

### **Canton saves Whyman;** race closer than expected

### BY THE CRIER STAFF

State Rep. Deborah Whyman survived the scare of her political career as Democrat challenger Deborah Nesbit beat the incumbent in all communities but her own backyard - Canton.

The Canton votes decided the election. Whyman beat Nesbit in Canton but lost in Van Buren Township, Belleville and Sumpter Township.

Nesbit eeked out victory in the surrounding communities, but was defeated in Canton by a nearly 2-1 vote

Late returns in Canton kept spirits high in the Nesbit camp, but in the end it was too much.

"Debbie is sleeping now," said Bill Joyner, a Nesbit campaign advisor. "It's been a long night. There's not much we can comment on right now.'

Nesbit, a political newcomer in Canton, said recently that she planned to remain involved in local politics regardless of the outcome of the race.

"I'm somebody who's gotten a lot from Canton and now I want to give something back," she said.

long lines, slow returns

### BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Jack Maruga was at precinct one at 7:58 p.m. He voted at 9:57 p.m. - nearly two hours after he arrived as the last voter in the City of Plymouth.

His plight was indicative of most voters in The P-C Community. Long lines and slow returns marked the 1996 elections.

Some waited close to three hours at polling places throughout the community as clerks were inundated with voters for the election with national and local implications. In fact, several local issues were too close to call at press time.

"I didn't think we would have had that many voters," said a Canton precinct worker when she returned her ballots to Canton Township Hall, the community



with one of the latest voter returns. Neighboring communities such as Westland had voting lines of more than three hours.

One voter in Plymouth sumed up the mood of election day. "I went to the polls at 2 p.m. thinking it was an off time," he said.

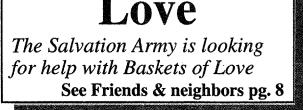
An hour later, the voter was still in line.

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Surprise!

Salem football beats Canton to

complete surprising season



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### **Plymouth Community United Way raises money for local charities**

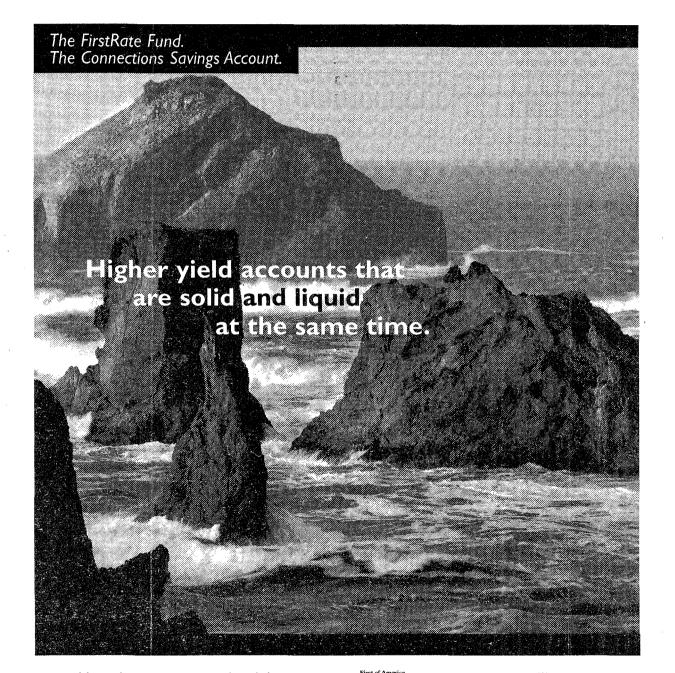
BY JANET ARMSTRONG The Plymouth Community United Way has been helping this community for more than 52 years.

According to Executive Director Marie Morrow, the United Way is able to support important programs and agencies in this community because the residents of Plymouth support the United Way. The United Way started their 1996

campaign Sept. 5 with a breakfast hosted by Johnson Controls in Plymouth.

According to Jerry Trumpka, the general chairperson, the campaign is on track now, but will have to pick up steam soon. "We're at about 30 percent right now," said Trumpka. "But I expect that as the business campaigns are completed that number will start rising dramatically."

Trumpka added that the majority of



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money raised here is spent in this community.

"The money raised here, stays and works right here within the community," said Trumpka. "88 cents out of every dollar goes directly to service."

Trumpka said that some of the agencies the United Way supports are: American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, Detroit Area Council Boy Scouts of America, First Step, Growth Works, Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Community Council on Aging and the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, Plymouth Dental Fund, Plymouth Family Service, Plymouth Opportunity House and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Trumpka said that in order to fill the thermometer in Kellogg Park they need more support from the community.

"Now is the time," said Trumpka. "We're in the last weeks of the campaign and need support from everyone."

### It's easy to donate to the Plymouth Community United Way. Just fill out the coupon on

page 22 of this week's Community Crier or call 453-6879 for more information on the programs supported by the United Way.

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THIS WEEK

Commerce is holding a

IMPORTANT

• Veterans Day services are

Monday at 11 a.m. in

Kellogg Park in down-

NEXT WEEK

• Dr. Philip Meyers, national-

Geological Sciences from

ly known professor of

Michigan will be the speaker at the Plymouth

the University of

new member orientation

at the Summit on the Park

The Canton Chamber of

today at 11 a.m.

town Plymouth.

### **CYI kicks off in Canton tomorrow**

The Community Youth Initiative, a non-sectarian and nonpartisan group of individuals representing a cross-section of The Canton Community, will kick off its ongoing efforts with a special community rally at the Summit on the Park community center from 7-8:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The rally is open to all residents of the community and will feature a special program and various speakers.

The CYI group, which includes representatives from local governments, human service agencies, the business community, educational institutions and religious organizations, is dedicated to strengthening the character of America's young people with a consistent set of ethical values. These values are not politically, religiously or racially biased.

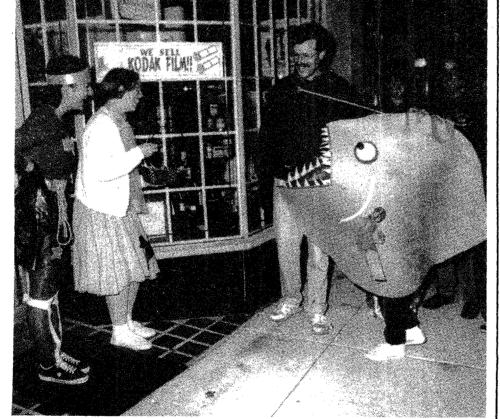
The purpose of the rally is to share with the community the CYI vision for character development in the community. Members of the CYI committee plan to explain the history of the group, the challenges facing young people today and the need for character development.

A community-wide program to build character will be introduced by representatives from government, education and human service agencies.

Residents and representatives of various community organizations on hand will be asked to commit to endorse and become involved in the ongoing community youth effort.

# Fishing for Halloween Fun

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and downtown business owners hosted Halloween fun Thursday. Lydia Beaudrie and Jessica Schmid handed out candy at Wiltse's Community Pharmacy on Main Street. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



# Frigid festival warms City image

BY JANET ARMSTRONG Carve them and they will come! And did they ever. According to Mike Watts of Watts Up, approximately 630,000 people visited the 1996 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Watts was on hand at Monday's City Commission meeting to thank the commission and the entire City of Plymouth for their help.

"It was the number one free, family winter special event in America last year," said Watts.

Watts told the commission that last

year's Ice Sculpture Spectacular had media coverage as far away as Paris, Bakersfield, CA, St. Louis and Miami.

"We estimated the publicity value of the media coverage to be between \$500,000 and \$700,000," said Watts. "Ross Perot is spending millions to get the coverage we got for free."

Two of the professional carvers from last year's event competed in the World Championship in Asakawa, Japan.

Canton resident Ted Wakar and his partner Jim Bur Jr., from Eastpointe, brought home the world championship

### CYI will focus on:

- Identifying and building awareness and consensus of issues facing youth in the community.
- Reinforcing, modeling and encouraging the values that build strong communities.
- Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, resources and information.
- Supporting projects and programs that enhance youth responsibilities and positive involvement in the community.
- encouraging the inclusion of youths as strategic partners in the development of the community.
- Recognizing those in the community who work with youths and those youths who serve as role models for others.

with them from Japan, according Watts.

event is even better.

