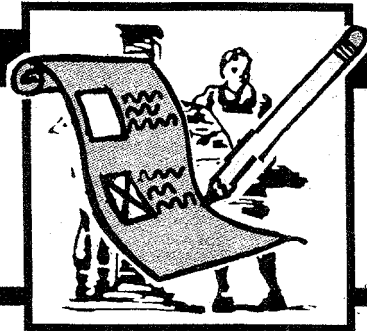


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Vote Tuesday

City absentee ballots botched; officials expect low turnouts

BY BRYON MARTIN

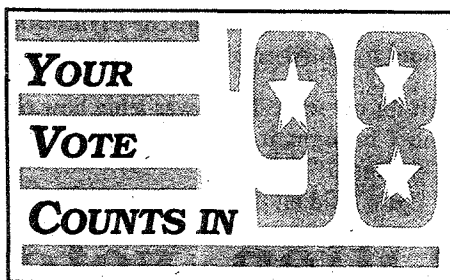
Whether they're voting Republican or Democrat, absentee or at the polls, electors in The City of Plymouth need to pay extra attention to the ballot in Tuesday's primary election.

According to Linda Langmesser, City of Plymouth clerk, the ticket's incongruous layout may confuse some voters in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Already several absentee voters have sought new ballots at City Hall to replace those they spoiled by misvoting, she said.

Some resident have been spoiling their ballots by unintentionally voting in the Democratic primary, she said. That's because the Democratic ticket begins on the front page in the center column, but stops halfway down. It continues on the back of the ballot but jumps over to the left column, where Republican candidates are listed on the front.

When some absentee voters turned over their ballots, they continued marking the first column, according to Langmesser. "(They) thought they were voting Republican," she said. Instead, they were casting votes for Democratic candidates.

The ballots are printed by Wayne County, according to Langmesser. The



county told her the space appears in the Democrat column because the county Super Majority proposal was on now, off later. The county Elections Bureau was saving space for future changes on the issue, she said. The result — a blank space that has complicated some absentee voters.

To compensate for the flaw, Langmesser said, the City will staff precincts with more election workers who'll help voters along.

In Plymouth Township, the number of spoiled ballots has been much lower. Out of 1,362 absentee ballots mailed, 12 spoiled ballots have been returned, according to Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill.

"We've had a few (spoiled ballots), but that's usually just because they didn't pay attention."

Voters made fewer mistakes because the ballot is laid out differently than those the City uses.

In the Township voters mark a card separate from the printout of candidates and proposals.

Unlike the City's printout, Massengill said, "it's all just on one sheet. They don't

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Plymouth man shows off rare muscle car

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Bullseye

National archery tourney returns to Canton in Aug.

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The Candidates

IN CONTESTED PRIMARY RACES

State Senator: 9th District

DEMOCRATS
Carol Poenisch
Marc Susselman

REPUBLICANS
Thaddeus McCotter
Jim Ryan
Deborah Whyman

State Representative: 20th District

DEMOCRATS
No runoff

REPUBLICANS
Gerald Law
K.C. Mueller

State Representative: 21st District

DEMOCRATS
No runoff

REPUBLICANS
Bruce Patterson
Patricia Fatyma

County Commissioner: 11th District

DEMOCRATS
Fred Bolden
Thomas Hartnett
David Parrot
John Sullivan

REPUBLICANS
No runoff

Wayne County Executive

DEMOCRATS
Edward A. McNamara
Sharon McPhail
Wallace R. Seryo

REPUBLICANS
Herbert A. Scott
Edward A. Romanowski

For a voters' GUIDE to the candidates, see pgs. 12-13

The Millages & Ballot Questions

Canton Township

2.0 Mills requested for road improvements

Plymouth Township

PROP. 1: 3.0 mills requested for increased staffing levels in Police and Fire departments.

PROP. 2: 0.5 mills requested to fund Twp.'s portion of a joint recreation program with the City of Plymouth

PROP. 3: 0.75 mills requested to switch WTUA charges from water/sewer bill to property tax bill.

Wayne County

PROP. A: Shall future tax-increases require a 2/3 majority ("Super majority") of County Commissioners and a 60% majority of the voters?

PROP. J: 0.95 mills requested to renew a millage to build a Juvenile Justice facility & for related programs

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230-plus Plymouths in City this weekend

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

The Plymouth Owners Club will host its Grand National Show this weekend in Downtown Plymouth. The Owner's Club, a national organization with members all over the United States and some overseas, will present the 1998 Show of classic Plymouth autos from model years 1929 to 1968 in downtown Plymouth this weekend.

The car show coincides with the downtown merchants' Sidewalk Sale, which runs Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The annual car show, which is held in a different location each year, was in Plymouth 10 years ago and came back this year for the 70th anniversary of Plymouth automobiles.

The club has 600 members from as far away as Norway and Australia registered for events all weekend, including visits to the Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea, assembly plants, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and an awards banquet.

Organizers are expecting 230 cars for judging, according to Club Detroit Region's spokesperson, Burt Dickinson.

Some prototype vehicles will be in the Gathering, and the farmer's market will move to the lot just north of the Gathering for the day, according to Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney.

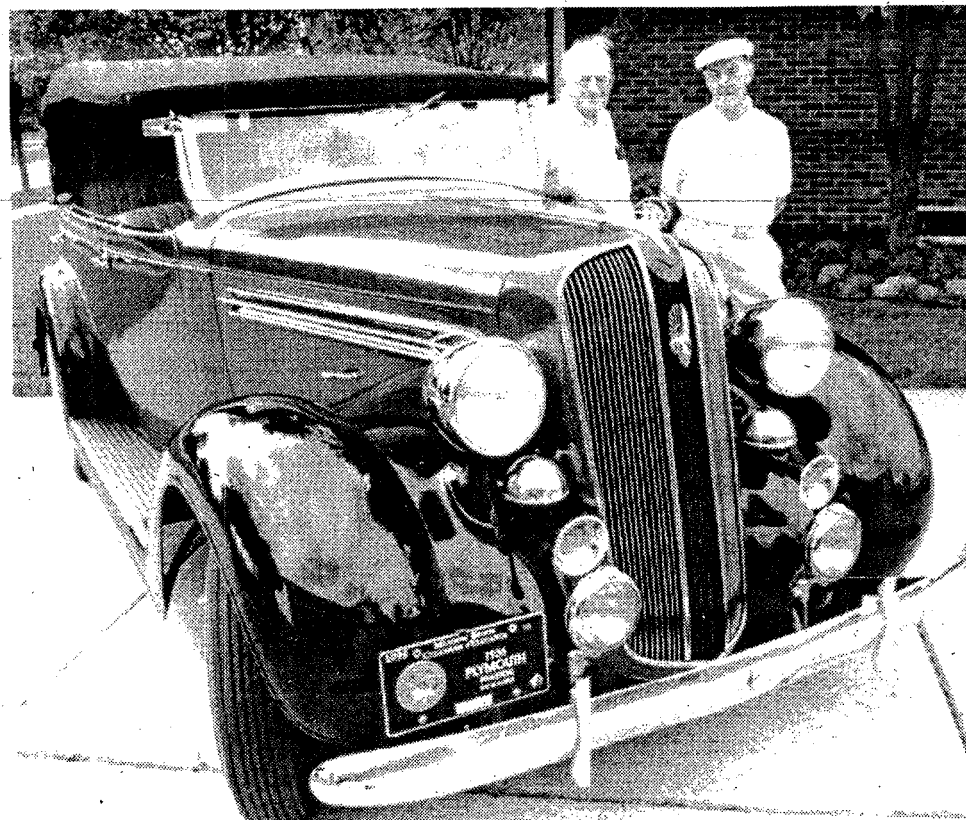
Toney said the chamber is expecting several hundred visitors to the show, and the sidewalk sale will bring even more people. "We are giving people more and more reasons to come here," Toney said.

The Chamber has been working with Show organizers to ensure that community merchants will benefit from the influx of people.

"We would have utilized the Mayflower," said Dickinson, expressing disappointment that the hotel is not open for business.

Club members are interested in restoring Plymouths to their original condition, according to Dickinson. The show does not accept "muscle cars" he said, but focus on cars in the same condition as when they came off the assembly line.

Dickinson should know, since he watched his 1964 Coupe being built when he worked at Chrysler, he said. "It was a



Ray Schaefer poses with his 1936 Plymouth Phaeton, and Bert Dicinson, coordinator of the show of Plymouths coming to downtown this weekend. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

gift for my wife. There was a big bow on it and I brought it home and said 'Merry Christmas.'"

"But I did all the resoration," he added.

Cars will be in display Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Main Street from City Hall to Ann Arbor Trail and from Penniman to Union Street.

Often, voter turnout low

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have to turn anything over, they just have to mark them down."

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said Canton's absentee ballots and those at the polls are also different from the City's.

At the polls, she said, "our ballot is on pages that you flip. They're arranged in the same way they've always been printed."

For absentee ballots, where The City has had spoiled ballots, the parties' columns are complete and distinct. "You look at the entire ballot when you open it up," Bennett said.

But easy-to-read ballots hasn't meant strong absentee voter participation. Of the 4,088 absentee ballots sent out, 1,905 were returned as of yesterday. That's lower than normal, according to Bennett.

"I would guesstimate (total) voter turnout will be below 6,000," out of 43,290 registered in Canton, she said. "Generally primary elections are a relatively low."

Bennett said this is unfortunate, because of the role primaries play in shaping general election.

"It's a party process. They're important because they're the (candidates) voters will place on the ballot for the November

election."

Tuesday's election also includes non-partisan issues, too, as well as county and local proposals. Plymouth Township also has the two county issues and three proposed tax increases.

Generally, Bennett said, these issues inspire more residents to vote. But absentee ballots have been slow to return to Canton, Bennett said, and that's usually a harbinger of empty polls on election day.

Massengill said absentee ballots are coming in slowly, more so than usual. Some 1,100 absentee ballots are still outstanding.

"I'm not sure what that says other than there's not a whole lot of people interested in this election," Bennett said, and that's a loss.

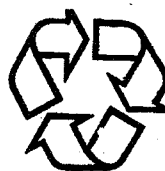
"We need them," for their response to the proposed 2-mill increase on real and personal property that would pay to improve, maintain and expand Canton roads.

"We've surveyed and people have told us this is an important issue to them," Bennett said. "We hope they'll tell us how to handle this issue."

Tuesday, they'll have their chance to do so at the polls.

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*- Terry Bennett
Canton Clerk*



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Farmer Jack site near sale?

Peoples State Bank examines possibility of razing, rebuilding at site

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
and BRYON MARTIN

Will Peoples State Bank anchor a new 30,000-square foot office-retail complex on the former Farmer Jack site?

A week to 10 days may tell.

According to Mike Weaver, president of the Peoples' Plymouth operations, "We are very interested in our new main office being in a downtown building.

"We're interested in that (Farmer Jack) site, but there are some stumbling blocks," he said.

Bill Graham, of Peoples, said the bank, which opened last fall in temporary quarters at 245 N. Main St. in Charlestowne Square, is looking for a 10,000-square foot home. "I never see us needing more than that size for a long period of time."

Graham has been negotiating for a permanent site and said he'll know within 10 days whether the Farmer Jack site will be the new home.

The property at 705 S. Main St. is owned by Stanley Dixon, of Grosse Pointe Park, and includes 230 feet of Main Street frontage. The lot runs through to Deer Street.

Graham said initial discussions with Dixon centered on rehabilitating the old Farmer Jack building but that proved inadvisable. A new building on the same site could be up to 30,000 square feet with parking and a bank drive through, Graham said. Other space in the complex would be leased for retail-office, he said.

The Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library operated out of the existing 16,800-square foot building from June 1996 until April 1, while the old library was razed and the new structure was completed. Except for that time, the site has sat vacant since Farmer Jack moved out more than a decade ago

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An Old Flame... glass blowing, that is. Don Schneider, of York Street Glass in Old Village, talks shop and shares his workspace with Kristina Logan, a renowned glass artist who paid a visit to Plymouth Friday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

9th State Senate: Democrat pals 'vie' for nomination

BY BRYON MARTIN

Looking at the Democratic side of the race, the campaign for the 9th State Senate looks much different than the battle brewing in the Republican camp.

As Carol Poenisch and Marc Susselman get ready to face each other in Tuesday's primary election, there's no trace of the bile that bubbles between Republicans competing for their party's nomination. Poenisch and Susselman are friends.

Maybe it's because neither has held elective office before, or even run a campaign. More likely, it's because Poenisch and Susselman knew each other before the race began.

"We worked together through Marion's Friends," said Poenisch, speaking of her state ballot proposal to legalize physician assisted-suicide rights for terminally ill adults in Michigan. Marion was Poenisch's mother, who died from Lou Gherig's disease. Fighting for the right to die with dignity is a cause that has lead her to her first campaign for elective office.

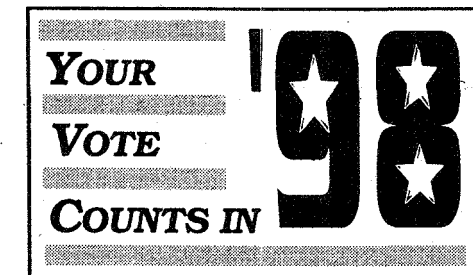
The cause also lead Poenisch to Susselman, a Canton resident and lawyer who helped her with legal detail for the proposal, she said.

During an interview with The Community Crier and WSDP radio, Poenisch said that since she and Susselman are friends with similar views on issues, she hates to fight him for the Democratic nomination in the 9th Senate. Whether it's her name or Susselman's on the ballot in November, she said, the important thing is that voters have an alternative to Republican candidates running.

Contrary to that sentiment, however, is Poenisch's support of Gov. John Engler.

"I like his privatization ideas," she said, including his efforts to bring businesses into the public schools and expand vocational training for non-college track students. She backs efforts to reform Proposal A and the creation of enhancement millages for locally approved increases in school spending. As a former teacher, she said, education reforms would be her top priority if elected to the Senate.

Poenisch described her views as "exactly



the same" as her fellow Democrat's, but the interview showed her to be the more moderate of the two.

Susselman ranks education near the top, too, but unlike Poenisch, he has no time for the governor's agendas.

Engler's style of politics is vindictive, he said, and amounts to a kind of political bullying. The Governor's time in office has undermined the public school system — the sales-tax basis for school funding, treatment of

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tomorrow at 5 p.m., WSDP 88.1 FM will air The Community Crier's interview with Carol Poenisch and Marc Susselman, Democratic candidates facing each other in the race for the 9th State Senate nomination up in Tuesday's primary election. Newsfile, which normally airs at 5:30, will follow the interview.
- Tomorrow, Rod Reinhart, Marc Maurus and Cindi St. Germaine will read their work at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman Ave., during the Summer Celebration of Poetry. Readings begin at 7:30 p.m. Call the Bean for details.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday & Saturday, Plymouth's downtown merchants bring out their bargains for the City's annual sidewalk sale. Call 734-453-1724 for details.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets at City Hall, 201 N. Main St. beginning at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Canton's Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building.

