents need to rake their leaves to the curb.

Mark Abbo, Russell Fogg, Marvin Gans and William Selinsky, along with Democrat Shirley Klockenga.

There are two candidates running for two constable positions. They are Republicans Edward Mroz and James Schrot.

Northville Township voters will also vote on a .75 mill, eight-year millage for park land.

Salem Township's supervisor race pits Republican Michael Penn against Democrat Tom Homrich. Democrat Donald Riddering is also running a strong write-in campaign for the position.

Clerk Marcia Van Fossen and Treasurer Richard Rhinehart, both Republicans, are running unopposed for their positions.

Voters in Salem Township will choose two of the following three for trustee positions: Republican candidates William Baxter and Joel Dunlap and independent Angela Barber.

Just two candidates are running for three district library board seats in Salem Township. They are Virginia Hausrath and Betty Nulty.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Trick-or-treating will take place in the City of Plymouth tonight from 5:30-7 p.m. at downtown store.

### WEEKEND

- The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is holding their seventh annual Chamber Auction Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the chamber office. The price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, an open bar and dancing.
- Peggy Heiney will conduct a story time for kids at the Plymouth District Library Saturday at 10 a.m. The program will run every month on the first Saturday.

### UPCOMING

- Dr. Philip Meyers, nationally known professor of Geological Sciences from the University of Michigan will be the speaker at the Plymouth District Library's Focus meeting Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Plymouth City Hall. Meyers will trace Michigan's geological journey as coral reefs became Petoskey stones.

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Is your group planning a holiday event? If you have a holiday listing you'd like in The Crier's "Home for the Holidays" issue, call 453-6900.

## County tax reduction vote fails on 7-7 tie vote during special meeting

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

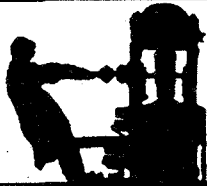
A proposal for a .25 mill Wayne County tax cut lost on a 7-7 tie Tuesday.

The cut, which would mean a \$7 million cut in the county's general fund budget, would have reduced the average taxpayer's bill by \$12.50 — the exact amount passed during the August primary for county park funding.

The motion to reduce the taxes was made by Democrat Edward A. Boike, Jr. during a special meeting. It was supported by Republican Thaddeus McCotter.

The seven Detroit commissioners voted against the tax cut. Seven out-county commissioners voted for the measure. Commissioner Bruce Patterson, whose district includes Canton, is on vacation and did not vote on the proposal, according to his office.

"I have mixed emotions about this," said McCotter, whose district includes the Plymouths and Northvilles, along with part of Livonia. "I'm disappointed it didn't pass, but am optimistic that the Republican message of cutting taxes was debated."



# Public notices

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

To the qualified registered voters of the City of Plymouth:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 5, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of selecting persons to fill the following elective offices:

- Electors for President and Vice President of the United States
- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress
- Representative in State Legislature
- Two Members of the State Board of Education
- Two Regents of the University of Michigan
- Two Trustees of Michigan State University
- Two Governors of Wayne State University
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Regular Term, Incumbent Position - Vote 2
- Judges of the Court of Appeals - 1st District Regular Term Incumbent Position - Vote 3
- Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit, Regular Term, Incumbent Position - Vote 12
- Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit Partial Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 2
- Judge of Probate Court, Regular Term, Incumbent Positions, Vote 3
- Judge of District Court, Districts: 35th - Regular Term, Vote 1

Plymouth District Library Board, 3 Trustees and to vote on the following State Proposals:

### PROPOSAL A

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 118 OF 1994 - AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN'S BINGO ACT

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- 2) Permit a change in the single maximum prize or payout for a charity game sold by a licensed religious, educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal or veterans organization.

Should this law be approved?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

### PROPOSAL B

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

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- 2) Provide that this requirement does not apply to any judge or justice appointed or elected to a judicial office prior to the date the requirement becomes a part of the constitution.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

### PROPOSAL C

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The proposed constitutional amendment would:

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- 3) Authorize the State Treasurer to direct investment of the fund.
- 4) Stipulate that except for the State Treasurer's investment actions, an expenditure or transfer of a fund asset, interest, or earnings could be made only upon the authorization of a majority of the fund's Board of Trustees.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

### PROPOSAL D

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO LIMIT BEAR HUNTING SEASON AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF BAIT AND DOGS TO HUNT BEAR

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- 3) Create penalties for violations, including temporary and permanent denial of hunting license.
- 4) Allow individuals to sue for damages caused by violations and to seek injunctions.
- 5) Allow bear hunting by any method by government officials acting in their official capacity and for any person acting in defense of life.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

### PROPOSAL E

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT CASINO GAMING IN QUALIFIED CITIES

The proposed law would:

- 1) Permit up to three gaming casinos in any city that meets the following qualifications: has a population of 800,000 or more; is located within 100 miles of any other state or country in which gaming is permitted, and has had casino gaming approved by a majority of the voters in the city.
- 2) Establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate casino gaming.
- 3) Impose an 18% state tax on gross gaming revenues.
- 4) Allocate 55% of tax revenue to host city for crime prevention and economic developments; allocate remaining 45% of tax funds to state for public education.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

### PROPOSAL G

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 377 OF 1996—AN AMENDMENT REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN'S WILDLIFE POPULATIONS

Public Act 377 of 1996 would:

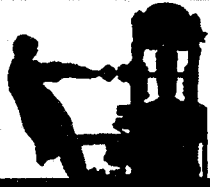
- 1) Grant the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game including bear hunting. (Currently under the authority of the director of the Department of Natural Resources.)
- 2) Require the Natural Resources Commission to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game and to minimize human/bear encounters.
- 3) Require that a public meeting be held prior to the issuance of any orders by the Natural Resources Commission regarding the taking of game.

Should this law be approved?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

and to vote on the following County Proposals:

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## INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED

"SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 3.120 TO AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION COUNSEL TO ASSERT AND DEFEND THE LEGAL RIGHTS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION; AND BY DELETING THE DUTY OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL IN SECTION 4.312 TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE COMMISSION?"

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

## AUDITOR GENERAL POWERS DEFINED

"SHALL SECTION 5.113 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER BE REPEALED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 1997 AND SHALL SECTION 3.119 BE AMENDED TO GIVE THE AUDITOR GENERAL RATHER THAN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER POWER TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT; AND TO GIVE THE AUDITOR GENERAL EXPRESS POWER TO AUDIT THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF ALL COUNTY AGENCIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS AND OTHER LAWS?"

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

## PROPOSITION "S"

### WAYNE COUNTY STADIUM PROPOSITION

"SHALL WAYNE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED, AND AN ORDINANCE APPROVED, TO LEVY AN EXCISE TAX OF 1% OF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED TO TRANSIENT GUESTS, AND 2% OF GROSS RECEIPTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLE RENTALS BY THE COUNTY TO THE DETROIT/ WAYNE COUNTY STADIUM AUTHORITY, WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE A NEW PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL STADIUM (AS DEFINED IN PUBLIC ACT 180 OF 1991), TO BE DEVELOPED NEAR THE SITE OF A PLANNED NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM FOR THE DETROIT LIONS, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED UNTIL THE OBLIGATIONS ARE RETIRED BUT FOR NO LONGER THAN THIRTY YEARS AND SHALL NOT SECURE NET BOND PROCEEDS IN EXCESS OF \$80 MILLION; AND SHALL THE COUNTY USE THE EXCISE TAX REVENUES TO LEASE THE NEW BASEBALL STADIUM, AND THEN SUBLEASE THE STADIUM TO THE CITY OF DETROIT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, WHICH SHALL IN TURN MAKE THE STADIUM AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE DETROIT TIGERS?"

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

and to vote on the following Local Proposal:

## STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDING PROPOSITION

"SHALL THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN, BORROW THE SUM OF NOT EXCEED TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$12,000,000) AND ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS UNLIMITED TAX BONDS THEREFOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVING, REPAIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND PAVING PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY TOGETHER WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS AND APPURTENANCES RELATING THERETO?"

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the Office of the Clerk, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, phone number 453-1234 ext. 234 or 225 for registered voters in the City of Plymouth.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 2, 1996. On Monday, November 4, 1996, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All City polling places are handicapped accessible and locations are as follows:

Precinct #1, 4 & 5 Plymouth Cultural Center  
525 Farmer Street

Precinct #3 Central Middle School, 650 W. Church Street

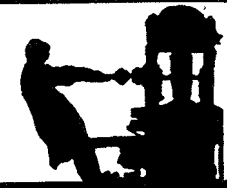
Please take note that the City and Township Precinct locations may NOT coincide with your school precinct locations and if there are any questions to contact City Hall.

LANGMESSER, CMC

LINDA J.

CITY CLERK  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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# Public notices

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

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President and Vice President of the United States  
United States Senator  
Representative in Congress  
Representative in State Legislature  
Two Members of the State Board of Education  
Two Members of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan  
Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University  
Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Sheriff  
County Clerk  
County Treasurer  
Register of Deeds  
County Commissioner

and in the Charter Township of Plymouth

Supervisor  
Clerk  
Treasurer  
Four Trustees  
Three Trustees - Plymouth District Library

### NON-PARTISAN BALLOT

Justices of the Supreme Court - Regular Terms - Terms Ending 1/1/05  
Vote 2  
Judges of the Court of Appeals - 1st District - Regular Terms, Incumbent  
Positions - Terms Ending 1/1/03 - Vote 3  
Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit - Regular Terms - Incumbent  
Positions - Terms ending 1/1/03 - Vote 1 2  
Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit - Partial Terms - Incumbent  
Positions - Terms ending 1/1/99 - Vote 1 2  
Judges of the Probate Court - Regular Terms - Incumbent Positions - Terms  
Ending 1/1/03 - Vote 3  
Judge of District Court - 35th District - Regular Term - Incumbent Position -  
Term ending 1/1/03 - Vote 1

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  - 2) Establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate casino gaming.
  - 3) Impose an 18% state tax on gross gaming revenues.
  - 4) Allocate 55% of tax revenue to host city for crime prevention and economic development; allocate remaining 45% of tax funds to state for public education.
- Should the proposed law be adopted?      YES                      NO

**PROPOSAL G  
A REFERENDUM ON**

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- 1) Grant the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of

game including the bear hunting. (Currently under the authority of the director of the Department of Natural Resources.)

- 2) Require the Natural Resources Commission to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game and to minimize human/bear encounters.
  - 3) Require that a public meeting be held prior to the issuance of any orders by the Natural Resources Commission regarding the taking of the game.
- Should this law be approved?      YES                      NO

and the following three Wayne County Proposals:

**INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED**

"Shall the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended by adding Section 3.120 to authorize appointment of an Independent Commission Counsel to assert and defend the legal rights, powers, and duties of the County Commission; and by deleting the duty of the Corporation Counsel in section 4.312 to provide legal services to the Commission?"

YES                      NO

**AUDITOR GENERAL POWERS DEFINED**

"Shall Section 5.113 of the Wayne County Charter be repealed effective November 30, 1997 and shall Section 3.119 be amended to give the Auditor General rather than the Chief Executive Officer power to engage an independent external auditor to prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and to give the Auditor General express power to audit the operations and administration of all county agencies for compliance with ordinances, regulations and other laws?"

YES                      NO

**Proposition "S"**

**WAYNE COUNTY STADIUM PROPOSITION**

"Shall Wayne County be authorized, and an ordinance approved, to levy an excise tax of 1% of gross receipts from charges for accommodations provided to transient guests, and 2% of gross receipts from motor vehicle rentals for less than thirty days, primarily to secure and fund rentals by the County to the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority, which has been created by the County to acquire a new Professional Baseball Stadium (As defined in Public Act 180 of 1991), to be developed near the site of a planned new Football Stadium for the Detroit Lions, which taxes shall be levied until the obligations are retired but for no longer than thirty years and shall not secure net bond proceeds in excess of \$80 million; and shall the County use the excise tax revenues to lease the new Baseball Stadium, and then sublease the stadium to the City of Detroit Downtown Development Authority, which shall in turn make the stadium available for use by the Detroit Tigers?"

YES                      NO

Applications 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 absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. On Monday, November 4, 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 the elderly and the handicapped.

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

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

Precinct 1	Ferrand School	41400 Greenbriar
Precincts 2&6	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft
Precinct 3	Allen School	11100 Haggerty Road
Precinct 4	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. sheldon Rd.
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	United Assembly of God Church	46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptists Church	45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 13&16	Lutheran Church of Risen Christ	46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 14	Isbister School	9300 Canton Center Road
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Road

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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# Public notices

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 5, 1996 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices:

Electors for President and Vice President of the United States  
 United States Senator  
 Representatives in Congress  
 Representatives in the State Legislature (Districts 18 & 21)  
 Two Members of the State Board of Education  
 Two Regents of the University of Michigan  
 Two Trustees of Michigan State University  
 Two Governors of Wayne State University  
 Prosecuting Attorney  
 Sheriff  
 County Clerk  
 County Treasurer  
 Register of Deeds  
 County Commissioner  
 Justices of the Supreme Court - Regular Term - Vote 2  
 Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st District, Regular Term,  
 Incumbent Position - Vote 3  
 Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit  
 Regular Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 12  
 Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit  
 To fill partial term ending 1/1/99, Incumbent positions - Vote 2  
 Judges of Probate Court, Regular Term, Incumbent Positions - Vote 3  
 Judge of District Court - 35th District  
 Regular Term, Incumbent Position - Vote 1  
 Trustee - Wayne County Community College, 9th District - Vote 1 (Prct #2,20, & 15)  
 Township Supervisor  
 Township Clerk  
 Township Treasurer  
 Township Trustees - Vote 4  
 Charter Township of Canton Library Directors - Vote 6

and to vote on the following proposals:

### ALL PRECINCTS:

#### State of Michigan Proposals:

##### Proposal A:

A Referendum on Public Act 118 of 1994 - An act to amend certain sections of Michigan's Bingo Act: Public Act 118 of 1994 would:

- 1) Change the definition of a qualified organization which is permitted to sponsor certain forms of gaming, including bingo, millionaire parties, and raffles, so that an organization which is organized under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act including a candidate committee, political committee, political party committee, ballot question committee, or independent committee, is no longer qualified to receive a license to sponsor such gaming.
- 2) Permit a change in the single maximum prize or payout for a charity game sold by a licensed religious, educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal or veterans organization.

Should this law be approved? Yes No

##### Proposal B

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to establish qualifications for Judicial Offices. The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Specify that a person must have been admitted to the practice of law for at least 5 years to be qualified to serve as a trial court judge, an appeals court judge or supreme court justice.
- 2) Provide that this requirement does not apply to any judge or justice appointed elected to a judicial office prior to the date the requirement becomes a part of the constitution.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted? YES NO

##### Proposal C

A proposal to establish the current Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund in the State Constitution and require that expenditures from the fund be made solely for purposes authorized by the Trust Fund's Board of Trustees. The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Establish the current Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund and the Board of Trustees responsible for administering the fund in the state constitution.
- 2) Require the transfer of all funds in the existing Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund to the constitutionally established Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund.
- 3) Authorize the State Treasurer to direct investment of the fund.
- 4) Stipulate that except for the State Treasurer's investment actions, an expenditure or transfer of a fund asset, interest, or earnings could be made only upon the authorization of a majority of the fund's Board of Trustees.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted? YES NO

##### Proposal D

A legislative initiative to limit bear hunting season and prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bear. The proposed law would:

- 1) Prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bears at any time.
- 2) Prohibit bear hunting during open season for deer, bobcat and raccoon if baiting or hunting with dogs is permitted during these seasons.
- 3) Create penalties for violations, including temporary and permanent denial of hunting license.
- 4) Allow individuals to sue for damages caused by violations and to seek injunctions.
- 5) Allow bear hunting by any method by government officials acting in their official capacity and for any person acting in defense of life.

Should this proposed law be adopted? Yes No

##### Proposal E

A legislative initiative to permit casino gaming in qualified cities.

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##### Proposal G

A referendum on Public Act 377 of 1996 would:

- 1) Grant the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game including the bear hunting. (Currently under the authority of the director of the Department of Natural Resources.)
- 2) Require the Natural Resources Commission to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game and minimize human/bear encounters. to
- 3) Require that a public meeting be held prior to the issuance of any orders by the Natural Resources Commission regarding the taking of the game.

Should this law be approved? Yes No

#### County of Wayne

##### Independent Counsel for County Commission Authorized

"Shall the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended by adding Section 3.120 to authorize appointment of an Independent Commission Counsel to assert and defend the legal rights, powers, and duties of the County Commission; and by deleting the duty of the Corporation Counsel in section 4.312 to provide legal services to the Commission?" Yes No

##### Independent Counsel for County Commission Authorized (Synopsis):

Shall the Charter be amended to:

- (1) authorize the County Commission to appoint an independent commission to assert and defend its legal rights, powers, and duties; and
- (2) to delete the specific duty of the Corporation Counsel to provide legal services to the County Commission?

