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Retailers eye Art in the Park

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BY BRYON MARTIN

If the last few years provide any forecast, Art in the Park will bring thousands into the City this weekend but only a few into downtown stores.

More than 400 artists from 30 states will bring their fine art and crafts to Plymouth for what has become one of the City's best-known events.

With City merchants, however, the event is becoming known for an accompanying sales slump, says Annette Horne, chairperson of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee: certain issues with the running of Art in the Park have earned their ire.

"And if it doesn't improve" she said, "the retailers will basically go crazy."

In years past vendor booths and stock have

blocked sidewalks and separated City visitors from the shops open for business, Horne says. Profits slump during the weekend event.

Add in parking congestion and the way the art fair is laid out, and "this is an event not welcomed by the retailers in the City of Plymouth," Horne says.

At the same time, she acknowledges efforts from Art in the Park's organizer Dianne Quinn to remedy past ails. Quinn, Horne, other retailers and City officials have met to meet in a middle ground that will satisfy retailers and those who back the event.

Follow up meetings through they year will monitor progress, according to Quinn.

Art in the Park opens at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and runs until 7 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday.



Via-ducked... While pulling a car-hauler full of Jeep Grand Cherokees down Ann Arbor Road toward the Fox Hills dealership at Lilley Road, one of the jeeps was crushed when it proved too high to make it under the viaduct west of Haggerty Road. Here, the driver of the Cassen Trucking hauler returns to his cab after measuring the height of the underpass. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Weird politicking

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Q. When is a township picnic not a township picnic?

A. When it's election year.

Ask the folks in Plymouth Township — where there are no trustee seats up for grabs this year — about what a "wierd" political season this is.

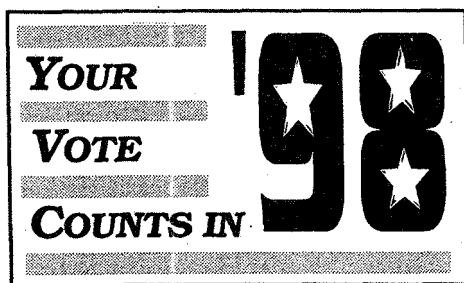
Even without any local positions at stake, the Township's three millages on the Aug. 4 ballot have made Plymouth Township a lightning rod this election season.

Take last Saturday's "Township Picnic."

"Was it officially a 'Township' picnic?" asked some residents.

Yes it was, says the Township, thus no permit or deposit was needed to hold the event at Township Park.

But the "Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic" had



contributions from "private sources" to a "trust" account, according to Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "No township tax dollars were spent on the picnic," she said.

"There was a clean line between the Township Picnic and the Citizens' Committee (which is backing the Township's three millages on the Aug. 4 ballot)," the

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Taming the tigers

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Detroit Edison sued for court fire

Lawsuit filed on same day as additional suit against City's court insurers

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One year after the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice was destroyed by fire, the 35th District Court's insurance company filed two lawsuits: one against Detroit Edison; the other against the Par Group municipal insurance company.

Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA) claims Detroit Edison was negligent in not responding to calls of a downed wire which destroyed the building, according to Dave Rogers, an attorney with Draugelis & Ashton.

MMRMA is also suing the Michigan Township Participating Plan (known as the PAR Group) for breach of contract in not paying any of the court's rebuilding costs, according to attorney Ed Draugelis.

Both suits are an effort to recoup some of the losses MMRMA has sustained by paying out almost \$3.4 million to the court, and could secure additional funds for a new courthouse said attorney Dave Rogers of Draugelis & Ashton.

"The nature of the recovery is dependant on the court's ruling," Rogers said. "There are any number of variations it could take."

Detroit Edison

MMRMA is suing Detroit Edison for negligence, breach of implied warranty, ultra

hazardous condition-nuisance-trespass, willful and wanton misconduct and gross negligence for its role in the July 2, 1997 fire.

The suit claims at 6:10, 6:11, 6:13, 6:18 and 6:22 p.m. efforts were made by the fire department to contact Detroit Edison to inform them that a downed wire was on the

and has not yet been served to the company Draugelis said.

Lew Layton, supervisor of media relations at Detroit Edison said the fire was a result of the weather, not Edison's inactivity.

"The situation is a very unfortunate result of tornadoes and other severe weather at the

The suit will be heard in front of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Marianne O. Battani, but has not yet been scheduled.

The Par Group

Although it is being reimbursed by the four other communities in the 35th District, The City of Plymouth owned the courthouse structure after financing its construction with taxpayer money in 1980. At the time of the fire about \$1 million was left to pay on this original cost.

As the courthouse "landlord," the City had a vested interest in the structure and insured it for \$1.9 million — over and above to the court's own \$3.4 million — with a policy through The Par Group.

The suit claims that through clauses in each of the insurer's agreements, The Par Group should pay out before MMRMA. The Par Group has yet to pay any of the claim, Rogers said.

"They haven't denied the claim, they simply haven't paid anything on it yet," Rogers said. "This is just a way to force them to come to the plate and follow the spirit of their original agreement."

Jim Youngblood, vice-president of claims at the PAR group, said the firm would comply with the outcome of the trial.

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"We were hoping to not have to file any suits at all, but as a sound business practice we had to protect our investments."

**— John McDonald
Chief Judge, 35th District**

roof and charging the courthouse.

The suit also claims Detroit Edison was again notified of the danger to the courthouse, firemen and other personnel at 6:25 p.m. and told that the wire was flashing sparks.

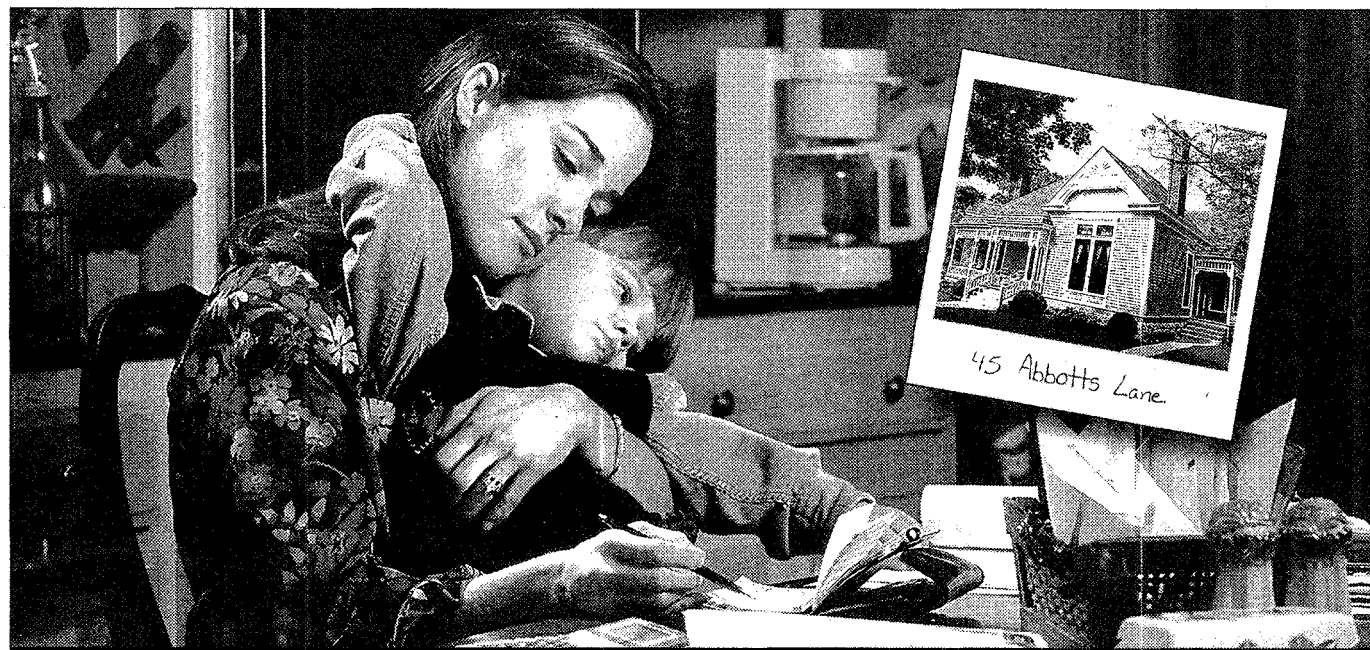
Edison failed to meet its responsibilities by responding to the alarms earlier, and by allowing the condition to exist on property in which it had a vested interest, the suit charges.

Rosemary Black, an attorney for Detroit Edison, said she couldn't comment on the lawsuit because she has not received it yet. Draugelis said the suit had been filed July 1,

time," he said. "No action Detroit Edison could have taken that could have avoided the incident. It's just fortunate that no one was injured."

MMRMA is asking for unspecified damages in excess of \$25,000 for rebuild costs, court and attorney fees and punitive damages.

"We're suing for a full recovery," Draugelis said. "We've already paid out most of our portion of the funds, and we anticipate paying out the full amount (of \$3.4 million) to the court. We're trying to recover that."



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Moving cooperation

Dana Runestad-Rabe and Mike Kloeckner celebrate a different kind of bargain. Runestad-Rabe and her husband, Barry Rabe, recently traded houses with Mike and Debbi Kloeckner. The two houses were within several blocks of each other and each turned out to be exactly what the other couple was looking for. "We wanted to upsize and they wanted to downsize," Runested-Rabe said. Kloeckner agreed, saying home is where the heart is. "We both love Plymouth. That's what it's all about." (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)



Liquor license decision tomorrow

As LCC considers applications, City names E.G. Nick's as preferred recipient

BY BRYON MARTIN

When Michigan's Liquor Control Commission meets tomorrow to review a pile of applications asking for special liquor licenses, they'll have help in their decision from City Hall.

After some debate, Plymouth's City Commission ranked T. Belli & Associates their first choice among five Plymouth applicants for licenses from the LCC.

Last Tuesday was the deadline for applicants in the City to answer a questionnaire asking what they would do if given a liquor license through the special state offering

begun last year.

The City has received one and may get only one more license, officials say, so maximizing its positive impact is in the community's interest.

Monday, Commissioners voted to endorse the application based on the merits of the project attached to it — a \$1.4 million restaurant development proposed for a Forest Avenue shopping mall.

Within 6 months work could be done to turn what was Minerva's-Dunning's clothing store into E.G. Nick's, a moderately upscale restaurant that would employ about 70.

Penniman Deli, Cafe Giverney, Tom's Oyster Bar and Uncle Frank's also applied for the licenses and will be reviewed. Franks' was ranked second, Tom's Oyster Bar third.

"There aren't any close calls here," City Manager Steve Walters said. "It's not like we're looking at a photo finish to see which nose is first."

The size, impact and potential tax dollars the project would bring to Plymouth are what pushed the E.G. Nick's application to the front of the line, according to City officials.

"That kind of investment, that kind of employment is important to us," Commissioner Colleen Pobur said while explaining the ranking.

Getting the license itself into the DDA is also a priority, which is why Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury voted against the Nick's endorsement.

Shrewsbury said Uncle Frank's would be most likely to win a license because it's a business already in operation. Approval from the LCC should be easier and quicker, he said.

Frank's didn't get the top endorsement but was, after some discussion amongst Commissioners, advanced to second ahead of Tom's Oyster Bar.

Tom's had been ranked second, based on the impact, investment, employment and other criteria established in the City's questionnaire for the ranking.

But Commissioners expressed concern that Tom Brandel has owned the building on Penniman Avenue proposed for the seafood restaurant for four years without making much progress.

"He hasn't done a good job of keeping us abreast of the situation," Commissioner Joe Koch said, adding that Brandel had chosen to pass on another liquor license offer. Tom's could have had another license for about \$30,000, according to Koch.

Fate of City recreation hinges on Twp. millage

Cultural Center, employes could be eliminated

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Although City of Plymouth residents won't vote on the issue, their recreation program could be all but wiped out if Plymouth Township's recreation millage doesn't pass August 4.