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Canton OKs lease for arts center

Township joins owners of former Arnoldt-Williams for 1-yr. try at arts conservatory

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A high-end performing arts conservatory has landed SMACK dab in the middle of Canton Township.

The Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory (SMAC) is still finding its sea legs, but a lease expected to be signed today will provide for smooth sailing — at least for one year.

Under the one-year lease agreement between Canton Township and the

Williams family, owners of the Arnoldt-Williams music store, Canton will pay \$150,000 to rent the 11,000 square music store, which closed earlier this summer.

Under a separate agreement, Jeff Myers, a Plymouth music teacher and administrator who founded SMAC, will pay \$75,000 to operate the facility. Myers' operating agreement with the township allows him to pay significantly less rent during the early months of opera-

tions and larger amounts as the project picks up steam.

"It's really helped us get up and running more quickly," Myers said. "The first few months the rent is pretty close to free, which gives us operating capital to get rolling."

SMAC grew out of Myers' summer music program, Jammin' in July, a two week music camp. When Arnoldt-Williams closed in June, Myers saw a need for increased musical instruction in the community.

But Myers wanted to provide more than a music store that offered lessons, he said. He sought out only the most qualified instructors to provide high-end musical instruction. Nearly all of SMAC's instructors have a Masters degree in music education and performance, and all have performed professionally, Myers said.

night and Sunday afternoon performances, Myers said. The schedule will rotate with talented students, various ensembles or regional professional acts each getting a turn on the stage.

Myers is still seeking corporate sponsorships to help offset some of the costs of the conservatory, but hasn't been able to actively pursue them because getting the program off the ground has taken up most of his time, he said.

He is currently seeking a line of credit from a banking institution to offset some

of the start up costs, such as the renovations to install a state of the art dance studio.

Once he gets up and running, the program is self sufficient, although corporate sponsors would help, he said.

"The programs support themselves for the most part," Myers said. "But things like renovations, new signage and new employes

“We think this is a good public-private partnership. He has some pretty grand plans we hope will come to fruition.”

**— Tom Yack
Canton Supervisor**

"I think part of what caught the township's eye was the quality of the instruction," Myers said.

The conservatory will offer instruction in virtually every type of musical instrument, as well as dance and drama, Myers said. It will also provide a home to several arts groups, such as wind ensembles, vocal ensembles, jazz ensembles and a youth symphony, among others. The Kindermusic started under under Arnoldt-Williams will expand and continue, with more than 300 children already signed up, Myers said.

In addition, the conservatory will present recitals every weekend for Saturday

all take money. The township support has really been the key. We couldn't have done it to this scope without it. It's a tribute to the Township Board that they realize there is more recreational activities out there than sports."

"It really came along at the right time," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "There certainly is a population basis for private lessons. We think this is a good public-private partnership. He has some pretty grand plans we hope will come to fruition."


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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 4, 1998
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Notice is hereby given that a PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (13th Dist.)
STATE SENATE (9th Dist.)
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (20th Dist.)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (10th Dist.)
DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION
2 JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - 3rd Judicial Circuit, Regular Terms, Non-Incumbent Positions
2 JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS - 1st District, Regular Terms, Incumbent Positions
PROPOSITION "J" - Jail Millage Renewal Proposal
PROPOSITION "A" - Wayne County Proposal

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, telephone number 453-1234 x 234.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at the City Clerk's Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 1st, 1998. On Monday, August 3rd, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

All City polling locations are handicapped accessible.

Polling places in the City of Plymouth are as follows:
PRECINCT 1, 2, 4 CULTURAL CENTER, 525 FARMER STREET
PRECINCT 3 CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 630 W. CHURCH ST.

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
CITY CLERK

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Boulerice exam delayed

The exam for former Plymouth Whaler Jesse Boulerice has been delayed until Aug. 17 at 35th District Court. The earlier set date of July 27 could not be met by Boulerice's attorney, Jim Howarth.

Boulerice faces assault with intent to do great bodily harm charges that could result

in 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The charge stems from an April 17 incident where Boulerice, 19, is accused of slashing Guelph Storm forward Andrew Long across the face with his stick. Long was knocked unconscious and suffered severe facial injuries from the hit.

Peoples eyes vacant site

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because of a non-compete lease clause.

The existing structure was built in 1955; the property with building has a S.E.V. of \$208,200, according to City of Plymouth records.

Originally, the site was included within the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority district along with the Meadows condominiums behind it. That district has since been shortened to Wing Street.

If the site were in the DDA, the City's downtown arm would capture taxes on any improvements to the site.

Twp. waits for audit report

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Less than one week before Township voters will be asked to approve three millage increases, Township officials are still waiting for the annual 1997 audit, more than four months late.

According to Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, the audit firm, Rehman Robson P.C. of Jackson, have "completed all their field work," but still have not sub-

mitted a report.

Dave Fisher of Rehman Robson said he expects the audit to be complete within the next few weeks, but couldn't rule out further delays. "It's still in process," he said.

Fisher attributes the delay to an altering of financial protocol by Plymouth Township. "They've changed some processes during the year," he said.

In March, Edwards had accused Rehman Robson of developing "biases that make an independent audit impossible to perform." He cited "unwarranted political considerations" by both the audit firm and officials in Township Hall who, he said, were trying to discredit him.

Edwards complaints came as it was revealed the Township hadn't balanced

their checking account to their general ledger since June 1997.

Meetings soon after between Edwards, Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Finance Director Rosemary Harvey apparently reorganized the financial responsibilities of each department, but it was these changes in part that lengthened the delay.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Trustee Griffith, who was excused.

Clerk Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J-9, Election of Commissioner to the 35th Judicial District Building Authority, and moved to approve the agenda for the July 21, 1998, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards requested removal of Item E.3, Approval of Township Bills, from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for July 21, 1998, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, as amended. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards stated that the Tax Pool, as listed on the agenda in the amount of \$1,255,284.68, should not be a part of the Approval of Township Bills. Following an explanation by Mr. Edwards and a brief discussion by the Board, Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Township Bills with the removal of the tax pool amount. Supported by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Larry Grow commented on the number of trucks cutting through his subdivision even though the streets are posted with "no trucks" traffic control signs and asked for police assistance. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated the Board would direct the Township Police Chief to investigate the matter and contact him. Mr. Grow also stated that the seeding of lawn areas following the recent paving of streets in Green Meadows and Palmer Acres Subdivisions are not satisfactory. He was advised that the Director of Public Service intends to inspect the seeding of the lawn areas in the subdivisions.

Mr. Rob Nassar addressed the Board concerning outstanding problems with the detention basin, landscaping and grading in Trillium Woods Subdivision. He was informed that the Chief Building Official is working with the developer on the issues and anticipates a plan for a solution within a week or two.

Mr. Harold Stevens inquired as to the disposition of five (5) vacant homes located on Haggerty Road near Ann Arbor Road. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy advised that the township was aware of the situation and Township police surveillance has been increased in the area.

Mr. Mike Cywinski addressed the Board regarding the water run-off from Pioneer Middle school onto several lots in the Trillium Woods Subdivision and requested the Board work with the School District in financing the project. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that the Township is looking at available options, however, a decision has not been made.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m., on a request to establish an Industrial Development District for Parcel 3-E, Metro West Beck Road II. The public hearing was closed at 8:01 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 98-07-21-28, declaring Parcel 3-E, in Metro West -Beck II, an Industrial Development District. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m., on a request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Advantage Technologies, Inc. The public hearing was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Trustee Curmi moved to postpone to a future meeting, the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Advantage Technologies, Inc., located at 14731 Helm, Lots 129, 130 and part of Lot 128, Metro West Industrial Park No. 5, to allow time for the applicant to resolve outstanding issues. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:24 p.m., on the establishment of Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and designation of the boundaries of the Brownfield zone. Following comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:29 p.m.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 98-07-21-30 A, establishing the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and designating the Charter limits of the township as the boundaries of the zone in accord with Act 381 of 1996, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 98-07-21-30 B designating the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth as the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Clerk Massengill moved to set August 18, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., as the date and time for the first meeting of the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all.

Treasurer Edwards moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-98-08 amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinance, Chapter 60, Uniform Traffic Code, by adding Section 5.16a regarding the possession and transport of alcohol in a motor vehicle by a person less than 21 years of age. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Clerk Massengill moved that August 18, 1998, be established for public hearing for a proposed Industrial Development District for Parcel 3-B, Metro West-Beck Road II. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Clerk Massengill moved that August 18, 1998, be established for public hearing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Koyo Machinery USA, Inc. Seconded by Trustee Curmi. Ayes all.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 98-07-21-31, establishing 35th Judicial District Building Authority; and approve the Articles of Incorporation of the 35th Judicial District Building Authority. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Treasurer Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 98-07-21-32, consenting to the transfer of employment of CPI Products, L.L.C., from Plymouth Township to the City of Wixom. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 98-07-21-33, amending the 1998 Budget, adding \$12,000 to the Fire Department for the purchase of replacing turnout gear. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all, on a roll call vote, with Trustee Curmi voting no. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Treasurer Edwards moved to approve the purchase of turnout gear from Appollo Fire equipment in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Seconded by Clerk Massengill. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi voting no.

Trustee Mueller moved to award the engineering Services Contract for providing assistance to the Township for the preparation of the General Stormwater Permit Application to Dietrich, Bailey and Associates and authorize the Supervisor to execute an Agreement for same following the approval of the Agreement by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi voting no.

Trustee Arnold moved to award the bid for the irrigation materials for Hilltop Golf Course to Spartan Distributors, Inc., in the amount of \$36,527.78 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the construction contract. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi voting no.

Trustee Arnold moved to award the bid for the irrigation installation at Hilltop Golf course to Wissco Irrigation, Inc. in the amount of \$51,966.00 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the construction Contract. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi voting no.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-98-09, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code by amending Chapter 71, Cable Franchise Ordinance. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Trustee Curmi moved to approve the election of Charles McIlhargey as Commissioner to represent the Charter Township of Plymouth on the Commission of the 35th Judicial District Building Authority; for a term ending June 30, 2001. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all.

Trustee Arnold thanked Mr. McIlhargey for accepting the appointment as Commissioner of the 35th Judicial District Building Authority.

Trustee Mueller commented her pleasure on seeing all the thank you notes and letters of appreciation forwarded by the public with respects to Township employees.

Clerk Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Plymouth Charter Township

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on July 21, 1998. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on August 18, 1998.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Brendon T. Masterton has graduated with honors from Michigan State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

He will continue to work for General Electric and has made his home in Dothan, Alabama.

He is the son of **Tom and Helen Masterson of Plymouth.**

Degree candidates from Michigan State University from Northville include: **Kelly Berger, Amy Bott, Kerry Buchanan, Joel Carolan, Brent Cieszynski, Nathan Connell, Daniel Dietiker, Lillian Ghraib, Brandon Hayes, Katrina Heckemeyer, Sarah Howland, Sarah Kemp, Mark Leo, Mark McCarthy, Ryan Moak, Risa Oram, Catherine Pinkelman, Stephanie Schimpf and Hollie Williams;** from Plymouth: **Adrienne Auten, David Blaskiewicz, Sarah Bommarito, Jamie Ciesla, Michael Dorrington, Joseph Foster, Erin Hindman, Megan Jones, Elaina Kielbaso, Jeff Kley, Frederick Locke, Colleen Ludorf, Brendon Masterson, Thomas McCarthy, Cynthia McClure, Michelle Mollick, William Nunan, Anthony Prey, Chris Saline, Carla Sendelbach, Ryan Townsend Erin Williams, Christen Willoughby, Stephanie Zaksek, John Zarow, and Jason Malkiewicz.**

Navy Cmdr **William H. Burkeen** of Canton was promoted to his present rank while serving at Naval Air Reserve Activity, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mount Clemens, MI.

Lindsay C. Johnson, daughter of **Carlton and Phyllis Johnson** of Plymouth graduated summa cum laude from Albion College.

Also graduating were **Grant C. Gardner**, son of **Carol Barringer** of Canton; and **Jane F. Decourcy**, daughter of **William and Jane DeCourcy** of Plymouth.

Claire E. Walton, daughter of **Edward and Martha Walton** of Plymouth, was named one of 12 recipients of the President Bernard T. Lomas Project 250 Award.

Donald Miller, son of **Jonathan and Bonnie Miller** of Plymouth, was named to the Dean's List at Albion.

One for the road

Plymouth man shows his rare muscle car at Concourse D'Elegance

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Riding in Mike Ryan's 1966 Dodge Charger, it's easy to find a justification for America's love of the automobile.

The car was designed with sleek lines that were attractive when it rolled off the line and turn even more heads today. The interior is wide and roomy, providing enough room to sprawl out, relax, be comfortable and enjoy the cruising experience.

And then there's the power. The Charger's 426-cubic-inch Heming engine generates 425 horsepower. The throaty growl of the big block turns into a roar with the slight push of the pedal.

Ryan's Charger will be in fine company this weekend with more than 250 other classic, sports and racing cars at the 20th annual Concours d'Elegance at the Meadow Brook Hall.

Of about 37,000 Chargers made in 1966, only 368 were made with the car's particular body style. Of those, only about 10 are left, according to Ryan.

What makes Ryan's car unique is the fact that he's the original owner. He ordered the car in October of 1965 and picked it up new in April of 1966.

Ryan said he drove the car for about



five years before he was forced to store it during the gas shortages of the 1970s.

Ryan stored the car for the next 25 years, until a friend eventually convinced him to restore it, a process which took a number of years and a sizable investment.

"Our intent was to go right back to when it was factory new," he said. "Everything nut and bolt has been taken off, cleaned up or replaced."

Ryan said it sometimes took months to track down the proper parts, but the end result was worth it. Although he paid \$4,864 for the car when it was new, it is now worth anywhere from \$50,000-\$80,000, he said.

"It's a real head-turner," he said "I'll be driving down the road and get looks from people who just don't know what it is."

Where ya going?

Time's a-wasting!

August is here, which means summer won't be much longer. If you haven't taken a summer trip yet, this is the month to do it.

And if you happen to snap a few pictures while you're crisscrossing the map, send your favorite our way. We'd like to see it.

The Community Crier wants to print our Friends' and Neighbors' outstanding vacation photos over the next month in, "Postcards from my summer vacation."

Pick your best pic and jot down details about it: who's in it, where it was shot and what was notable about your vacation. Then stick the note and photo into an envelope and send it to:

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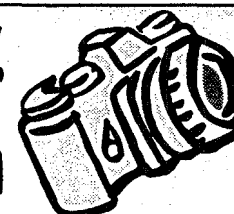
If you want us to send your photo back, be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry.

Those photos that impress us the most will receive a prize. We'll announce three winners in September.

So get up, get out and enjoy the summer while it's still here. And don't forget your camera!

POSTCARDS

from my
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A CRIER PHOTO CONTEST



Kurt Lamour and Taylor Reid get their packs together before hitting the trails on North Manitou Island, in Lake Michigan.

Things are happening in the community!