##### Auditor General Powers Defined

"Shall Section 5.113 of the Wayne County Charter be repealed effective November 30, 1997 and shall Section 3.119 be amended to give the Auditor General rather than the Chief Executive Officer power to engage an independent external auditor to prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and to give the Auditor General express power to audit the operations and administration of all county agencies for compliance with ordinances, regulations and other laws?"

Yes No

##### a Auditor General Powers Defined (Synopsis):

The Charter requires an independent, annual audit by an external auditor. Shall the Charter be amended so that the power to award, supervise or renew that audit contract is transferred from the County Executive to the Legislative Auditor General, who is authorized by Charter to conduct independent internal audits of County operations: (Award of an audit contract remains subject to County commission approval and would be subject to veto by the County Executive). Also, shall the Auditor General be given express power to audit the operations and administration of all county agencies for compliance with ordinances, rules, and other laws?

##### Proposition "S"

##### Wayne County Stadium Proposition

"Shall Wayne County be authorized, and an ordinance approved, to levy an excise tax of 1% of gross receipts from charges for accommodations provided to transient guests, and 2% of gross receipts from motor vehicle rentals for less than thirty days, primarily to secure and fund rentals by the County to the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority, which has been created by the County to acquire a new Professional Baseball Stadium (As defined in Public Act 180 of 1991), to be developed near the site of a planned new Football Stadium for the Detroit Lions, which taxes shall be levied until the obligations are retired but for no longer than thirty years and shall not secure net bond proceeds in excess of \$80 million; and shall the County use the excise tax revenues to lease the new Baseball Stadium, and then sublease the stadium to the City of Detroit Downtown Development Authority, which shall in turn make the stadium available for use by the Detroit Tigers?"

Yes No

Wayne County Community College (Prct #2, 20, & 15)  
 "Education First" - Wayne County Community College Millage Renewal  
 Shall a maximum annual tax rate of one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000) of the State Equalized Valuation (SEV) be continued for Wayne County Community College, for a period of five (5) years (levy to be assessed applicable to County taxes payable on December 1, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004), for general operating purposes? If approved, this tax rate would raise an estimated \$19,675,170 for the community college district in 2000.

Yes No

**PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS**

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1&23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2	Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Road
9	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon

20 & 26 Canton Administration Building 1150 S. Canton Center  
 22 Hoben Elementary School 44680 Saltz Road  
 24 & 25 Plymouth Canton High School 8415 N. Canton Center  
**\*RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE BOLDED POLLING PLACES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE 1995 ELECTIONS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR VOTING LOCATION, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD OR CONTRACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 397-5452.**

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 1996 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot, or a ballot can be mailed on that date.

On Monday, November 4, 1996 qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day November 5th.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) Are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Township Clerk at 397-5452.

Terry G. Bennet  
 Clerk

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# Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mr. Griffith who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the October 8, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mrs. Brooks abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the October 15, 1996, Study Session of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the October 22, 1996, Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Ms. Dolores Krueger addressed the Board and stated her concerns relating to the dewatering of the Greystone Subdivision site on Haggerty Road and how it has affected the wells in the area. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy is to meet with Ms. Krueger and report back to the Board.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. on a request for an Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate for Link Engineering Company. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m. Mrs. Massengill moved to postpone the request from Link Engineering Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to the next regular meeting of November 12, 1996. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application No. 1402/696, to amend the Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 83 by amending Article XXI, Sign Regulations Related to Off Premises Directional Signs. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Final Plat for Application No. 1034C/796, Country Acres of Plymouth Subdivision No. 1, located north of Ann Arbor Road, south of Powell Road, west of Ridge Road, east of Napier Road, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$912,907 as recommended by the Township Engineer, and subject to the Township Clerk not signing the plat until Article III, Section L and Section Q of the Declaration of Restrictions for County Acres of Plymouth Development have been revised to reflect the requested changes. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to award the contract for the 1996 CSO Separation Project to Flat Rock Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$340,926, and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the construction contracts. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. on the Amended 1996 Budget and the 1997 General Fund Budget. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:26 p.m. Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 96-10-22-27 adopting the Amended 1996 budget and the 1997 General Fund Budget. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The resolution reads as follows.

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor has presented the Amended 1996 Budget and the Proposed 1997 Budget for the General Fund, and;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been conducted pursuant to law, and the Board of Trustees being advised of the contents of said budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED BUDGET BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

	1996 AMENDED	1997 BUDGET
Property Taxes	3,180,000	3,275,400
State Shared Revenue	1,769,166	1,887,496
Licenses & Permits	1,065,000	1,080,000
Federal Grants	165,000	114,500
Charges for Services	50,000	50,000

Fines/Forfeits	225,000	225,000
Interest/Rent	500,000	375,000
Other	865,025	626,288
911 Revenue	90,000	95,000
City Fire Contributions	654,664	629,938
	8,590,855	8,358,622

General Government	2,376,616	2,403,771
Public Safety	5,169,534	5,017,516
Building	514,360	555,355
Public Services	250,916	278,130
Parks	362,055	350,368
Health/Welfare	130,000	117,000
Debt Services	92,030	94,930
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,895,511</b>	<b>8,817,070</b>

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Griffith  
 Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold commented that the false alarms are declining.

Mr. Curmi asked for an update on the Recreation Survey. The Supervisor stated that the survey has not been completed. Mr. Curmi asked that a tour of the composting site be arranged.

Senator Bennett briefed the Board on his amendment to the Transportation Bill (Senate Bill 1011). The amendment states that townships with a population of 10,000 or more would be subject to the same formula as cities for road maintenance and road work. Townships would receive directly from the State, the road tax dollars that are generated through gasoline and weight taxes. Currently the dollars go straight to the county and the county provides the services. The amendment would provide two options: townships can continue the current process of the county providing for their communities; or they can arrange for their own road maintenance and road work. However, none of the road tax dollars can be spent on administrative costs. A township would have to depend on the private market through competitive bidding. Monies can be used for everything that the county currently provides. The amendment has been adopted in the Senate, however, it is facing an uphill battle in the House. Senator Bennet will forward a copy of the Transportation Bill and the amendment to the Township Supervisor.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On the recommendation of Mr. Cronin, Township Attorney, the Board agreed that a Closed Session was not necessary.

Mr. Cronin reviewed with the Board the pending litigation regarding DR Group Vs Charter Township of Plymouth; R Five LLS Vs Charter Township of Plymouth; and Encore Custom Homes Vs Charter Township of Plymouth. All three are requesting changes in their recorded plats. Once plats are recorded, the only way they can be amended is through the litigation process. The requested changes are minor and agreeable to the Township.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
 Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on October 22, 1996. The full text is available in the Clerk's office for perusal. They will be submitted for approval at the next regular meeting on November 12, 1996.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone Number (313)453-3840 x 200. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777. (Michigan Relay Services)

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# P-C Schools ratify 'unpopular' teacher contract

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Some teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Education Association may be upset with the recent two-year contract with the Plymouth-Canton School District, but it was met with unanimous approval by the school board last week. After several comments concerning adjustments to the elementary school day and special programs, the school board voted 7-0 to ratify the contract.

Approximately 300 of the 800-plus school district teachers voted against the deal last week. It was the most opposition to an approved contract in recent memory.

Union leaders called the final agreement "OK", as PCEA members lambasted the school district for charging teachers to keep their traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage.

"I'm here tonight to repeat the same statement you've heard before: Teachers do not feel they were treated with dignity and respect during contract negotiations," said PCEA President Chuck Portelli.

Anne Alatalo, a media specialist at Bentley Elementary School, disapproved of the contract terms regarding allotted time for student media center activity

and the specials. "We shouldn't be taking away from physical education, we should be adding to it," she said.

Superintendent Charles Little said he understood some of the frustration with certain terms of contract, particularly "the specials," such as physical education and art classes. "I share those concerns. They've gone from K-12 for a long time. The district has not been supportive of 'the specials' program for some time. I'm going into conversations I've had with teachers since the late 1960s, early 1970s, teachers have felt not enough attention has been given to the specials," he said... "It would be nice to

## Witten challenges Yack in write-in for Canton supervisor

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Witten, a Democrat, said he was surprised to find no one running against the Canton Board of Trustees or other administrators. That's when he decided to run for supervisor.

Yack said he's surprised how late Witten decided to throw in his hat. "Sure, I'm surprised," he said, "How often do write-in campaigns occur? Not often, especially this late. Maybe in early September."

Witten is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Dearborn, and has never run for public office, but said that won't stop him from trying to oust Yack.

"I figure you might as well start big if you do it (run for office)," he said.

Yack said a write-in campaign cheats voters of the opportunity to scrutinize a candidate and campaign. "The election process is designed to give the electorate the opportunity to study the candidate," he said. "A write-in deprives the community of that opportunity."

"The system is made to make it difficult to win from that position. And you only know after the election where the money came from to fund the campaign."

In addition to creating a "more friendly" community, Witten said he would focus on

## Voters go to polls Tuesday

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Those wishing to vote for a write-in candidate can do so regardless of the different voting equipment being used.

In Plymouth, Langmesser said a paper roll is available inside the voting machine. Voters can write the candidate's name, party and office on the slip for the vote to be valid.

Plymouth Township is using the new computerized voting equipment, but Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said write-ins are just as easy. As the voter chooses in each race, they will have the option to pick "write-in." When the button is pressed, a keyboard appears and the voter can simply type in the candidates name and party.

In Canton, Clerk Terry Bennett said the official ballot envelope has a spot on

it to write in a candidate. Again, write the name, office and party of the candidate.

The clerks said to avoid long lines, visit the polls during the mid-morning, early afternoon and between 7-8 p.m. "We have a lot of people first thing in the morning, during lunch hour and just after 5 p.m. when people get out of work," said Massengill.

For many in Plymouth Township, this will be the first election using the Unilect computerized voting system. Massengill said the system is very easy to learn. "Be sure to listen to the poll worker's instructions before going into the booth," she said.

All the clerks said workers will be able to help any voter with questions.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. throughout the community.

## Berry cleared of wrongdoing

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inspector.

"There was absolutely not anything illegal," she said. "This is an attempt to impinge his reputation."

Berry said that in an attempt to find out who was responsible for the misinformation being given to a local elected official, he investigated the situation.

"They're putting me in a position that I have to do something to protect myself," said Berry. "I have a question for the union — did you ever stop to seek the truth?"

"The only way to stop this now is to investigate the truth."

Berry said yesterday the investigation was terminated after he identified the officer who spoke with the trustee.

"No action against the officer is being taken at this point," said Berry.

In response to the supervisors statement that Berry has been cleared of doing anything improper the union prepared the following statement yesterday:

"It is unfortunate for the community and for our police department that this incident has occurred," said the POAM letter. "Since our letter was sent to the board of trustees, the Township has taken swift action to clear up the matter.

"The Township supervisor has conducted an investigation and has found no wrongdoing by the chief of police."

The union went on to say that they were satisfied with the results of the Township's investigation.

controlling growth in Canton.

"Community leaders desperately desire to develop a strong downtown area, yet have allowed an abundance of strip malls to be built," Witten said in a letter. "...To develop a viable downtown, we need to attract stores people want to shop at and will leave their homes to come to."

Recreation is another issue Witten hopes to tackle if elected. "I'm trying to get more recreation in the community," he said. "We need an ice arena and soccer fields. A lot of people have to go outside Canton to participate in these activities."

Yack said he and other community leaders are attempting to map out the future of Canton. Their vision includes: control of the sewer system for orderly growth; creation of a five-year fiscal blueprint; development of a long range municipal facilities plan; continue to increase Canton's visibility county-wide; develop administration leadership; plan for infrastructure; and continue to expand community recreation program.

Witten said he knows how tough it is to dethrone an powerful incumbent such as Yack with a write-in campaign, but he remains confident — and realistic — with his goals.

"When I first started, I wasn't giving it much hope," he said. "But I've really been surprised by the amount of support I've received already."

"I guess deep-down I know I probably won't win."

That won't stop Witten from trying. And if he does lose, he said he'll dust himself off and expects to remain involved in Canton politics.

"I talked to a lot of people in the community who don't like the way things are going," he said. "I think I'll remain involved."



## Your Guide to Worship

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH

45201 N. Territorial Rd.  
(West of Sheldon Rd.)  
(313)453-5280

Dr. Dean A. Klump, Senior Minister  
Rev. Tonya M. Arnesen, Associate Minister

Services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Nursery Provided

### Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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

Sunday worship  
8:30 & 11:00 am

Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Rev. K.M. Mehrl, Pastor  
Hugh McMartin, Lay minister

### TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor  
Rev. Wm. Branham - Associate Pastor



Nursery Provided  
(313) 459-9550

Worship  
with us this  
week!



# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Shane Bjorge**, of Plymouth, participated in the co-operative education program for the summer term through Michigan Technological University's career center.

The co-op programs require two terms of work in Bjorge's field of study, civil engineering.

**Harvey R. Barker III**, from Canton, was named to the spring/summer Dean's List at Grand Valley State University.

The following Our Lady of Good Counsel students competed with representatives from 12 area schools in the fifth annual Scholastic Olympics at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School recently: **Danielle Guerin**, second place English written; **Alexis Thebolt**, second place English oral; **Margaret Deady**, second place social studies; and **Kaelah Gould** second place religion.

**Frank Wenker** was presented with the "Volunteer in Public Schools (VIP) Award" at a recent Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting. Wenker was nominated by Karen Jinnett for his involvement in school improvement committees and for being a student advocate collaborating with district students.

A photo of the Leaning Tower of Pisa and a marble urn created by **Jane Darby**, a 1995 graduate of Salem High School, has been awarded an honorable mention in "Archeology Magazine". Her photo is published in the November/December issue. Darby is currently a sophomore at the University of Kentucky.

**Marine Pvt. Jacob D. Goodlin**, the son of Patti Brooks of Plymouth, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

**Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven A. Edford**, son of Gregory and Rita J. Edford of Plymouth, recently participated in one of NATO's largest exercises while assigned to the Sixth Fleet flagship USS La Salle.

Edford is a 1991 graduate of Salem High School.

## Beware the trick-or-treaters

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Beware — come out of your house at your own risk! All Hallow's Eve has once again descended upon The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Ghosts, goblins, lion kings', hunchbacks, princesses and pirates — you name it and they will appear with bags demanding a trick or a treat.

The pumpkins will be carved and set aglow with candles, on front porches throughout the community as the Halloween traditions are celebrated.

Not sure where you'll spend your quality candy collecting time?

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club are hosting the Great Pumpkin Caper in downtown Plymouth tonight from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

The downtown merchants will be handing out candy to the kids and there will be a costume contest at the bandshell in Kellogg Park.

On Halloween night both the City and Township have set their official trick or treating hours, they are from 6 - 8 p.m.

In Canton the official hours are from dusk until approximately 8:30 p.m.

The Canton Police will be on hand at the three McDonald's locations in Canton to do candy checks for the kids. The hours will be from approximately 6 - 10 p.m.

Remember to carry a flash light, and steer clear of any houses that do not have their porch lights on and any headless horseman riding up and down the street.



The ghosts, goblins and monsters come out tomorrow night. Don't worry, though, you can protect yourself by feeding them a lot of candy. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Birchler's business is singing

### *P-C Schools employee sings anthems*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

He's going to keep his day job. But if John Birchler, the director of business operations for the Plymouth-Canton School District, grows tired of adding numbers and balancing budgets, he's got a nighttime gig at Compuware Sports Arena. "If I could make a living at it, I might," he said.

Under the Stars and Stripes and the Canadian Maple Leaf, Birchler sang the countries' national anthems before the Oct. 19 Detroit Whalers' game versus the Oshawa Generals.

Birchler was a last minute replacement, according to Dave Darovitz, the Whalers' director of public relations. "I had called the Plymouth-Canton Schools Community Relations Department looking for someone to sing Saturday," said Darovitz. "And John showed up at our doorstep at 4 p.m. game day. He sang out a wonderful tune. He did a wonderful job."

Birchler, whose wife and two sons were at the game, admitted to "a little healthy nervousness."

It certainly wasn't because he didn't know "O Canada" by heart. "I've seen enough hockey games," Birchler said.

Birchler, a tenor, comes from a musical family. His brother is a professional musician, and a sister is an accomplished pianist. In fact, Birchler enrolled in U of M's music school for one year. "I thought I was going to be a high school music teacher," he said.

## ...Bells ring, are you listening?

The familiar ring of the bell from the red, round kettle will herald in the holiday season for the Salvation Army.

