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Twp closer to new police chief

12-candidate field narrowed to 7; Supervisor's choice to come next month

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

In a closed session last week the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees narrowed the national search for a new police

chief from 12 to seven candidates.

"We discussed the qualifications of the 12 final candidates and arrived at seven prospective chiefs," said Plymouth

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The seven candidates for the position vacated by Carl Berry retired earlier this year are: Laurence Carey, Chief of Police for the City of Troy; Gary DeShetler, the deputy chief of Southgate; Lt. Richard Lively of Saginaw; Lt. Christopher Magnus of Lansing.

Plymouth Township Police Acting Chief Bob Smith; James Webber, chief of Dearborn Heights; and David Nicholson, retired chief of police from Mt. Prospect IL are also in the running.

The Township Board will interview each of the seven candidates this Friday, beginning at 9 a.m., according to Keen McCarthy.

Interviews will last an hour each, and will be open to the public. Anyone who wants to ask questions of the candidates can

attend the interviews, Keen McCarthy said.

"The Township Board will allow some time for questions from the audience," she said. "It gives us a sense of how the candidates deal with the public, and think on their feet."

Following the interviews, the board will reconvene Saturday to narrow the field to three finalists, according to Keen McCarthy.

"After we agree on three, we'll have them take management tests to evaluate their skills," she said.

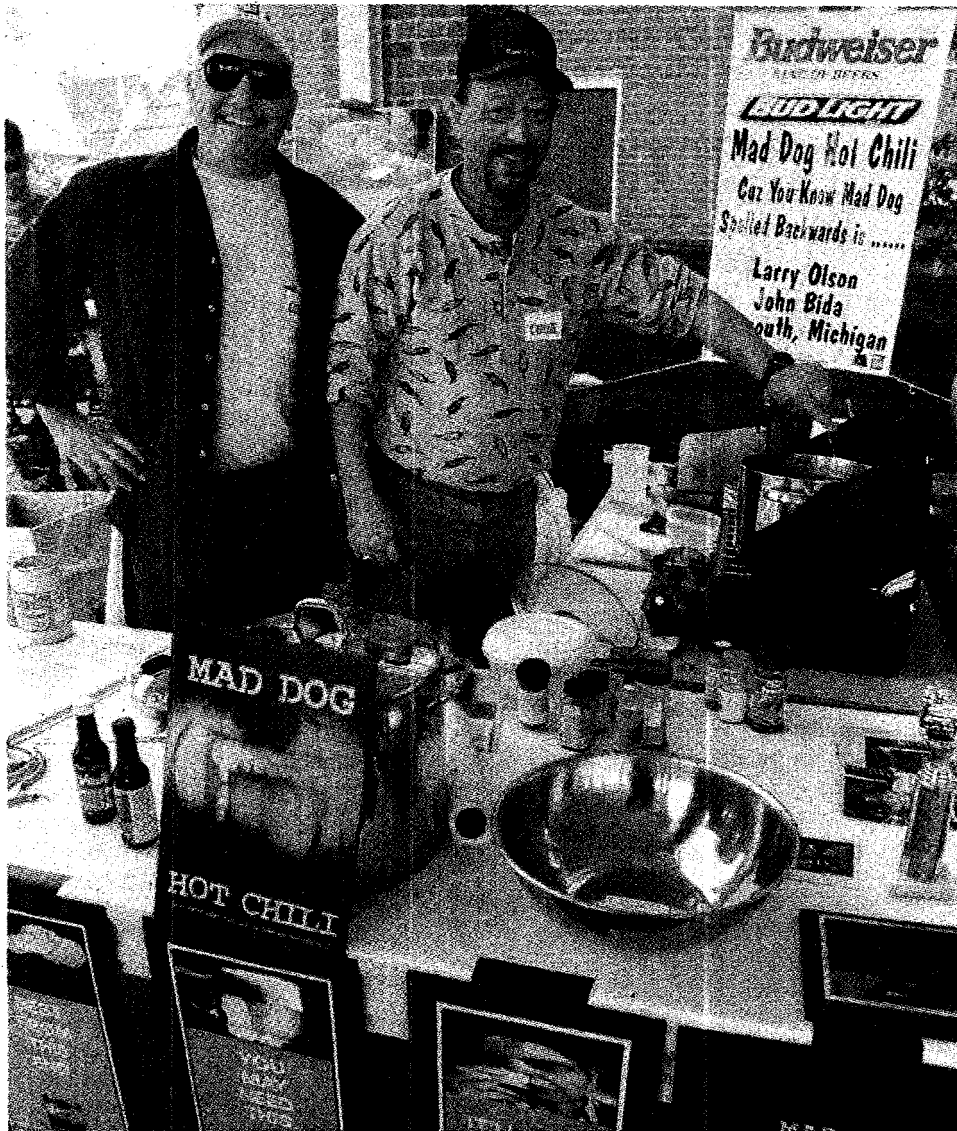
Based on the management test results, Keen McCarthy will recommend one finalist to the board, who may accept or

deny the decision, she said.

"Our whole intent from the beginning has been to select the best possible police chief for Plymouth Township," she said. "I think it's clear that any of the top three will be a good candidate."

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Kathleen Keen McCarthy
Plymouth Twp Supervisor



Plymouth's second annual Great Chili Cookoff and Harley-Davidson bike show brought more than 20,000 people to town from as far as Columbus, OH. Here, local guys John Bida and Larry Olson work on their Mad Dog Hot Chili during the chili competition (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.). See pg. 16 for the story and photos.

Dilacovo 'not serious' commission candidate

Thomas moves to City for eligibility

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

One of the eight Plymouth City Commission candidates has announced he is not a "serious candidate" for the position.

Fred Dilacovo, of 356 Ann St., said last Friday that although it was too late to remove his name from the ballot, he didn't have time to serve on the commission.

Another City Commission hopeful — John Thomas — registered to vote in the City on Sept. 18 at 815 Deer Court, according to City Clerk Linda Langmesser. Tax records show that property is owned by Ken Getsinger.

Thomas, who had been a Canton resi-

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Despite several recent accidents and increased traffic from Temple Baptist Church, efforts to install a traffic light at North Territorial and Ridge roads were slowed by a series of roadblocks (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

Long road to Temple

Hard-fought road project near completion

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Temple Baptist knew they would have an impact on traffic patterns when they decided to move to Plymouth.

Increased traffic at the intersection of Ridge and North Territorial roads begged right turn lanes and a traffic light to replace the blinking red light.

Plymouth Township officials knew this, too: the road would need expanding. It was the county who needed convincing.

"We've been working toward this ever since the beginning," said Mark DeMoss, Temple Baptist's outreach pastor. "We've been working with Plymouth Township on making improvements to North Territorial."

DeMoss said Temple has had more than their share of roadblocks along the way. "It's been an incredible, arduous task getting ourselves, the county and the township together," he said.

Improvements at the corner are nearly complete now; local residents may finally be just a traffic signal away from a safer intersection.

DeMoss said it is something church officials have been looking forward to for a long time.

Initially, the church made an agreement with Plymouth Township to install a traffic light at the cost of about \$30,000 at North Territorial and Ridge roads, DeMoss said.

Since the roads are county roads, the church had to get approval by the county. And that's when the first roadblock appeared, DeMoss said.

"They said we didn't need one," he said. "Their traffic study said that any impacts on traffic from the church would be Wednesday

evenings after the normal Monday-Friday rush hour, and on Sunday mornings.

"Then the county told us they had plenty of funds for installing traffic lights, but no funds for road improvements," DeMoss said.

Without the county's help the cost of the improvement jumped from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

But Temple was prepared for this possibility, DeMoss said. Although the Township offered to help pay for improvements through a bond issue, church officials decided they could finance the project more effectively by using their own funds, according to DeMoss.

"The church knew there was going to be

a lot of traffic, whether the church moved in or not," DeMoss said. "The road was going to need to be upgraded because of all the housing going in the area. We always wanted to contribute to the community, so we didn't feel like we were backed in to making these improvements. We're willing to do

'It is tough to get some things accomplished, even when you know it's good for the community.'

Mark DeMoss
Temple Baptist Church

whatever it takes to make the community happy."

The improvements, which include extra lanes for left and right turns, will be finished by early to mid-November, according to DeMoss. After the road improvements are complete, Wayne County will install traffic signals, he said.

The result will be worth the hassle, according to DeMoss.

"It is tough to get some things accomplished, even when you know it's good for the community," he said.

"Anything, even good things take some hard efforts to get them to come to pass."

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Cattle call *Canton dairy producer thins the herd, keeps the farm*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Farmer Tom Gill is taking a much-deserved break.

Gill's farm has been in his family for six generations, occupying the same stretch of Ridge Road in Canton and Superior Township since the the 1830s.

The farm has kept Gill busy since the late 80s when he began running it. In addition to farming 1600 acres of land, Gill has 1100 Holstein milking cows, as well as 15 farmhands working for him. It is the largest dairy farm in Wayne County.

After eight years, it was too much.

"I'm getting on my with my life," Gill said. "I can always come back when I want to. My place is still going to be here."

Gill auctioned off 700 of his milking cows last week in an effort to downsize his operation. The cows sold for anywhere from \$600 to \$1500, depending on such factors as age, weight, and how much milk they produce, according to Gill.

Gill's herd produces an average of 75 gallons of milk per cow each day, he said.

"It's a strategic business decision," he said. "I need to get some rest so I can be more productive again."

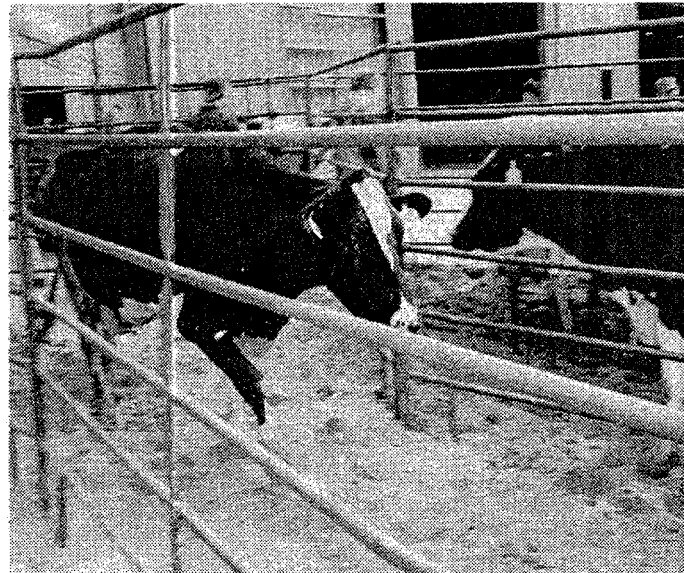
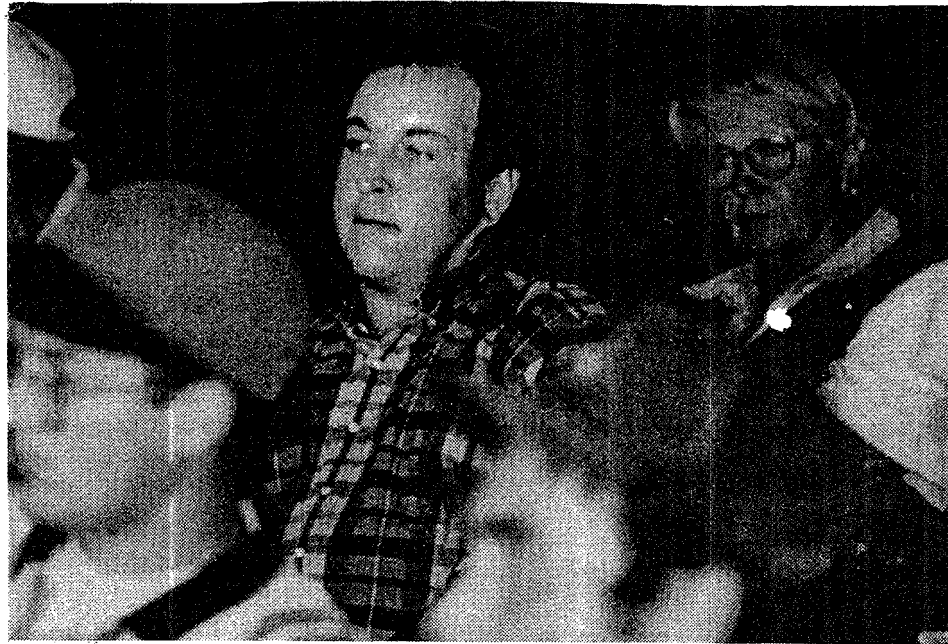
By concentrating on farming and raising the 400 younger cows, Gill can streamline his operation: He can now maintain the land himself with one part-time helper, eliminating the need for his 15 helpers.