Nearly every recreation program and almost the entire recreation staff will be eliminated if Township voters vote down the 0.5 millage, according to Recreation Director Tom Willette.

The City can no longer afford to finance a recreation program for two communities, Willette said, even with Township residents paying non-resident fees.

"I've submitted two budgets," Willette said. "One for if the millage passes and one for if it doesn't."

Much of the Plymouth Cultural Center, the hub of Plymouth recreation, will be pri-

vated. "If the millage doesn't pass we'll be eliminating every program but the ice arena, and we'll rent out the rest of the rooms," Willette said.

"There are a few things that will continue briefly. Some things the City has made a commitment to run," he said, such as fall soccer and summer softball. "But they would gradually be phased out too."

Some of the other programs that will be eliminated include: senior classes and activities, basketball, baseball and park programs.

A millage failure would mean that City residents would have to find alternative sources for their recreation needs, such as a surrounding community or the YMCA.

"City residents are probably going to be

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today, "Gratitued Stell Band" will play a free concert of kids' music at noon in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth, or under The Gathering in the event of rain. Presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 734-414-4ART.
- Tomorrow, Canton's free summer concert series continues in Heritage Park. Show begins at 7:30 in the amphitheater. Call 734-397-5801 for a list of performers.
- Thursday from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company at 844 Penniman Avenue will host Al Ward, Marble Brown and Ren'ee Tambeau for an evening of verse during its Sixth Annual Summer Celebration of Poetry. Call 734-454-0178 for details.

THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday and Sunday, Art in the Park runs in downtown Plymouth from 10 a.m. each day until 7 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday.

NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday, Canton's Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room, Canton Administration Building 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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OLGC complex planned for 2000

BY SCOTT GOODWIN
 When Our Lady of Good Counsel's new complex opens its doors sometime near the turn of the millennium, it will usher in a new era and a new beginning for many area residents.
 The complex, planned for the northwest corner of Beck and North Territorial roads, will feature a larger sanctuary, chapel and fellowship space in its first phase. Expected within the next 10-15 years are recreational facilities, additional parking and a school for grades K-8, according to developers.
 The first phase, scaled back from initial plans, has gotten final site plan approval for the Plymouth Township Planning Commission with construction expected to begin this fall on the 35-acre

site.
 According to Mark Hieber A.S.L.A., site planner with Harley-Ellington developers, the 44,000-square-foot sanctuary will seat about 1,500 people, but will not replace the current chapel for daily services.
 In terms of design, the church will feature a large vaulted ceiling and plenty of glass. "It's going to be a handsome building," he said. "The concept is to use the natural setting. We'll use the orientation of the building to highlight the outside."
 The sanctuary will be built into a slope, molded in with the surrounding wetlands, Hieber said. The only changes made so far have been the moving of three 40-foot-tall trees, from one spot on the grounds to another.

Rec. is 'cost-prohibitive'

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quite upset if the millage doesn't pass," Willette said.
 City Manager Steve Walters said the City was looking into the possibility of subsidizing the recreation programs in surrounding communities so City residents could pay lower fees to participate there.
 But given the number of Plymouth residents that would emigrate to other recreation programs, surrounding communities may be forced to put a cap on non-resident participation, he said. Some Plymouth residents, particularly soccer, could be left without a place to play.
 "None of the surrounding communities would be able to handle the 2,000 soccer players coming out of the Plymouth Recreation Department," Walters said.
 The Plymouths have said they plan on joint recreation services if the millage passes, although they haven't yet announced who will manage it.
 According to Walters, the majority of Plymouth recreation participants come from the Township, and the time has come for them to contribute more than non-resident registration fees.
 "Unfortunately, because the City has run a recreation program for so long there is an expectation in the community that that's how recreation looks," Walters said. But the city no longer can manage a program that barely stays afloat and offers no funds for capital improvements, he said.
 "We're really not doing this because

we want to," he said. "We're doing it because we can't afford the programming any longer."
 It's fitting that Township residents have a chance to save the Plymouth recreation system, according to Willette, since it was they who essentially bankrupted it.
 "Township residents have paid non-resident fees but it doesn't come close to subsidizing the Township use," he said.
 "We can't continue to provide (recreation services) for non-residents."
 Without the Township's help; however, Willette said the City isn't large enough to manage a full recreation program. "It's a catch-22," he said.
 "Some communities are so small they can't support recreation services

Township residents have paid non-resident fees but it doesn't come close to subsidizing Township use.
 — Tom Willette
 Director, City Rec. Dept.

on their own. They need non-resident participation. The population isn't there (in the City) to put enough people in programs."
 There had been discussion among Plymouth officials about raising non-resident fees, Willette said, but it was decided that wasn't a viable solution.
 "Unfortunately, you would have to raise the fees to a point that's cost prohibitive," he said. "People just wouldn't sign up."
 For Willette, there is only one way to avoid recreation collapse: approve the millage.
 "You don't hear a lot about it because it shouldn't be a threatening thing—either pass the millage or else," he said.
 "It should be a positive thing because of all the benefits. But I don't think people realize the ramifications."

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 Summer taxes are due July 1, 1998 and payable through August 10, 1998 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at the Treasurer's window. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the City Hall lobby next to the Treasurer's office window. For your added convenience, First of America Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept tax payments through Monday, August 10, 1998. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.**
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N'ville shop loses \$10,000 in jewelry

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Sometimes you learn the hard way.

Owners of Sweet Dreams, a Northville antique and collectibles shop, certainly did last week when they were the victims of theft.

According to police reports, more than \$10,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from a case in the downtown store between 7:45 p.m. June 23, and 2:00 p.m. June 24.

One bracelet and 13 rings were stolen. Most were antiques with precious stones, some valued at more than \$2,400.

Det. David Fendelet of The City of Northville Police Department said police believe the robbery occurred during business hours since there are no signs of forced entry.

Police reports show that the jewelry case does not lock.

The Police Department has no suspects, according to Fendelet, who said the

perpetrator left no evidence and no leads.

Co-owner Bonnie Woll-Hawhee said she believes that a man who had been in the store early that day may be the culprit. The man seemed very nice and spent some time talking to the employe on duty and other customers in the store, she said.

Woll-Hawhee said she thinks the thief must have been a man with long arms that could reach over the counter to pick up the stuffed glove which held the stolen items.

Woll-Hawhee, who owns the shop with her mother, Joyce Woll, said that they had already changed the layout of the store to improve floor visibility for employes. They also thought that the placement of the jewelry case, directly across from the cash register, would deter theft.

Woll-Hawhee said they will improve their security system further in light of

the theft, installing locks on the jewelry case and perhaps cameras.

They will also expand their insurance coverage so that everything is covered.

According to Woll-Hawhee, not all of the jewelry was covered by insurance since some pieces require special riders with high premiums.

The shop, which opened in April 1996, has experienced theft on a smaller scale in the past. Woll-Hawhee said that the worst time is during festivals when there are lots of people going in and out.

The theft also put a significant financial burden on the store.

"That was several months of rent that walked out the front door," Woll-Hawhee said. "It isn't like the mall. We can't afford big security systems.

"People think that with shop owners, it won't bother them. But it does, both in terms of feeling like you have to watch

out so much, and financially.

"We are just ordinary people trying to make a go at it, trying to have a nice place for people to shop," she added.

"I hope the person will realize how much it will hurt other people. And I hope he's happy with what he has, because we are paying for it."

Fendelet said shoplifting occurs all the time in Northville, though thefts of this magnitude are rare.

Anyone with information related to the theft can contact Fendelet at (248) 349-1234.

Tom's Oyster Bar may not finish

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"He said, 'no, I want a free one,'" Koch said. "You know, these guys can make \$30,000 in a weekend."

If the City does get just one more of the special licenses tomorrow and it goes to E.G. Nick's, it may mean the end of the Oyster Bar development.

"The Tom's Oyster Bar project is viewed

as contingent on getting a liquor license," Walters said, referring to past discussions with DDA Director Steve Guile.

The situation is similar for E.G. Nick's, whose project is not yet finalized either.

"The application for a liquor license is part of tying up the deal," Walters said.


Regardless of who gets it though, the license would remain in Plymouth once awarded, according to City Manager Steve

Walters. If a business fails or backs out, he said, it would leave the license behind.

"Once it's attached to a DDA address, it's stuck in the DDA," Walters said.

Applicants from around Michigan, including five from Plymouth, are in competition for the special liquor licenses, which were created to spur growth in economic development areas such as Plymouth's Central Business District (CBD).

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Neighbors in the news

Marylu Hemme, of Plymouth, was offered a Catholic Student Award from Madonna University to be used for the 1998/1999 academic school year.

Hemme will receive \$800, which is renewable for four years. The award is given to incoming freshman.

Jonathon P. Isensee has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, in Westland. He will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, GA for basic training July 28.

Isensee is the son of **Paul R. and Rebecca A. Isensee** of Canton.

Navy Petty Ofc. 3rd Class **Bryan S. Swanson**, son of **James A. Davison** of Canton, recently participated in the 11th annual Fleet Week 1998 Celebration in New York, while assigned aboard the guided missile frigate USSS Doyle, homeported in Mayport, FL.

Navy Petty Ofc. 3rd Class **Aaron J. Bell**, son of **John J. and Sarah A. Bell** of Plymouth, recently participated in the Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

The following students from Canton recently received degrees from Western Michigan University: **Nicole Andres, Timothy Bober, Lisa Cole, Christopher Collins, Tamara Faber, Kerri Gillespie, Loren Gross, Timothy Layman, Mary Mamò, Julie Orleman, Erik Shilakes, Kimberly Springer, Andrew Szydlowski, and Jennifer Warnke**; and from Plymouth: **Jennifer Charnler, Jennifer Palmer, Jason Perko, Julie Rummel, Stacy Thomas, Amanda Wierzbinski, and Stephanie Williams**.

The following students from Canton were named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University: **Kristie Hoffman, Kelley Larsen, Stacia Markley, Christina Mokienki, Kristen Thomas, Kellie Titus and Laura Weir**; and from Plymouth: **Rebecca Baigrie, Susan Daoust, Alyssa Hafemeister, Kelly Nelson, Mary Orourke, Bryan Proctor, Joshua Stickney, Kristine Tilly and Julie Warne**.

Taming the tigers

Kerri Nitzschke quits her day job and opens her school up full time

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Not long ago, Kerri Nitzschke taught Tae Kwon Do twice a week in a rented back room at Canton's World Gym.

It wasn't too long before she noticed her classes were growing so large that they were threatening to overrun the gym. Within a few months they had grown so popular that she was forced to find another location to teach in, both after her daytime job as an engineer and on weekends.

Now, with more than a year and half in her own school on Joy Road just east of I-275, she's left her day job, and is preparing to teach full time.

Nitzschke is a fourth-degree black belt, as well as owner and head instructor of Karate for Kids, the Canton chapter of a national organization that was formed in 1988, and affiliated with the American Tae Kwon Do Association (ATA).

"The value system is the heart of the Karate for Kids system," Nitzschke said. Nitzschke teaches children eight primary values in conjunction with Taekwondo. Values such as self-confidence, self awareness, courtesy, respect, self discipline and concentration help the children in all aspects of their lives, she said.

"You can usually see a difference after only a few lessons," she said.

The road toward a full-time Tae Kwon Do instructor was a long one for Nitzschke. She began studying the martial art 11 years ago, when she was growing up in Iowa. She continued with it through college at South Dakota State, where she earned a degree in mechanical engineering, and found it was the perfect balance in her life.

"It allows me to use the opposite side of my brain," she said. "My job in an engineering firm fulfilled the scientific



Nitzschke demonstrates a kata to Tiny Tigers (from right): **Michael Mady, Michael Linder, Samantha Rodriguez and Anthony Martz.** (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

side of me, but Tae Kwon Do lets my creative side come out. It's a nice release. The goal is to be powerful and graceful and you have to think of different ways to achieve that."

