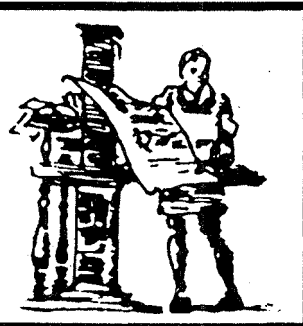


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Christine and Michael Tobin have their portrait sketched by "Szaro" during Art in the Park. The annual festival drew thousands to downtown Plymouth over the weekend. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Mark Christiansen has more than 20 years of municipal financial experience. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

City names Christiansen finance boss

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth City Commission unanimously voted Monday to approve the appointment of Mark Christiansen as finance director and City assessor.

Christiansen, who has more than 20 years of experience in municipal finances, including the last six years working for the City of Northville, said he looks forward to working with City Manager Steve Walters again. Walters originally hired Christiansen in Northville in 1990.

"I hired him in Northville as the best applicant at that time and I found his abilities and contributions valuable," Walters said. "We worked together for about 13 months. We went through a budget together and a year-end cycle and he did a good job there."

Although the City Charter allows Walters to independently make the appointment, he said Plymouth Administrative Services Director Carol Stone and Treasurer Teresa Cischke helped sift through the applications and sat in on the interviews for the six finalists.

"We rated each individual," said Walters. "Afterward, they gave me their notes and their recommendation. It really wasn't a vote, but I obviously took into account their view of things."

Walters said both Stone and Cischke recommended Christiansen as their top pick.

Christiansen said the interview process

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Art in the Park packs City streets

Thousands attended annual art fair in downtown Plymouth last weekend

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The streets have reopened and the artists have packed up and gone home — Art in the Park '96 is history.

"It's over. That's the sad thing," said Dianne Quinn, the festival's founder and organizer.

Despite passing showers, thousands of visitors made Saturday and Sunday very profitable for merchants. "People were selling out," Quinn said.

The new layout, meticulously designed to evenly spread the festival throughout downtown, worked fabulously. "The layout was great. We were a little worried about it because we had so many artists coming, but it worked," Quinn said.

The crowds responded favorably too. "The crowds were great. I have pictures of when it was pouring rain and these people were waiting under the hotel for it to stop," she said.

Because of the festival's success, Quinn said there will be only minor changes to next year's Art in the Park, perhaps extending the show's hours on Saturday.

"It probably won't get bigger," she said. "It'll get better."

Quinn thanked the Art in the Park volunteers for their gener-

ous time and efforts, including: the Plymouth City Commissioners; City Manager Steve Walters; the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; the downtown merchants; Huron Valley Ambulance; Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile; Uncle Frank's; Penniman Deli; the Mayflower Hotel; Box Bar; The Community Crier and COMMA, staff; Harriett Bright; Wayne Chervekowsky; Rob and Katherine Daley; Linda Densmore; DPW Director Paul Sincok and crew; attorneys Dragelis, Ashton, Skully; Rick Dunn; Brad Eberlin; Dave and Debbie Eisenlord; Bob Greene; Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth and staff; Andrea Holyoak; Denny Idrizi; Ken, Shay and Brian Kisabeth; Mike and Kyleen Kisabeth; Laura Koski; Kelly McCarthy; Jim, Diane, Dan and Janet Miller; Bill, Sharon and Amy Neubecker; Linda Olson; Larry and Janet Olson; Derek Olson and crew; Sandy Phillippi; Sharon and Dave Pugh, sideways; Raychel Quinn; Colleen Riehl; Paul, Elaine and Joe Rork; Dick and Linda Sanders; Mike, Jan and Jill Schmalhurst; City Police Chief Bob Scoggins and staff; Lisa Smith; Lori Suh; Ed Wendover; Kristen Whalen; and Sharon and Bob Zaetta.

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Young reporters test their skills in field of journalism

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Local Realtor helps Canton subdivision earn its name

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Canton plays host to runners during annual road race

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What do Steve Harper, Chuck Curmi, Dan Harriman, Mike Stankov, Joan Claeys, Kate Otto, Linda Stencil, Gretchen Beems, Bruce Price, and Jill Licata all have in common?

They all want the best possible Community with the most cost efficient government to call their hometown, to live, work, play, and to "raise their children."

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They all support Ron Edwards:

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- Married to Mary Pat in 1979, 4 children
- Treasurer, Plymouth Library Campaign Committee and many school activities.



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Arbor Drugs employees wrestle gun from would-be crook in Canton

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two Arbor Drugs employees and a Plymouth Township Police officer wrestled away a handgun and handcuffed a robbery suspect until Canton Police arrived Monday morning, police reports said.

The Hollywood-like robbery scene included a bloody fistfight, a very cool-headed police officer and a former Army infantryman who used his military training to wrestle the suspect to the ground.

The incident occurred at 9:30 a.m. at Arbor Drugs located at the southeast corner of Joy and Morton Taylor roads, when the suspect cased the store and then initiated the armed robbery, according to police reports and Arbor Drugs Assistant Manager Skip Barnett.

After flashing a gun, the suspect took Barnett into a back office room, demanded cash and threatened Barnett's life "The suspect told him he would kill him if he didn't comply," said Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens.

So Barnett complied. "As soon as he showed me his gun, I was constantly thinking how I could neutralize him," said Barnett, who served for three years as an Army infantry officer. "He thought he had complete control over me after he showed me that gun."

That was the suspect's mistake. Barnett, who is 6'6" and 200 pounds, said he jumped the suspect when "he had

both hands on the cash box, and the gun in his pocket."

The struggle ensued, spilling into the rear of the building. Barnett said, "It went on for a little bit longer then I was hoping for."

At this point, Plymouth Township Police Officer Eric Anderson was entering the store. He went through a small office area and into the rear of the building, the police report said.

What greeted Anderson as he rounded the next doorway is every policeman's nightmare.

A man came running straight at Anderson with a semi-automatic pistol in his hand, the report said. Anderson had a split second to decide his next move; it turned out to be the right one.

He ordered the man to stop, and drop the gun. In that flash of pandemonium, Anderson had noticed the man was the store's pharmacist, who was carrying the gun away from the wrestling match between Barnett and the suspect. Anderson credited his intensive police training for his textbook actions. "Before you use deadly force, you have to identify your target. You have to know — 110 percent," he said.