And Gill would only have to work 10 hours a day, seven days a week.

"It's not much of a sabbatical, but it's a lot less than what I'm doing now," he said. "We're productive individuals. If you look at the size of what you're doing, it's going to be trouble. If you just go out and do it, there's no trouble. 95 per cent of it is attitude."

Rumors had circulated that Gill was quitting the farm altogether, and would sell his land as well. The rumors are wrong, he said.

"I still haven't decided. Farming has been



Despite rumors that he would sell his family farm altogether, Wayne County's most productive dairy farmer Tom Gill (above) says he's only taking a break. Gill auctioned off 700 of his 1100 Holstein cows (left) last Thursday and Friday, streamlining the family farm. With one part-time worker to help him, Gill will stay in business (Crier photos by Scott Spielman).

good to me my whole life," he said. "My family has been supportive all my life and I've been looking forward to spending some time with them."

Canton man faces abduction, sex charges

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 42-year-old Canton man is to appear in the 35th district Court Friday for preliminary exam of charges against him stemming from a kidnapping and assault in late September.

Charlie Holmes is accused of several felonies, including kidnapping and two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, according to Canton Police Ofc. Lew Stevens.

According to Stevens, a 31-year-old Westland woman had just finished work in

downtown Detroit Sept. 30. The friend with whom she planned to ride home was too intoxicated to drive and the victim would not get in the car with her, he said.

"As the woman was at a pay phone the defendant approached her and asked if everything was all right," Stevens said. "She told him her predicament and that she needed a ride to Westland, and he offered her one."

Stevens said the woman asked Holmes where they were going after they had passed

her destination.

Holmes then allegedly pulled a gun from his pocket, Stevens said.

"He told her then that she was going to do whatever he wanted her to," Stevens said.

The man then allegedly took the woman to an apartment in the Carriage Hills Apartment Complex on Ford Road and I-275 and sexualy assaulted her, according to Stevens.

"He cut up parts of her hair and then took her back to Detroit, where he first picked her up," he said.

The woman and her boyfriend reported the alleged crime the following day, according to Stevens.

"We obtained a search warrant for the suspect's apartment and found some of the victim's hair there," Stevens said.

Holmes is being held without bond for kidnapping, two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, armed robbery, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, and as a habitual offender, which carries a separate charge, Stevens said.

"He's being held without bond because he's a repeat offender."

Free parking in Plymouth?

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Come to downtown Plymouth; we won't even charge you.

Residents and visitors to Plymouth may have free parking to look forward to, according to Downtown Development Association (DDA) director Steve Guile.

"Since parking is free in many areas, we were discussing whether to have free parking everywhere downtown," Guile said. "It's

something we discussed during one of our planning sessions. The board hasn't taken any real position on it yet.

"Most of the meters are gone already," he added. "The only place you really pay for parking now is in the lower level of the parking deck."

Guile said that if free parking were ever to come to downtown Plymouth, more consistent enforcement would be necessary.

Agenda

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, the Plymouth Community Arts Council opens the exhibit, "Is there still life?" from 7 - 9 p.m.
- * Friday, Canton's Project Arts kicks off Canton's Arts Month with a fine arts exhibit opening at The Summit.
- Friday through Sunday, Compuware Sports Arena will host the Plymouth Skating Club's Octoberfest skating competition. More than 750 skaters will participate in the three-day event, many of whom will go on toward national competition later this month.
- Friday, the Secretary of State's Mobile Office will be at the Livonia-Plymouth-Northville Senior Celebration Day at Burton Manner, 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, from 10 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. The office offers the full range of any branch office, including license and plate renewals.

NEXT WEEK

- Thursday, Business Network International, Plymouth Chapter, will hold its regular meeting at The Water Club Seafood Grill from 7 - 8 a.m. Call 313-844-3432 for info.

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The Crier's Plus sections take an interesting and informative look at topics in P-C-N. Check out the Auto Care section, which runs next week.

Canton planners deny gas station permit

Consideration given to traffic, land use, neighboring families

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The message is out: if you want to open a gas station in Canton along Michigan Avenue's booming industrial corridor, be prepared to fight.

The Canton Township Planning Commission voted 6-0 Monday to deny a request for special land use for a proposed gas station, auto wash and fast food restaurant. Commissioner Thomas Sullivan was absent.

Tech Express, the firm representing the developer, withdrew the request for special land use, according to Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

The development was proposed for a 4.2-acre site on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Michigan Avenue. It would consist of an automobile filling station, a car wash and a diesel filling station for

trucks. It would also include a convenience store and a Taco Bell Express restaurant, according to developer spokesman Rich LaRowe.

Nearby homeowners present at the meeting expressed their dislike of the proposal.

"I don't like what it will mean to traffic along Beck Road," said Richard Stevens, whose house abuts Beck and is adjacent to the proposed gas station. "I have small children and my front door is only 40 feet away from the road. It's already unsafe."

Traffic concerns were only one of the quality-of-life issues brought up by local homeowners. They also cited lighting, noise and odor problems.

"When you talk about buffering you talk about shrubbery," said resident Mike Spencer. "That's not much of a deterrent. Unless you build a dome, the fumes are going to affect us."

Commissioner Karl Zarbo was also concerned about quality of life issues like traffic, consistency of nearby zoning and the economic benefit the development would bring to Canton.

"We're trying to serve the employees and businesses already there. Traffic will increase because of the industrial development, not because of us," LaRowe said. "We're not trying to increase traffic. The car wash isn't designed to entice more patrons into the station. It's a necessary convenience. If we don't have one, they

will go elsewhere."

LaRowe added that the development will add much to the community in the way of economic development by providing enhancements such as road and sidewalk improvements.

The improvements would make the industrial area more conducive to further development, according to LaRowe.

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Melissa McLaughlin

The Commission denied the request primarily on the basis of inconsistencies with surrounding land uses, specifically the 16 houses that lined Beck Road, according to Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin.

"It doesn't fit," she said. "It's compatible with nearly everything except the families that live nearby. It's like a puzzle where everything fits together except one piece."

McLaughlin also voted against the

request because of the detrimental impact on the houses nearby, she said.

"Fueling diesel trucks is not a quick process. It could be two hours for the trucks to wait, fill and cash out. It could happen all night long," she said. "The houses would be literally surrounded by developers that will adversely impact their pursuit of happiness."

"The residential component is the critical part that doesn't meet the criteria. If they weren't there, I'd say go for it," she added. "But since they are, they need to take precedence."

The special land use request now goes before the Township Board for final approval or denial, according to Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

LaRowe said the recommendation to deny was a setback, and not an uncommon one.

"Whenever you try and build a gas station, there will be opposition," he said. "But gas, car washes and convenience stores are what the public wants. We try to fit in with what the community and residents and government want and need. It's what we do."

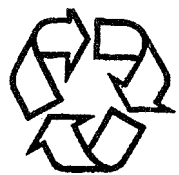
Goulet said the developer will reapply for a special land use with a revised site plan that features only a convenience store and gas station.

"At some point, when the makeup of the area changes, they could come back for reconsideration of the diesel fueling station," he said.

Addenda & errata

Odyssey of The Mind teams are being organized at Smith Elementary School, in Plymouth.

The Trish Donnelly Runnion Memorial Run is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 2 at Salem High School. Call 416-7708.



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Plymouth men seek change in county primary

One-party voting hurts out-county, they say

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Two Plymouthites are part of a group hoping to open Wayne County primary elections to cross-party voting.

Mike Muma and Tony Ruggiero are serving on the executive committee of Citizens for Fairness in County Primaries.

"I've lived in Wayne County for 30 years," Ruggiero said. "I've had no choice in the primaries."

The retired Ford labor-management executive added that the "out County" areas are particularly hurt when voters are restricted to only one party in Wayne County primaries for county executive, prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, registrar of deeds, treasurer and county commissioner.

Muma said the group has asked Wayne County Commissioners to seek a charter change to allow voters to cast ballots for candidates in any party in the Wayne County elections. He said that if the commissioners do not act a petition drive for a ballot referendum will be the group's next move. "The assumption is that need will be," he said.

New form required of write-in candidates

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dent, has challenged the City's residency requirements under the City Charter and subsequent court rulings.

Langmesser also has announced that a change in Michigan election law affects City races for the first time. Under the new law, only those residents who have completed a declaration of intent can run as write-in candidates. Forms for that purpose are available at City Hall.

At least one potential write-in candidate has sent a form to Langmesser.

Fashion buy the book

*Fundraiser designed
to replenish older
library materials*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Bird Elementary School in Plymouth will host its second annual autumn fundraiser, "Dreams Can Come True," Saturday at The Fairlane Club, in Dearborn.

Proceeds from the luncheon/fashion show will benefit the Bird School Media Center. Many books and reference materials, in use since the school opened in the 1950s, will be replaced said Susan Motley, Bird Parent Teacher Association member.

The event itself will feature a show of winter and holiday fashions modeled by 15 adults and 24 children, all from Bird, according to Motley. Outfits are being provided by Gantos and The Children's Place of Twelve Oaks, Dittrich Furs and Target.

Lunch will be served during the show, and short breaks will be taken for several raffles and prize drawings. "We're going to have a lot of winners," Motley said.

Tickets to the show cost \$35, but Motley said it is the raffle ticket money that will largely fund the media center purchases. Lunch ticket prices mostly cover event costs, she said. "The raffle money is the real money. And it all goes to a good cause — new books."

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 12 for \$10. The first place prize will be a \$1,500 travel voucher, second place will be a \$500 gift certificate to Laurel Park Mall, third place, a day at the spa.

