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Plymouth Fire hire in voters' hands

3 Firefighters needed to meet new State standard; City says OK, but only if Twp. millage passes, too

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Plymouth Community Fire Department is looking to add three new firefighters to its staff, but Township residents will need to pass the police and fire millage before they do.

Larry Groth, Plymouth Community fire chief, has asked the City and the Township for the new firemen in part because of a new MIOSHA safety standard expected to go into effect later this year.

Known as the two in/two out standard, it requires that, before two firefighters can enter a burning building, two other properly-equipped firefighters must be

present outside as backup.

A fifth firefighter must also be at the scene to serve as pump operator on the truck. According to Groth, such a level of manpower can be difficult to achieve if more than one rescue operation is occurring at once.

Although Groth said he doesn't anticipate a problem meeting this standard, it could place a burden on his already limited staff. There could be a situation, according to Groth, where only two or three firefighters arrived at a scene, but could not enter the building

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Minor league soccer at Canton rec. center?

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A recreation park proposed for Canton is beginning to take shape, according to Scott Griffin, president of Griffin Properties in Southfield.

Earlier this year, the firm proposed a

mixed-use recreational village in southern Canton, on 19.5 acres of vacant land on Haggerty Road north of Michigan Avenue. The development was originally planned as a community ice rink, but soon grew in scope to include indoor and outdoor soccer fields, and an indoor basketball facility, with other facilities possible in the future.

"Everything's going along well," Griffin said. "We have letters of intent from several possible users."

The initial phases of construction would include the ice rinks, soccer field and

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After 24 years, rest... When Turkish soldiers invaded the island of Cyprus in 1974, few P-C-N residents were affected. But for the Kassapis family, whose son Andreas was taken from their Cyprus home by soldiers, it was the start of a 24-year effort to find out what happened to their boy. Monday, his remains were brought for funeral services and burial in Plymouth and Northville. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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Manager of WTUA has a big part in P-C-N's future

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Whiffle ball lovers

Children's game has all the makings of next rec. craze

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Tillman, 70, dies in plane crash

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Funeral services will be held today for a well-known local electrical contractor who died Friday in an unusual plane crash in Howell.

Edwin A. Tillman, 70, died when his single-engine experimental plane crashed, then quickly burned just southeast of the Livingston County Airport in Howell at 4:05 p.m. He had been flying since he was 16 years old.

According to Det. Dawn Irwin, of the Livingston County Sheriff office, the cause of the crash is unknown. The plane was

totally destroyed by the crash and the fire that erupted just thereafter, she said. The detective said she had heard but could not confirm rumors that Tillman had sold the plane and was taking it up for one last check flight.

Tillman's electric company was known for having donated electric service to Plymouth's Fall Festival and recently the rewiring of the Plymouth VFW Post. "If you asked the man for something for charity, he always gave," said former Plymouth Mayor Joe Bida, a friend since they both became Marines.

According to the sheriff's office, it was lucky that the crash landed in a vacated parking lot just off the intersection of M-59 and Grand River Avenue. The plane crashed and bounced before burning.

Tillman is survived by his wife Elenore, a son and a daughter.

Services will be held at noon at Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 25509 Warren Rd., Dearborn Heights.

Man poses as police ofc.

3 women assaulted

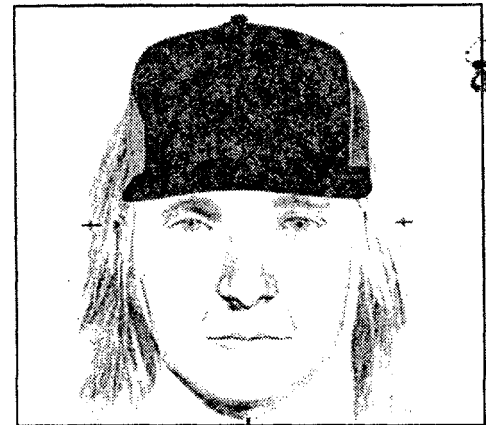
BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Three women were assaulted by a man impersonating a police officer Friday when he pulled them over near Schoolcraft and Eckles roads.

According to Plymouth Township Police reports, the incident occurred around 3:30 a.m. when the man drove up next to the women on eastbound Schoolcraft in a truck, possibly a Ford Bronco or Chevy S-10. After pulling in behind them, the man turned on a red flashing light that was on the dashboard of the truck.

The woman driving the car pulled over. The man, who reports say was wearing shorts, a blue polo shirt, and a black baseball cap, then asked the driver to see her license and registration. He had her step out of the car in order to pat her down. After having her get back into the car, he had the passengers step out one at a time and fondled them as well.

After searching all three, he returned to




POLICE COMPOSITE

his truck and drove away.

During the incident, the 19-year-old driver commented to one of her friends that she thought the cop was a fake, according to reports. Later that morning, the three women filed a report on the occurrence.

Tips and other information can be reported to Plymouth Township Police at (734) 453-3869.

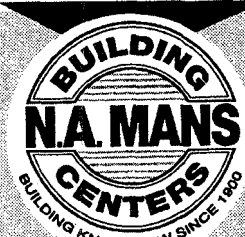
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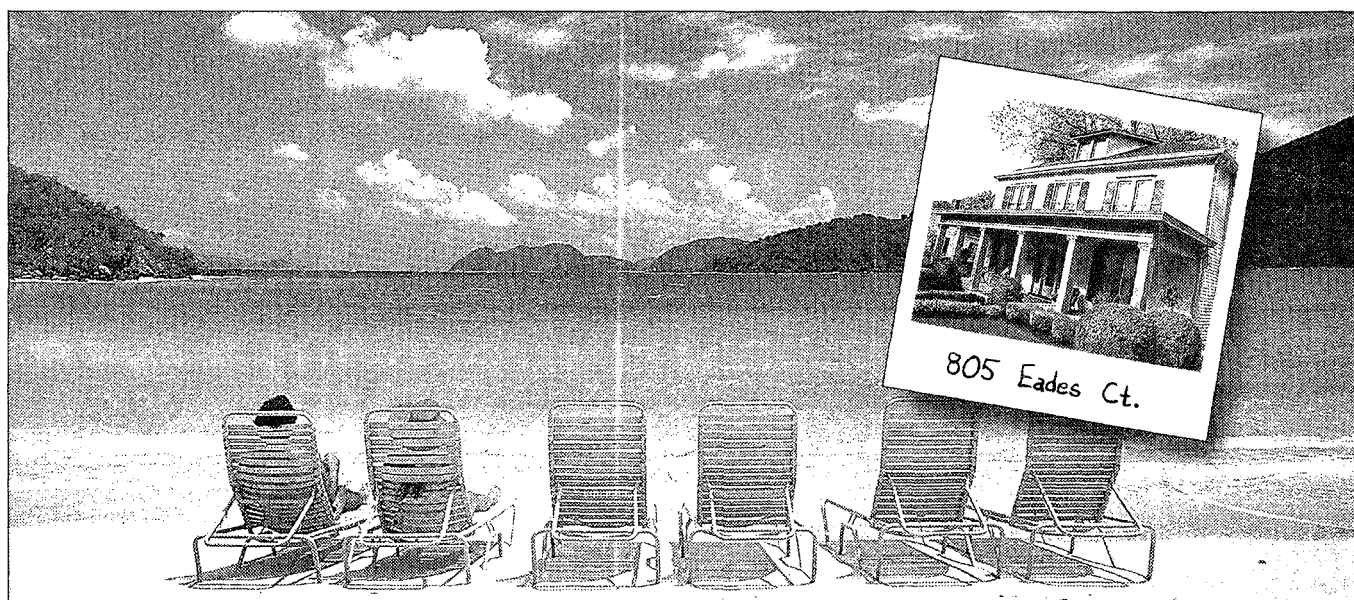
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Trumpka fights Twp. mills

Former pro-millage committee member to mount anti-millage campaign

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Less than two months ago, Jerry Trumpka sat in Plymouth Township Hall with members of the "Say Yes to Plymouth" campaign. Their aim was to develop strategies to convince voters that the three millage increases on the August 4 ballot are good for the Township.

Today, he is mounting a campaign of his own to squash that type of thinking.

Trumpka was expected to ask the Township Board of Trustees last night to rescind their appointment of Bill Joyner as author and distributor of township-funded campaign literature. Joyner is the former co-chairperson of the "Say Yes to Plymouth Campaign."

"I believe it is a conflict of interest," Trumpka said. "Mr. Joyner was the number-one ra-ra guy trying to get these millages passed. There is no way he can stop thinking with bias.

"I appreciate the fact that he has resigned (from the citizens' campaign), but I think a

cloud of suspicion still lingers with the citizens of the community," he said. "I really think a more independent person should write it."

Trumpka, who resigned from the citizens' campaign June 11, said he has been disillusioned by the Township's handling of the millage proposals.

"I wasn't convinced what I was being told was the whole truth," he said.

The Township has been inconsistent on what they have told voters, Trumpka said, and has given them little reason to vote yes on the issues.

"It's so wide open nobody knows what they are voting for," he said. "If the Township would lay all their cards on the table and let the voters make an intelligent

decision, then I would be satisfied. But it doesn't appear as though they will do that."

In particular, Trumpka claims the Township is pulling a 'bait and switch' on voters by sticking a new township hall in the backdoor, out of sight.