1997

with, the more we can offer.'

tain, in honor of the anniversary.

Watts said that he hopes the 1997

"It's the 15th anniversary of the spec-

Watts said Wakar and Bur are in the

The Plymouth Ice Sculpture

Spectacular is on tap for Jan. 15 - 20,

tacular," said Watts. "We're fundraising

now. The more money we have to work

planning stages of creating a special

piece of ice to be displayed on the foun-

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 Petoskev stones. The Woman's Club of Plymouth is holding a benefit card party luncheon at noon, Friday, Nov. 15. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Proceeds from the benefit will go to support civic organizations. Tickets are priced at \$10. Call 453-8194 for reser-

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### Schools consider change in grade configuration

### BY BRIAN CORBETT

In order to handle the continuing growth in the 15,000-student Plymouth-Canton School District, board members said last week they would consider changing the current K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade configuration which has been used district-wide for seven years.

That's following community forums last month and Monday night, which are part of a growth management plan intended to place a March bond issue on the ballot to fund new facilities.

Even though 22 of 37 respondents said they felt the current configuration is the most effective, several forum participants asked that K-6, 7-9 and 10-12 be considered.

"I'm open-minded," said P-C School Board President Mark Horvath. "If there's pressure from the community to do that, and it's educationally sound, I don't have a problem with it."

"I think that it's going to depend entirely on the community response from the three forums," said P-C School Board Trustee Liz Givens. "Obviously, there's different ways to handle grade configuration."

Realigning grades adds to suggestions for a "school within a school" for freshmen as possible alternatives to building new facilities for the financially strapped and growing district.

The P-C Schools have used the current grade configuration district-wide since 1990. During the 1980s, however, when the school district's enrollment was at its height, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park operated with grades 10-12.

Now the eighth largest in the state, the school district has grown by nearly 1,000 students since the beginning of the decade. And government data and housing starts predict continued population growth into the 21st century.

Five facilities, including a high school, are needed to accommodate incoming students, according to a report presented by the school district's Housing and Facilities Committee. Roy G. French Associates/Perkins & Will, an architectural and planning firm, was hired to organize pre-bond activities, such as the community forums. for a district with a history of voting down school ballot proposals.

That track record may explain the alternatives being put forth to off-set some the construction proposals for handling the emerging demographic trends. "I think what we're trying to do is get some feedback and ideas, if we had to change, what people would be most amiable to do," said Patrick O'Donnell, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction K-12. "I wouldn't read into anything yet. It's way too early."

"There are many variables," said P-C School Board Secretary Carrie Blamer, "and

if (grade configuration) continues to be a common thread, I think we'll have to look at it."

Trustee Jack Farrow said the P-C Schools adopted the current grade alignment for curriculum purposes. "So I kind of doubt we'd change that," he said.

But according to O'Donnell, a curriculum adjustment to coincide with a grade reconfiguration would be a minor obstacle. "I'd say it's more of road bump, others would disagree," he said.

That's not taking into account the heated debate that would arise concerning the placement of sixth graders in elementary school, as opposed to middle school. "That's been a historical argument," O'Donnell said.

Indeed, a survey of board members produced a disagreement. Sue Davis, P-C School Board treasurer, favors the current arrangement. "I think there's a common belief that middle school kids should be sixth, seventh and eighth, that's from a developmental standpoint," she said.

On the other hand, Blamer said: "I really do like keeping the sixth graders with kindergartners, but that's just me."

Controversy aside, Farrow admitted K-6, 7-9 and 10-12 would save the district money in its efforts to manage the student population. Go K-6 and build three additional elementary schools, he said. Build another middle school for a total of six to handle seventh, eighth and ninth graders, which would alleviate concerns about the 4,500-student PCEP. "But that doesn't mesh with what we're trying to do instructionally," he said.

There would also likely be disapproval from elementary school parents who have endured two boundary changes in the 1990s. Students who have already attended three elementary schools could theoretically enroll in a fourth, depending on how soon the grade reconfiguration was instituted.

A change in ninth grade probably wouldn't have as a dramatic effect since freshman would stay on campus. The Spectra and Journey programs are mentioned as possible forbearers of things to come. "It would be cheaper to build a ninth grade academy somewhere near the high schools, because then you could still use all the facilities," said Farrow.

"It seems to be something that's come from the community forums," said Horvath "It's an intriguing idea."

It gets even more interesting when you consider Roy G. French Associates/Perking & Will has experience building additions specifically for freshmen onto large high schools. "Roy French has done that in other parts of the state where it has worked, said Givens. "Personally, as a parent who's had ninth graders, I'm not opposed to it at all."

But a student or parent likely is, and Givens acknowledges that. "Any change we make, there's going to be a lot of positive effects, and a lot of negative effects. What z the best way to handle growth without really rocking the ship of emotions in the district?" Givens said. "That's why community forums are so important."

# **P-C Band wins 3rd straight state title; ready for nationals**

It's a three-peat!

For the third straight year the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band won the state Flight I Championship at the state competition in the Pontiac Silverdome Oct. 26. The band scored a 94.32 (out of a 100), earning the highest score ever

The band, who is undefeated, performanced "Road to Oz."

That road will lead the band to the Bands of America National Championship in Indianapolis Saturday.

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The band finished fifth in last year's national competition.



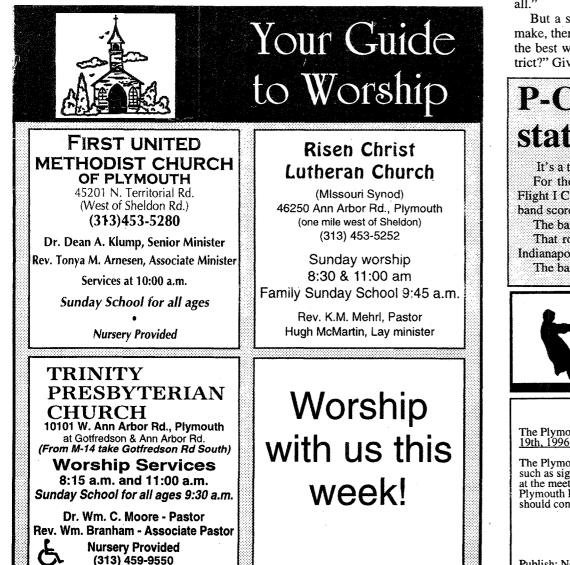
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November</u> <u>19th</u>, <u>1996</u> at 7:30 p.m. at 705 S. <u>Main Street</u>, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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Community



MARY A. GILLES

Gilles, charter member of OLGC, dead at 83 Mary A. Gilles (Lorenz) died Sunday, Nov. 3 at the age of 83. Born on Jan. 27, 1913 in Dolina,

Austria, it was 1920 when her family came to the United States. She was seven years old at the time. Her father settled in Plymouth and was employed at Daisy Air Rifle.

She is survived by her husband, John Gilles; children, Brian (Candy) Gilles, Sally (Jim) Jarvey, John (Beth) Gilles and Richard Gilles, all of whom reside in Plymouth; grandchildren, Christine, Wendy, Michael, Caroline, Danielle, Adam, Erin and Katey; and great grandchild, Blake

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph<sup>1</sup> and Caroline and her two brothers, William and Ralph Lorenz, all formerly of Plymouth.

She was a homemaker all of her life and active in both her church and community. She was a charter member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

She and her future husband John both graduated from Plymouth High School in 1932.

A memorial mass will be held on Sat., Nov. 9 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made through the family for Pope John XXIII Opportunity House for kids with cancer.

### WALTER B. WORKMAN

deaths

Walter B. Workman, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 30, 1996 at the age of 91.

Mr. Workman was born July 10, 1905 in Mt. Zion, IA. He worked as a transmitter engineer for WJR radio station from 1932-57. He worked for the Federal Communications Commission from 1958-60. After that he worked in real estate sales, for McLouth Steel as a computer engineer, for Cleveland Shipping Line and Omnicom Cable Television. He came to the community in 1970 from Trenton. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Trenton; the Trenton Masonic Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M. (Past Master); The Shrine; the Exchange Club of Trenton; and the Plymouth Officials Association. He graduated from the Valporaso School of Radio Engineering in Indiana. He served in the Civilian Attached to Expeditationary Forces in the U.S. Army from 1943-44, serving in France, England and Germany.

