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# School bond upheld

Vorva vows to press on

BY BRYON MARTIN

Superintendent Charles Little, the Plymouth-Canton School Board and even the entire district may be ready to start building and buying now that the lawsuit against their March 1997 bond has been thrown out of a Lansing Court of Appeals.

Before the money is completely free, though, there may be one more set of steps to climb: those up to the State Supreme Court.

Jerry Vorva, the former state representative who brought the suit against the schools last summer, says this second dismissal of his case doesn't change his mind or planned course of action. He's willing to go all the way.

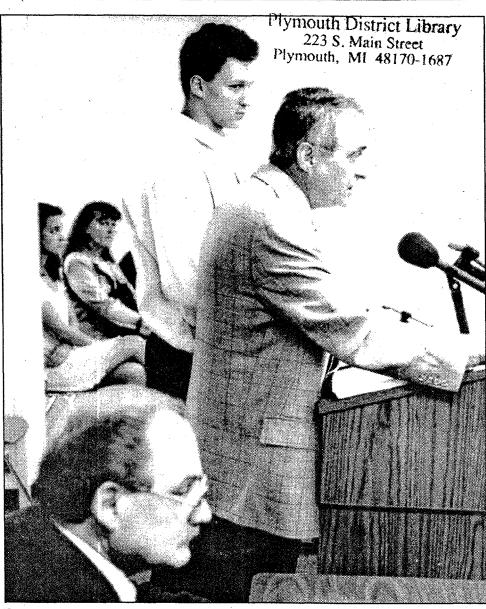
"My position has not changed," he said.
"The school district intentionally and maliciously designed the election by changing the day it was held."

Vorva also maintains that the Unilect voting equipment was defective and that the district violated state law by not having the equipment approved by the state election board prior to the March '97 vote.

Local and county boards of canvassers, the Secretary of State's elections bureau and the Wayne County Circuit Court have upheld the March 22, 1997 election in which 716 voters miscast their ballots.

Little says due process has been served,

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Former Whaler Jesse Boulerice stands with his attorney, Jim Howarth, in the 35th District Court yesterday afternoon as Det. Jim Jarvis takes notes on the proceedings. Boulerice's mother and girlfriend look on from the side. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## Boulerice arraigned

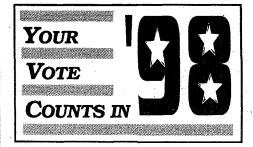
BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Standing before Judge Ron Lowe in 35th District Court yesterday afternoon, former Whaler Jesse Boulerice plead not guilty to charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

After a warrant for his arrest was issued last week by Wayne County Prosecutors, Boulerice voluntarily appeared before the court.

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# City ballots late, but out



BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Voters in Canton and Plymouth Township got a one week headstart over voters in the City of Plymouth and the Northvilles for the Aug. 4 primary.

Because Wayne County got a late start in printing its ballots, the County Clerk's office decided to print the absentee ballots of communities with certain types of voting equipment before those using Opscan — which Plymouth uses.

This means, essentially, that communities in multi-community elected districts — the Michigan State House, the Michigan Senate, the Wayne County Commission, Wayne County judicial races — got at least seven more days to reach absentee voters. In most races, those absentee voters represent a significant percentage of voters and sometimes show a widely varying result from the general voting population.

In the City Commission race where Bob Jones was seeking re-election, he had bested Jack Kenyon until the absentee ballots came in. Kenyon, a Plymouth Historical Society activist, garnered a heavy vote from the senior-citizen-rich absentee ballots and won the seat after he had declared Jones the victor.

State law required that the absentee ballots be ready by June 20. The City received them Monday and mailed out 538 by 9 a.m. yesterday.

"A lot of communities have Opscan and we're really upset (at being so late)," said Plymouth City Clerk Linda

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## **Rockers style**

P-C-N kids get kicks with pro soccer players at camp See Sports pgs. 19-20

## Finding a niche

Plymouth man finds a way to save space, avoid clutter See Friends & Neighbors pg. 6

## **NBD** reneges?

1 year later, nothing's happening at Penniman-Main See Getting Down to Business pg. 8

## \$21.5-million repave for Ann Arbor Rd.

## MDOT to finance reworking of corridor from Newburgh to Napier

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The road into the community will no longer be paved with lumps.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has placed Ann Arbor Road, one of two entrances into The Plymouth-Canton Community from I-275, on its year 2000 repair program agenda, according to MDOT officials.

The strip of Ann Arbor Road slated for complete reconstruction is located between Newburgh and Napier roads.

The work is expected to last for about three to four years at a preliminary cost of \$21.5 million dollars.

'Construction should begin in the year 2000," said Theresa Horsfall, legislative administrator for MDOT. "I anticipate that the area will be very happy about us coming down there."

Baywood Road, located west of Sheldon Road, will be the dividing line between the first and second stages of reconstruction, MDOT officials said.

Ann Arbor Road between Baywood and Newburgh will be reconstructed first.

According to a letter written to Rep. Gerald Law (R - Plymouth) from **MDOT** dated July 2, the Ann Arbor Road section between Baywood and

Napier had originally been given priority, but was switched at Law's

BY BRYON MARTIN

Sexual assault, especially between

Criminal sexual assaults, although still

family members, is "the hidden crime"

and it's hiding here in Plymouth

relatively few in number, have more than

doubled compared to this time last year,

Nine incidents have been reported to

according to Township police reports.

as bad or used," Law said. "If they had paved (west of Baywood) first, we

wouldn't have seen them (east Baywood) until the year 2004."

Construction will consist of a complete rebuilding of the road, Horsfall said, the most expensive

type of repair.

**MDOT** 

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Sexual assauts

- Theresa Horsfall

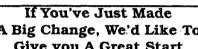
of road fixes.

"This is the Cadillac of road fixes," Horsfall said. "(Ann Arbor Road) is in "Going west the road wasn't nearly poor shape and needs to be rebuilt."



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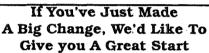
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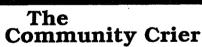


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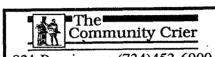


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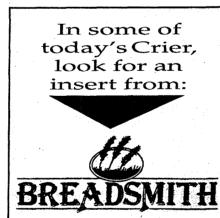
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on rise in Twp. Numbers still low, but double last year's

victims from reporting such crimes.

"A certain amount of crime goes unreported," Smith says. "And one of the bigger categories is sexual assault."

According to the same reports, end of June figures also show a jump in nonsexual assaults: from 56 in 1997, to 107 in 1998. Mike Richardson, director of the Twp. police communications/records department attributes this to a change in the how crimes are reported and counted.

Of the 107 assaults in 1998, 29 were

incidents intimidation stalking. These crimes had been counted in a different category up until January when a new law went into affect.

According to Sgt. Jeff Felts, an increase in intimidation /stalking reports may be linked to their part

in winning personal protection orders.

- Lt. Bob Smith

PPOs are court orders to keep people in abusive and potentially abusive relationships away from each other. Felts says they're helpful in that they "take the discretion out of the officer's hands.

"If someone has a PPO out against them and they're seen within sight of the victim, that person is going to jail. Simple," he said.

"It takes them from the situation and defuses the violence immediately," Smith says. "It's simply a court order that we uphold. You don't get in situations of 'he said, she said."

#### date in 1998; at the end of July last year the Township had logged four cases of sexual assault. Three reports in 6 These things go on 1998 stem from a single incident, in in every community, which a man three regardless of sociowomen he had pulled over while economic factors. impersonating a

fondled police officer says Lt. Bob Smith. But that's still an

Township.

Plymouth Twp. Police increase in a type of crime that isn't often reported.

"It's the hidden crime," he says. "These things go on in every community regardless of socio-economic factors. The only ones that get sensationalized are the ones at day care centers and places like

Smith says sexual assault cases receive less public attention because most occur amongst family members or in relationships marked by repeated domestic abuse — intensely personal situations

"We don't want to further victimize the person who was abused," he said, explaining that doing so can discourage

# Many mini muralists

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Few visitors to Plymouth's Art in the Park remember the snowball, but Raychel Quinn can tell all about it. The idea that turned into a 5 ft. by 10 ft. mural painted by 800 artists started out very small, says Quinn.

Her mother, Dianne, organizes Art in the Park and had suggested the Art committee have a project kids could participate in at one of the booths. Raychel thought that a large, collaborative piece could be created, then displayed at the new library. A dinosaur theme was suggested by library staff since it is a theme of the children's section.

Mike Carne sketched and revised a picture, which was then colored by Lisa Rupport, who also designed the Art in the Park poster this year

Raychel's father pointed out that dividing a mural into grids would allow more kids to contribute. Torb Guenther helped build, graph and store the canvas.

Most of all, eight hundred hands, each painting a three — inch square, created the image.

"It started out as such a small idea," said Raychel. "We didn't know if it would be a disaster."

Pam Rawlinson, Library deputy director, said that it was a wonderful idea. "We are happy to have the mural."

The library is a great place to hang the mural because everyone can see it, Raychel said. "So few of those kids have ever painted on an actual canvas, and then have their work hung in public."

All of the artists will be invited to the donation ceremony and party, Raychel said, so they can continue to be involved.

Before the show, Raychel contacted the Guinness Book of World Records to inquire



Raychel Quinn helps organize Art in the Park, and this year she helped the Teed sisters make their mark on a 5 ft. by 10 ft. mural that will hang in the Dunning-Hough Library. Some 800 tykes aged 5 months to 12 years contributed (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

# No more City licenses, yet

Chance for liquor licenses coming in Aug.; lawmakers join lobby effort

BY BRYON MARTIN

Take one down, pass it around, 30-some licenses left on the wall — any for Plymouth?

It will be early August before City restaurants find out if they'll get any of the

remaining special liquor licenses the state has offered to downtown development agen-

According to Julie Wendt, director of licensing for the Liquor Control Commission, no licenses were awarded to

cies.

According to Julie Wendt, director of

21st State House candidates:

Ready for action

ha

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Republican Candidates Bruce Patterson and Patricia Fatyma have a few things in common: most significant is that both think their background has prepared them for the 21st District seat opening in the State House of Representatives.

It's experience they will lean on heavily in their bid to win the Aug. 4 primary, and the YOUR
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applicants from Plymouth Thursday when the LCC met to consider requests.