Even after attaining the rank of black belt, a martial artist can't just set up a shop and begin teaching, Nitzschke said. Before starting up her own school she had to spend two years in an internship with a certified instructor learning not just the physical side of teaching the art, but the mental side as well.

The instruction combined perfecting forms and sparring techniques with written tests that cover everything from how to run your own business to how to motivate an eight-year old.

It's a tough regimen, but one that brings advantages to her students, Nitzschke said. One benefit is that stu-

dents can train at any ATA certified dojo nationwide, she said.

"We all teach the same way so that if the kids go on vacation and they want to study while they're gone they can just find a school and study for free," she said.

The Karate for Kids program is open to children from ages four and up, Nitzschke said. Students begin at age four as Tiny Tigers, and work on their balance, coordination and self control, Nitzschke said.

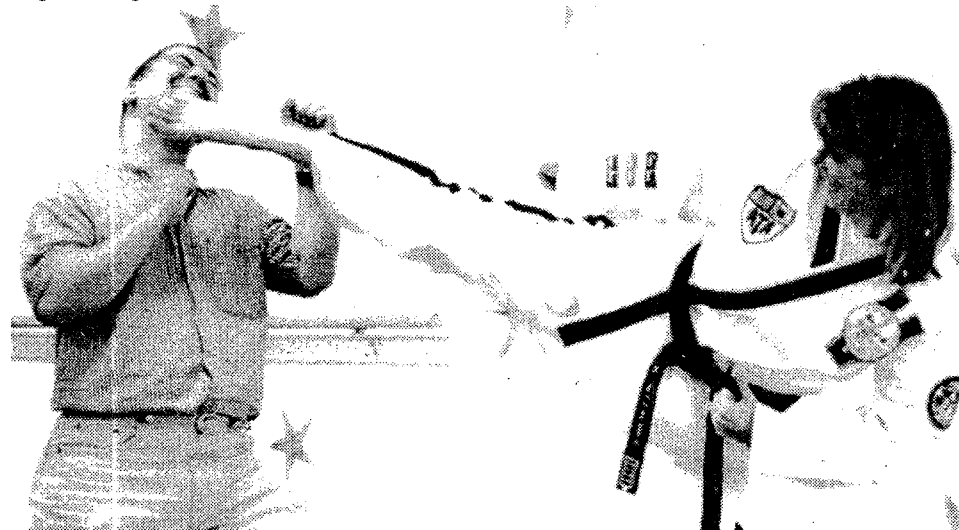
They also learn basic social skills, such as how to share and get along with others, she said. These lessons continue as the child grows and graduates from the Tiny Tigers into the Karate for Kids program.

One of the most gratifying aspects of teaching is hearing from parents how the training has changed their children, Nitzschke said.

"Within about three or four weeks there's a change in attitude. You hear them start saying yes ma'am and no ma'am," she said. "They start doing better in school because they're concentrating better. It's important for them to learn that and they don't get that everywhere."

But don't let the name fool you. Nitzschke teaches all ages at the school. Many of her student's parents became interested through watching their children train, and eventually joined the program that way. Now they continue studying Tae Kwon Do as a family activity.

"It's one of those things where you just can't beat the feeling," she said. "The kids are the best. When something clicks in their head you can see it, and that's the best feeling."



Nitzschke shows how best to handle unwanted guests, such as Crier reporter **Scott Spielman**, whose form needs a lot of work. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

When is Twp. picnic not a Twp. picnic?

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supervisor added.

Yet citizens who questioned the picnic said mailings inviting folks to the picnic came to them from the pro-millage Citizens'

Committee.

At first, Keen McCarthy said yesterday that those mailings were sent to new residents, the Council on Aging, the Township Park Playscape parents, the

parents of students in Plymouth-Canton Schools (a list, she said, was supplied by the schools), and soccer families. She later said that mailing from the Citizens' Committee made no mention of the picnic.

Another mailing from the Township itself (according to its return address and postal permit), did invite residents to the picnic. Township police and fire equipment were displayed at the July 4th picnic — a month before the three-mill Township public safety millage request is on the ballot.

Some Township residents also questioned the "official" nature of the picnic because the Township mailing included the phone number of Bill Joyner for more information.

Joyner, a former Wayne County Commissioner, was helping the Citizens' Committee pro-millages campaign before he was hired by the Township to work on its voter education brochures. He is also the campaign manager for Township Trustee

K.C. Mueller, who is running for state representative against Gerald Law, former Township supervisor and trustee.

"I agreed to have my phone number listed," he said, but added that he did not know who in the Township sent out that picnic invite mailing.

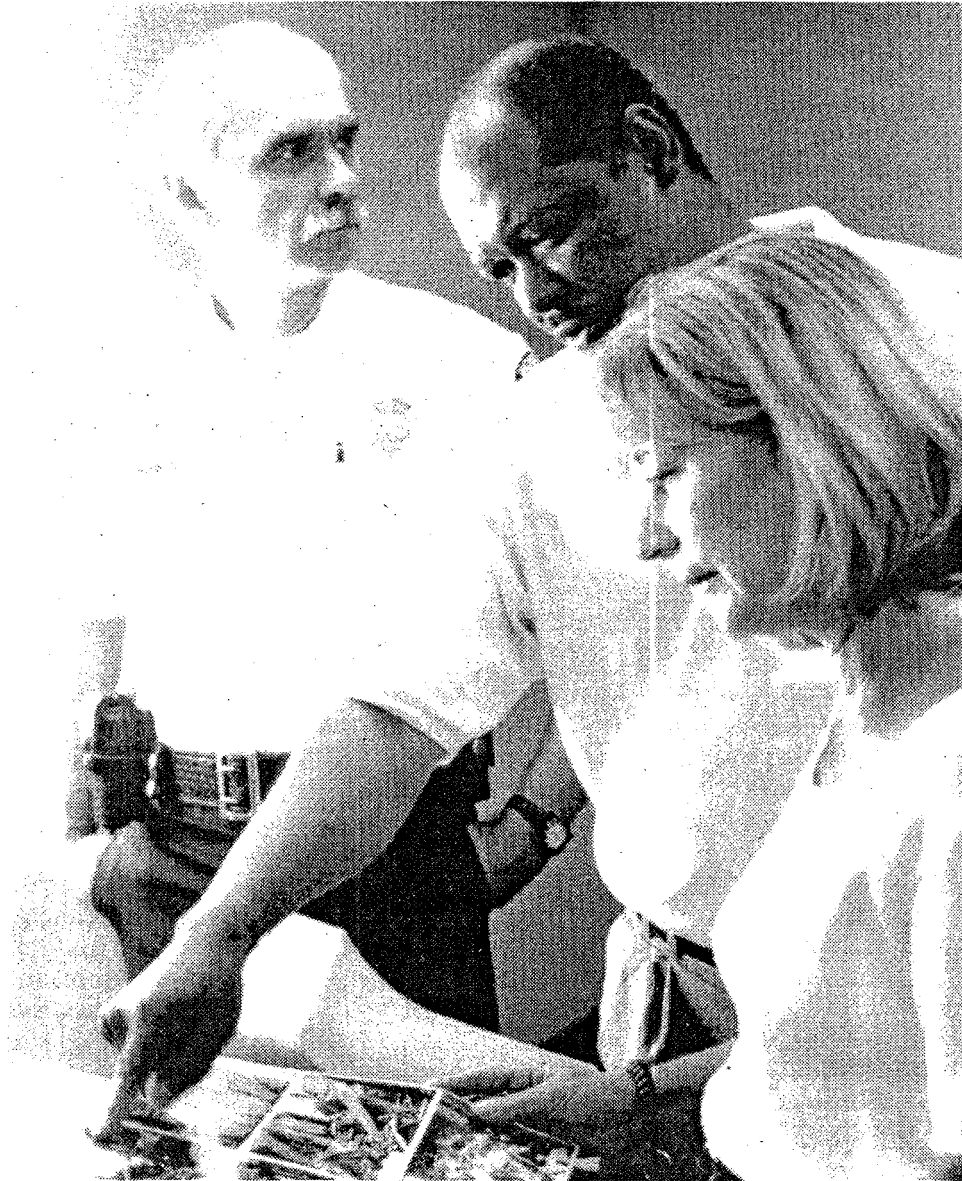
In fact, Joyner says, the first Township picnic last year was his idea. "I'm proud to say that. There were 500 to 600 people last year and I'm proud to say there were 1,500 people this year."

Joyner emphasized that the picnic was not promoted by the Citizens' Committee and said, "So what if it was? Is that illegal?"

Sandy Groth, treasurer of the Citizens' Committee, summed it up. "There were members of our committee who volunteered at the picnic.

"But no literature was passed out. It was not a campaign picnic," she said.

Just chalk up the confusion to Keen McCarthy's analysis of the political year: "it's wierd."



Court employees George Berg, Richard Jackson and Mary Weber sift through photos of the destruction of the 35th District courthouse Thursday. The court ordered lunch in for staff members July 2, the one-year anniversary of the fire that consumed the building. Court staff were joined by police officers, local officials such as Canton's Supervisor Tom Yack and retired Judge Jim Garber, who helped reorganize the court after the fire. "It's not really a celebration, but more of an acknowledgement of the fact that it happened," said Chief Judge John MacDonald. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Suit centers on lease

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"The suit is pretty self explanatory," Youngblood said. "It's an issue of coverage and who pays for what. They believe our coverage was in effect and we obviously have a different opinion."

Youngblood said the suit hinged on language in the contract when the court building's lease transferred from the City of Plymouth to the 35th District Court Authority in 1989. According to that lease agreement, the 35th District Court became sole owner of the building and therefore its insurance should cover it, Youngblood said.

"This is fairly common when two insurance companies have to figure out who covers damages," Youngblood said. "While it doesn't happen that often it's fairly standard procedure. Whatever the court says is what we'll abide by."

The 35th District Court staff is hopeful that the matters will be resolved soon, according to Chief Judge John MacDonald.

"We were hoping to not have to file any suits at all, but as a sound business practice we had to protect our investments," he said.

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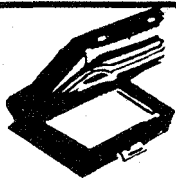
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The regular meeting of the **Northville Chapter** of the Business Network International (BNI) is scheduled for 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. July 16 at **Kerby Koney Island** at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The **Plymouth Chapter** is scheduled for 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. July 16 at **Water Club Seafood Grill** at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

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

Automotive supplier **Johnson Controls** has awarded Plymouth firm **Advantage Technologies** a \$15 million contract to supply vehicle seating components.

Advantage Technologies started in 1995 and is expected to exceed \$34 million in sales for 1998. Johnson Controls played a matchmaker role in the formation of Advantage Technologies in 1995. Officials from Johnson Controls helped forge the joint venture by initiating a series of meetings between a group led by David Davis and Schukra North America of Windsor, Canada.

The resulting company has rapidly emerged as an important supplier to Johnson Controls and other customers. Its first major piece of business was a contract to supply Johnson Controls awith components for Jeep Grand Cherokee seat systems. Advantage recently signed another major deal with the interior supplier, and as a result is now producing components used in seat systems for Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator sport-utility vehicles.

The supply contract will nearly double the annual sales for Advantage Technologies. In 1997, the company achieved sales of approximately \$19 million.

Canton's Target retail store has awarded a \$1,000 grant to the department of Public Safety.

The funds will be used to supplement the cost of purchasing a new CAD and Records Management System. A recommendation to purchase a new system was made to the Canton Board of Trustees after S & R Micom — the company previously contracted to provide the services to Public Safety — went bankrupt.

All in the family

E & E Manufacturing prides itself on being a good neighbor, citizen

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One of Plymouth's biggest success stories is still growing strong.

E & E Manufacturing, one of the first tenants on Industrial Drive, has now all but taken over the park with a recently completed expansion and plans to convert an additional 35,000 square feet of office space.

"We're very thankful for what we have," said Wes Smith, president of E & E. "Now we're looking forward to creating new products."

Wes' father, Wally started the business in 1963. With less than a handful of employees and a 5,000 square foot building, E & E was one of the first firms in Plymouth's industrial area. That site was part of industrial land purchased by the city to develop its tax base when the Daisy Air Rifle plant shut down, Smith said.