Mr. Workman is survived by his son, Thomas (Mary Jo) Workman of Plymouth; daughter, Cherie Bidell of Hunt, TX; grandchildren, Gary Workman of Cupertino, CA, Nancy (Mark) Gregor of Plymouth, David Workman of Plymouth, Debbie (Wayne) Kelbert of Walled Lake, Kevin Johns of Texas, Steven Johns of Pennsylvania and Jeanine (Paul) Wilson of Texas; great grandchildren, Kelly, Christopher and Kenneth Kelbert, Loren and Shelby Wilson, Matthew Workman and Andrew Gregor.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, 1996 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth at 3 p.m. with Wayne Kelbert officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the West Oaks Christian Church Building Fund, Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church of Trenton or First Responder of Onekama.

### - Living With Loss -

The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home is in its tenth year of offering the Horizons survivors support group to the community.

Our Program is not only for family members who have experienced a loss – this program is for all of the friends and family who will need to learn about grief and bereavement to help and be supportive during the grief process.

You are invited to attend our group meeting which will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For further information contact:



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### **KAREN A. VICKERMAN**

**Obituaries** 

Karen A. Vickerman, a life-long resident of Plymouth, died Nov. 2, 1996 at the age of 40.

Mrs. Vickerman was born Sept. 9, 1956 in Ypsilanti.

For many Mrs. Vickerman was a true friend with never a bad thing to say about anyone. She will be dearly missed by both her family and her many friends.

Mrs. Vickerman worked as a photo processor at Qualex of Novi.

She is survived by her son, Robert Vickerman of Plymouth; parents, Robert and Joyce Grieve of Plymouth; sister, Kathy (Dennis) Artt of Canton; and grandmother, Ellen Kennedy of Plymouth. She is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Vickerman.

Services are being held today at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins Officiating. Arrangements were made by and services

held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or the American Heart Association.

#### ALICE A. MAHON

Plymouth resident Alice A. Mahon, wife of Bernie J. Mahon, died Oct. 19, 1996 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Mahon was born Feb. 18, 1904 in Otisville, NY. She was a homemaker who moved to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1980 from New Jersey. She was a member of the Unity Church of Livonia and of the Zester's Senior Citizens Club of Canton.

Mrs. Mahon is survived by her daughter, Kathleen (Jack) Hallett of Canton; grandchildren, Dawn Ali Clements of Geneva, IL, Lynn M. Usery of Cincinnati, OH, Mark D. Holmes of Canton and Jennifer S. Hallett of Santa Barbara, CA; and two great grandchildren, Sarah and Kathleen Clemens.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Laurel Grove Cemetery in Paterson, NJ.

#### MARILYNN J. WALKER

Marilynn J. Walker, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 24, 1996 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Walker was born Sept. 23, 1924 in Detroit. She was a real estate broker. Mrs. Walker is survived by her daughters, Susan C. (Jim) Mesrobian of Elk Rapids, Gaye (Gary) Schlachter of Fulton, OH and Barbara (Tony) Duperon of Cedar; grandchildren, Jodi, Nancy, Chris and Karen; and great grandchild, Taylor. She is preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Walker; and grandchild, Kaitlyn.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Carl M. Gnewuch of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Inurnment of cremains was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the Grand Traverse Area Hospice, 1105 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684-2386.



**KABEN VICKERMAN** 

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# Friends & neighbors

### Neighbors in the news

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John Sheeney, son of John M. and Teresa M. Sheeny of Canton, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in San Diego.

Plymouth resident **Patrick N. Downes** redcently graduated from Boston University with a degree in law, cum laude.

Marine Pfc. Aaron A. Innes, son of Paulette E. Schmidt of Canton, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC.

Innes is a 1994 graduate of Salem High School.

Marine 2nd Lt. Jeffrey R. Kenney, son of Janna L. Kenney of Canton, recently graduated from the basic school at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA.

Canton High School students Marie Mroz, Stacey Maironis and Kellie Titus were commended for their volunteer efforts at Garden City Hospital.

The Marquis Theatre, in Northville will present **"Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs"** Nov. 16 through Jan. 26. For more information call 810-349-8110.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Brian M. Paul, a 1995 graduate of Canton High School, recently graduated from the Electronic Warfare Technician Basic Operations Course at the Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, FL.

Jessica K. Moyer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Moyer of Plymouth, was recently named to the Deans List at Kalamazoo College. Students must carry a 3.5 grade point average or better to qualify.

Moyer is a sophomore at the college.

The following students are recent graduates of Central Michigan University. From Canton: Robert E. Brown, Julie M. Chambo, Coleman F. Flaskamp, Evelyn M. Grasso-Sirface, Kenneth D. Kedziorek and Kathleen Shea. From Plymouth: Alison J. Donnelly, Carrie M. Germain, Lee C. Kositzke, Amy S. Mulholland and James A. Zoltowski.

### Salvation Army Baskets Filled With Love program needs community help

### BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The turkey has been basting for hours, the table is set with the finest china, Aunt Fern is mashing the potatoes and the rest of the clan is sitting in front of the TV watching the Detroit Lions show-down.

Thanksgiving Day is for many a day of traditions like good food and family. For some though, it's a sad reminder of the little they have to be thankful for.

It's for those people, who need a little help, that the Plymouth Salvation Army created the program Baskets Filled With Love, said William Stern, the social service supervisor at the Salvation Army.

The program, which has been an annual event for eight years, collects canned goods from the community and distributes them to families in need.

"Usually we send letters to school principals and the kids do a really good job," said Stern. "But we could really use more businesses to do the same thing." Stern said to entice employees to bring the canned goods in, some businesses have made a casual day for people contributing cans.

He added that the food donated in this community stays in this community.

"When a business in our community holds a food drive and donates the food to us, we deliver it to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community—that's our service area," said Stern. "So they (businesses and residents) are supporting their neighbors."

Stern said anyone who would like to participate should call the Salvation Army at 453-5464 for posters and boxes that can be displayed at your business, school, or organization.

He added that if you do have food you would like to drop off to the Salvation Army food pantry, call and they will set up a time.

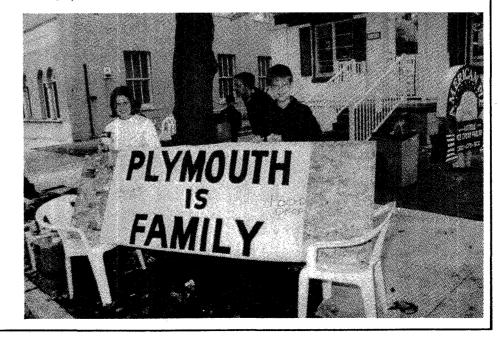
Wouldn't your Thanksgiving Day feast taste that much better after you've helped someone in your community?

### Volunteers help Canton, Plymouth 'Make a Difference' Projects help needy in P-C Community

More than 200 Canton and Plymouth volunteers, many from from various community organizations, spent time on Oct. 26 (National Make a Difference Day) to help others. From early morning and into the evening, volunteers throughout the community worked on projects to better the area. The Canton Goodfellows, The Salvation Army and First Step all benefited from food donations and other needed items that were contributed to Make a Difference Day projects. The proceeds from a fundraising effort will be distributed to the Canton Community Foundation, St. Peter's Home for Boys and the Children's Leukemia Foundation. The Good Food Company of Canton offered its store as the host site for Make a Difference Day where volunteers were invited to participate in a mini-health fair and treated to entertainment and free food samples by the store's vendors.



(above, left to right) Anne Evans and Kathleen Salla were just two of more than 200 Canton volunteers who helped make a difference. (below, left to right) Theresa and Thomas Edwards helped collect cans for the needy in Plymouth. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)







# Getting down to business

### Neighbors in business

Gov. John Engler recently announced the appointment of two individuals and reappointment of 11 more to the Controlled Substance Advisory Commission, which is responsible for monitoring indicators of controlled substance abuse and also for recommending a plan of action for overcoming such abuse. Members are appointed with advice and consent of the Senate. All terms expire Aug. 30, 1997.