PLYMOUTH

— July —

- 29: PCAC Music-in-the-Park - "Liberty Brass Quintet"
- 31: Chamber's Sidewalk Sale-Downtown
- 31: DDA Entertainment-On-Us- "Michele Ramo/Heidi Hepler & Friends"

— August —

- 1: Farmer's Market - 7:30am-12:30pm
- 1: Chamber's Sidewalk Sale - Downtown - 9:00am-6:00pm
- 1: 70th Anniversary Plymouth Automobile - Downtown Streets - 8:00am-4:00am
- 5: PCAC Music-in-the-Park - "Harpbeat"
- 7: DDA Entertainment-On-Us - "Perry Hughes"
- 8: Farmer's Market - 7:30am-12:30pm
- 12: PCAC Music-in-the-Park - "Chautauqua Express"
- 14: DDA Entertainment-On-Us - "Robert Noll/Blues Mission"
- 15: Farmer's Market - 7:30am-12:30pm
- 19: PCAC Music-in-the-Park - "Marc Thomas & Max the Moose"
- 21: DDA Entertainment-On-Us - "Pamela Ransford, Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio"-jazz/R & B
- 22: Farmer's Market - 7:30am-12:30pm
- 23: Concert-in-the-Park/Canton Comm. Church
- 29: Farmer's Market - 7:30am-12:30pm

CANTON

— July —

- 30: Summer Concert Series "Secrets"

— August —

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



NORTHVILLE

— July —

- 31: Friday Night Clock Concert "One Flight Up"

— August —

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

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Connie Scaparo, of MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers in Plymouth, has been certified as a Certified Aquatic Fitness Instructor.

Scaparo, who is presently Director of Aerobics at MEDHEALTH's Plymouth location has been designing land and water aerobic routines and instructing classes for the past five years. In addition to her aquatics certification, she also holds certifications in the following areas: emergency response, adult CPR, certified step Reebok instructor through the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA), and Certified Professional Aerobic Instructor also through AFAA.

Peoples State Bank customer can now use a dozen different metro Detroit branches to do their banking. After a recent merger with Madison National Bank, Peoples State Bank has locations in Farmington Hills, Fraser, Hamtramck, Madison Heights, Plymouth, St. Clair Shores, Southfield, Sterling Heights and Warren.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will have an open house Friday to celebrate the grand opening of their new location at **485 S. Main Street** (below the Mayflower Meeting Place).

The open house will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and information on community resources available, as well as patient services, volunteer opportunities educational programs and more.

For more information call (734) 453-3010 or (313) 561-8880.

Walker/Buzenberg Furniture has several events planned in conjunction with Plymouth's Sidewalk Sale. Friday, July 31, enjoy live jazz and refreshments from 7-9 p.m.

Saturday the store will provide different education stations, where customers can learn about how to decorate their home or office.

Sunday Delores Carlson will present a seminar on Creative Painting Techniques for Your Walls at 2 p.m.

To RSVP for the seminar or for more information call Walker/Buzenberg at (734) 459-1300.

New job, same goal

Ex-Plymouth cop trades in his squad car for a courtroom

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Erik Mayernik's career in law enforcement is about to take a drastic turn.

Mayernik, a former member of the Plymouth Township police force and current part-time police officer in The City of Northville, is about one week away from completing studies for his Juris Doctorate Degree.

"I went from donut jokes to lawyer jokes," he said. "And I hope I've heard them all."

Mayernik started working for the Plymouth Township police in 1985 and left the force in 1995 to enter law school, he said.

"I heard from many of the lawyers I had worked with that I had talents in that area, and they were going to waste," he said.

Mayernik said that working with Plymouth Township's small staff didn't allow much time for continuing education.

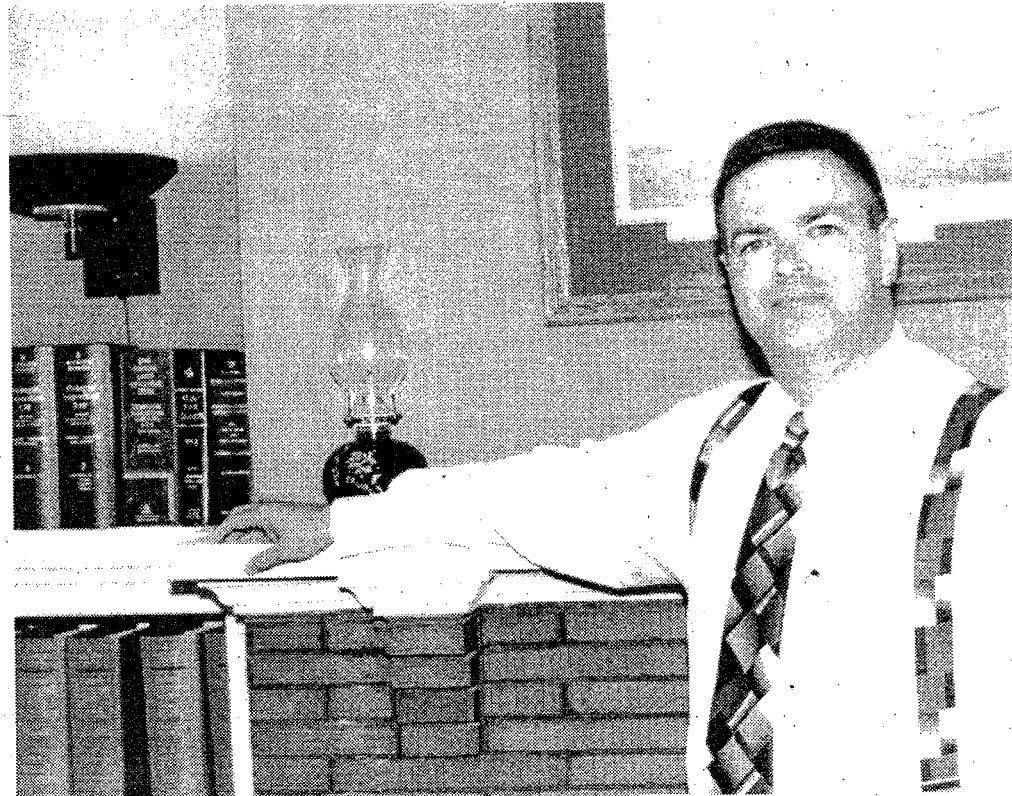
"At that time we were working four 12-hour shifts per week, and that meant that no matter what days I worked, I would miss 50 per cent of my classes."

The size of the department led to his decision in other ways as well, he said. The relatively small size of the staff meant there wasn't much of a chance for advancement, another factor in the career change.

Mayernik found work as a part-time officer in Northville, working shorter shifts and during special events and on days when there were races at Northville Downs, he said. This schedule gave him more free time, enough to enroll in the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing.

"It was a pretty intimidating experience, having been out of academics for so long," he said. "But I had the feeling that before long there would be a cut off time. I thought it was now or never, and now was the opportune time."

That was September of 1995. Mayernik will complete his degree Aug. 7, and is seven months away from taking the state bar examination. He is finishing his education through the school's externship program, which places students in law



Erik Mayernik, a former member of the Plymouth Township Police force, finishes law school this week, and takes the state bar in February (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

offices to get them practical experience, Mayernik said. Through the program, students shadow working lawyers through their daily routines, from client interviews to court time.

rather than wait for Cooley to find a firm for him, Mayernik had a better idea. He solicited a local firm, one he knew by reputation: Michael Gerou's firm.

"We had worked on opposing sides before, me as a policeman and he as defense counsel. I really enjoyed the way he worked. He was up front and honest, and I could be honest with him," Mayernik said. "We were both looking for the same thing: justice in the courtroom."

Although Gerou had never participated in the externship program, he took to it right away. The program exposed students to aspects of the law that they couldn't learn about in a classroom, he said.

Mayernik seemed the ideal first candidate.

"I only knew him on a professional basis, but I respected him. He had a good deal of integrity and a very professional attitude," Gerou said. "With his perspective

as a police officer I thought he would be the ultimate compliment to our staff."

Mayernik found that his experience as a police officer did give him a different perspective. On the force, he had served in the special response team, the detective bureau and as a hostage negotiator. He was also trained as an evidence technician and was the department's firearms instructor. All of that led him to understand how police officers think, and how to read more out of their reports, he said.

Mayernik found that his classroom knowledge and externship experience created a different view of the law.

"Your role as an attorney more than anything else is to educate your clients," he said. "Ignorance of the law causes most of the disappointment in it. You'd be surprised at how many people will thank you even if they lose their case because, they've learned how the law works."

Working with his criminal law experience, Mayernik plans to set up a general practice. He hopes it will grow like Gerou's has, or that he'll be able to develop a niche of legal expertise.

"Law is a complex thing and you can't just practice all aspects of it because that's a disservice to your client," Mayernik said. "Although it may not be profitable, I've always had a fascination with criminal law because that's what my background is."

“I went from donut jokes to lawyer jokes”

**— Erik Mayernik
police officer and law
student**

Community opinions:

Last-minute politicking in P-C-N

The pressure is on.

Election day is next Tuesday — six days from now.

Undecided voters are the difference that will tip most local races with less than a week to go.

So, politicians are working overtime.

The last-minute campaigning tends to get faster, more furious and... dirtier.

Mark Slavens, chair of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, used the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools taxpayers help to fax out attacks on Gerry Law. True that Law says one thing on Prop A one place and a different thing elsewhere.

But Slavens and Plymouth-Canton Schools shouldn't be using public dollars to campaign.

Speaking of that.

Plymouth Township shouldn't use tax dollars to say, "Why we need 3.0 mills for police and fire." If the township had hired an informed consultant that wouldn't have slipped by.

And the township board itself should have been more sensitive to citizens' concerns. It certainly should have insisted

that the taxpayers' paid piece be more neutral and not look like an identical twin to the citizens' group's pro-millage flier.

Then came Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller's last-minute response to Gerry Law's last-minute attacks on her. Since they both sat across from each other at back-to-back interviews at the Plymouth Chamber and then The Crier and didn't raise these mutual attacks, why now?

Township Trustee Kay Arnold jumped in to. She slapped Law for a campaign piece she said called good Republicans "Democrats" (OH! MY!).

Then Deb Whyman released a lengthy term paper on Thaddeus McCotter's attendance record for Wayne County Commission and committees. Although that research was done before her face-to-face debate with McCotter and Jim Ryan in The Crier offices, she didn't have the courage to bring it up in front of him. The rumor mill says McCotter threatened to sue other newspapers if they printed Whyman's term paper. (He didn't have the "courage" to threaten The Crier.)

Bruce Patterson, running from Wayne

C o u n t y

Commission to the State House, wants to know what he did "to twist Jerry Vorva's tail so tight." Vorva's personally taking out ads to slam Patterson and favor Pat Fatyma.

Vorva probably experienced the ultimate of last minute pressure.

He's recovering in St. Joe's Hospital from problems with his heart and-or pacemaker. "Don't tell (Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent) Chuck Little what room I'm in," said the former State Rep who vows to take his law suit challenging the school bond vote to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In fact, Vorva's heart problems occurred while in the offices of his attorneys — Steve Boak and John Thomas. (Had the lawyers just given him his bill for their services?)

But, he said yesterday afternoon, he'll be out campaigning at the polls in Canton on election day.

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By W. EDWARD
WENDOVER



These politicians are keeping the last-minute pressure on — even if it kills them. (Take it easy Jerry!)

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N'ville goes for mills Tues.

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Northville Township voters will find three millage proposals on their ballots August 4.

The proposed millages, totalling 6.34 mills for the first four years and 5.59 for the following four years, would replace three current millages totalling 4.32 mills which expire in December.

The Public Safety millage would levy 5.01 mills for eight years, an increase of 1.17 mills over the current millage. This would pay for salaries, pensions, and general operation of the public safety department.

Township supervisor Karen Woodside said the increase in the public safety millage is necessary because the current millage does not fund all of the department. The department has used approximately \$1.3 million from the general fund in the past three years.

The proposed Shared Services millage would fund programs operated jointly with the City of Northville, including Northville Parks and Recreation, Senior Citizen programs, and the Northville

Youth Assistance Program. The proposed millage would levy .58 mills for eight years, a .18 mill increase from the current .40 mills.

The Parks and Recreation Department, which has seven full-time employee as well as part-time and seasonal employees, has a 1998-99 budget of \$1,024,180. The township's share of department revenues is \$171,279, which would come directly from the millage.

Northville Youth Assistance has one full-time employee and provides social services for youths and their families.

The Northville Senior Citizen Center provides health screening, transportation, meal services, classes, and day trips.

The third proposal would levy .75 mills raising approximately \$2.3 million over four years for park development and acquisition.

The township determined that it is deficient in its recreation space, and needs to acquire 106 acres, said Woodside. The department's recommendation to the township include improvements to existing parks for lighting and safety issues,

paving, play areas, development of unused township property for recreation fields, and the purchase of new recreation land.

The township is not requesting a renewal millage for .08 mills currently used for road dust control.

If all millages pass, residents would see an increase of 2.02 mills for the first four years and 1.5 for the next four years, an initial 46.76 per cent above the current millage.

A homeowner with a market value of \$100,000 and a taxable value of \$50,000 now pays \$216.00 per years. If all millages pass, that homeowner would pay \$317.00 for the first four years and \$279.00 for the following four years.

Approval of the public safety millage is necessary to maintain current levels of service and to keep fast response times, according to Woodside.

The department is dealing with the need to replace all of its equipment in the next 20 years, Woodside said, and can not rely on the general fund for this equipment. Some of the fire and rescue apparatus is 30 years old, she said.

Friendly fight for Dems

Continued from pg. 1

teachers and teacher unions and his support for vouchers and tuition tax credits are examples, he said.

"(Engler) has done little to benefit the state, philosophically or practically," Susselman said. To fix the schools adjustments must be made to Proposal A. Locally approved and spent enhancement millages get a tentative thumbs up, he said.

If elected, Susselman said he would pursue changes in employment law and increased rights for workers, the legal niche in which he specializes.

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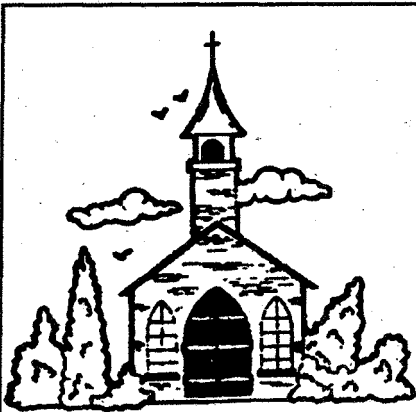
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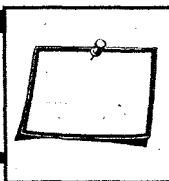


What's Happening

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).



Smart shopper... 32-year-old Dan Webb of Plymouth searches for bargains outside of Steve Petix Clothiers at last year's Sidewalk Sales. The sales return to downtown this weekend on Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year the Plymouth Automobile Club will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary and showing more than 250 classic Plymouths on downtown streets. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)



Events

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) 354-9432.