Suzanne Wangler, Channel 4 WDIV reporter, will be Master of Ceremonies and fashion commentator.

For more information, call Motley at 453-3977.

United Way- Whalers food drive

The Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Whalers are sponsoring a holiday food drive.

The Whalers are giving \$2 off a regularly priced \$6 end zone seat when three or more non-perishable food items are donated. The discounted tickets are valid for games through November 16.

For information on food drive donations or Whalers tickets please call Compuware Sports Arena (313) 453-8400.

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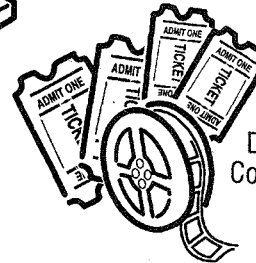
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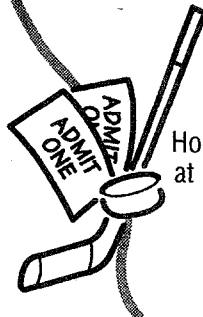


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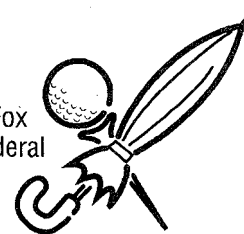


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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news



Nancy Kindraka, of Canton, was recently awarded a scholarship by Associated Food Dealers (AFD) of Michigan's Food and Beverage Scholarship Program.

Kindraka is a graduate of Canton High School and has received the Presidents Award for Educational Excellence and was the Phi Beta Kappa Certificate of Recognition.

She is majoring in chemical engineering and French at Michigan State University.

Army Capt. **Allen A. Hing**, son of **Mary W. Hing** of Plymouth, has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

Hing is a battery commander assigned to the 8th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, HA.

Marine 1st Lt. **Robert A. Kaminski**, son of **Gene V.** and **Diane R. Kaminski** of Canton, recently returned to his home base of Camp Pendleton, California after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans.

Kaminski served with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and participated in bilateral training exercises with regional allies designed to enhance cooperation and coordination between U.S. Central Command naval amphibious forces and the armed forces of the United Arab Emirates.

Navy Ensign **Jay A. Bieszke**, son of **Eileen K. Hodges** of Plymouth, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL.

PCAC shows there is Still Life

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will present a fall exhibit of still life paintings, according to spokesperson Nancy Pilon.

The exhibit, entitled *Is There Still Life?*, will feature the works of Michigan artists Mary Brecht Stephenson and Sharon Sandberg, Pilon said.

Each artist presents a fresh approach to still life painting, she said.

"They try to capture simple objects and use them to convey larger truths," Pilon said. "They both use totally different ways to show what they are getting at."

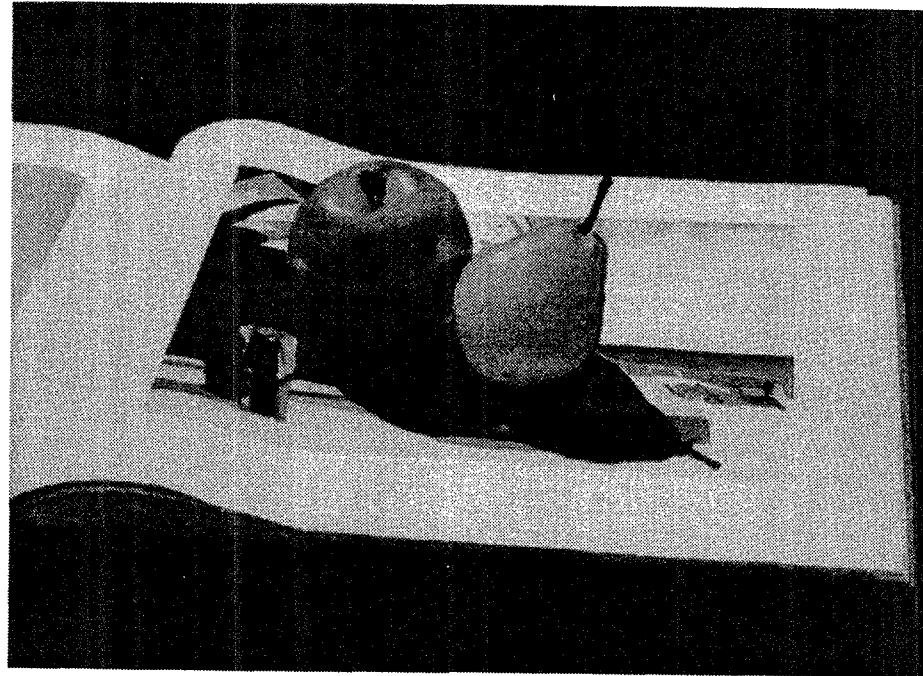
Stephenson, for example, is displaying a series of paintings entitled "Homage to Edward Hopper."

Stephenson paints various fruit resting on an open Edward Hopper book, an attempt to show the relationship between perishable, organic fruit and the timeless, geometric image of a book and Hopper's paintings.

Sandberg's paintings show the animated quality she finds in fruits and vegetables, and their relationships with their containers.

The exhibit opens Friday night and is the PCAC's third major exhibit, a representation of the council's future aspirations, according to Pilon.

"We're trying to do four a year and eventually build up to one show by a professional artist each month," Pilon said. "In Ann Arbor everyone knows that the



Mary Brecht Stephenson's Sea Watchers, from her Homage to Edward Hopper Series is just one of the still life paintings on display at PCAC beginning this week.

first Friday of every month a new exhibit opens, and they automatically come. It would be neat to have that here."

Stephenson and Sandberg will also speak on their unique interpretations of still life at an Arts Council luncheon. Tickets for the Friday, Oct. 24 event are \$15 and can be purchased at the Arts Council building on Sheldon Road,

according to Pilon.

Stephenson will also conduct a watercolor workshop Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the arts council building. Fee for the workshop is \$20. Anyone interested in the luncheon, workshop or exhibit can call the Arts Council at 416-4278.

Canton's Summit shows Fine Arts

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's Summit on the Park will continue to show its versatility by housing Canton Project Art's 5th annual Fine Arts Exhibition, beginning this weekend.

The exhibition varies from the Plymouth Community Arts Council exhibition because it is a juried show with cash awards and caters to local artists, according to Elaine Kirchgatter, Canton Project Arts Co-founder.

Kirchgatter, a past president of PCAC, formed Canton Project Arts about seven years ago with Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"We felt strongly that fine arts should have a strong presence in Canton Township," she said. "PCAC has always been great with the schools. But their name was always associated with Plymouth. We wanted something people would associate with Canton."

Canton Project Arts has done just that, with fine arts exhibitions, events like the Michigan Opera Theatre and childrens programs on Sundays, according to Kirchgatter.

Many of Project Arts' programs predate their fine arts exhibitions, which are quickly gaining notoriety, she said.

"If the past is any indication this should be one of the better shows in southeast Michigan," Kirchgatter said.

The exhibition has a twofold purpose, she said.

"It provides local artists one more opportunity to compete and display their artwork and provides residents a place to view artwork instead of having to go to an art gallery," she said.

The exhibit opens Saturday and runs through next week,



Connie Lucas' Lightening Spirits won Best of Show in last Canton Project Art's Fine Arts Exhibition last year.

according to Kirchgatter. Hours of the exhibition are Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. noon to 5 p.m. Hours during the week are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

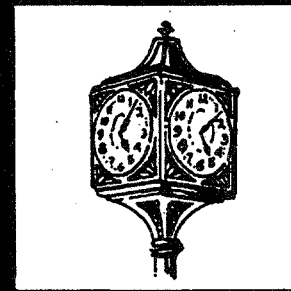
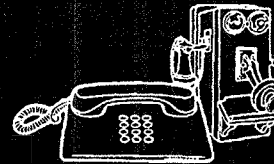
"This is just one of the aspects that makes Canton such a special community," Kirchgatter said.



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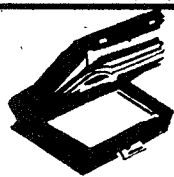
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Neighbors in business

Ford Division's National Dealer Council announced the election of **Barry Merrill** president of Wadsworth Ford in Wadsworth Oh as Chairman.

Merrill was a long-time Plymouth resident. He moved to Plymouth with his family in 1965 at age 8 and graduated from Salem High School in 1975. His parents, **Helen** and **Ken Merrill**, still live in the same house they bought in 1965.

Ronald G. Loiselle of FSC Securities Corporation recently attended the Financial Service Corporation (FSC) National Education and Business Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The FSC conference featured more than 60 educational sessions, as well as a variety of keynote speeches from well-known industry speakers.



Oakwood Healthcare System recently named **Mark D. Hannis, MD**, as the director of medical and continuing education. Dr. Hannis has received numerous teaching awards, including the National Innovation in Medical Education Award from the Society of General Internal Medicine and the Excellence in Teaching Award.

He lives in Northville with his wife, Susan and two children.

Edward L. Gascoyne, of Plymouth was recently honored with the 33 degree by the Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

He is a Manufacturing Sales Representative.

New shop offers Elegant Accents

Farmington Hills Interior Designer Bev Shamie brings her unique interior gift shop to Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Now you can find all your interior decorating answers in one store: everything from Victorian elements to waterfalls.

Elegant Accents, which opened last month in the Golden Gate shopping center across from Mettetal Airport, was designed to meet the needs of the interior decorator in everyone.

It was also started to get owner Bev Shamie out of the interior design consulting business. In this, it wasn't entirely successful, however.

"I wanted to lighten my load from interior design to a generalized interior gift store," Shamie said. "It thought it would be easier. But everyone still knew me as an interior designer, so soon I was doing both. It's my natural niche, I think."

Before she knew it, Shamie was running both the store and the interior design consulting she ran for more than 20 years.

Combining interior design and an interior gift shop has been a happy marriage, she said.

Shamie still offers her services as an interior design consultant, with a free first consultation, she said.

"I go meet the homeowners and size up



Bev Shamie of Farmington Hills hopes to give Canton's homes an Elegant Accent (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

the house and see what would look good," she said. "If they want to retain me, then we go through and see what they want."

And whatever it is, it will probably be in-stock in Shamie's store, which carries home accents in a variety of styles including contemporary, Victorian and southwestern. If not, it is certainly in one of Shamie's many catalogues.

"I try to offer anything a customer may want," she said. "I'm from the old school and I really try to do what I can for my customers."

Shamie stocks her store with items she finds in shows, both locally and across the nation, she said.

"I like to carry unique items. The farther away you can go to get something,

the better off you are."

An indoor waterfall, for instance, is one of many unique items Elegant Accents carries. You can also find 'tunnels of infinity,' and custom-made silk plants and trees.

The store was originally located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia, but Shamie said she moved to Canton because the area's growth meant many new houses. That meant there was a need for interior designers.

"The market here is much bigger," she said. "Livonia was pretty saturated, but there's nothing like this in Canton. It's been pretty well received. I'm just going to leave it in god's hands and pray for the best."

Music man expands to Plymouth

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Plymouth's newest business hops to make some beautiful music for the community.

And they're just the type of store to do it.