**Thomas F. Gahan** of Canton was appointed to replace Karen L. Moore of Big Rapids and represent the Board of Pharmacy. Gahan is senior pharmaceutical buyer and director of pharmacy purchasing for Arbor Drugs, Inc.

AE Clevite Engine Parts recently announced the addition of **Robert D**. **Budlong** of Plymouth to its management team. As public relations and merchandising manager, Budlong reports to Jerry McCabe, vice president, marketing. He will be responsible for a broard variety of communication related services including planning, sales promotions, media relations, database marketing, trade shows, collateral materials and employee relations.

Budlong holds a BS degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University, as well as a BA from Madonna University and a master's degree from Wayne State University. He comes to AE Clevite from Hedge & Company, a marketing agency where he served as account manager for several automotive clients.

James C. Gregg, state director of the Office of Motor Carriers in Lansing, recently announced that **Ratliff Trucking Corporation** of Canton agreed to pay \$10,700 towards settlement of violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations that were discovered during a recent investigation.

The violations discovered during the investigation, according to Gregg, were against its carrier operations for violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations resulting in a safe performance. The specific violations for which the carrier were charged are as follows: Using a driver(s) who made false entries upon a record of duty status.

### Just coffee grounds, memories remain Outback Cappuccino Bar closes doors in City

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Last Thursday, it was time to have one for the road. That was the day the well ran dry at The Outback Cappuccino Bar. Owner Denni Englehart said her decision to stop serving coffees, refreshments and baked goods was strictly business.

The Outback, which opened in 1992, was losing money.

"I miss it as much as anybody," she said.

The Outback was located behind Steve Petix, The Little Professor on the Park bookstore, Pied Piper and Englehart's Chameleon Gallery. The combination of the clothing shoppers and the bookstore browsers made the serving station a popular gathering place.

It flourished from 1992-94 because of its tasty coffee and friendly atmosphere.

Regulars employed the honor-system when they hung coupons for free drinks on a tack board to be used for their next visit. Copies of local newspapers and periodicals were always available to compliment a cup of coffee.

"The bookstore will miss it a lot," Englehart said. "There was man who'd come here twice a day and talk with fellas at Steve Petix... I had the hardest time telling him."

The customers aren't the only ones displaced, so is Outback Manager Kelly Logue. "I felt so awful I had to take away her job because I know she loved it," Englehart said.

But she couldn't afford to continue to staff the bar, which never recovered from a summer of construction and closed streets in 1995. "I made money from it for the first three years. Then last year it didn't make any money, actually, it lost money. I think the demise started around streetscape. This place was a habit to people. When you break a habit, and in that time two more moved in, it's hard to come back. It's not like retail when you have something that no one in town has," she said.

Englehart also attributes The Outback's closure to her smoking ban, and the loss of Edwards' bagels and baked goods upon the arrival of the Northville store downtown.

Englehart said she has no plans to open the coffee bar elsewhere. In fact, she will likely sell her cappuccino machine and coffee makers. "I think somebody else is going to take a chance," Englehart said.

### **Canton business cruises to success**

BY BRIAN CORBETT RM Classic Car Productions sells memories.

The Canton business is the largest classic automobile restoration company in North America. The ghosts of yesteryear's highways are resurrected for auctions several times each year, including the Michigan International Auction held last weekend at the Novi Expo Center.

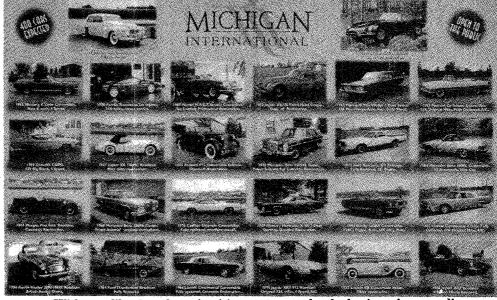
It was the third time partners Dan Warrener, Rob Myers, Mike Fairbairn, and Bill Howitt brought their fall car auction to the building that is also home to the Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Of course, these memories are more than just an afterthought.

"The average sale price of a car at an auction like this is in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range. There'll be a handful that will be over \$50,000, and likely a few over \$100,000. Those will be the classics," said Warrener.

The Michigan International Auction closed out the collector car season. It will begin again with a spring show in Novi followed by the summer MeadowBrook Invitational and three shows in Toronto. The company also shares offices between the sister countries — Canton is the auction headquarters and small warehouse; Chatam, Ontario is RM's head office. With a full auction schedule and booming classic car field, it's easy to understand how the company has grown from its humble beginnings in 1977 to a \$30 million a year business.

Warrener said the transition of this country's largest generation from young parents into the security of middle age has allowed the classic car industry to grow. "There are a lot of Baby Boomers that are getting into the market right now. For a lot of Baby Boomers the kids are



With cars like these beauties, it's easy to see why the business is succeeding.

behind them; they've left the house. The mortgage is about paid off. Now these collectibles are what they want. They'll buy it now because they couldn't afford to buy it then. There's that sentimentality gong into it," he said.

And a lot of money. But Warrener said it's money well spent. "People are buying memories a lot when they buy this stuff," he said. "There's great pride in ownership with these cars. That's why they have all these cruise nights. You can't do that with \$15,000 in the bank," he said.

The lines of cars inside the Expo Center last weekend would have made the fourwheelers on Woodward Avenue every weekend Matchbox material.

There was a 1971 Fleetwood limousine dressed in black. A 1934 Ford Roadster that looked like it had just driven out of the depression, and off the production line. A mean 1968 Ford Shelby with all its muscle sparkled under the lights; nearby a 1957 white Chevy limo. Need a ride home? There was a 1951 Chrysler checkered Taxi Cab.

How about a little wind through your hair? There was a 1974 VW Super Beetle, which was parked by a 1929 Duesenberg Model J and a 1988 Ferrari Testarossa, and, of course, a pink 1958 Cadillac.

The favorites remain the early Thunderbirds, Corvettes and Mustang convertibles, Warrener said. The cars are brought in on a consignment basis from around the nation with a few requirements in mind, he said. "We auction what's considered a collector's car, they're not just used cars. That attracts a different crowd," said Warrener.

In between holding their own auctions, "We attend all the auctions in North America," said Warrener.

Which car do you think they take?

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Plymouth Township resident Carl Pursell, who was one of the leaders against Proposal S, pondered his loss at home late Tuesday night. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Proposal S approved by 2-1 margain despite strong local opposition

They said build it, now will they come downtown?

By a two to one margin, Wayne County residents voted in favor of Proposal S to levy hotel and car rental taxes to help build two sports stadiums in downtown Detroit for the Lions and Tigers.

Even at the local level, in Plymouth, Canton and Northville — home to the Taxpayers Against Proposal S (T.A.P.S) movement — residents supported Proposal S, but by a far smaller margin.

Plymouth and Northville narrowly approved Proposal S, 13,500 to 11,226, which supporters say will raise \$80 million of the estimated \$505 million in construction costs for the sports/entertainment complex.

With only nine of 26 precincts reporting in Canton, Proposal S "yes" votes led "no" votes, 3,564 to 2,358.

"This is only the first round of a war," said T.A.P. "S" Chairman Carl Pursell, a Plymouth Township resident and former U.S. Congressman, State Senator and County Commissioner.

"They won the first round," he said. "We'll see who wins the second and third."

Pursell said he was not surprised to see conservative western Wayne County support a Democratic agenda. "I'm not surprised, no...We knew we were taking on Goliath," Pursell said. "But as I said, this is one round."

That's because Pursell and T.A.P.S vice chair Ed Juarez, a Garden City Council member, are planning to organize a community committee that will recommend changes to the open meetings act and county government statutes, push for a reduction in the size of county government — including the possibility of part-time county commission board — and field suggestions from residents.

"What goes on the books can come off the books," Pursell said.

But not until after a little rest. Pursell plans on taking a few weeks off before returning to an impassioned protest campaign which found him working closely with inner city church and civic leaders. "I had a lot of fun. I met a lot of wonderful people," he said.

Proposal S supporters needn't think Pursell will go soft on vacation, though. "You bet your booties I'm going to be back, in a constructive way, not a negative way," he said.