After securing the gun, the reporting officer approached the scuffle and handcuffed the suspect, bringing the traumatic scene to a close.

Police backup arrived 30 seconds later.

Besides a slight case of the shakes, Anderson was uninjured. Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Steve Rapson has recommended Anderson for a citation for assisting the Canton Police.

Barnett, who was back at work yesterday, received treatment for an injured thumb and a bloodied elbow. He said his actions were based on the future. "The company's standpoint is to let him go. But from my standpoint, this guy could come back again," said Barnett, a 27-year-old Garden City resident.

Said Anderson: "Those guys at Arbor Drugs, I have to tell you, they've got guts doing what they did. There's a fine line between heroism and stupidity."

Mayflower vote postponed

The Plymouth City Commission postponed a vote to erase more than \$50,000 in back taxes owed to the City by the Mayflower Hotel until the Aug. 5 meeting.

Files and legal opinions were not completed in time to discuss the subject Monday.

The owners of the Mayflower Hotel are asking for tax relief as part of the final stages of acquiring a loan to begin a \$2 million restoration project.



Your Guide to Worship

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Little allows parents out-of-district waiver for pre-kindergarten class

After initially denying a waiver necessary for young Plymouth-Canton children to attend an out-of-district pre-kindergarten class, P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little announced at a recent school board meeting he had changed his decision and would permit the student exodus.

Two weeks earlier, Little said he had denied the request because the four-year-olds in question had birthdays before the Dec. 1 state cutoff date. Finances also weighed in Little's decision since each

student would take with them state foundation money.

But parents objected, insisting they be given a choice while assuring the children would return to the P-C School District next year.

That argument won the support of school board member Sue Davis, and trustees Carrie Blamer and Jack Farrow placed the item on the July 8 agenda.

It was "under close examination," Little said that he realized the P-C School District didn't have an appropriate class

for the children. "Last week (July 1-5) I signed waiver forms for the students to go to the Livonia School District, if they choose," the superintendent said.

The waivers were required because of the recently enacted "Schools of Choice" bill signed into law by Gov. John Engler last month. In previous years, parents were allowed to pay out-of-district tuition, but that practice has been barred since school districts have been given the right to either open or close district boundaries.

Portion of Canton park offered as post office site

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton has fought for a full-service post office in the community for almost a decade, but a small, vocal group of residents don't want a new post office to mean the end of a popular park.

The Canton Board of Trustees felt they had little choice but to offer to sell four acres of Griffin Park to the U.S. Post Office. The board voted last week to offer the land near the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads to the post office for \$125,000 per acre. The post office has six months to make a decision on the offer.

"Our first priority is to have a post office in the community," said Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

Embassy Square subdivision resident Kathy Rokakis said parks should not be sacrificed for a post office. "While Canton residents have shown an overwhelming interest in recreational facilities, it is nothing more than a backwards move to level existing recreational areas," she said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the community might risk losing the post office project all together if a suitable site was not offered. "It's a balancing act between what's needed in the community and what's best for the community," he said.

Rokakis said the residents of surrounding subdivisions were given little notice of the post office plan. "I have tried to gather as many residents of my subdivision as I could given the great time constraints and the many other calls I had to make," she said. "Do not get the impression that because there is not a huge crowd here that it indicates lack of concern...We feel defeated before we have even been fully informed and had a chance to fight."

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said a full-service post office is a priority service for the community. "Now is the opportunity to (secure the post office) after a lot of work has been put in by a lot of people over the years," she said.

Resident Michael Stover said a post office is necessary for a community the
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Highland volunteer



Plymouth resident Tom Bookless is a volunteer at this year's St. Andrew's Annual Highland Games Aug. 3 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Bookless was the chairman of the Highland Games in 1993.

City names finance director

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was tough, but is ready to begin with the City. "This is a big move for me," Christiansen said. "I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Walters said Christiansen's credentials are impressive. "He's got a good background in finance, budgeting and computerized accounting," he said. "He also brings a city-wide perspective to the job."

Before working for Northville as the assessor/treasurer, Christiansen worked

for Irvine Group, Inc., a building and development company; the City of Grosse Pointe Woods as the city comptroller-city assessor; and the City of Brighton as the assistant city manager-treasurer-assessor.

"It looks like the administration has done a thorough job," said City Commissioner John Vos. "His credentials are excellent."

Christiansen replaces William Graham, who Walters fired March 28.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Band will perform tomorrow night in Kellogg Park at 8 p.m. The concerts are free. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn furniture.
- The Sassy Band will perform tomorrow in Heritage Park in Canton at 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park is located behind the Canton Administration Building. The event is free.
- The Plymouth Poets welcome Carmen Bagan, Ken Cormier and the Loud and Proud Poets from the Ann Arbor Scene tomorrow at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company as part of their Summer Celebration of Poetry. The poetry starts and 7:30 p.m. and runs to 10:30 p.m.

THE WEEKEND

- Movie Night Under the Stars will be held in Heritage Park in Canton Saturday, featuring "Casper." Cost is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. The show begins at dusk and camping will be permitted. Call 397-5110 for more information.

NEXT WEEK

- Canton Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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The Community Crier features its annual Community Coloring Book, located on pages 11-15 of this week's edition.

Food, fun fest in Canton Saturday

N.A. Mans hosts first-ever Family Fun Day, Fabulous Foods of Ford

N.A. Mans is holding a Family Fun Day and Sidewalk Sale at their Canton store at 41900 Ford Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Among other things, on-air personality Gene Taylor ("The Bag-Man") from 104.3 WOMC will be present playing

some old-time rock n' roll. There will be a lot of free giveaways and hula hoop, twist and putting contests to win fun prizes.

Also taking place will be product demonstrations by N.A. Mans home project experts. Classic cars from the United

Street Machine Association will be open for the public to see from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will be available for Huron Township's Annual Rotary Club Duck Race Drawing for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and trailer.

In the parking lot from noon to 5 p.m. will be a flavor of local restaurants with the Fabulous Foods of Ford. Sample favorite menu items from restaurants of Canton, Plymouth and Northville with all the profits going to the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees.

Call 981-5800 for further information.

Land offered to post office

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size of Canton, but not at the Canton Center Road location.

"My real concern is the traffic," he said. "Until we have funding and definite plans for widening the roads, I think it's ridiculous to consider this.