Fifty such licenses were first offered last year to promote economic growth in downtowns. Dinersty, a Chinese restaurant on Forest Avenue, is the only Plymouth restaurant to receive one of the 19 awarded so far.

Wendt said no community has yet received more than one license. "The committee is trying to spread them out since it is a statewide program," she said.

Applications from communities who have already received a license will be reviewed at the LCC's next meeting, loosely scheduled for the first week in August. "We will look at Plymouth's request again," Wendt said. Farmington, Ionia and Pontiac—all recipients of a DDA license—will also be considered again.

At least three letters barking in support or opposition of the application for E.G. Nick's will figure into the review.

According to Wendt, the LCC's E.G.

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## Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- Today, "Gordon Russ" will play a free concert of kids' music at noon in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. Presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 734-414-4ART.
- Tomorrow, Canton's free summer concert series continues in Heritage Park with
   "Sassy." It's a modern-country show that begins at 7:30
   p.m. in the amphitheater.
   Call 734-397-5801 for a list of acts to come.

## THIS WEEKEND

 Friday, the Old Village Ice Cream Social runs from noon to 4 p.m. at Fire Station II, Spring Street. Call 734-453-1540 for details.

## **NEXT WEEK**

· Tuesday through Thursday at 5 p.m., WSDP 88.1 FM will air The Community Crier's interviews with State House and Senate candidates running in the Aug. 4 primary election. Tues.: 20th State House Repubs., Law-Mueller; Wed.: 21st State House Repubs., Patterson-Fatyma; 9th State Senate Repubs., McCotter-Whyman-Ryan. Newsfile, which normally runs at 5:30 p.m., will follow the interviews each day.

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## Lawmakers take interest in licenses

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Nick's file contains a letter from Sen. Bob Geake (R-Northville) praising the restaurant as filling the downtown's need for a "family" restaurant, which it lacks. He also touts the chain's financial success in other communities, according to Wendt.

Gerald Law's office (R-Plymouth) Nick's first. opposes a license for the upscale steakand-fish restaurant.

A letter City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury wrote and says he sent to the LCC requests copies of Law's letter, and any other correspondence in relation to the E.G. Nick's application. A letter allegedly sent from Rep. Shrewsbury voted against ranking E.G.

## anton road meetings

The second in a series of informational meetings on Canton's proposed roads millage will be held today at 7 p.m. at Hoben Elementary School at 44680 Saltz

Canton residents will have an opportunity to hear more about the 'Road to Quality '98' program and have their questions answered about Canton's roads and the proposed millage.

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host the meeting. Aaron Machnik, Canton Municipal Services Director and Tom Casari, Canton engineer, as well as several members of Canton's Board of trustees will also be in attendance.

Additional meetings will be held on July 22 at Hulsing Elementary School and July 29 st Cantons Administration Building. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 397-5360 or 397-5380.

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The July Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 201 S.

The Board will review the following appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors and Mutual Mistake of

Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Township Hours are 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. After hours payments can be placed in the drop box located in the parking lot adja-

DUE July 1, 1998 and are payable without penalty through September 14, 1998. Additional information

Letters from Plymouth's City Commission and DDA were sent to the LCC last week, prioritizing E.G. Nick's as the City's favorite to receive a

Toni Belli, of T. Belli & Assoc., has said his company will hire 70 people and spend \$1.4 million in redeveloping the former Minerva's-Dunning's into an E.G. Nick's. Work at the site is already underway.

The City's endorsement letters "will weigh fairly heavily" when the LCC

decides who, if any, will get Plymouth's next DDA liquor license, according to Wendt. Farmington wrote such a letter, too, she said.

Uncle Franks and Tom's Oyster Bar were also named as second and third choices, respectively.

The Penniman Deli and Cafe Givernney also have applications pending with the LCC.

There is no sunset on the license offer, according to Wendt. "It's over when they're gone.'

## Farmer Jack wins

True or not, Canton trustees can't say 'sorry, we don't want you here' to incoming grocer

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

didn't want this here, I don't know why (the Board of Trustees) didn't hear us," said Rose Lahiff, president of the Pheasant Glen Condo Association.

The project's eight-acre site is zoned for community commercial, which would allow buildings up to 40,000 square feet in size. Proposed at about 56,000 square feet, the Farmer Jack store required a special land use which requires the developers to meet several criteria such as meeting minimum setbacks, consistency with the township master plan and community need, according to Melissa McLaughlin, Canton trustee and

McLaughlin said the special land use was approved unanimously Tuesday because the project met all of the criteria.

"We can refuse to approve a special land use if they don't meet all of our standards. but if they do we don't have the ability to say 'Sorry, we don't want you here,' McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said the special land use is designed to be a compromise between developers and the community. By asking for a larger structure to be built on the site for example, the township could ask for cer-

benefits that wouldn't be seen if a smaller commercial structure was built there, she said. The improvements at the Cherry Hill-

to include the project, neighboring landowners will get extra landscape buffering and all of the store's mechanical and loading operations will be concealed with exterior walls, she said. In addition, the developers will have to provide a detention basin which will improve the quality of water run off in the nearby Green Drain.

"These are things that wouldn't have occurred without the Farmer Jack. It's better than what they could have got there," she said. "It's a trade off. The developer gets a little extra and we get a little extra.'

According to McLaughlin, the site could have supported two 30,000-40,000 square foot buildings without requiring any special land use. That means that the buildings could have been situated on the land utilizing only the township's 30 foot minimum setbacks and 50 per cent brick architectural standards.

The Farmer Jack building, by comparison maintains at least a 74 foot setback and will be constructed with about 90 per cent brick. The extra green space between the shopping center and neighboring subdivisions will be filled with an additional layer of buffering trees, she said.

But Lahiff and other neighboring residents maintain that the development is too intense for an already congested corner. The 56,000 square foot Farmer Jack and the accompanying 12,000 feet of additional retail space with the project, will only make the crowded intersection worse, she said.

"The traffic problem is going to be atrocious," Lahiff said. "It's bad enough now as

The project will go to the planning commission for site plan approval July 20, McLaughlin said. Improvements to the intersection, which will extend beyond the project, will begin in July.

They fought and fought, and in the end, they lost.

Residents of subdivisions surrounding a Farmer Jack shopping center proposed for the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill Roads were ultimately unsuccessful in their bid to halt the project.

'We tried to do our best to say that we

Planning Commissioner.

tain architectural features.

The Farmer Jack project offered many Canton Center intersection will be extended

## No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 at 12:30 P.M.

Mark A. Christiansen

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## What do your neighbors think about the news? Find out, Read

## **Community Opinions**

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## Different views

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chance to run against Democrat Ray Bailey for the office being vacated by Rep. Deb Whyman.

Fatyma, 42, has lived in the Canton community since 1986. A graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, she earned an associate of arts degree from Schoolcraft College as a wife and mother, and a degree from Eastern Michigan University in history and political science. Currently she is a masters degree candidate at EMU. She works for a Chicago firm raising funds for education

Patterson, 51, has lived in Canton since 1975. With a educational background in political science, Patterson practiced law for about 20 years before joining the staff at EMU as a fundraiser for education. Patterson currently is the Wayne County Commissioner for the 11th District.

As a legislative aid of former Rep. Jerry Vorva, Fatyma said her experience will help in a legislature with 64 new faces.

'That means there's not a lot of institutional memory as to what is going on and how to do things. It'll be pretty chaotic up there," she said. "I served two years as an aid; that was the largest freshman class coming in. There were a lot of people that didn't know how to get started. I not only know what to do, but where to go to get help. I worked with most of the people on the Republican House Caucus staff. I worked with them when I was in Lansing."

Patterson said his experience on the

Wayne County Commission will help prepare him for the seat. The 11th District was the perfect training ground because it encompasses the entire 21st State House District and, with an annual budget of \$2.2 billion, the county is a bigger operation than some states, he said.

"I have not served as a staff person, but I have served as legislator," he said. "I have found that legislation is basically developed and moved forward on account of trusting relationships and understandings. I already have relationships with people in leadership positions and I also know people on the other side of the aisle.

"If Republicans do have the opportunity to take control of the State House, then the the chairpersonships of committees will go to fresh persons. With my experience, I think I'm in line to hold a leadership position in the caucus or to be a chair of the committee.'

During his time as commissioner Patterson has drafted several ordinances, including standards for parental responsibility for juveniles in their care; fines and consequences of persons impersonating public utility workers; and developing health standards for body art procedures.

Fatyma said Patterson's hand in lawmaking doesn't necessarily give him an advantage over her.

"State Representatives and State Senators do not co-author or author their own laws. It goes to the legislative services bureau," she said.

There are several state issues the candi-



The Crier interview between Fatyma and Patterson, and other races, will air on WSDP next week. Check the Agenda on pg. 3 for dates and times (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

dates differ on, as well. Patterson, endorsed by the Michigan Right To Life organization, is pro-life while Fatyma is pro-choice, although both say they are moderates.

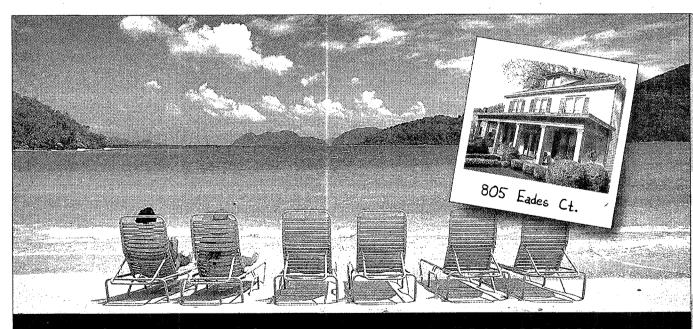
"I'd like to challenge the other side to work with the medical community to find ways to help women ensure their reproductive freedom in the sense of not being able to become pregnant unless they really want to become pregnant," Fatyma said. "I don't like abortions. But I recognize that they've been here since the beginning of time and will be here until women can control their reproductive freedom."

The candidates also differed on their views of Act 51, the formula used to distribute gas tax money to local governments for road repairs.

"We should work a little bit harder to get townships included in the funding when Act 51 is rewritten," said Fatyma. She also said Canton should try to get along better with Wayne County to secure more road dollars.

Patterson agrees that cooperation is best and that Act 51 needs to be reworked. That law was scheduled to sunset in September, but was extended for two years. During that time, Patterson said he would be "nibbling away at the issues," to try and get more local control of the roads.