Expansion happened fast for the firm, which purchased, renovated and moved into neighboring buildings throughout the next few years, so that by 1968, the company had more than tripled its size.

Following successive expansions in the early 1980s, 1994 and last year's recently completed new facility, E & E now occupies more than 102,000 square feet, and employs more than 220.

Through it all, the firm's two primary goals have remained strong: providing quality parts and maintaining a family atmosphere.

E & E manufactures automotive related stampings and fasteners to customers such as General Motors, Chrysler and Johnson Controls as well as firms like Lear and Saturn.

With more than 30 stamping presses ranging in size from 75 tons to 800 tons, they manufacture more than 1,000,000



Wes Smith (left) president of E & E Manufacturing and his father, Wally, who founded the business 35 years ago at the company's recent ribbon cutting.

pieces each day. With a complete research and development laboratory, E & E can also develop new products, as well as the tools and machines needed to manufacture them, Smith said.

One of E & E's major clients is General Motors, but Smith said the strike hasn't slowed the firm down too much.

"It's normally a slow period of the year anyway," Smith said. "We still have other clients and are concentrating on them. And I'm finding ways to keep everyone busy."

And there's still a lot to do, whether it's converting the newly purchased 35,000 building on the corner of Industrial Drive and Plymouth Road, reorganizing the amalgam of their current facilities, or preparing for the fall busy season.

Happy employees — or associates, as Smith calls them — is the key to the business, Smith says, and it shows in his relationship with them. Walking from building to building, he comments on

one associate's weight loss, and stops to ask what his secret is. He stops another and congratulates him on becoming a new dad.

"Now you have someone to play hockey with," he says.

The family environment was fostered in Smith as he was growing up with the business, he said.

"It's a good place to work because everyone has a sense of pride in the company," Smith said. "It all comes back to a sense of family and involvement in the community. Everyone has a sense of ownership."

Smith says the recent expansions have allowed E & E to be better neighbors. With all the departments under one roof, there is less outside traffic, and most of the plant's noise is contained inside the building, he said. Also, after renovations are complete, the facility will have six shipping bays, three times as many as before.

"We used to have trucks lined up along the road waiting for their shipments," Smith said. "That wasn't good for anyone. The extra bays mean they'll get in and out of here faster."

It's just one of the subtle ways Smith tries to improve Plymouth. The company also gives back to the community by sponsoring events such as the fireworks (although not this year), and giving donations for parades, festivals and community groups. Last year alone, they donated more than 225 food baskets to holiday food drives, in addition to their normal cash contributions, Smith said.

"It doesn't have to be good for business to be good for the community," he said. "You have to give back some of what you've been blessed with."



E & E Manufacturing's facility as it appeared in 1963. The structure has been incorporated into the company's current 102,000-square-foot facility.



Slowed...Traffic along Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road is already heavier than normal with vehicles diverted from M-14 while under construction. It slowed to a near stand-still for part of the morning Wednesday as Washtenaw County public safety workers cleaned up debris from a roll-over accident at Ann Arbor and Napier roads. Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Barry Monosso (above) said the accident occurred when Northville residents Katrina and Erica Sullivan swerved to avoid a car that had come into their lane from the opposite side of the road. Both were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti where they were treated and released, he said. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

Another Scoggins on the P-C-N beat

City Chief's son takes the oath in N'ville Twp.

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

The City of Plymouth no longer has the only police force that can name a Scoggins in its ranks.

Doug Scoggins, son of City Police Chief Bob Scoggins, was sworn in as a Northville Township officer Wednesday.

Doug has worked as a township dispatcher for several years. He also worked as a reserve officer in the township and in Canton.

Doug readily admits that his father's work was the major influence in his decision to pursue police work.

His father used to take him on patrol when he was young, Doug said.

Not all memories are pleasant. Doug remembers his father coming home from work injured: Bob had fallen while climbing over a fence and had knocked himself out and torn up his arm. The injury put Bob in

bed for several days, Doug said.

But such memories didn't scare him off. "I think that law enforcement is a challenging, prestigious career," Doug said.

The City of Wayne offered Doug a job almost immediately after he finished the academy, he said. He declined even though it meant turning down an opportunity without another offer in sight. Doug knew that Northville was where he wanted to work and he continued as a dispatcher there until the township force had an opening.

He says he's glad he waited.

Doug says he knows he's not cut out for a desk job — police work appeals to him because every day brings a new situation.

Most of all, he likes the idea of being able to help people in need.

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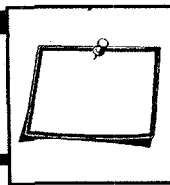


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Art in the Park... returns to Kellog Park this weekend. The show will feature virtually every type of art and artist under the sun, along with roving entertainers and the Plymouth Poets annual Poetry Crawl



Events

ALL COLLECTIBLE SHOW

The Plymouth-Canton D.A.R.E. Program is holding an All Collectible Show **Sunday, July 12 from 10 a.m. -4 p.m.** at the Plymouth Masonic Lodge in Downtown Plymouth, next to the Penn Theater. The show will be held during Art in the Park and feature Beanie Babies, Antique, Nostalgia Items, Barbies, Porcelain Dolls, Precious Moments, Hallmark, Sports Cards, Comics and others. The show benefits the Plymouth-Canton D.A.R.E. Program. Admission is free. For more information or table availability call (734) 544-0050

THIRD ANNUAL BARGAIN BAZAAR

The Northville Central Business Association announces the Third Annual Bargain Bazaar on Saturday, **August 1**, from 9a.m.-5p.m. on Main and Center Streets in historic downtown Northville. Booths are available now. Call Lorie Wyant at 248-349-3537 for details.



Health

SUICIDE LOSS PROGRAM

Arbor Hospice offers a group for adults who have experienced a loss through suicide. The group meets at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth on the first and third Monday evening of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information call 734-662-5999 or 248-348-4980.

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Groups

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

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COFFEE STUDIO

734-416-9288; Wed.: *Open Mic Night.*

CROWS NEST

734-459-4020; Fri.-Sat.: *Live Piano Bar Music with Gail Deeter-Gerhardt.*

ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs.: *Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat.: Live Music in Piano Bar.*

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; *Live Interactive Dinner Theater: "I Do...I Think."*

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: *Live Blues: Jazodity.*

MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; *Live Musical Theatre "Raggedy Ann & Andy."*

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734-459-4190; Sat.: *Live music*

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734-453-0870; *Now playing: "Titanic."*

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734-454-0178; Thurs: *Poetry featuring Al Ward, Marble Brown, Ren'ee Tambeau. Sat.: Open Mic Night.*

STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. - Thurs.: *Live music with Wally Gibson; Fri.-Sat. Wally Gibson and Angelo Primo.*

WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri.: *Friday dances at Burton Manor.*

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings, reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.

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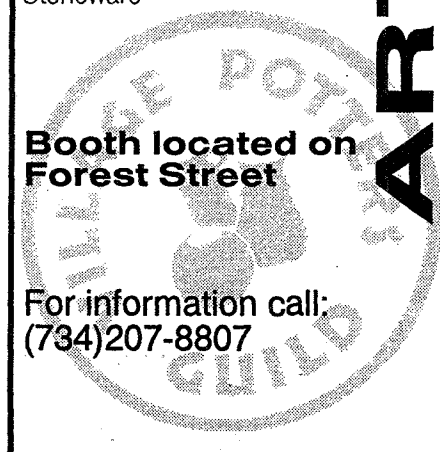
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ART in the PARK



City examines recycling

Program could bring biz to a par with residential

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

The City of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority has appointed a subcommittee to investigate the viability of increased recycling services in the Central Business District (CBD).

The sub-committee will consider the commitment of business owners to expand recycling efforts, as well as possible locations and cost before making a recommendation to the DDA.

Right now, the CBD recycles only corrugated cardboard. Efforts to expand the CBD recycling program to include all materials accepted by the residential program have been underway for more than a year.

Residential customers in the Plymouths and surrounding communities have curbside recycling. This program accepts glass, plastic, newspaper, aluminum, tin, corrugated cardboard, household batteries, telephone books and a variety of papers including junk mail and catalogues. The residential program is

currently expanding, and as of July 6, accepts boxboard. Boxboard is flat cardboard and includes cereal and tissue boxes, and beer and pop cases.

Paul Sincock, Director of Municipal Services, says that Mister Rubbish, the contractor which provides all the City's recycling services, offers the same type of recycling program in dumpsters for apartment communities and business districts.

The new recycling facility would most likely be a common dumpster located in the CBD.

DDA Director Steve Guile says that he knows there would be an additional cost to add more services, but the subcommittee does not yet have specific figures.

Subcommittee members include Dave Pugh, Steve Guile, Fred Hill and Sally Repeck.

The subcommittee will meet with Mister Rubbish today to look at possible programs.



Fourth through Fifth graders at East Middle School's Kid's Time camp got to hang with Red Wing Bob Rouse and the Stanley Cup Monday. Picture are: Nicole Widak, Rebecca Walker, Ryan Fulmer, Nick Taggie, Nick Mazzocco, Anna Quinn, Patrick Albaugh, Kenny Failing, Stephanie Bonner, John Baxa and Maranon Swasey.

Rouse, Stanley visit Kids' Time crew

The more than 200 students who attend the Plymouth-Canton Schools' Kid's Time Summer Camp at East Middle School saw the prize for hard work and determination firsthand.

Detroit Red Wing Bob Rouse carried the Stanley Cup into the summer program Monday morning for a surprise visit.

Summer Camp Director Kris Jaussi is a friend of the Rouse family and mentioned that the kids would be thrilled to see the Cup.

"We received a call at 10:30 a.m. from

Bob Rouse's wife telling us Bob was on his way with the Cup," said Brigid Beaubien Costello, coordinator of the extended day care programs for the district. Rouse arrived at 10:40.

Each classroom had their own time with Rouse and the Cup so kids could touch the Cup and pose for pictures with it.

"It was exciting to have the children have a hands-on experience with the Stanley Cup. They were so awestruck and excited," said Beaubien Costello.

Rollin' thanks to Rotary

N'ville service club donates bike to police patrol

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

For two months, Northville Police Officer Matt Clemence had been patrolling on borrowed wheels.

The Northville Rotary Foundation officially donated a bicycle to the Northville Police last Tuesday, although Officer Clemence has had the bike since April.

"I needed to have the bike for certification," said Clemence, so they gave it to him early.

When the police department made the decision to train another bicycle patrol officer there was no money in the budget for a bike, said John Sassaman, foundation Chairperson. So the department asked the foundation for help.

The foundation felt it was a worthwhile cause because of the long-term impact, said Sassaman.

"It is a valuable tool not just for the police force, but for the whole community," he said.

It is a very effective means of patrolling, according to Clemence, even for traffic violations.

"People aren't expecting you to be on a bike," he said. "If a patrol car was there they'd never break the law. But with a bike, they don't even see you."

The surprise factor helps, too, according to Clemence. "You can ride up quietly and be right over their shoulder."

And, he said, bike patrol is fun.

Bike patrols also make police more accessible to residents, said Chief Jim Petres. People feel more comfortable asking for directions or help from an officer on a bike and it increases visibility in the community.

Sassaman said the additional patrol is something that the whole community will benefit from.

"The Foundation felt it was a good way to return the money back to the people who donated it," he says.

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50 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 July 17th to be considered for the July page.