The Music Man sells a full line of musical instruments, everything from drums and band instruments to guitars. The only thing you won't find in the store is pianos and keyboards, according to Jan Grass, who owns the store and two others with her husband, Michael.

According to Grass, the chain started five years ago in Livonia and expanded to Brighton three years later.

"We've really found a niche," she said.

The store's clientele depends on

location, and its identity tends to evolve as the business grows, she said.

"In Livonia we have a lot of professional musicians that come to the store, hang out and talk," she said. "Brighton is different. It's more family oriented, with more beginners. We're hoping that Plymouth will be a good mix of both."

Plymouth was a natural choice for a third store, according to Grass. Its reputation for being a big band town, coupled with a vibrant and growing school district were two of the things that brought the chain to the city, she said.

If everything goes as planned, the store will reflect the community as a whole.

"We're not going to build something

flashy," Grass said. "We want something honest and old-fashioned. Our other stores have a very comfortable atmosphere."

The store will offer everything to accommodate young and budding musicians, including music lessons and instrument repairs.

In fact, Grass hopes to eventually work with the schools to provide instruments for school band programs.

"We're doing a good thing here," she said. "We want to get a lot of kids involved. Whenever you get a kid involved in music, there's one kid who may not be running around on the streets, and it's better all around."



Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

ELLEN L. MOODY

Ellen L. Moody, a Plymouth resident, died October 3, 1997 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Moody was born May 26, 1914 in Henrietta, OK. She was a computer inspector at the Burrughs Corporation for 30 years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and a life member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 115.

She is survived by her daughters, Jayna Eckler of Ann Arbor, Betty Lanphear of Northville; son, Jimmy Arnold of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tamara J. Seidel officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Lung Association.

RICHARD J. MALONE

Richard J. Malone, a Livonia resident, died Oct. 4, 1997 at the age of 64.

Mr. Malone was born March 3, 1933 in Chicago. He was an Airline Flight Engineer. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He is survived by his daughters, Celeste Verbos of Plymouth, Dorene (Joe) Sheridan of Canton, Caroline (Dennis) Jackson of Livonia; sons, Michael J. Malone of Burbank, CA, John (Catherine) Malone of Plymouth; brothers, Elmer (Helen) Malone of Elk Grove, IL; and grandchildren Jessica, Bradley, Jutin, Jennifer, Matthew, and Stephanie.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

GEORGE LA VERNE OURY

George La Verne Oury, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 6, 1997 at the age of 72.

Mr. Oury was born April 27, 1926 in Detroit. He was a salesman with Cannon Paper Company in Toledo, OH for 31 years. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Lithographic Arts Club of Ann Arbor. He worked at Fox Hills Country Club after his retirement. He served in the Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Sue of Plymouth; sons, Richard (Barbara) of Canton, James (Maureen) of Canton, George Thomas "Skip" of Plymouth, John Colt of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Brennan officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association.

EARL M. SUMNER

Earl M. Sumner, a Canton resident, died Oct. 3, 1997 at the age of 73.

Mr. Sumner was born Feb. 20, 1924 in Linton, KY. He loved golf and retired to Florida 11 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Lorene E. Sumner; daughter, Donna (Dan) Meyka of Canton; sisters, Ruby Tucker of Leesburgh, FL, Juanita Richie of Fairview Heights, IL; brothers, Robert of Wayne, Charles of San Antonio, TX, and Carnell of Mayfield, KY; and granddaughters, Danielle and Kristy.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. F. Richard Pickelhaupt officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI 48154.

GORDON DELBERT THIEL

Gordon Delbert Thiel, a Canton resident, died Oct. 9, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mr. Thiel was born Feb. 25, 1917 in Waukesha, WI. He was a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

He is survived by his daughters, Alice E. Cordara of Canton, Andrea (Stan) Darden of Burke, VA; son, Thomas J. (Cheryl) Thiel of Roanoke, NC; and seven grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth A. Thiel; father, Frank W. Thiel; and mother, Louise (Watt) Thiel.

Arrangements were made by and services held by Vermeulen Funeral Home with Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

JAMES H. SUTHERLAND

James H. Sutherland, a Plymouth resident, died Oct. 9, 1997 at the age of 60.

Mr. Sutherland was born Nov. 1, 1936 in New Brighton, PA. He worked for the Kmart corporation for 37 years.

He is survived by his wife, Carol A. Sutherland; daughter, Lori A. Lisy of Strongsville, OH; sons, Jeffrey A. (Rebecca) Sutherland of Bay Village, OH, Steven D. Sutherland of Hamtramck, MI; brother, Dale E. (Frances) Sutherland of Beaver Falls, PA; and one grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and visitation held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services were held at St. Colette Catholic Church in Brunswick, OH, with the Rev. Thomas G. Montavon. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Brookpark, OH. Memorial contributions can Ronald McDonald House, 3911 Beaubien Blvd. Detroit, MI 48201.

Irene Miller, 78

Irene Miller, a Canton resident, died Oct. 6, 1997.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Walter Miller; daughters, Maggie Reese of Plymouth, Carol Anderson of Canton; two brothers; three sisters; three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Hildegard A. Haudek, 88

Hildegard A. Haudek, a Canton resident, died Oct. 8, 1997.

She is survived by her son, Gerald Haudek of Plymouth and one other son; one sister; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Haudek.

Services were held at The New Apostolic Church in East Pointe, MI. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Elizabeth H. Palmer, 91

Elizabeth H. Palmer, a Westland resident, died Oct. 10, 1997.

She is survived by her son, Donald F. Palmer of Canton; three sisters; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald H. Palmer.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Lee A. Miller, 55, Salesman

Lee A. Miller, a Plymouth Township resident, died Oct. 9, 1997.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Miller of Plymouth Township; one daughter; his father; one sister; one niece; and two nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

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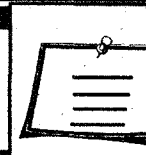
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A question and answer session will follow a seminar covering how to avoid probate, how to reduce taxes to your heirs, the advantages of a living trust. The seminar will be presented by Paul Leduc, Friday, Oct. 17 from 1-3p.m. Call 540-8710.

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West Middle School is the site of this year's Alpha Kappa Gamma sponsored craft show on **Oct. 18** from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Tickets \$2.00. Call 416-7550.

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Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring it's second annual "Octoberfest" for children of all ages on Saturday, **Oct. 25** at Heritage Park Picnic Pavillions.

HAUNTED CARNIVAL

Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring this event on Sunday, **Oct 26** at the Northville Community Center from 1-5 p.m. There will be games and a costume contest. Tickets are \$1.00. Call 349-0203 for info.

YOUTH INTERNET CLASSES

Plymouth District Library is offering internet classes for children in 4th-8th grade. Class will be held **Oct 28**. For more info call 453-0750.

GAME AND CARD PARTY

The Plymouth Symphony League is sponsoring a game and card party on **Oct. 29** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For info and tickets call 451-5598.

ALL SAINTS PARTY

Ward Presbyterian church will host an "All Saints Party" Halloween Night, Friday **Oct. 31** from 6-8 p.m. This event is open to all children under the age of 12. Call 422-1836.

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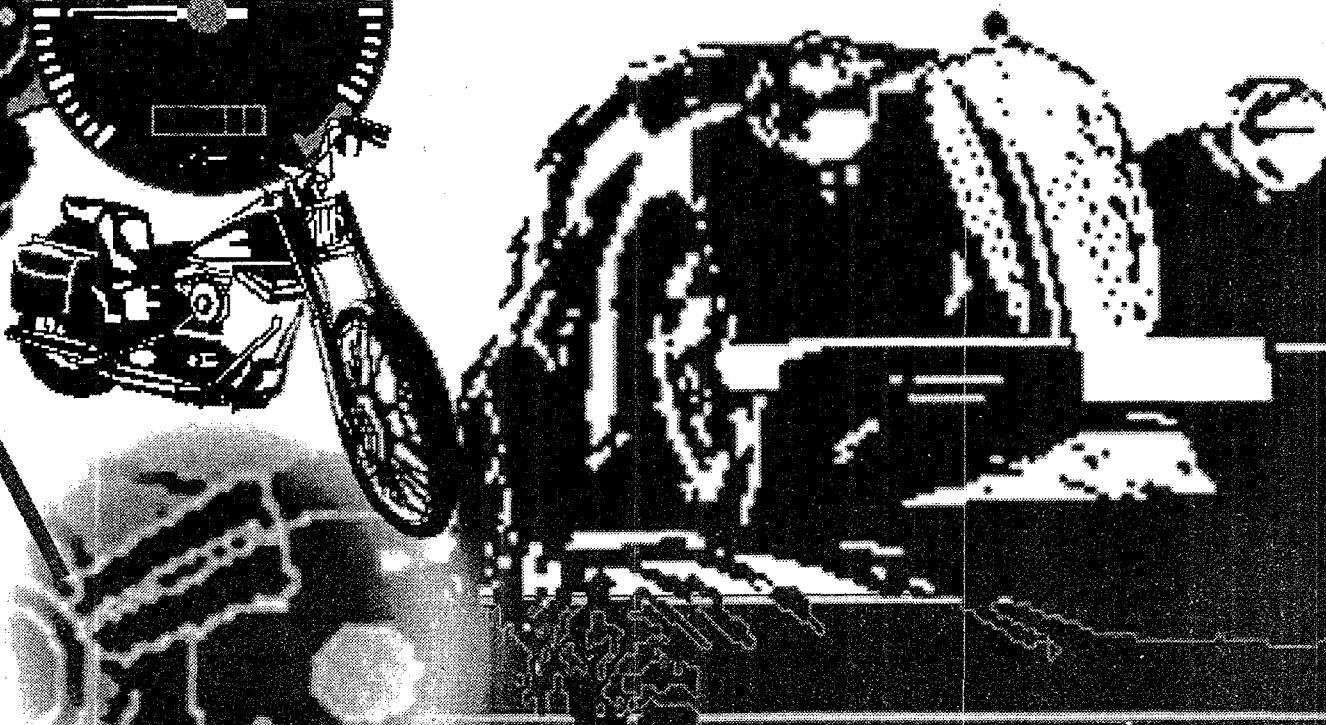
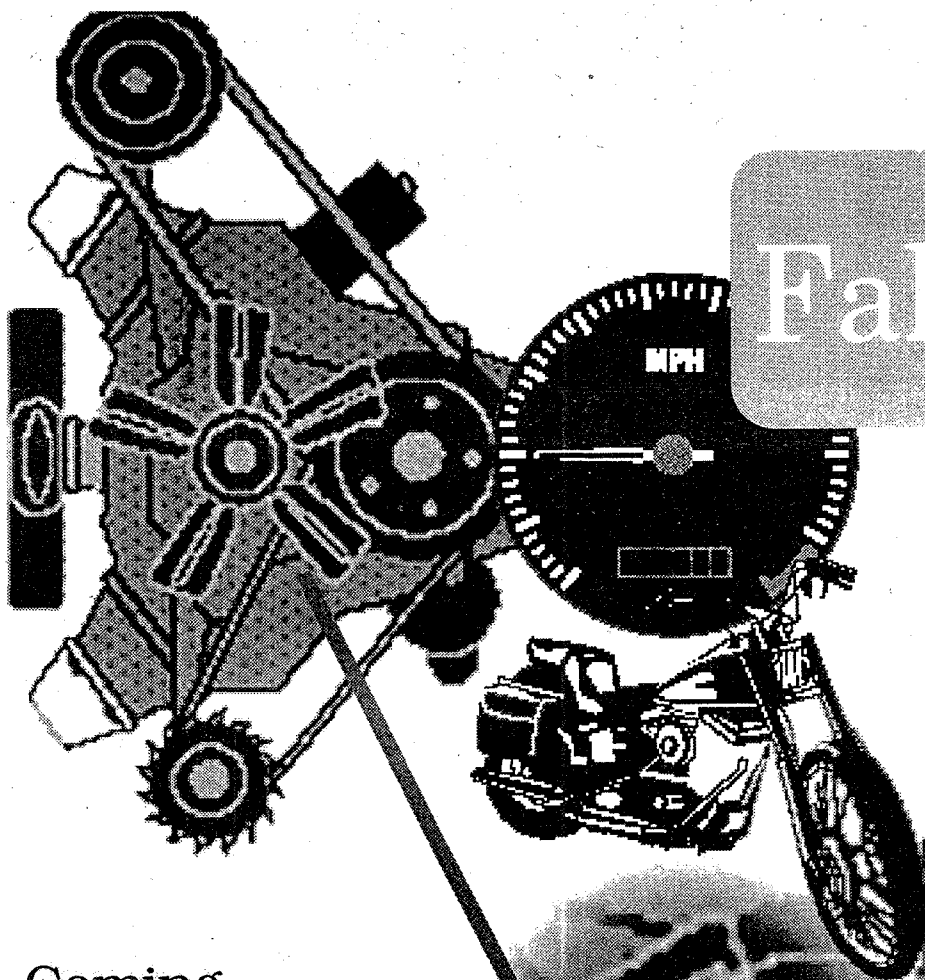
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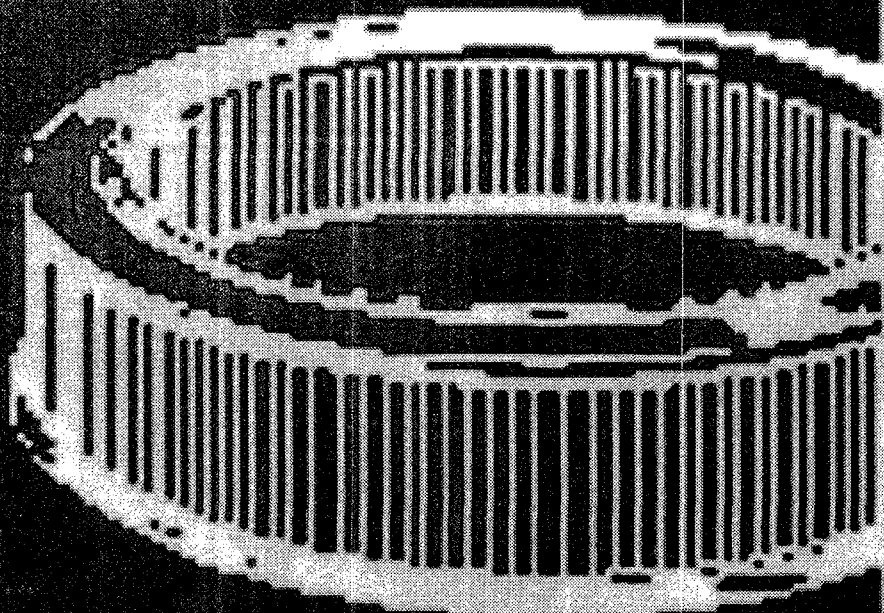
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A hot time at the 2nd annual Great Chili Cookoff Harley-Davidson bike show