"Townships are dealt a significant disadvantage because they are treated as second class municipalities. Townships are perfectly capable of governing themselves.'



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# Friends & neighbors

Inventor finds his niche

## Neighbors in the news

Brian Decker, Steven Decker and Heather Buchanan of Plymouth have been named to the Dean's List at Iowa State University.

The Canton Historical Society is holding its annual Flea Market Sale on August 8, 1998. It will again be on the grounds of the Cherry Hill School located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Spaces are available for rent for \$15. Antiques crafts, collectibles, garage sale items are welcome. Items for donation are also very welcome. For more information call Ronni Curtis at (734) 981-1475.

Michael J. Malloure, son of Joseph and Nancy Malloure of Northville has graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA with a BS in civil engineering.

Students named to the President's Honor Roll at Walsh College include: Reid Cameron, Lynn Cannon, Michael DeBarr, Richard Florence, Lila Gould, James Hejka, Shelley Schroeter, Daniella Sugg and Therese Tyler; from Northville: Lynn Hough, Debra Kirr, Vladimir Stecko; and from Plymouth: Yvette Burney and Terry Hoffman.

Named to the Dean's List from Plymouth were: Susan Azar, Steven Everson and Christopher Petersen; from Northville: Jennifer Crawford, Janet Evans, Pamela Fleischer, Brenda McMahon and Kevin Patmore; and from Canton: Dawn DeBarr, Laurie Demers, Scott Kemp, Avinash Patel, Joseph Stevens, Amy Tolstyka, Amy Tolstyka and Jeff Vergolini.

Marine Staff Sgt. Houston K. Barton, son of Martha Brown of Canton, recently received a Certificate of Commendationwhile assigned with Marine Aircraft Group 46, Detachment B 4th marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, CA.

Navy Airman Gregory J. Demarest, son of Marcia L. Demarest of Plymouth, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

He is a graduate of Northville high School, and joined the Navy in 1995.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

As if being an elevator adjustor wasn't an unusual enough occupation, Plymouth's Graham Glomski has just joined a group of people with an even quirkier reputation: inventors.

Not that Glomski has developed a radical new hyperdrive engine or the secret to cold fusion. His invention wasn't spawned in a mildewed lab scattered with beakers, test tubes and sparking rabbit-ear antennae, nor did it involve secretive, locked room experiments.

Glomski's invention was founded in common sense, and based on one thing that virtually everyone needs - space and something everyone has -

Called the Sound Recording Storage Cabinet, Glomski's invention is basically what it sounds like: a storage cabinet for video tapes, compact disks or audio tapes. What makes it unique is that it's designed to fit inside a home's walls, Glomski said.

"The idea came from seeing dozens of compact disks and videos lying around the house.

Everyone probably has the same problem," Glomski said. "Every wall has some unused space, so I figured I'd put them together."

Glomski's cabinet is designed to be set into the wall and fit



Graham Glomski and Taffy, his dog, get some sun behind their Plymouth home. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

between the typical home's wall studs, Glomski said. Since that dimension is the same in every home, the cabinet can be used in any house, Glomski said.

The cabinet consists of a wood or metal frame that can be installed in the wall and several interchangeable plastic molds. The molds will sit in the frame, and allow for storage of video tapes, compact disks or audio cassettes. The interchangeable molds allow homeowners to personalize the cabinet anyway they want, Glomski

An optional door would allow homeowners to decorate the cabinet, as well.

"You could put pictures or wall paper on the door face to get it to blend into the wall," Glomski said. "You wouldn't even know it was there."

Glomski is currently working with National Invention Services, Inc. to find a manufacturer for his product, which will probably retail for about \$35.

The cabinet is Glomski's first invention. He says he has other ideas in the works, but nothing definite yet. He is currently on medical leave from his job as an elevator adjustor

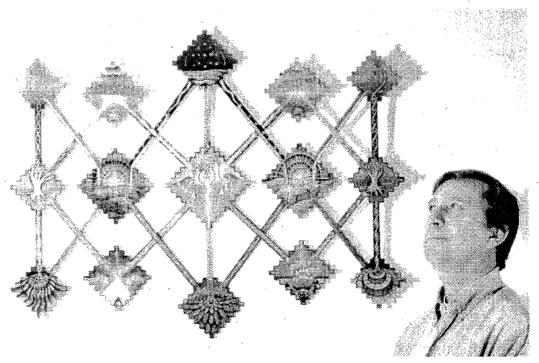
with Dover Elevator, which he has held for 30 years.

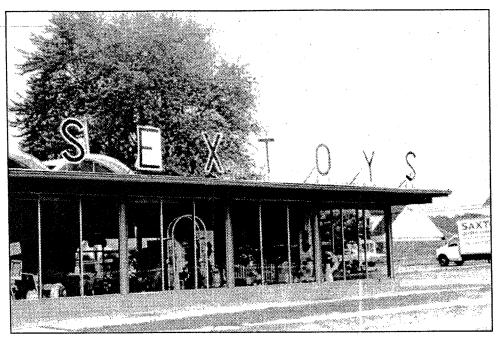
Glomski was responsible for ensuring elevators stopped at the right floors, and the speed with which they accelerate.

"It's a fascinating job," he said. "We even have a union."

Dream come

True... Carl Schuman, a former Plymouth resident, recently opened up his own art studio in Santa Fe, NM. Schuman's art explores geometric shapes and structure give his work an architectural and engineered precision. His works are now in private and public collections in the U.S., Canada, Europe and India. His studio is loated 708 Canyon Road #5, in the heart of Sante Fe's gallery district. (Photo courtesy of Marilyn Meredith.)





and fertilizer, too...For the second year, pranksters played an alphabetical trick on the Saxtons Garden Center sign over the July 4th weekend. For three days the letters "E" and "Y" gave Saxtons a marketing niche humorously different from gardening. As one local businessman reacted, "Plymouth is getting more and more like Royal Oak all the time." (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Growing pains at N'ville's DDA

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

The City of Northville Downtown Development Authority's efforts to expand their role was met with a mixed reception.

The DDA proposed an amendment to the 1975 public act that defined its responsibilities, and would release the authority from some of the restrictions on how it can spend money.

Now, the DDA is limited to capitol improvements, according to DDA member Jim DeHaan. If approved, the amendment would create business retention and recruitment, beautification, and marketing programs under the DDA's control.

Such programs would help the DDA address more issues affecting the business district, according to DeHaan. "We want to broaden the scope of what we can spend money on. Our goal is to fully utilize state allowances for what a DDA can do," he said.

Such measures would change the intent of the plan that voters approved, Council member Kevin Hartshorne said. Allowing more flexibility in the way that DDA funds can be used, he said, the city council would undermine the authority of voters who had approved original plans for the DDA. He said the matter should be put to voters on the next ballot.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said Hartshorne had mis-stated what issue the vot-

ers had approved. He said any issue could be a referendum issue but the role of the city council is to act for residents in all but the most substantial cases

The City hired a consulting firm in 1996 to analyze development possibilities in the Central Business District (CBD). Research showed demand and support for more stores and housing downtown.

We want to broaden

the scope of what we can spend money on, to fully utilize state allowances.

The DDA is now trying to act on the recommendations of the research, but remains bound to physical improvements.

The Gibbs-Green

The Gibbs-Green report showed that residents are interested in more stores downtown, including

shoe, apparel and music stores according to DeHaan. Research also indicated a desire for more food stores, including green-grocer and butcher shops, he said.

Jim DeHaan

Member, N'ville DDA

The DDA would like to see more development in the Hutton and Dunlop area, said DeHaan. That could create a circular walking path for shoppers, instead of "the way people just walk on Main to Hutton, then stop, turn around, and walk back," he said.

DeHaan said the DDA wants to be more proactive in recruiting and retaining business downtown, and in directing growth. Members do not want to see downtown growth cease, or new development expand unchecked, according to DeHaan. The DDA wants to foresee possibilities and shape the district as it grows.

## No connection

E-mail about roadside attacks untrue, police say

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being dragged from their

cars and being raped. 9

- Det. David Haves

Plymouth Twp. Police

has cases of females

#### BY BRYON MARTIN

The term is urban myth. The meaning — widely circulated lie.

E-mail reports out of Ann Arbor that as many as seven women have been stopped and raped while travelling M-14 are false, according to Plymouth Township Police.

And, despite similarities between their cases, the e-mail has nothing to do with the man Twp. police seek for stopping and assaulting three women on Schoolcraft Road near Eckles.

Witnesses in that case describe a

man in a 4-x-4 vehicle who flashed a red dashboard light and posed as a police officer to stop the women and pat them down, according to reports.

The e-mail warns women travelling at night to beware for a man in a 4-x-4 truck who crashed into women drivers, knocked them out and then engaged in "beat and rape activities."

Of the seven women the e-mail says were attacked, "most have been left in the woods near there. At least one has managed to escape after having only a few

teeth knocked out.

"This has apparently been going on for a while and the cops in that area have made no progress catching the guy," the message reads. "And (they) seem to be hushing it up."

Not true, says Det. David Hayes of Plymouth Township Police.

"No one around here has cases of females being dragged from their cars to the woods and being raped," he said. No evidence of any kind was found to corroborate the e-mail.

The U of M student whose name was included at the end of the e-mail

said she does not know who originally sent the message. The student merely forwarded the message she had received from someone else, much like a chain letter.

"I'm all done forwarding messages," she wrote in an e-mailed response. "I got 85 messages back!"

Other reports of the e-mail describe it as an urban myth — a contemporary phenomenon in which wild but plausible stories are circulated widely and quickly, often through such media as e-mail.



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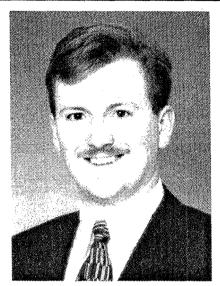
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## Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business



The law firm of Howard & Howard in Bloomfield Hills announced that **Patrick M. McCarthy** is a shareholder in the firm. McCarthy specializes in commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation.

McCarthy received a B.A. degree from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate degreee from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He received the American Jurisprudence Book Award in evidence, constitutional law, criminal law and criminal procedure. He was selected to the Frank Murhpy Honor Society, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society and Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society and was editor-in-chief of the University of Detroit Mercy Law Review.

McCarthy lives in Plymouth, and is chairman of the Plymouth Townshiip Zoning Board of Appeals.