Originally, a new township hall millage had been slated for the August 4 ballot, but was removed when the Township realized they could fund the project through other means.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy has said that two of the three mills for the police and fire millage would replace monies currently being taken out of the general fund. That extra general fund

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"I wasn't convinced that what I was being told was the truth."

— Jerry Trumpka

Twp. resident

Flower show opens at PCAC

A unique exhibit of floral x-ray photography will be on display at the Plymouth Arts Council through July 31. The beautiful radiographs are the work of Albert G. Richards, an Emeritus professor of dentistry from The University of Michigan. Examples of his unusual art have appeared in magazines around the world, in museums, in encyclopedias, and on calendars.

Hours for the exhibit are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additional viewing times are possible by calling the office at 734-416-4278. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth.

N'ville parade seeks entrants

Space is still open for The Northville Community Fourth of July Parade. The deadline for applications has been extended from June 22 to June 30. Categories include Marching Bands, Theme Entry Floats, Bike Parade, Pet Parade, Subdivision Floats, and Equestrian/Animal Groups.

The celebration will begin with a 9:30 a.m. concert at the bandshell, with the parade beginning at 10:00. Traditional Fourth of July activities will last from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Mill Race Historical Village.

Mail your application to: Celebrate Northville, P.O.Box 5258, Northville, MI 48167-5258.



Flaps and flapjacks...Two-year-old Nicholas Taylor, of Plymouth, tries out the controls on a pedal model Christen Eagle while his grandfather, Ed Perry helps out. The pair were among the hundreds who showed up Sunday at Mettetal Airport for the annual Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast and experimental aircraft show, sponsored by the Environmental Aircraft Association. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today at noon, the Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its board meeting at Damon's, on Ford Road. Call 734-453-4040 for info.
- Today, "Cross Cut" 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 summer concert series begins in Heritage Park with Benny & The Jets. Call 734-397-5801 for upcoming acts.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee meets at 7:30, Canton Chamber offices, 5820 Canton Center Road. Phone 734-453-4040.
- Friday, "Jack Dryden & Sounds of Brazil" will play a free concert from 7-9 p.m. in downtown Plymouth. Sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber, 734-453-1453.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, the Plymouth's City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in Commission Chambers, City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

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PCFD gets Outstanding Project award

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) will award the Plymouth Community Fire Department with its first annual Outstanding Project Award sponsored by the Center of Joint Public Services, according to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The award will be presented tomorrow at the SEMCOG General assembly in Detroit.

The fire department was given the award over 13 other applicants, according to Amy Malmer, SEMCOG executive office manager. Applicants were considered in terms of project outcome, evidence of cost savings and continuing impact.

"We were looking for a project that was paving the way for other communities," Malmer said.

The award further strengthens the position that joint services are the future of The Plymouth Community. With joint municipal and recreation services on the horizon, many Plymouth officials have been

looking at the fire department as a successful example.

"A lot of work has gone on over the past four years to make this work," said Fire Chief Larry Groth. "It's not just me that has made this work. It's the political entities of both communities and all the fire fighters."

New standard not sole reason to add firefighters

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because of they lacked the proper back-up.

According to Gregg Grubb, an industrial hygienist for MIOSHA, this standard was lobbied for by fire service personal. "It is already a part of their recommended standard," he said.

Grubb added that the standard does not prevent heroic actions. "By all means if someone is trapped in the house, go in there and get them," he said. "The standard is there to prevent fatalities."

Last week Plymouth's City Commission approved a resolution to add the new firefighters, but the hire will remain in wait-and-see mode until the Township millage election August 4. If Township voters approve a 3.0 mill tax increase to pay for police and fire, the new dollars would help fund the new firefighters.

If the township millage fails, "it's back to the drawing board," Groth said. "Obviously we need the funds."

According to Groth, the new safety standard isn't the only reason to add

firefighters. An increasing number of fire runs and inspections have been putting a burden on the already limited staff.

Currently, the department is required to maintain a minimum of six firefighters—two per station—on-duty per shift.

Groth said seven firefighters are scheduled per shift under typical situations. "A lot of times, at least one

firefighter will take a vacation or sick day," he said. "That automatically drops us down to our minimum."

Grubb said the MIOSHA standard is not designed to put undue burden on fire departments. "We are not trying to mandate staffing levels."

Groth agrees. "Really I'm not against it," he said. "It is designed to keep firefighters safe."


PHS class of '48 reunion

The Plymouth High School class of 1948 will hold its 50th year class reunion Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Fox Hills country club.

The reunion weekend will begin early on Friday with a 1 p.m. tour of the old Plymouth High, now Central Middle School. The tour then moves on to the Plymouth Historical Museum for a tour at 2 p.m. conducted by Beth Stewart.

An open house will follow at Torb and Dolores Guenther's home.

For details, call Delores at 453-3404.



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"CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION"

Please Note that Monday, July 6, 1998 is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 1998. Registration for township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, or at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is (734)453-3840 x 224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

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If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the City Clerk's Office to discuss arranging a more convenient time for the resident is advised.

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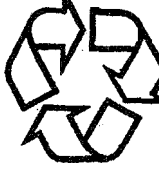
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Road to Quality would cost businesses

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When it comes to roads, it's all about quality of life. Canton's Road Improvement proposal, which hinges on passing a 2 mill tax levy dedicated to road improvements, would make a substantial impact on the community, according to Canton officials.

And while officials are quick to tout all the benefits reaped from the road improvements, it may mean a lean season for Canton businesses, according to Aaron Machnik, Municipal Services director.

"Unfortunately the increased construction activity will have a negative impact on business for a short time," Machnik said. "The benefits will be long-term."

Machnik and Canton Engineer Tom Casari explained the basics of the 'Road to Quality 98,' improvement program to a group of about 40 business members and officials at Canton's monthly third Thursday update.

Results of 1994's Ford Road Task Force,

and last year's neighborhood improvement and Blue Ribbon Road Committee studies contributed to the proposal, which would entail a major overhaul of any primary roads, according to Machnik.

"Those studies gave us a lot of input about problems that had to be address to provide the kind of service residents expect," Machnik said.

The culmination of these information-gathering sessions was a study performed early this year by the auditing firm Plante & Moran. The firm polled several communities of similar size to determine how much they spent on road improvement and maintenance. The object was to determine the cost if Canton were to assume responsibility for all roadways within its boundaries, according to Machnik.

"The study told use that a long term road program would cost us about \$8 million per year," Machnik said. "There was not enough

funds out there to provide the level of service we think Canton residents would like to have."

The proposed millage would raise about \$3.6 million per year for eight years, which would be dedicated specifically for road widening and upgrades. The funds are separate from the approximately \$2.5 million the County spends in Canton on snow removal, street sweeping and filling potholes, Machnik said.

Projects will be primarily in eastern Canton and designed to redistribute traffic and improve flow, according to Casari.

"From an engineering standpoint, we want to reduce congestion, make the roads safer and improve ridability," he said.

Some projects, such as upgrading Warren Road from Warren to Lotz, and paving Lotz from Warren to Ford, will provide alternate route to direct traffic away from excessively-used roadways, Casari said.

The millage proposal will be on the Aug. 4 primary ballot. Canton will be hosting several public information meetings

throughout July to educate voters about the road issue. The first public information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. July 8 at Tonda Elementary.

Unfortunately the increased construction will have a negative impact on business for a short time.

**- Aaron Machnik
Canton Municipal Services**

Space among Creatures still available

It's not too late.

Good Morning U.S.A, Michigan's first Fourth of July parade, still has room for patriotic Plymouth-Canton residents in its Bleacher Creature stands.

Just like last year, 500 bleacher seats will be set up in two prime locations along the parade route. And according to Fred Hill, chief Yankee Doodle behind the event, this year's parade will be another explosion of red, white and blue.

The excitement will start right off the bat at 7:30 a.m., as three skydivers land with an American flag in front of City Hall. The parade will start from there, and work its way down Main Street toward its endpoint near Ann Arbor Road.

As Miss Michigan, Governor John Engler and 20 floats built in a 1950s theme march down Main Street, B-17 bombers will fly in formation overhead. A mix of quintessentially American music will fill the air as marching bands play July Fourth favorites, and The Loredos, Steve King and the Dittilies and The Teen Angels rock down the block on musical floats.

Unicyclists, four 30-foot balloons, bag pipers, drum lines, clowns, jugglers, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team — all will fill the streets.

Better get a good seat.

For \$10, parade-goers can get a spot to sit in either the bleachers at City Hall, or at Penniman and Main.

Not only will they have a reserved seat where they can watch the action up close, but they'll get a bag of goodies for participating with the parade as it goes by: goofy glasses; bubbles; noisemakers and more. Hosts and hostesses at each location will cue their Creatures when the time is right to pull out their props.

What patriot could resist such fun?

Tickets for the Bleacher Creature section can be purchased at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540. Or call Fred Hill at (734) 459-3733.

Spring groundbreaking likely for rec. center

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basketball facility, with other uses coming online afterwards.

Although Griffin said he had a number of operators lined up, he couldn't comment on who they might be or what type of facilities they proposed.

"It's a little too early to tell right now," he said. "We should know more within a month."

One of the possible uses could be a minor league soccer team, he said.