BY BRYON MARTIN

It was a success, twice as big as last year.

The second annual Great Chili Cookoff brought an estimated 20,000 people to downtown Plymouth Sunday, all gathered in the early autumn air to sample award-winning chili, see customized Harley-Davidson motorcycles and raise money for The Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation.

And according to the event's organizer Annette Horn, this year's cookoff accomplished twice as much as last year's.

The first chili cookoff drew about 10,000 people Horn said. Since then, she said, word got out that the cookoff was a good time; twice as many folks turned out last Sunday afternoon.

Horn said that the crowds were hungry this year, too. "We doubled the amount of chili from last year. We had 100 gallons and we still ran out by about 4 p.m.," she said.

Fundraising went well too: "At least \$10,000 was raised for Make-A-Wish," Horn said. Last year the event earned a little less than \$4,000 for the charity, which works to grant wishes to

terminally ill children. "It's a great increase over last year."

Local chili chefs and a few from outstate balanced flavors with hot-pepper havoc. Three winners in the cookoff, sanctioned by the International Chili Society, took home cash prizes for their recipes:

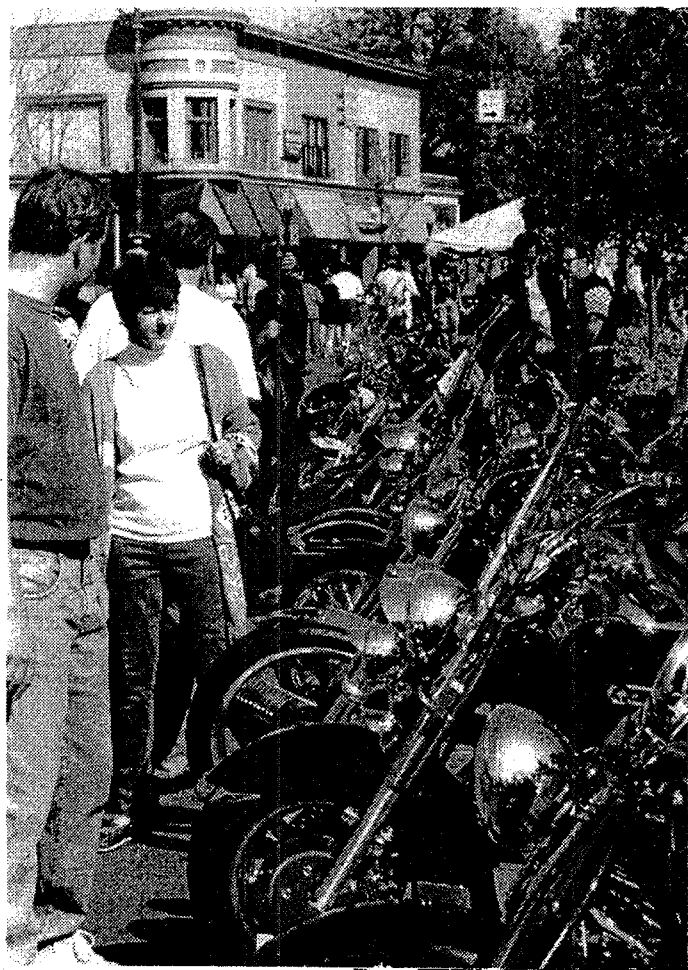
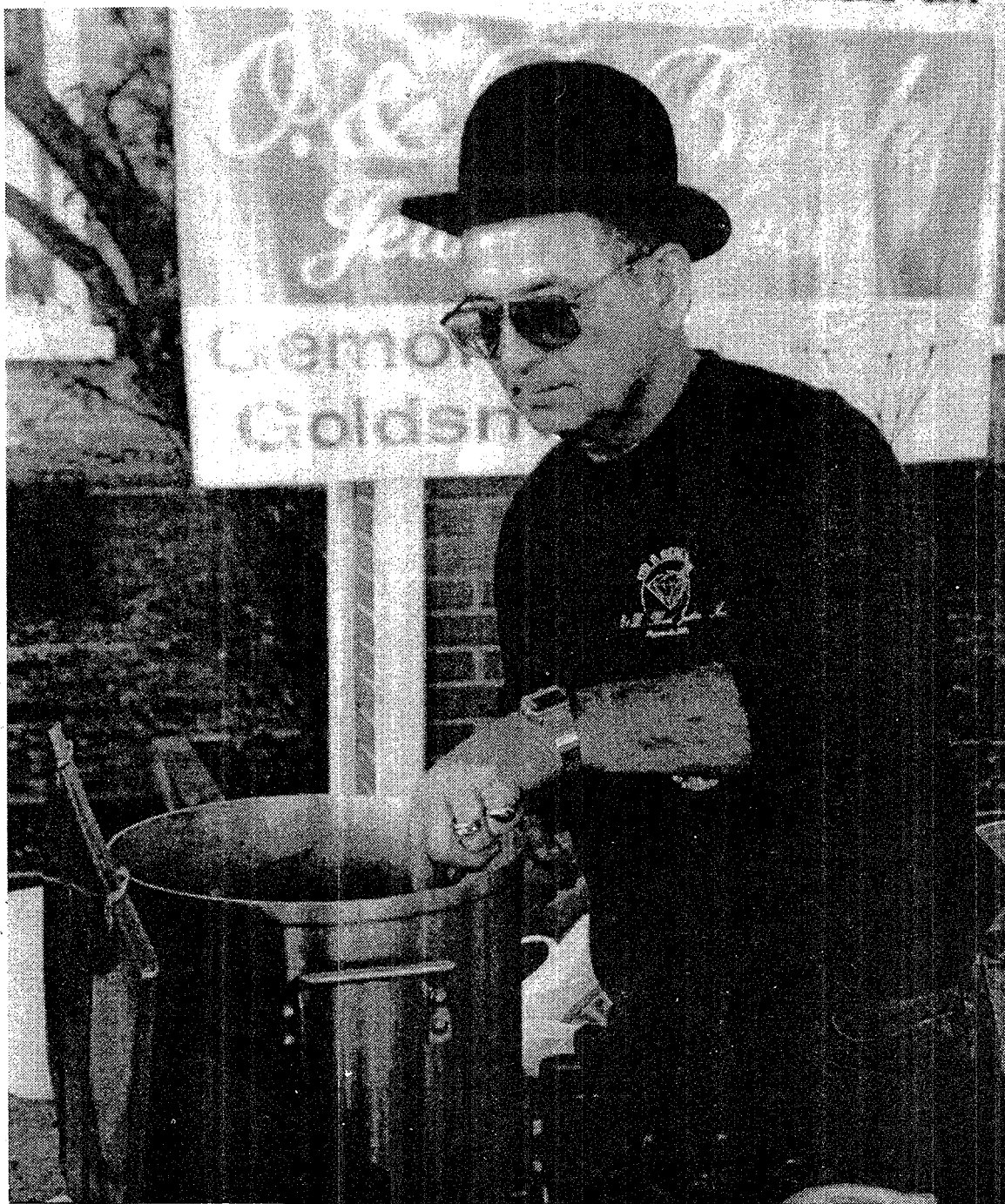
First Place, \$500: Farmington Hills resident Ray Frederick's "Tiger Bite Chili." Second Place, \$200: Columbus, OH resident Chuck Hoff's "Buckeye Chili." Third Place, \$50: Bloomfield Hills resident and 1996 World Champion's "Southern Chili — Georgia Style."