Serving The Plymouth-Canton-Northville communities for many years, the Salvation Army is a stable and predictable force in combating poverty, homelessness, hunger and disaster.

The red kettle campaign is one way that the Salvation Army raises funds for their many programs throughout the year.

Those programs include an extensive food pantry that disperses food to local

people facing hunger, temporary shelter for the displaced, and assistance to the survivors of disasters. The Salvation Army also offers outreach programs that include day care and summer camp. In order for them to provide the assistance necessary to keep everyone in the community safe, warm and fed they need your help. If you're interested in making a contribution to the Salvation Army or finding out about their programs call the Plymouth Salvation Army at 453-5464.

# Rivers, Fitzsimmons race battle of ideals in 13th District

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

In the race for the 13th Congressional District between Democratic incumbent Lynn Rivers and Republican challenger Joe Fitzsimmons, it's a difference of ideals.

Rivers rests her chance for re-election on her record. That same record is what Fitzsimmons hopes will sway voters to his campaign.

"What I'm against is huge bureaucracy at all levels," said Fitzsimmons, the retired chairperson of University Microfilm in Ann Arbor. "I believe we can grow the economy by lowering taxes."

Rivers answer is similar, but ideologically, worlds apart. "I want to balance the budget and he wants to cut taxes," she said. "He can't do both."

Both candidates blame partisan politics for many of the country's problems.

"The most astonishing thing I saw while in Congress was when I stood on the floor of the House listening to a debate and saw a Republican leader go to the microphone and lie," Rivers said. "Then I saw a Democrat go to the microphone and lie. From that point on I decided all our research on topics would come from within our office."

Fitzsimmons said he would attempt to take partisan politics out of Congress. "I am sick and tired of a lot of partisan stuff going on," he said. "Lynn Rivers is extremely partisan and extremely liberal."

Rivers rejects both tags. She said she voted against the party line on several important issues. "In one of the most partisan Congresses ever," she said, "I voted for the line item veto early on, voted for the unfunded mandates bill, voted not to send troops to Bosnia."

Rivers said her education policy is one area that sets her apart from Fitzsimmons. She is a former member of the Ann Arbor School Board. "I'm a strong advocate of education and the educational process," she said. "As someone who tried to put themselves through school, I understand the importance of student loans."

Fitzsimmons said the fact that he did not vote in a school election in 11 years was a mistake on his part, but assured voters it wouldn't happen again. "As far as education, I'm very, very pro-education," he said. "My mother was a high school teacher. All my kids are pretty well educated. I ran an educational company. Education has to be returned to the parents and teachers."

Rivers and Fitzsimmons both claim to be strong on crime and drugs.

"I'm much tougher on crime and drugs," he said. "I think she's soft in that area."

Fitzsimmons said teenage crime is out of control and truth in sentencing is important to curb social problems.

"I'm also pro gun," he said. "Guns are not the problem, people are the problem."

"We've got to get career criminals off the street."

Fitzsimmons said he has a three-point plan to get drugs off the street. The plan includes: using government resources for interdiction; educating kids of the dangers of drugs early; and capital punishment for convicted drug kingpins.

Rivers' plan also has three phases.

The first is prevention. "We need lots of activities for kids," she said. "I'm a big proponent for DARE and drug-free school programs."

The second point is protection. "I voted to keep cops on the street," she said.

The final point is prosecution. "I voted for the three strikes and you're out law," she said.

Fitzsimmons said his position in business gives him an advantage. "I'm an outsider to the process," he said. "I'm not a lawyer, not a politician."

"I'm here to serve, not be served."

Fitzsimmons points to his work in the Washtenaw United Way and work on creating the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum as proof of his involvement in the community.

Rivers also said her ties to community are strong. "When I ran two years ago, I promised

to live here (Ann Arbor) and I do," she said. "I've held town hall meetings, coffee hours with my constituents and very useful educational forums."

Rivers points to her frugal office spending, which ended in the return of \$244,000 back to the U.S. Treasury as an example of

her commitment to the people of the district and country. "When the government was shut down, I thought that was wrong," she said. "So I returned \$2,200 in pay."

Both candidates said they expect to spend nearly \$1 million each in the hotly-contested race.

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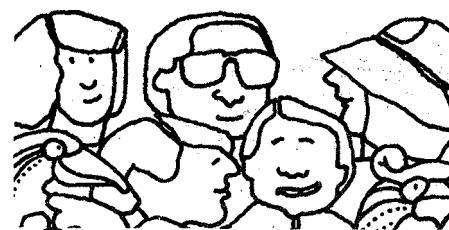
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## Upcoming...

### NORTHVILLE CHRISTMAS WALK

Nov. 24 from noon to 5 p.m., the 15th annual Christmas Walk. Free holiday treats, Christmas carols, special activities, free horse and carriage rides with Santa, and Christmas items are available. For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 810-349-7640.

### GOSPELFEST '96 IN NORTHVILLE

Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Rd. in Northville. Donation tickets are on sale for \$10, all proceeds go to Detroit Impact, a non-profit organization which provides activities for Metro Detroit youth as a means of developing character and fostering education. The third annual concert features renowned gospel singer Larnell Harris. For more information, call Calvin at 272-0004, Detroit Impact Community Center in Detroit.

### ST JOHN'S WINTER BAZAAR

Featuring Self-Help Crafts of the Work and Shop Around Homes sales booths. Baskets, toys, kitchenware, jewelry, crystal, candles, cosmetics and bake sale, candles, fresh greens, and poinsettias. Cafe open for lunch. Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 574 S. Sheldon, south of Ann Arbor Trail. No admission.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

At Trinity Presbyterian Church Oct. 31. An alternative to trick-or-treating. Games and hayrides from 6:45-8 p.m. At 8 p.m. Psalty Singing Celebration to be followed by Trinity drama, "The Powers That Be." Cost is one bag of candy per child plus an additional \$1.25 per child. Admission fees includes one souvenir picture. For more information, call 459-9550.

### WOMEN OF ARTISTRY SHOW

Art exhibit runs through Nov. 16 at Frameworks, 525 Penniman Ave., Each of the artists specializes in various mediums: acrylic, oil, watercolor, fabric art and photography.

### PCAC PRESENTS "DEGAS BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM"

Nov. 1-3 hosted by David Groen. Roundtrip train trip from Dearborn to Chicago to Dearborn. Hotel reservations, breakfasts and VIP tickets to Degas exhibition. For more information, call 455-5810 or 1-800-874-6470.

### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS "YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW"

Theatre Guild is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a musical review. Popular and acclaimed American musical numbers tell the story of the Theatre Guild's five decades of comedy, drama and musical theatre. More than 50 entertainers. Nov. 1-2. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$11 in advance; general seating. For more information, call 810-349-7110. Performances are at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

### NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY CHURCH CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Silent and live auctions, raffle, Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 420-0131.

### SATURDAY STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN

Story times are open to children in kindergarten through first grade. Dates are Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are 45 minutes long. No registration required. For more information, call 453-0750.

## Groups...

### THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE: "HOLIDAY HOMES AND HOSTS"

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

### THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. "A Very Special Musical Experience" and the history of Broadway will be presented by Gary and Patrice Pederson, and John and Beth Stewart. Donations are being accepted for this event.

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Symphony League is fund-raising by selling Entertainment '97 book. Each book contains hundreds of two for one discounts on dining, fast food, movie, sports activities, special attractions and hotels. Profits will benefit Symphony. To order, call 453-3016.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Books offer savings on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, car washes, etc. Proceeds will help fund the Chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. For more information, call Stan at 459-6829.

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## SALVATION ARMY NEEDS BELL RINGERS

The most difficult times to fill are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. For more information, call Jackie at 455-0530 or Martha at 453-5464.

## DONATE PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Plymouth District Library is seeking individuals, businesses, and community groups to donate the cost of a subscription to one of the more than 300 periodicals to which the library subscribes. Sponsor's name will appear on the front cover of the periodical. Donation is federal, state tax deductible. For more information, please call the library at 453-0750.

## PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

## FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

## HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

## PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

## MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation-West Region is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

# Group meeting times...

## THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Monday at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. Pam Groseman, a free lance artist and teacher, will give a lecture and demonstration on drawing. Public is welcome. For more information, call Joan at 420-2874.

## CANTON GARDEN CLUB

Organizational meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Cherry Hill School in Canton at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. Representatives from the Federation of Garden Clubs at the meeting. Garden enthusiasts encouraged to attend. For more information, call Kathy at 455-4567 or Lila at 981-4756.

## TRI-C MOTHER'S GROUP

A coffee and friendship group for mothers with school aged children meets the second and fourth Friday of each month in the homes of various members. Next meeting will be Friday at 10 a.m. New members welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 455-8336.

## PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

## STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Monthly meeting at 7 p.m.; third Tuesday of the month; second floor Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 453-3840, ext. 223.

## SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

Every third Monday at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

## PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS

First and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mayflower Hotel. Includes dinner and a speaker. For more information, call 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

## CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

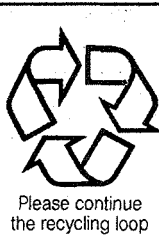
The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

## 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.

## PLYMOUTH YMCA "Y" KIDS

For children ages 3-5. Openings for afternoon sessions of Y Kids. Age 3 meets on Tuesday and Thursday, and ages 4-5 meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at 453-2904.



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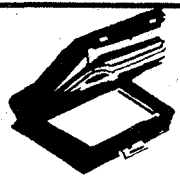
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

**Arbor Drugs, Inc.**, the drugstore market share leader in Metro Detroit, will open its 187th through 190th stores by the end of November. The announcement of the company's four additional stores was made by Eugene Applebaum, chairman and CEO of Troy-based Arbor Drugs.

Arbor will open its fourth Canton and 69th Wayne County store at Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads. "We are on track in our plans to open 15 to 20 new stores during fiscal 1997, which began Aug. 1. This company-wide expansion is expected to create more than 500 new jobs in Michigan communities."

Founded by Applebaum in 1963, Arbor Drugs is ranked as the 14th largest drugstore chain in the nation. The company currently operates 186 stores, all in Michigan.

Albion College freshman **Donald S. Miller** was accepted into the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management.

He is the son of Jonathan and Bonnie Miller of Plymouth, and a graduate of Canton High School.

Students are chosen annually for the Gerstacker Program through a highly selective process based on academic achievement and demonstrated leadership abilities. Gerstacker students must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

**First State Agency of Plymouth** recently joined the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents (MAIA), a statewide trade association that represents 10,000 independent insurance agents and industry employees.

It is the only agents association in Michigan.

**Daniel Sobiechowski** was recently promoted to the position of senior staff accountant at the Southfield location of the certified public accounting firm of Follmer, Rudzewicz & Company, P.C. His previous position was staff accountant. Sobiechowski joined the firm in October, 1994.

Sobiechowski, a Plymouth resident, attended U of M-Dearborn and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, majoring in accounting.

# Tomorrow never knows

*Former Plymouth resident mixes business with pleasure in snowboarding industry; produces films, clothes, logos*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Ross Wordhouse lives his career like he's riding down a Telluride double black diamond mountain side.

His next creation, whether it's the latest snowboarding maneuver or design, is revealed as he barrels forward into uncharted territory.

Tomorrow never knows.

"It's open," Wordhouse said of his future. "I've always been one to live for the day, not tomorrow."

The same unbridled ambition got him where he is today: a graphic designer, illustrator and film director living in Bend, OR.

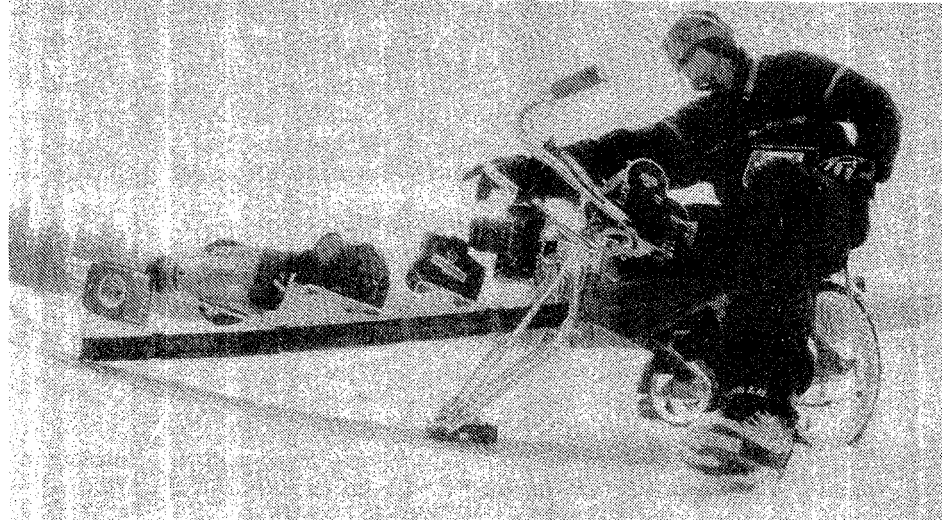
The mountains are his office. His business is his pleasure.

"I really enjoy what I do. It doesn't pay a lot, but it pays in other ways — being my own boss, going snowboarding when I want. I mean, I'm not a nine to five person. I could never sit in an office from nine to five and have somebody telling me what I can and can't do," Wordhouse said. "I pretty much snowboard when I want as long as I get my work done."

And, lately, there's been a lot to get done. Wordhouse just completed a video that he directed and edited for SnoZone Boarding and Video Inc. It features Todd Richards, Rob Morrow and several other professional snowboarders taming the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. "This is all winter, deep, crazy, powder footage," Wordhouse said.

He's also designing and illustrating art work, ads, t-shirts, clothing lines and logos for clients using computers and freehand drawing. "But I'm primarily doing films because I got burned out doing designs for companies," he said.

The Center for Creative Studies and 1987 Salem High School graduate got his



**Ross Wordhouse, a Salem High School graduate who now lives in Oregon, used this bike/sled combination to shoot a snowboarding highlight video.**

start buying comic books and drawing his favorite cartoon characters. "Then the classes at Salem really helped... That got me really, really stoked," Wordhouse said.

Spoken like a true snowboarder.

He honed his skills and added to his portfolio at CCS where he graduated in 1992 with a degree in graphic communication.

After a summer internship at a Detroit advertising agency, Wordhouse left the Midwest flatlands for the Oregon big country.

Since then, it's been downhill — down Mt. Bachelor. "Mt. Bachelor is my home mountain," said Wordhouse.

He likes to ride during the day and work at night. His schedule has seemed to pay dividends; Wordhouse has landed deals with Jaro Clothing, Lucky 7 Snowboards and other companies to carry his creations. "I just start doodling, and it turns into something. Then, I take it a step further," Wordhouse said about

his sleek designs.

It may be an unorthodox lifestyle for a professional career, but if it was normal it would probably be boring to Wordhouse.

And you can't argue with his success, which he hopes to pass on to design students during visits to local schools in the next few weeks. "I'm just trying to get them stoked on what they want to do. It's a lot of hard work, and you've got to be dedicated. I just wish when I was in high school somebody would've come in and told me what to expect, because I got into college and I didn't know what in the world an art director was."

"I want them to know people can make a living drawing pictures. If you just put time into your portfolio, when you graduate, that's what companies really care about. Have a strong portfolio, and just have people in the industry review your work to give you points," Wordhouse said. "But you have to work, because there's a lot of artists out there fighting for jobs."

## Business based on community response

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Tanja Von Kulajta is hoping Plymouth will respond to her new downtown business.

"It's fun. It really is a dream come true," said Von Kulajta about her first business venture, R.S.V.P. on Penniman Avenue. "All along I had wanted to own my own business. But I'm totally cognizant that this is risk."

Von Kulajta opened the store, which specializes in invitations, announcements, fine papers and gifts, on Oct. 18. It's taken some getting used to for Von Kulajta, a former salesperson. "You know, I've never worked in a downtown like this where everybody knows each other," she said.

Von Kulajta decided she would leave the security of her medical supplies sales job after buying stationary for her marriage to her husband Tim and the recent birth of her daughter

Madeline. In January, she began to deal with product representatives and search for a location for her venture.