"That's something we don't know yet," he said. "But we'll have a number of outdoor fields, and an indoor field for tournament play, so it is a possibility."

The project will probably begin the site plan approval process in August, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The site, which was recently rezoned for a research park to allow for various uses and a common architectural theme, will be developed under as a Planned Development

District (PDD), Griffin said.

A PDD agreement gives township planners a great deal of control over the architectural aspects of the project, from the building elevations down to the landscaping.

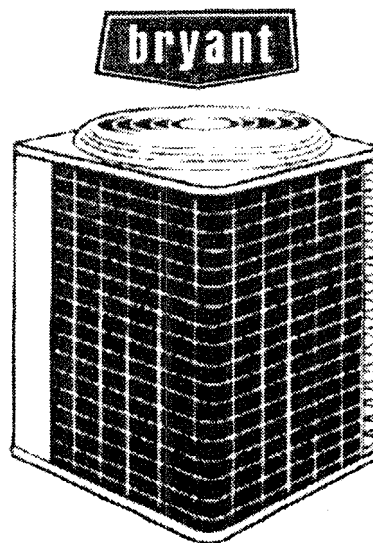
"It's going to be a long process," Griffin said. "We're planning a lot of unique buildings, and each one will be one of a kind. It's going to take a lot of planning."

Griffin said before the project can break ground, they need approval from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The McKinstry Drain flows through the site, which is also located on a lower Rouge floodplain. The development requires a DEQ sign-off before they can impact either, Griffin said.

Griffin said the project would most likely break ground in the spring.

"There's an outside chance that by late fall we could be moving ground and starting to put up structures, but even then most of the construction would begin next year," he said.

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Friends & neighbors

WTUA chief looks ahead

As manager of WTUA, Tim Faas has a big part in P-C-N's future

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN
When Tim Faas assumed the helm of the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) a year and a half ago, he brought with him extensive experience with municipal services.

With a construction-oriented background and a degree in civil engineering, he has worked in both the public and private sectors. His last occupation, as assistant superintendent of Public Works for Windsor, Ontario, was the culmination of the public sector work.

"It was a huge work force that was working gradually towards privatization," Faas said. "I had a lot of background in that aspect."

Faas, who hails from a family of general contractors, knew all about privatization of public services. It was part of what drew him to WTUA in 1997. That organization's entirely privatized work force presented a different batch of challenges for Faas.

"I had the big city experience and I wanted to work with an organization that was completely privatized," he said. "Plus this will provide me with regional experience, which will improve my marketability down the road."

As operations manager at WTUA, Faas' immediate staff has dwindled from the hundreds he oversaw in Windsor to the four full-time office personal at WTUA's Joy-Haggerty facility, but he is also responsible for coordinating the various contractors who maintain WTUA's waste water system.

It's a job that will ultimately have an effect on every resident of Plymouth Canton and Northville.

WTUA was formed in 1986 by the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth to identify an alternative means



Canton's Tim Faas, operations manager of the Western Township Utility Association, has been on the job for a year and a half, making sure P-C-N's sewers are running smooth. The gigantic screw pumps behind him are capable of pumping 10,000,000 gallons of water a day to waste water treatment plants in Detroit and Ypsilanti. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

of providing sanitary sewer service and waste water treatments other than those services provided by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

Here's how it works: WTUA consists of a middle Rouge pumping station at Joy and Haggerty and a Lower Rouge at Haggerty and Michigan Avenue.

Storm and waste water is pumped into the Middle Rouge Station, where it can be pumped to Detroit, to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA), moved to the Lower Rouge Station, or held in its 8,000,000 gallon equalization bins. It all depends on the amount of water flowing through the system, Faas said.

YCUA provides a much higher level of treatment than Detroit's overtaxed system, according to Faas. WTUA's ultimate goal is to be capable of pumping the entirety of P-C-N's waste water to YCUA.

Currently, the pump station is capable of sending 9,000,000 gallons a day to YCUA. The water is then treated and pumped back into the lower Rouge River, where it will improve the water flow and reduce pollution.

The increased water flow would benefit the Rouge by providing a more stable environment for life, Faas said. Also the water introduced into the river from YCUA is higher in oxygen and other nutrients that will promote life as well, he said.

"The steadier the water is, the less erosion will occur," he said. "The fish like to have more than a few inches of water to swim in. They're just looking for a nice place to raise their family, just like us."

The next phase of the WTUA project is to double the capabilities of the YCUA plant from 29,000,000 gallons per day to 58,000,000 gallons. The doubling of the size of the plant, which could begin next year, would allow YCUA to handle all of P-C-N's waste needs for the foreseeable future, no matter what the growth rate, Faas said.

"We can accurately gauge both residential and commercial growth until the year 2010 and verify that the system has enough capacity," Faas said. "It's looking into the crystal ball after that that things get a little fuzzy."

“The fish are just looking for a nice place to raise their family, just like us.”

**—Tim Faas
Operations Manager,
Western Township Utility
Association**



Hams — amateur radio lovers — invite P-C-N residents to watch them work (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Hamming it up

Township Park hosts annual, national radio competition

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

This weekend will find Plymouth Township Park full of 80-meter bands and ham. If that sounds like a good time to steer clear of the park, think again. We're talking about amateur radio operators (HAMs) and The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is invited.

Members of the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, based in Plymouth and with members from P-C-N and Livonia, will spend 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday at the park competing in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) annual Field Day.

Society members work all year at area community events, usually providing behind-the-scenes support. They operate a Halloween patrol and report problems to police to cut down on vandalism. They post themselves along bike-a-thon courses to aid injured or exhausted cyclists. And when the weather report says that "a tornado has been sighted," it is most likely a HAM, stationed on an empty country road, making the report for Sky Warn.

So when the ARRL Field day comes around once a year, Society members are ready for some fun.

Society members will make up one of hundreds of teams in the United States and Canada competing in the event. Their goal is to make the most contacts between 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Extra points are

given for special tasks such as making contact in all counties in the state, or in all 50 states.

The Field Day was created so HAMs could practice their emergency relay skills. "It gives us a chance to demonstrate emergency preparedness," says Earl Erickson, a long-time member.

That's the fun. You take a little box of parts and you're talking to someone hundreds of miles away.

— Earl Erickson
ham

But Society members focus on the fun aspects of the day; spending time with other members and reaching people all over the country. And the Society is excited about the chance to show visitors what HAM radio is all about.

"The public is absolutely welcome,"

says Chuck Van Vleck, Society president. "We love it."

Amateur radio operators are tested, licensed and monitored by the FCC. They use bands of radio frequency designated by the FCC for hobbyists. These are the same type of frequencies that radio stations and police use, but operate on different band widths to avoid interference.

Band width is the actual width of the radio wave being transmitted. The wider the band, the further away the waves will transmit. An 80-meter band would allow a HAM in Plymouth to talk to a HAM in the Virgin Islands. Of course, to transmit well, you have to have an antenna one quarter the width of the band. That means an 80-meter band requires a 20-meter antenna.

But all this isn't necessary. Erickson built his antenna with less than \$10 worth of supplies

from the local hardware store and, with a band width of six meters, can reach people as far away as Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

"That's the fun of it" he says. "You take a little box of parts and you're talking to someone hundreds of miles away."

The Society will set up their stations at the Plymouth Twp. Park beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. The competition lasts for 24 hours. There will be a visitors' booth at the field day and the public is welcome. Four or five stations will be set-up surrounding the ball fields.

The Society meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth City Hall. The Society also operates classes for those interested in becoming licensed.

For more information, please contact Society president, Chuck Van Vleck at 734-453-3840 ex. # 223.

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller will attend the grand opening of the Canton Secretary of State branch office at 44948 For Road Monday, June 29.

The Canton Seniors' Kitchen Band will provide music for the event, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Secretary Miller will make brief remarks at 2 p.m.

The new Canton branch office features 13 work stations, including an automotive dealer section, and has double the office space of the old branch office, which was located on Sheldon Road.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Village Peddler of Milford has come to Plymouth. The shop is known for its upscale gifts and accessories.

Village Peddler is located in the Forest Place Mall on Forest Avenue. For more information call (734) 416-0955.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be accepting applications for the 1998-99 Leadership Canton program through Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1998.

Leadership Canton is an eight month program developed to refine the leadership skills of current and potential leaders throughout Canton to ensure a continuing source of skilled, motivated leaders for Canton.

Applicants should live, work or have an interest in the Canton community, have the desire to learn more about leadership and apply their leadership skills to the community and agree to attend the kick-off retreat and all monthly sessions throughout the year. Monthly sessions will be held on the third Friday of each month, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between the months of November and May.

Leadership Canton is limited to 25 participants, who will be selected by the Leadership Canton Steering Committee. Cost of the program is \$800, and covers the cost of meals and program materials.

For more information call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Plymouth woman goes platinum

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

She takes care of business so you don't have to.

Plymouth resident Christina Pearce has started her own company keeping track of other people's finances, household or otherwise.

Pearce was born in Great Britain and educated in Scotland with a degree in business, accounting and economics, and has taught those courses as well as English at the high school and college levels before coming to the U.S. in 1976.

After leaving the teaching profession, Pearce became an executive-level assistant to Sam Williams, chairman and CEO of Williams International.

"I handled all his business, personal and financial affairs," she said.