THIRD ANNUAL BARGAIN BAZAAR

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

FRIDAY NIGHT CLOCK CONCERTS

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

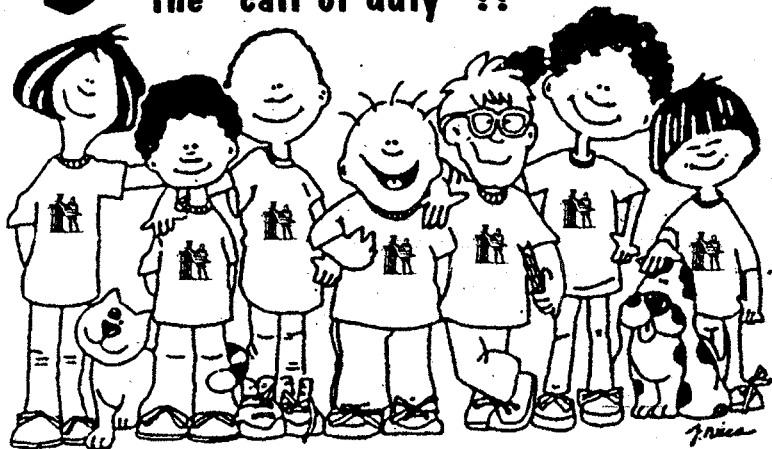
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The Downtown Development Authority of Plymouth presents Michela Ramo/Heidi Hepler & Friends 7-9 p.m. this Friday at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. An irresistible combination of voice and guitar and guest soloists.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY FLEA MARKET

The Canton Historical Society is holding its annual Flea Market Sale **Saturday, Aug. 8.** The market will be held on the grounds of the beautiful historic Cherry Hill School located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Spaces are available for rent for \$15. No resale clothing, but antiques, crafts, collectibles, garage sale items are welcome. Donations are also accepted. For more information contact Ronni Curtis at (734) 981-1475.

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Groups

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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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PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS

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Meet every first Monday of month, noon, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Bring a dish to pass. Call Lola Schueder, 453-7999.

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GUIDE to Entertainment

Go P.C.N

Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Also note community and non-profit groups' events, listed in this Crier under *What's Happening*.

CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900; "Mulan" "Madeleine" "The Truman Show" "X-Files" "Out of Sight" "There's Something About Mary" "The Perfect Murder" "Disturbing Behavior" "Mafia"

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734-981-5122; Fri.-Sat.: Dance to alternative music and more.

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734-459-4020; Tues.: live 50's and 60's music. Fri.: Live Piano Bar Music. Sat. Karaoke

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

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live music: The Sun Messengers

MARQUIS THEATRE

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

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734-459-4190; Wed.: Karaoke. Thurs.: Film Clips. Sat.: Live music

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GUIDE to the candidates in

20th State House District — Republicans



GERALD LAW

- **Background:** State House Representative, 20th District, 12 years, JD
- **Hometown:** Canton, 25 years
- **Achievements:** Patients bill of rights, introduced ammendment to proposal A, Ranked #2 in House for number of bills introduced and passed, would be

- most senior member in House
- **Key issues:** Hospice enabling,
- **Legislative priorities:**
- **Endorsements:** NEA, Michigan Association of Realtors



K.C. MUELLER

- **Background:** Real Estate, Banking, Township Trustee, 4 years
- **Hometown:** Plymouth Township, 20 years
- **Achievements:**
- **Key issues:** Prison overcrowding and victim notification, local issues and

- communication
- **Legislative priorities:** Road work, Grade serperations,
- **Endorsements:** Western Wayne Realtors

21st State House District — Republicans



BRUCE PATTERSON

- **Background:** Wayne County Commissioner, JD
- **Hometown:** Canton for 13 years
- **Achievements:** Road improvments, written and passed legislation,
- **Key issues:** Pro-Life, Supports supermajority

- **Legislative priorities:**
- **Endorsements:** Mich. Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Assoc. of Mich., Law Enforcement Alliance of America, Wayne 13th Congress. Repub. Comm., Right to Life, Deputy Sheriff Assoc. of Mich.



PATRICIA FATYMA

- **Background:** Legislative aide to Vorva, Educational Fund Raiser for Market Day
- **Hometown:** Canton for 12 years
- **Achievements:** Worked to pass Proposal A

- **Key issues:** Pro-Choice, Eliminate frivolous use of tax money,
- **Legislative priorities:** Change Public Act 51, road funding.
- **Endorsements:**

9th State Senate — Republicans



THADDEUS McCOTTER

- **Background:** 3 term Wayne County Commissioner, 10th District, former Schoolcraft College Trustee and Director of Michigan Repub. Lawyers, JD
- **Hometown:** Livonia
- **Achievements:** Lead action to stop Willow Run Expansion

- **Key issues:** Pro-Life, pro- supermajority, anit- assisted suicide, anti- school enhancement, Pro- Renaissance zones to prevent urban sprawl
- **Legislative priorities:** Increase private property rights,
- **Endorsements:** Carl Pursell, Mich. Twp. Assoc., Local government officials



JIM RYAN

- **Background:** State Rep., 1995-96, Dep. Dir. Gov. Office, '97, teacher
- **Hometown:** Livonia, lifelong district resident
- **Achievements:** Legislator of the year, Michigan Chiefs of Police, 1996, Sponsored bills: Ban on "partial birth abortion," Trial of 14- and 15- year

- olds as adult in violent cases,
- **Key issues:** Anti-Renaissance zones, Pro-life, Pro-school vouchers,
- **Legislative priorities:** Welfare reform
- **Endorsements:**



DEBORAH WHYMAN

- **Background:** 3 term State Representative
- **Hometown:** Canton
- **Achievements:** Sponsored ban on same-sex marriage, dismantling of Recorder's Court

- **Key issues:** Anti-Renaissance zones, Anti- Affirmative Action, Pro-Life
- **Legislative priorities:** Privatize utilities, reform tax policy, end racial preferences
- **Endorsements:** NRA, the only one she sought

9th State Senate — Democrats



CAROL POENISCH

- **Background:** Teacher, Masters Degree of Public Health
- **Hometown:** Northville
- **Achievements:** Spent 2 1/2 years drafting Marion's Friends Physician aid in dying act for November Ballot

- **Key issues:** Pro-Choice, Public Support of Public Schools, environment,
- **Legislative priorities:** Practical training in Schools
- **Endorsements:** Planned Parenthood, Pride PAC, Hosp. services Employees Union



MARC SUSSELMAN

- **Background:** Attorney, Labor relations, 20 years, JD, Masters in Public Health
- **Hometown:** Canton
- **Achievements:** Represented Vincent Chin in highly-publicized Detroit

- murder case.
- **Key issues:** opposes school vouchers and school tax credits
- **Legislative priorities:** support of public schools
- **Endorsements:** Plymouth-Canton Democratic Party

the Aug. 4 primary election

Wayne County Executive — Democrats



EDWARD A. MCNAMARA

- **Background:** Current Wayne Co. Executive, former Mayor of Livonia
- **Hometown:** Livonia
- **Achievements:** Metro Airport Expansion, downtown stadiums

- **Key issues:** Senior citizen health
- **Legislative priorities:** Prison overcrowding,



SHARON MCPHAIL

- **Background:** Detroit City Council member
- **Hometown:** Detroit
- **Achievements:**

- **Key issues:** Participatory government
- **Legislative priorities:** Citizens oversight panels

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WALLACE R. SERYO

- **Background:** Retired Ford Motor Co, 30 years.
- **Hometown:** N/A
- **Achievements:** N/A

- **Key issues:** Airport, roads
- **Legislative priorities:** Reduce taxes

Wayne County Executive — Republicans

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HERBERT A. SCOTT

- **Background:** Vice President of Major Pharmaceuticals
- **Hometown:** Canton
- **Achievements:** Member, Board of Directors, Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity.

- **Key issues:** Community Colleges, Vocational schools
- **Legislative priorities:** Empowerment of county workers

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EDWARD A. ROMANOWSKI

- **Background:** N/A
- **Hometown:** N/A
- **Achievements:**

- **Key issues:** Meals on Wheels, Parks and Roads
- **Legislative priorities:** Better services and Hospitals, Metro Airport

11th County Commission — Democrats



FRED BOLDEN

- **Background:** Masters, Computer Info. Systems, former Auxiliary Police Officer
- **Hometown:** Canton
- **Achievements:** Diverse background

- **Key issues:** Public Education, Family violence
- **Legislative priorities:** Raise School standards to meet demands of market



TOM HARTNETT

- **Background:** Friend of Court attorney, JD, former private practice
- **Hometown:** Canton
- **Achievements:**

- **Key issues:** Family issues
- **Legislative priorities:** pro- impact tax on developers



DAVID PARROTT

- **Background:** Practices pension law, JD
- **Hometown:** Van Buren Twp.
- **Achievements:**

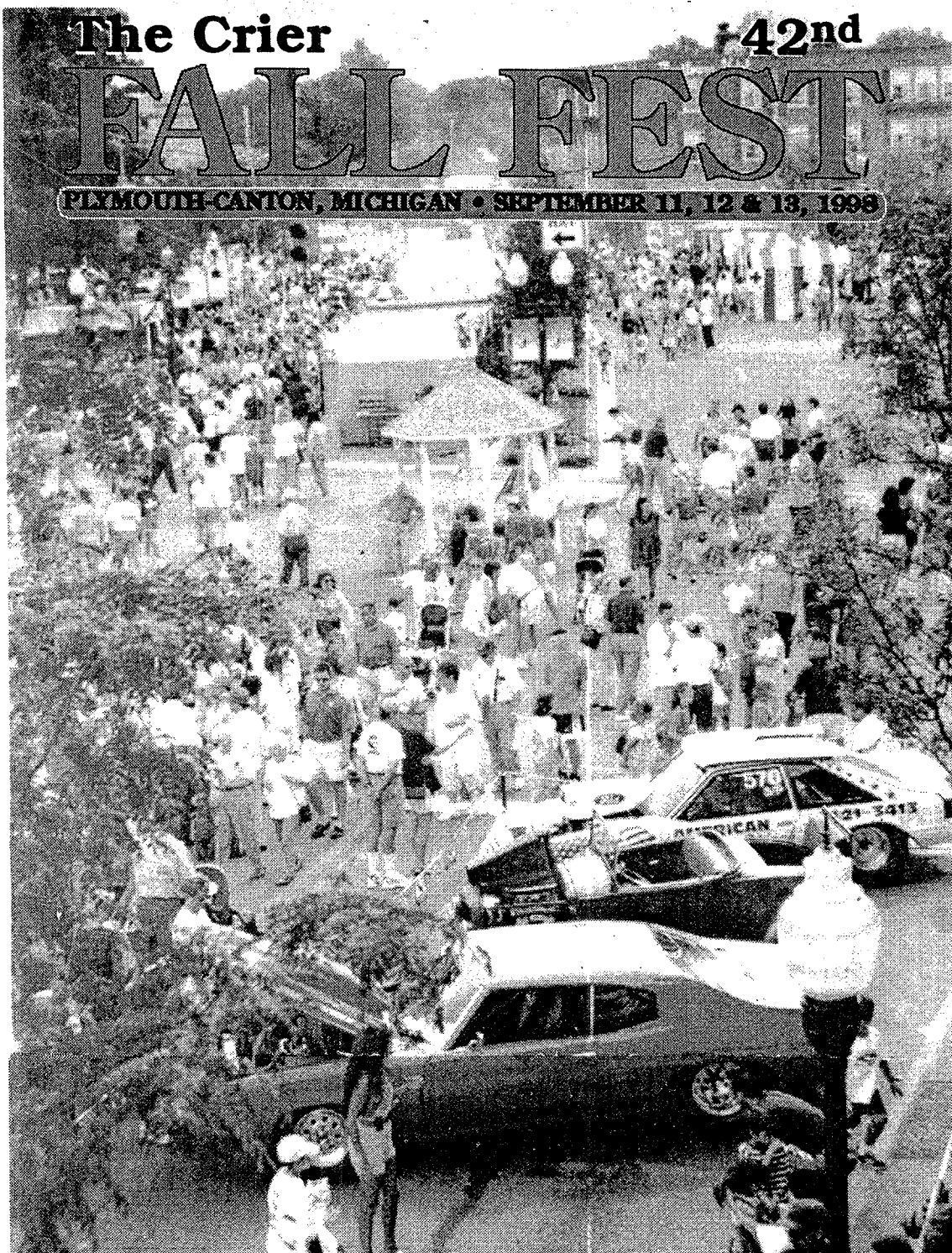
- **Key issues:** Environment, Airport noise
- **Legislative priorities:** Roads

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JOHN SULLIVAN

- **Background:** Lawyer
- **Hometown:** Wayne
- **Achievements:**

- **Key issues:** Anti-supermajority, concerned about prison over-crowding
- **Legislative priorities:** Roads



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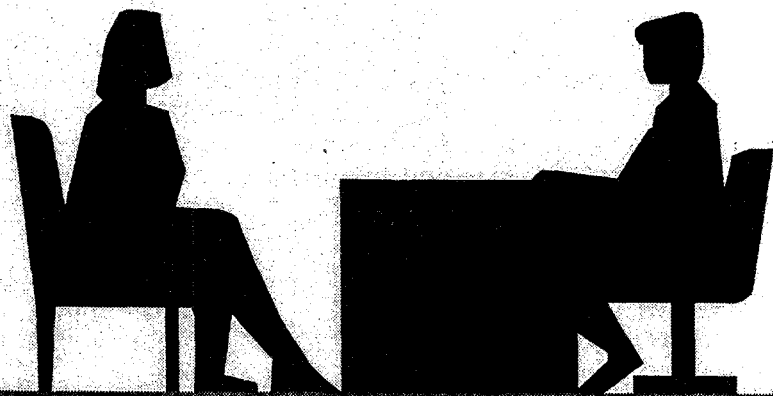
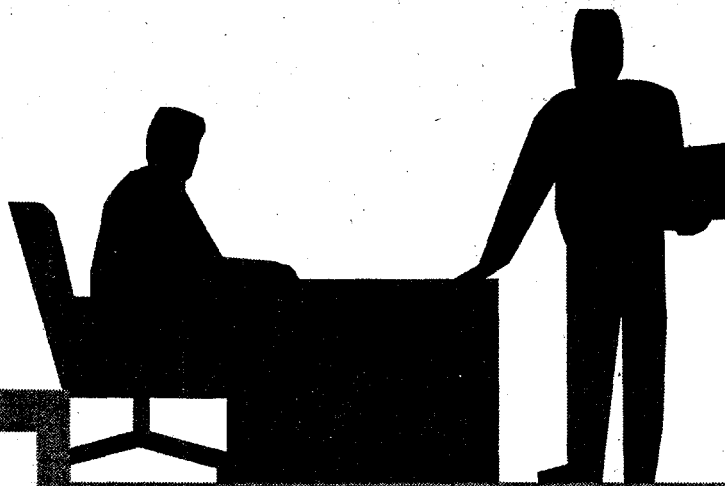
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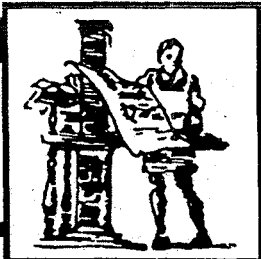
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Cyberspace help is on the way

P-C-N companies provide advice, expertise to companies launching Web sites

BY CHIARA CANNELLA
Many people think that the best way to get wet is to cannonball into the deep end. But when it comes to companies putting up a

web site, sometimes the kiddie pool is the best place to start.