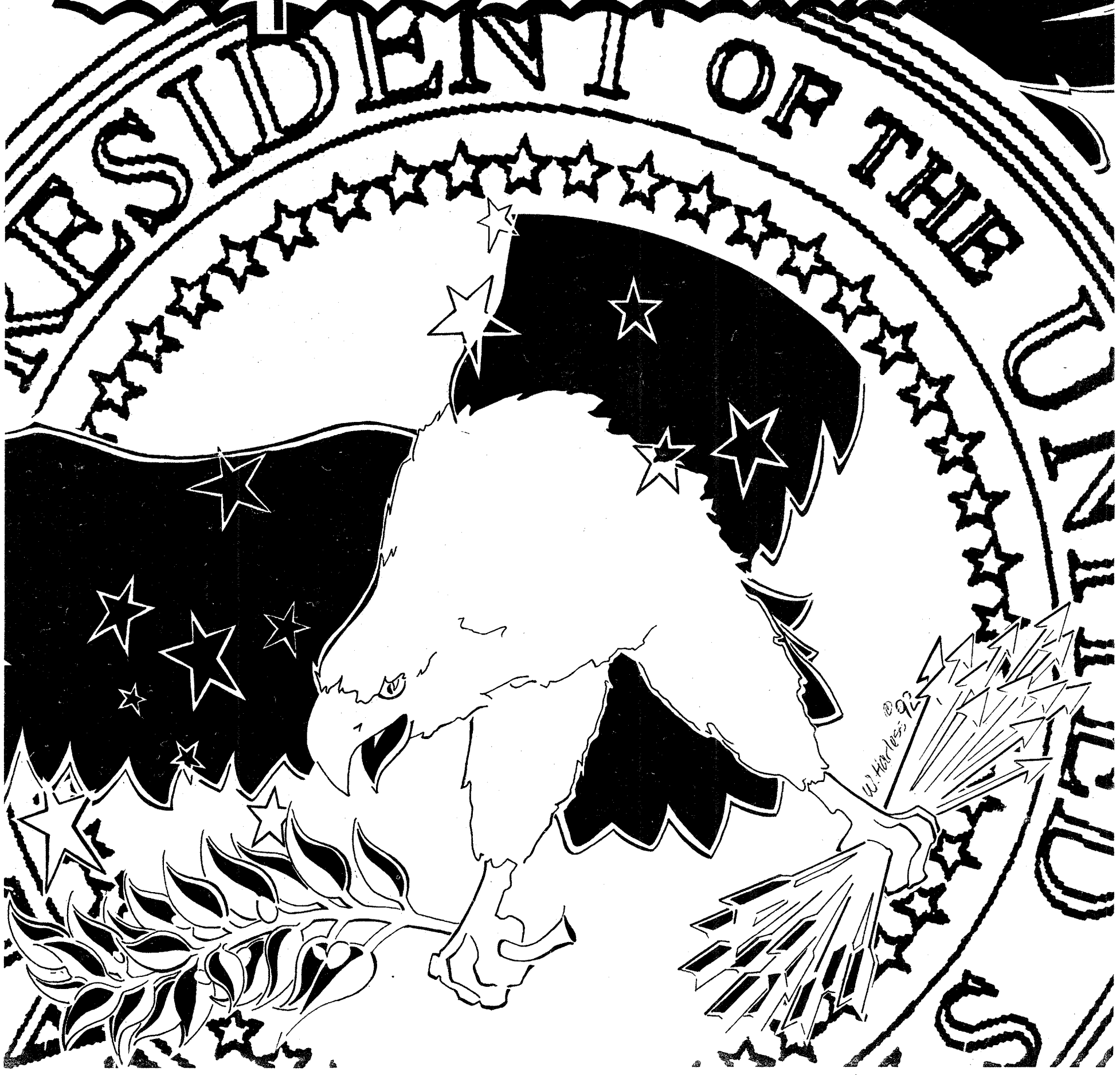
"We thought we'd open in the spring of '97," said Von Kulajta, a Northville resident. "Then, we saw this space, and thought it would be a good place to test our wings."


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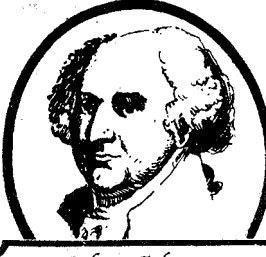


**(1732 - 1799)**  
*First President*

**Born:** February 22, 1732  
**Place of Birth:** Pope's Creek, Westmoreland County, Virginia  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Surveyor, soldier, planter  
**Military Service:** Virginia Militia (1752 - 1758); Commander in Chief of 1st Continental Army (1775 - 1783)

**Political Party:** Federalist  
**Offices Held:** Member, Virginia House of Burgesses; Justice of Fairfax County; President of Constitutional Convention  
**Age at Inauguration:** 57  
**Terms Served:** Two (1789 - 1793) (1793 - 1797)  
**Vice President:** John Adams (both terms)  
**Death:** December 14, 1799, Mount Vernon, Virginia, age 67, Pneumonia

*George Washington*

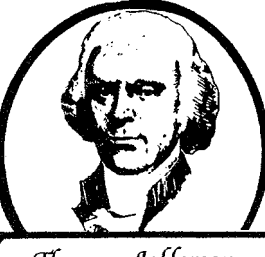


**(1735 - 1826)**  
*Second President*

**Born:** October 19, 1735  
**Place of Birth:** Braintree (Quincy), Massachusetts  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Teacher, farmer, lawyer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Federalist  
**Offices Held:** Representative to Massachusetts General Court; Delegate to First and Second Continental Congresses; Delegate to Massachusetts Constitutional Convention; Commissioner to France; Minister to Netherlands and England; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 61  
**Terms Served:** One (1797 - 1801)  
**Vice President:** Thomas Jefferson  
**Death:** July 4, 1826, Quincy, Massachusetts, age 90, Natural causes

*John Adams*




**(1743 - 1826)**  
*Third President*

**Born:** April 13, 1743  
**Place of Birth:** Shadwell, Albemarle County, Virginia  
**Ancestry:** Welsh  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, inventor, author  
**Military Service:** Colonel of County Militia, Virginia  
**Political Party:** Democratic-Republican  
**Offices Held:** Member of Virginia House of Burgesses; County Lieutenant; County Surveyor; Deputy Delegate to Second Continental Congress; Member of Virginia House of Delegates; Governor of Virginia; Commissioner to France; Minister to France; Secretary of State; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 57  
**Terms Served:** Two (1801 - 1805) (1805 - 1809)  
**Vice President:** Aaron Burr (1801 - 1805) and George Clinton (1805 - 1809)  
**Death:** July 4, 1826, "Monticello", Charlottesville, Virginia, age 83, Natural causes

*Thomas Jefferson*



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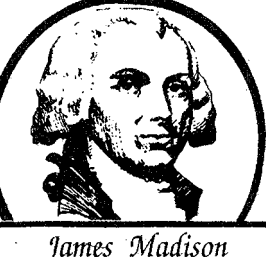
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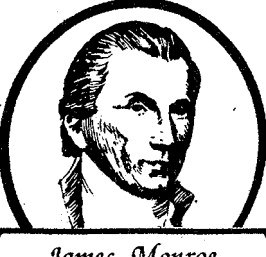


**(1751 - 1836)**  
*Fourth President*

**Born:** March 16, 1751  
**Place of Birth:** Port Conway, Virginia  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, author  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democratic-Republican  
**Offices Held:** Member of Orange County Committee of Safety; Delegate to the Virginia Convention; Member of Virginia Legislature; Member of Virginia Executive Council; Delegate to Continental Congress; Delegate to Annapolis Convention; Delegate to Constitutional Convention; Member of Virginia Ratification Convention; U.S. Congressman; Secretary of State

**Age at Inauguration:** 57  
**Terms Served:** Two (1809 - 1813) (1813 - 1817)  
**Vice President:** George Clinton (1809 - 1812, died in office) and Elbridge Gerry (1813 - 1814, died in office)  
**Death:** June 28, 1836, Montpelier, Virginia, age 85, Natural causes

*James Madison*



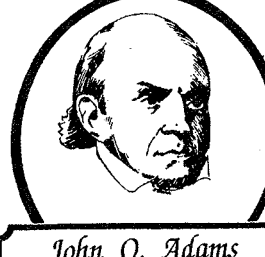
**(1758-1831)**  
*Fifth President*

**Born:** April 28, 1758  
**Place of Birth:** Westmoreland County, Virginia  
**Ancestry:** Scotch  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, senator, diplomat  
**Military Service:** Officer in Third Virginia Regiment and Continental Army (1776-1779)  
**Political Party:** Democratic-Republican

**Offices Held:** Military Commissioner for Southern Army; Representative to Virginia Legislature; Member of Governor Jefferson's council; Representative to U.S. Senate; Minister to France; Minister to England; Governor of Virginia; Secretary of State; Secretary of War

**Age at Inauguration:** 58  
**Terms Served:** Two (1817-1821) (1821-1825)  
**Vice President:** Daniel D. Tompkins (both terms)  
**Death:** July 4, 1831, New York, New York, age 73

*James Monroe*




**(1767 - 1848)**  
*Sixth President*

**Born:** July 11, 1767  
**Place of Birth:** Braintree (Quincy) Massachusetts  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, professor  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Federalist, 1808; Democrat-Republican to 1825; National Republican thereafter  
**Offices Held:** Minister to the Netherlands; Minister to Prussia; Member of Massachusetts Senate; Member of U.S. Senate; Minister to Russia; Minister to Great Britain; Secretary of State

**Age at Inauguration:** 57  
**Terms Served:** One (1825 - 1829)  
**Vice President:** John C. Calhoun  
**Death:** February 23, 1848, Washington, D.C., age 80, Stroke

*John Q. Adams*



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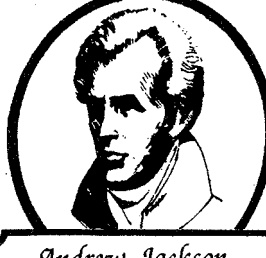
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**(1767-1845)**  
*Seventh President*

**Born:** March 15, 1767  
**Place of Birth:** The Waxhaws, South Carolina  
**Ancestry:** Scotch Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, soldier, congressman  
**Military Service:** Judge advocate of Davidson County Militia (c.1791); Major General of Tennessee Militia (1802-1812); Major General of U.S. Army (1814-1821)

**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Attorney General of Western District of North Carolina; Delegate to Tennessee State Constitutional Convention; Member of U.S. House of Representatives; Member of U.S. Senate; Tennessee Supreme Court Judge; Governor of Florida Territory

**Age at Inauguration:** 61  
**Terms Served:** Two (1829-1833) (1833-1837)  
**Vice President:** John C. Calhoun (1829-1832, resigned) and Martin Van Buren (1833-1837)  
**Death:** June 8, 1845, Nashville, Tennessee, Age 78, Natural causes

*Andrew Jackson*




**(1782 - 1862)**  
*Eighth President*

**Born:** December 5, 1782  
**Place of Birth:** Kinderhook, New York  
**Ancestry:** Dutch  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, senator  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat during presidency (Free-Soil from 1848)  
**Offices Held:** Surrogate of Columbia County, New York; New York State Senator; Attorney General of New York; Delegate to Third New York State Constitutional Convention; U.S. Senator; Governor of New York; Secretary of State; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 54  
**Terms Served:** One (1837 - 1841)  
**Vice President:** Richard M. Johnson  
**Death:** July 24, 1862, Kinderhook, New York, age 79, Natural causes

*Martin Van Buren*



**(1773 - 1841)**  
*Ninth President*

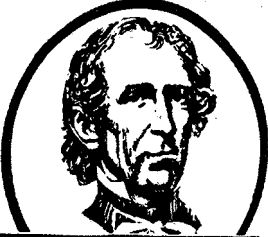
**Born:** February 9, 1773  
**Place of Birth:** Berkley (Charles County), Virginia  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Soldier, congressman, governor  
**Military Service:** U.S. Army (1791 - 1798), rose from Ensign to Captain; as Governor Indiana Territory, fought Indians at Tippecanoe (1811); commissioned Major General of Kentucky Militia (1812); U.S. Army (1812 - 1814), rose from Brigadier General to Major General in command of the Northwest

**Political Party:** Whig  
**Offices Held:** Secretary of Northwest Territory, U.S. Representative; Governor of Indiana Territory and Superintendent of Indian Affairs; Ohio State Senator; U.S. Senator; Minister to Columbia

**Age at Inauguration:** 68  
**Terms Served:** One (one month, died in office 1841)  
**Vice President:** John Tyler  
**Death:** April 4, 1841, Washington, D.C., age 68, Pneumonia

*William H. Harrison*






**(1872 - 1933)**  
Tenth President

**Born:** March 29, 1790  
**Place of Birth:** Greenway (Charles City County), Virginia  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, governor  
**Military Service:** Captain of Volunteer Company in Richmond, Virginia (1813)  
**Political Party:** Whig  
**Offices Held:** Member of Virginia House of Delegates; U.S. Representative; Governor of Virginia; U.S. Senator, Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 51  
**Terms Served:** One (1841 - 1845)  
**Vice President:** None  
**Death:** January 18, 1862, Richmond, Virginia, age 71, illness due to bronchitis

*John Tyler*




**(1795 - 1849)**  
Eleventh President

**Born:** November 2, 1795  
**Place of Birth:** Mecklenburg County, North Carolina  
**Ancestry:** Scotch-Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Member of Tennessee Legislature; U.S. Representative; Speaker of House of Representatives; Governor of Tenn.

**Age at Inauguration:** 49  
**Terms Served:** One (1845 - 1849)  
**Vice President:** George M. Dallas  
**Death:** June 15, 1849, Nashville, Tennessee, age 53, Heart failure

*James K. Polk*




**(1784 - 1850)**  
Twelfth President

**Born:** November 24, 1784  
**Place of Birth:** Orange County, Virginia  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Soldier, farmer  
**Military Service:** Volunteer in Kentucky Militia (1803); rose from First Lieutenant to Major General in U. S. Army (1808-1849)  
**Political Party:** Whig

**Offices Held:** None  
**Age at Inauguration:** 64  
**Terms Served:** One (1849-1850, died in office)  
**Vice President:** Millard Fillmore  
**Death:** July 9, 1850, Washington, D.C., age 65, Cholera


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**(1800-1874)**  
Thirteenth President

**Born:** January 7, 1800  
**Place of Birth:** Locke (Cayuga County), New York  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, teacher, congressman  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Whig  
**Offices Held:** Member, of New York Legislature; Member of U. S. House of Representatives; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 50  
**Terms Served:** One (1850-1853)  
**Vice President:** None  
**Death:** March 8, 1874, Buffalo, New York, age 74, Stroke

*Millard Fillmore*




**(1804-1869)**  
Fourteenth President

**Born:** November 23, 1804  
**Place of Birth:** Hillsboro, New Hampshire  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, soldier  
**Military Service:** Brigadier General in U. S. Army (1847-1848)  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Member and Speaker of New Hampshire Legislature; Member of U. S. House of Representatives; Member of Senate; President of New Hampshire Constitutional Convention

**Age at Inauguration:** 48  
**Terms Served:** One (1853-1857)  
**Vice President:** William R. King  
**Death:** October 8, 1869, Concord, New Hampshire, age 64, Natural causes

*Franklin Pierce*



**(1791-1868)**  
Fifteenth President

**Born:** April 23, 1791  
**Place of Birth:** Cove Gap, Pennsylvania  
**Ancestry:** Scotch-Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, author  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Member of Pennsylvania Legislature; Member of U. S. House of Representatives; Minister to Russia; Member of U. S. Senate; Secretary of State; Minister to Great Britain

**Age at Inauguration:** 65  
**Terms Served:** One (1857-1861)  
**Vice President:** John C. Breckinridge  
**Death:** June 1, 1868, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, age 77, Natural causes


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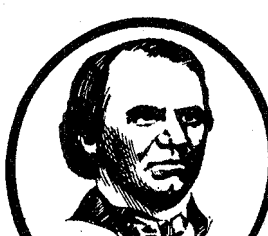


**(1809-1865)**  
Sixteenth President

**Born:** February 12, 1809  
**Place of Birth:** Hardin County, Kentucky  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Merchant, lawyer  
**Military Service:** Served in Volunteer Company for 3 months during Black Hawk War (1832)  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Member of Illinois General Assembly; Member of U. S. House of Representatives

**Age at Inauguration:** 52  
**Terms Served:** Two (1861-1865) (1865, died in office)  
**Vice President:** Hannibal Hamlin (1861-1865) and Andrew Johnson (1865)  
**Death:** April 15, 1865, Washington, D.C., age 56, Assassinated

*Abraham Lincoln*




**(1808-1875)**  
Seventeenth President

**Born:** December 29, 1808  
**Place of Birth:** Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Ancestry:** Scotch-Irish, English  
**Occupation:** Tailor  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat; elected Vice President on National Union Ticket  
**Offices Held:** Alderman; Mayor; Member of Tennessee Legislature; Member of U. S. House of Representatives; Governor of Tennessee, Member of U. S. Senate; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 56  
**Terms Served:** One (1865-1869)  
**Vice President:** None  
**Death:** July 31, 1875, Carter County, Tennessee, age 66, Stroke