BEI Associates, Inc., a Detroit-based architectural and engineering firm, appointed Chris Miotke as Senior Associate and Project Director responsible for the General Motors account

Miotke joined BEI from Rudolph/Libbe's Automotive Operations in Canton.

Cary G. Varblow, CFP, LUTCF, FIC of Plymouth ranked first among more than 1,500 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of life insurance, health insurance, annuities and investment products issued in June 1998.

Varblow is affiliated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Southeast Michigan Agency in Rochester Hills.

## Did NBD renege on downtown branch?

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

All is silent on the corner of Penniman and Main Streets.

The historic corner building, which until last summer housed Branch 39 of the National Bank of Detroit, has been vacant since the bank decided to close the facility as part of their retail redesign effort last June.

Although NBD reported at that time the the bank would maintain its downtown presence, they are apparently no closer to a decision today as to what facilities the bank will offer.

"There's really nothing new to report," said Dave Smith, NBD first vice president and retail banking manager for the Western Wayne region.

Last year NBD said the branch office could be downsized to provide specialized services to banking customers. Possibilities included relocating the safety deposit box to the Sheldon-North Territorial branch and addition of private banking and investment

services for more affluent customers.

Now NBD won't even commit to that.

"We're still looking at our options, sometimes these things can be complicated," said Sue Cherry, public relations representative for NBD.

Cherry declined to comment on what those options may be, or what was holding the process up.

NBD leases the facility from Plymouth Landlord Dr. Tom Prose. Prose's spokesperson, Scott Sansovich said there were three people interested in the property.

"We have a restaurant chain and two small town newspapers interested in the site," Sansovich said. "One of the papers is based in San Francisco and the other is based in New York. They're very hot to get something started in this area."

Rumors circulating that NBD has bought out their lease at the facility are apparently untrue.

"I don't think it would be accurate to say

that," Cherry said. Sansovich said the bank had not bought out the lease.

Steve Guile, Plymouth's Downtown Development director, said Prose has submitted plans for the building's renovation. The plans were for an upscale restaurant proposed earlier this year by Max & Erma's. Called Iron Wood, the restaurant wouldn't need site plan approval because most of the renovations are interior, Guile said.

"With the relaxation of the parking ordinance they can pretty much develop whatever they want," Guile said.

Guile said the restaurant chain could sublease from NBD, and the existing lease shouldn't pose a problem to either company.

Cherry would not comment on whether or not the bank was considering a sublessor. "Everything is still the status quo," she said.

Smith agreed.

"Hopefully we'll be able to get a resolution," Smith said.

## Canton facility: Toys 'Я gone

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Toys 'R Us distributing center on Haggerty Road just west of I-275 will be closing early next year, according to Rebeca Caruso, spokesperson for Toys 'R Us.

Caruso said the facility was being consolidated with a shipping facility in Youngstown, Ohio.

"We're developing a more centralized distribution system and we have less of a need for more facilities," she said.

The firm contributed about \$353,466 to Canton in the form of real property and personal tax in 1997, according to Don Rigato of the Canton Treasurer's office.

In addition, it employed about 150 management and hourly employes, Caruso said. The employes were notified well in advance of the decision, and offered retention bonuses to continue working until the scheduled February closedown.

"We'll also try and find positions for the employes in other locations, either in one of our stores in the plant down in Ohio," Caruso said. "If anyone is unable to relocate for one reason or another, we will offer them severence packages, as well."

Caruso said the company owns the building, but hasn't made any specific plans to sell or lease the facility yet.

"We haven't made any definite plans in that area," she said.

## Take precautions when selling home

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Seller beware

Opening your home to prospective buyers may mean you're opening your home to prospective thieves.

One P-C-N resident learned the hard way. When showing his home earlier this year, he later found an expensive piece of jewelry missing from a room that would normally have remained locked.

According to Canton Crime Prevention Ofc. Leonard Schemanske, there are several steps a homeowner can take to protect themselves.

"Whenever you open your home you also open yourself to potential problems," Schemanske said.

Schemanske said open houses present the best opportunities for such thieves.

"When you're having an open house it can be difficult to keep track of the people of t

coming in and out," he said. "You have neighbors, potential buyers, or people who just want to compare houses. If you do plan an open house, only show the house to one group at a time."

Even so, the potential for problems remain. Schemanske said thieves who commonly take advantage of open houses usually work in pairs and try to separate, so that one can keep the seller busy while the other goes through the house and looks for valuables.

"Keep everyone together. They'll use some type of diversion to try and separate themselves," he said. "Maybe they'll go to the bathroom and say they'll meet up with you later, but in the meantime they're going through your bedroom."

One way to cut down on this is to keep a log of people who want to see your house, Schemanske said. Having potential buyers

sign in and show proper identification can eliminate a lot of problems, he said.

Another way to stop problems is to advertise or show your home to prequalified buyers only, he said. A prequalified buyer has an official note from a bank or other lending institution saying they've already been approved for a mortgage up to a specific amount, according to Schemanske.

"That way you know they're really in the market to buy and are able to afford your home." he said.

Simple precautions work as well. Keeping your valuable elsewhere while you're showing your home is a good idea as well, or keeping them locked in a safe.

It is also appropriate to go by the 'red flag' method, he said.

"If something doesn't look right or feel right, don't even let them pass go." he

## What's up, down at Sheldon & Five:

# Fairweather to fall, finally

State razes building, vacant since 1993

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Northville's Fairweather days are coming to an end.

Finally.

The State of Michigan has secured contracts for the demolition of the Fairweather Center, a former youth center at Five Mile and Sheldon roads. It's the only structure still standing in the area commonly called The Northville Tunnels.

The abandoned 16 acres of land has been a concern for the community for years. The building has been vacant since 1993 when the state closed the center. For the last five years Northville Township has lobbied the state to raze the attractive nuisance.

Because the desolate site is sheltered from the view of passing traffic, according to Northville Township police, it has been an attractive site for troublemakers: car thieves drive stolen automobiles there to burn them; teens gather there to drink, smoke and vandalize the decaying property.

The site's dangers were realized in January, 1997 with the death of 19-year-old Scott Brown. The Livonia youth fell from

the roof after drinking with friends.

The tragedy has not kept visitors away, though, according to Chip Snider, township Public Safety Director. The site is still a source of problems, he said. The department will be thrilled to see the building torn down.

Currently, the state has taken bids for demolition and asbestos removal plans, as well as for the actual demolition, according to Kelly Chesney of the State Department of Management and Budget. The structure could be down by the end of August, she said. Officials see this as an opportunity.

Northville Township currently is in negotiation with the state to purchase the parcel, said Township Supervisor Karen Woodside. The township needs more land for recreational use, and has for more than a year, she said. She hopes the township can buy the site by the end of September.

Chesney said the state is working with township and state Attorney General, who must approve any such purchase.

The township is also hoping to purchase approximately 60 acres of land next to the



After five years as an attraction for vandals and car thieves, and as the site of a death last January, the state is tearing down the Fairweather Center at Sheldon and Five Mile roads. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Phoenix Prison at Five Mile and Beck roads. That land adjoins current township recreational land.

Woodside said that, whether they get Fairweather site or not, the township is pleased to see the building come down.

## St. Johns resorts

## Golf course to add restaurant, pub, learning center

#### BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Construction continues this week at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township where crews and developers are working to transform the 18-hole facility into one of Western Wayne County's premier golfing venues.

Much of the work, including a new restaurant, pub and pro shop, is expected to be finished by late August, with an additional nine holes of golf expected to be ready by spring, according to Justin Lauer, general manager at St. John's.

A year-round driving range with heated, enclosed tees should also be complete this fall and will include a "golf retail facility along the lines of a ProGolf Discount or Carl's Golfland." Lauer said.

Long-term plans call for an inn and conference center to eventually be included at the site as well, according to developer William Pulte.

"The conference center will probably be completed first," Pulte said. "There are a lot of industrial folks in the area who need a conference center."

Construction on the inn and conference center could begin late next year, Pulte said.

St. John's is owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit, and according to Pulte, they decided to pursue the ambitious renovations for financial reasons.

"They were running pretty well into the

red," Pulte said. "As long as they own the land they might as well put it to good use for everybody in the community."

The large, red-bricked St John's seminary located off Five Mile Road, which has served as a family and youth center, will be extended to become the focal point of the golfing operation, Pulte said. It will house the restaurant, the pub and the pro shop.

Programs for married couples and troubled youths will continue at the seminary, however, and are expected to expand with the construction of an additional building.

The restaurant, dubbed "The 19th Hole," will be located on the second floor of the seminary, and will include a patio dining area overlooking the course, Lauer said. The pub will be English-style with a raw bar.

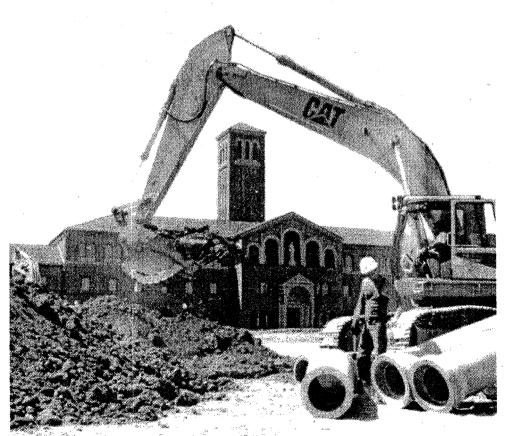
The original 18 holes, still open as construction continues, got a face lift this past spring as a part of the redesign.

"We added new bunkers, new tees and a few new holes," Lauer said. "It's more challenging and much more beautiful."

The additional nine holes, which will be ready for play next summer, were made possible by an additional land purchase and the course redesign, he said.

The new holes, designed by architect Pat Grelac, "will be very heavily wooded with a lot of terrain changes," said Lauer.

Both a permanant bathroom and a halfway



Construction crews work in front of St. John's seminary to smooth the dirt where a new parking lot will be laid later this month. Several projects, including a pub, golf learning center and nine new holes are expected to turn St. John's into a state-of-the-art golfing facility. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

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"The Archdiocese is really committed to here."

this project and they are doing everything right," said Lauer. "It's going to be a jewel out here."

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## 11th County Commission:

# 3 Canton residents make county bid

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If you're thinking of just voting Canton for Wayne County Commission, you may have to get a little more specific.

Of the five candidates for the 11th Commission seat vacated by Bruce Patterson, three live in the township.