After 16 years of working for someone else Pearce decided it was time to go out on her own, she said. Using clients she had met through Williams International, she founded Platinum Professional Services (PPS).



CHRISTINA PEARCE

PPS specializes in managing bill-paying, record-keeping and everyday financial matters for local businesses and individuals, she said.

"I knew there was a market for it. I knew several people who worked in the travel

industry and they would be gone from home for extended periods of time," she said. "They still need to pay their bills, and they would ask me to look after that while they were gone."

The business grew from there, she said. Her clients range from working families who've delegated bill-paying, to wealthy individuals who need help keeping track of investments. They all have one thing in common: a monthly fee which ensures their bills get paid on time.

In addition to keeping track of the bills, PPS organizes finances, handles important mail, makes deposits and provides complete itemized and categorized reports for taxes. She also handles virtually every aspect and business or personal finance a client could want, she said.

For more information call PPS at (734) 354-9223. Pearce's Web Site, www.platinum-services.com, is still under construction but should be up and running shortly, she said.

New salon brings in the sun

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One Canton woman is bringing a bit of color to town the artificial way.

Rhonda Wickens, a former hair stylist, has opened Tanning Co. & Spa in Charleston Square, on Main Street across from Danny's Supermarket.

"I've always wanted to open up my own salon," she said. "This seemed like the way to go. There were already a lot of tanning salons in Canton, but only three in Plymouth and they are all older. I really didn't know about all the work involved, but I'm proud of it and I like doing it."

Wickens has lived in Canton since 1988 and worked in various local hair salons. She said she enjoyed styling hair because it made people feel good about themselves. The salon is just an extension of that philosophy.

The spa has six brand new tanning beds, each in their own room with ventilation and circulation fans to reduce the heat the beds produce. Each room also has a stereo, so tanners can relax and listen to music.

Tanning sessions typically last 20 minutes and are equivalent to spending

3.5 hours outdoors, according to Wickens said.

"It's a real time saver," she said. "No one really has the time to sit outside for a couple of hours and do nothing."

People also tan year-round to provide a base tan to reduce the effects of overexposure, she said.

Tanning can cost as little as \$5 per visit or as much as \$35 for a month of tanning as part of a grand opening special, Wickens said. Regular prices will be slightly higher, though she hopes to undercut her competition.

She also brings her salon experience to offer more services than other tanning spas, such as massage therapy, facials, body wraps and waxing and manicures.

"Someone can come in, have a facial, have their nails done and get a tan and leave feeling really good about themselves," she said. "It's nice to make someone happy like that."



Rhonda Wickens (right) and nail technician Cathy Kohler (left) show off the interior of Tanning Co. & Spa. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

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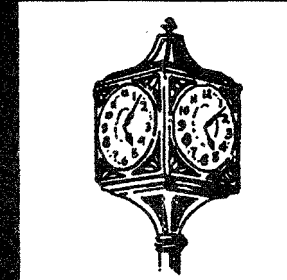
Jesse Young (top left) leads the Fife and Drum corps during a performance; Jake Marauch makes a tie for his dad, Jeff, (above) on Father's Day; Sgial and Monica Sanjay take a lieisurely cruise around Heritage Park with their 14-month old baby; and Megan Danielle Rothenberg gives an impromptu concert to John Delcomp at the Civil War Camp. (Crier photos by Rob Hart and R. Alwood, Jr.).



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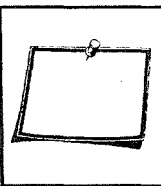
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FINANCIAL SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Canton Public Safety Officer Kevin Rise will present a lecture on Senior Self Defense and Awareness today at 1 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Senior Center in Canton. You'll learn how to protect yourself from scams and financial exploitation. Refreshments will be served. To register call the Senior Center at 397-5444.

DDA'S ENTERTAINMENT ON US

The Downtown Development Authority of Plymouth presents Blues Night with The Regular Boys, 7-9 p.m. this Friday at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. Back to wow the crowd as they did last summer, this nine piece R&B powerhouse features vocalist Jeanne Stael.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLOCK CONCERTS

Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring Friday Night Clock Concerts at the Gazebo on Main Street. This Friday the Novi Concert Band will perform. This free concert begin at 7:30 p.m.

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.



Volunteer

NATIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Canton Township is looking for volunteers to assist at the National Archery Tournament August 2-7. Assorted positions available. To volunteer call Kathleen Salla at 313-397-6450.

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The SHARE! Program still needs host families for students ages 15-18 arriving in August from over 28 countries including Germany, Japan, Brazil, China, and Poland. The students will be staying for 5 to 10 months. Interested Plymouth area families should contact Beth Schumann at the SHARE! National Office at 1-800-321-3738.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers. Call 453-1540.

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CARRIAGE PARK SENIOR COMMUNITY

Contact Heather at Carriage Park. Share time, skills with seniors. Call 397-8300.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of P-C's in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call 734-261-1011, leave a message.

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center needs volunteers to assist resident activity programs, call 455-0510 for more information.

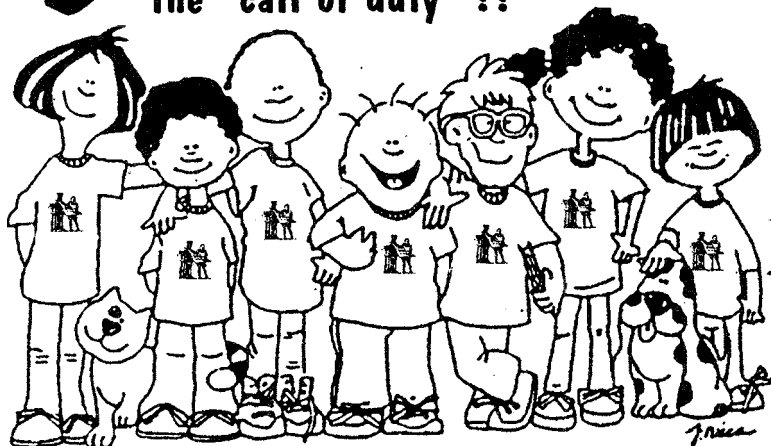
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Families needed to host international students from "Academic Year in America," sponsored by American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. Students range from 15-18 years, arrive from Brazil, Germany, Spain, Netherlands and other countries. Call Amy Mullen, 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5423.

MENTORS NEEDED

Growth Works is recruiting and training mentors for the Plymouth-Canton Youth Assistance Program. The program is aimed at mentors age 21 or older. If you have two hours a week to help with reducing delinquent behavior in adolescents, call Lynne Ponder at 734-397-3181 or 734-455-4095.

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CHURCH GARAGE SALE

St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton will hold their annual garage sale from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on **Thursday** through **Saturday**. Call Dawn Moss at 734-981-4877.

SPM BIKING FOR JUNE

Single Point Ministries is sponsoring biking trips for adults every **Saturday** at 10 a.m. through July. Water bottle and bike lock recommended. Helmet mandatory. Locations change weekly. Call the SPM office at 248-374-5920.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all **June** classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION

The Women's National Farm and Garden Association and the Trailwood Garden Club will be presenting the third annual Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk Tuesday, **June 30** from 12 noon -8 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 pre-sale, and \$7.00 the day of the tour. Refreshments will be served at the Plymouth Arts Council. For further information and tickets contact Jeanne Hutko at 459-5285 or Georgia Randinitis at 459-7146, or go to Saxton's Garden Center, Good Nursery, Piccadilly's, Plymouth Nursery, Backyard Birds, or Plymouth Community Arts Council.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

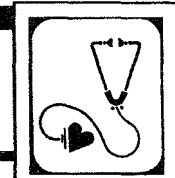
The New Morning School has openings in their Discovery Days Classes running **July 6-10**. Math Art will help students to explore the connection between math and art and meets Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Have You Hugged A Cricket Today will explore insects and other invertebrates from 11 a.m.-12:30p.m. For more information on these classes or to register call the school at 420-3331 between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Join the Plymouth Community Arts Council the first **Wednesday** of every month, from 8-10 a.m. at 774 N. Sheldon, for "First Wednesday Coffees." Take this opportunity to get acquainted with the new Teacher Aid Grants exhibit, current classes and events. Call 734-416-4ART for details.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society welcomes all interested persons who are curious about scanners, short-wave radio listening, Morse code and satellite communications. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month, except July and August, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 South Main Street. Call Ralph Moote (K8DPL) at 734-455-7652.



Health

CHRISTIAN AEROBICS

Aerobic Fitness, Co. is holding Christian Aerobics classes at St. John's Church at 574 Sheldon. Heaven's Heartbeat is offered on **Wednesdays**. Call 248-348-1280.

THE PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obtrusive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second **Wednesday** of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call 734-712-5367.

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By Geneva Guenther

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May Lundin, 70, long-time Plymouth resident

MAY S. LUNDIN

May S. Lundin, a Plymouth resident, died June 18, 1998 at the age of 70.

Mrs. Lundin was born March 30, 1928 in Newark, NJ. She was a homemaker and secretary. She was a 17-year member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. She was also a member of the

Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor, MI and of the Traverse Area Scandinavian Society. She loved cooking and family outings. She enjoyed her northern Michigan surroundings. She was interested in her grandchildren, children and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 49

years, Earl of Plymouth; daughters, Carol (Dan) Stevens of Troy, Nancy (Dennis) Racine of Ann Arbor, Debra (Steve) Johnson of Plymouth; son, Eric (Bonnie) Lundin of Beaumont, TX; 11 grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Michaels of Miami, FL.