*Andrew Johnson*

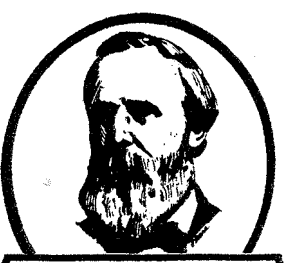


**(1822-1885)**  
Eighteenth President

**Born:** April 27, 1822  
**Place of Birth:** Point Pleasant, Ohio  
**Ancestry:** English-Scotch  
**Occupation:** Soldier, farmer, real-estate agent, Customs House clerk, leather store clerk  
**Military Service:** Commissioned Second Lieutenant in 4th U. S. Infantry (1843), resigned as Captain (1854); re-entered Army in August 1861 as Brigadier General; became General in Chief of Union Armies on March 12, 1864

**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Secretary of War  
**Age at Inauguration:** 46  
**Terms Served:** Two (1869-1873) (1873-1877)  
**Vice President:** Schuyler Colfax (1869-1873) and Henry Wilson (1873-1875, died in office)  
**Death:** July 23, 1885, Mt. McGregor, New York; age 63, Throat Cancer

*Ulysses S. Grant*

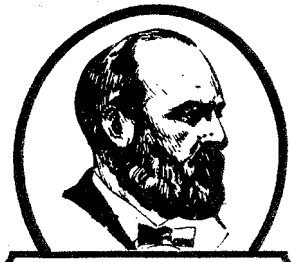


**(1822-1893)**  
Nineteenth President

**Born:** October 4, 1822  
**Place of Birth:** Delaware, Ohio  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, soldier  
**Military Service:** Commissioned Major in 23rd Ohio Volunteers (1861), resigned as Major General in June 1865  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Offices Held:** City Solicitor of Cincinnati; U. S. Congressman; Governor of Ohio  
**Age at Inauguration:** 54  
**Terms Served:** One (1877-1881)  
**Vice President:** William A. Wheeler  
**Death:** January 17, 1893, Fremont, Ohio, age 70, Natural Causes

*Rutherford B. Hayes*




**(1831-1881)**  
Twentieth President

**Born:** November 19, 1831  
**Place of Birth:** Orange (Cuyahoga County) Ohio  
**Ancestry:** English, Huguenot  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, soldier, professor, President of Hiram College  
**Military Service:** Commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of 42nd Ohio Volunteers in August 1861; rose to Brigadier General of Volunteers (1862); Major General of Volunteers (1863)  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Offices Held:** Member of Ohio Senate; Member of U. S. House of Representatives; Chairman of House Committee of Appropriations; Minority Leader in U. S. House of Representatives  
**Age at Inauguration:** 49  
**Terms Served:** One (1881, died in office)  
**Vice President:** Chester A. Arthur  
**Death:** September 19, 1881, Elberon, New Jersey, age 49, Assassinated

*James A. Garfield*



**(1830 - 1886)**  
Twenty-first President

**Born:** October 5, 1830  
**Place of Birth:** Fairfield, Vermont  
**Ancestry:** Scotch-Irish, English  
**Occupation:** Teacher, school principal, lawyer, Customs official  
**Military Service:** Inspector General of New York troops during Civil War; Quartermaster General for New York State

**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Engineer-in-Chief, New York State (1861); Collector of Customs, Port of New York (1871); Vice President  
**Age at Inauguration:** 50  
**Terms Served:** One (1881 - 1885)  
**Vice President:** None  
**Death:** November 18, 1886, New York, New York, age 56, Natural causes

*Chester A. Arthur*

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**(1837 - 1908)**  
Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth President

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**Place of Birth:** Caldwell, New Jersey  
**Ancestry:** English-Scotch, Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Erie County Assistant Attorney; Sheriff of Erie County;

Mayor of Buffalo; Governor of New York State  
**Age at Inauguration:** 47 and 55  
**Terms Served:** Two (1885 - 1889) (1893 - 1897)  
**Vice President:** Thomas A. Hendricks (1885, died in office) and Adlai E. Stevenson (1893 - 1897)  
**Death:** June 24, 1908, Princeton, New Jersey, age 71, Natural causes

*Grover Cleveland*




**(1833 - 1901)**  
Twenty-third President

**Born:** August 20, 1833  
**Place of Birth:** North Bend, Ohio  
**Ancestry:** English-Scotch  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, soldier  
**Military Service:** Appointed Colonel in 70th Indiana Volunteers (1862); resigned as Brevet Brigadier General in 1867  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Offices Held:** Commissioner for the Court of Claims; City Attorney; Secretary of Indiana Republican Central Committee; State Supreme Court Reporter, Member of U.S. Senate  
**Age at Inauguration:** 55  
**Terms Served:** One (1889 - 1893)  
**Vice President:** Levi P. Morton  
**Death:** March 13, 1901, Indianapolis, Indiana, age 67, Natural causes

*Benjamin Harrison*




**(1843 - 1901)**  
Twenty-fifth President

**Born:** January 29, 1843  
**Place of Birth:** Niles, Ohio  
**Ancestry:** Scotch-Irish, English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, teacher, clerk, soldier  
**Military Service:** Joined Ohio 23rd Volunteers in 1861; rose to rank of Major before leaving Army in 1865  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Member of U.S. House of Representatives; Governor of Ohio

**Age at Inauguration:** 54  
**Terms Served:** Two (1897 - 1901) (1901, died in office)  
**Vice President:** Garret A. Hobart (1897 - 1899, died in office) and Theodore Roosevelt (1901)  
**Death:** September 14, 1901, Buffalo, New York, age 58, Assassinated


*William McKinley*

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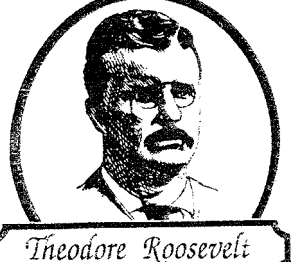



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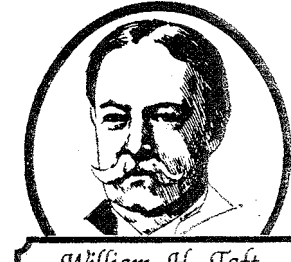


**(1858 - 1919)**  
Twenty-sixth President

**Born:** October 27, 1858  
**Place of Birth:** New York, New York  
**Ancestry:** English, Dutch, Scotch, Huguenot  
**Occupation:** Writer, historian, rancher  
**Military Service:** Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, 1st U.S. Volunteers Cavalry Regiment (Rough Riders) 1898  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Offices Held:** New York State Assemblyman; U.S. Civil Service Commissioner; President of New York Board of Police Commissioners; Governor of New York State; Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Vice President  
**Age at Inauguration:** 42  
**Terms Served:** Two (1901 - 1905) (1905 - 1909)  
**Vice President:** First term: None. Second term: Charles W. Fairbanks (1905 - 1909)  
**Death:** January 6, 1919, Oyster Bay, New York, age 60, Heart Failure

*Theodore Roosevelt*

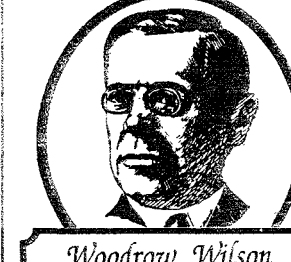


**(1857 - 1930)**  
Twenty-seventh President

**Born:** September 15, 1857  
**Place of Birth:** Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Ancestry:** English, Scotch-Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Offices Held:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Hamilton County, Ohio; Ohio Supreme Court Judge; U.S. Solicitor General; Federal Circuit Court Judge; Civil Governor of Philippines; Secretary of War  
**Age at Inauguration:** 51  
**Terms Served:** One (1909 - 1913)  
**Vice President:** James S. Sherman (1909 - 1912, died in office)  
**Death:** March 8, 1930, Washington, D.C., age 72, Heart ailment

*William H. Taft*




**(1856 - 1924)**  
Twenty-eighth President

**Born:** December 28, 1856  
**Place of Birth:** Staunton, Virginia  
**Ancestry:** Scotch-Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, historian, professor, president of Princeton University  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Governor of New Jersey

**Age at Inauguration:** 56  
**Terms Served:** Two (1913 - 1917) (1917 - 1921)  
**Vice President:** Thomas Marshall (both terms)  
**Death:** February 3, 1924, Washington, D.C., age 67, Natural causes

*Woodrow Wilson*




**(1865 - 1923)**  
Twenty-ninth President

**Born:** November 2, 1865  
**Place of Birth:** Blooming Grove, Ohio  
**Ancestry:** English, Scotch-Irish,  
**Occupation:** Newspaper editor and publisher  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Member of Ohio Senate; Lt. Governor of Ohio; U.S. Senator  
**Age at Inauguration:** 55

**Terms Served:** One (1921 - 1923 died in office)  
**Vice President:** Calvin Coolidge  
**Death:** August 2, 1923, San Francisco, California, age 57, Stroke

*Warren G. Harding*




**(1872 - 1933)**  
Thirtieth President

**Born:** July 4, 1872  
**Place of Birth:** Plymouth Notch, Vermont  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Member of Massachusetts House of Representatives; Mayor of Northampton, Massachusetts; Member and President of Massachusetts Senate; Lt. Governor of Massachusetts; Governor of Massachusetts; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 51  
**Terms Served:** Two (1923- 1925, completed Harding's term) (1925 - 1929)  
**Vice President:** Charles G. Dawes (1925 - 1929)  
**Death:** January 5, 1933, Northampton, Massachusetts, age 60, Coronary Thrombosis

*Calvin Coolidge*



**(1874 - 1964)**  
Thirty-first President

**Born:** August 10, 1874  
**Place of Birth:** West Branch, Iowa  
**Ancestry:** German-Swiss, English  
**Occupation:** Engineer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Chairman of Commission for Relief in Belgium; U.S. Food Administrator; Chairman of Supreme Economic Council; Secretary of Commerce

**Age at Inauguration:** 54  
**Terms Served:** One (1929 - 1933)  
**Vice President:** Charles Curtis (1929 - 1933)  
**Death:** October 20, 1964, New York, New York, age 90, Natural causes


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**Place of Birth:** Hyde Park, New York  
**Ancestry:** Dutch, Huguenot, English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** None  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Member of New York State Senate; Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Governor of New York

**Age at Inauguration:** 51  
**Terms Served:** Four (1933 - 1937) (1937 - 1941) (1941 - 1945) (1945, died in office)  
**Vice President:** John Garner (1933 - 1937) (1937 - 1941) Henry Wallace (1941 - 1945) and Harry S. Truman (1945)  
**Death:** April 12, 1945, Warm Springs, Georgia, age 63, Cerebral hemorrhage.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*




**(1884 - 1972)**  
Thirty-third President

**Born:** May 8, 1884  
**Place of Birth:** Lamar, Missouri  
**Ancestry:** English, Scotch-Irish  
**Occupation:** Railroad time keeper, bank clerk, haberdasher, farmer  
**Military Service:** Missouri National Guard; Captain in 129th Field Artillery (1918 - 1919)  
**Political Party:** Democrat

**Offices Held:** County Judge for Eastern District of Jackson County Missouri; Presiding Judge, County Court, Jackson County Missouri; U.S. Senator; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 60  
**Terms Served:** Two (1945 - 1949, completed Roosevelt's term) (1949 - 1953)  
**Vice President:** Alben Barkley (1949 - 1953)  
**Death:** December 26, 1972, Kansas City, Mo., age 88, Natural Causes

*Harry S. Truman*



**(1890-1969)**  
Thirty-fourth President


**Born:** October 14, 1890  
**Place of Birth:** Denison, Texas  
**Ancestry:** Swiss-German  
**Occupation:** Soldier; President of Columbia University (1948-1951)  
**Military Service:** served in U.S., Panama, and Philippines (1915-1942); Commander of European Theater of Operations (1942); Commander of Allied Expeditionary Force in Western Europe (1943); General of the Army (1944); Army Chief of Staff (1945);supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Europe (1951)

**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** None  
**Age at Inauguration:** 62  
**Terms Served:** Two (1953-1957) (1957-1961)  
**Vice President:** Richard M. Nixon (both terms)  
**Death:** March 28, 1969, , Washington D.C., age 78, Heart failure

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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**Place of Birth:** Brookline, Massachusetts  
**Ancestry:** Irish  
**Occupation:** Author, reporter  
**Military Service:** Ensign, Lieutenant (J.G.), U.S. Naval Reserve (active duty 1941 - 1945);  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** Member of U.S. House of Representatives; Member of U.S. Senate

**Age at Inauguration:** 43  
**Terms Served:** One (1961 - 1963, died in office)  
**Vice President:** Lyndon B. Johnson  
**Death:** November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, age 46, Assassinated

*John F. Kennedy*




**(1908 - 1973)**  
Thirty-sixth President

**Born:** August 27, 1908  
**Place of Birth:** Near Stonewall, Texa.  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** School teacher, rancher  
**Military Service:** Lieutenant Commander; U.S. Naval Reserve (active duty 1941 - 1942)  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** National Youth Administration Director in Texas; Member of U.S. House of Representatives; Member of U.S. Senate; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 55  
**Terms Served:** Two (1963 - 1965, completed Kennedy's term) (1965 - 1969)  
**Vice President:** Hubert Humphrey  
**Death:** January 22, 1973, Johnson City, Texas, age 64, Heart attack

*Lyndon B. Johnson*



**(1913 - 1994)**  
Thirty-seventh President

**Born:** January 9, 1913  
**Place of Birth:** Yorba Linda, California  
**Ancestry:** English-Scotch, Irish  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** Lieutenant (J.G.), Lieutenant; Commander, U.S. Navy; Commander U.S. Naval Reserve (active duty, 1942-1946)  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Offices Held:** Member of U.S. House of Representatives; Member of U.S. Senate; Vice President

**Age at Inauguration:** 56  
**Terms Served:** Two (1969 - 1972) (1972 - 1974, resigned August 9, 1974 due to "Watergate" scandal.)  
**Vice President:** Spiro Agnew (1969-1973, resigned due to income tax evasion); Gerald R. Ford (December 1973-August 9, 1974, first congressional appointed Vice President)

**Death:** 1994

*Richard M. Nixon*



Gerald R. Ford

(1913 - )  
Thirty-eighth President

**Born:** July 14, 1913  
**Place of Birth:** Omaha, Nebraska  
**Ancestry:** Suspected English  
**Occupation:** Lawyer  
**Military Service:** U.S. Navy during World War II  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** U.S. Congressman (1948 - 1973)  
**Age at Inauguration:** 61

**Terms Served:** (August 9, 1974 - 1976, first man ever elevated to presidency under 25th Amendment)  
**Vice President:** Nelson A. Rockefeller (December 19, 1974 - 1976, second congressionally appointed Vice President)



James Carter

(1924 - )  
Thirty-ninth President

**Born:** October 1, 1924  
**Place of Birth:** Plains, Georgia  
**Ancestry:** British and Scotch-Irish  
**Occupation:** Businessman, Civic Leader  
**Military Service:** U.S. Navy 1946 - 1953  
**Political Party:** Democrat  
**Offices Held:** State Senator 1962 - 1966, Governor 1971 - 1975.

**Age at Inauguration:** 52  
**Terms Served:** One (1976 - 1980)  
**Vice President:** Walter Mondale



Ronald Reagan

(1911 - )  
Fortieth President

**Born:** February 6, 1911  
**Place of Birth:** Tampico, Illinois  
**Ancestry:** Irish  
**Occupation:** Actor, Public Official  
**Military Service:** No active service  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** Governor of California  
**Age at Inauguration:** 69

**Terms Served:** Two (1980 - 1984) (1984 - 1988)  
**Vice President:** George H.W. Bush

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George Bush

(1924 - )  
Forty-first President

**Born:** June 12, 1924  
**Place of Birth:** Milton, Massachusetts  
**Ancestry:** English  
**Occupation:** Businessman  
**Military Service:** U.S. Navy Reserves, Seaman 2nd Class; Active duty 1942-1945.

**Political Party:** Republican  
**Offices Held:** U.S. House of Representatives 1966;  
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations 1971-1973; Chairman of the Republican National Committee 1973-1974; Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China.