Republican Candidate Melissa McLaughlin and Democratic hopefuls Tom Harnett and Fred Bolden have all lived in Western Wayne's fastest growing community, while democrats David Parrott and John Sullivan hail from Van Buren Township and Wayne, respectively.

Parrott, Bolden and Harnett bring a wide variety of experience and ideas to the Aug. 4 primary; Sullivan did not appear at a Crier candidate interview or return calls for comment.

Bolden, 43, has lived in Canton for six years. He brings possibly the most diverse background to the race, working in telecommunications, computers, and as an auxiliary police officer in Illinois.

With a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a masters degree in computer information systems, Bolden also has culinary arts training and is pursuing a doctorate in public administration from Western Michigan University.

"I think my best asset is my education," Bolden said. "I've worked with real people in all kinds of environments."

Parrott, 38, has lived in Van Buren Township since 1987. The son of a police officer, he grew up on the east side of

Detroit. He received a degree in general studies from U of M and a law degree from the Wayne State University Law School and is currently practicing pension law, representing local public employe retirement systems

Parrott said his experience as a child in Detroit as well as his law practice has allowed him to relate to a broad spectrum of people.

"It really gives me a great deal of experience bringing people together and uniquely qualifies me to draft legislation," he said.

Harnett has lived in Canton for 18 years. A graduate of the Detroit College of Law, he had a private practice in Plymouth and has also worked as a computer systems analyst. He currently works as a Friend of the Court Attorney, and as such sees family issues as important.

The issues the candidates support are as varied as their backgrounds. Harnett lists among the county's primary issues the breakdown of the family and the imposition of an "Impact Tax" on developers to make them pay for road improvements, sewers and other infrastructure improvements.

"When I think about development in Canton I wonder how did it ever get so bad," he said. "The people who live in the subdivisions have put up long enough. I think the developers should have been charged an impact fee."

Parrott cites the environment as a major issue, especially airport noise and expansion, and damage caused by gypsy moths. "These

are quality of life issues, and they need to be addressed on the county level," he said.

Bolden said that public education, family violence and lack of affordable health care ranked among his top issues. Schools should develop curriculums to meet the demands for future workers, while family violence can be fought with better community education.

The county issues at the August primary have split the candidates as well. The super majority issue drew perhaps the biggest differences between the three. Bolden said he was for the issue, while Parrott said he agrees with it in part.

"I have no problem with it as a concept, but I fear that it could become meaningless. It only requires one majority to overturn it," Parrott said. "It also violates the one person, one vote rule and could turn around to bite us someday."

Harnett, on the other hand, was strictly against it. "People will start to think of Canton as a fortress," he said. "Right now Detroit has a conciliatory mayor and we have to start being conciliatory ourselves."

Likewise, the issue of road funding showed the differences between the three, with Harnett coming out strong and boldly declaring he was for a raise in the gasoline tax. "The current level of gas tax does not support the damage we're doing to the roads with trucks banging away at them," he said. "There's not been enough money at the general level to deal with the roads. How much property you own shouldn't determine how much you pay for roads. The tax has to be raised. It's not just a convenience, but a safety issue."

Parrott said rather than raising the tax, the county should use the funds more efficiently and get away from temporary fixes such as blacktop overlays.

"The roads should be not just repaired, but rebuilt. We have to bite the bullet," he said. "The technology is out there and we have to consider whether it's cheaper to build the road for 10 years or 50."

Bolden said he was in favor of taxes on developers that bring increased traffic into the area. He also said there has been a lack of long-range planning for road maintenance. Ways to protect the roads, such as having stricter weight limits for trucks also require attention, he said.

"We haven't been able to foresee all the problems we're having with the roads," he said. "The counties needs to work together and plan for the future."

# MDOT rejects offer

## Discussions continue in lawsuit against Mettetal

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A Canton resident and businessman's suit against Mettetal Airport could be settled as early as next month.

According to David Woelkers, attorney for Ed Tate, a settlement conference in the suit is set for Aug. 12.

Tate filed his suit last year against Michigan Department Of Transportation (MDOT) and airport manager Doug Kitze's business, Kitze Aviation, according to Woelkers. The suit alleges that MDOT owes Tate compensation, because their refusal to allow Tate to use an easement on his property put him out of business.

"When he bought the land he had access to the rear of his property through the airport's driveway," Woelkers said. "That was shut down after he bought it by the state"

Woelkers also said the MDOT added further barriers to the easement, planting several trees and putting up a chain to block access.

"The state did everything they could to stop his business because they wanted the property," Woelkers said. Tate is seeking compensation and the use of the easement, Woelkers said.

MDOT rejected the first mediation offer last week, according to Gary Naeyaert,

director of communications for MDOT.

"Tate asked for a \$750,000 settlement and our mediation panel recommended MDOT pay \$22,000," Naeyaert said. "We rejected that. We think that's too much because we think his case is totally and utterly baseless."

Naeyaert said MDOT is not responsible for Tate's lack of business success.

Tate purchased the land after MDOT took control of the airport in 1992. There was no formal agreement about the use of the easement that existed beforehand, according to Naeyaert.

The case is scheduled for a settlement conference Aug. 12, after depositions are taken by Canton officials and members of the Mettetal advisory board.

Naeyaert said MDOT will make another settlement offer, but it probably won't be as large as the \$22,000 already rejected by MDOT.

"If we thought that was too much you can bet our next offer is lower," Naeyaert said. "It only goes to show how strongly we feel that his case is without merit."

Woelkers is not convinced. "This is a classic case of the little guy getting squeezed out by other interests," he said. "It's a sad situation."

## Kids from all over

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about their collaborative art records. The book doesn't have a category for highest number of contributors, Raychel said, but they may before she is done with the project.

Workers at the booth collected the names of all the children and have documented the work with photographs. They're hoping to get a listing in the Guinness Book.

But Raychel said the best part of the project is the kids. "It was huge," she said. "There were kids from Texas, Florida, Colorado and all over Michigan, not just the Plymouth area."

"And it didn't cost anything," she said. "Parents kept asking how much it cost. But it was free for everyone."



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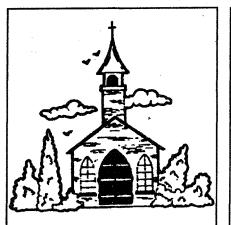
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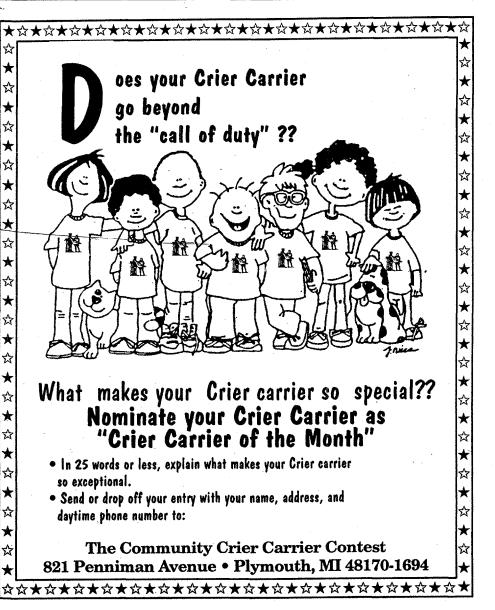
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## **Events**

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Old Village Development Authority is holding an ice cream social Saturday from 12-4 p.m. at the Old Firehouse Park at the corner of Spring and Holbrook. The event will feature hot dogs, free ice cream, soda, ballons and a live band. There will also be Old Village T-shirts and swetshirts for sale. For more information call (313) 441-2410.

#### HISTORIC OLD VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE & SIDEWALK SALE

The Old Village Development Authority is holding a garage and sidewalk sale Saturday Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A walking map of homes and businesses that will be participating will be available to those who wish to travel the streets of Old Village looking for bargains and treasures. For more information call Jan at the Brew Ha Ha (734) 354-

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#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

40-page handbook contains current domestic violence laws, women's rights, community resources list, and more, in Arabic. Pick-up copies at Arab-American and Chaldean Council, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Wayne County prosecutor's office and department of public health clinic in Dearborn. English, Spanish versions available. Call 313-224-6994.

## WEIGHT AND CHOLESTEROL MANAGEMENT

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## **FOCUS ON LIVING**

A self-help group for cancer patients and their families meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Call 734-655-2922 or 800-494-1650 for details.

#### OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes, infant CPR. Call 454-8001.



## What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave.. Plymouth, Mi 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



## 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**

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### **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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STATION 885 RESTAURANT 734-459-0885; Wed. – Sat. Live music with Wally Gibson;

## WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri.: Friday dances at Burton Manor. July 17: Nostalgia night, oldies and goodies

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# Attorney: Boulerice is big, not bad

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Lowe set an examination date of July 27 for Boulerice but his attorney, Jim Howarth, asked for an extension so he could better prepare his case.

In particular, Howarth said he had yet to view the OHL tape of the April 17 incident in which Boulerice is shown slashing Guelph Storm forward Andrew Long across the face with his stick. Long suffered severe facial injuries

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Jim Howarth
 Boulerice's attorney

and a concussion from the hit.

Silent throughout the proceedings, Boulerice, 19, was accompanied by his mother, father and girlfriend who had all traveled from their home in upstate New York to appear at the arraignment. No other members of the Whalers organization were present. Nor was Long, who continues to recover at his home in Ontario. Long is expected to attend training camp with the Florida Panthers this fall.

In a show of support for Boulerice, several members of the Whaler Fan Club, including President Laurie Johnson, were on hand. After the arraignment, they each gave the defendant a hug and kiss in the hallway

outside the courtroom.

Det. Jim Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police was also present, but Ray Walsh, the expected prosecutor in the case, did not appear.

·Boulerice was released on a \$10,000

personal bond. During the proceedings, Judge Lowe was careful to point out that he was a Whalers' season ticket holder, but didn't think it was a conflict of interest. The defense agreed.

After the arraignment Boulerice's attorney hinted at a possible defense. Boulerice was under the influence of painkillers during the night in question, he said. They may have clouded his judgment.

"He was playing with a broken hand the night of the incident," Howarth said. "I don't want to blame the team for anything, but they provided the pain-killers and there is a question of whether or not he should have been playing at all."

A similar hockey-game assault case occurred last year at the Detroit Skate Club in

Bloomfield Hills. In that case, the defendant, a University of Michigan player, pleabargined for eight months probation.