"It's beginning to sound to me like we want this so bad we're willing to give anything away to get it."

Carol Felker, a 25-year Canton resident, said the post office is important to the community as a whole. "The post office would be a community property for everybody who works and lives in Canton," she said. "I want to go on the record as being in support of a post office in Canton on Canton Center Road."

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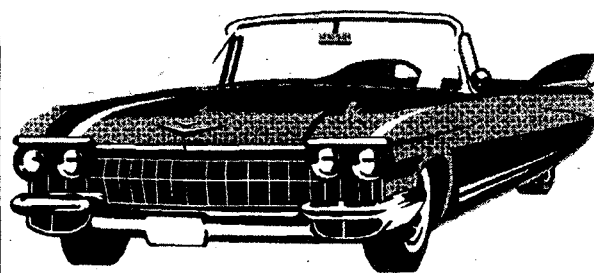
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Lions Club, City join to buy new benches for Kellogg Park

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth Lions Club and the City are teaming up to buy new benches and trash cans for Kellogg Park.

The new benches and trash cans, which will be the same style as the Plymouth Streetscape, will cost approximately \$25,000.

City Commissioner Stella Greene said the Lions Club should be commended for recognizing the need for the new equipment. "It's nice to see local groups coming together," she said.

Commissioner Joe Koch, who is also a member of the Lions Club, said all the money collected by the group goes back to the community.

"All funds collected...all go back to the blind, needy in the community or to community functions," he said. "We pay for all our own administrative costs out of our own pocket."

"We saw the need for the new benches and in a way, we'll also benefit. The old benches will be recycled and taken to the Lions Club Park."

Residents required to repair broken City sidewalks; inspections begin soon

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

As the old nursery rhyme goes, "Step on a crack, break your mother's back," but in Plymouth, cracks in the sidewalk won't mean broken bones. It will mean residents will have to crack open their pocketbooks to pay for sidewalk repair costs.

The Plymouth City Commission is reinstating the sidewalk repair program. Over the next two years, the City will inspect all sidewalks. If they find dangerous sidewalks, the home or business owner will have 30 days to make the repairs.

Since 1990, sidewalks have been repaired on a "by complaint" basis. If a property owner requested their sidewalk be repaired, the City contractor would make the repairs and the property owner was billed by the City. Because of the flood of sidewalk complaints received recently, the City is going ahead with the repair program.

If inspectors demand a sidewalk be repaired, property owners will have the option of finding their own contractor or having a City contractor perform the repairs. Either way, the property owner will be responsible for the bill.

Inspections will begin this summer.

Original doors will be re-installed at historic Geer School in Superior Twp.

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The wooden doors of the 19th century Geer School in Superior Township, which were replaced in March unknowingly in violation of a historic district ordinance, will return before the winter said the Plymouth-Canton Schools' John Birchler.

Birchler, the director of business and operations for the school district, informed the school board at the July 8 meeting he was working with a historical architect to return wooden doors to the school house constructed in 1880.

The current gray metal doors violate several clauses of the Geer School Historic District, built in a brick Italianate

architectural style.

Birchler said the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission, who oversees adherence to the protective ordinance, has been cooperative. "I attended a meeting of the Washtenaw County Historic Commission in May," Birchler said, "and they told me there was no rush to get it done, just as long as (the doors are) done by next the cold season."

Section 4.3 of the Geer School Historic District Ordinance states violations of any provision are a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine or a 90-day jail sentence. In addition to any criminal prosecution, the building must be restored to its original appearance.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Crystal D. Wilson joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Ann Arbor.

She is the daughter of Julie Wilson of Canton.

Lucas Montgomery of Plymouth and Rachel Razgunas of Canton recently attended the Michigan Technological University's Summer Institute for Arts and Sciences. They were among approximately 119 junior and senior high school students participating in the program this year. Programs focus on career exploration and development of new skills through laboratory, classroom and field experience.

Zach Holmes of Plymouth was named to the dean's list at Hillsdale College for the second semester.

Steven D. Lowell was promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of technical sergeant. Lowell, a Canton High School graduate, is a fire protection station supervisor in Ramstein, Germany. He is the son of Marvin S. and Phyllis A. Lowell of Canton.

Air Force Airman Kenneth S. Paquin graduated from the ground radio communications apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. He is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School and is the son of Scot Paquin of Canton.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Jeffrey Degenhardt has been named an All-American Scholar. The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer recognition to students who excel in the academic disciplines. Degenhardt, who attends Salem High School, was nominated for this national award by William Barnes. He is the son of Robert and Karen Degenhardt.

Four PCEP seniors are the recipients of the Plymouth Rotary Club vocational-technical scholarships. Receiving scholarships for the following vocations were: Canton High School seniors James Kirila for electrical technology; Kevin Marcicki for firefighting; Sandy Ansara for law enforcement; and Carlos Bonilla for culinary arts.

Cub reporters

Central Middle School students begin journalism career

EDITOR'S NOTE: Students from Central Middle School were given the assignment to create a news article about a specific season (spring, summer, winter or fall) using the inverted pyramid style of news writing. Here's what they came up with.

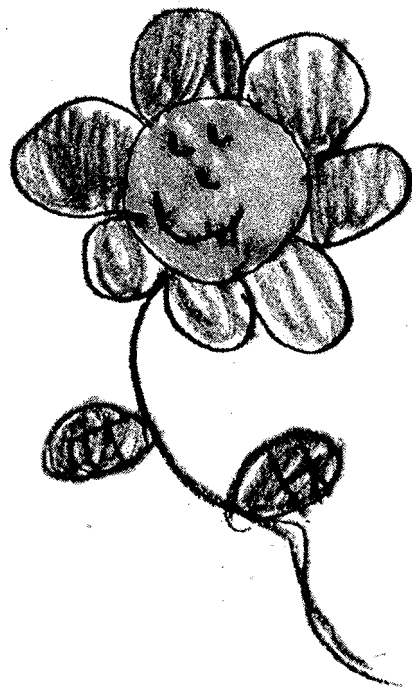
ADAM RUDLAFF

Friday Nov. 13, at Blue Cheese Mountain, a group of skiers, stupid skiers, started to yell and scream, not thinking an avalanche could begin, but as it did, more than 150 people ran for their lives as the outraged avalanche came rumbling down the mountain — it was driven to kill.