The cookoff also hosts a motorcycle show. This year's winners in the Harley-Davidson division were: Mick Mikhaff, #42; Joe Treppa, #11; Dirtman, #22; Jim, #54; #15; Paul Cowles, #30; Ed Cammilleri, #19.

Non-Harley division, winners were: Ken Adkins, #49; Pat Buish, #31; Rick Grobbel, #46.

Rosiland Silver, of Farmington Hills, won the Beanie Baby raffle.

Plymouth Court nursing home organized the Chili Run, which also raised money for Make-A-Wish.



Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.

Graham Glomski, sponsored by O&D Bush Jewellers (above), cooks it up during the chili competition. Glomski was one of eight local cooks to compete in the cookoff. Main Street and Penniman Avenue were filled with Harley-Davidsons and other makes of motorcycle (left) in the show which awarded 11 trophies to bikers. Plymouth Court Nursing Home held a Chili Run before the cookoff started, also raising money for Make-A-Wish (right).





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Time flies --ask ED.

Mitch Albom will be appearing in person to sign his new book Wednesday, October 15th, from 7:30-8:30PM at Little Professor on the Park in Downtown Plymouth.

RUTH OLDFORD at WATERCLUB GRILL: being seen in The Curiosities is better than Tracy being out of Rolling Rock.

ALL SPARTANS: call Chuck Skene (453-6902) to get on the support page by Oct. 18.

JESS says, "What's Arlo Guthrie up to?" (Ark next week)

VINCE HERBRUCK has HOW MANY Beanie Babies?

UNCLE WOODY entertains Walter et al. **CONGRATULATIONS CFCU:** your opening is already "grand." --Beauregard
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LESLIE & PAM have a new roommate! Thanks for making me & Tiff feel at home -Linda

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MIKE KELLY: really? Ed
DANIELLE was jealous of the sympathy, so she did in her knee too. --Beauregard
R. Alwood, Jr. is OLD now.
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--Allen O'Dell

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Bri (Brianne) doesn't look like she enjoyed Cedar Point very much. Mom (Lois) did but she did it with her eyes close.
Jennifer has given a new outlook to the wearing of Big Overalls.
2 more weeks to the Big One - Liam was heard in the office practicing his "GO BLUE!"
At least it was a good try Gerry.
Christy, Did Huggy Bear tell you I said Hi? It's a good thing the office is close to St. Joes Health Center.
Diane, Scott, Geneva & Lisa - Although this is a week late, thanks for covering for me while in Chicago! You're great! -Maura

Curiosities

THIS JUST IN
Newburg Lake, Mich. Who is stealing Newburg Lake? Water Levels have dropped over 6 feet in just one weekend. This water is going somewhere! Who has it and where are they hiding it? A few theories have been advanced by the local cognizance, such as:

"The mafia pulled all the bodies out, including Jimmy Hoffa, and I'm tellin ya, That's what caused the water level to drop!"
--Buster "the lip" Old Village Idiot

"Space Aliens! Space aliens took the lake! Last week they stole all my colors..."
--Euripides Braincells, poet. (Mysterious carp mutilations have been noted!)

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Curiosities

DEAR MARTHA ET AL:
A BELATED "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to you.
Now I know that your birthday was Saturday. At least I'll be prepared for next year. (I'm still the oldest, so there!) Your birthday presents sounded great! I don't know many people who would be ecstatic over receiving a T-shirt entolling the virtues of a Michigan college - and be willing to wear it! More power to you! Bless you.
Liam's the newest tractor driver at Plymouth Orchards! What a guy!

MISS KATIE'S PLYMOUTH COLLEGE OF BEAUTY: A large group of the "young in spirit" just passed my door. Many of them obviously had just had their "hair done". It made me think how kind and understanding your staff and your students are with people who have problems. I just wanted to say "thank you" for all of us. Bless you, Geneva
POLLY MYNN: ONCE UPON A TIME, about ten minutes out of Plymouth, there was a restaurant run by a wonderful couple. One of them did the cooking, the other did the desserts. Those were the days! Polly, you would be both pleased and surprised to know how many people ask about you! All of us miss you! Love, Geneva
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Am I gonna be an Auntie again?
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Sports

Sports shorts

The Canton girls tennis team took the second place in its division at the WLAA meet at Livonia Stevenson Oct. 7.

As predicted by coach Barb Hanosh, two of her players did quite well in dual meet rematches. Both No.1 singles player Liz Elsner, and No. 4 singles player Jennifer Leonard avenged previous losses.

Elsner defeated Livonia Franklin's Sherry Berner in only two sets (6-4, 6-3). Elsner played an outstanding match. "Liz was in control of the game, hitting the ball well, and placing the ball well. She took control of the points," Hanosh said.

Leonard defeated Sarah Mateer of Salem in three sets (1-6, 6-0, 6-4). Leonard started off slow in her warm up and first set but once she got into the match she just "took off." "This win was not based on bad play by Sarah (Mateer), Jenn just played an outstanding match," Hanosh said.

The girls placed eighth overall in the tournament, which proved to show similar results to the rest of Canton's season. "Some girls played outstanding in conference tournament. This is a hard tournament you run into some of the top players once you get past the first or second round," said Hanosh.

Coach Hanosh was pleased with her overall standing. "The wins were great, and in overall points the girls did well," said Hanosh.

The Chiefs finished their season Friday at the regional tournament. Although they didn't finish well enough to attend the state meet, they did have one outstanding performance turned in by Anjali Shaw. Shaw defeated Stevenson's No.3 singles player in three sets.

"Some of the matches could have turned out better," Hanosh said, referring to the overall season. "There were just too many three set matches. When we lost it was usually in the third set. The girls and I need to work on how to finish a set."

She said that next season will be very different. A lot of girls from not only Canton are graduating seniors. There should be a big change in the Division next year.

The Chiefs will also feel this loss of some good senior players. The four graduating players will be replaced by their underclassmen counterparts from the JV team who have stepped up to show Hanosh that she will have an excellent team next season.

Despite their weaknesses, Hanosh has always been pleased with her players attitude. "The girls always have a

Canton golf drives to WLAA tourney title Chiefs place 5th at regionals Friday; Salem takes 15th

Lets remember that the Canton boys golf team won the Western Lakes Activities Association regular and tournament crowns. That they won eight more victories this season than last year, and they posted a personal best at the regional competition Friday, made possible by the outstanding play of sophomore Brendan Wheeler, who is heading to the State finals this weekend.

The team should be joining Wheeler on in East Lansing, but the Chiefs — and the Salem boys golf team — had the misfortune of playing the state's most competitive regional held at Kensington Metro Park near Brighton.

"I think we have the toughest region in the state. My score (317) would have qualified (for the team State Finals) at any regional," said Canton coach Tom Alles.

It won't come close to ruining the dream season, but the Chiefs' competitive spirit was damaged after the Chiefs finished fifth out of the 18 teams. Brighton of the Kensington Valley Conference won

the regional with a record score of 288. Another KVC team, Hartland, was second with 294. Livonia Stevenson, who finished third at the WLAA tournament, took third at regionals with a score of 309, and qualified for the state finals. The KVC's South Lyon finished fourth. Salem laced 15th. "They were disappointed. But next year is another year. I think we can be competitive; we beat Stevenson at the conference tournament and in the dual match, so on any given day," said Alles.

Wheeler led Canton with 72. Senior Erik Arlen, a four year varsity player, shot 80 and Ben Tucker finished at 82. Sophomore Derek Lineberry shot 83, and Junior Justin Allen hit 86. For Salem, junior Adam Wilson led with a score of 83. Senior Pat Belvitch and junior Eric Krueger were one stroke behind at 84. Sophomores Mark Doughty and Ryan Nimmerguth shot 88 and 89 respectively. We just played average. We didn't play spectacular, but we had no poor scores,

either," said Salem coach Rick Wilson.

At the Conference tourney last Wednesday at Hudson Mills, Canton completed its sweep of the WLAA titles. "I'm very happy for these guys," Alles said of his team. "It was their team; they did it. Like I said, it wasn't like I waved a magic wand or anything. It was just a great team effort."

Canton (409) finished seven strokes ahead second-place Farmington. Salem placed fifth with 420. Wheeler was named All Conference with a score of 78. All Division honors went to senior Matt Heiss and Tucker, a junior who nabbed the award for the second straight year. Both scored 82. Lineberry was one stroke back at 83, and Allen finished with a score of 89. Adam Wilson was named All-Conference for Salem with a score of 79. Krueger shot 82, one stroke ahead of Nimmerguth (83), and two strokes ahead of Belvitch (85). Runchey finished with 91.

Canton boys CC runs like the wins

The Canton boys cross country team had what coach Mike Spitz described as "the best week of the season," which included a dual meet Thursday at Walled Lake and an invitational Saturday at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Thursday Canton closed its dual meet portion of the season with victories over Walled Lake Western (22-35) and Livonia Franklin (19-39).

Despite the rain and the hilly course, captain Shaun Moore (17:16) finished first for Canton, followed by Jerry Reynolds (18:25), Bryan Boyd (18:49), Joe Niemiec (19:12), and Jon Mikosz (19:20).

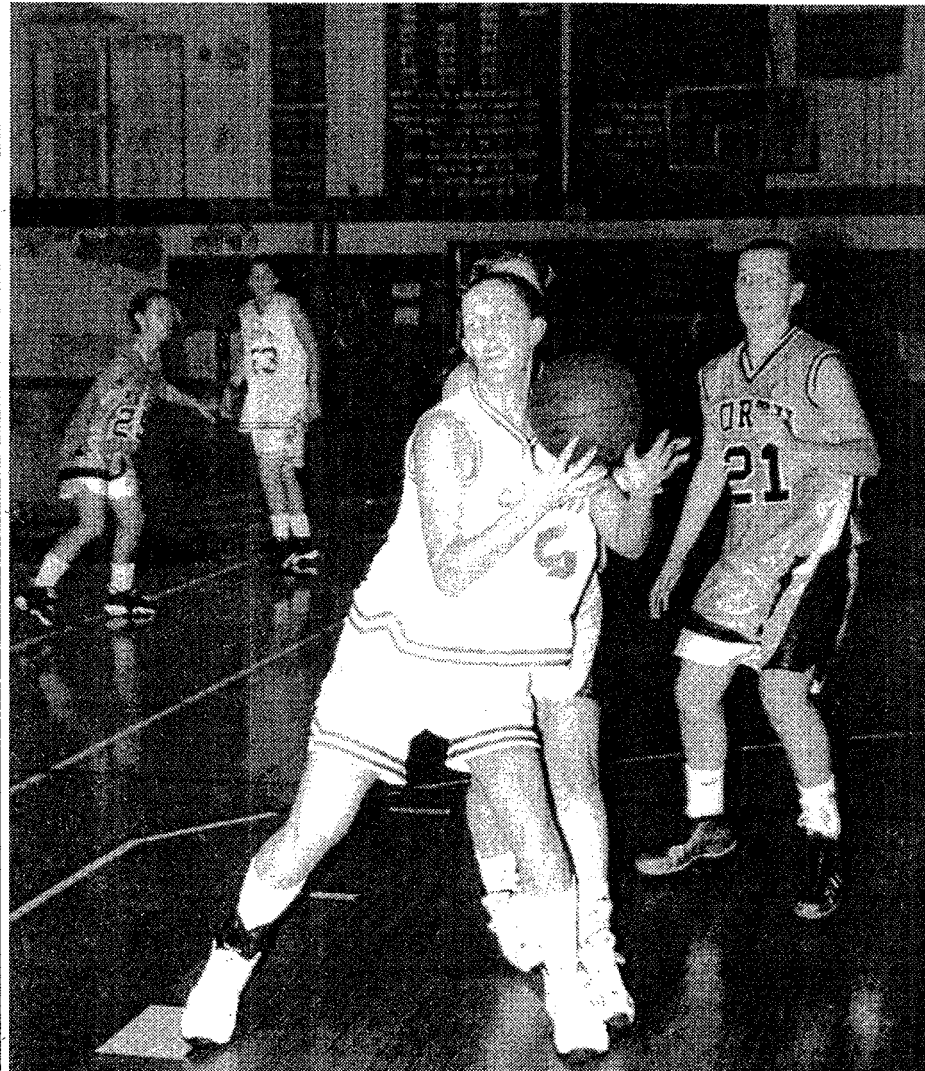
Saturday at Gabriel Richard, Canton placed ninth out of 16 teams.