Services were held at Trinity

Presbyterian Church with William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association of Michigan.



Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director, or call (734) 453-6900.

IRENE A. ERICKSON

Irene A. Erickson, a Plymouth resident, died June 14, 1998 at the age of 96.

Mrs. Erickson was born Sept. 4, 1901 in Clay Township, MI. She was a homemaker. In the 1930s she worked for Detroit Edison and in the 1940s she worked for Oleander Bakery in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth Community in 1987 from Arizona. Previous to Arizona she lived in Alpena and Southfield. She was a wonderful cook and loved to needlepoint.

She is survived by her son, Dale A. (Billie) Collins of Canton; grandchildren, Judith D. Walkowiak of Canton, Jeri L. (Thomas) Sigworth of Canton, Randall S. Collins of Canton, Roger K. (Michele) Collins of Canton; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, Jack H.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

HAROLD G. WRIGHT

Harold G. Wright, a Plymouth resident, died June 19, 1998 at the age of 86.

Mr. Wright was born June 22, 1911 in Pontiac. He was the owner of Harold C. Wright Florist for more than 30 years and an employe of Vermeulen Funeral Home for more than 16 years. He attained 60 years of perfect attendance with the Detroit-Strathmoor and Colonial Plymouth Kiwanis Clubs. He was a 20 year member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and a 30 year former member of Strathmoor Methodist Church in Detroit. He served as a member of the Detroit Draft Board in the 1960s.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Wright of Plymouth; sons, Robert Wright of Tennessee, Tim (Patricia) Wright of Livonia; 10 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the First United Methodist Church 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI, 48170 or the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 701308, Plymouth, MI 48170.

LYNN J. SAULES

Lynn J. Saules, a Plymouth resident, died June 17, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mr. Saules was born Nov. 30, 1928 in Detroit. He was employed at the Chrysler Corporation in the Finance Department in Highland Park, MI. He retired in 1988 after 30 years of

service. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1983 from Detroit, MI. He loved to play cards with his friends and he enjoyed being with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Alice of Plymouth; daughters, Terry (Hugh) Lee of Florida, Kathleen (Joe) Kott of Plymouth; sons, Scott (Moirra) Saules of Florida, Christopher Saules of Canton, Steven (Jamie) Saules of West Bloomfield; brothers, Richard Saules of Warren, Mike Saules of Warren; sisters, Joann Petrovich of Arizona, Lucie DeBeliso of California, Kathleen Pelky of West Bloomfield; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Stanley Tokarski officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Parents and Advocates for Wayne County Living Services or the Angela Hospice.

NORMA JEANETTE ROBINSON KENYON

Norma Jeanette Robinson Kenyon, a long-time Plymouth resident, died June 16, 1998 in Mesa, AZ.

Mrs. Kenyon was born Aug. 7, 1926 in Plymouth. She was a secretary for six years for an insurance and real estate office. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School and a member of the American Bridge Association.

She is survived by her husband, George N. Kenyon; sons, Michael G. (Joyce) of Maui, HA, George Randolph (Donna) of Kalispel, MT; daughter, Kathryn (Donald) Gavin of Royal Oak; brother, Gordon (Betty) Robinson; five grandchildren; and one-great grandchild.

Memorial services are pending. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Diabetes Association.

John Demas, 102, owner of Adams Bar in Detroit

John Demas, a Detroit resident, died June 19, 1998.

He is survived by his wife; two sons; one daughter; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at Sts. Catherine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-East in Clinton Township. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

In remembrance

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Kassapis: 'Always hope. But now we know'

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Leading members of local and international Greek- and Cypriot-American communities gathered Monday at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth to pay their respects to the family of Andreas Kassapis.

In 1974, Turkish soldiers entered the Kassapis' home in Cyprus and held the family at gunpoint. Andreas, 17, was taken prisoner.

His family received no information until March, when a State Department Special Cyprus Coordinator visited their home in Livonia. He told them that DNA tests confirmed bone fragments found in Cyprus were the remains of their son.

The Kassapis family had been living in Cyprus for several years when, in August of 1974, the island was invaded by Turkey. Despite the display of their United States passports, the family was harassed daily by Turkish soldiers. On August 20th, Turks entered the house and took Andreas and another man from the house.

For five years the family remained in Cyprus, visiting the U.S. Embassy daily in hope of hearing word of Andreas or persuading a government inquiry.

They were ready to leave Cyprus to move back to Michigan after a few weeks when Andreas' mother, Eleni, said she wouldn't go. "If we leave the island now we are leaving our son over here."

The family moved back to Michigan in 1979 with no information on the whereabouts of their son.

Following their return to the United States, Andreas' father, Costas, made repeated trips to Washington, D.C. to appeal for help finding his son. He spoke with members of Congress, as well as numerous divisions of the State Department.

Kassapis says that for 20 years he received empty promises from the State Department and other government agencies.

"I think the State Department has two kinds of citizens," Kassapis says.

If he had been born in the United States as his children were, Kassapis says, if they had an "American" name they would have received more help from the U.S. government.

"I had faith in my country," Kassapis says. "Just the way that it happened, and the way

they did nothing. It makes you loose faith."

Kassapis also says world politics at the time was a major reason the United States didn't demand action from Turkey on the disappearance of Andreas and four other American citizens.

"It depends where you are in the world, to the U.S. government," Kassapis says. "Because he was captured by Turks, who are allies of the United States where they have interest, they don't care."

"We are the most powerful country in the world, right? Does the United States need permission to go to Turkey and ask to find out what happened to her son, a kid who was born here?"

Others have expressed dismay at the treatment the family received while in Cyprus.

"The tragedy of Andreas' death is compounded by the fact that the United States Embassy gave the family faulty advice," said George Reganis, American Hellenic Congress President.

"The embassy knew we were there," Kassapis says. "For 11 days we were surrounded by troops and they never did anything to come and get us."

Kassapis says he wants to share the story of his son's death because Americans have a false sense of security and trust in their government.

As soldiers were taking Andreas, Kassapis tried to show them his U.S. passports.

"They hit me with a gun. You think you are an American, so you are safe," he says. "You are American, but you are not safe. Because of this injustice, people should know what can happen, know how to take care of themselves."

The State Department began their investigation of Andreas' kidnapping in 1994, after a bill passed in the 103d Congress. The Law began the investigation of Andreas Kassapis and four other U.S. citizens who have been missing in Cyprus since 1974.

In February, Kassapis received a call from the State Department that they had found bone fragments in a field. The family received a kit to provide blood samples for analysis.

The Kassapis story has drawn attention from all over the world, particularly in Greek and Greek-Cypriot communities. Many have cited the significance of Andreas' story in

terms of a centuries-old struggle between Greeks and Turks.

"His death is a symbol of the threats to all human rights" says Reganis.

Greeks and Cypriots around the United States and the world are mourning with the Kassapis family. The Archbishop of Cyprus conducted a memorial service Monday in Cyprus. The United States Greek Orthodox Archbishop led another service in Washington D.C.

Cyprian Ambassador Andros Nicolaidis travelled to Michigan to attend the funeral. He brought condolences from the President, government and people of Cyprus, he said.

The Kassapis family says they appreciate the show of support, but on Monday their attention was on the grief they had not let themselves feel before.

"Even after 19, 20, 21 years you have hope. Always hope. But now we know," says Kassapis.

Fay Mili, Andreas' sister, said that the funeral was the first time their whole family

had been together since Andreas was captured.

Thomas Miller, State Department Special Cyprus Coordinator, was present at the funeral to extend condolences "on behalf of the United States Government." He delivered a letter from President Clinton to Costas and Eleni which said that the "memory of Andreas will guide us" in future efforts toward human rights justice.

Miller did not offer any explanation for why the State Department neglected to investigate the capture of an American until a bill was passed in Congress.

"Our lives were half-dead. Our minds were not there," Kassapis says of the 24 years his family spent not knowing what happened to Andreas.

"It was a great injustice that happened to my son," Kassapis says, though he still considers himself to be a loyal American.

"If someone says something bad about America, I don't like it. And I tell them. And I am proud to be an American. I am proud, even after this."

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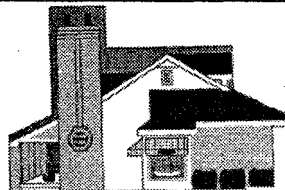
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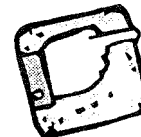
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Sports

Sports shorts

Several former sports stars and coaches will participate in the fourth annual St. Louis Celebrity Golf Tournament at Fox Hills Country Club next Monday, June 29.

Scheduled players include former Detroit Lion captain and Hall of Famer Joe Schmidt, former Detroit Tiger Milt Wilcox, and former University of Michigan basketball coach Steve Fisher.

Other Lions scheduled to appear include Jim David, Dorne Dibble, Dan Larose, Gil Mains, John Panelli, Tom Watkins and Mike Weger.

Former U of M football standouts Bill Dufek, Don Dufek, Sr., Don Dufek, Jr. and Paul Seymour will play as well.