More than 50 people died, 25 were found under the snow badly injured and almost dead, the other 75 people were at the bottom of the hill, but with bad head and leg injuries.

As the police, fire department and ambulances came to the rescue, they could not help everyone. It took more than three hours to get everyone to the hospital.

The sheriff said: "We cannot have this happen again and if it does, it could mean more people could die and many families would be sad again."



JILLIAN STERN

"Finally it's spring. The nice weather is here," said Jillian Stern from the Central Middle School Newspaper.

The weather is beginning to get warmer after that horrible winter we had. There isn't that much warmth because we had a bad winter. Hopefully we will have a good summer.

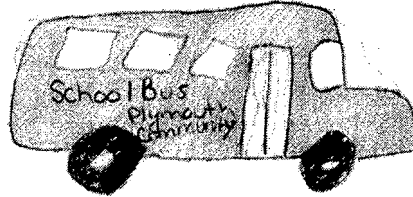
BRAD EICHKORN

Yesterday at St. Louis, the Blues came out strong, winning in overtime, 5-3.

The Blues had 17 shots on goal making five of those 17 shots.

"I just wasn't ready and I will have to be more prepared on Friday," said Mike Vernon.

On Friday, they will try to come up with a 3-1 lead as they are on the road to the Cup.



RACHEL HARDY

The Plymouth Community Schools have been closed because 6' of snow fell last night.

The busses are covered with snow and the schools can't even get into the buses to get the children to school.

The children are having the time of their lives. So are the teachers.

THOMAS EDWARDS

After the nuclear meltdown in Chernobyl, Russia, a lot of things have changed.

There are more mice mutations in the immediate area of the power plant. People are still suffering from genetic mutations from generation to generation.

The radioactive fallout from the accident has mostly dissipated.

CHRIS THEODORE

Dozens of cities have been covered in oil.

Scientists said it was the biggest oil spill in history and they hope it will stay the biggest.

It was a disaster the people in a small town called Shakhdailump said the spill was the responsibility of those working there, but they refuse to talk to us.

The company also blames the animals for the disaster because they said a 6' rabbit was hopping on the control panels so the oil machine stopped so rapidly it fell over and landed on another machine.

The people hope it will never happen again.



MATT ROBINSON

More than 1,000 poison-arrow frogs were supposed to go to pet stores in the eastern half of the United States and then escaped after landing in Florida.

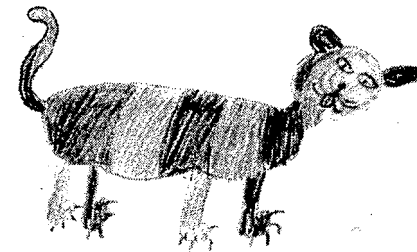
These frogs got loose because of the defective cages that were not on all the way, so when the plane landed, the bump made the tops of the cages pop right off and almost all of the shipment was lost. Almost all of them escaped while being taken out of the plane to be shipped.

These frogs are probably doing fine because they are in a warm environment to live in and there will probably be poison-arrow frogs in America for a long time because there were more than 1,000 of these

frogs in the shipment.

Specialists said these frogs will mate and have more and more poison-arrow frogs. They also said this will be one of the frogs' natural environments.

Specialists also said if these frogs eat any poisonous bugs, they could have a really bad effect on the people in Florida and maybe in other states as well.



LINDSAY WILPS

On July 15, a tiger from the Detroit Zoo escaped because a little girl was annoying him.

The girl sat there while Rajah (the tiger) tried to sleep. She called him names and told him he was lazy.

She also yelled: "Why don't you just snore a little louder, Mr. Bigshot!"

Of course we know that tigers can't understand a word of English so we are guessing the noise from her huge mouth annoyed him.

Rajah has not been found in the entire Detroit area so the zookeepers are acknowledging the fact that he could be somewhere in a Detroit suburb or out in the country.

It is an incredibly dangerous animal and if you live in a Detroit suburb or in the country, lock all your doors and cover your windows.

STEVEN JOHNSON

On May 29, a big, big heat wave hit all of the north, east and south part of the United States.

All the families that had pools were swimming all day long. The ice cream man came around the north, east and south part of the United States. The ice cream man sold out all the ice cream. He sold 8,000 ice cream bars.

The pop price went up to \$2 for two liters. The animals were dying because the water pipes were broken.

Everyone wants to go to Alaska or Canada because it's not too hot there. But they can't because air conditioners are broken on all the planes and some of the engines were getting hot.

So most of the families just watched ESPN, HBO, CINEMAX and they listened to VH1 and MTV. If they were in their car or truck, they listened to 95.5, 96.3, 93.1 or 100.3.

MATT SIERO

Today, May 10, 1996, storms destroyed two whole towns.

"The destruction was horrible," said the National Weather Watchers (NWW).

Nobody was killed, but 19 were hurt. Hopefully, there won't be any more storms.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

PHILLIP ARTHUR LARRABEE

Phillip Arthur Larrabee, a former Plymouth resident, died July 7, 1996 at the age of 70.

Mr. Larrabee lived in Plymouth and worked for A.T.&T. before moving to Leesburg, FL in 1987. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club, the VFW, Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club and the Mid-Florida Telephone Pioneers.

Mr. Larrabee is survived by his wife, Marilyn J. Larrabee of Leesburg, FL; sons, Bryan Larrabee of Jacksonville, FL, Charles Larrabee of Dunnellon, FL, Paul Larrabee of Jacksonville, FL, Scott Larrabee of Clermont, FL and Phillip Lee Larrabee of Jacksonville, FL; daughters, Amy Lupton of Tavares, FL and Phyllis Hoover of Jacksonville, FL; sister, Nancy Trick of South Lyon; and 14 grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Harden-Pauli Funeral Home in Eustis, FL with Chaplain Leroy Wright officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to Hospice of Lake & Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

WALTER RUSSELL HEHMEYER

Walter Russell Hehmeyer, a Wyandotte resident, died July 11, 1996 at the age of 81.

Mr. Hehmeyer was born Aug. 30, 1914 in Hannibal, MO. He worked for 35 years with the MESC before retiring in 1980.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, to whom he was married for 53 years; daughters, Gloria J. (Richard) Hornby of Canton and Carol Smith of California; sister, Jeanette Spilker of Quincy, IL; brothers, Paul Hehmeyer of Iowa and John Hehmeyer of Missouri; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Glenn Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to Myasthenia Gravis Association, 17117 W. Nine Mile Rd., #1745, Southfield, MI 48075.