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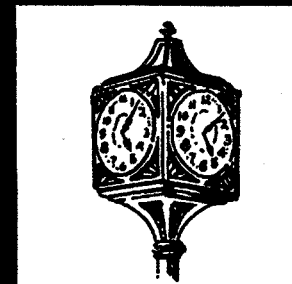
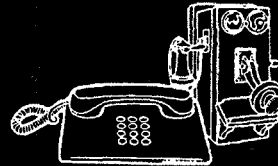
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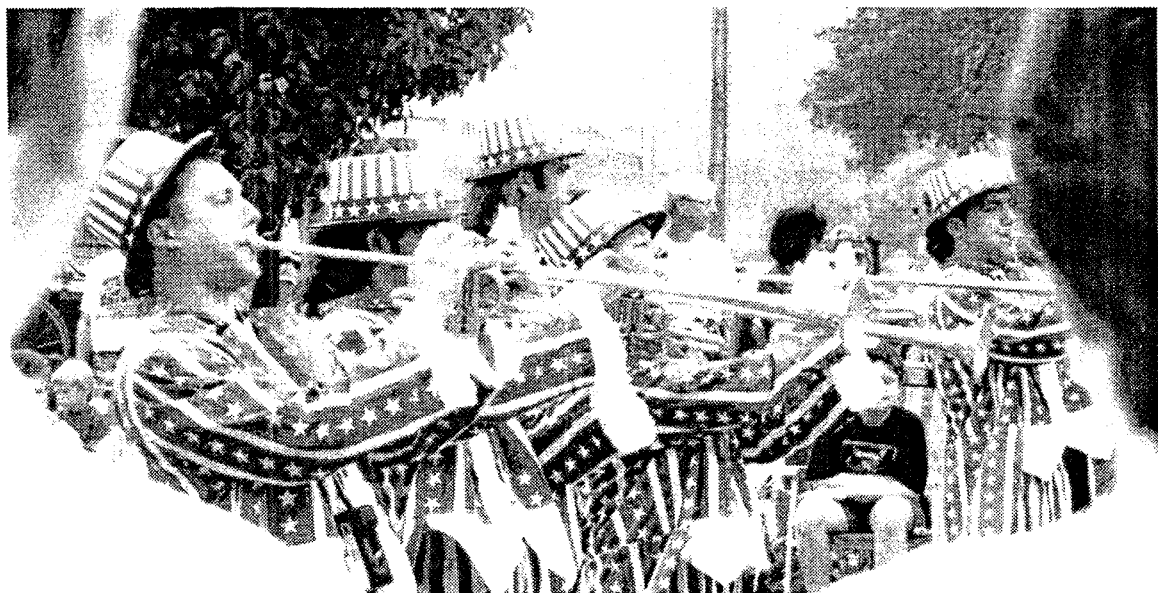
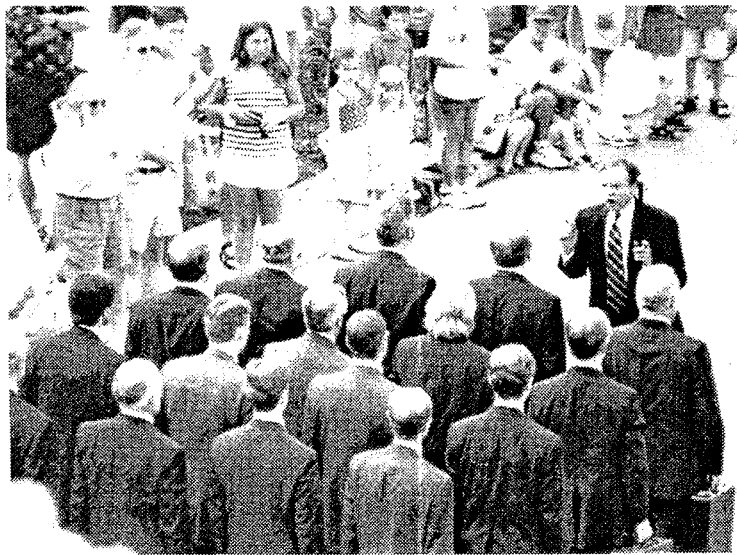
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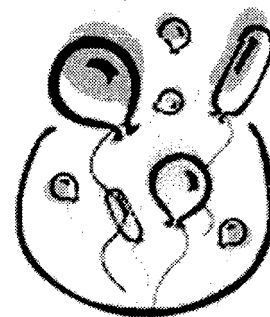
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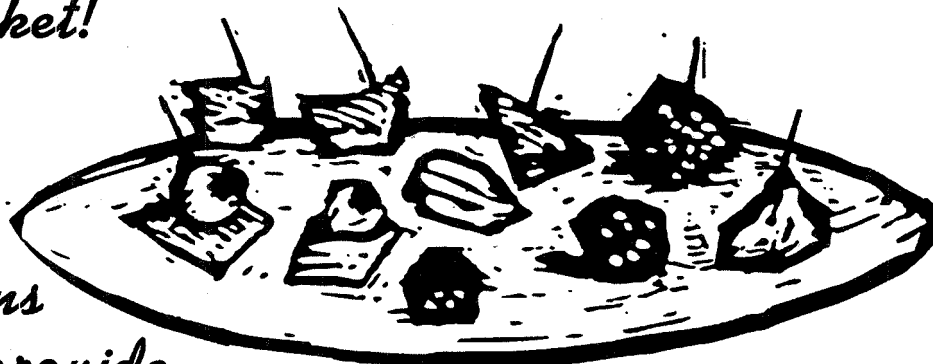
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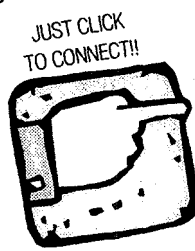
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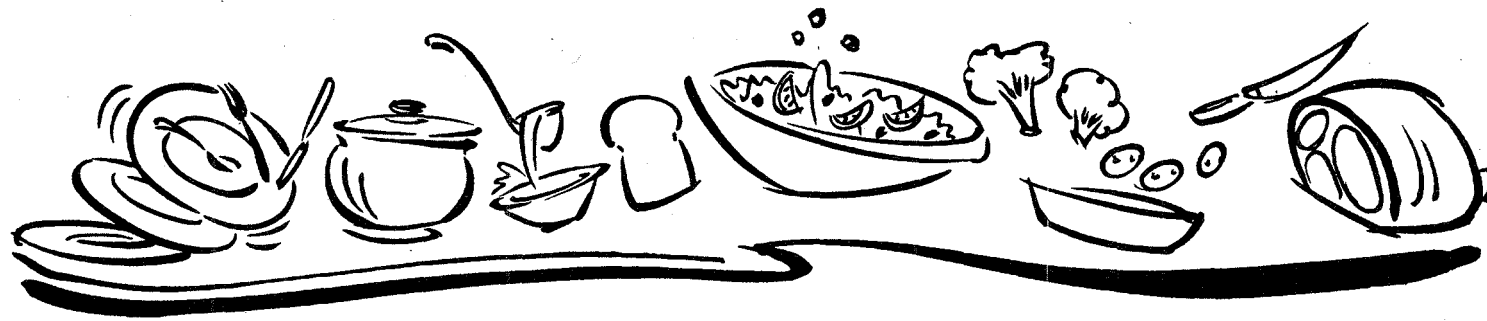
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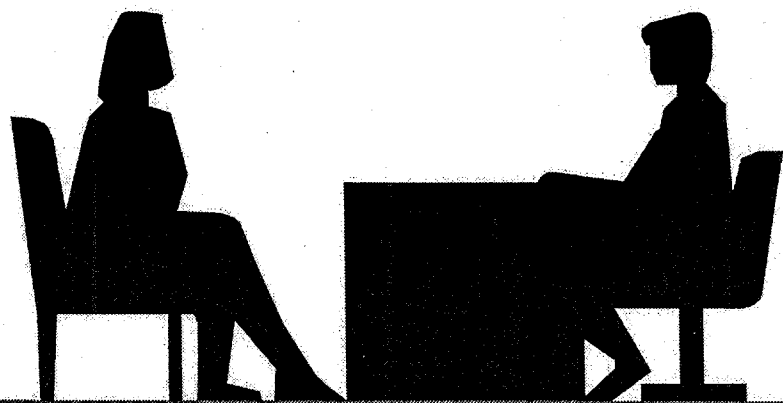
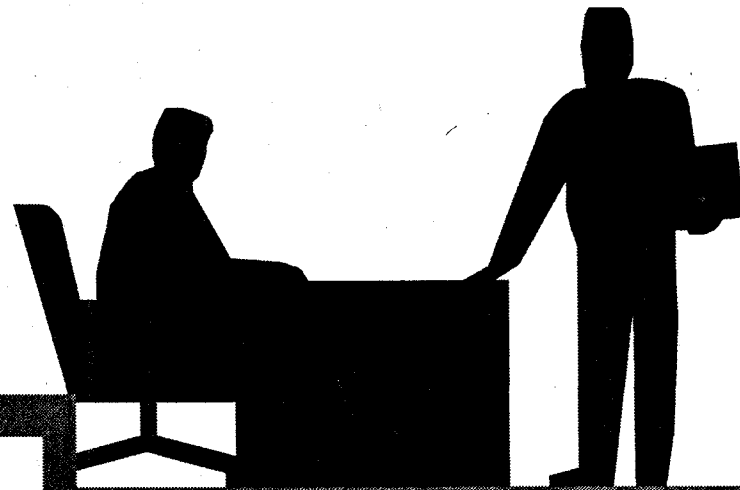
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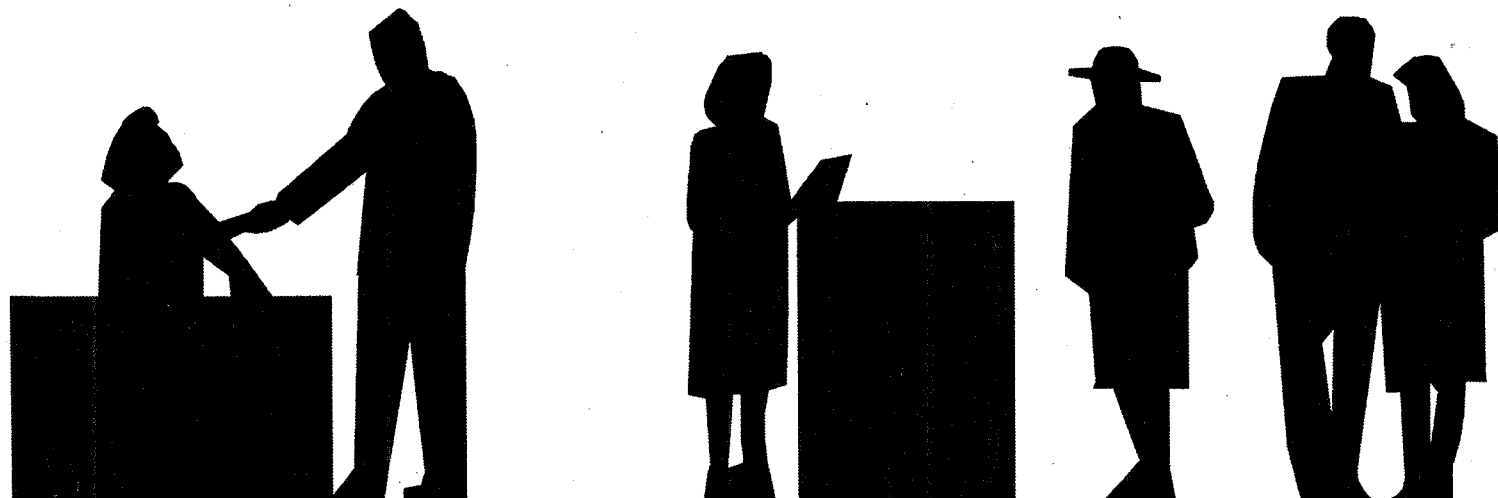
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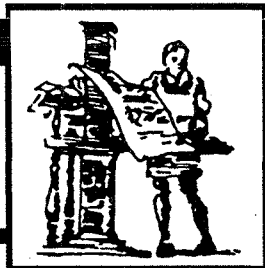


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Margaret L. Whyman, 61

Margaret L. Whyman, 61, died July 5, 1998 at her residence in Northville.

Mrs. Whyman was born Nov. 13, 1936 in Maplewood, MO. She was a data entry processor with Advanced Data Corporation in Livonia prior to her retirement. She retired in 1995 after 25 years of service.