Also making an appearance are Olympic speedskater Terry McDermott and former Tiger hurler Fred Holdsworth.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the St. Louis Center located in Chelsea, Michigan. The St. Louis Center provides services for boys and men with developmental disabilities.

The cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2,500 for hole sponsorship. Included with hole sponsorship are 18 holes of golf for a four-some, lunch, dinner and prizes.

For more information call the St. Louis Center at 734-475-8430.

Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball "Prep" League standings as of June 17:

In the American League: Athletics, 5-4; Blue Jays, 4-5; Brewers, 4-5; White Sox, 4-5; Orioles, 3-6; Twins, 1-8.

In the National League: Cardinals, 8-1; Rockies, 8-1; Phillies, 6-3; Braves, 6-3; Cubs, 3-6; Diamondbacks, 2-7.



They broke from the gates like racehorses, but many didn't last that long Sunday morning at the 19th annual Plymouth Community YMCA Run. More than 800 runners competed in six different events. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

A run in the sun

Mother Nature provides for downtown Plymouth runners

YMCA RUN

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Under clear blue skies, more than 800 runners and walkers galloped their way along Plymouth streets Sunday Morning in the 19th annual YMCA Run.

"It went fantastic," said Joanne McCarthy, Plymouth YMCA director. "Nobody passed out."

Participants ranged in age from three to 77. Some walked (which was acceptable), some ran, and some ran very fast.

Although no records were broken—several of which date back fifteen years or more—many area runners set an impressive pace.

The winner of the one mile run, male category, was 17-year-old Jonathan Little of Plymouth with a time of 4:44. Little also finished seventh in the 5K and eighth in the 10K.

Female winner of the one mile run was 14-year-old Nickelle Leist of Plymouth. Leist blazed to victory in an impressive 6:08. Jacqueline McNamara of Northville and

Vanessa Bodnar of Plymouth placed second and third respectively.

In the 5K run, Michael Franko, 23, of Ypsilanti took the male division in 15:08. Adam Wheeler and Mark Kwiatkowski fell in close behind.

The female winner was Robin Sarris-Hallop, a 42-year-old runner out of Ann Arbor. Sarris-Hallop cruised to an easy victory at 18:12, one minute and 22 seconds faster than her closest competitor.

The final run of the day (besides the prestigious Diaper Dash) was the longest, the 10K run. Adam Unsworth, 29, of Ferndale dominated the male division with a time of 34:24. That's a pace of 5:33 per mile.

Jack Deegan of Royal Oak and Craig

North of Ann Arbor, although nearly two minutes behind Unsworth, followed in second and third.

For the women, the race was a little closer. Ellen Stemmer, a 17-year-old out of

Canton, kept Elaine Ward and Susan Joy Szczesny at bay with a time of 43:42.

Consistent running helped Vanessa Bodnar snare the overall "Open Triple" victory, with the best combined score in the one mile, the 5K and the 10K. Alan Van Peter won for the

men.

In the Masters Triple race open to all men over 50 and all women over 40, David Rau, 52, of Lapeer grabbed top honors for the males with a combined time of 1:09:08. Susan Hachigian, 41, of Plymouth was tops for the ladies at 1:21:21.

Open Triple Top Three Male and Female

Name	Age	Combined Time
Female Winners:		
1. Vanessa Bodnar	19	1:16:57
2. Colleen Grainger	35	1:21:38
3. Erin Wallace	21	1:23:57
Male Winners:		
1. Alan Van Peter	31	58:02
2. Jonathan Little	17	1:01:06
3. Larry Gutierrez	37	1:08:20

Whiffle ball lovers unite!

Children's game has all the makings of the next recreation craze

Everything was plastic.

The balls, the bats, the bases and the hats. Under the hot summer sun, the plastic would mold like putty between the fingers of our sweaty little hands.

We used a lawn chair as a strike zone, frisbees for bases, and a worn-down roll of duct tape to keep everything together. Where the basepaths would be, a yellow diamond was cut through the otherwise green grass.

We would start early, before the sun rose over the peak of our house, and play right through till dusk, stopping only for kool-aid and the ice cream man.

We had the perfect system. Our small backyard required that we improvise, so we made it a game of strategy and placement, not of power. We knew homeruns over the fence would have been too easy, so we made it an out. To hit a homerun, you had to hit the short, chain-linked fence on the fly, a shot that proved as difficult for my older, stronger brother as it did for me.

The plastic hats were the most important. Too large and uncomfortable, they sat on my head like a cauldron, flopping over my eyes with every hard swing. But that didn't matter. We had nearly all the Major League teams—at least the ones that mattered—and we used the hats like portals through which we became our diamond heroes.

Today I am an adult, although I'm sure many would argue that point. I've seen myself, and many like me, gravitate toward more "adult" sports. That isn't as perverted as it sounds. By "adult," I mean expensive, but certainly not more difficult than anything I had played as a child.

Golf, skiing, water sports, they all serve to fill the weekend recreation hours of many area adults. Not without purpose, their popularity continues to rise. But concurrently with that, so do the prices.

Unless you want to drive halfway across the state, you won't find a cheap round of golf (with a cart) at any well-manicured golf course. Even twilight golf is becoming cause for a loan.

Not more than 10 years ago at ski resorts out west, you could buy an \$8 night-time lift ticket at some of the best resorts in the country. Today you would be hard pressed to find one under \$30 at a mole hill.

The equipment is even worse. There were reports that even Bill Gates was complaining about the cost of the new Titanium-cored golf balls.

So what's a good, sports-minded American to do? Continue to shovel away the children's college fund in the name of the great god Ski-Doo?

No. It is time to simplify, to revert, to become the Henry David Thoreaus of the recreation world.

It's whiffle ball time.

Stay with me on this. Whiffle ball is cheap. It doesn't require much space, and is relatively easy to learn. You don't need more

than two players, but up to six can play comfortably.

Equipment won't cost more than five dollars. Most of it you will already have, the frisbees, the lawn chair, and the duct tape.

There are several different types of balls and bats. Most whiffle ball experts prefer the thin yellow bat designed for good line drive hitting. It's one of the most popular on the market and shouldn't be difficult to find. For beginners, there is a very large red bat for maximum contact. Like training wheels, however, it shouldn't be used for too long.

Balls are a little bit more complicated. One unique problem in whiffle ball is the tendency of balls to dent. Therefore, when choosing as ball, try finding one with a less-rigid consistency. Also, holes in the ball can make a big difference. The holier a ball is, the more wicked its curves and sinkers become.

The potential for whiffle ball to become a major pastime is held back only by the players willing to exploit it. Leagues could be formed, tournaments could be sanctioned.



A break from the usual... Members of the Flying Aces Frisbee Team tried their "feet" at something different Saturday afternoon at the Libery Fest. Along with this hackey sack routine, the Flying Aces also awed audiences with their frisbee maneuvers. (Crier photo by Rob Hart.)

Write of way By Scott Goodwin



The world over would get caught-up in the fervor of whiffle ball mania.

All the while, however, the simplicity and the integrity of the game must be maintained. If, like golf or skiing, it became a sport of material measurement, the purpose would have been defeated.

Whiffle ball needn't be for children anymore. Of course, the first adults competing in whiffle ball might be looked upon like pariahs by their ski-toting neighbors. But like all revolutionaries, their sacrifices will not be forgotten.

They will have brought back the real charm of a lazy summer afternoon. No teetimes to keep, just the occasional break for Mr. Good Humor.

So throw down your clubs, your poles, and (if you're strong enough) your jet ski. It's time to get back to the basics. It's time to get back to the plastic.

Sports shorts

The Plymouth Whalers will be hosting their first annual Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 11 at Brae Burn Golf Club.

For fans, this will be a great way to meet Whaler players and coaches.

The \$100 golf package includes: 18 holes of golf with cart and Whalers player or coach, lunch and refreshments, free non-alcoholic beverages, Bar-B-Q dinner at Compuware Sports Arena with players and staff and a weekend pass to the Can-Am Challenge, the Whalers four team pre-season tournament.

The format for golf is five-man scramble, with contest holes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Player's Education Fund.

Because of the addition of two expansion teams, the OHL has realigned the league. It will now consist of two divisions, the Western and Eastern conferences, like the NHL.

Instead of three divisions, there will now be four. The Plymouth Whalers will remain in the West Division with generally the same teams. Only the Erie Otters will have moved, to the Midwest Division, still in the same conference.

On deck

The Plymouth Soccer Club U-15 Plymouth Kicks team will be holding tryouts tomorrow at Heritage Field at 6 p.m.

For more information call Fred Stafford at 734-453-7107.

Co-ed Sand Volleyball Leagues are opening up in Canton for this summer. Games will be played at the Heritage Park sand volleyball courts on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 6, 7, or 8 p.m. beginning July 7 through August 19.

Format is four-person teams (eight player team limit). All levels of play accepted. Six teams max per league. There are no residency requirements.

Registration starts June 15 and ends July 2.



Community opinions

Horvath: thanks for the trust

Outgoing P-C School Board president reflects on his time served, challenges ahead

EDITOR:

It has been my pleasure to serve our community for the past four years as a member of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board of Education. During this time I have been very fortunate to have met many people who are truly dedicated to the success of children. These have been teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and community members.