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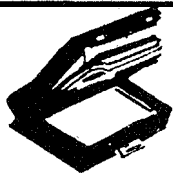
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Registration for this year's Sidewalk Sales is due July 26. The dates for the sale are: Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City requires that all merchants participating register with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main St. For more information, call the chamber at 453-1540.



ROBERT HUSTON

Plymouth resident Robert Huston was elected to serve as the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) secretary/treasurer at the June 26 meeting of the League's board of directors. Huston was also elected to represent Michigan as a Class A Credit Union National Association (CUNA) delegate. In this role, Huston will have voting privileges at the CUNA annual general meeting.

Huston joined Co-Op Services Credit Union of Livonia in 1976 and has been serving as president and chief executive officer since 1981.

Plymouth resident Timothy C. Yoe was elected treasurer of the board of directors for St. Francis Family Services, formerly known as St. Francis Home for Boys, a 107 year-old child welfare organization.

Canton resident Kimberly R. Nash is Vista Maria's new development officer-special events. A graduate of the University of California-Berkeley, Nash has a background in outside sales, retail sales and management as well as marketing at various companies in California and Massachusetts. She also has experience in coordinating fundraising events. Nash's primary responsibility at Vista Maria will be to oversee the agency's major fundraising special event, the High Hopes Golf Invitational.

Local Realtor helps Sunflower Subdivision live up to its name

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Sunflower Village Subdivision in Canton is truly living up to its name.

Thousands of the radiant petals are sprouting up in the residential neighborhood which spills over both sides of Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center roads.

Behind this bright idea are Realtor Consultant Dean Sells and Century 21 Gold House, 7500 Canton Center Rd. The sunflower fest stemmed from Sells' discovery that 1996 is the National Garden Bureau's Year of the Sunflower.

After planting 8,000 seeds in a three-acre lot behind Century 21 Gold House, Sells went to the Sunflower's homeowner association and offered, at no expense to residents, several more thousand sunflowers. "It was a marketing thing at first," he said. "But once it got going, it was so much fun."

Residents cooperated, but nature didn't. "Rabbits were eating the flowers, so they kept coming back (to Century 21 Gold House) to get more more flowers," said Sells.

And then there's the weather. "We've had so much rain this year, and spring broke so late," he said.

But the sunflowers survived. The result is a variety of colored sunflowers that add texture to an arrangement of mixed flowers sprinkled around the subdivision's 1,684 homes. The gorgeous array resembles a Van Gogh canvas creation.

And it's only going to get better when the blossoms reach full color next month. Then, come clouds or blue sky, the sun(flower) will always shine for residents.

"That's it. That's it. It makes for a lot of smiles," said Sells. "It's just a whole lot of fun."

That's what Sells wanted to happen: community interaction. "It's kind of neat," he said. "Everybody's involved, from infants to grandma and grandpa."

To make it even more interesting, Sells is offering \$500 savings bonds to the winners of several contests, including the tallest sunflower, which Sells plans on continuing. "Next year, it's going to be really fun," he said.

Child Care Center opened at St. Mary Hospital

St. Mary Hospital celebrated the opening of its new Child Care Center with a recent blessing and dedication ceremony.

Located northwest of the main hospital, the newly-constructed center is approximately 16,000 square feet and features an 1,800 square-foot central, indoor play area with a glass-enclosed structure providing natural lighting.

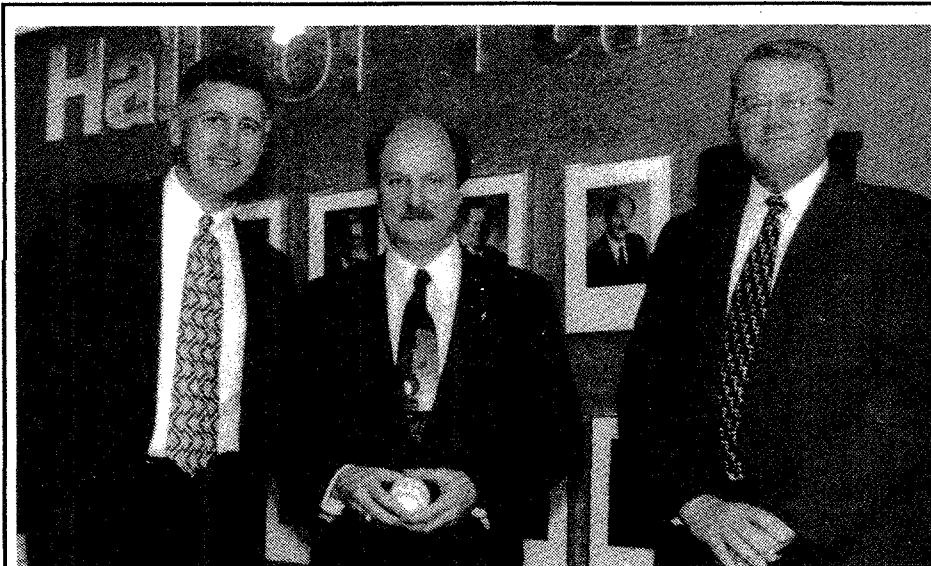
The center was designed by Albert Kahn & Associates and constructed by P.R.S. Contracting, Inc., both of Detroit.

According to St. Mary Hospital, several programs have been added or expanded because of the extra space, such as, infant care, toddler sections, preschool sections and a kindergarten readiness program.

"With our growing enrollment and expanded programs, we continue to uphold our reputation for quality curriculum development and loving guidance for each child," said St. Mary Hospital's Sister Joyce Marie Van de Vyver, the director of the Child Care Center.

Numerous dignitaries attended the dedication ceremony. Thomas McNish, chairman of the St. Mary Board of Trustees, served as the master of ceremonies for the event, which was also attended by Sister Mary Modesta, president and CEO, Sister Mary Renetta, executive vice president and COO, and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

A reception and tours of the center followed the ceremony.



Lutheran Brotherhood district representative, Douglas Teubert (center), receives congratulations from Lutheran Brotherhood's executive vice president of marketing, Bill Reichwald (left), and president and CEO, Bob Gandrud (right). Last month, Teubert was inducted into Lutheran Brotherhood's "Hall of Fame" in recognition of his outstanding sales achievements.