She was a member of of the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

Mrs. Whyman is survived by her husband, Robert E. Whyman of Northville; three children: Deborah Whyman of Canton, David Whyman of Waterford, Daniel Whyman of Farmington Hills;

seven siblings: Marjorie Coslick, Lloyd, Warren, Norman, Marvin, Charles and Roland Siebert.

Visitation will be today at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile, until time of services at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Arthur L. Spafford will

officiate. Internment will be in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral in Northville. Memorial contributions can be given to the University Hospital Oncology Research Department in Ann Arbor.



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EMILIA R. TRUCHLY

Emilia R. Truchly, a Plymouth resident, died June 29, 1998 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Truchly was born Jan. 13, 1918 in Detroit. She was a licensed practical nurse at Hutzel Hospital, retiring in 1978. She was a member of St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit. She enjoyed dogs — she would often pick up strays and take them home.

She is survived by her husband, John J. Truchly of Plymouth; son, Larry J. (Susan) Truckly of Plymouth of Plymouth; and grandchildren, Katy of Ecuador, Elizabeth of Plymouth.

Services were held at St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit with the Rev. Fr. Kenneth M. Chase officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Capuchn Soup Kitchen.

MARION A. WOCHUK

Marion A. Wochuk, a Plymouth resident, died June 30, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Wochuk was born Sept. 3, 1928 in Goodsoil, Saskatchewan, Canada. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Wochuk of Plymouth; sons, John (Kathy) B. Wochuk of Vancouver, Canada, Greg F. Wochuk of Plymouth, James (Marguerite) P. Wochuk of Sydney, Australia; Joseph E. Wochuk of Plymouth; sisters, Lydia Foster of Ft. Vermillion, Canada, Sister Germaine Rosenberger of Dawson Creek, Canada, Veronica Imhoff of Leder, Canada, Anne Zaychuck of Edmonton, Canada, Doreen Gordon of Edmonton, Canada; brothers, Alphones Rosenberger of Cresent, Canada, Joseph Rosenberger, Frank Rosenberger, Ronald Rosenberger, all of Edmonton, Canada, Alfred Rosenberger of Sutton, Canada; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

HARRY WOODROW TAYLOR

Harry Woodrow Taylor, a Livonia resident, died July 1, 1998 at the age of 80.

Mr. Taylor was born June 6, 1918 in Antwerp, OH. He was a self-employed roofer. He was a former Plymouth resident. He was a 43-year member of the American Legion, a life member of and past exalted Grand Ruler of the Elks B.P.O.E. He was also a member of the Eagles of Northville and the Westland Moose. He served in the U.S. Navy. He loved to bowl.

He is survived by his wife, Marie of Livonia; daughters, Carol (John) Cihocki of Illinois, Diane (Donald) Lynn of Livonia; son, Albert Ray (Pam) Duston of Livonia; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brothers, Ora Taylor of Ohio, Ralph Taylor of Ohio.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Arbor Hospice.

JEFFREY WAYNE WHITE

Jeffrey Wayne White, a Plymouth resident, died June 29, 1998 at the age of 37.

Mr. White was born Feb. 19, 1961 in Atlanta, GA. He was an autobody repairman at McDonald Ford in Northville. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1992 from Atlanta. He graduated from North Clayton High School in Riverdale, Georgia in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia of Redford; children, Megan Nicole White, Nolan Wayne White, Chad Jeffrey White; mother and step father, Jerry and Glynda Kanis of Plymouth; and brother, Christohper Gilbert White of Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

MARGUERITE M. BROWN

Marguerite M. Brown, a Canton resident, died June 23, 1998 at the age of 87.

Mrs. Brown was born Feb. 2, 1911 in Ypsilanti, MI. She was a accountant at Motor Wheel. She was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her son, Norman (Dee Lores) Wissinger of Milan, MI; daughter, Sharon (Bob) E. Moffat of Canton; sister, Evelyn Miller of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Jackie, Greg, Rob and Heather; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Jaki (Al) Spath.

Services were held at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Jeff Crowder officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene —Compassionate Ministries 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

ALVAH B. TRAVER

Alvah B. Traver, a Westland resident, died June 30, 1998 at the age of 72. Mr. Traver was born July 20, 1925 in Jackson, MI. He was a maintenance worker with munipical public works.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Pauline Gates of Westland; daughters, Jean (Wilbur) Simonds of Westland, Sally (David) Keller of Westland, Eloise (Gregory) Morgan of Westland; sons, Thomas (Sandra) of Farmington Hills, James (Ann) of Battle Creek; Mark of Redford; Edward (Inette) of Canton, Larry (Suzanne) of Westland; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the Garden City Onocology Dept. Garden City Osteopathic Hospital 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135.



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ARVID E. BURDEN

Arvid E. Burden, a Plymouth resident, died June 28, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mr. Burden was born Nov. 20, 1912 in Plymouth. He worked for the University of Michigan Maintenance and Grounds Department, retiring in April 1978 after 19 years of service. Prior to working at U of M, he worked at Daisy Air Rifle Co, in Plymouth. He was a life-long Plymouth resident. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church (Charter member) since 1934. He was the church clerk for 30 years. He was also an elder and taught Sunday school and duplicated tapes of the services. He and his wife, Adeline were married for more than 53 years.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline of Plymouth; and daughters, Allison Foster of Garden City; Arviline (Douglas) Earley of Jenison. He is preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Michael Foster; and brother, Haldor.

Services were held at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, with Roland F. DeRenzo officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Local Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Calvary Baptist Church Mission Fund.

EDWARD O. HENDRICKSON

Edward O. Hendrickson, a Plymouth resident, died July 1, 1998 at the age of 75.

Mr. Hendrickson was born Jan. 30, 1923 in Ironwood, MI. He was a machinist at Vico Products for 23 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the V.F.W. Plymouth Post, and the American Legion. He served in the armed services during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel of Plymouth; daughters, Diane (Thomas) Pagett of Westland, Nancy (Joseph) Barnes of New Hudson, Susan (Larry) Myers of California, Jane (Ray) Zahorchak of White Lake; seven grandchildren; nephew, Charles Orbecky of Taylor, MI; and sister, Vivian Wirtta of Alaska.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Terry Nelson officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Alzheimers Disease Association.

Alvin P. Borow, 75, retired purchasing agent for a Tool & Die Company

Alvin P. Borow, a Canton resident, died June 29, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Borow of Canton; one son; and one sister.

Services were held at St. Thomas A' Beckett Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home in Canton.

Michael K. Manees, 41, Logistics Manager for Optrex America, Inc. in Plymouth

Michael K. Manees, a Canton resident, died June 30, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Manees of Canton; one son, one daughter; his mother; two brothers; and one sister.

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

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By Geneva Guenther

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great was the wonderful way our friends
and neighbors participated and we knew
them. We waved, they waved. We
cheered, they cheered. Such fun!

First of all, the parade began at
7:30 in the morning so only the young in
heart were out of bed and not a single
sound of distress came from anywhere.
If "parades" weren't your "thing", then
you weren't there. The streets were lined
with people. Some of us sat on the curb.
Some of us sat in bleachers and acted as
a group in cheering, wearing funny glass-
es, blowing bubbles and waving pom
pom sticks. A good many were really
onto the sprit and wore red, white and
blue. What fun! It was a heart-felt dis-
play of "old Plymouth." Wish you could
have been there. The next best thing was
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ed.

I look forward to our calls.
Bless You, Geneva

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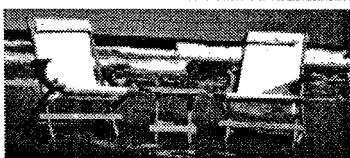
JEAN SCHULTEISS - if it takes a parade to get you out, we'll have one each week. Love you, Geneva

Rae Tacia: If Maura is 50, then you must be 30! (or, we could just subtract 16 from each of those numbers and come up with our real ages!)
MIKE CARNE GETS older soon.

Curiosities



Some people are easily entertained



Art in the Park
July 11, 12 & 13

Q: What is singer Little Richard's last name?
A: Penniman

The old Terry's Bakery has come back as a bread store!

Curiosities

Thanks to Crier Carriers and buddies for helping out at the "Good Morning USA" parade, especially: Panin & Kuma Ofor-Mensa, Charlie & Sandy Nahra, Rae Tacia, Erick Hitchcock, Ryan Williams & Cousins, Ashley Button, Pete Watson, David & Rick Isakson, and Dan Radionoff. Job Well Done!

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ERICA & ROB - wow! What a great time! Thanks -Beauregard

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Sports shorts

The Diamondbacks won the 11-12 year old bracket of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League Invitational Tournament on June 28 at McClumpha Park.

They held off the Yankees of Northville 12-2 in the championship game to secure the victory. Pitchers Ian McLaughlin and David Neu combined in the pitching effort.

Other members of the team include: Paul Barbero, Sameer Dohadwal, Ryan Draper, Tom Huis, Joe Rebidas, Adam Shoemaker, Brad Waidmann, Mike Newton, John Moylan and Dan Skotak. Coaching the Diamondbacks were Mike Neu, Bill Shoemaker and Tim Huls.

In the 13-14-year-old bracket, the Northville Cardinals manufactured an exciting last-inning come-from-behind victory over the Plymouth-Canton Athletics. The Cardinals scored five runs in the bottom of the final inning to capture the win 11-10.

Said Tournament Director John Filos, "We feel like the tournament was a huge success. (It) gave our boys a great opportunity to play teams from outside our community."

Volunteers are being sought for the 1998 National Archery Championship being held August 2-9 at Heritage Park in Canton. Anyone 14 and over can participate. Positions are open for score runners, score keeping and Day Camp assistants.

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Tennis training kicks into gear

Future tennis stars bloom under Canton coach's tutelage

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

June usually means a break for area school kids. A time for running through the sprinkler, waking up late, and being the envy of every responsible adult who longs for those days again.

For some area tennis players, however, it means training, either for the fall or the future.

Barb Hanosh, Canton tennis coach for both the boys and girls varsity tennis teams, has been conducting tennis clinics at the Canton tennis courts for the past four weeks.

When the classes come to an end this Friday, more than 75 area players will have enhanced their racket skills and strategies, and their chances of becoming stars on the high school tennis teams.

"Many of the players do have a focus of playing at the high school level," Hanosh said. "But some of them are out here just to have fun."

Clinics began just after school ended. Beginners trained every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in two, two hour shifts. Intermediate and advanced players, as determined by Hanosh, work Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Players range in age from 9-16. The program is run by Continuing Education, but Hanosh manages the clinic herself.

Hanosh, who is organizing this event for the second year, said the camps provide a great opportunity to fertilize young talent.

"It's a perfect feeder system," she said. "I have two seventh grade girls that are playing at the advanced level already."

Beginners are taught the basic skills: serving, volleying, and how to keep score and play a game. In the intermediate and advanced levels, it's more about strategy and learning the intricacies of doubles play.

"For beginners, I'm not worried about where the ball goes, just if they make contact," Hanosh said. "For the advanced players, I'm worried where they place it."

Hanosh is assisted by two players from last year's Canton girls tennis team: Patty Snook, who just graduated, and Liz Elsner, who Hanosh said will be a senior captain on next year's team.

"They have been wonderful to step forward and help the kids," Hanosh said.



Ronald Mann, co-owner of the H & M Martial Arts Center in Canton, holds a sturdy bag for a member of the Salem girls tennis team Monday night. The players trained non-stop for an hour as part of an early season conditioning session with Coach Tom Kimball. The H & M Center is offering anybody the first class free to give it a try. "Come on in and we'll do the rest," said co-owner Gina Haywood. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

Salem girls train both body and mind at Canton's newest kickboxing clinic

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Walk into the H & M Martial Arts Center on Canton Center Road when there isn't a class in progress, and the scene might not impress you. A red and blue mat covers the floor, two flags, one American and one Korean, hang on the wall, and several heavy bags suspend motionless from the ceiling, stoically waiting for the punching and kicking to begin.