For a company that wants to create an international web presence and dominate sales in their market, a huge site costing \$30,000 to \$50,000 is probably necessary.

But if you just want a way for customers in Nebraska to know

where to replace the petosky stone staple remover they lost, small strategic steps may be the most practical way to go.

One option for starting small is to design your own site. Because of simplified web design programs, most reasonably computer-literate users can now build a web site. Programs such as Pagemill and Frontpage allow users to design and build a Web page without learning Java, HTML, C++, or any other more technical program.

Designing a page does take

work, however. If you go out and buy Frontpage, spend a few hours learning it, then build your site, it will certainly reflect your efforts, according to Frank Christopher, president of Computer Specialist in Northville.

But depending on your goals* for the site, that might be okay. For a small company trying to provide information about their array of products, a relatively simple, text-based page that will load quickly and direct customers to an 800-number is often the best way to start, says Arborlink President Tony Keene.

"This can be designed and updated periodically, and customers often prefer to speak to someone directly rather than fill out a form and hit send," Keene said.

This is effective for companies which rely on secondary marketing

response, Keene said. That means including your web address on product labels so people know where to find you when they want to re-order, or want to know what other products a company offers.

Problems do arise when non-specialists try their hand at designing sites. Some are aesthetic, some are technical. Graphics can be a source of both types of problems. Clip art from Frontpage and other sources are seen on the internet over and over, according to Keene. Web design companies, such as Arborlink or Computer Specialist can create custom graphics, which helps set a site apart from others.

Hosting companies often run into technical graphics problems with home-made sites because people don't know the best way to accomplish their goals, Keene said.

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Business booms on World Wide Web

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

With all the hype about the Internet, its infinite information possibilities, its ability to link people from around the world, its problems and its solutions, something silent and yet predictable happened: it went commercial.

That's not to say it was sold-out or anything. Although there are probably some segments of the Web savvy population that are purist, believing that entities such as Nabisco Shredded Wheat and Acme Pencil Poppers don't have any place on the Net, it was inevitable that the money would eventually find its way in.

For years, big companies like IBM, Ford and Nike have touted themselves on the Web,

advertising new products, new services and new schemes, in hopes of reaching an ever-extending purchasing audience.

Lately, however, the little guys have entered the game. The Internet offers smaller companies a chance for relatively cheap exposure and to reach a world far beyond its normal bounds.

Several local companies have found Internet opportunities both enticing and profitable.

"We were just trying to reach a wider market," says Chris Cavanaugh, Sales Manager at CF Sales, whose company has been on the Web for 18 months. "It started off slow, but after we worked some kinks out, made it a little more user friendly, the

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The Crier hits the World Wide Web

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

"The Newspaper with Its Heart in the Plymouth-Canton Community" now has a piece of that heart in cyberspace.

On July 22, The Community Crier

officially joined the ranks of the internet savvy, with its first edition published on the Internet.

The Crier has always been known as a cutting-edge paper. Since it began in 1974, its coverage of local

news and views has distinguished it as one of the leading weekly newspapers in Southeastern Michigan.

The Internet offers convenience and exposure like no other medium, allowing The Crier to extend beyond the bounds of its normal readership.

"We're hearing from people all over the country and Europe that have ties to the community," said Publisher W. Edward Wendover. "They are pleased to see our site up because, for them, it's like coming home."

The new Crier Web site offers a slightly abridged version of the real deal. Web surfers can access several news, sports and business stories from the convenience of their personal computer, updated every week.

It will also feature the entire Community Opinions, Classified, and Community Deaths sections. There are plans to update the obituaries daily so family and friends can be aware of arrangements on time.

In addition to The Crier Web site, The GUIDE Web site has been up-and-running for months. Based on the annually published GUIDE, this

Web site offers all the basic information about The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, including important phone numbers, dates and facts.

Combined with The Crier, it offers the most comprehensive glimpse of P-C-N on the Internet.

The sites also provide great opportunities for local businesses to get their name out into cyberspace.

"This way they don't have to build a site of their own," Wendover said. "They can just be connected to ours."

Tony Keene of Arbor Link, designers of The Crier and GUIDE Web sites, said the sites offer a break from the usual Internet slatherings.

"It's nice to have real content on the Web," he said. "People will appreciate being able to get real information on the community."

It's fitting, said Keene, that The Crier made its way to the Web.

"It makes sense," he said. "The newspaper is the source of information for the community and the Internet is all about information. It is a good match."

Business Booms

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proves that businesses catering to specific industrial needs can find a niche on the Web.

"Frankly we weren't that optimistic," Cavanaugh said. "I thought the Internet was more for shop-at-home PC users, but obviously there are a lot of heads of companies surfing the Web."

According to Lee Bittinger, a real estate agent in Canton, small things aren't the only things sold on the Web. It's a good way to buy large items—like houses—as well.

"Last year alone we sold 36 houses directly as a result of our website," Bittinger says. "I have

become a true believer in Internet advertising."

Bittinger's experiences speak favorably toward the ways in which the Web can help local businesses reach a non-local audience.

"We created the Web site to capture out-of-town business," Bittinger says. "But at least half of our Internet business comes from locals."

Nonetheless, says Bittinger, the Web has created opportunities that would not be available otherwise.

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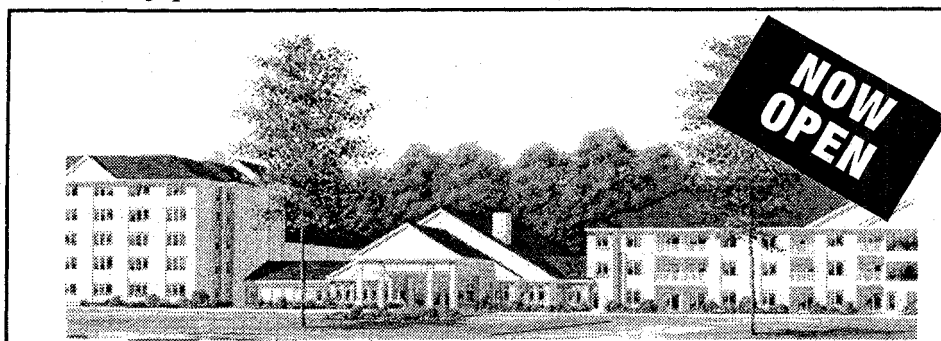
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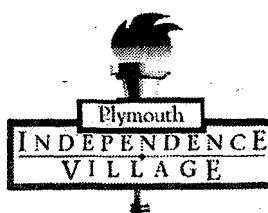
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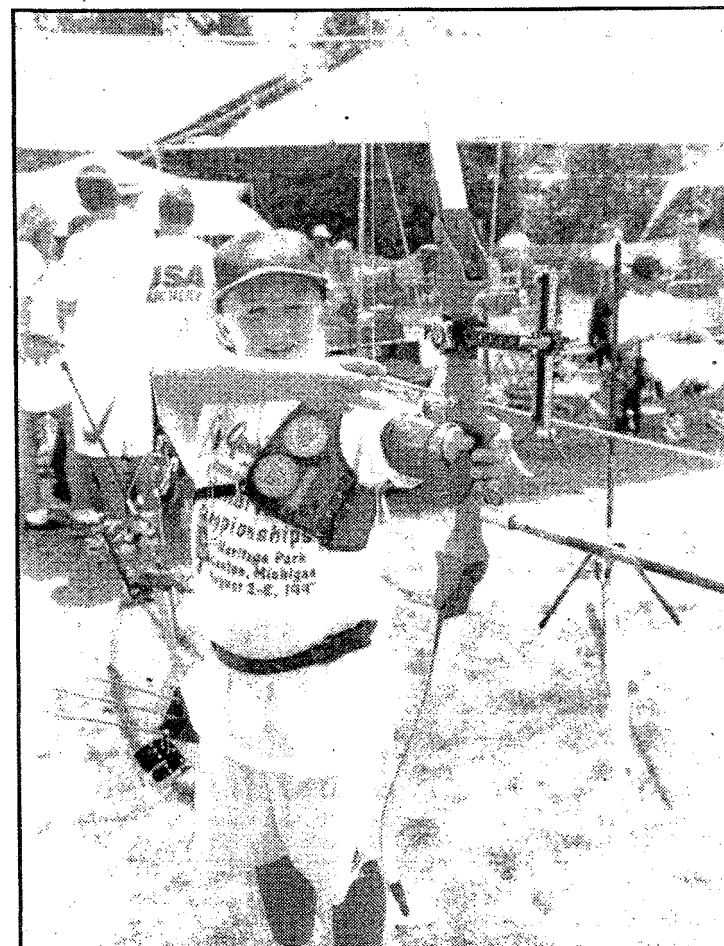
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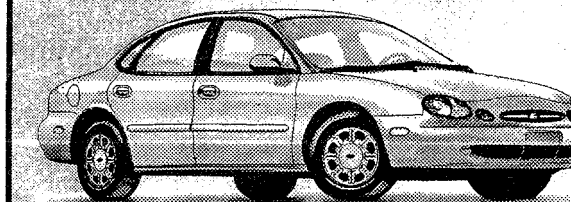
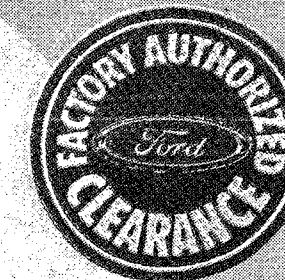
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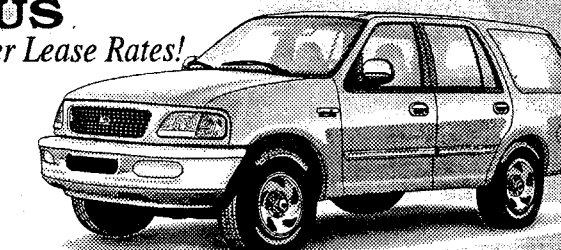


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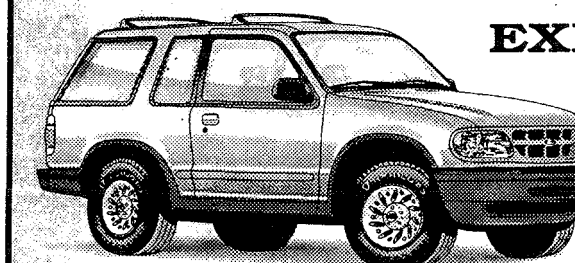
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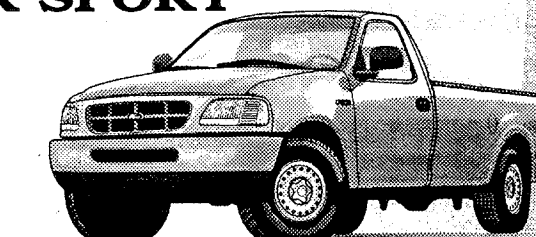
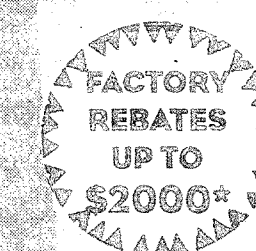
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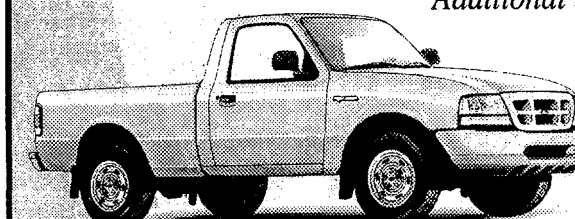


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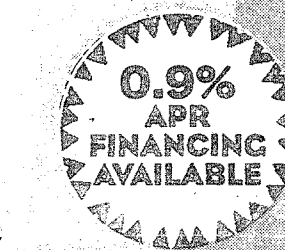


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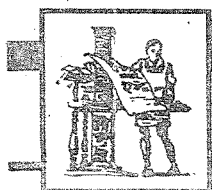
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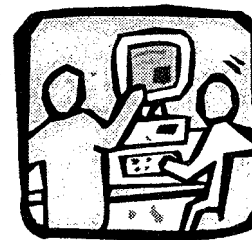
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Local sites get business names out

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

By now, everyone knows that the Internet can be an important business tool.

It has been touted as an excellent advertising idea and the ultimate equalizer, giving smaller firms the ability to have as much visibility as large, international companies.

As the World Wide Web gains even more popularity and use, it will soon be the case of it's not only what your web site looks

like, but the company it keeps. Web Sites are popping up that can provide a perfect first glimpse of a business as part of the community. Most governments maintain or are in the process of constructing their own Web Sites, either on their own or by contracting the service out to a growing number of web

site developers.

The City of Plymouth will be the most recent addition to the Web. With a site developed by Arborlink, Inc., they will hit the information superhighway Sept.

1, according to Tom Alexandris, who is overseeing the project for the City.

"We're at the point now where we can say we'll be up and running on the first," Alexandris said. "We're going to try to have a number of things online right away."

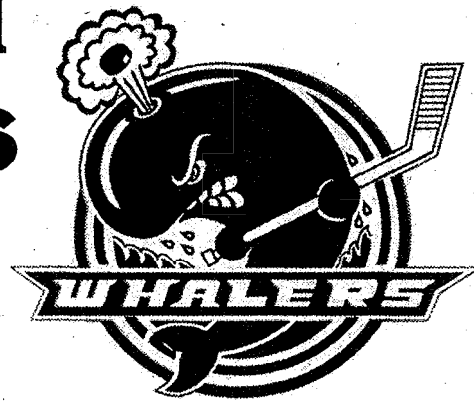
In addition to the basic service the site will allow, such as obtaining the various permits a resident might want and providing a forum to request services such as bush chipping, the site will also provide links to other sites that will give a more complete view of the city. Sites such as community groups, the

6 We'll provide business names and phone numbers and a list of services. (Web surfers) will be able to do a search based on the business name or category.

— Tom Alexandris
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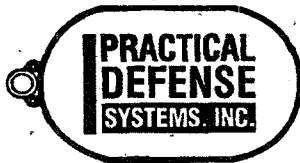
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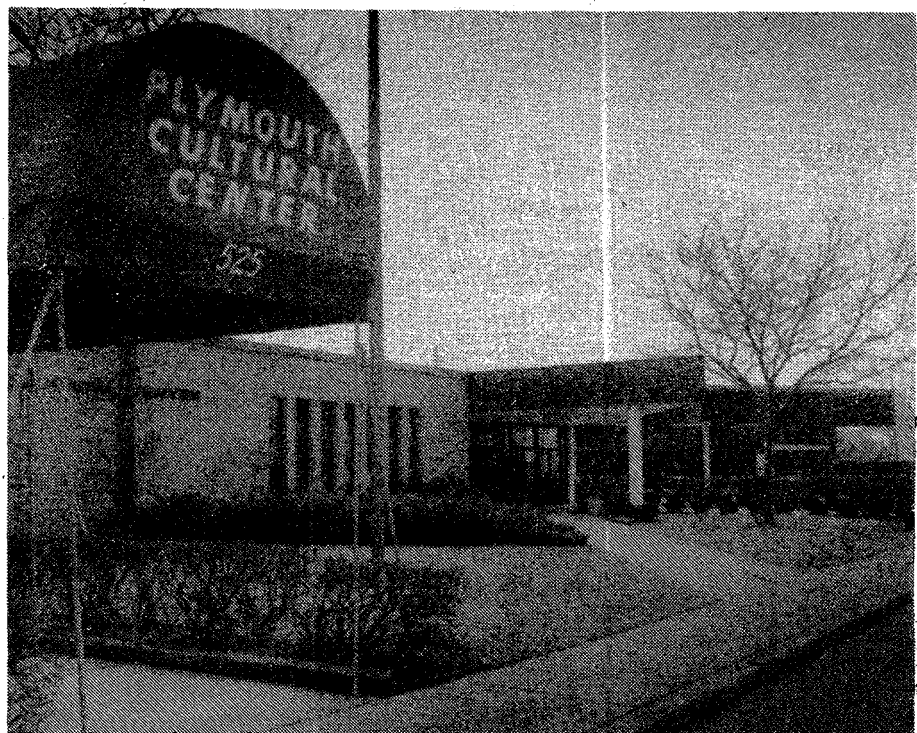
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P-C-N firms help WWW illiterates

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Just scanning something doesn't work as well as using Photoshop, for example, he says.