**Age at Inauguration:** 65  
**Terms Served:** One (1989-1992)  
**Vice President:** Dan Quayle

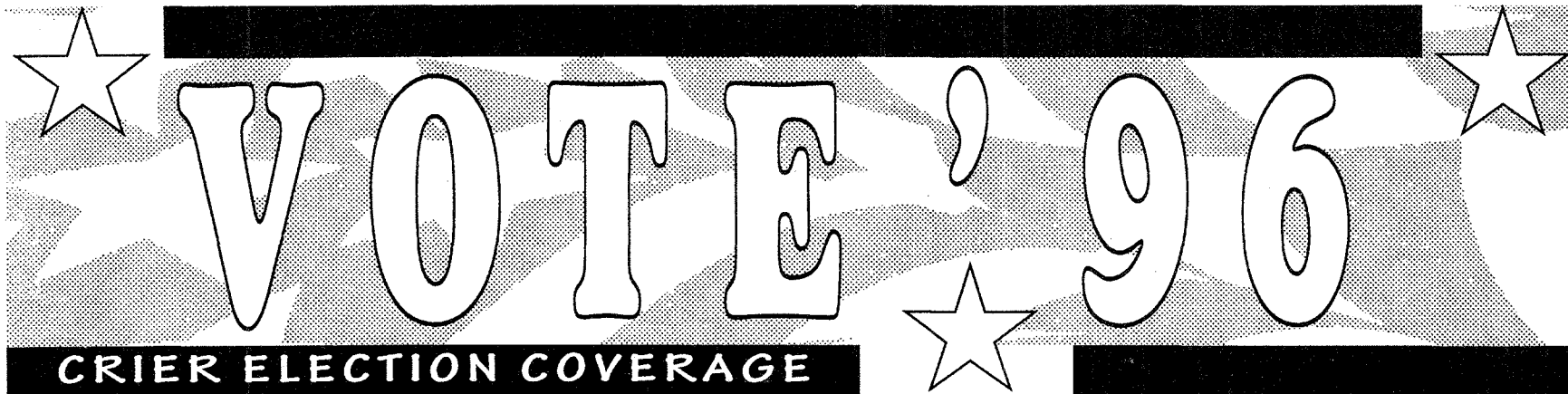


Bill Clinton

(1946 - )  
Forty-second President

**Born:** August 19, 1946  
**Place of Birth:** Hope, Ark.  
**Occupation:** Public Official  
**Military Service:** No active service  
**Political Party:** Democratic  
**Office Held:** Gov. of Arkansas  
**Age at Inauguration:** 46

**Terms Served:** One (1993-1996)  
**Vice President:** Albert A. Gore, Jr.



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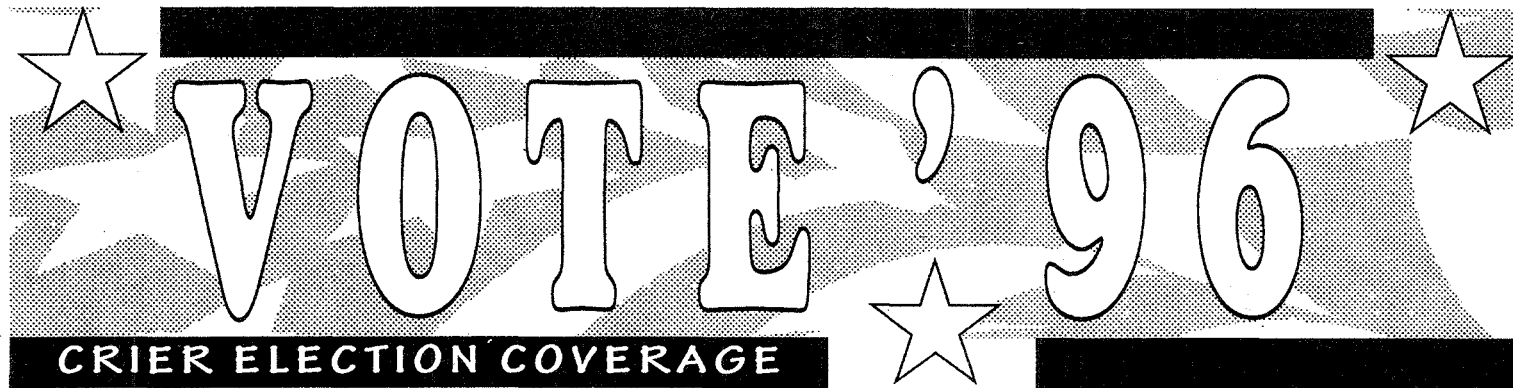
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<b>1:</b> Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction	<b>6:</b> New Member Orientation, Summit on the Park, 11:00 AM	<b>15:</b> Ski and Skate Sport Sale	
<b>6-30:</b> Visions of Christmas Santa Claus/Angels (Ply Historical Museum)	<b>6:</b> Member Luncheon, Summit on the Park, 12:00 noon,	<b>22:</b> Santa Parade	
<b>23,24:</b> Open House, Santa's Arrival (1 PM Sunday)	<b>8:</b> Grand Opening - Northwestern Community Services	<b>24:</b> Christmas Walk, Downtown, 12-5 PM	
<b>23,24:</b> Employee Discount Days	<b>13:</b> Board Meeting, Damon's, 12 noon	— December —	
<b>29:</b> Salvation Army/Kettle Drive runs until 12/24	<b>19:</b> After Hours Business Connection - Skatin' Station II, 5:00 - 6:30 PM	<b>6:</b> Candlelight Walk & Auction,	
<b>29,30:</b> Arts & Crafts Show at Cultural Center	<b>21:</b> THIRD THURSDAY UPDATE, Old Country Buffet, 7:30 AM	<b>7:</b> Town & Country Christmas/Our Lady of Victory	
— December —			
<b>1:</b> Arts & Crafts Show at Cultural Center	<b>21:</b> Board of Directors Planning Conference, Embassy Suites Livonia, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>13-15:</b> Handcrafters Craft Show	
<b>8:</b> Christmas Sing-A-Long/ Dedication of Trees 6 PM	— December —		
<b>5-8:</b> Plymouth Community Chorus Christmas concert (First United Methodist Church)	<b>4:</b> Member Luncheon, Summit on the Park, 12 noon		
<b>7:</b> Plymouth Goodfellows Paper Sale (8 AM-2 PM)	<b>6:</b> Canton Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Party, Fellows Creek Golf Club, 6:30 PM		
<b>8:</b> Ply Historical Museum Open house 1-5 PM			
<b>13-15:</b> Old Village Christmas			
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# Growing Up

*With a little planning, the change from elementary to middle school can be easy*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Brian Smith is a fifth-grader at Isbister Elementary School. He wrote this column to help students make the transition from elementary school to middle school.*

## Kids' Corner

By Brian Smith



It takes a lot of courage to go into the sixth grade at a new school. You get to meet new teachers, new friends and a new daily routine.

Most of the district's principals, when asked what they like about their jobs, said that they liked working with the children and their families. Many schools have programs in the spring and fall to help the students adjust to their new schools. For instance, Pioneer Middle School holds a parent open house in the spring. Then in May, the fifth graders that will be going to Pioneer and the other middle schools in the fall, visit the middle schools to see what it is like in middle school.

Most middle school principals saw a lot of changes in the way kids adjust over the years. East Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin is the exception. Judith Stone has been principal at West Middle School for the past 11 years — the longest of any in the P-C School District. As most any school, if the students have questions they can see any adult. The principals and teachers would be happy to assist you.

Most of the middle schools students interviewed were adjusting very well to their new schools. For Kevin Whipple at West, it's been a breeze. "It's much easier than I thought," he said.

Middle school is different from elementary school in one important respect: the amount of homework students receive. The cafeteria food is also different. Pizza is on the menu every



(left to right) West Middle School students Jacob Amberg, Christina Mathis, Matt Kay, Ryan Harrison, Tarik Haddad and Meghan Wind work on a group project in the hall. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

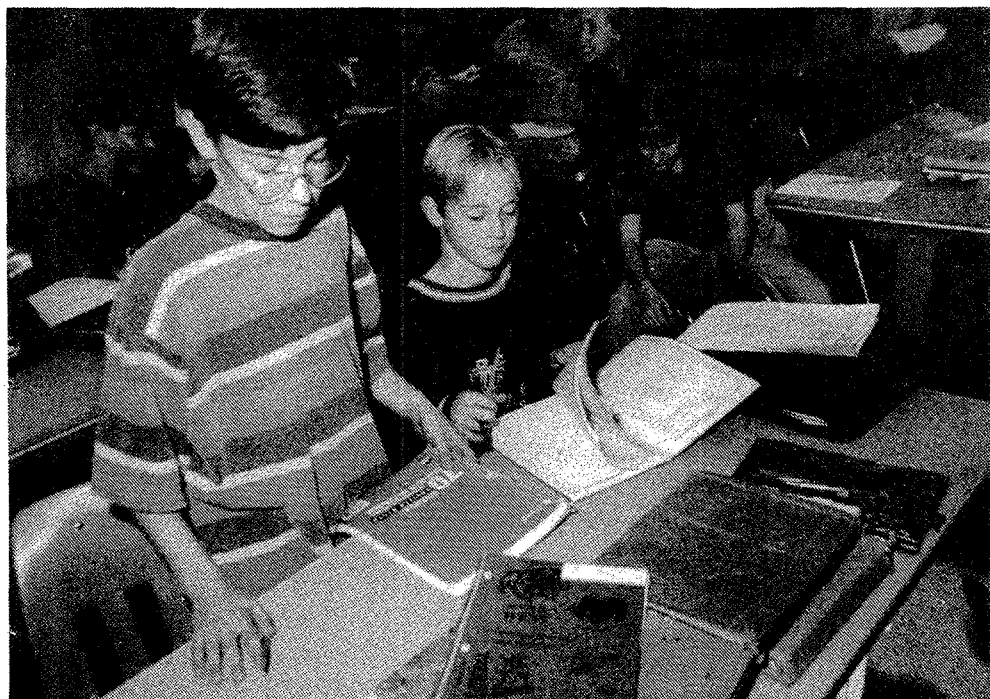
day. Recess times vary by the school from five to 40 minutes. Lowell Middle School is unique. It offers students a "Seventh Hour Class," where students can play sports and learn computers.

In addition to Stone and Franklin, it takes many people to make the transition between elementary and middle school easy. Principals such as Roche LaVictor at Lowell Middle School, Tom Owens at Pioneer Middle School and Barbara Church at Central Middle School help kids adjust to their new life and new school. Kids who are already at the school can help too. Whipple at West, Katie Tucci at Lowell, Nick

Breckon at East and Mike Shea at Pioneer can all help make the change a little bit easier. In fact, all these people took time out of their day to be interviewed. Thank you to all these wonderful people.

### Important things to remember when moving from elementary to middle school:

1. Put on your thinking cap and remember to do your homework.
2. If you're in trouble or need help, ask one of the many adults in school.
3. Don't be afraid. Many of your friends will be making the same change as you.
4. Make sure your parents attend open houses at your school.
5. Don't stuff yourself on pizza. After all, it's on the menu every day.
6. Have fun!



(left to right) Greg Hubert and Charlie Carlson, sixth graders at West Middle School show how important it is to be organized in middle school. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)





# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### EDYTHE H. FREDERICKS

Edythe H. Fredericks, an Ann Arbor resident, died Oct. 22, 1996 at the age of 91.

Ms. Fredericks was born in Ahmerstberg, Ontario, Canada. She worked for Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. both at the Fisher Building in Detroit and in Southfield from 1946 to 1970. She lived in Ann Arbor since 1977 and previous to that, she lived in Northville. She was a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Ms. Fredericks is survived by her daughter, Jeane Perrett of Plymouth; five grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Northview Cemetery in Dearborn. Memorial tributes can be made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or Glacier Hills Nursing Center, 1200 Earhart Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

### CATHERINE J. WAGNER

Catherine J. Wagner, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 21, 1996 at the age of 61.

Mrs. Wagner, the daughter of Gordon and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Woodside was born on July 7, 1935 in Indian River. Mrs. Wagner was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wagner is survived by her husband, Richard; sons, Rick (Carol) Wagner of Jackson, Dean (Sue) Wagner of Redford, Rob Wagner of Plymouth and Spencer Wagner of Canton; daughters, Laura (Edward) Kalis of Redford, Barbara (Rick) Naber of New York, Catherine Smith of Northville and Kim (Steve) Chapin of Highland; brother, Gordon Woodside of Hamburg; 12 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville with Rev. Curt Roelofs officiating. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

### S. DAVID SPENCER

S. David Spencer, a Venice, FL resident, died Oct. 15, 1996 at the age of 73.

Mr. Spencer was born Sept. 15, 1923 in Detroit. He is formerly from Walled Lake, where he lived for 29 years. Mr. Spencer served in the U.S. Marine Corp in the Second Marine Division from 1942-45 where he received the Presidential Unit Citation for service in Tarawa and received two Purple Hearts for injuries while fighting in Saipan. He was Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Gleaner Life Insurance in Adrian, from which he retired in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Joan (Kim) Kennedy of Walled Lake and Patricia Spencer of Ann Arbor; sons, John (Kathy) Spencer of Plymouth and Paul (Lynn) Spencer of Columbia, SC; sister, Betty Berta of Nokomis, FL; and grandchildren, Sean, Katie, Matthew, Kimberly, Brooke, David and J.P.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Phil Rogers officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

### JEANNE C. SCHOEN

Jeanne C. Schoen, a Livonia resident, died Oct. 12, 1996 at the age of 75.

Mrs. Schoen was born Oct. 14, 1921 in Onkama. She came to the Livonia community in 1954 from Ann Arbor. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Mrs. Schoen was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was busy raising two sons and was also involved with the Livonia Public Schools PTO from 1954 to 1967. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother from 1954 to 1960 at the Old Stark School and church school teacher and Superintendent at St. John's from 1954 through the 1980s. She was also a member of the Vivians, the Elks Auxiliary and the Women's Republican Organization in Livonia.

Mrs. Schoen is survived by her husband, Harold; sons, Phillip C. (Michelle) Schoen of Westland and Harold E. (Ophelia) Schoen, Jr. of Ypsilanti; brother, Herbert C. Crandell, Jr. of Grand Blanc; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Herbert Crandell, Jr. and Rev. Michael Bedford officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to St. John's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund.

### JUANITA E. DANN

Juanita E. Dann, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 11, 1996 at the age of 82.

Ms. Dann was born July 15, 1914 in Washington, IN. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Dann is survived by her daughter, Marjorie S. O'Day of Livonia; sister, Kathryn Woods of Monroe; brother, John Lawyer of Garden City; grandchildren, Mark (Julie) of Atlanta, GA, Michael of Westland and Suzanne Rosenblum of Tampa, FL; and great grandchildren, Carley and William O'Day.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, 1996 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump and Rev. John Grenfell officiating. Interment will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the Alzheimers Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or West Trail Nursing Home Building Fund, 395 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Mabel Taylor, a Canton resident, died Oct. 24, 1996 at the age of 82.

Ms. Taylor was born Feb. 19, 1914 in West Chester, PA. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Taylor is survived by her daughters, Leona (Walter) Zebrowski of Canton and Elaine (Rene) Cote of Wyandotte; sister, Jeannette (Rudolph) Salarno of Florida; eight grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

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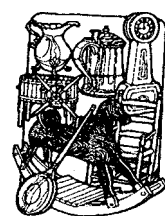
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**Boo!**

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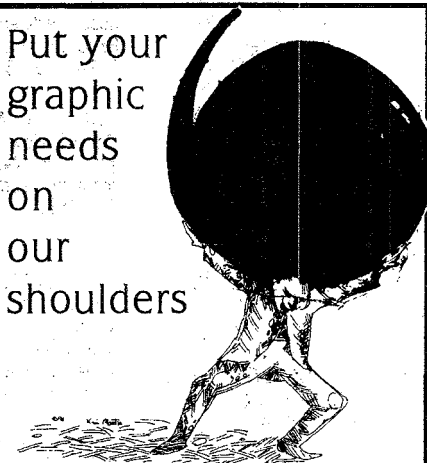
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# Community deaths

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from Kirk of Our Savior in Westland officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

## RICHARD J. PARK

Richard J. Park, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 22, 1996 at the age of 55.

Mr. Park was born Jan. 28, 1941 in Detroit. He moved to the community in 1972. He was a sales representative for AAA for 24 years at the Laurel Park branch. He attended St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Canton. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Northville. He was a member of the Michigan Harness Association and served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Park is survived by his daughter, Christine Park of Sterling Heights; sons, Kevin Park of East Lansing and Gregory (Jennifer) Park of New Port; grandchildren, Samantha, Mikayela and Jonathon; mother, Alice Park of Livonia; loving companion, Linda McMullen of Plymouth; brothers, Dr. Kenneth (Kathy) Park of IL, Carl Park of Livonia and Kevin (Cherlyn) Park of Canton; sisters, Kathy Park of Canton, Lisa (Ron) Keefer of Livonia and Jackie Kendall of West Bloomfield.

Services were held at St. Edith Catholic Church with Fr. Louis Tuffour officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Heart Association.

## Rosalie Davis, 67, homemaker

Rosalie Davis, a Canton resident, died Oct. 23, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Michael P. (Renae) Davis of Canton and one other son; two daughters; one brother; one sister; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton officiating.