Howarth said this case could follow a similar track. "If that's the kind of solution the Wayne County Prosecutors seek, I would be happy to talk about it," he said. "Jesse Boulerice walks into jail over my dead body."

If the case does go to trial, Boulerice's reputation as a hockey bruiser will likely come into question. But, according to Howarth, that reputation has been overplayed.

"He was just a good tough kid playing good tough hockey," Howarth said. "This is not a kid who wants to hurt other kids. He may be big, but big doesn't make you bad."

## Suit not about buildings

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and that it's time to move on.

"We've had enough time to look at this," he said. "The process has worked. In fact, it's worked five times. It's time to serve the kids."

The high school and elementary school the bonds would fund have been on hold during the court proceedings and are now three and two years off-schedule, respectively, according to Little.

"But there's a lot more to this bond than the high school," he said. New busses, computers and capital improvements are also to be bought with the \$80 million bond.

School officials have maintained that the district loses money every day sale of the bonds is delayed. The district could have been earning interest on the bonds if they had been sold last year.

Officials have predicted the delay might weaken the bond's earning power, since construction costs have continued to rise in Wayne County while the bond amount has remained fixed.

"The delay has certainly eaten into any contingency (money) we had," Little said. Whether this means the district will need to scale back its projects, as some have

predicted, remains to be seen, he said. The answer will come once the district begins to sell the bonds. But they can't begin until legal proceedings are done, and Vorva says he's not finished yet.

"My inclination is to go to the next step," he said. He met yesterday with Boak to "dissect" the court's decision and to plan that next step: maybe another trip to the Appeals Court, or higher.

A trip to the State Supreme Court would be appropriate to gravity of the issue, he said.

"This has nothing to do with school buildings. It's about the fundamental right to vote," Vorva said. "How did all of our civil rights get decided? In the Supreme Court. This is one of those issues.

Vorva says he wants to change the way school districts administer elections — a big task.

"That's pretty hard for the lower courts to do," he said. "I have to take this to the Supreme Court."

Whether his case moves on to another hearing in the Lansing Appeals Court or the state's top court is a decision he'll make in the next 21 days, when briefs are due. Any action would likely be months away.

But Vorva says that's alright by him. The schools are doing wrong, and he wants it changed.

"It's going to stop or nine old men and women in black robes are going to tell me otherwise."

## Extrapower

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Langmesser. "This is the latest it's ever been."

The question remains whether the one-week delay — with less than three weeks to go — will give extra voting "power" to those communities in multicommunity districts.

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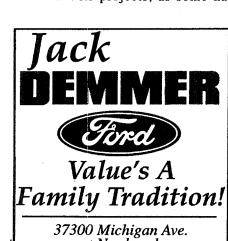
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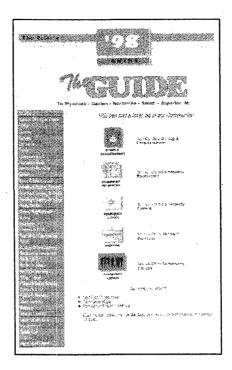


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# Community deaths

## **Obituaries**

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#### DONALD L. NICKERSON

Donald L. Nickerson, a Hamburg Township resident, died July 7, 1998 at the age of 79.

Mr. Nickerson was born Nov. 23, 1918 in Fowlerville, MI. He was a foreman at the Ford Motor Company Livonia Transmission Plant for 20 years. He retired in March of 1974. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1938 from Roseville, MI. He moved to Hamburg after his retirement. He was a charter member of the V.F.W. of Plymouth. When they moved to Hamburg, he transferred his membership to the Hamburg Post. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Doris of Hamburg; son, Donald (Janet) Nickerson, Jr of Inkster, MI; daughters, Shirley (Bill) Bakhaus of Milford; Connie (Mark) Howcroft of Clarkston, MI; five grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Ann Lusk.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Carl F. Welser officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

#### GERALD JAMES TRYLINSKI

Gerald James Trylinski, an Ann Arbor resident died July 7, 1998 at the age of 48.

Mr. Trylinski was born Oct. 17, 1949 in Detroit. He was an electrician

for the state of Michigan, and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

He is survived by his father, Michael J. Trylinski, Sr. of Detroit; brothers, Michael J. Trylinski, Jr. of Lexington, MI, John M. Trylinski of Lincoln Park, MI; sister, Theresa (Gerald) M. Fliss of Canton; nephew, Jeffrey Fliss of Canton; and niece, Michele Fliss of Canton.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions can be given to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 1625 Northland Drive, Suite 212 Southfield, MI 48075.

## ELEANORE M. NEAULT

Eleanore M. Neault, a Plymouth resident, died July 11, 1998 at the age of 89.

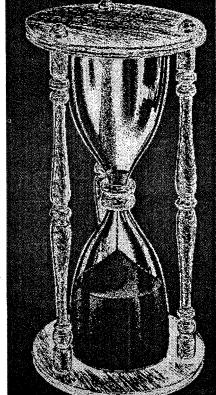
Mrs. Neault was born Sept. 2, 1908 in Laurium, MI. She was a cook at Gallimore School in Plymouth and was also a cook in the rectory at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth for 30 years. She was a member of the Altar Society at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

She is survived by her son, John W. (Elizabeth) Neault of Plymouth and three grandchildren, Mike (Jen) Neault, Dan Neault and Ann Neault. She was preceded in death by her husband. Joseph W. Neault.

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Visitation will be today at 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Counsel
Church in Plymouth until the time of mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment will
be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made
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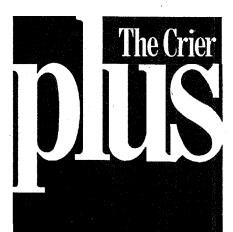
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## **Curiosities**

Dear Martha, et. al.



By Geneva Guenther

Well, here we go again. Was ever a little town as busy as Plymouth! Last week-end it was the 4th of July parade. This week-end was "Art in the Park" - 400 artists, artisans and live music plus great food. Saturday 7/11, 10:00-7:00, Sunday 7/12, 10:00-5:00. We were bursting at the seams, what with 400 dealers, outside visitors, and townspeople. Perfect weather, a truly successful enterprise thanks to a first class organizer-Dianne Quinn. However she couldn't have done it without the cooperation of the whole town plus the public officials and the police. What a great hometown this is. Even though everyone isn't in full accord, they at least try to cooperate for the good of our city. Missed our Sunday chat. Will call you this week. Bless You, Geneva

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#### Curiosities

Wonderful to have Maura back July 20 is the anniversary of the happiest day of my life.

Blakely Guenther, Happy Birthday, Grandson. You haven't collected on memorizing "In Flanders Fields." Love you. Your Grandmother

visit: cantonMl.com

Still 35. Hokey Pokey The Bobbsey Twins, Marilyn and Nancy, are back. All's right with the world.

CONGRATS DARLING on the Chair. --Ed

SARA CHRISTOPHER: hope you're feeling better -- Beauregard (whose bark is worse

than his bite).

BEWARE BARKING DOGS!

LIAM CAN SAY "Mao"

(Guess he likes that photo) CHIP FALCUSAN got stung --watch for those hornets, he says.

SURPRISE, TOM WEBBER has more than 50 friends at 50!

VICKY & DAVE - Sounds like a lovely house... hope it comes through.

### **Curiosities**



Welcome Alec John Kieft, son of Diane & Dan Kieft. He weighed 8 lb. 13 oz. and his

first words will be "I LOVE B.N.I"!!

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Dan "the King" Delbeke is 31! (Happy Birthday) -Linda August 12 will be jammin' at the Water Club Grill.

Mom & Dad K. Hope your vacation was fun. I want to see pictures!

My Beanie Baby can beat up your Beanie

### **Curiosities**

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ERICK - were you drifting through Art in the Park? visit: CRIER.com

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Once, upon July 4th, dreaming, From outside there came a keening Screaming, whistling toward the Milky Way... At the peak of this commotion: Flash! and then the (BANG!) explosion Left me trembling in my bed that day....Quoth the parrot, "Bombs away." -Edgar Allen Podunk
(& the other occupants of

Jurassic Trailer Park)

Congrats to all on a GREAT Art in the Park! Proposed new city sign: "All politicians must be on a leash, and their owners must clean up any messes they make.: Can I get an AMEN for THAT sign??? AMEN!!!

## **Curiosities**

ED: You have redefined "breakfast" as fine art. Thanx! (AND you gave up seeing the parade to cook for all of us! Thanx twice!) Pattie Carne: Did you straighten out all

those politicians in Washington? Jess Wundrin

We miss the moose!

GET ON THE CURBS in Salem! (If Bill Baxter ever allows paved roads!) CHRIS SNYDER gets driver licensed.

MARGARET SEIFFERLEIN **GETS OLDER** SOONI

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# Sports shorts

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.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers will receive an official tournament T-shirt and lunch everyday for their efforts. Interested volunteers should contact Kathleen Salla at (734) 397-6450.

They may be young, but these Cobras will sting you just the same.

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, an 11-year-old travel baseball team, won the Ithaca Classic this past weekend. The Cobras swept through the tournament, made up mostly of 12 and 13-year-old teams.

They beat the Okemos Chiefs in the championship game. They had already beaten the Chiefs earlier in the tournament to grab the winners bracket.

Nate Rzeppa parked two over the fence for the championship team. Bobby Pollard and Steve Williams also went yard.

Winning pitchers included Brian Whiting and Rzeppa. Alex Enright performed his duties as closer, earning a save and closing out three of the victories.

Other Cobras include: Eric Byrne, Sean Downey, Chris Drabicki, C. J. Greenwell, Buddy Musa, David Scherbaty and Andrew Shumaker.

Ron Rzebba, Don Shumaker, Troy Geenwell and Tom Byrne serve as skippers for the team.

# **Sports**



Detroit Rocker forward Rodrigo Gonzalez shows campers the shake and bake of a professional soccer player. More than 120 kids turned out for the camp, the largest in Plymouth so far. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Area kids get their kicks with the pros

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Anybody who doesn't believe soccer is on the cusp of a popular explosion should have been at the Rocker's Soccer Camp last week.

A swarm of little bodies, most adorned in nylon shorts and camp T-shirts, fluttered about the field at Heritage Park in Plymouth. They learned drills, scored goals, and slashed and dashed their way through a summer morning with professional soccer players.

Campers were taught first hand by Rocker players on what it takes to become a soccer superstar—or at least the first few steps.