The magnificent weather and course conditions added to outstanding performance by the Chiefs, Spitz said.

Moore (16:56) finished first again for Canton, and eighth overall. He was followed by Reynolds (18:03) who was 38th overall. Mikosz (18:32) was 55th, Niemiec (18:46) finished 64th, and Boyd (18:55) came in 71st.

Canton is 4-3, and second overall in the Western Lakes Activities Association. On Friday, the Chiefs will be at Kensington Metro Park, Possum Hollow for the championships.

Pass the Rock



The Salem girls basketball (9-1) remains one of the top-ranked teams in the state following Thursday's clobbering of North Farmington, 57-20. Canton (8-3) also won its game Thursday over Livonia Churchill, 64-33. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Whalers overthrow 1st-place Knights

But loss Sunday to Sarnia drops Whalers into tie for 2nd in West Division

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth's 7-4 win over the London Knights Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena was an important for both teams. (About as important as you can get, anyway, with the season less than one month old.) Both clubs came into the contest riding winning streaks, and a Whaler victory would forge a tie for first place between the teams. The game also marked former Whaler assistant captain Mark Cadotte's return to Plymouth following a trade Oct. 4.

But for two periods indifference was the attitude; it seemed as though the teams had reverted to last season when their games were a battle for fourth place, not first. The crowd of 3,642 was rewarded for its patience, however, with an exciting third period featuring five Plymouth goals. "We knew the third period was going to be our strongest," said Whaler Head Coach/General Manager Peter DeBoer.

Whaler forward Harold Druken, considered one of Plymouth's more finesse-type forwards, led the rally with two gritty, hard-earned goals midway through the final period. Captain Andrew Taylor had two similar goals also in the third period by positioning himself in front of the

London net and knocking in rebounds off of Knight goaltender Gene Chiarello's pads. "The guys who stepped it up in the third period, Harold Druken and Andrew Taylor, those are the guys who were going to live and die with," DeBoer said.

The Whalers might as well have been dead in the game's first two periods, excluding the efforts of Eric Gooldy and Randy Fitzgerald. The two crashing-style forwards were on patrol for unsuspecting Knight players from the drop of the puck. Their efforts paid off when Fitzgerald caused London forward Rico Fata to turnover the puck deep in the Knights' zone. Gooldy took control of the loose puck in the right circle and fired it past Chiarello at 11:51.

London only managed six shots on goal in the first period, which ended tied, 1-1.

Chiarello kept the game interesting with a spectacular performance in the second period; he made 15 saves, while teammates Fata and Max Spiridonov gave

London a 3-2 lead. The lone second period Plymouth goal came from rookie forward Jamie Lalonde.

It was a fight involving Lalonde and London defenseman Jeff Brown at 2:36 of the third period which seemed to lift the game's intensity level, at least for the Whalers. Moments later, Plymouth capitalized on the power play when Taylor scored his first goal by tapping in a rebound into the left side of the net to tie the game, 3-

3. Dave Legwand also assisted on the tying goal, and another, before joining Taylor and Druken as third-period scorers with the games final tally at 14:38.

Taylor's second goal of the third period at 7:09 was the result of a play made by defenseman Kevin Holdridge that will endear him to pro scouts.

Holdridge, a Novi resident who is eligible for next spring's NHL draft, rode a London player into the boards of the Plymouth end, stole the puck in the corner, turned up ice, skated down the left side

and fired a slapshot from just inside the London blue line. Chiarello made the stop, but Taylor scored on the rebound. "I'm just trying to concentrate on defense," said Holdridge. "They know I'm not going to score 50 points, but if I can, I'll jump into the play."

Holdridge and the rest of defensive corps once again were steady with their blueline chores. In five out of six games this season, opponents have not had more than 28 shots on goal.

Robert Esche finished with 18 saves Saturday night. It continued an early season run of solid but unspectacular performances by Esche, who spoiled Whaler fans last year with his all-star heroics. "He did what he had to do to get a win for us," said DeBoer.

A win, indeed.

Sarnia 6, Plymouth 1 — The Sting's win Sunday in Sarnia was as easy as one, two, three. As in: one goal in the first period, two in the second, and three in the third. Julian Smith and Druken assisted on Dave Legwand's power play goal at 1:18 of the fight-filled third period, cutting Sarnia's lead to 5-1. Esche made 17 saves. Sarnia's Patrick Des Rochers stopped 29

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OTTAWA	6	3	0	6-3-0	12
TORONTO	3	3	1	3-3-1	11
PETERBOROUGH	3	4	1	3-4-1	7
BELLEVILLE	2	6	1	2-6-1	5
OSHAWA	2	5	0	2-5-0	4
CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
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SUBURBY	3	5	0	2-5-0	6
NORTH BAY	1	7	1	1-7-1	3

WHALERS STATISTICS

Season leaders:
Goals: Legwand (9)
Assists: Druken (6)
Points: Legwand (13)
Penalty Minutes: Rioux (23)
+/-: Rioux (+13)

CATCH OF THE DAY

The Whalers defense. In six games the blue liners have allowed more than 30 shots on goal just once. A good trend, considering the defense was pegged in the preseason as the weakest part of the Whaler lineup.

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Salem soccer keeps the ball rolling

Rocks (14-0-2) beat Canton, 3-1; play Churchill tonight for WLAA title

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Before Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy could begin talking Sunday about his team's 3-1 defeat of cross campus rival Canton last week, he took a moment — just like the rest of metro Detroit — to reflect on the awesome display of athleticism put on by Barry Sanders during the Lions' rout of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"The best in the business," McCarthy said of Sanders.

In football, at least. But when it comes to high school soccer, Salem is — for now.

The Rocks head into tonight's clash for the Western Lakes Activities Association title against Livonia Churchill with a record of 14-0-2.

Salem gave Churchill its only loss of the season and the Rocks have been ranked No. 1 in the state for several weeks.

And Salem shows no signs of slowing down.

The Rocks' most recent triumph was against Canton Wednesday.

Dan Wielechowski, Brett Konley and Brent Mullin scored for Salem.

Junior forward Scott Wright scored for Canton.

Chief senior goalie Ben Davis was forced to leave the game after suffering a concussion.

He was replaced by junior Doug Koontz. "They played well. They played better than us," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We made a couple of mistakes

and they capitalized on them pretty quick."

Said McCarthy: "We certainly were able to limit their scoring opportunities. We did a solid job on defense. I was pleased with everyone in the back."

In the first half, Wielechowski scored the first goal of the game from about 25 yards out after stealing the ball from a Canton outside midfielder.

Wright answered for the Chiefs early in the second half when he scored on a header off of a cross pass.

But Konley scored on a corner kick about five minutes later to put the Rocks back in the lead.

Mullin concluded the scoring when his shot went through the hands of the Canton goalkeeper.

On deck

CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at Churchill at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Begins district play next week.

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tomorrow at Walled Lake Western. Tuesday at Salem. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS CC

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington.

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CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Tomorrow at home vs. Churchill at 7p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF

Brendan Wheeler travels to East Lansing for the state finals Friday at 10 a.m.

CANTON BOYS CC

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington.

SALEM FOOTBALL

Friday at Stevenson at 7:30 p.m.

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Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington.

SALEM GIRLS CC

Friday at the WLAA conference meet at Kensington.

SALEM BOYS SOCCER

Tonight vs. Churchill for the WLAA championship.

SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tomorrow at home vs. Walled Lake Western. Tuesday at home vs. Canton. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Tomorrow at Stevenson at 7 p.m.

Canton, Salem swimmers dunk opponents

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Canton girls swim team defeated Livonia Franklin on Thursday by a score of 124-62.

Canton dominated in many events, including the 200 medley relay, which consisted of Megan Dowd, Erin Rogala, Teri Hanson, and Angie Frost.

Their time was 2:01.80. Megan Van Coevering was the top 200 freestyle (2:17.80) and 500 freestyle (6:07.98) swimmer. Kim Weaver swam the 100 fly in 1:08.31. Alison Schmidt swam the 100 free style at 1:04.12.

Hanson, Dowd, Frost, and Susan Fanning swam the 200 free style relay with a time of 1:48.61.

Charlene Dallos led the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:14.16. Erin Rogala was the top swimmer at 1:18.87 in the 100 breast stroke.

The 400 freestyle relay, consisting of Dowd, Fanning, Hanson, and Frost, finished with a time of 3:58.86.

Canton is currently 2-0 in the Western division.

Canton's state qualifier, Hanson, has qualified in the 50 freestyle and the 100 fly events.

"We're putting together a couple relay teams," said coach Sarah Eubanks. "We have three more division wins to go and we're hoping to have some more state qualifiers."

This week Canton meets with Livonia Churchill, another team in the Western Division. The dual match is tomorrow at

Canton at 7:00 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

The Rocks won their meet against Farmington on Thursday.

Stephanie Tyler, Katie Bonner, Kathryn Latva, and Sandra Taylor finished the 200 medley relay at 2:03.54.

Lorissa McKay was Salem's top 200 freestyle swimmer at 2:04.37. Kari Foust finished in 2:27.42 in the 200 IM, and 1:05.75 in the 100 backstroke.

Carrie Dzialo was Salem's dominating swimmer in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Her times were 0:25.56 and 0:56.70, respectively.

She is a state qualifier in the two events.

Lindsay Hartz swam the 100 fly at 1:06.01. Audrey Hala finished the 500-free with a time of 5:39.19.

Katie Bonner completed the 100 breast stroke at 1:14.08. The 200 freestyle relay consisted of Taylor, Anastasia Gulkewicz, Kristen Whalen, and Megan McHenry.

Their time was 1:56.02. Salem's 400 freestyle relay team was Carrie Dzialo, Sarah Osborn, Stephanie Kujawski, and Anne-Marie Verducysse.