Northville man named to LB 'Hall of Fame'

The Lutheran Brotherhood (LB) recently inducted Douglas Teubert into its Hall of Fame, the highest honor that the fraternal benefit society pays to members of its field force, during a ceremony held in Minneapolis.

Teubert, a Northville resident, was initiated into the Hall of Fame as a Life Member of Top Club by qualifying for LB's Top Club sales honor 12 different years. Membership in the Top Club is based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans.

Fewer than five percent of LB's 1,300 representatives qualified for Top Club in 1995.

As part of the honor, Teubert's picture was placed next to 18 other LB field members who have achieved similar status throughout the years.

"Today we recognize the outstanding achievements of our field force members," said Bob Gandrud, LB president and chief executive officer.

A LB district representative since 1981, Teubert has qualified for the Society's annual sales honors 14 times and has been an active member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an independent association recognized internationally as the standard of life insurance sales performance.

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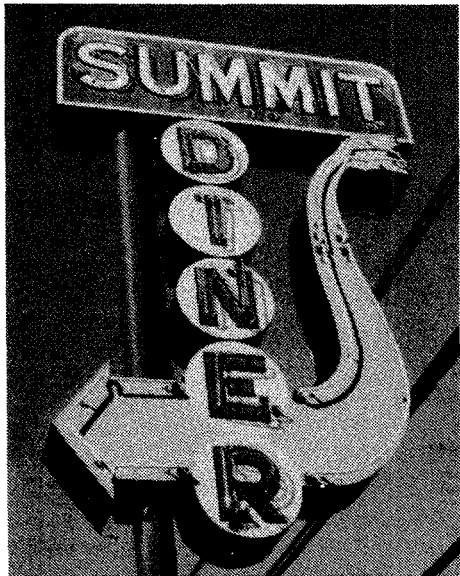
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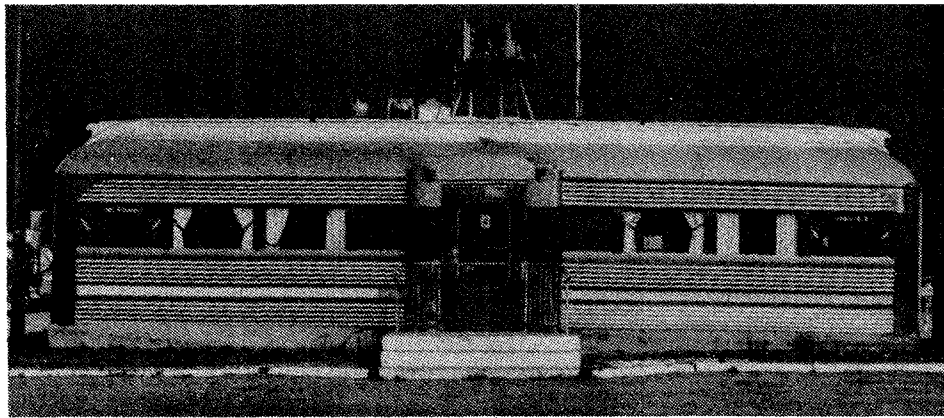
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(left) The Summit Diner in Somerset, PA is just one example of how the development of the automobile shaped the growth of commercialism in the United States. (right) Charlotte's Diner in Ellenville, NY exemplifies the style of the day. One of the SCA's goals is to preserve historic sites such as these. (below) A huge donut-shaped sign was used to entice people to stop at Randy's Donuts in Inglewood, CA. (Photos by Daniel Hershberger)



Preserving a piece of recent History

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

When Plymouth resident Daniel Hershberger pulls into an old roadside cafe or gas station, he sees more than just the opportunity to fill up with food and fuel. He sees art and history.

Hershberger was recently elected president of the Society for Commercial Archeology (SCA), a group dedicated to the protection and study of the "commercial-built" environment.

Hershberger said he is fascinated by the culture, architecture and beauty of the commercial landscape created as the automobile became more and more popular.

Diners, gas stations, tourist cabins, drive-ins, movie theaters, resorts and amusement parks sprung up around the newly-created highway systems — roads like the legendary Route 66 that connects Chicago and Los Angeles.

As the interstate highway system was created, the historic highways were forgotten. The unique architectural styles were bulldozed.

The way Americans traveled changed. Motorists began traveling to "make time" and get to the vacation destination. Before the interstate highway system was created, the travel was the vacation.

Hershberger said the SCA is working to preserve these historic landmarks. "This is unique to the United States," he said. "We are the only country to develop the automobile culture."

For many years, historians, developers and the public scoffed at the idea of a McDonald's restaurant being anything more than a quick place to get a hamburger or French fries. The buildings and landmarks were thought of as gaudy reminders of the country's emerging commercialism.

The commercial use of these buildings has hampered the SCA's efforts in many cases. Hershberger said the corporations themselves are responsible for the loss of many of these historic buildings. McDonald's added a dining area to its simple counter. New buildings were needed and the old buildings were demolished.

"As the buying habits change, American icons are disappearing from the landscape," he said.

Hershberger said the Detroit has a few historic commercial buildings that are still standing. He noted the Standard Oil station in Dearborn that was built in 1929, the strips of old motels that still dot the roadside in Livonia, and buildings like the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

In fact, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn was one of the first museums to recognize commercial development as part of history.

"They put a lot into context," Hershberger said. "Before they revamped the museum, a lot of people felt it looked like a parking lot. Now they gave their historical pieces significance."

"When we talk about history, we need to remember that it's a lot more than memorizing names and dates — it's how people lived their lives."

Hershberger said that as society hurtles toward the 21st century, people are beginning to realize how the measure of time itself has changed. "Time is compressing," he said. "Things are moving so quickly that the recent past is history we need to protect."

Hershberger became involved in the organization in 1988 after realizing there was a group devoted to the study of these landmarks.