Participants ranged in age from six to sixteen. One group, made up mostly of ten and eleven-year-olds, took their cue from the affable Rodrigo Gonzalez, a Rocker forward.

"It's awesome," said one tired camper between heavy breaths.

The Detroit Rockers are the area's only professional indoor soccer team and have been putting on these camps for seven years throughout metro Detroit. This is their fourth year in Plymouth, and according to Rocker forward Tim "The Flash" Ernst, they are only getting more popular.

"This is the biggest year I can remember," he said. "Plymouth is one of our biggest camps."

The Plymouth camp ran all week, every morning for two and a half hours each day. Because of the size of the camp (more than 100 kids), every Rocker participating in the

6 That's what separates us from other sports. We're out here in the community, meeting the fans and watching the kids play. 9

> - Tim Ernst Detroit Rocker Forward

camps attended the one in Plymouth.

The camp provided kids with a great opportunity to meet professional athletes in person. Unlike basketball or football, where fans are lucky if they see their favorite players getting onto the bus after a

game, indoor soccer hasn't been overwhelmed by mass attention and superstar egos.

"That's what separates us from other sports," Ernst said. "We're out here in the community, meeting the fans and watching the kids play."

The Rockers popularity continues to grow, Ersnt said, as does the popularity of soccer in general.

"We always say that soccer is a generation away," he said. "When all these kids grow up and have kids of their own, they'll be getting their kids into the sport and taking them down to games."

The recently completed World Cup is a good example. Although the United States team was outclassed again, the intense coverage and interest shown for the tournament reveals the way in which our country is molding in with the rest of the world. Soccer isn't likely to take over football or baseball as our most popular sports—those are firmly ingrained in the American persona—but it is beginning to shed that "foreign" stigma. Particularly the younger generation seems caught in the soccer web.

At the Rockers Camps, they play a World Cup tournament of their own. Every

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## Canton runners take on Heritage Park

## Good weather helps turn out record number of racers

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Mother Nature must be a runner.

Last month, at the YMCA run in downtown Plymouth, she provided a picture perfect day for walkers and joggers alike.

Last week in Canton she did it again.

Under clear blue skies, more than 300 participants competed in the 5th annual Race Day in the Park, held at Heritage

For their effort, each runner received an official Race Day in the Park T-shirt and

## Whalers' assistant G. M. to move on

The Plymouth Whalers have announced the resignation of Kerry Kerch, assistant general manger for the team. Kerch should

leave the team before the season begins this fall.

Since the Whalers moved to Plymouth two seasons ago, Kerch has been instrumental in the marketing and public relations aspects of the team.

A former goaltender at the University of Windsor, Kerch is expected to become a player agent and scout.

A replacement for Kerch has not been

was eligible for more than a \$1,000 worth of business donated prizes.

In the five-mile run category, Paul Pobursky, competing in the 15-19 year old age group, took first place with a time of The winner of the 5K walk?

Luke Skywalker, who came in with a time of 32:02.

Apparently, Han Solo, his chief walking rival, was nursing a sore leg and was unable to compete in the event.

## Women's Pro Billiards Tour on cue at Shark Club in Canton

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

makes it's home in Canton, the Shark Club to be exact.

The best 48 women billiards players in the world turned out last weekend for a three day tournament at the Canton club, giving many area residents a rare chance to see the pros on their game.

Allison Fisher came away with her second straight Detroit Classic victory, edging Vivian Villareal 7-6 in the final match.

With a \$50,000 purse up for grabs, this was serious pool. ESPN was on hand to tape some of the matches, which, according to Shark Club Owner Michael Mazza, will air July 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Mazza said he was a little disappointed by the turnout, but overall, it was a good

"I don't know how many people in It's dubbed the Detroit Classic, but it Michigan give a damn about pool," he said. "They like to play it, but not watch

> Nonetheless, Mazza said those that did show up, filling up most of the bleachers, were a satisfied bunch.

> "Most of the people that came on Sunday stayed the whole day," he said.

> Mazza has already signed on to host the event again next year. He said he hopes to schedule it a little earlier in the season, but has to contend with the area's bigger draw.

> "This time of the year people want to be outside enjoying the weather," he said. "But if I want to schedule (the tournament) earlier, I have to worry about the Red Wings advancing in the playoffs. The girls don't like to play pool with all that noise."

## **Sports** shorts

Canton Township Parks and Recreation soft ball standings as of July 10:

Red League: MSA Delivery, 9-1; Equitrust Mortgage, 9-2; Don Coleman and Associates, 7-3; Shark Club #2, 5-5; Mobility Transportation, 4-6; Canton Friendship Church, 4-7; Shark Club #1, 2-9; J & B, 1-10.

White League: ASAP Machine Company, 9-2; Shark Club #1, 9-3; Canton Ice Cream Center, 9-3; Shark Club #2, 8-4; Mexican Fiesta, 6-5, Fairway Club, 4-8; Grewyhounds, 2-10; Geneva Church, 0-12.

Green League: Prudential, 11-1; 9 Jerks and a Squirt, 10-2; St. Michael #2, 9-3; Dental Diplomats, 7-5; Rose's Restaurant, 5-7; Fisher Group, 4-8; Rusty Nail, 2-10; St. Michael #1, 0-12.

Only a couple of weeks remain in the season.

The top four teams from each league will advance to the tournament being held July 31 - August

## A World Cup of their own

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Friday, after a week of new skills learned, teams are developed and paired up against one another.

Ernst said with the World Cup being played out now, kids are able to associate themselves with their respective team. "They may not know who Renaldo (of Brazil) is," he said, "But when they see him on TV, they can say, 'Hey, that was

Including in the week-long event, each camper will receive a replica Kendis NPSL soccer ball, a camp T-shirt, a free 4x6 group photo, two free tickets to a Detroit Red Wings pre-season game, and a VIP season ticket pass for the 1998-99 Rockers

"Now the kids can come down to the games and recognize us," Ernst said.

For only \$119, the week-long camp and the bevy of goodies adds up to a great deal. But Ernst is quick to admit, it's about promoting the team and the league as well.



French youngsters reacting to their country's first world cup victory? Not quite. But these campers at the Rockers Soccer Camp in Plymouth had their own reasons to cheer and jeer in the camp's last-day tournament. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"We consider ourselves the pioneers of Ersnt, coaching at the camps is enough. our league," he said. "We realize it's all a part of our jobs."

Many of the Rockers take second jobs to supplement their income. For some, like

Many of the players also coach for various soccer teams around the area. Ernst, who has been with the Rockers for seven years, coaches a team out of Livonia.

"I think people play soccer more than any other sport," Ernst said. "It's gotten so big. These camps have gotten bigger. It won't be long before it catches on for



# Community opinions

## Boak's letter & The Twp. millage:

# 'Let's look at the real issues'

I'm writing to address the allegations directed at the Plymouth Township police department in a recent letter by Stephen Boak. I questioned not only the "facts" he quoted, but also the intent behind them.

The writer listed as "facts" the repeated appearance of numerous police cars at a local restaurant as a disclaimer for added personnel. If, in fact, this has occurred, an appropriate action would have been for the writer to contact the chief or supervisor on duty so that an explanation or investigation could have been obtained. It's hard to refute an unsubstantiated complaint in a newspaper letter to the editor. I seriously doubt that the presence of officers eating should be a determining factor on the needs for additional manpower.

The writer would be better served in his debate by investigating true facts about the community.

Factors such as the projected calls for service with an expanding community, the detective staffing and case load and adequate time for follow up.

Training needs department-wide and the impact on manpower, request for police service with average response time are some of the items that need to be considered. Let's look at the real issues that affect the quality

of life for community residences, and not the alleged eating habits of officers.

To address the complaint of Township squad cars on M-14. I would like to ask how

sure the writer has the luxury of working in a controlled and safe environment as opposed to that of a police officer.

An officer, regardless of the community. often one sees a State Police car in that area. has the potential to face deadly encounters at

To address the question, "When was the last time your employer paid you to attend a funeral," I'd ask when was the last time someone in your profession was feloniously killed or injured, and how often does it happen?

Unfortunately, not very often, as they are too overworked and understaffed. The freeway system is not the exclusive domain of the State Police, but is shared responsibility of any police jurisdiction that it passes through. I welcome the added enforcement of an area that is traveled by my family and friends when vehicles pass them at a speed well above the 70 MPH limit.

Finally, I find it sad and misdirected of the writer to complain of officers being allowed to attend an officer's funeral. I'm

any time. Traverse City was unfortunate to have to pay the ultimate price in the death of an officer. A line of duty death affects all officers regardless of the communities involved. The ability to attend a funeral helps the community in their loss and allows officers to show their support. Unfortunately, few citizens attend an officer's funeral but at least fellow officers should be allowed, regardless of the minor expenses incurred.

The Traverse City funeral was attended

by numerous Metro Detroit departments, including cities of Ontario, Canada as well as hundreds of other officers throughout the state. Had the police department sent officers on a paid junket to entertain and gamble somewhere, I could see the argument. But since when has attending a funeral been seen as fun? Fortunately, this community has not suffered the loss of an officer, but if it occurs, it will see an outpouring of support that was shown Traverse City by the Plymouth Township police department.

To address the question, "When was the last time your employer paid you to attend a funeral," I'd ask when was the last time someone in your profession was feloniously killed or injured, and how often does it happen?

Perhaps the writer would like to wear a police uniform for a while (I doubt it) and see what a truly thankless and tough job it can be. I trust that the community residents will do their own research into their true needs for police and fire service, and make informed choices wherever they are.

The issues, as they were presented, were hardly "facts" that should be used to make a decision that will affect residents whatever the outcome of the vote.

ANDREW ZAZULA

## Twp. officers at funeral a 'show of strength'

On Monday, May 18 I stood and held a grown man as he hopelessly cried and mourned the loss of his friend and colleague of 30 years. This was one of many such incidents that have occurred in the past few years since I became president of Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MI-COPS).

The officer that I held mourned no other than his partner, Sgt. Dennis Finch, a 30-year veteran of the Traverse City Police Department who was machine gunned to death May 12. Finch took almost 30 bullets and was left lying hostage on the front porch of a deranged citizen's home while other police officers from multiple agencies attempted a rescue.