And for some people, the financial savings of building your own site isn't worth the hassle.

Christopher said that many people feel the price of paying someone to design, host and maintain the site is worth it.

"It really is like speaking two languages," he said. Lots of people "don't want to get an education to have a good site."

Starting with a simple site doesn't limit the possibilities. Once traffic increases and you want to sell over the Internet, other features can be added to the site later, Keene said.

Sales over the internet introduces "a whole other host of issues, including databases, inventories, shopping carts and level of displays," according to Keene. A bank must also be involved, and security problems are increasing in number as code-cracking hackers keep up with security technology.

This is where a Web services provider really prevents stress-related breakdowns.

Even if all you are looking for is a server to host a site you've built, local companies offer many advantages.

There are dozens of huge national companies that provide hosting services, but for local businesses who wish to support their community, P-C-N offers outstanding web resources.

Arborlink also offers an extensive range of web services, such as site design and intranet administration, but for companies who want to build their own site, Arborlink will host it and maintain the page.

Arborlink is one of the few area companies that actually run their own servers, according to Keene. That means they offer direct domain addresses, such as www.mycompany.com, for example, instead of a complicated and meaningless series of letters and numbers.

Why are direct domain

addresses important? Because if a business owner wants to sell over the web, customers have to be able to find the site. The closer the address is to the name of the company, the easier it will be.

Many "hosting" companies that don't own servers buy bulk hosting services from large companies, then resell it.

Christopher of Computer Specialist, which also offers direct domain addresses as well as design and network administration, said he was so frustrated with the unreliable service he got from larger providers that he bought a server himself.

"Some companies flood servers," he said, so they run slowly and are more likely to crash.

Local companies offer other advantages. If a customer has a problem, they'll "always be able to get in touch with someone, even on weekends," Christopher said. "Lots of the big companies keep (traditional) office hours."

The best part of working with a small local company? Personal attention, Christopher said.

At Computer Specialist, customers work with just one web designer.

"One person will build the site from start to to finish. Someone will know the site since infancy," Christopher said. This makes maintenance and adjustments much easier, he said, and means one representative builds a relationship with a client.

Businesses in the market for a site have other services to consider. Many companies offer email addresses for employees, Frequency of back-ups, how fast the site will run, whether or not email addresses are included or can be added, and on-line support all affect the ease with which companies and customers use Web sites.

Best advice for launching a site for your business? Choose the most important features first and expand as your investment pays off, Keene said.

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Chamber, city sites offer name exposure

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will give a more complete view of the city. Sites such as community groups, the library and, of course, the Downtown Business Association (DBA).

Alexandris said any business belong to the DBA will be featured in the DBA listing, which is an online version of their directory, according to Alexandris.

"We'll provide phone numbers and a list of services," Alexandris said. "(Web surfers) will be able to do a search based on the business name or category."

Area Chambers of Commerce provide similar online services. The Plymouth and Canton chambers, provide links to their member directories and any of their members that may maintain their own Web Site.

"That's one area we're going to concentrate more on in the future," said Ryan Ambrozaitis, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Ambrozaitis, who started Monday, said the chamber will look into providing Internet access for its members.

"It's a very big part of the business community," Ambrozaitis said. "There are a growing number of home-based businesses as well, and the Internet is they key."

Canton also plans to add links to business to its site. It currently contains a community profile as well as links to the Chamber of Commerce Site and the canton Public Library. The site is being

developed completely within the communications department, according to Communications director Ken Voyles.

"We're very proud of the fact that we did it ourselves," he said. "We see it as saving money, and giving people within the organization a new set of skills,

rather than farming it out."

One of the biggest ways the sites can help businesses by linking them to municipal or chamber sites is through visibility. People looking for information about the community they plan to relocate to can find out what businesses are there before they pack their first box.

And that's visibility today's business needs. To find out more about putting your business on the Web, contact your local Chamber of Commerce.

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- Ryan Ambrozaitis
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EARL ROY CHRISS

Earl Roy Chriss, a Westland resident, died July 18, 1998 at the age of 66.

Mr. Chriss was born Oct. 17, 1931 in Detroit. He was an iron worker. He was a member of the Iron Workers Local 25 for 38 years.

He is survived by his wife, Louise D. Chriss of Westland; sons, Daniel (Bonnie) Chriss of Canton, Richard (Tricia) Chriss of Charleston, SC, Joseph (Beth) Chriss of Canton; brothers, Paul C. Chriss of Bullhead City, AZ, Carl E. Chriss of Rochester Hills, MI; sisters, Margaret Teschlet of North Fort Meyers, FL, Judy Teschler of Mt. Clemens; granddaughter, Jennifer Chriss; and grandsons, David Chriss and Joey Chriss.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Kurt Lambert officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or the Scleroderma Foundation, 24655 Southfield, Southfield, MI 48705.

ROBERT W. BACHELDOR

Robert W. Bacheldor, a Plymouth resident, died July 24, 1998 at the age of 73.

Mr. Bacheldor was born Sept. 12, 1924 in Highland Park, MI. He was a

member of the American Foundrymen Association, Plymouth Masonic Lodge #57, F & M; and an active volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Society. He was a participating member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and volunteers as a scout master for the Boy Scouts of America for many years. He graduated from Plymouth High School and Kettering University, formerly known as General Motors Institute in Flint, MI. He was employed as a research engineer and foundry specialist at the General Motors Technical Center for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Plymouth; sons, Jim (Judi) Bacheldor of W. Bloomfield MI, Paul (Sheryl) Bacheldor of Haines, FL; daughter, Jane (Wick) Elliott of Ypsilanti; brothers, Ralph (Jeanne) Bacheldor of Colorado, John (Marjorie) Bacheldor of Colorado; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170; or the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Ivan Joseph Dix, 56

Ivan Joseph Dix, a Romulus resident, died July 20, 1998.

He is survived by his sister, Sue (Lou) Tilley of Canton; brother, Brent (Leslie) Dix of Plymouth and one other brother; several nieces and nephews; and one uncle.

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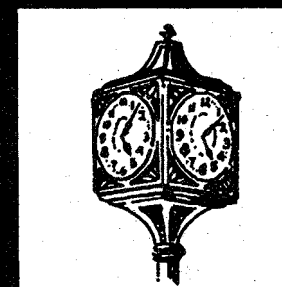
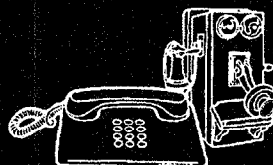
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Bless You, Geneva

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"I'M THE FASHION THING HERE... in my "Bordello" jacket. --Sally, 1998. (Bob pointed out she meant a "Bolero" jacket)

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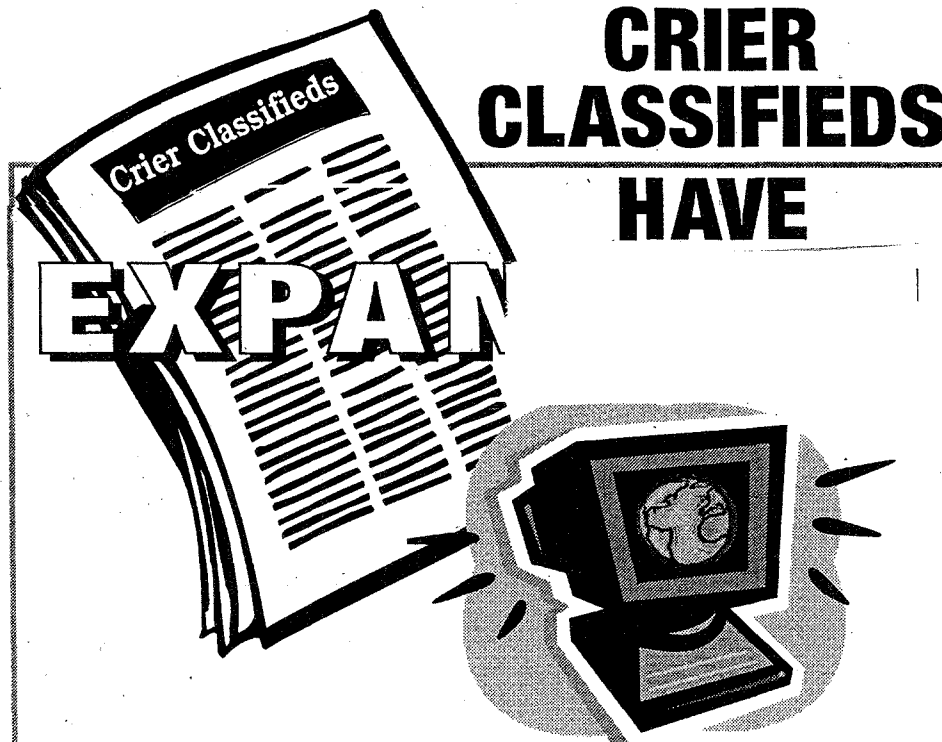
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Three Girl Scouts, trying to obtain the prestigious Silver Star Award, are hosting a Sports and Crafts Day for area kids at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

The camp will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 2-5 p.m. and is open to all girls from kindergarten to third grade.

For more info call Katie at 451-7944.

Canton is bullseye again; National Archery Tournament returns

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Canton officials are preparing for their biggest sporting event of the year as the National Archery Association's (NAA) National Archery Championships return to Heritage Park next week for the second year in a row.

According to Bill Killick of the NAA, this year's event is expected to be bigger and better than last year. Although, Killick said, that comes as a surprise.

"We really expected less participants this

year," he said. "Last year, of the 530 archers, 130 were foreign. Many of them came to our tournament because the world championships were being held in Canada the next week-end."

This year's numbers didn't go down, however they actually went up. "We've got 560 registered right now," Killick said.

The championships begins Saturday with traditional tournament. No sights allowed.

"This is really something to watch," Killick said. "They really have to put some

arch on it to reach the target."

Monday through Thursday, the National Championships will be held. Then on Friday, based on the previous four days' scores, a 64-player head-to-head elimination U.S. Open tournament takes place.

Many of the top players from around the world compete in this prestigious event. According to Killick, a band of Mongolian players are trying for a late entrance.

"We're trying to get them in," he said. "We've got get them some last-minute visas."

Improving your game at the range

The keys are rhythm, balance and timing, not distance

GOLF TIPS

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

How many times have you seen this: You're at the driving range, hitting a bucket of balls, when a guy sets himself up in the slot next to you. He pulls out his driver and begins to wail away. One after one, the balls fly out into the field like rockets, but not always straight.

Impressive, maybe, if only for the mere physicality of it. But smart? Not according to Bob Kuhn, golf professional at Arbor-Joy Golf Range in Plymouth Township.

"Everyone who comes to the practice range and tries to kill the ball is wasting their time," Kuhn says. "They might as well be giving their money to Goodwill."

Kuhn, who has been teaching golf for 42 years, suggests working on your rhythm, timing and balance, the most important elements of a good golf swing.

"You should start with your short irons, the seven, eight, nine and wedge," he says. "Just like the pro do."

If possible, Kuhn also suggests hitting off real grass, but with a tee for beginners. "The key is to get it in the air and see where it goes," he says.

Another suggestion: wear regular shoes, not spikes.

"Regular shoes force you to cut down on your swing," says Kuhn. "The key is to try not to kill the ball. The harder you swing, the worse it gets. Wearing regular shoes helps you find that balance."

The financial advantage of a golf range over a golf course is also important when deciding where to practice.



Golfers can practice their swing year-round at the Golden Bear Golf Center in Northville. According to General Manager Mike Ashley, Golden Bear does very good business during the frigid months because players are striving to keep their golf muscles tuned. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

According to Mike Ashley, General Manager at Golden Bear Golf Center in Northville Township, spending a few dollars at a range can save your several dollars on

the course.

"For example, say your trying to develop a draw," Ashley says. "If you do it on the

We are the champions

As the summer wears down, several PCJBL leagues have finished play and crowned their victors

B. LEAGUE — 9 YEARS-OLD

The American League Champs White Sox defeated the National League Champions, the Braves, 18-10 in the championship game of the playoffs. The White Sox went 12-2-1 during the regular season, while the Braves posted an impressive 9-3-3 mark

BB LEAGUE — 10 YEARS-OLD

This year, it was all Rockies, as the young team left a record scathed by no losses and only one tie (see photo right). Ace pitchers Richard Denison and Dave Calille posted perfect pitching records for the Rockies, 14-0-1 overall.

A LEAGUE — 11 YEARS-OLD

Last Wednesday, American League champions, the Twins, took it to National League rival the Diamondbacks 13-5 ten route to the World Series win. The Twins were coached by Randy Leslie. The National League Champion Braves failed to reach the finals.

PREP LEAGUE — 13 YEARS-OLD

The Cardinals upset the regular season champion Rockies in convincing fashion Saturday, 14-5. After five runs in the first, the Cards never looked back. The Cards, coached by John Filos and Pete Palczynski, finished the season with a 17-2 record.



Undefeated... The Rockies of the PCJBL BB League didn't lose a game this season en route to their championship last week. The Rockies posted a 14-0-1 during the regular season. In the championship game, Garret Amorose and Matt Czajkowski homered to propel the Rockies past the Cardinals 8-3. Other players on the championship team include: Bryan Kelly, Trey Wolfe, Will Battle, Tommy Brasseur, Nate Kostegian, Michael Riley, John Powers, Zachery Smith, Jeff Coogan and Joey Millgard. The Rockies were managed by Joe Czajkowski, Richard Denison, Al Calille and Chuck Wolfe.

Whalers assistant coach Greg Stefan leaving team

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

After five seasons as assistant coach with the Plymouth Whalers, Greg Stefan is moving on to become a player representative.

Stefan joins former assistant general manager Kerry Kerch, who announces his departure less than a month ago. Like Kerch, Stefan was interested in seeing the business side of the sport.

The move leaves the Whalers organization with several large holes to fill before training camp begins Labor Day weekend.

According to Ryan Stupakis, director of public relations, no replacement has been

chosen for Stefan.