Since I have made public my decision not to seek re-election, several people have

Through your support of me while I have been on the Board we have shown that a man's word and respect are not outdated concepts.

expressed their thanks to me for having served on the Board. While I truly appreciate these comments, I believe that it is I who owe the community thanks for

trusting in me to serve you. You have entrusted me with your children and your hard earned money — two very significant items! This trust is something I take very

seriously and I will always be proud of the trust you placed in me.

I also want to thank you for validating some of the lessons that I learned from my parents. As I was growing up I was taught that children addressed their elders as Mr. or Mrs., a gentleman removed his hat when entering a building, held the door for a lady and that a man's word was more important than all of the legal contracts ever written. To me, these are the basic items of respect in the treatment of others and are never to be compromised.

This is the way that I have tried to serve you and I believe that through your support of me while I have been on the Board, we have shown together that a man's word and respect of others are not outdated concepts. However, they are also not something to take for granted and we must all continue to work hard to demonstrate these very important values.

I thank you again for allowing me to serve you for the past four years and hope to see you at a Board meeting in the future. I'll be the one sitting in the audience.

MARK HORVATH

Without consequences

'Accountable parent' laments lost lesson for drinking teens

EDITOR:

It is very disappointing to see that the students who were found blatantly drinking at the senior prom got the chance to continue to "celebrate" by going to the senior party. The contract that the students signed and agreed to, but were not wise enough to read, stated clearly the consequences of their actions. Their plan to drink at the prom was strategically devised. It was not a subtle,

momentary mistake.

These students learned that there are no consequences to their actions. The parents of these students seem to be happier that their children were drinking, and risking their lives with alcohol intoxication (a fatal event!), than to be sure that their children were the object of concern and responsibility.

Would these parents have been just as upset if the demise of their children occurred

that night? Would they have blamed the district for not doing enough?

It's about time they and their children took some responsibility for their own actions. These students learned a very negative lesson that will haunt them forever — that their actions have no consequence and they have no responsibility for their actions. What a shame!

An accountable parent.

J.L. BIELA

CEP's size offers diversity to students

EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Cathy Shumaker's letter regarding CEP. Since I (was) a senior at Salem High School who has experienced the Centennial Educational Park for four years, I feel quite qualified to discuss many of the issues Shumaker wrote about.

First and most importantly, how could the whole Park be a mistake? Trust me, CEP is not a mistake. Over the past four years I have realized the benefits of attending CEP. We need to focus on the positive aspects such as the variety of classes offered, the teachers, the diverse student body and the extracurricular activities available.

Honestly, I don't know of a high school that has a better range of classes to choose from. Besides the basic core classes, Canton and Salem offer a great depth in studies such as the Writing Center, CEP Perspective, advanced placement Calculus II and Humanities. I have had the privilege to be a tutor in the Writing Center, which is open for the entire student body during all lunches.

Students have the opportunity to drop in

and receive help on any piece of writing. CEP was the only high school in Michigan to have such a class. Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills are among that are now setting up writing centers.

the world after high school.

Education goes beyond the classroom. CEP has a wide variety of extracurricular activities including a myriad of athletic opportunities, WSDP (CEP's own radio

station), Students Against Drunk Driving, Quiz Bowl, Bible Club, Science Olympiad, Law Club, Thespians, Key Club, Photography Club, Forensics and many more. Student have the opportunity to develop their interests and therefore are motivated to do well in school.

Ms. Shumaker stated that 20 per cent of CEP students are at risk of dropping in on the drug culture. (I will not debate her statistics although I disagree.) These electives and extracurricular activities give students something to participate in after school, thus helping them stay out of drugs.

In response to Shumaker's statement about her children witnessing students at CEP smoking dope, I have to honestly say that I have never seen or heard of students smoking dope on campus. I have seen students smoking cigarettes and I feel something needs to be done to stop this problem.

However, there are negative things everywhere, since CEP has such a large student body it may appear to have more problems but in reality, percentage wise, CEP is similar to the majority of high schools.

The benefits of CEP outweigh the problems. Most problems in today's society can be traced back to family and parents. Parents need to take a hard look at themselves and decide if they are raising their children right and instilling good morals upon them. Let's place the responsibility where it would should be placed.

The benefits of CEP are obvious. Graduates of both Canton and Salem have many advantages over most high school graduates. CEP does an excellent job preparing its students for the future that lies ahead of them.

Sometimes bigger is better.

MIA SARKESIAN

When you walk the halls of Canton or Salem you will notice the diverse student body

During my school career I have had some incredible teachers who have left permanent marks on my life. For example, my AP Psychology teacher, Mrs. Gimple, sparked by interest in psychology and now I hope to pursue a career in this field. CEP has more teachers than most high schools, therefore students who are fortunate to experience a variety of teaching styles.

When you walk the halls of either Canton or Salem you will notice the diverse student body. I have had the opportunity to learn about different cultural backgrounds because of the friendships I have formed. For example, I have friends who are Muslim, Jewish, Mormon and so forth. This diverse student body prepares students for

about her children witnessing students at CEP smoking dope, I have to honestly say



Community opinions

Deception from McCotter?

Northville resident says County Commissioner's flyer deceives voters, inspires questions

EDITOR:

Deliberate actions or the lack of due diligence has again made me disappointed with another individual in public service. I recently received a newsletter from my County Commissioner, Thaddeus McCotter, providing me information on a ballot proposal regarding county tax increases and their containment. His newsletter informed me that he successfully got this issue on the August 4 election ballot. However, I recently learned that there is no such issue on the August ballot as McCotter said.

I received his newsletter June 6. The decision to strike this initiative from the August ballot was made June 1. Thaddeus McCotter appears to have sent this mailing out with the full knowledge that this issue had not been approved

for the ballot. He had the ultimate responsibility to prevent this mailing from going out the minute he realized it was incorrect. I have not yet received any recant or update from McCotter's office.

Any resident who got the mailing will notice at the bottom how strongly he urges people to "vote on August 4." It leaves one wondering if his goal was to convince people to parallel vote for the tax proposal and for him in the State Senate Republican primary. Does he think that if voters truly believed the tax proposal was on the ballot, they would also vote for him in the process? Did Thaddeus McCotter use taxpayer funds to further his Senate primary candidacy? Did he use deceptive tactics to lure voters to the polls for his own political gain?

I cannot condone or support a candidate, with or without public service, who uses such tactics. How many people of there now have been misinformed by this Commissioner and have not learned of the true status of this tax proposal? If candidate or public servant states that they are "honest, open and accountable," they should honor those words everyday.

We need to send a clear message to local, state and federal level lawmakers who use taxpayer funds to spread misinformation for their own personal, party or special interest gain: we cannot be fooled. And those who attempt deception do not deserve to be elected, even if that includes McCotter. Maybe there is an honest answer for this apparent deception. I wonder.

DIANE VERPLOEGH

Reflections on a life, and living

EDITOR'S NOTE: In March of 1982, Jack Young was killed in an automobile accident in Ann Arbor. Saturday would have marked his 50th birthday. Jill Andra Young, Jack's sister and a downtown Plymouth business person, recently found herself with a moment to think and — 17 years later — a clear perspective about what Jack's death has taught her. Young agreed to share her thoughts with Crier readers in this letter.

It was almost dusk as I sat in the yard looking at the garden, contemplating my brother's birthday. He would have liked this garden: a simple rectangular shape with a mismatched, L-shaped picket fence around part of it (to keep the dogs out). While nothing was planted this year, the myrtle has overgrown and hides the bunny nest (the reason for no garden this year).

Since there was no garden in the garden, except for the

wild myrtle, bunnies and some branches, I planted morning glories in pots that hang on the picket fence in hopes they would spread the length with beautiful flowers.

The last piece of this non-garden is a small, dark-green gazing globe that sits in the corner of the L-shaped fence. Perhaps it was the gazing globe that made me so reflective about life on the occasion that would have been my brother's 50th birthday. He was killed in automobile accident at 33. I sat there thinking how lush and green the yard was, and how sweet the air smelled from the linden tree, how nice the morning glories will be when they cover the fence and how wonderful the gazing globe really is as it reflects all: the sky, the grass, the clouds, the picket fence, the non-garden and all of Heaven and Earth (if you look closely enough).

Which brings me (in my own round-about way) to my

point.

Life is short.

Life is sweet.

We never know what is going to happen next — even though we all think we do. (After all, don't we have our lives neatly planned in appointment books?)

Take time to enjoy the small things. I mean really enjoy them, if only for a minute. Kiss the baby. Hug the dog. Look at the garden. Call a friend. Sing a song to the radio (really loud). Dance in the kitchen. Be a good neighbor. Do a random act of kindness. Ride the Ferris wheel, etc. etc.

Well, you get the idea. Pay attention to the details. They're what life really is.

Happy birthday, Jack.

JILL ANDRA YOUNG

National Driving Safety Week:

On the spot in the front seat

"Why was that hockey player in a wheelchair," a young voice asks from the back seat. You glance in your rearview mirror and consider the question. Your daughter, secure in her car seat, swings her little legs back and forth and meets your eyes. At this moment you must weigh each word carefully before you answer. You can be vague and say only that the man was in a bad accident. This will lead to more questions, requiring more answers.

You can give a complex answer, full of facts about the Stanley Cup, a warm summer night, a limousine ride, a tree and destiny. While this reply may swamp your daughter with enough information to satisfy her curiosity, it doesn't tell the whole truth.