## Warren B. Lewis, 85, delivery man

Warren B. Lewis, a former Plymouth resident, died Oct. 24, 1996.

He is survived by two sons; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mildred.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

## Baily B. Green, 91, engineer

Baily B. Green, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 26, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; daughter, Shirley Pegg of Plymouth and one other daughter; five grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. James Skimins officiating.

## Betty A. Nelson, 71, clerk

Betty A. Nelson, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 26, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, George; one daughter; son, James (Virginia) Nelson of Plymouth and one other son; one brother; her mother; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

## June Patricia Adams-Slovik, 74, homemaker

June Patricia Adams-Slovik, a former Canton resident, died Oct. 26, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Joesph; three sons; one daughter; and eight grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Arrangements were made by Pawlus Funeral Home.

# Sports



## Sports shorts

WSDP, 88.1 FM, will air a special pregame show for Friday's cross-campus football rivalry between Salem and Canton High School.

The show will begin airing at 6 p.m. and will feature interviews with players, coaches, and administrators. The pregame show will be hosted by John Kreger.

The City of Plymouth and Canton Parks & Recreation Departments are holding registration for its co-ed volleyball league new teams may register starting Nov. 6. The entry fee is \$175, plus a \$15 non-resident fee. For more information, call 455-6620.

The Detroit Whalers announced that individual game tickets are now on sale for the 1996-97 season. Tickets may be purchased at the new Compuware Sports Arena located at 14900 Beck Rd. or by calling (313) 453-8400.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be holding registration for its men's basketball league starting Nov. 4 for returning teams and Nov. 13 for new teams. For information call 455-6620.

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a Sunday men's basketball league. The entry fee is \$330 per team, there is a \$15 non-resident fee. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 24. For more information call 349-0203.

The Plymouth-Canton varsity Steelers warmed up for the playoffs and another run to the Superbowl with an overwhelming victory over the Canton Lions.

Chris Hardy hit Chris Shurfey with a 10-yard touchdown pass, Kevin Entsminger scored from one-yard out, Hardy scored on a three-yard quarterback sneak and Entsminger scored again from the one-yard line.

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

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

## Whalers rally in weekend wins *Detroit bullies Belleville...*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

There was more to the Detroit Whalers' Saturday night 3-2 victory over Belleville than ending a five-game winless streak.

That's because the Bulls mirror Detroit in two aspects: record and roster.

Detroit entered the game 4-7-1; the Bulls were 4-8-2. And both teams have played sporadically during the first month of the season with young rosters aimed at rebuilding a team depleted by OHL graduates and NHL draft picks.

So it was encouraging to Whalers Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer to see his team outshoot Belleville 39-22, and rally for three third period goals for the win.

Forward Andrew Taylor scored the game-winning goal at 14:12 of the third period when the Whalers were on the power play.

After Bulls goalie Kory Cooper stopped a slap shot by Sergei Fedotov and a rebound attempt by center Steve Wasylko hit the post, Taylor tipped in the loose puck from the crease area just to the right side of the net.

"It was just one of those things. I was at the right place at the right time. The puck just knocked off the post, and it was just sitting there and I put it in. It's a great feeling to score the winner," Taylor said.

It was the first win for Detroit since Oct. 6.

Fedotov had a goal and an assist and center Julian Smith had two assists for the Whalers. Mark Cadotte also scored.

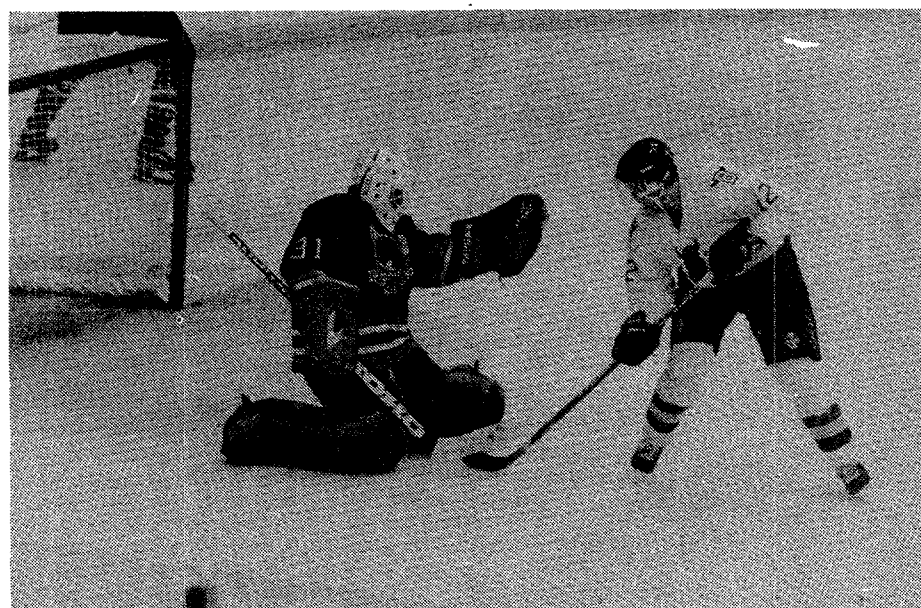
Nikos Tselios and Steve Tracze scored for the Bulls. "Belleville played really hard. I was really impressed with them. Despite their record, they're on a pretty good run right now. They won in Sarnia and tied in London (Friday) night. So they seem to have things going their way right now. They're playing some pretty good hockey. It was definitely a good gauge for us. Belleville's kind of in the same program stages we are," DeBoer said.

"It was a good game, a great win for

us," said the Whalers' captain, Mike Morrone. "It was the perfect win at the right time. We had five games without a win. Bottom line: you get the right win at the right time, it picks the team confidence up a lot. With a bunch of young guys, it's picked the team back up a lot."

After a lethargic first period that saw 20 shots on goal, 10 from each team, the Whalers had several quality chances in the second period. But it was Belleville who scored first. At 11:17 of the second

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Detroit goalie Robert Esche goes to make the save on Belleville defenseman Adam Collins. Esche made 20 saves in the Whalers' 3-2 victory over the Bulls. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## ...Victory over Windsor 'Taylor-made'

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE AND BRIAN CORBETT

It was a weekend Taylor-made for Whalers' victories at Compuware Sports Arena.

For the second home game in as many nights, Detroit used a late power play goal to overcome a one-goal third period deficit. With the victory, Detroit improved to 6-7-1, and Windsor fell to 3-10-1.

Sunday's game-winner versus the Spitfires was scored by Chad Cavanagh with 3:35 remaining left in the game.

But the hero of the weekend was Andrew Taylor, who scored his seventh and eighth goals of the season versus Windsor. A night earlier, Taylor scored the game-winning goal to beat Belleville, 3-2. He leads the Whalers in goals (8) and points (11).

It's the third, two-game winning streak of the season for the Whalers, who are in third place in the OHL's West Division.

Windsor almost prevented the Whalers from going for their first three-game winning streak of the season tomorrow night in Peterborough by jumping out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals from Matt Elich and Tim Findlay respectively.

But in one minute midway through the second period, Detroit tied the game, 2-2.

Randy Fitzgerald outskated the Spitfires' defense for a goal at 9:56; Steve Dumonski assisted. Just 59 seconds later, Taylor beat Windsor goalie Scott Roche to tie the game.

The Spitfires would lead one more time, 3-2 in the third period, when D.J. Mando beat Robert Esche on the top right shelf. It was 3-3 with 6:53 left after Taylor scored from Cavanagh and

defenseman Jan Vondrazka. With Windsor's Jamie Wentzell off for tripping, Cavanagh scored his fourth goal of the season from Mark Cadotte and Kevin Holdridge.

**Friday, Sarnia, Ontario** — In their fourth meeting in less than a month, the Sting beat Detroit, 5-2.

Sarnia has won three in a row versus Detroit this season. Sarnia is in second place in the West Division; Detroit is third. Mark Cadotte and Steve Wasylko scored for the Whalers, who nearly pulled off the upset.

"It was 3-2 with six minutes left in a very tough building against a real good team," said Whalers Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer, "and I'll tell you: We were all over them. We outshot them in the third period, 16-7, and basically we just couldn't buy a goal."

# Keep on running

## Salem girls CC 3rd at regionals; 1st trip to state finals in 10 years

BY BRIAN CORBETT

According to the records, the Canton High School girls cross country team (6-0) was supposed to be headed for the state finals this weekend at Michigan International Speedway near Jackson.

Their counterparts at Salem, who had enjoyed a successful but not as impressive record (4-2) under second-year coach Dave Gerlach were supposed to be wrapping up their season at regionals last weekend.

Here's why they still run the races: Salem sneaked by their cross-campus rivals with 143 points and qualified for the team state finals competition for the first time in more than 10 years. "I'm thrilled to death," said Gerlach.

The Rocks finished second in the Lakes Division and third in the Western Lakes Activities Association during the regular season. But Salem was heavy underdogs to regional competitors Livonia Stevenson, Novi, Canton and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Stevenson, who won the WLAA, also won the region with 43

points. Novi was second with 76 points. Canton and Pioneer tied for fourth with 172 points. "We had a very good team day. All of the seniors stepped it up, and that's what we needed," Gerlach said.

Nicole Bolton led all Rock runners, finishing 13th with a time of 20:12. Kristie Giddings wasn't far behind at 20:21, good for 17th place. Mary Desbrow (20:59) finished in 35th, and Evelyn Rahhol was 37th. Freshman Rachael Mouratis was 56th, and Erin Lang came in 61st. "We're extremely excited," said Gerlach. "This is the first time in over 10 years the Salem team has qualified for the state finals."

Gerlach said Salem's goal is to finish in the top 10 this weekend. "We are going to be as competitive as possible. There are going to be six or seven teams who are almost untouchable. So we'll go in and mess with them," he said.

Stevenson, Utica Stevenson, Novi, Brighton and Rockford are the top Class A teams, according to Gerlach.

# Salem gridders tame Mustangs

## Rocks head into Canton game at 5-3

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

When summer training began for the Salem football team, few thought the Rocks had a chance. Some laughed and said Salem wouldn't win a game.

The Rocks have the last laugh. The team no one thought had a prayer is going into the final game of the year against Canton with a 5-3 record.

They're also coming off a win last weekend against Northville. The Rocks whipped the Mustangs, 28-14. It's the second time Salem beat Northville this year. They beat the Mustangs on a last-second field goal, 17-14, the first time around.

"Northville struggled this year," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer.

It doesn't help Northville when the Rock offensive line opens gaping holes

for Salem's running backs. "We're a triple-option football team," Moshimer said. "They took away the quarterback and pitch-man."

They didn't take away the fullback. Salem's Matt Johnson ran roughshod over the Mustangs, gaining 238 yards on 26 carries. He also scampered for two touchdowns.

Moshimer said most of Johnson's yardage came on big gains. "Johnson had a 52-yard run in the first drive of the game," he said. "There were a couple other big runs. He was a real workhorse for us."

Salem quarterback Nate Gray rushed for 60 yards on 16 carries and was 4 for 8 for 52 yards passing on the day to help the Rocks' cause.

The Mustangs are in the Rocks' rear-

view mirror. Moshimer said the team is beginning to focus on the game with archival Canton.

"It's always a real battle," he said. "But it's nothing different as far as the way we prepare. All year long it's the same approach. A win is a win and a loss is a loss. "They have a player, Rob Johnson, who's consistently been called a Division I prospect, a couple of good running backs and good receivers. They've got some guns. All we can do is go out there and do our best."

That's what they've done all season long. "Everyone gave us a slim chance of making it," he said. "No matter what happens this weekend, it's been a successful year. When no one gives you a chance and you win five, with a chance to win six games, it's a good year."

# Whalers beat Belleville, 3-2; end winless streak

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Tracze shot high, under the cross bar to score before the net was knocked of its moorings.

The score didn't change until 7:20 into the third period when Fedotov scored his second of the season. At the left circle, Fedotov — who has a canon stick — wound up for a slap shot and misfired. Anticipating a higher, faster shot, the change up appeared to fool Cooper, who fell to the ice too late to stop the puck with his right pad.

Julian Smith and Troy Smith assisted.

Tselios lifted the Bulls to their second lead of the game 3:04 later when he beat Robert Esche stick side.

But the Bulls' lead would last only 39 seconds, because Cadotte would score his sixth goal of the season on assists from Julian Smith and Kevin Holdridge. That set up Taylor's power play goal at 14:12 of the third period from Fedotov and Steve Wasylo.

### Whalers statistics:

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	Pim	PPG	SHG	GWG	GTG	IG
Andrew Taylor	14	8	3	11	-4	23	4	0	1	0	1
Mark Cadotte	14	6	4	10	-2	28	3	1	0	0	0
Steve Wasylo	12	4	6	10	-1	10	2	0	0	0	0
Chad Cavanagh	13	4	6	10	-1	12	2	1	3	0	1
Jesse Boulerice	11	4	4	8	0	72	1	0	0	0	1
Harold Druken	14	4	4	8	-3	2	3	0	1	0	0
Randy Fitzgerald	14	3	4	7	2	30	0	1	0	0	0
Sergei Fedotov	12	2	4	6	-2	14	1	0	0	0	0
Jan Vodrazka	14	1	5	6	-1	57	1	0	0	0	0
Julian Smith	14	2	3	5	-1	4	0	0	0	1	0
Troy Smith	14	0	5	5	0	34	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Dumonski	13	1	3	4	-3	34	0	0	1	0	0
Kevin Holdridge	14	0	3	3	-13	8	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony Terzo	14	1	1	2	0	10	0	1	0	0	1
Mike Morrone	13	0	2	2	-3	46	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Gooldy	14	0	2	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Cameron	2	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luc Rioux	14	0	1	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan West	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Carter	3	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Paul Luciuk	6	0	0	0	-3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Esche	14	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Pat Parthenais	14	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0

Goaltender	GPI	Min.	GA	EN	So	Avg.	W	L	T	Sv.	Sv.%
Robert Esche	14	836	42	2	2	3.01	6	7	1	406	.906
Nathan West	1	8	1	0	0	7.50	0	0	0	1	.500
Detroit Whalers	14	845	45	2	2	3.20	6	7	1	407	.900

## On deck

### SALEM BASKETBALL

At home for playoff game Thursday at 7 p.m.

### SALEM FOOTBALL

At cross-campus rival Canton Friday at 7:30 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

At home for conference prelims Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.

### CANTON BASKETBALL

At playoff game Thursday at 7 p.m.

### CANTON FOOTBALL

At home versus cross-campus rival Salem High School Friday at 7:30 p.m.

### CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

At conference prelims at Salem High School Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.

## WHALER WATCH

### Coming Up:

Thursday-The Whalers are in Peterborough for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Friday-Whalers travel to Kingston.

Sunday-Whalers travel to Ottawa.

### Last Week:

Sarnia proved too tough to handle for the Whalers last Friday. Detroit lost the match-up, 5-2.

The Whalers ended a five-game winless streak by beating Belleville, 3-2.

The Whalers defeated division rival Windsor on Sunday, 4-3.



# Community opinions

## Rivers experience, character best for 13th District

Because of her hard work and commitment to the community, Rep. Lynn Rivers deserves a trip back to Washington to serve the constituents in the 13th Congressional District.

It's a matter of experience. Rivers has served the community at every level of government — local, state and school — and she's consistently done a good job.

Joe Fitzsimmons, her Republican challenger, has no experience and few new, solid ideas outside the Republican party line. Rivers' votes, on the other hand, prove she's willing to go outside her party to vote her conscious — the conscious that best represents The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Fitzsimmons has proven one thing to the voters: Although he's never run for office, he's quick to learn the dirty tricks and cheap political stunts all too prevalent in today's political campaigns.

On the issues, Rivers is strong. She does vote the party line most of the time, but is not afraid to deviate when necessary. Rivers voted for the line

item veto early in the debate, voted for the unfunded mandate bill and voted not to send troops to Bosnia — all of which were major votes against President Bill Clinton's agenda.

Fitzsimmons is the former chairperson of University Microfilms. His business savvy and economic background are pluses.

He also is one of the founders of the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum and claims to be the "education candidate."

His voting record shows different. Fitzsimmons failed to vote in any school-related election for 11 years, including the historic Proposal A vote to change the funding of Michigan's schools.

How can we trust Fitzsimmons in Washington when we can't trust him to cast his vote in local elections?

Both candidates claim to be tough on crime, hope to balance the budget and work to straighten out the medical system.

Rivers has proven herself in the political arena to

be a tenacious fighter for the community. She has fulfilled her promise to remain a resident of the community and returns home nearly every weekend. All this and she supported the Citizen Congress Act to eliminate most perks, cut pensions for Congress and freeze pay increases. She supported campaign finance reform, promoted ethics and reform in Congress and hasn't accepted a gift, meal or travel from any lobbyist. She's given \$244,000 back to the U.S. Treasury from her office budget and returned \$2,200 worth of pay during the government shut down.