Their time was 4:14.16.

"Right now, we're preparing for our upcoming meets and hoping for more state qualifiers," said coach Chuck Olson.

Salem's next meet is away versus Livonia Stevenson at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Salem in a squeaker; gridgers beat Falcons, 7-0

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Last Friday, Salem bounced back after a taking a tough loss to Westland John Glenn on Oct. 3. Despite having four new starting players in the lineup, the Rocks managed to overcome Farmington, 7-0.

The four new starters included quarterback Matt Fair, lineman Thomas Foor, receiver and defensive back Kevin Conte, and lineman Rob Drabicki. Their performances were more than satisfactory and helped to lead the Rocks to their victory.

Even though they didn't score, the first quarter was controlled by Farmington. Any success the Falcons might have had was quickly brought to an end when they were called for three penalties.

The only touchdown of the game was made by wingback Charlie Schmidt in the third quarter. The play began when linebacker Jason Lukasik tipped a Farmington pass, and Salem's Jeff McKian intercepted it on the Falcon 25-yard line.

The ball was moved by Salem to the 14-yard line in four running plays by Fair, Lucasik, and fullback Eric Peterson. Schmidt ran the ball on the next three plays for gains of four, seven, and three yards, respectively.

The touchdown was made with three minutes left in the quarter.

Salem's top players of the night included Fair, who was the leading rusher.

He ran the ball 17 times for a total of 70 yards.

Peterson had 39 yards on 12 carries and Schmidt ran for 23 yards on six carries.

The Rocks are now 2-2 in the Western Lakes Athletic Association, and 3-3 overall. Salem plays at Livonia Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Whalers stung in Sarnia

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of 30 Plymouth shots.

Whale Tales:

The trade which surprised no one happened Friday when Plymouth acquired veteran defenseman Chris Wimer from Owen Sound for a seventh round pick in 1999 and financial considerations. "He's a gritty, two-way defenseman with over 200 games of OHL experience, which is something we were sorely lacking," said DeBoer. Wimer, who will serve as one of two overage players for Plymouth, recorded four goals and 26 assists in 62 games last season for the Platers...

The Plymouth Quality Inn will host a "Meet the Whalers" tonight from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free... The Whalers unveiled a second mascot during Saturday's second intermission. Captain Harpoon will join SlapShot the Whale for game night activities. While SlapShot's identity remained closely guarded, a quick peek behind the gray beard of Captain Harpoon revealed... stay tuned.



Community opinions

Support your local Cub Scouts

Visit the den, buy a pumpkin, but don't mess with the car

I went to a Cub Scout meeting the other night, my first since 1970. The uniforms look the same, the books look the same, and I even saw some of the same haircuts.

When I think back to my Cub Scout days, two things come to mind. First, there's Craig Tillman's mom, who was our Den Mother. She baked brownies before every meeting. That's brownies as in "fudge" brownies, not the other kind. I also remember the Pinewood Derby, where Cub Scouts make cars from little blocks of wood, then compete to see which one is fastest.

The winning strategy for the Pinewood Derby is the same today as it was when I was a Scout — keep the car away from Dad. Maybe let him do some sanding, but that's all. If he happens to work in the auto business, you're in big trouble.

The UNWRITTEN LAW OF THE PINWOOD DERBY says: "...any car that has been developed using high-tech computer modeling techniques, or has been tested in a Wind Tunnel, or is made to look like the car Dad drove in high school, will finish dead last. It will lose in the first round to an unpainted block of wood that was glued together in the parking lot."

'The boys discussed their options, pooled their cash and made a decision...'

Note to Dads: Go easy on the "help." Kids don't always need it. Sometimes, they spend their time helping others. Cub Scout Pack 863 of Plymouth is a good example.

Every Spring they hold a can & bottle drive. Last year, they donated the proceeds to the Plymouth Historical Society to help purchase Abraham Lincoln artifacts. The previous year, it was children's books for the Plymouth Library. Next year? The money

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



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Now, a commercial message. Pack 863 is inviting you to buy some pumpkins.

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Now, back to the Cub Scouts and their continued helpfulness.

Last year, they helped the Plymouth Lions Club during White Cane Week by loading groceries for customers at Danny's Market. By the end of the day, the boys had collected quite a lot of tips.

Now, the mind of a young boy, his pockets stuffed with fresh currency, quickly calculates the possibilities. He pictures himself in a new Red Wings jersey, or shooting hoops with a new basketball. Maybe he'd like to buy some new clothes for school. Yeah, right. Anyhow, what happened next caught everyone by surprise.

The boys discussed their options, pooled their cash, and made a decision. They turned to the astonished Lions and said, "We want to give our money to the charity. Is that OK?"

Wow. Citizenship. That's good stuff.

Bill Dean is a regular contributor to The Crier and is honest, forthright and always prepared.

High Caliber comics

Plymouth-based comics publisher refreshes, leads way in medium

A comic book convention, to someone who has never been to one, is an unusual experience.

Last weekend's convention at the Dearborn Civic Center was no exception, although it was smaller and tamer than an earlier convention at the Novi expo center which came complete with a group of superheroes, fantasy-type armor wearing monsters slugging it out with foam maces and scantily clad women offering to pose with passersby for a \$5 picture.

The typical convention is set up into two or three different areas: in one area, collectors and dealers offer old comic books and other collectibles for sale.

I shuffled through this throng, thinking how little difference there was between me

and the hundreds of people with their lists of rare, collection-completing comics.

Overcome with apathy for the medium, I didn't even reach for my wallet once, much to the surprise of my friend Dan. He took no longer than five minutes to burden himself with an assortment of books, artwork and movies.

Caliber pushes the creative envelope with cutting-edge graphics and stories. They are leading the way, and larger companies have no choice but to follow.

In another area of the convention were the guest booths. These are the young, eager, independent comic book creators, and the occasional seasoned industry veteran.

These are the people who hope to reinvent the medium and bring something fresh to the tired world of mainstream comics.

Among this group was Plymouth's Caliber Press.

My first encounter with Caliber was

more than five years ago when they were just a struggling press renting space in the back room of a comic book store in Westland. I lived half a block away from the shop and would go there every week to spend the \$10 I budgeted myself.

It was easier to spend then. The comics were better, and one of my favorite titles was Caliber's *The Crow*, made famous by the movie starring Brandon Lee.

Caliber has come a long way since those days, with enough titles to fill an entire comic book store rack. Caliber now prints in Texas and Canada, and uses talent from as far away as Poland.

One of the secrets to Caliber's success is that they generally allow freelancers to retain rights to their work.

To the benefit of the comic industry, Caliber pushes the creative envelope with

cutting-edge graphics and stories. They are leading the way, and larger companies like Marvel and DC have no choice but to follow along. The haunting, lyrical quality of the original *Crow* series, written and drawn by James O'Barr, is often imitated, but will never be duplicated.

Caliber Press is just one of the many local businesses making its mark in the world. With an ample pool of local, regional and even international talent to choose from, they will long ensure there will be heroes among us.

Scott Spielman is a Crier reporter and columnist able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman





Community opinions

Plymouth City Commission election:

Nov. 4 to fortell new mayor

On new commission, some votes for Mayor will count more than others

Some City of Plymouth voters — like Steve Walters — think the Nov. 4 election is about how long he'll get to stay on as City Manager.

There is, in fact, some reason to worry on his part.

Two of the seven active candidates are hardly members of the Steve Walters Fan Club. Bill Graham was fired by Walters from the City Finance Director position; John Thomas is the attorney and friend of former Plymouth City Manager Henry Graper.

That is not to say that, if elected, they'd vote to fire Walters the next day. But don't look for either of them to offer Walters a lifetime contract.

THE REAL DEAL of the Nov. 4 City election is: Who will be the next mayor? (The top spot is selected by the commissioners after the election.)

The answer to that question first boils down to "Who holds the key votes?" Then, "Who'll be elected and in what order?"

Key votes, interestingly, fall to the two self-styled "mavericks" on the top city decision-making body: Dennis Shrewsbury and Stella Greene. They both know the point-counterpoint role is sometimes a lonely political position.

In the past year, Shrewsbury appears to have gotten over that hurdle of asking tough questions without rancor. He's not quite to the historic-statesman-gadfly stature of Arch Vallier, Bud Martin or Bob Jones just yet. But these just may be the two years to put him there.

Shrewsbury's vote for mayor will do a lot to bring a majority to the City Commission come late November. If he casts his nod for a mayor that will be a consensus builder, he'll find his questions are given much more priority. Dare anyone say, "Mayor Pro Tem"?

Greene's vote will also be important, but watch for the "kingmaker" edge to go to Shrewsbury.

Sure, both the "gadflies" would love to be mayor. But no possible configuration of election night results would give either one of them four votes.

Besides Shrewsbury and Greene, the only other commissioner not up for election is Joe Koch. While he has certainly shown the ability to stand on an issue — like the Mayflower Hotel — he probably can't get four votes to be mayor. He'd love to be the Big Cheese, but it isn't likely this time.

Up for re-election, Ron Loiselle is the current mayor and wants to be mayor again.

Remember the movie, "The day the earth stood still"? That title probably best describes his two years as mayor. Some have described his leadership as "A bump on a log..." but those are the very generous. Loiselle is to City leadership what Yoko Ono is to vocal music: any is more than enough.



Loiselle has an even bigger hurdle than being mayor again — he has to be re-elected to the commission first. Once before he lost re-election as commissioner; if voters paid any attention to the past two years, it could happen again.

The other incumbent up for re-election is Don Dismuke. He drew the short term two years ago with the help of the business community. But that group is increasingly riled about the Mayflower Hotel tax and property giveaway; will they support Dismuke this time? (Whatever the newspapers — including this one — say, the time extension for the Mayflower

was NOT 60 days, it's more like nine months!)

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Five serious challengers join Loiselle and Dismuke in the field.

Graham is a former Canton Township Board of Trustees member. His banking, public service and "blue blood" Plymouth-Canton roots make him a formidable candidate — even if Steve Walters won't be voting for him.



Thomas is trying to prove that the City Charter and subsequent court rulings have left the city residency question unanswered. So he moved to the City from his family's home in Canton Sept. 18, and hopes that his business and law connections will support him. Although he was once the attorney for the Plymouth-Canton Schools, he ran a poor race for school board. Can he shake the "carpet bag" label for a chance to get at Walters?

Next best-known among the candidates is David McDonald. He has run before, serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals and has maintained an active City interest. He'll find mainstream support.

Colleen Pobur is hoping that both Republican friends (Carl Berry) and Democratic friends (Bill Joyner) will help her be a "second choice" for every City voter. It certainly helps her that she's the only woman on the ballot of eight names.



Paul Schulz is low-key in the campaign thus far. He ran with young ideals for "the little guy" vote, but he's been awfully shy for his election season.

Fred Dilacovo, candidate number eight, says he's not actively pursuing a seat, but his name will be on the ballot.

How the top four candidates finish on Nov. 4 will have a big impact on who will be mayor. If Loiselle or Dismuke run low as incumbents, their votes don't count as much and their own chances would be dimmed.

This race is not "one man, one vote." It's "some votes for Mayor count more than others."

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