# **Rivers squeaks** by Fitzsimmons

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Although votes in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community went to newcomer Republican Joe Fitzsimmons, Rep. Lynn Rivers will apparently be heading back to Washington to represent the 13th Congressional District.

In early results, Fitzsimmons led Rivers 10,528 to 7,188 in local returns.

But the race was decided east of I-275. In communities such as Inkster and Garden City, which Fitzsimmons expected to carry, he fell flat.

He also sputtered in Washtenaw County. Both candidates are from Ann Arbor, but Fitzsimmons said he expected to win back the normally liberal voters.

It was Fitzsimmons' first run for elected office — and his first loss. The seat for the 13th Congressional District was expected to be a barn-burner, with more than \$1 million being spent on each candidate.

Television assaults were launched by each candidate, but in the end, the incumbent prevailed.

It was the typical party-line race. Voters in predominantly Democratic turf voted for Rivers, while voters in Republican strongholds, such as The P-C-N Community, voted for Fitzsimmons.

In the rough-and-tumble 13th Congressional District, it is easy to see why both parties drool over the seat every two years.

In addition to the Plymouths, Canton and parts of Northville and Livonia, the 13th also includes all of Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor Township, Salem, Superior, Ypsilanti, Augusta, Sumpter, Van Buren, Belleville, Huron, Romulus, Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Garden City.

### No election surprises in Northville Township

Republican candidate Joe Fitzsimmons won by a two to one margin in Northville Township, although he lost the race in the final tally of the rest of the District to the incumbent Lynn Rivers. The seat for 20th District was a landslide win for Gerald Law, who won by a margin of 6,673 to 2,460.

Northv<sup>ille</sup> Township refused a millage in the general election Tuesday that would allocate money to purchase parks in the township. The Community Crier tabulations showed 5,133 voters said "no" to the millage while 3,870 said "yes." Two unopposed candidates, Supervisor Karen Woodside and Clerk Sue Hillebrand will retain their positions for another term. Richard Henningsen also ran unopposed for the Township Treasurer position. Four Republicans running for four township trustee seats ran the lone Democrat, Shirley Klokkenga, off the ballot. The winners are incumbents Mark Abbo and Russell Fogg, and newcomers Marvin Gans and William Selinsky.

### McCotter again holds 10th Commission District seat

### BY BRIAN CORBETT

It doesn't matter what the national trend is, Republican Thad McCotter is the choice of 10th County Commission District residents over Democrat R. Karl Burnett.

McCotter was re-elected by Plymouth and Northville residents — 13,614 to 7,065, according to unofficial results — bucking the Democratic tide that swept across the country. Results for Livonia, one of four communities in the 10th Commission District, were not available at press time.

Two years ago, McCotter rode the Republican landslide to victory over Burnett.

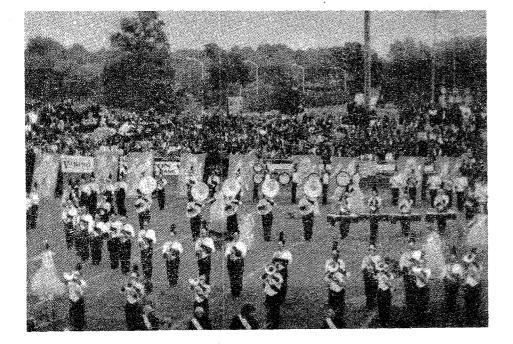
"Karl ran an issue-orientated campaign, but the Republican principles prevailed," said McCotter. "I'm looking forward to the next two years."

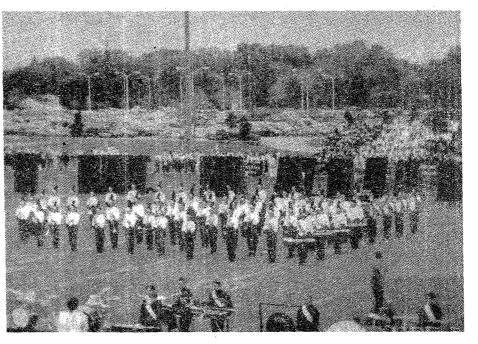
McCotter's largest margin of victory in Plymouth and Northville was 3,441 in Plymouth Township, 7,083 to 3,642. In the City, McCotter won 1,503 to 999, and in Northville Township the incumbent took 71 percent of the vote, or 5,028 votes, to Burnett's 2,424.

Follow The Community Crier in the Nov. 13 issue for complete election results and analysis

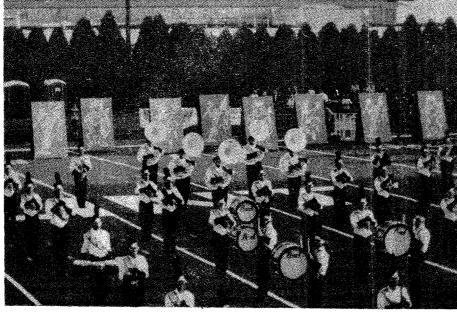
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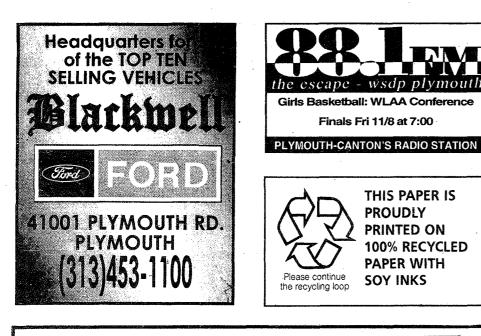
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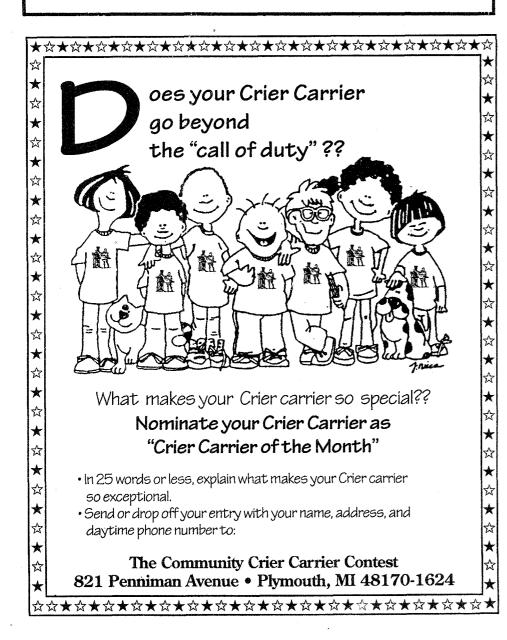


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#### **HEALTH WORKSHOPS**

Free health workshop every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Gingell Chiropractic Center, 9440 S. Main St. Suite 106 in Plymouth. For more information, call 453-2447.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

#### **CLOTHING BANK**

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

### PRE-POSTNATAL EXERCISE CLASS

At the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium in Livonia beginning Oct. 31. The six-week class meets for 90 minutes one day a week. Designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class includes exercises and relaxation techniques as well as education on nutrition and substance abuse during pregnancy. Instructors are certified. To register, call 655-3314 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

#### WOMEN'S HEALTH SERIES

Four classes on women's health issues this fall at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Topics include perimenopause, osteoporosis and pregnancy preparation. All sessions from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required. \$5 fee includes refreshments. Nov. 7. Classes are presented by physicians and other professionals. To register or for more information, call 397-5110.

### "NUTRITOTS" NUTRITION EDUCATION SERIES

Series will be held in November at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Program teaches parents how to encourage good eating habits, and offers games and videos for children to emphasize nutrition. The parents class includes food samples and tasting, recipes and a visit to a local supermarket. There is a \$15 fee for the series. For more information or to register, call 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211 for the Ann Arbor series and 397-5110 for the Canton series.

### **RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE**

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 2-3 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes and infant CPR. For more information, call 454-8001

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#### WO'MAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The Woman's Club of Plymouth is holding a benefit card party luncheon at noon, Nov. 15 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. There will be door prizes and table prizes. Proceeds will go to support civic organizations. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 453-8194

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

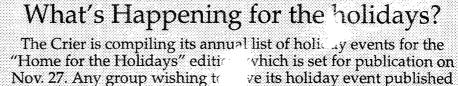
One rectory and eight homes in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community will be decorated for a holiday tour to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Pre-sale tickets will be on sale Nov. 15 in downtown Plymouth at the Velvet Plum and Beitner Jewelry, and in Northville at Friends. Presale price is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

The Plymouth Symphony League is fund-raising by selling Entertainment '97 book. Each books 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.

#### PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS 1997 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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### ATTN: CANTON/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Any graduate under the age of 20 is eligible for free job training in one of the 30 job training classes offered in the Plymouth-Canton School District's Community Education Program. These programs are similar to community college programs. Job training classes range from 7 1/2 weeks to one year. Classes include Dental Assistant, Cosmetology, Manicure, TV/VCR Repair and several others. If a recent graduate is not attending college and needs a career or job to pay for future college expenses, call 416-4901 for information and requirements.

### **NEW MORNING SCHOOL ART/CRAFTS SHOW**

Sixth annual art and fine crafts show will be held Nov. 9 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 S. Main St., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$2 admission to benefit New Morning School. For more information, call 420-3331.

### WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

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### CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH

Canton is beginning a search for talented residents who are interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who would like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications Office at 397-5472 or Scott Zuchlewski at 397-5360. Residents can also send a resume to Zuchlewski at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Interested residents will be interviewed and auditioned for various programs. Voice-overs, narration, writing, producing, on-camera, etc.

### FINANCIAL SEMINAR TO BENEFIT NON-PROFITS

One-day seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton. \$60 registration fee goes to non-profit organizations. Speakers to educate individuals, business owner and directors of non-profits on creating legacies and making smart financial and business decisions. Dr. William D. Lawrence is the keynote speaker. Topics include asset protection trusts, gold as a legacy, charitable remainder trusts, social conscious tax reductions, strategic planning and tax shelters. For more information or a list of the participating non-profits, call 459-2402, 884-3927 or 451-3611. 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.

### ST JOHN'S WINTER BAZAAR

Featuring Self-Help Crafts of the World 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.

### 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. 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 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.

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### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS

Each \$5 donation to honor an individual will illuminate a light and place a personalized angel on the Tree of Lights. Proceeds benefit patient related projects. For more information, call 467-2530. 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.



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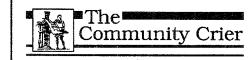
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If you witness an act of kindness, if an organization you are associated with plans a good deed, and if someone is especially kind to you, please write a letter to The Kindness Editor describing the act of kindness. We will gather the reports and publish some of them on a special page on November 20th.

The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know, Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by November 15th.

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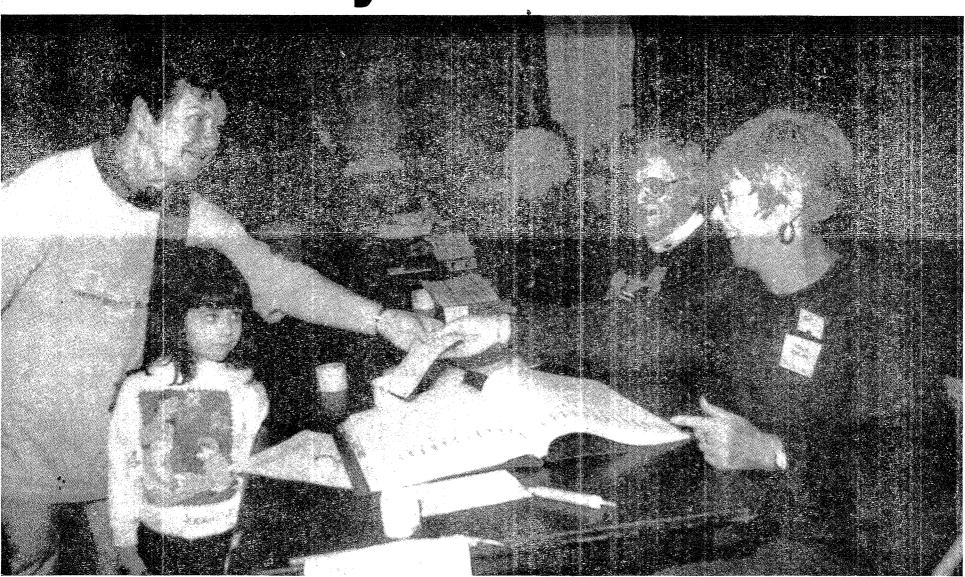
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# **Civic duty**



Samantha Aimar and her mother Daisy voted yesterday in the general election at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Although 60-75 percent were expected to cast a

ballot, clerks and election workers scrambled to fill the demand for help at the polls. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# City picks bonds to fund street repairs

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

City of Plymouth residents have spoken. And what they said at the polls was that the Street Improvement Bonding Proposition is a better alternative than the special assessment districts of the past.

The proposition passed by more than 2-1. The final unofficial tally was 2,743 "yes" votes to 1,268 "no" votes.

With the proposition passed, the City now has the ability to borrow up to \$12 million and issue one or more

series of its unlimited tax bonds to pay for the cost of improving, repairing, constructing and paving public streets. According to The Plymouth Courier, the City's newsletter, no more than two mills will be levied in additional taxes for this program.

Under the new program, according to the literature the City mailed out to residents before election day, all the streets within the City would be repaired in the next 20 years. More than half the streets will be repaired, under the program, in the next three years. The rest of the streets will be repaired in 2007, 2008 and 2009, according to City officials.

According to Del Templeton, a City resident in favor of the proposal, the cost to residents is minimal.

"If you have a SEV (state equalized value) of \$75,000 to \$100,000, it's going to cost you about \$150 to \$200 a year," said Templeton.

If the vote totals are the pulse of the community, Plymouth was ready for a new answer to the old problem of City street repairs.

### Law trounces Hoadley

BY JANET ARMSTRONG Republican State Representative for the 20th District Gerry Law is on his way back to Lansing thanks to his overpowering victory against Democratic challenger Deborah Hoadley.

While Hoadley campaigned hard in the district, which included going doorto-door, Law is on his way back to the House to represent Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia for another two years.

While Hoadley and Law disagreed on little during the campaign. The main

exception was Hoadley's willingness to support a gas tax. Law said that the problem with roads is not strictly a state problem, but is a County problem as well.

"It's not just the state. I don't think Wayne County has given us priority," he said.

Both candidates ran on platforms of fighting crime and education. The deciding factor was apparently Law's experience at the state level.

This will be his sixth term as the 20th District representative, having served from 1983-1991 and 1994 to the present.

### Knapp takes P-C Community, falls short in rest of County

### BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Democrat incumbent Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair may not have thought much of his Republican challenger Donald Knapp — but The Plymouth-Canton-Northville community sure did.

With the unofficial results from the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, and six precincts in Canton counted, Knapp won this community's vote 15,735 to 13,349.

What made this race and the support Knapp received here so interesting is that Knapp passed his Bar Exam only last week.

In the past election O'Hair, who has spent the last 13 years as prosecutor, picked up some needed support from the community — why that support has shifted is not known. Election results from the majority of Wayne County were not available at press time.

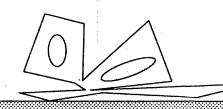


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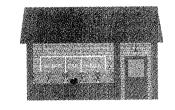
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Sports shorts

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The City of Plymouth and Canton Parks & Recreation Departments is holding registration for its co-ed volleyball league new teams may register starting Today. 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 registration for its **men's basketball league** started 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.

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 contest on WSDS Radio AM 1480.

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

Lisa Bares, of Plymouth, is a sophomore midfielder on the Kalamazoo College Women's Soccer team. Kalamazoo has an overall record of 10-1-1, 6-1-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

# Salem stops Canton cold

### Rocks end surprising season with win over cross-campus rivals

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem football team scoring machine kept rolling Friday as they beat Canton, 36-20, for PCEP bragging rights.

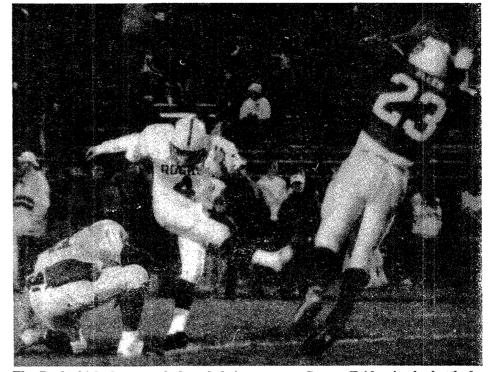
For Canton, it was the most points scored on them all season. For Salem, it was another day at the office. In the four weeks previous to their game with the Chiefs, Salem has scored 28 points, 33, 21 and 41 respectively.