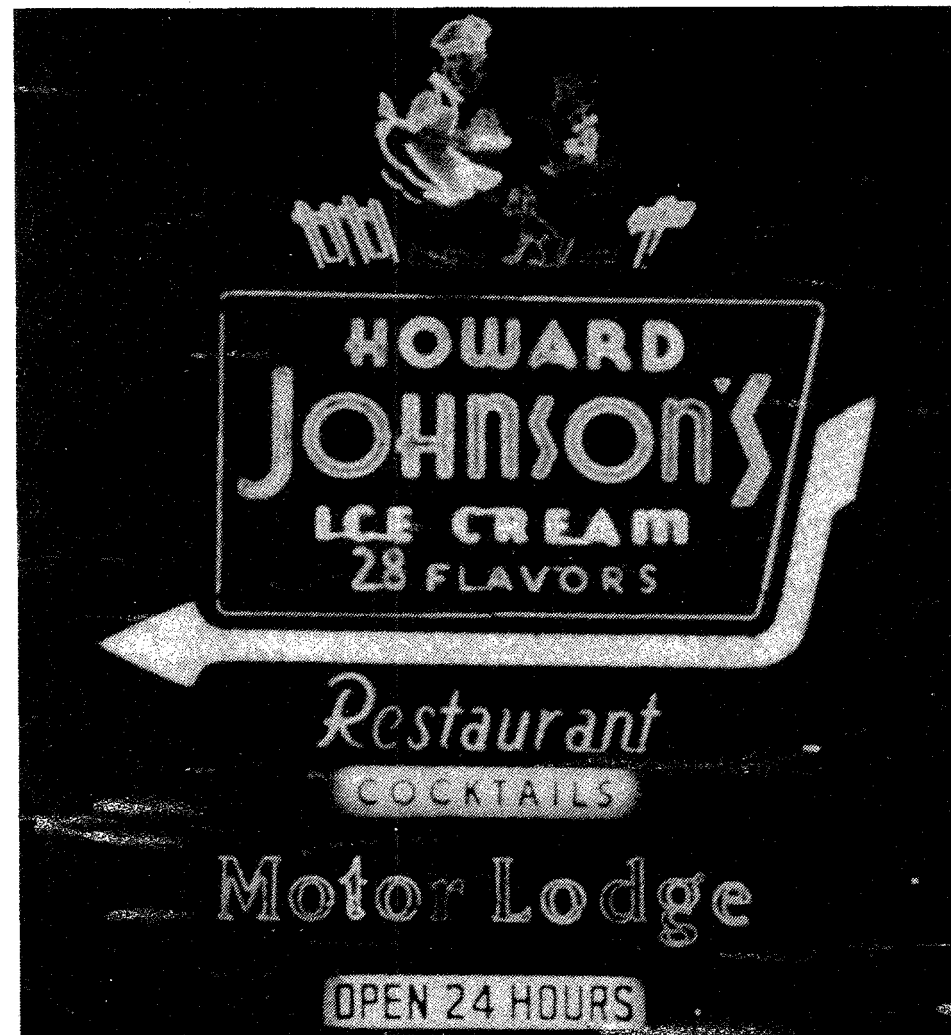
"It goes much deeper than nostalgia," he said. "What we're looking at here is the development of culture. But it's not overly academic or overly intellectual. You can take it seriously to a point."

Hershberger said SCA meets annually at different locations across the country to study and protect important commercial development. SCA also documents the sites and interprets the significance if necessary.

He said he has two modes of travel. "One is the 'I gotta get there' mode," said Hershberger. "Then there's the way I travel with SCA. We toured the Lincoln Highway in Pennsylvania. We only traveled 30 miles per day, stopping at sites along the way."

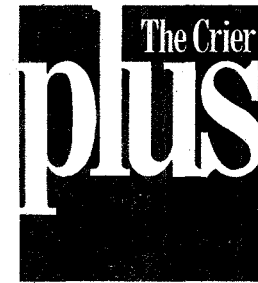
"There are people to talk to — stories to be heard. You don't get that on the interstate."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Those interested in joining the SCA can contact Hershberger at 455-7787.



Neon lights drew motorists to unique places such as this Howard Johnson's in Massachusetts. (Photo by Daniel Hershberger)

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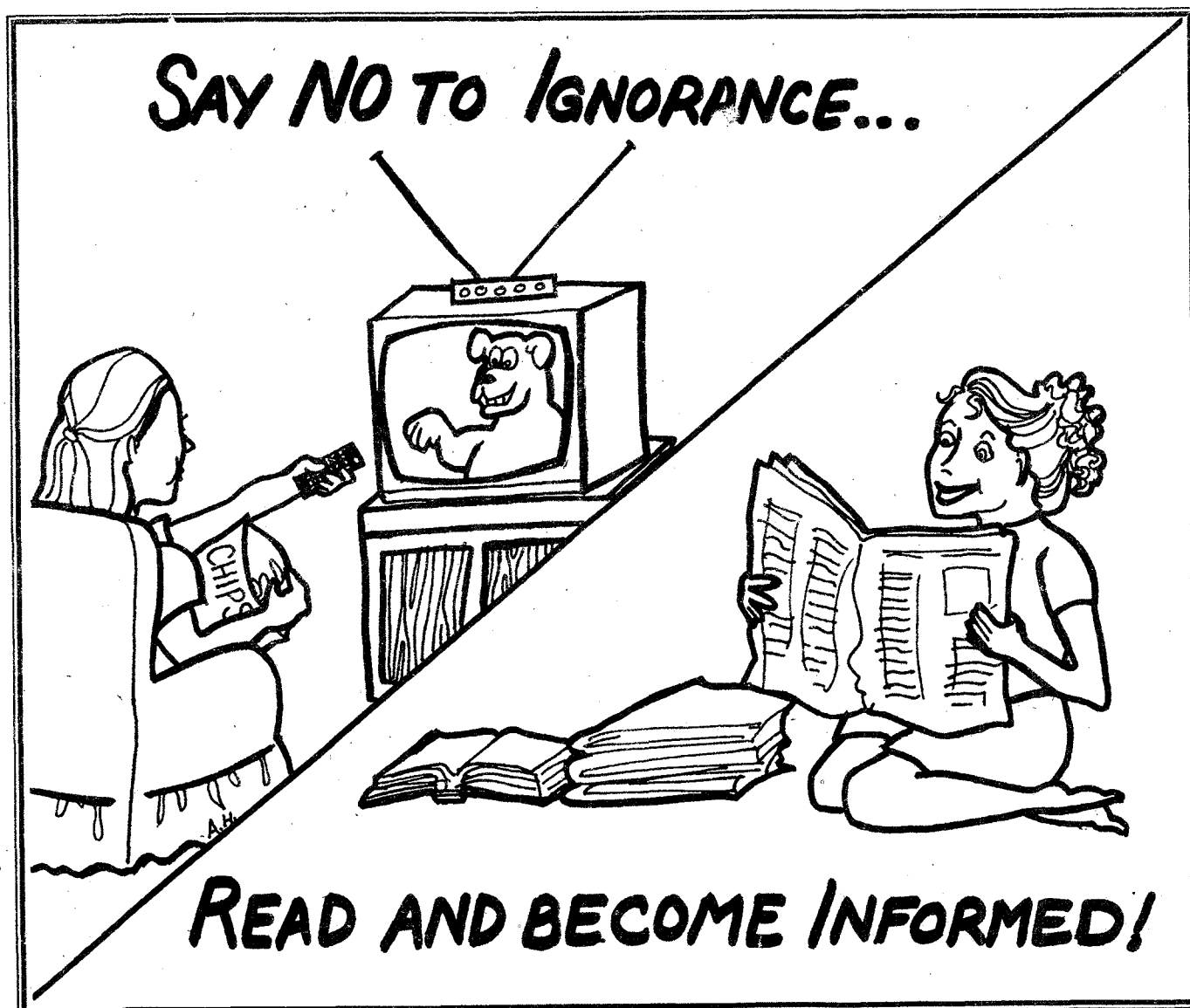