Walk into Canton's newest kickboxing clinic when a program is in session, however, and the scene is a little different. Amid the sounds of thumping dance music and a black belt instructor controlling traffic through a wireless head set, feet fly and fists soar as the sweaty group pounds out drill after drill of Martial Arts techniques.

Kickboxing is one of the latest trends in aerobic workouts. Unlike other cardio-routines, kickboxing is designed to help more than the heart. It helps the mind and the spirit as well.

At H & M, classes are taught by certi-

fied black-belts. They teach the proper techniques of punching, kicking and blocking, as well as getting your heart rate to its optimum level.

On Monday night, the Salem girls tennis team dropped their rackets and balls to give the aerobic workout a try. Coach Tom Kimball, hoping to start the players' conditioning early this summer, sought something different to whip them into shape, something that was fun and that they could learn from, rather than trudge through another mindless series of calisthenics.

"I'm lucky I've been working out," said Kimball, who also participated in the class. "Otherwise I wouldn't have been able to handle it."

By the end of the workout, as the music slowed to a meditative pulse, the tired bodies of the 13 or so girls sat wearily on the floor, breathing and stretching after the non-stop, hour-long workout had

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Whalers import overseas talent

Detroit Red Wings 2nd round pick to play in Plymouth next season

BY PETE KRUPSKY

Last season, Red Wings' center Sergei Fedorov skated with the Whalers while getting his contract resolved with general manager Ken Holland.

This season, the same scenario could happen with a future Red Wing. The difference is he can actually skate for the Whalers in Ontario Hockey League games.

When Plymouth selected Finnish left wing Tomek Valtonen with the 14th pick in the annual Canadian Hockey League Import Draft last weekend, they also selected a player who was taken in the second round (56th overall) by the Red Wings in the recent NHL Draft.

The Whalers also took Russian left wing Denis Arhipov, a third round pick of the Nashville Predators who scored two goals with two assists in 29 games last season for Ak-Bars Kazan, a team that won the Russian Elite League championship.

Valtonen is the final piece of the Whalers' trade with Windsor that saw Mark Ridout, Luc Rioux and Andy Burnham move to the Spitfires in exchange for defenseman Paul Mara, center Rick Smith and Valtonen.

If Mara returns to the Whalers—and Smith and Valtonen play as well as projected—a deal made last December could pay major long-range dividends for this year. Smith never played for the Whalers last season



after suffering a knee injury in Windsor, but has been on the mend ever since and is ready to return as one of the Whalers' three overage players this season.

Although the Whalers and Red Wings shared the same building at one time, they haven't shared many players. The last time a Plymouth player was taken by the Red Wings was Colin Beardsmore, taken in the seventh round by the Wings in 1996. The Whalers eventually traded Beardsmore to North Bay in 1995. He then drifted to Owen Sound in 1997 and was never signed by the Red Wings.

The 18-year-old Valtonen—ranked 27th by Central Scouting among European skaters—intends to play in North America this year.

"I think I'll be playing somewhere in Canada next year, either in the Western or Ontario League," Valtonen explained. "It's not up to me. I just know I'll be playing in North America next year."

Valtonen scored a goal with an assist in 22 games of limited ice time for Ilves Tampere of the Finnish Elite League. But if his style of play and nickname are any indication, the Whalers could have a popular player who would be a nice fit in Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

"They call me the Animal," Voltanen said. "I play like Tomas Holmstrom. I'm a pretty good skater, I check a lot and I don't mind working hard. The important thing is I got drafted and now I have a chance to play someday in the National Hockey League."

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Whalers' general manager/head coach Pete DeBoer realizes the Red Wings have a proven track record for finding productive European talent.

"I've got a lot of respect for the Red Wings' scouting staff," DeBoer said. "They've had a lot of luck with European picks. For a European kid, Valtonen plays like a North American. He's big and strong and finishes checks. That's real important to North American teams."

The CHL's Import Draft is designed to distribute elite European players throughout the Canadian Hockey League. Judging by the players the Whalers have selected since the draft started—Richard Ujvary, Milan Kostolny, Steve Lyle, Jan Vodrazka and Yuri Babenko—it's fair to say Plymouth has enjoyed some success in this type of draft.

Not all CHL team participate in the Import Draft. The expansion Mississauga Ice Dogs are owned in part by Don Cherry, who has vowed publicly to ice a team with Canadian and American players only.

Sure enough, Ice Dogs' general manager Peter Sturgeon traded his pick (5th overall) to the Erie Otters in exchange for veterans Adam Nittel and Brent Theobald. The Otters used the pick to take Russian forward Nikita Alexeev.

Cardio-kickboxing uses body wisdom to train faster and better

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sapped their energy and left their limbs like jello. But they were smiling, either because the exhaustive workout had finally ended, or because they knew they had learned something. They had gained a little piece of self-confidence.

For Eugina Haywood and Ronald Mann, owners of H & M, it's self-confidence and the other mental aspects of the Martial Arts, that are just as important as throwing a solid right.

"We really stress discipline and self-control," Mann said. "We're looking to make them a better overall person."

Both Mann and Haywood are black-belts, and have been practicing Tae Kwon Doe for a combined 18 years. They were taught by Grand Master B.C. Yu, an 8th degree black belt who teaches out of Ann Arbor. Yu has taught martial arts for more than 35 years, and has affiliated clinics all over the country.

H & M is also affiliated through Yu. Mann and Haywood teach the martial arts learning technique innovated by Yu, called body wisdom, at the Canton center.

According to Mann, body wisdom is a way of separating the body from the mind when learning a martial arts technique. It is a method of repetition where the body becomes accustomed to reacting without

needing the mind to intervene..

"If you have to use your mind, you're too slow," Mann said.

"It's relaxed. It's smooth and it flows," said Haywood. "Let your body go and it will remember."

Kickboxing with music is a recent phenomenon, but with its many benefits, it has caught on quickly.

"We had no problem moving into cardio-kickboxing because of the way we were taught," Mann said.

So far it's been surprise success. "We targeted the the cardio class first because we thought it would grow the quickest," Mann said. "But we had know idea it would do this well."

H & M also teaches traditional Tae Kwon Doe classes at a slower, but no less intense, pace.

The Salem tennis team's visit isn't the first time that H & M has been involved with the schools. In their programs for children, Haywood and Mann insist that the students have a progress report signed by both their teacher and their parents before they can gain new rank in Tae Kwon Doe. It is their way of getting students to improve their lives all around, not just in the H & M studio.

"Too much today, kids don't have respect for anything," Mann said. "We give that to them."



"Okay group two, we're going to do three quick kicks to the bag," says Michelle Fero, first degree black belt and instructor at the H & M Martial Arts Center. During cardio-kickboxing, groups move in stages between punching and kicking on the open mat, and taking out their aggression on the heavy bags. Co-owner Eugina Haywood says using the heavy bag is important for learning kickboxing (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)



Community opinions

Yack defends, endorses McCotter

EDITOR:

In the June 24 edition of The Community Crier, Diane Verploegh questioned the actions of County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter. The writer strongly stated that McCotter deceived residents in believing that the August 4 county ballot would include an issue to require a 60 per cent super majority on all future new county wide millage issues.

It was Verploegh who did not do her due

diligence. Any student of this issue would have felt supremely confident that this issue would have been on the August 4 ballot having receiving the necessary County Commission approval. It was only through the illegal action of the County Election's Commission that it was briefly removed.

It was through the actions of McCotter, Commissioner Bruce Patterson and one other commissioner that this action was successfully challenged. Backroom politics continue to plague this important issue.

There are those within the county and the state who would rather not see this issue on the ballot. As a result, they are engaging in unethical and illegal actions to stop a vote on the super majority.

No one has worked harder to get and keep this issue on the ballot than McCotter. His diligence and hard work on this issue and others have prompted me to endorse him for state senator. In spite of the fact that McCotter does not represent Canton, he has worked tirelessly on a range of

issues important to Canton — stopping Willow Run from becoming a tradeport, assisting our DDA, opening up county government and much more. I believe strongly that one's elected representatives should reflect positively on the residents they serve. McCotter has always done so.

McCotter as state senator would be ethical, responsive, effective and represent his district with dignity.

TOM YACK

Canton Township Supervisor

A case for Canton's road millage

EDITOR:

Several weeks ago, a group of concerned citizens came together to form a committee, Canton Citizens for Better Roads. We came together because we all share a common concern for the current condition of our roads and about the future of Canton.

We need to address this issue now!

In the Canton community, we suffer from congestion, horrible pot holes and deterioration that certainly creates unnecessary costs in car repairs, safety issues and EMS units having possible delays due to road conditions and congestion. We know that Canton will continue to grow and the traffic volumes

and aging roads will continue to be our number-one concern. It's time to address these issues. We believe that by supporting this two-mill road improvement proposal that will benefit all of Canton's residents, we will significantly improve the quality of life in Canton.

What can Canton residents expect from this two-mill proposal? Widening of roads, computerized traffic lights, paving of many roads, reconfiguration of many intersections, improved right of ways, annual maintenance activities such as street sweeping, roadside clean up, additional pot hole repair, replace of non-regulatory signs and aesthetic mowing. This proposal will

enable Canton to continue to be one of the best communities in Western Wayne with a good quality of life and safe roads.

What can the citizens of Canton expect if this proposal does not pass? Much of the same: congestion, continued road deterioration, safety issues and a poor quality of life for all of us. This proposal will give us a choice to decide which direction Canton will go — whether we will be proactive and vote to make a positive difference or whether we will be silent. This millage proposal would add two mills a year for eight years for each property owner. The reality is that no one wants to pay more taxes. However, if we

fail to pass this millage, we will still pay. We will pay for increased car repairs, frustration due to traffic delays, increased risks for auto accidents due to poor road conditions, safety issues and delays in emergency vehicles. The people of Canton should consider all the benefits that each one of us will receive if we make a positive choice on this millage proposal. I hope you will join this committee and your neighbors and vote yes for Canton, yes for safety and yes for the future of Canton August 4.

You can help by placing a lawn sign in front of your home, call 734-981-3266.

DEBORAH NESBIT

Senior discrimination

Cultural Center close would hurt older Plymouthites

EDITOR:

I don't think it's fair that the Plymouth Cultural Center will discontinue services for senior citizens if the Plymouth Township recreation millage isn't passed.

It's discrimination against seniors! We already pay \$1.50 if we want to use these services.

Seniors enjoy coming here. It's a social event, and it's good for their body, and good for their minds. It's important for seniors to get out and socialize, even if it's only twice a week. It's nice to do things like that. You get to know people.

Besides that, it's a shame to close the whole building up. It's a waste of the building.

We really need these services because there's no where else we can go to find them. It would be a shame if that were to stop.

FLO BARROW

Sour grapes, Vorva?

Why is Jerry Vorva dissing Gerry Law?

Is it just sour grapes, or is it solicited since he is, after all, comrades with K.C. Mueller's campaign manager, who was also defeated by Law?

Any legislation started at the time of a campaign can be interpreted as self-serving, but Law would be remiss to not do something to protect himself since his opponent's campaign is already pushing the envelope of integrity.

MARY-KAY BALLUFF

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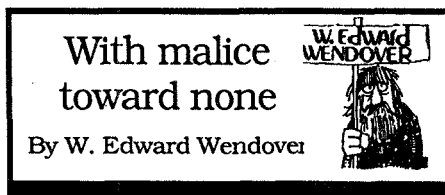
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Some downtown ideas from a downtown resident:

1. Put up official black-background, white arrow "ONE WAY" signs at Main and Penniman, Union and Penniman, Harvey and Fralick, Wing and Forest intersections, throughout Fleet Street and opposite paint large arrows on the streets. This should cut down on the large number of wrong way drivers who don't seem to notice the cute DDA signs.
2. Paint a crosswalk across Harvey Street where the Tonquish Creek Manor walkway comes out across from the McAuley Health Center. If the City of Plymouth can paint one for the Community Federal Credit Union, it should paint one for the seniors and us Tonquish Park users.
3. Fix the various uneven sidewalk bricks in the downtown area.
4. Add more handicapped access points in the middle of long blocks — even more handicapped parking spaces downtown.
5. Add a "stepping stone" walkway



With malice toward none
 By W. Edward Wendover

- up to the historical monument between City Hall and the Library.
6. Repair the uneven, broken pavement left by Consumers Power on Fleet Street.
7. Remove the Ann Arbor Trail island before the Plymouth Fire Department's hook and ladder has to. (The firefighters say the truck can't make the turn around the island even though the City said during hearings on the streetscape that it could.)
8. Improve the sidewalk on Wing Street between Forest and Main Street.
9. Get the drinking fountains to spit the water high enough to drink from them.
10. Add public restrooms downtown.