I am concerned, not only as a survivor of a peace officer killed in the line of duty, my husband of 18 years being killed as a Michigan State Police Trooper, but as a citizen. I ponder the comments and attitude of a few toward law enforcement today. I would like to recite a few statistics of law enforcement for the citizens of this great state:

- hours in the United States.
- A peace officer is attacked and injured every nine seconds in the United States.
- One out of every 25 peace officers attacked and injured will be forced to leave employment because of permanent disabling
- The State of Michigan ranks in the top 10 states in the nation for the highest line-of-duty death of police officers.
- In The State of Michigan, 463 peace officers have made the supreme sacrifice, an average of one officer killed in the line of duty every 3 to 3.5 months.
- · The average police officer is verbally and/or physically attacked about 2.3 times per

Unlike the average citizen, police officers don't get the luxury of eating dinner at a given time, they get it when the community rests long enough for them to sneak in a meal. Many times, officers don't get dinner at all because of the activity going on in the community. Please remember, police officers

• A peace officer is killed every 52 to 57 are still patrolling even if they are trying to eat.

And yes, by the grace of God and all that is good on this Earth, the Township supervisor and chief of police did allow two honor guard officers on duty to attend the funeral of Sgt.

And yes, maybe these two officers did get paid to attend this event. I'm sure every citizen in the community knows what an exciting day that was, to drive five to six hours up north, sit through the funeral of a fellow officer in blue, hug the wife, children, parents, siblings and co-workers, go to the cemetery and then drive five to six hours home, making this only an 18- hour day. I'm sure every citizen is envious that they could not partake in such a fun event at work. And just imagine, with pay no less.

The attendance of these two officers at the funeral of Sgt. Finch is not just honorable, it is a show of strength to the community, to the department that suffered the loss and to the family of the brotherhood. The attendance at a funeral of a brother in blue promotes healing healing within the law enforcement family and within the community.

Also keep in mind that, when those officers left the Township, the citizens were not left unprotected.

As far as the comment about the Michigan State Police jurisdiction, someone is obviously living under false pretenses and needs to quit watching so much television. The Township police have an area to "protect and serve" as do the MSP. There is no such thing as domain, only the responsibility to protect the citizens.

You have a few police cars at any given time trying to cover and serve as much as area possible. If the average citizen knew how farspread the area is that a police officer has to cover, and why it takes so long to respond to some calls, they would be passing the millage without any questions.

As far as the final comment by Stephen Boak about throwing money to the four winds, let us remember that the reason he is probably even here to write Letters to the Editor is because police officers have been keeping him and his family's lives safe.

**LAURIE ERICKSON** President, MI-COPS



# Community opinions

## **Election year clues:**

# Twp., Mueller messages mixed

EDITOR:

Election year campaigns are always a source of amusement. Most elections provide clues hidden in political and campaign rhetoric of real intentions of the candidate or committee. This year the intentions are blunt.

Plymouth Township is requesting a total of 4.25 mills increase. Each mill represents \$1.2 million in additional revenue for the Township (in one year, higher in subsequent years). The 4.25 mills represents a requested increase of \$5.3 million in revenue for the Township. The total budgeted revenue for 1998 is targeted at \$9.5 million. If passed, the

added revenue would amount to an wannabe K.C. Mueller. In her latest increase of 55.3 per cent over the budgeted 1998 revenue.

The supervisor has admitted that if the 3-mill police, fire (and new Township Hall) request is passed, it will free up \$1.9 million for other purposes (New Township Hall?).

So, if the 3-mill increase (\$3.7 million) provides a \$1.9 million cushion, maybe they are asking for \$1.9 million too much, eh? The blunt message is clear — they are asking for more money than they need for police and fire.

Related to this millage request are the words versus actions of State Rep. political "elect-me" brochure, she stressed

tax cuts/credits if elected.

However, as a Plymouth Township trustee (already elected), she is actively promoting the millage increases taxes, not my actions mentioned above. Her actions are not consistent with her campaign promises.

The same election manager is constructing the strategy for her State

Rep. campaign (promise to cut taxes) and the Township millage increase request

> campaigns (I'm working hard to increase your taxes).

She voted for the paid position for the campaign manager of the "Plymouth Millages Yes Committee."

blunt message is clear -

elect me on my promise to cut taxes, not on my actions to raise taxes.

**IWAN MICH** 

The blunt message is

clear — elect me on

my promise to cut

to raise taxes

# Congrats on 1st-class Art in the Park

EDITOR:

Dianne Quinn is to be commended for Art in the Park. It is now a premier art fair on par with Ann Arbor's, but on a smaller more manageable scale.

Chamber of Commerce Retail the local media, perhaps the merchants

Committee, is being myopic when she should find ways to take advantage of the complains about this first-class event.

Thousands of people are drawn to the City by Art in the Park, and many of them will return to visit the outstanding Annette Horne, the chairperson of the retail shops. Instead of complaining to

captive audience right outside their doors.

I can't imagine a Chamber of Commerce in another community complaining about an event that brings thousands of people to its Central Business District.

Art in the Park is a jewel in the city of Plymouth and I hope it continues to shine for many years to come.

**DEBORAH MUNCEY VIGLIOTTI** 

# Former mayor: do it for the City

individuals; people with common interests; an interacting population.

So much for Webster.

What happened to community pride? Community involvement? Community commitment? Two headlines in our local papers say it all — "Retailers 'hate' Art in the Park," and "City eyes pay board."

For Art in the Park: It's two days out of 365 — think and thank (not harangue) who does all the planning and work to make this event and exposure of downtown Plymouth a first-class event. How else do you draw so many people from so far to a two-square-mile community? It's not what we necessarily City of Plymouth now provide. Get real, people.

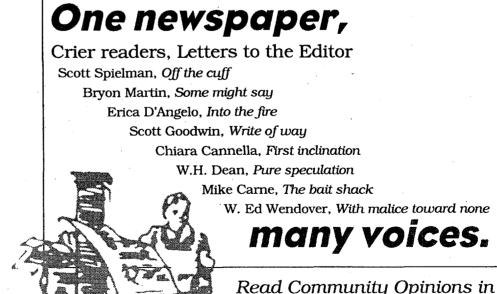
City Commission pay: Who asked you "Community" — United body of to be a commissioner? Why did you run? Who are you serving? You should serve on the commission to help your community, not your self interest. It's not what you are paid as a commissioner, it's what you contribute and accomplish.

To be a city commissioner is an honor and a privilege, a once-in-a-lifetime 1chance to give something back to your community.

Don't make money an issue to serve in a public position — do it for love of your city, and how you can make Plymouth a better and great place to live.

**BUD MARTIN** 

70-year resident and former mayor,





# Community opinions

## The Canton road millage:

# Taxes for the ignored

Twenty years ago, Canton voters defeated a proposal for a 4-mill tax levy to create a farmland preservation fund which would have purchased development rights in the remaining farmlands of the township. At that time, residential values were about 33 - 40 per cent of their present value, and farmland predominated the township.

The idea of the proposal was to slow the rapid residential growth in the township. At that time, as it is now, Canton was at or near the top of the list for new building permits every year. By slowing growth, the township would relieve the rapidly increasing demand for government services such as roads, water and sewer, schools and police and fire protection.

Unfortunately, from my point of view both then and now, that proposal was defeated. The residents of Canton are new being asked to pass a 2-mill tax for road improvements. Because of the increase in value of homes in the township, this tax will cost more per year than the farmland preservation millage.

millions of dollars from the general fund to pave new roads in the township. A large

can vote 'no' on the road millage and ask that some of those tax dollars be spent in other areas of the township.

number of those paving projects facilitated and hastened the development of residential subdivisions on the former farmland. As a result of that new development, with each new home having at least two vehicles, several trips a day are made by the new residents over Ford, Sheldon, Warren, Cherry Hill, Lilley and the other core roads east of Canton Center Road. Meanwhile, Over the last several years, Canton maintenance of those core roads has been

officials have approved the expenditure of ignored, or only occurred after months and years of protest and pleading. Then only the extremely bad areas were repaired and the moderately bad areas were left to a later date and continued deterioration.

> As a 25-year Canton resident I intend to vote 'no' on the road millage proposal and urge other voters to do the same.

> While the existing roads in Canton, without question, require improvement, I would suggest that other means of funding be obtained.

> First of all, if any new roads have been budgeted for paving, cancel them and apply the money to road maintenance. If new roads are necessary for development, use special assessment districts or even require the developer to foot the bill. Enact a surcharge for all new residential building permits and place these revenues in a dedicated road maintenance or improvement fund, restricting the expenditure to existing paved roadways.

Unfortunately we cannot turn back the clock 20 years and Canton will be built solid in the not too distant future. There is nothing I, or any other voter, can do about that. After the township has spent millions of tax dollars to promote growth and ignored the long term effects of that expenditure and growth on the older existing areas of the township, I can vote 'no' on the road millage proposal and ask that some of those tax dollars be spent in other areas of the township. I believe it is time to use existing resources for the needs of the existing road system.

Stop paving new roads, stop discussing ice rinks, performing arts centers, etc. and start putting our money into areas long

I urge a 'no' vote on the 2-mill road tax. LARRY BOWERMAN

## WSDP celebrates parade

WSDP was pleased to participate in this year's Good Morning U.S.A. Parade. We enjoyed providing pre-parade music and interviews for the Plymouth-Canton Community.

Fred Hill, the parade's organizer, deserves many kudos for putting on such a fine parade. One of our students told me she was thoroughly impressed by the parade. It far exceeded any expectations she had. Many parades are content with a lineup of politicians and a few bands. Fred worked hard to exceed those perceptions. I get the sense that he's a kid at heart and likes to see a grand show.

Thanks, Fred, for involving WSDP in your plans. We're looking forward to being involved for years to come.

**BILL KIETH** Station Manager, WSDP

## City opposition to ethnic restaurants?

was originally addressed to Plymouth's City Commissioners.

It is apparent that some action must be taken to remove the blatant racial prejudice that is being voiced, particularly by Colleen

A few years ago a consultant recommended ethnic restaurants be created

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter in Plymouth. The owner of Cloverdale remembered this when a proposal was made to open a Chinese restaurant in her building. The owners spent more than \$200,000 to remodel a part of the building, bringing it up to code and began to operate as the successful Ann Arbor restaurant was

They discovered that Plymouth was

quite different from the Ann Arbor climate. They have since remodeled and obtained a liquor license.

However, continued negative remarks have been spoken at your meetings, then published. Instead of welcoming this new business to Plymouth and trying to assist in its success, the opposite occurs.

GEORGE KALLOS



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