Before joining the Whalers in 1993, Stefan was the Detroit Red Wings net-minder for 10 years during the 80s. Although he never won a Stanley Cup, his 115 victories place him fifth on the all-time Red Wings list.

He was also an OHL alum, skating for the Oshawa Generals for three years during the late 1970s.

Stefan also did television commentary during the latest Red Wing's Stanley Cup run.

Stefan's goaltending experience will be missed by the Whalers.

Pros: use range to perfect swing

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course, you'll be losing balls off into the woods. If you do it on the range, you can say "Okay, I hit that too far left, let's try that again."

Ranges also allow golfers to train and tune their muscles, Ashley says, more than courses.

"Teaching your muscles how to perform a good golf swing takes time," he says. "It's better to spend \$6 on a range rather than \$55 on a course to get your muscles in tune."

Ashley agrees with Kuhn that short irons are the most important club at the range.

"The informed golfer always starts out with a short iron," he says. "For one, it's a

health reason. With a short iron, you're less likely to swing as hard. You're less likely to swing as hard."

Golf ranges offer some of the best instruction around. Nearly every range offers lessons, with one-on-one personal attention.

"I'd say 20 per cent of our customers are lesson customers," Ashley said. "When you're on the course you don't have the instructors there to help you like you would here."

According to Kuhn, however, lessons aren't going to solve everything. "A lesson means nothing unless you practice in-between."

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Community opinions

20th State House District:

Vote Law onto Nov. 4 ballot

The two candidates for the Republican ticket in the 20th State House differ less in their ideas than they do in their methods. That's why when deciding who to vote for Aug. 4, voters should consider the most important question in this race.

Who would be the most effective legislator in Lansing?

Between the two Republicans, the incumbent Gerry Law would be the answer.

Law has served in the house (off and on) now for 12 years and if re-elected would be the most senior member in the house. He knows the system, knows Lansing and knows who's who in state

government.

Such a powerful representative would be a valuable asset for the 20th district. Law would have the potential to pull strings and wield a heavy hammer to get things done.

His opponent's complaint, however, is not unfounded.

K.C. Mueller has said she is running because she, and other Plymouth Township officials, believe Law has not addressed the problems of the district. Law has not been a good communicator with the Township in particular, Mueller said.

Law is a career politician and he has been in many ways non-existent in the

community during his terms.

The rift between himself and Township officials stems from Law's poor experience as Township Supervisor in the earlier years of this decade. During his tenure as Supervisor, a seat he gained after resigning from the House seat he's running for again, Law all but disappeared from the post, except to collect his checks.

Since regaining a seat in the house four years ago, however, Law has done a respectable job as legislator. But still hasn't represented the district the way he should have—as a citizen at home. If he were facing a more powerful

opponent in the primary, that one issue would be his downfall.

But Mueller hasn't proven she has what it takes to navigate the rough waters of Lansing. As a Township Trustee, Mueller hasn't separated herself as a strong voice. She seems more apt to ride the tide of popular opinion than stand out on her own.

Her quest for more district representation is admirable, but any other goals she has if elected have gotten lost in that quest.

That's why Gerald Law is the best Republican choice for the 20th State House. Vote for Law Aug. 4.

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21st State House District:

Patterson: a stronger voice

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, they should take one thing into consideration: With 64 seats opening up in the Michigan House of Representatives, leadership qualities will be important in the incoming representative for the 21st House District (which includes Canton).

During his terms as Wayne County Commissioner, Bruce Patterson has shown that leadership. Candidate Patricia Fatyma has not.

Both Republican candidates are running for the seat partially on the basis

of their experience. Fatyma is counting heavily on her experience as an aid to former State Representative Jerry Vorva. During that time she said she learned how to draft legislation and made several contacts that will help her be ready for action on day one, with no learning curve necessary.

It's entirely possible. Fatyma has helped organize public hearings and educational forums, but she has never been elected to anything before. But a State Representative is not an entry-level political office. Fatyma is a strong

candidate, but should try and enter politics at a more local level. Being a Canton resident, she would make an excellent candidate for a township trustee position, and her Lansing experience would serve her better there.

Patterson also claims he has experience which will help him represent the district in Lansing. He is currently representing the residents of the district as a Wayne County Commissioner. As such, he has written legislation providing for parental responsibility in juvenile crime, fines for criminals impersonating public service workers and establishing health codes for body art shops.

Moreover, Patterson presents a strong presence. He is a natural leader, and will provide a stronger voice in representing

the community. He has served the residents of the 11th County Commission with integrity and accessibility. He will not say one thing and do another; if he disagrees with you he will tell you, and then explain why.

But Patterson has done more than prove himself to his constituency; he has done it under adverse circumstances, as one of three Republicans on the Democratic County Commission.

His experience serving on the board of the largest county in Michigan and his knowledge of the district make him the best Republican candidate for the 21st District.

Vote Patterson for 21st District.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

How, why we endorse

At the Community Crier, our staff watches the day-in, day-out activities of government. We're witness to the community's political personalities in action.

And through our campaign season reporting, The Crier staff has an opportunity to meet and interview the newcomers, the challengers, the "wannabes," and to re-evaluate the incumbents.

This endorsement is the collective opinion of The Crier's reporters and staff who vote on the races following long debate. All votes carry equal weight. All candidates have an equal shot at

endorsement; each is considered and measured against the others.

The Crier offers its endorsement of those races that have real impact on The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Voters should use our endorsement as one more criterion for making choices at the polls, not as the sole basis for electing a candidate.

The Crier's endorsement can help differentiate between the candidates. But the choice that matters most is the voter's, the one to get out and vote. See you at the polls.

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Why you should vote

Why should you vote in Tuesday's primary election? The Community Crier believes that each voter counts immensely. This is especially so when precipitously low numbers of registered voters turn out, as is often the case in primaries.

Elections bring our community together to decide on issues relevant to all of us. The Nov. 4 general election ballot will be shaped Tuesday, as will local and county tax issues. We all need to share our opinions through elections to make the right decisions, and to keep the voice of the people alive. Vote Tuesday.

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Community opinions

'Yes' on Canton's road millage:

Canton has earned the trust

The issue about Canton's proposed 2 mill road tax levy is one of trust in government.

Canton Township has earned that trust.

The much-maligned roads in the township have come under fire by residents and officials alike, and much finger pointing has ensued.

Canton bellied up to the table. Supervisor Tom Yack has admitted that the Township's relationship with the county has cost Canton taxpayers road dollars. He has also said that by improving the relationship with county officials, Canton will pave the way to stretch out future road improvement funds, which will be provided by the millage.

By admitting at least partial fault and taking steps to correct the situation, Canton is providing the framework for that trust.

Canton's last request for additional road funds was a bond request in 1995 that failed by 48 votes. Much has happened since then: the roads have continued to deteriorate, the county turned a deaf ear and Canton has continued to complete some road improvements with money from the general fund.

Canton also performed several studies, including 1997's Blue Road Committee and this year's Neighborhood Improvement Study. All these studies showed what anybody who drives in Canton knows: the condition of the

roads is deplorable.

With an eye toward assuming jurisdiction over county roads within Canton, the board had auditing firm Plante & Moran perform a study on how expensive a road maintenance program is to determine the fiscal feasibility of taking control of the roads.

The study informed Canton officials that Wayne County didn't receive enough funds through Act 51 to provide road improvements, only maintenance. The study also concluded that a long-term financial commitment by Canton was a key.

The proposed eight-year millage certainly fits that bill. A millage provides more usable funds than bonds because it is the equivalent of paying cash for improvements, rather than getting a loan and paying for interest, as well.

The Road Millage does raise some concerns, many of which were brought up by Canton resident Larry Bowerman (during The Crier's millage interview).

First, the roads being improved under the millage are county roads, like many roads improved in other communities. These roads should be the county responsibility to fix, and Canton could foster its new relationship with the county for increased attention from the county and additional funding.

Although most of the road improvements

are in eastern Canton, the first year's work will be done primarily in western Canton. Residents in the most congested part of the township will have to wait at least an additional year before improvements begin.

The road also changes the way residents pay for improvements: from user fees (through the gas tax) to the amount of property owned.

But despite these problems, the road millage makes sense. The millage will do more than provide funds for needed improvements: it will also bring some accountability to the local level.

Canton will also continue to stretch out the dollars they spend with Special Assessment Districts (SADs) and asking developers to

provide improvements adjacent to their property. The millage funds will also allow Canton to provide the local match funds for federal aid grants, which will provide for additional projects.

The improvements will also mean a boon for Canton businesses, which will pay their share of the millage.

The roads scheduled for improvements are county roads, but the money won't be coming from the county anytime soon, if ever.

Canton's roads must be fixed, and it's up to residents to pay for them.

Vote "Yes" on the Canton Road Millage.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

11th County Commission:

Vote Hartnett

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, they will have a four democratic candidates for the 11th County Commission to choose from Tom Hartnett, Dave Parrott, Fred Bolden and John Sullivan. The candidates have a diverse background, and each brings something to the table.

The Community Crier endorses Tom Hartnett.

It was a close race between Hartnett and Parrott. Parrott's background in law gives him a slight advantage over Bolden, as does his experience on Van Buren Township's Sewer and Water Commission. He has no experience as an elected official, however. Experience on the Van Buren Township's board or school board would provide him invaluable experience should he decide to run for county seat again.

Fred Bolden has the most diverse background of any of the candidates, from growing up on a farm in Mississippi to part-time police work to computer work and management. His ideas of strengthening the educational system and improving education of domestic violence have merit. As a concerned citizen, he, too, would make an ideal candidate for a local elected position, either board of trustees or school board.

John Sullivan, like many Parrott and Hartnett, has a back ground in law. His Southgate practice deals with real estate, landlord-tenant, consumer law and has provided legal service for the UAW. Sullivan's concerns about the condition of the roads, crowded jails and the expansion of Metro Airport aren't backed up by any discernible ideas.

Sullivan also has been unresponsive to attempts to contact him. He didn't attend The Crier's candidate interviews because he said he did not receive the letter and only returned phone calls after the story was printed.

Hartnett likewise has no experience serving in an elected position. He has ran for office before, however. He has also worked with the county system and has a good grasp of social issues. His familiarity with the reorganization of the family court and willingness to raise it as an issue raises a sleeping giant, and one not likely to get votes.

His concern over the roads is backed by ideas on how to fix them; such as raising the gas tax. The gas tax may not be a good idea, but his willingness to bring it up and discuss it shows that he is looking further ahead than the other candidates.

Hartnett is also for the imposition of an impact tax on builders and developers, which was echoed by Bolden and Parrott.

He clearly has more experience working with the government on social issues than the other candidates, and that's a perspective needed in county politics.

Crier readers should choose Tom Hartnett Aug. 4 as their Democratic candidate for 11th County Commission district.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

'No' on the Super Majority:

Minority rule?

Whatever happened to "One man, one vote"?

Once you've contemporized it into a gender-neutral phrase, there's nothing wrong with the longstanding Constitutional principal that each person is entitled to cast one vote, and that each vote carries as much weight as any other.

Why change that?

But that's exactly what Wayne County Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter and Bruce Patterson are trying to do with the Super Majority initiative they've brought to Tuesday's ballot. The measure would lend artificial weight to certain electors' votes by requiring an okay from 60 per cent of the county's voters to increase taxes. As a limit on the commission's power to increase taxes in Plymouth-Canton-Northville, the measure may initially seem attractive.

But look more closely at what the Super

Majority measure could do: it would only take 41 per cent of the vote to defeat a proposed county tax increase. The minority's vote would have more power than the majority's.

That's a bad idea.

Voters in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community should vote 'no' on the Super Majority proposal Tuesday.

Not because they want tax increases, and not because it looks like a rope-a-dope device to get voters to the polls when Patterson and McCotter just happen to be running for state offices.

The proposal should go down because there's already a way to desecrate the elector's mind on county issues. It's time-tested but contemporary, an elegant formula: one person, one vote.

Vote "no" on the Super Majority county proposal.

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9th State Senate District, Republicans: Elect McCotter to Senate race

There are three names to pick from in the race for the 9th State Senate's Republican nomination. One is the clear choice: Thaddeus McCotter.

More than either of his competitors, McCotter represents the the 9th District's values. He also comes closest to being that type of legislator most likely to benefit voters' interests.

When it comes to being in touch with the community's morality, Deb Whyman has shown herself to be a friend to the extremes only. She touts the power of her ideas, but even her good starts are lead astray, bent in directions that fall at disturbing angles.

Detroit Records Court had jurisdiction over the most heinous crimes in all of Wayne County, yet only Detroiters had the

power to elect the court's judges. That was a problem and Whyman saw it.

But what her solution brought was phantoms of racism that haunted the issue. She added a layer in the wall that keeps the suburbs from being truly open to The City of Detroit. It was a step back in time for Whyman's Western Wayne County.

Questions of race continue today, inspired by her charge against Affirmative Action programs in government hiring and state university admissions. And now she now backs a boycott of Hawaiian pineapple because that state supports same-sex marriages and domestic partner benefits.

Whyman is intolerant of cultural diversity; most of the 9th State Senate district is not. It's good that term limits are

turning Whyman out of the House. She may have more experience in Lansing than McCotter, but voters should not see that as a reason to give her access to the state's senior chamber.

Like Whyman the third candidate, Jim Ryan, has spent time in Lansing, which might seem an advantage over McCotter. Ryan's political networks were inherited and earned in a brief stint, one term.

But what does that really mean? He worked with Gerry Law and Lyn Bankes — his mentor — and neither will publicly endorse his campaign. His parents founded Michigan Right to Life, but that organization's PAC won't give him an outright endorsement either.

And if Ryan's support is limited, so is his knowledge of the area. His purview contains Redford and the 9th district east of Middlebelt Road. It has never included Plymouth-Canton-Northville, and should not be extended to our State Senate seat.

Thaddeus McCotter understands what's important to the entire 9th State Senate district. He helped stop Willow Run Airport from becoming a Tradeport. He has been accessible and worked in tandem with Commissioner Bruce Patterson to preserve the rights of constituents in P-C-N.

Tuesday, vote for Thaddeus McCotter in the 9th State Senate district runoff.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

County Executive, Dems: Tues., send Mac back

There's one thing you can say about Ed McNamara: he knows where Western Wayne County is, if only because it's near Livonia.

For residents of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, Ed McNamara is the best choice for County Executive. He knows P-C-N better than Sharon McPhail or Wallace Seryo. True, the snarled condition of Metro Airport and the effort to turn Willow Run Airport into a tradeport count against him.

But the sale of the long-vacant county property in Northville Township weighs in his favor. Steps local officials have taken to bridge the gaps between our community and the City-County Building help, too. Vote McNamara.

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'No' on county's jail renewal: Check the county coffers

Nine years after Wayne County voters approved a one-mill, 10-year millage for juvenile detention and jails, construction began on the intended juvenile detention facility. Just in time to ask for a renewal?

Within those nine years, after a millage passed that has raised well over \$20 million for the juvenile project, conditions in an existing facility degenerated to such a state that the U.S. Justice Department had to intervene.

The county is now requesting a four year renewal at .95 of a mill, again with "at least one tenth" dedicated to acquire, build, and operate a juvenile facility.