Although Rivers has held coffee hours in the district, public education forums and town hall meetings, her profile has been low in The P-C Community. She needs to get out to this part of the district more during her second term.

Overall, Rivers has proven her mettle in Washington over the past two years. Vote for Rivers on Nov. 5 and send her back to Congress.

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## Campaign stunts have no place in elections

Campaign tricks have sunk to a new low. In several races, candidates have ignored the public's calls for clean races by distributing literature containing half-truths and in some cases, downright lies.

Some candidates just don't get it. The community will not be blinded by these stunts.

State Rep. Deborah Whyman has attempted to smear her opponent Deborah Nesbit in the race for the 21st House District. Her despicable campaign tactics came out again this year. In a letter to possible campaign contributors, Whyman wrote of Nesbit: "...The Detroit NAACP has recruited a very serious candidate to run against me." It's a lie and it was used to fuel racial tensions in Canton.

Joe Fitzsimmons, a candidate for the 13th Congressional District, distributed campaign literature at local Catholic churches that distorts the actual facts about Rep. Lynn Rivers' stand on partial-birth abortions.

On the cover of the campaign literature, the quote, "...Babies being killed moments before they draw their first breath is irrelevant to the

**"...Babies being killed moments before they draw their first breath is irrelevant to the discussion..."**

**LYNN RIVERS**

(September 19, 1996)

**Quotes taken out of context like the one above, should not be used in elections.**

discussion..." was attributed to Rivers, completely taken out of context and used to scare pro-life voters. On the inside of the pamphlet, it goes on to say, "Lynn Rivers: An 'abortion on demand' extremist."

## DeHart's experience sets her apart for sliver of Canton in 18th House

In the race for the 18th State House District, which includes a tiny portion of Canton, Eileen DeHart deserves a return to Lansing.

DeHart, an incumbent Democrat, is running against Republican Dennis LeMaitre. DeHart has proven herself in Lansing. She has other experience that includes 20 years in politics as a former staffer for State Rep. Justine Barnes.

DeHart knows the issues and will bring more positive results to the 18th District.

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Here is Rivers' actual comment while speaking on the floor of the U.S. House: "Mr. Speaker, this debate is not about abortion on demand in the seventh, eighth or ninth month. Roe vs. Wade and the law of the land allows for states to make that procedure illegal. So the specter of perfect babies being killed moments before they draw their first breaths is irrelevant to the discussion here today and are being used as a way to inflame the rhetoric and cloud the debate. What we are fighting about today is whether or not we should have a specific provision in the law allowing when the mother's life or health is threatened, that this procedure be available."

Campaigning like this does nothing to help the Fitzsimmons effort. He should stick to his conservative platform to sway this community's voters, not stoop to nasty campaign smears.

Even Gov. John Engler is not immune. In a letter with his endorsements for Wayne County judges, Engler wrote, "...Votes for other candidates (in addition to these three) may count against retaining these strong judges, and prevent them from continuing to do such great work in our courts." Is Engler really suggesting voters "plunk" — only pick certain candidates from a group even if more can be chosen?

Good conservative candidates are important to the political process, but these ridiculous tactics should be kept out of politics. Keep elections clean.

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## O'Hair: best bet for prosecutor

The race for Wayne County Prosecutor is not much of a race at all. Democratic incumbent John D. O'Hair is the best qualified candidate.

O'Hair faces Republican challenger Donald Knapp, who at press time was still awaiting his Bar Exam results.

The incumbent prosecutor, who has spent 13 years in office, established the Family Abuse Unit, which concentrates on abuse issues, especially against young people. O'Hair said that if re-elected, the focus of his term will be on habitual offenders. The creation of the Prosecutor's Repeat Offender Bureau will aid in this endeavor.

Although O'Hair has never been known for running the most organized Prosecutor's office, he is a community-minded prosecutor who knows that Wayne County does not end at the border of Detroit.

Proving that point, O'Hair could be found in Canton last week campaigning door-to-door.

As crime continues to find its way to Plymouth-Canton's doorstep the community needs a prosecutor who will fight for Plymouth-Canton's interests.

On Nov. 5, vote for O'Hair for Wayne County Prosecutor.

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# Community opinions

## Vote 'no' on hastily-planned City street bond

The answer to the City of Plymouth's poor street conditions is not the Street Improvement Bonding Proposition that is on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The proposal, which would assess no more than two mills of additional taxes, was put forth hastily as a poor option to the traditional special assessment districts the City has used in the past.

The City Commission and City manager slapped the proposal together following the upheaval of discontent from the residents of Farmer Street when a special assessment district was suggested.

Property owner and former mayor Jim McKeon foresaw the problems with road funding 20 years ago. Little has been done about it since.

Because of the current Commission, Mayor and City Manager's inaction the City is left with crumbling roads and a bond proposal built on shaky ground.

This proposal leaves the industrial and commercial property owners, who

don't live in the City, but spend a lot on property taxes, without any say in their streets' future.

If the Commission had the initiative to find a new formula that would work and truly be equitable to all the City's residents, this bad proposal wouldn't be on the ballot.

One can only hope that with the defeat of this bond proposal the City Commission will step up and do the jobs that they were elected for.

Special assessments may not be the answer to the City's problems, but neither is this proposal.

Vote "no" on the Street Improvement Bonding Proposition and demand that the City Commission start acting like they're actually running the City.

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## Law's experience helps Twp., City voters in Lansing

Experience has proven to be the deciding factor in endorsing Republican Gerry Law for the 20th District State Representative seat.

Law, who has served in the seat from 1983-1991 and from 1994 until the present, faced a Democratic challenge from Plymouth Township resident Deborah Hoadley.

Hoadley, a middle-of-the-road Democrat, and Law disagreed on very little, the notable exception being a gas tax.

Hoadley said she felt that a gas tax may bring relief to the horrible condition the streets are in, while Law said that it is far too early to consider a gas tax. Instead he suggested making Wayne County think of this community as a priority.

While Law is being endorsed, Hoadley should not give up on elected office. She should start her political career with a race for the Plymouth-Canton School Board or the Plymouth Township Board of

Trustees. Hoadley clearly has this community in mind, but needs to gain some experience at the local government level.

Law, who has touted his 100 percent attendance record as proof of his unwavering dedication to the people of the 20th House District, must make a better effort to make himself more visible in this community. He should take part in more of the community's activities and events.

Law, if re-elected, should also use more caution when using public money to send out flyers to the communities he serves. He should continue to take a proactive role in creating crime legislation and should work to find some kind of solution to the educational funding problems that this community faces.

The best choice for the 20th District State Representative seat is Law.

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## Whyman embarrassment to Canton; choose Nesbit for 21st

Democrat Deborah Nesbit, a candidate that truly represents the Canton community, deserves the nod for State Representative in the 21st House District.

Nesbit, who has lived in Canton for the past 10 years, has a strong commitment to the community. She is active in the Canton Business and Professional Women, graduate of the Canton Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program and a volunteer for First Step, an organization that fights against abuse.

State Rep. Deborah Whyman, on the other hand, has been wasting her and the district's time in Lansing debating issues such as boycotting Hawaii and the merits of state militia groups, when voters looked to her to solve problems that matter most to them — road funding and educational issues.

Whyman is an embarrassment to The Canton Community. Her ridiculous ideas and off-the-wall statements make her the laughingstock of the Michigan legislature.

Instead of fighting for her constituents, Whyman has spiraled out of control — embracing the values of weird fringe groups and fanatical causes.

She has shown that she doesn't care what the community thinks by skipping numerous public debates that focus on the issues.

Frankly, it's hard to tell what Whyman is thinking these days. What started out as a bright political career has turned into bizarre politics, fueled by bad advice from handlers. Whyman is still trying to get past the stupid moves she and her campaign made in the last election. A libel case is pending in the 35th District Court that was filed by her last opponent for the 21st House District, Donna Clark.

Nesbit understands the community and will fight for what's important to

Canton voters.

Canton's voters can see through Whyman's bigotry. Vote for Nesbit in the 21st House District.

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## How, why The Crier endorses

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 and hot issues.

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 in those races and on those issues 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.

These endorsements are the collective opinions of the newspaper's editorial staffers, who vote on the races following (in some cases) heated debate.



Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair answered The Crier's questions during an extensive candidate interview. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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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# Community opinions

## 'Yes' vote on Proposal S means new stadiums, painless tax increase for voters in Wayne County

Residents in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community should vote "yes" on Proposal S.

While the benefits in western Wayne County of a revitalized Detroit remain debatable, they far outweigh the minimal effects that car rental and hotel room taxes will have on average citizens.

Unfortunately, there is some doubt about Wayne County's track record on collecting earmarked taxes versus its spending record.

Proposal S was designed and introduced this year after the Detroit Lions and Tigers announced their desire to build two new stadiums side-by-side, to create a sports-entertainment complex in downtown Detroit. Proposal S is intended to garner \$80 million of \$505 million estimated it will take to build the stadiums.

Voters should join the renaissance of Detroit by supporting this proposal.

The two new stadiums will create 5,000 jobs, spur new restaurants and shopping downtown, and attract national sporting events and conventions, Proposal S supporters say, for a total annual economic impact of \$200 million.

At a time in professional sports when franchises are lured to other cities with guarantees of new stadiums built at no cost to the team's owner(s), the Lions' and Tigers' \$215 million contribution is considerable. Along with \$50 million from corporations, 52 percent of the funding comes from private contributions.

The departure of either or both of these long-time Detroit sports teams would be a tremendous loss to a city that has already lost far too much.

Also, the Tigers and Lions are required by contract to pay cost overruns, Proposal S supporters say.

Homeowners' contributions are limited to 80 cents per day on car rentals less than 30 days, and

approximately 70 cents for a hotel room per night. The result is the most substantial commitment to downtown Detroit in decades — undoubtedly having an effect on the city's image across the nation.

However, Proposal S is not perfect. Instead of asking Wayne County residents for \$80 million, it should have been spread across the Tri-County area. Since some areas of Oakland and Macomb counties are more likely to feel the trickle down effects of two new stadiums than the far reaches of western Wayne County, they should help fund the stadiums too. Since this is not the case, the Lions and Tigers should offer a discount — \$1 off each ticket — to Wayne County residents during the inaugural season on their new home fields. Finally, the car rental and hotel room taxes should not be assessed if the stadiums aren't built. Vote "yes" on S.

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## McCotter proves issues can be challenged from minority

Residents in the 10th Wayne County Commission District should maintain the status quo and cast their vote for incumbent Republican Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, who is being challenged by Democrat R. Karl Burnett.

McCotter, who is a Livonia resident completing his second term as county commissioner, has proven himself to be one of the area's best elected representative. He is accessible to his constituents, and readily addresses their issues and concerns.

He accepts his role as a minority player on the Democratic County

Commission and cooperatively works with the majority across party lines without sacrificing the interests of the 10th District. McCotter has consistently lived up to campaign promises of downsizing the commission's budget, opposing tax hikes, and promoting law enforcement.

His efforts to oppose the Willow Run Tradeport and raze the Wayne County Boys Home buildings have been especially valuable to this community. When McCotter is re-elected, he should also be reinvigorated. He must return to the County Commission with the mission

to finish the demolition of the deteriorating Wayne County buildings in Northville Township. Progress has been too slow. McCotter needs to be more effective.

Burnett is an able opponent who challenged McCotter for the same position two years ago. Oddly, he was better prepared for his initial attempt in 1994 for a County Commission seat than he is today.

While he has taken middle-of-the-road Democratic positions opposing the secession of western Wayne County and supporting Proposal S, Burnett was vague in his plans to continue the

improvement of local roads and oppose the Tradeport plan. He cannot relate to the area's perception of financial mistreatment by the County Commission. In time, Burnett could possibly eliminate these shortcomings.

Therefore, Burnett — a Livonia resident, 26-year General Motors employee, Local 22 United Auto Workers recording secretary who serves on the police reserve — should continue in his attempts to serve his community.

But this time around, McCotter gets the vote.

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## Make sure to teach kids importance of voting in all elections

May 18, 1954 might not mean anything to most registered voters, but it is very important to me. My Dad was an immigrant from Italy and became a citizen on May 18, 1954. His love for this country and the importance of voting was taught to me at a very early age.

That's why I feel so strongly that everyone should vote Nov. 5th — Election Day. When I was growing up, this was a very exciting and important day. Upon arriving at school, the parking lot was always full of campaign workers and voters. There was always a huge line of voters coming out the front door of the school, chatting with each other. It was a social event to see neighbors that you didn't often see and for parents to talk about what's happening with the kids.

Mom and I always baked cookies or cupcakes the night before for the bake sale we held on election day. Whatever happened to that tradition? Now as a "grown-up" I would love to buy homemade baked goods from the kids. We usually sold everything that was brought in. Why not capitalize on this captured

### Traditions By Lisa Lepping



audience and teach the kids something at the same time?

As an immigrant, my father feels that it is not only a privilege to be allowed to vote, but a responsibility too. I was raised to value our rights and was taught how important it is to use that right. I am proud of that upbringing. This is something that far too many of our citizens have forgotten.

How, in a presidential election, can our local clerks only expect a 50 percent turnout of registered voters. Why is this the case? Are these the very citizens who will complain for the next 4 years?

Are our children learning the right lessons? Are we setting the right examples?

I remember standing with my Mom inside the voting booth and watching her pull the levers — I couldn't wait until I could vote.

I hope in this election year, voters spend the time to explain to their children what it means to be a citizen of this wonderful country and why it is important for them to vote! That example was set early in my life and it stuck with me. Get out and VOTE or deal with what you get!

**Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the community Tuesday.**



# Community opinions

## Neighborly approach needed to solve Plymouth's parking 'problem'

With the peak holiday shopping frenzy approaching, it's very appropriate to address Downtown Plymouth's (or insert name of successful business area) parking "problem."

First of all, there is a perceived problem. Mainly that consists of some folks' feelings that they can't walk half a block to get where they're going. That lazy myth is supported by notoriously-grumbling retailers who feel the public street in front of their store is theirs alone.

The "real" part of the problem may be best shown by the recent success of a new Lower Town restaurant. It was merely a matter of hours that a nearby property owner complained that there were cars parked in the area that was deserted before. Of course, this property owner isn't going to ask more for her property based on the neighborhood's new success.

This perceived problem is then compounded by business employes who fail to see (1) the big picture, and (2) neighborliness in a polite world.

The big picture is simple economics. When friends and neighbors in a given area do well in business, everybody benefits.

## With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



Accepting a polite request from a neighboring retailer to help her conduct business is easy. Yet some nearby employes (including reporters, alas) grouse like little kids instead of simply moving their cars.

It is true though, that if those shops stayed open longer hours and on Sundays, they'd find more customers could spread their parking over more hours with less congestion.

The reporters, as expected however, represent those downtown employes who shop near where they work and take umbrage at being treated as third-class customers. And, of course, reporters are not apt to react well to a bunch of landlords who start asking for their car license numbers.

Committees of retailers — especially those groups known for grumbling and attacking each other — and landlords should consider their approach. They can take a hint from the

polite retailer approach: kindly ask your neighbors.

Working together, everyone can solve the "problem" that is merely a Fig Newton of their imagination.

## Your vote important Tuesday

Election '96 is the calm before the storm. In 1998, term limits will take effect, throwing local politics into chaos. But that doesn't make the Nov. 5 election any less important. It's important for many reasons.

These elections will set up (or knock down) candidates for races in 1998 and beyond. A loss in 1996 could mean doom for a candidate hoping to run for a higher office in 1998.

Although the races for local office are largely uncontested, there are some very important state house races in the P-C Community. They will determine who will serve Canton, Plymouth and Northville in Lansing for the next two years.

Several state proposals are expected to have an effect on the community as well. The fight against the "stadium proposal," Proposal S is being lead by former Congressman and Wayne County Commissioner Carl Pursell. The effects of the gaming proposal may also have an impact on The P-C Community.

Although neither of the library board races in Plymouth and Canton are hotly contested, with issues such as Plymouth's new library construction on the burner, the decision is extremely important. The City of Plymouth is looking for voters' advice on a \$2 million road bond issue that will change the way streets are repaired.

Many other races of national, state and local importance are on the ballot.

The most important part of election day is getting out to vote. It only takes a few minutes, but makes a world of difference to the community and country.

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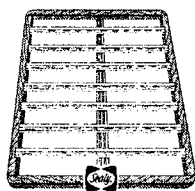
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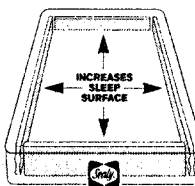
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