All this from a team that wasn't supposed to win many games this season. But don't tell that to the Rock players or coaches.

"I think for the kids it was a cap on a good season," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "Based on what was expected of us, the way it ended up was fantastic."

The Rocks finished the season at 6-3, a hair from the playoffs. Canton ended with a 4-5 record — a mark Chief coach Bob Khoenle expected.

"You always want to do better than you actually do," Khoenle said. "We lost



The Rocks kicked, ran and clawed their way past Canton Friday in the battle for PCEP bragging rights. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

five games to some pretty good teams. We had a lot of holes to fill from last year, but I think we did the best we could. Although two of the five, I think we could have beaten."

The cross-campus game was a fitting end to the season for both teams. But no one could have guessed 56 points would be scored on the frozen field Friday.

The turning point in the game was just before the half. Salem running back Matt Johnson broke through the Chief line and rambled for 60 yards and a touchdown, putting the Rocks up by six points as the teams hit the locker rooms.

"I think that was the big turn," said Khoenle. "Then we came back out and they blocked one punt, got a safety and scored."

Although Canton's Rob Johnson was the superstar throughout the season for the Chiefs, it was Salem's Matt Johnson who stole the show.

Matt Johnson ran for 158 yards on 31

carries, scoring four touchdowns. Khoenle said lineman Jason Tallant, running back Byron Miller and quarter-

Sports

back Rob Johnson led the Chiefs. "Salem-Canton is always a big game," said Khoenle. "It's for bragging

game," said Khoenle. "It's for bragging rights at the Park."

It also sets the stage for next season.

Canton will attempt to fill the gaping hole that will be left when Rob Johnson moves on to college. "We're going to lose Rob," Khoenle said. "Rob's a great player. He's the kind of kid that comes along once every 20 years."

The Chiefs will look to their young talent to fill the gaps.

For the Rocks, many juniors will pick up where they left off this year. "There were a lot of juniors that contributed this year," said Moshimer. "Obviously, the seniors should be credited for their hard work. They were instrumental in our success. But overall, we have a solid nucleus for next season."

### **Canton, Salem girls basketball teams advance in conference playoffs**

### • BY JANET ARMSTRONG

. Both the Salem and Canton girls basketball squads advanced in the conference playoffs with Thursday night wins.

Canton faced off against Farmington in a game where the final score, 34-20, was misleading, according to Canton coach Bob Blohm.

"We had a tough time," he said. "It was a hard game, we struggled through.

"Although we played a lot better in the second half than we did in the first."

Kristi Fiernzy led the Chiefs with 15 points and five rebounds, while Melissa Marzolf added eight points for Canton.

According to Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann, the Rocks had a little easier time handling their opponent Walled Lake Western, winning 56-26.

"We had a solid, steady performance by our team," said

### Thomann.

Leading the Rocks, who are the Lakes Division champions, were Angela Sillman with 15 points and Amanda Abraham with 11 points.

Salem's win gave them the chance to win back some of those cross-campus bragging rights that Canton earned earlier in the season with their victory over the Rocks.

Canton and Salem clashed on the basketball court last night in the semi-finals of the conference playoffs (results were not available at press time).

"We're looking forward to playing again," said Thomann prior to last night's game. "We had to face Canton and Northville in one week and we didn't accomplish what we wanted to (Canton and Northville were Salem's only league losses)."

The winner of Tuesday's game will advance to the championship and face either Northville or Farmington Harrison.

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# **Canton soccer falls to Stevenson**

### BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

It was a cold day but the Canton boys soccer team was hot heading into Saturday's regional final versus the Stevenson Spartans after defeating cross-campus rival Salem earlier last week.

But the Spartans would win this clash of the soccer titans, 1-0, on cold, slippery field at Brighton High School.

With only 16 minutes left in the game, Stevenson's Paul Tokarsky emerged from a melee in front of the Chiefs' net and beat goalie Ben Davis for the game-winner. The ball hit off the goal post to Davis' right, and deflected in across the goal line.

It ended Canton's auspicious 15-3-4 season., and extended Stevenson's, who played neighborhood rival Churchill last night in a quarterfinals match up. "Our kids gave 110 percent," said Canton coach Don Smith. "It's just that they (Stevenson) took advantage and put one in and we didn't get a chance to."

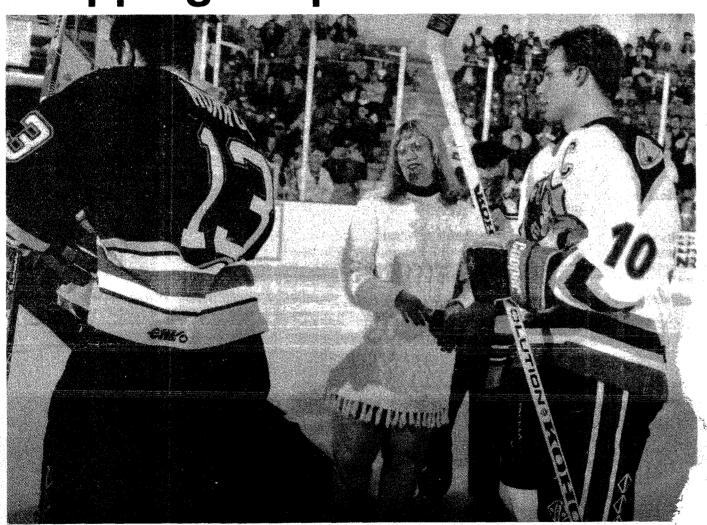
Although Canton lost to Stevenson, they played extremely well throughout the season, including the 2-1 victory over Salem on Devil's Night. Canton unseated the defending state champions on goals from Mike Bennett and Matt Ammons, and great play from Jason Bennett and Nick Wright. Canton and Salem games are known for their emotion since the team members are acquaintances or friends off the field. This game was no different. "Both teams played well. We were lucky to come out of it," said Smith.

Canton won districts, the Western Lakes Activities Association championship and reached the Sweet 16 in the state tournament. Their three losses came to two teams — Catholic Central once and Stevenson twice. Quite an accomplishment when the rugged regular season schedule is considered. "We play all the best teams around the state pretty much," Smith said.

Such as Northville, Churchill, Catholic Central, Troy Athens, Farmington and Brighton. It was Canton's best season since the 1994 state title team, and their third consecutive WLAA title. Smith said: I'm very proud of the team. I think we showed a lot of character and poise throughout the season."

Captains Bennett and Ammons will graduate and go onto college at the end of this year, along with five other players. Leading scorer Nick Wright, second scoring leader Kevin Gniewik, defender Sean Malone, midfielder Tim Parent and Mike Elsner will leave the team this year. "You always miss your good players, there's no doubt about it," said Smith.

# **Dropping the puck**



The first annual "United Way Day," sponsored by the Detroit Whalers, was held on Oct. 12. Executive Director, Plymouth Community United Way Marie Morrow dropped the puck to start the game.

### Whalers harpooned over weeken

It was Halloween night in Peterborough on Thursday, and it was the beginning of a scary three-game road trip through Ontario for the Detroit Whalers.

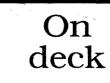
It seemed as though the ghosts of the Petes' 1979 Memorial Cup team had returned to haunt Memorial Centre, and lead Peterborough to a 5-3 victory. The loss snapped Detroit's two-game winning streak. And it was only the beginning of the Whalers' nightmare. After a scoreless first period Saturday night in Kingston, the Frontenacs scored three second period goals on their way to a 6-1 victory. Mark Cadotte scored the lone Detroit goal at 12:21 of the third period; Jesse Boulerice assisted.

The game featured 40 penalties and five fights called by Referee Dave Lynch. Sunday night in Ottawa didn't get any better.

The Generals bombed Detroit for nine

goals. Andrew Taylor, Bouley Cavanagh (two goals) scoredthe 9-5 loss.