County officials must be held accountable to residents as well as to habitants of the facilities for their failure to act once voter approval was given.

The county has no excuse for failing to accomplish what taxpayers bid them to do in 1988.

Voters should not approve Proposition J.

County residents pay 10.17 mills in county taxes right now. Incarceration of criminals is one of the principle responsibilities of a county. Residents

must not send the message to county officials that they can be careless with our tax dollars and we will keep forking over more money.

We recognize that improvements were made in other areas of incarceration and rehabilitation of criminals. Over 2000 beds were added to county jails. Tethering programs were installed for non-violent criminals to reduce prison over-crowding.

But if voters continue to renew millages that fail to accomplish their goals, government officials will have no motivation to improve the efficiency and efficacy of their programs.

There is enough money in county coffers if officials spent money where taxpayers tell them, loud and clear by casting their ballots, how they want their money spent.

Ten years is too long to wait to see results. Voters must not accept incompetence from county officials.

Vote "no" on Wayne County Proposition J.

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Community opinions

'Yes' on Twp. recreation:

For the residents, not the Board

Plymouth Township is an active community and has gone far too long without a recreation program of its own.

Voters should approve the half mill recreation proposal August 4 because the time has come for their community to step up to the plate. The City of Plymouth can no longer provide recreation for both communities, and no longer should they be expected to.

A new joint recreation program will provide much needed capital improvements to existing baseball and

soccer fields, the construction of several new fields, the upgrading of the Cultural Center and possibly the addition of an aquatic facility.

For every kid in the Township that plays soccer, for every senior citizen who takes programs at the Cultural Center and for every resident who is searching for a greater community identity, voters should pass this millage.

Unfortunately, however, The Board of Trustees has not made it easy for them. They have shown little genuine interest in

a joint recreation program, particularly one originally centered in The City.

Also, The Township's inability to form a definite recreation plan—who will run it, what it will include—doesn't elicit much confidence in their ability to get the ball rolling quickly if the millage passes. How much longer will residents have to wait for recreation services, and what exactly will those services be, if the millage is approved?

A millage failure, particularly by a close vote, would likely be the result of the poor

planning. Buying a \$1 grab bag isn't a problem. A \$500,000 grab bag, on the other hand, is a little tough to swallow.

If it fails, the Township Board should return it to the ballot when they have a solid plan, something tangible for voters to study.

Even without the plan, any solid recreation program would be an important asset for a young, thriving community. Vote "yes" for the half mill August 4 for Plymouth Township recreation.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

'No' on Twp. police, fire & dispatch:

Too fast, too soon, too much

Here's three words to describe The Plymouth Township Police/Fire/Communications millage:

Too much money.

The Township needs more police officers. The Township needs more firefighters. The Township probably needs more than one communications officer per shift. But does the Township need 3.0 mills to accomplish that?

No it doesn't.

Township voters should turn down the Police/Fire/Communications millage Aug.

4 because it's overkill.

Two of the three mills will go toward replacing general fund monies currently subsidizing police and fire services. The final mill will be designated for new services, including the immediate hiring of four police officers, three firefighters and two dispatchers.

Millage approval will free up more than \$2 million in the general fund. With that extra money Township officials are pledging — temporarily — to cover the \$132 trash pick-up fee Township voters are

currently levied on their water bills.

Sounds good. Instant savings. But how long will it last?

Each of the three Township millages on the Aug. 4 ballot is proposed to last 20 years. Coverage by the Township of the trash pick-up fee is not guaranteed for any length of time, and could last only two years until a new Board of Trustees is elected.

Passage of this millage should not require a backdoor incentive like covering the trash pick-up fee to soak up excess costs. If they are asking so much that these excess costs exist, reduce the millage.

Township officials contend that the higher millage is necessary now because of anticipated lost revenue later. Building fees levied on new developments, which currently account for more than \$1 million per year, will drop off quickly as the final large developments are finished.

This is a fair assumption, and it is good to see the Township looking ahead. Anticipating \$2 million in lost revenue 15 years from now, however, is a pessimistic stretch based, they say, on unpredictable state aid.

There also is a question of need. Plymouth Township was ranked the seventh safest community in Michigan last year, even with the limited police staff.

Three patrol cars per shift is too low, and doesn't allow sufficient cushion in case of emergencies. Both the fire and police are running at lower-than-desired levels and

need to be increased. But to what degree?

If this millage fails, the Township can return in November with a lower, more sensible millage proposal.

A 3.0 mill increase is simply too large, even for a worthy cause, and should be voted down. Vote "No" on Plymouth Township Proposal 1.

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9th State Senate, Dems:

Vote Susselman

For Carol Poenisch and Marc Susselman, the race to be the Democratic candidate in the 9th State Senate is a cold start. Neither have held elective office before. What's more, neither has spent much if any money on their respective campaigns thus far.

What each does have is a cause. For Poenisch it's Marion's Friends, a group that has drafted a ballot initiative to support physician-assisted suicide in Michigan. Susselman's issue is labor law, his legal niche as a lawyer.

But P-C-N voters should put Susselman's name on the November ballot. It's a close call between the pair, but Susselman's experience, erudition and demeanor give him the edge.

Vote for Marc Susselman.

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WTUA: 'Yes'

Plymouth Township residents who itemize their tax deductions will save money by approving the 20-year WTUA Proposal.

Residents pay taxes on income they use to pay water and sewage bills. They do not pay taxes for income paid to other government authorities for taxes. By transferring the charge for WTUA, which residents have to pay anyway, to the property tax, homeowners will pay less for federal and state taxes.

Residents' total payment for WTUA debt retirement will not increase, and by transferring the payment from a fee on the water and sewage bill to levying a millage, residents will save money by reducing the amount of federal and state assessments taxpayers pay.

Though increasing millage does put more taxpayer money into the government tax coffers instead of keeping a visibly separate fee on water and sewage bills, the wording of the proposal adequately ensures that the money will be used only for WTUA payments.

The township began a 30-year payment plan for WTUA in 1988. The debt will be paid off in 2019, a year after the 20-year proposed millage would end.

Vote "YES" on Plymouth Township's WTUA Proposal.

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Twp. mire confuses issue

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees made a mistake in hiring Bill Joyner as author of their millage information newsletters. As evidence, look at the mailings for both the Township and the "Say Yes to Plymouth" campaign.

They are nearly identical. They are the same size, both tri-folds and each uses the same green for coloring. The wording in each is similar, and so is the intent.

Joyner is the former manager of the "Say Yes" citizens committee, who advocate a "yes" vote on all three Aug. 4 millages. It is illegal for the Township to promote a "yes" vote for the millages, but they hired Joyner, a distinctly biased citizen, to produce their informational newsletters nonetheless.

As an active member in the "Say Yes" committee, Joyner would have known what their pro-millage mailings look like.

However, instead of creating a clear distinction between the Township mailing and the citizens' mailing — as he should have

done — Joyner has made it difficult to tell them apart.

The mailings are just the latest in a series of campaign blunders by the Township Board.

First, they nixed the Township Hall millage proposal because they discover they might be able to slip it in the back door. Then they couldn't forge a solid recreation plan in time for the election. Now, they've allowed Joyner to botch the mailings, prompting some in the Township to ask whether the Board wants these issues to pass at all.


Township voters are facing some very important choices for the future of their community. Regardless of the political gesturing that has muddled up this campaign, voters should examine the millage proposals on their own merit.

If political personalities are allowed to sway this campaign one way or another, only the residents will be hurt.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Above, the Township's newsletter, the committee's below.


Lots of people
you disagree with
will vote on Tuesday...




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You?

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The bait shack
By Mike Carne





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This special issue of your hometown update is part of a continuing effort to provide a look into the three ballot questions Plymouth Township residents are being asked to consider on August 4th. Plymouth Township has seen a tremendous amount of growth. With that growth comes pressure on current recreation programs (being offered by the City of Plymouth) and also issues of public safety.

The culmination of many years of discussion, studying and surveying community residents has made it clear that these critical issues should be brought before the voters. As you prepare to vote on August 4th here are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

Why do we need 3.0 mills for police/fire and communications?

In 1996, our current level of police, fire and communications cost 4.6 million dollars. 2.6 million dollars is generated by our current special voted millages of 2.5 mills. The remaining 2 million dollars is funded through several other sources of general fund revenue, including building fees, state shared revenue, golf course revenue, and the 1.0 mill for general fund. This method of funding has been adequate as the community was growing and developing, and while the state economy is doing well.

We expect our government to be run like a business. So, like a business, we must look ahead, evaluate our needs, and secure stable sources of funding to provide for those needs now and into the future. Sources of revenue other than property tax millage can go up and down based on factors beyond the control of Plymouth Township. State shared revenue is a line item in the state budget and historically has increased and decreased according to the decisions of the state legislature and the governor. Our recent building boom has provided significant permit revenue, but will decline as we reach full development. Even property tax revenue, which is based on our increasing property values, is limited to the rate of inflation by the Headlee amendment.

We know that we are rapidly approaching full development. We expect that we will lose 1 million dollars in building revenue annually when our development is done. We are already seeing a decline in building revenue in 1998. We also know that the state's economy is cyclical, and that we will lose revenue from this source with the next downturn.

So, Why 3.0 mills? 1.1 mill will be used to provide additional services in police, fire and communications—3 additional firefighters, 4 additional police officers and 3 additional communications operators will be hired immediately; and, within the next 2-4 years, 3 additional firefighters and 4 additional police officers will be hired as they are needed. The remaining 1.9 mills will replace the 2 million dollar subsidy currently coming from the general fund, from sources that are not stable and are not within the control of our community.

What will we do with the 2 million dollars that will be freed up in the general fund until we lose the revenue that we expect to lose? The Board of Trustees has committed to using general fund revenue to pay for trash pickup which citizens currently pay individually on their water bill. There is also a need to relocate Fire Station #1 because of the widening of Ann Arbor Road. And, we cannot forget that we are already beginning to see the drop in building revenue as the last major developments are well underway.

BY SAYING YES ... WE INVEST IN OUR HOMETOWN:

investing in your HOMETOWN for today and for tomorrow ... the immediate hiring of four additional police officers and three additional fire fighters. Within 2-4 years the hiring of four more police officers and three more fire fighters. The immediate hiring of additional Communication Center Staff so that two emergency dispatchers are on duty at all times.

Investing in tomorrow? For today and for tomorrow ... the immediate creation of a joint Recreation Program with Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

WTUA fee, currently ... the immediate removal of the WTUA Fee currently on the water bill.

Removal of the Trash Pick-up fee ... if the Police/Fire/Communication proposal passes your trash pick-up fee will be paid for out of the general fund, resulting in a savings to most homeowners of \$132 per year.

Investing in your hometown for today and for tomorrow



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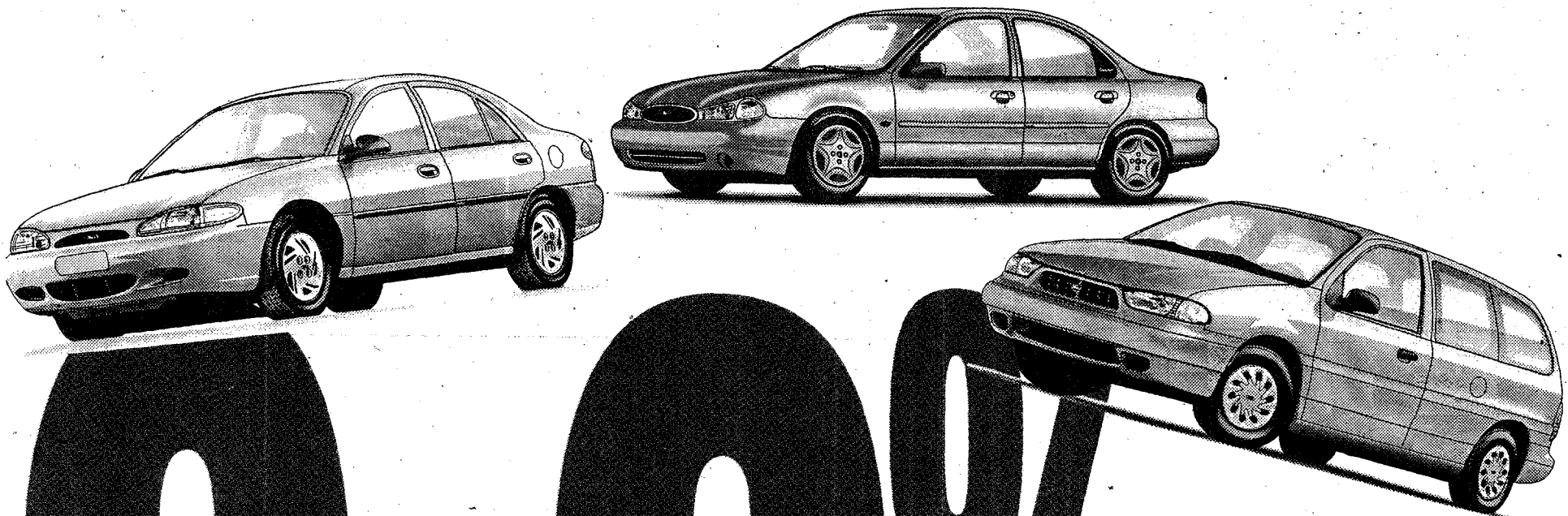
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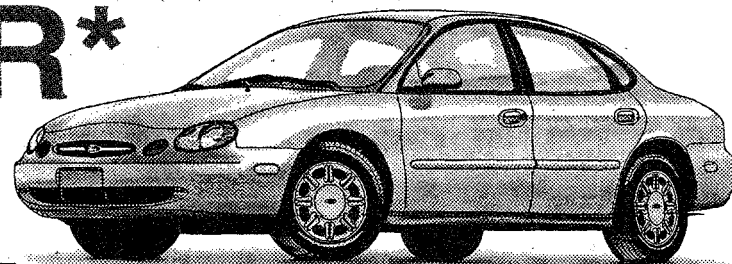
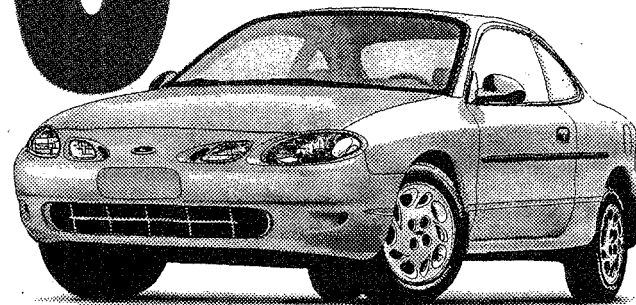


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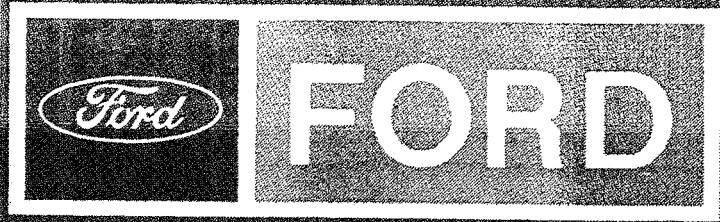
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