The City skatepark:

Let's move on with the times

EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Bryon Martin's excellent column on the need for a skatepark ("Why can't City kids skate?" Crier 6/24/98). Touché.

I have a son, now 21, who has been SK8ing since he was eight years old, and there has never been a safe place for kids to practice the sport in this area. Why not? I've watched the popularity of the sport grow and can see the obvious need for support of it.

After living in Plymouth over 30 years, I can see it is the same one-horse town — plus a face lift — as when I

grew up. We have always needed more outlets for teen energy. Why not something they're interested in? If it weren't for coffee houses there would be no place at all for kids.

After living in Plymouth over 30 years, I can see it is the same one-horse town — plus a face lift — as when I grew up.

This is an excellent city with a lot of parent support for kids. Let's move on with the times and give these kids what they really need — more outlets for their physical creativity.

Skateboarding is a fun, healthy sport that really uses imagination and hard work. Let's encourage these

ideals in our teenagers and adults.

BARBARA LOUISE KING

Thanks, Fred

EDITOR:

On behalf of The City of Plymouth, I want to congratulate all those who worked on and participated in this year's outstanding Fourth of July parade, the second annual "Good Morning U.S.A." parade. Thousands of residents enjoyed a wonderful assortment of musical and visual entertainment.

In particular, I want to thank Fred Hill for his tireless efforts in organizing the

event so effectively, and encouraging the excellent participation. I know that this activity involves his efforts for a good part of the year and he is to be congratulated for his outstanding leadership and dedication to his community. The Plymouth Community is greatly enriched by citizens like Hill.

Thanks, Fred, for the wonderful parade.

DON DISMUKE

Mayor, City of Plymouth

Preventing pet peeves, black eyes

Racism is a pet peeve of mine for reasons too numerous to mention here. And though it seems less prevalent in P-C-N, I still see enough of it to wonder if it will ever truly be a thing of the past.

Whether it's a large painted sign along I-275, Nazi symbols painted on bike paths and private schools, or even a comment uttered in anger, racist remarks are enough

to give a black eye to an otherwise outstanding community.

I realized recently that I had a friend who is a bigot. I say had, because I no longer associate with him. Maybe you know someone who makes racist comments, too.

My ex-friend is also a Canton resident and I tried to make him see the fallacies in his so-called reasoning. I tried to tell him

that the likelihood of someone turning to crime did not stem from the color of their skin, or where they came from (his assertions). But even these simple concepts didn't sink in.

So in the end I just stopped returning his phone calls and avoided running into him. I guess my contribution to his racist mind set is one of passivity: by giving up on him, I



Off the cuff
 By Scott Spielman

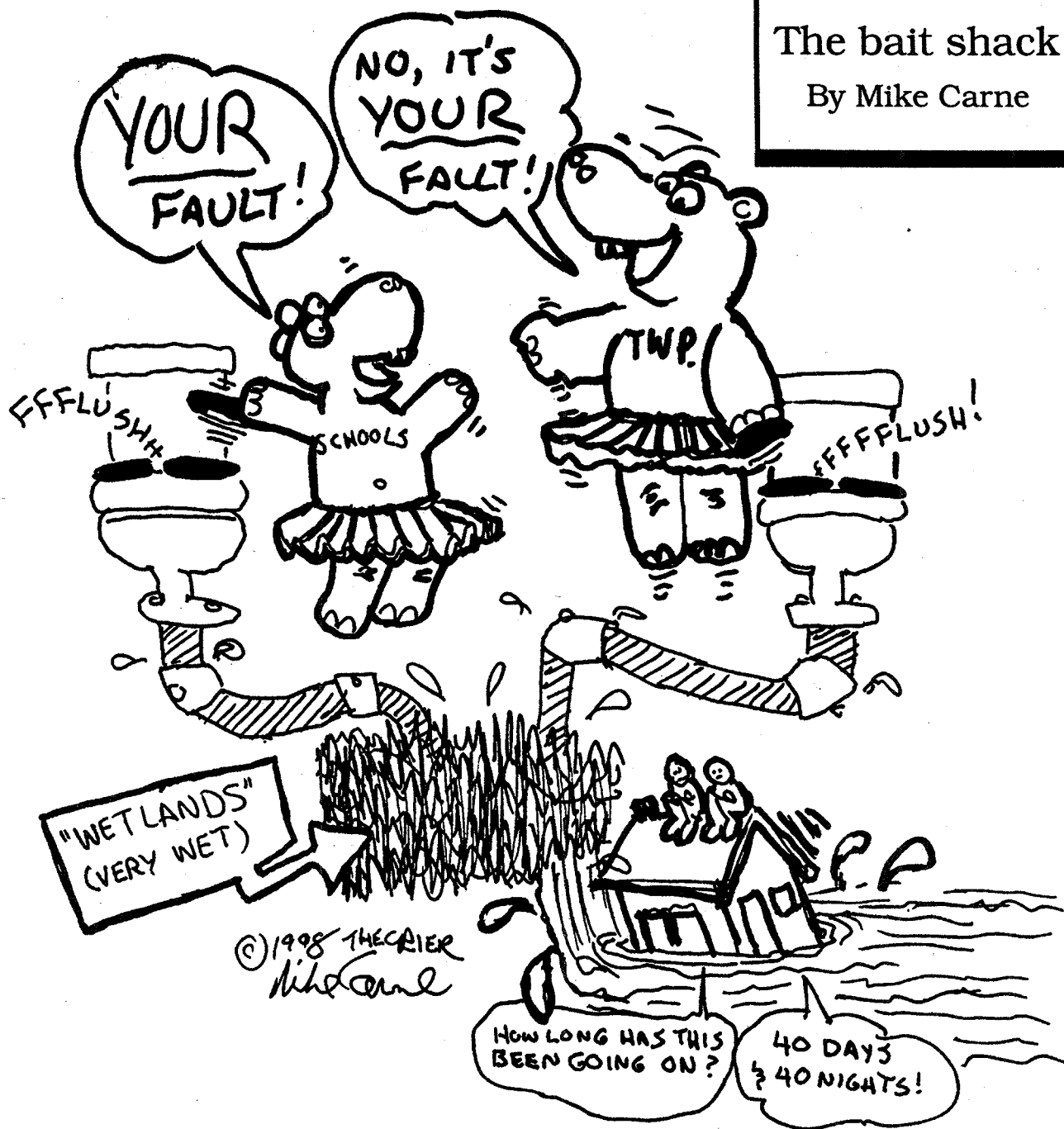
may have eliminated the possibility that he will ever see how wrong his is.

And that brings me to another pet peeve: inactivity.

The only way to stop is to speak up.



Community opinions



The bait shack
By Mike Carne



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Livonia can handle it

In-tents drinking

EDITOR:

I realize this letter will not make a difference, but I had to respond to the letter written by Joyce Holmes entitled "Why hide, United Way?" (The Community Crier, May 27), especially to the comment about Livonia, where many of my friends live.

Another Livonia Spree is history — and their beer tent which operated during the festival (June 24-28) had no "fights or disorderly conduct" that Holmes mentioned in her letter.

During my visits to this year's Spree, I had the opportunity to talk to many Livonia police officers and Spree officials and, in the last five years, neither the police nor the

*Livonia's beer tent
was a very well
controlled situation.*

Spree officials could remember any problems. Livonia's beer tent was a very well controlled situation.

About Plymouth's situation: I can not understand why one person creates such a problem (maybe she needs a better outlet to vent).

To the Fall Festival Committee:

alcohol in a controlled situation does not cause problems- a person who does not know the facts causes more of a problem.

To the United Way and their Executive Director Marie Morrow: I hope you will resubmit your application in 1999 and keep resubmitting it until it's approved and I hope it's soon.

And lastly, to the citizens and service Clubs of Plymouth: this is the 1990's and remember Carrie Nation and the Prohibition movement is dead.

How are you going to know the outcome until you try it?

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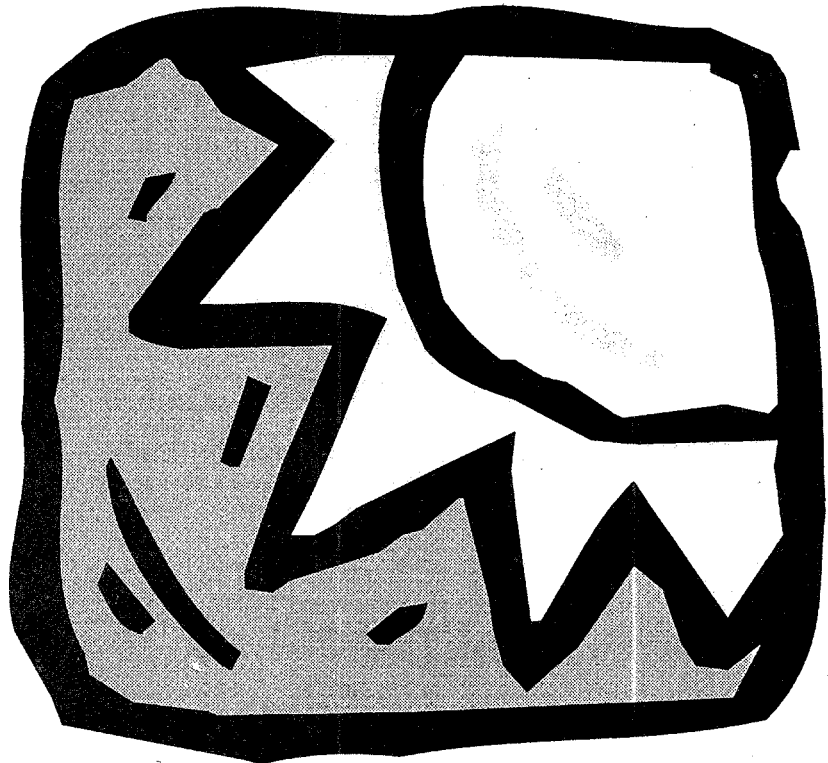
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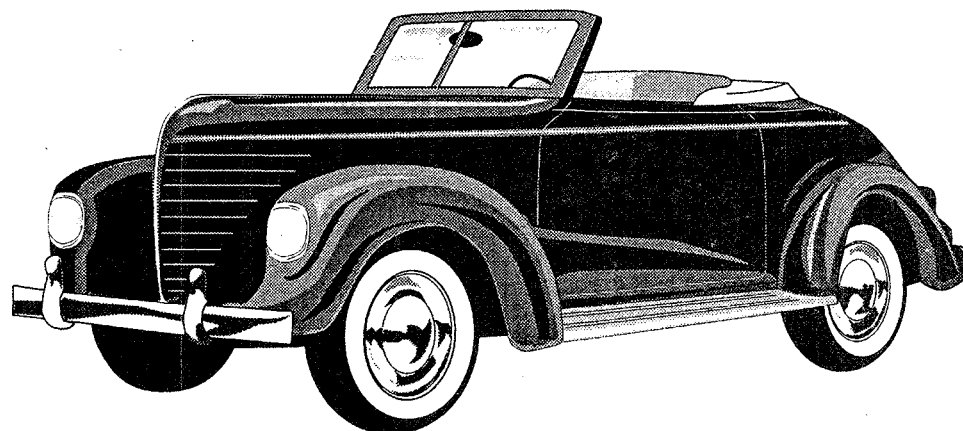
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