The losses dropped Detr., 1 in the last 10 games, to ( The Whalers' are in third points in the OHL's Centra Sault Ste. Marie Greyhoun, in first; Sarnia (9-2-2) is sec. (4-10-3) is just behind Detro. (3-11-1) is in last place.



### SALEM BASKETBALL

Play either Northville or Farmington Harrison Friday at Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

At conference prelims at Salem High School Thursday at 1 p.m. Conference diving Friday at Salem at 2:30 p.m. Conference Finals Saturday at Salem beginning at noon.

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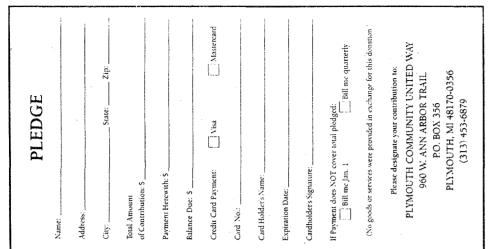
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# Community opinions



## **Community United** Way drive needs help

The Community Foundation needs help. It takes many generous donations for the United Way in The Plymouth-Canton Community to reach its goal.

This year, the goal is set at \$825,000. To truly have a community foundation, the entire community needs to help raise this substantial goal.

Work is underway to make it happen. \$256,063 of the goal has already been reached, but there's still a long way to go.

Businesses and individuals should chip in to make it happen.

After all, the money raised stays in the community and goes to many worthwhile charities. They include: First Step, The Salvation Army, Growth Works, The Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and

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## Giant pumpkin tipped scales at 434 kilograms

#### EDITOR:

My name is Mark Lloyd and I am writing to thank you for having the Mr. Giant Pumpkin contest.

I teach chemistry at Salem High School and this turned into a fun and exciting activity for my classes. We were talking about metric conversions and couldn't help noticing that you asked for the weight of the pumpkin in pounds and ounces. We were horrified!

The activity was to make a guess at the weight of the pumpkin in pounds and ounces, list them on the board and take the average. Then, with the average, we converted pounds and ounces into kilograms and grams. We figured this was a more scientific way of doing things.

On the entry form, we put the mass in kilograms and grams as well as pounds and ounces. If we win, we would appreciate it if you would put the weight in kg and g first and then in pounds and ounces. Once again, thanks for the activity and we want that pumpkin!

MARK LLOYD AND HIS AMAZING CHEMISTRY CLASSES

EDITOR'S NOTE: The pumpkin in question weighed in at 197 lbs. or 434 kilograms. Sorry, but no one in Mr. Lloyd's class won the giant pumpkin.

### More parents should attend **P-C high school forums**

### EDITOR:

The monthly Parent Forum for Canton and Salem high schools on Oct. 7 was outstanding. The principals from both schools were present as were all but one counselor (who was on a student trip). The topic for the day was what the counselors do — and can do — for the students and their families.

Each counselor is responsible for an average of 350 students and each has an area in which they specialize. They explained how they start with the freshmen and move them through the system to achieve all they can and to let them know all that is available

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> ce and much our police and fire department care about them. Events like Kid's Day make me proud to be a Canton resident. I want to thank you again for all the hard work, rs put

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This is one reason why my husband and I always vote "yes" on any proposal that benefits all of our dedicated police officers and firefighters and allows them to continue to offer our community the kind of quality service we are accustomed to in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

time and energy you spent making Kid's Day a reality.

bandaged and given TLC by friendly doctors, nurses and

other employees from Oakwood Hospital. My nephew was

excellent way to show the children in our community how

This type of event is great for public relations and is an

thrilled to get his picture taken with "Sparky" the fire dog.

Kid's Day is one example of this commitment to our children and we are already looking forward to next year. We all feel safer knowing you are there for us and your efforts are appreciated.

NANCY WEYCKER

#### to them.

They continue this process with each class each year, according to the speakers. Little, if any, of this information makes it home to the parents of these children. The parents keep asking their children about child services, college applications, scholarships, portfolios, mentor programs, writing samples, student/counselor conferences, NCAA rules, tests like the ACT, SAT, Plan and others. These counselors took the time to explain all of this and more to the parents that were there, all 35 of us.

That many parents from a school that has 4,600 students! We were almost outnumbered by the staff. I have been going to these meetings since my son was in eighth grade and he is now a junior. I have always come away having learned something new

I would like to thank the staff for their great presentation and the principals who continue these forums when there is such a small turnout. I encourage anyone who has a child at the high schools or middle schools to go to these meetings and see what a great place that big park is and how the people working there care about the students.

The next meeting is Nov. 12 at 9:30 p.m. at Salem High School, room 1316. Any student will be glad to help you find it.

**KATHY LAKE** 



### **Did police union commit 'malapropism'** by charging Berry with 'maleficence?'

One of the first lessons editors and reporters learn is the importance of each and every word used. And it's not just the way words are spelled or placed in a sentence. The use of words, no matter how similar, can change the entire meaning of a story.

Case in point: The use of the word "maleficence" in the headline on page one of last week's Crier. The headline read: "Twp. police chief cleared of union maleficence charges.'

Many readers came in or called to complain about the use of the word maleficence. According to

The American Heritage Dictionary, maleficence means: 1. Evil harm; or mischief. 2. The quality or condition of being evil or malignant.

Most readers said "malfeasance" was the word we should have used to describe the union charges against Twp. Police Chief Carl

Who?

Berry. Malfeasance, according to The American Heritage Dictionary means: Misconduct or wrongdoing, esp. by a public official.

The problem we grappled with

No curves By Rob Kirkbride

editorially was that the police union, in their letter to the Township board, used the word maleficence.

According to accepted rules of journalism, editors and reporters can

Twp. police chief cleared of union maleficence charges JANE 1 AKMS 1 KUNU  $\cdot$  boots that cost \$86.81 are causing quite a ruckus in

A rain suit and a pair of rubber boots that cost \$80.81 are causing your a ruckus in Plymouth Township. . The Police Officers Association (POAM) of Plymouth Township accused Police Chief Carl Berry of "possible maleficence" for nurchasing the rain suit and boots with . 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.

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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 sword 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. "The got nothing to hide.

"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

that are grammatically incorrect. For example, if the police union charged Berry with "malapropism," we would have changed it to malfeasance, knowing they used the wrong word.

(According to The American Heritage Dictionary, malapropism means: A ludicrous misuse of a word). But the meaning of the words

malfeasance and maleficence are extremely similar given the charges.

We chose to go with the word the union actually used in their letter. In the end, Berry was cleared of

any wrongdoing in the purchase of a rain suit and boots for Township employee Joe Bida.

Which brings up an interesting point: What if Berry was wrong in buying the rain suit and boots?

Would there have been any legal problems with the union using the word maleficence instead of malfeasance? In court, would the case have been thrown out?

We'll never know. All charges of maleficence were dropped by the union following a brief investigation.

But we all learned a lesson: Remember to check the meaning of a word before using it (especially in a legal document).

Don't forget to mind your peace and queues.

### Thanks for chamber golf outing help

### EDITOR:

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosted their biggest event ever as 220 golfers participated at Fox Hills Country Club. The weather was excellent on Sept. 10 and everyone had a super ltime.

We want to thank all the participants, local businesses who sponsored door prizes, our major sponsor — Blackwell Ford, the two committees and everyone who helped make this outing such a success.

Again, thank you! DAVE SIEGRIST AND JOHN WARNER **GOLF OUTING CO-CHAIRPERSONS** 



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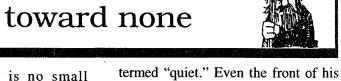
Local 'politician' makes run for U.S. Congress

Plymouth-The Canton Community is no small accomplishment.

Hartnett, a Canton High School graduate, is attempting to do just that. (As of this writing, the polls are open Tuesday, Nov. 5, so by the time this hits print.... well one never knows.)

Many would say who is Jim Hartnett?

Certainly his campaign for the 13th District U.S. Representative can be



Socialist Equality Party full-color brochure spelled his name wrong. And, unlike most politicians, he

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doesn't return phone calls.

But, he's trying nonetheless.

Ebenezer and Carl would be proud. (In fact Carl often got along quite well with the minority party hopefuls during his Congressional campaigns.)



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