You'll be off the hook, but now is not the time to give a calculated reply to an honest inquiry.

Her question is still dangling. Like it or not, now is the time for an honest answer.

"The hockey player is in a wheelchair because he didn't wear his seat belt," you say.

A troubled look washes over her face, exactly as you expected. Even at her age the kid can put one and one together and come up with two. Here's your dilemma — like one-third of the people in Michigan, like one-third of the people in The Plymouth-Canton Community, and like the injured hockey player, you don't wear your seat belt, either. Never have.

Sure, you've used them a few times, but they're uncomfortable and they wrinkle your clothes. Besides, suppose you drive into the Rouge River, your car sinks and your seat belt is stuck? And then there's the seat belt law — an obvious case of the State of Michigan overstepping its authority. If you want to drive around unbuckled, that's your business, right?

Well, it's not only your business. None of these excuses will remove the clouded look from your daughter's face. She's trying to picture you in a wheelchair. Someday you'll get into the seat belt habit, you tell yourself. You considered it after Princess Di's fatal crash. Had she taken two seconds to belt herself in, she might have walked away with

Pure speculation

By W.H. Dean



just a bad scare. Months later, people still grieve over that catastrophe. But have they learned from it? Have you?

You know what to do. Before your daughter can ask the next loaded question you pull your car over to the side of the road and buckle up with a sharp click.

"Thanks," says the voice from the back seat.

"No," you reply. "Thank you."



Community opinions

A simple answer:

Why can't City kids skate?

When simple questions are asked, often times only a simple answer is needed. No surplus information. No elaborate layers of detail. Give it to them straight and most people will say thanks.

Of course, simple answers don't always cut it. How do millages work? Can the Tigers be winners again? Why do people spend money on Beanie Babies? Satisfying these questions might involve years of study, experience and a Magic 8 Ball.

But when a handful of unhappy parents showed up at City Hall last Monday, they only wanted a simple answer.

They came to address the Commission on two things their kids had in common: a love of skateboarding and a string of hassles from The Man.

City police have fought to keep skateboarders away from the Central Business District (CBD) since the multi-million dollar streetscape was completed in 1996. Stiffer fines were set and police adopted a "zero-tolerance" attitude for boarding in the CBD.

As a trade-off, commissioners were to investigate the possibility of a skate park where kids could go skateboarding and not have to worry about unfair police attention.

This makes sense. Downtown is a place for shopping, dining and public events, not roller sports.

The parents understood this.

But now the skate park is all but dead, and the parents claimed police continue to hassle skateboarders not just downtown, but elsewhere in Plymouth

as well. The simple question the parents had was: "Why can't police back off on our kids?"

The Chief of Police and City Commissioners, perhaps in an effort to match the parents' emotion with an equal dosage of rhetoric, gave a detailed answer. Michigan law, the Uniform Traffic Code, the duty of officers sworn to uphold the State Constitution — these were among several answers officials used.

"It's a state law," Chief Bob Scoggins said, explaining that a traffic code the City used kept skateboards off the streets and on driveways and sidewalks.

Can't City officers just ease back on their enforcement? The detailed answer that came from the dais was that City police are "officers sworn to uphold the State Constitution." They can't be asked to stop doing that, can they?

But when Main Street was choked with teens toting brooms, wearing Red Wings jerseys and hollaring "Ozzy!" the next night, something became clear. There was a simple answer for skater parents after all.

It's not about state or local law, or the

Some might say

By Bryon Martin



public good. It's deals with how the City makes conscious decisions about when to turn a blind eye to one group's activities and when to scrutinize another's.

When the Red Wings — Metro Detroit's most popular sports team in more than a decade — won the Stanley Cup again (yes!), fans hit the streets, same as last year.

The celebration came downtown. Enough bodies filled Main Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman that traffic was reduced to one creeping lane. This is perfect for high-fives out the car window, though not entirely legal. In fact, it's a whole bunch illegal.

But the City police on hand weren't writing tickets. They practically joined in on the celebration.

Why? They turned a blind eye. They eased back their enforcement, balancing the public's need for safety with Wings fans rights to whoop it up on a big night. That's fair.

But it's also an example of the answer to the skater parents' question, "Why can't police back off on our kids?"

Simple: hypocrisy.

Why do Fridays flop at Liberty Fest?

Friday night is proving to be a tough spot to fill at Canton's Liberty Fest.

The Federal Aviation Administration wouldn't allow last year's Friday night laser light show to be all that it could be because of Heritage Park's proximity to Willow Run Airport.

This year's magic show, billed as a touch of Las Vegas entertainment and featuring Canton's John Sterlini, fell flat on its own.

It was, as one Canton official put it, 'pretty sad.'

The show had too much going against it: first of all, Sterlini normally performs for corporate parties. An outdoor amphitheater presents a different sort of challenge. The audience was too far away to see most of the tricks. The lack of adequate lighting meant that the chance of being mystified by sleights of hand or illusion were about as likely as me pulling a rabbit out of my hat.

It's very difficult to be amazed at a card trick when you're sitting 500 feet away from

it, in the dark, swatting mosquitoes. In fact, having someone performing illusions you cannot see opens up a whole world of Descartian conundrums.

But just as the audience couldn't see Sterlini, he couldn't see the audience. Every time he went for a volunteer, he had to walk past dozens of children, eager to be up in the light, to pull a reluctant adult from the grass. It was almost as if the children weren't there.

That would also explain some of the jokes Sterlini made in his act. It was clear that he was accustomed to an older audience and wasn't sure how to adjust his performance. During one segment he pulled another adult to the stage, made him get down on his knees and put his neck through a small guillotine.

Sterlini asked the man if he got down on his knees a lot, and when Sterlini was bent over behind the volunteer, adjusting the prop, said to him: "Don't get excited." Full of such innuendo, the humor certainly wasn't directed at the children and didn't really have a place in

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



the Fest. It's the kind of thing you can find on television just about any night, and parents shouldn't have to worry about what they're exposing their children to at a community-sponsored magic show.

With Thursday night's movie and Saturday night's fireworks, maybe there's enough fun-for-the-whole-family entertainment. Why not just make Friday night for the adults, with a dance or a concert?

With the right mix of music, or the right theme for a dance, it could be something the kids would enjoy too. That wouldn't leave anyone left out, or offended or disappointed.

And that would be magic enough.

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Things are happening in the community!

PLYMOUTH — July —

- 1: PCAC Music-in-the-Park - "Chautauqua Express"
- 2: Plymouth Community Band
- 4: Good Morning USA 4th of July Parade
- 4: 4th of July Picnic
- 4: Farmer's Market-7:30am-12:30pm
- 5: 4th of July Service-8:30am-12:30pm
- 8: PCAC Music-in-the-Park-
"Gratitude Steel Band"
- 9: Plymouth Community Band-8:00-9:30pm
- 10: DDA Entertainment-On-Us- "Larry Nozero"
- 11-12: Art-in-the-Park
- 11: Farmer's Market-7:30am-12:30pm
- 15: PCAC Music-in-the-Park-"Gordon Russ"
- 16: Plymouth Community Band-8:00-9:30pm
- 17: DDA Entertainment-On-Us-
"Schunk, Starr, Dryden"
- 18: Farmer's Market-7:30am-12:30pm
- 19: Old Village Ice Cream Social
- 22: PCAC Music-in-the-Park-"Steve Taylor,
of the VuDu Hippies"
- 23: Plymouth Community Band-8:00-9:30pm
- 24: DDA Entertainment-On-Us-"Robert Bugar"
- 25: Farmer's Market-7:30am-12:30pm
- 29: PCAC Music-in-the-Park-
"Liberty Brass Quintet"
- 31: Chamber's Sidewalk Sale-Downtown
- 31: DDA Entertainment-On-Us-"Michele"
Ramo/Heidi Hepler & Friends"

CANTON — July —

- 6: Summer Concert Series
"Bobby Lewis & The
Crackerjacks"
- 9: Summer Concert Series
"Jetz"
- 11: Race Day in the Park
- 16: Summer Concert Series "Sassy"
- 17: Family Camp Out & Movie Night
- "Toy Story"
- 23: Summer Concert Series
"Immunity Reggae Band"
- 30: Summer Concert Series "Secrets"

— August —

- 6: Summer Concert Series "Hot-Ice"
- 13: Summer Concert Series "Shout"

NORTHVILLE — July —

- 4: Parade, 10am Celebrate
Northville, (810)808-3566
- 4: Mill Race Village Activities,
348-1045
- 4: Farm Breakfast
- 10: Friday Night Clock Concert
"Ick & Erk"
- 15: Garden Walk,
(Rain Date July 16) 380-7629
- 17: Friday Night Clock Concert
"Farmington Band"
- 24: Friday Night Clock Concert
"Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble"
- 25: Road Runner Classic, 380-3338
- 31: Friday Night Clock Concert
"One Flight Up"

— August —

- 1: Bargain Bazaar, Downtown
Northville 340-0622
- 1: Annual Used Book Sale 344-2931
- 7: Friday Night Clock Concert
"Rick Eddy's Rockin Oldies Band"
- 14: Friday Night Clock Concert
"Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble"
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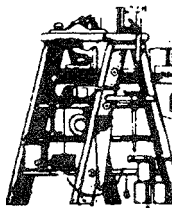
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