This year's coloring book was illustrated by COMMA, freelance graphic artist Amanda Humphrey. Amanda is a Plymouth resident, and will be entering her freshmen year at Adrian College's Art department in the Fall. This is Amanda's 1st coloring book for the Crier.

Amanda recently received first place in the 13th congressional Art Competition. She traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive her award and to meet winning art students from other congressional districts. Her art will hang in the Capitol Building for a year. "It was such an honor to receive the award," said Amanda, "It provided me with that great opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. and I met lots of nice people who helped me along. I hope my experience with art will be as successful in college as it has been in high school."

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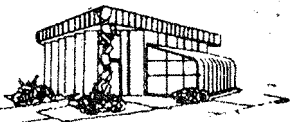
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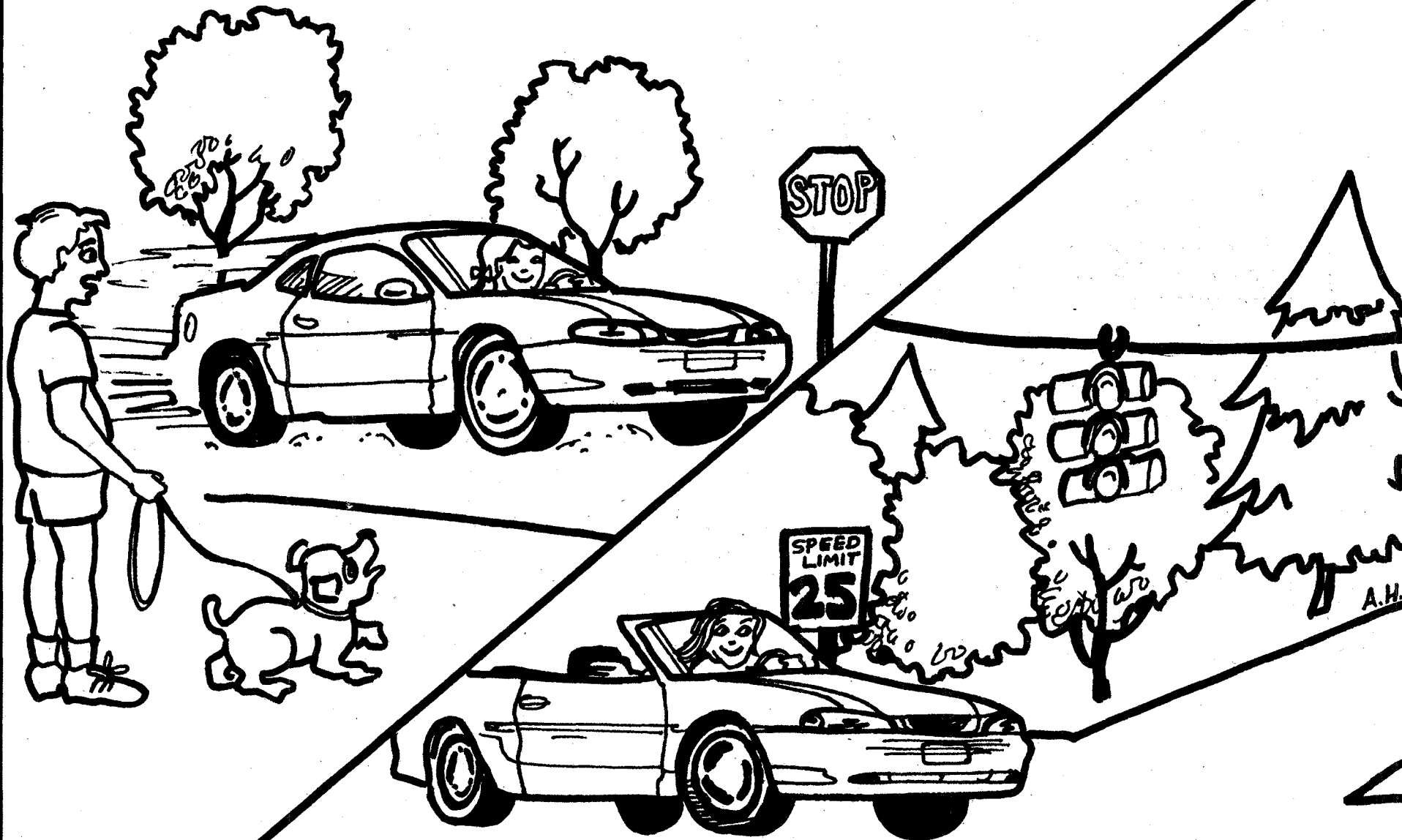
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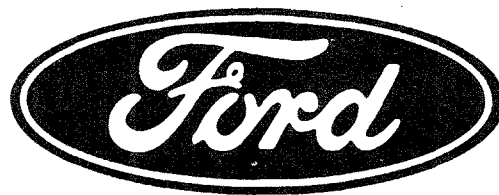
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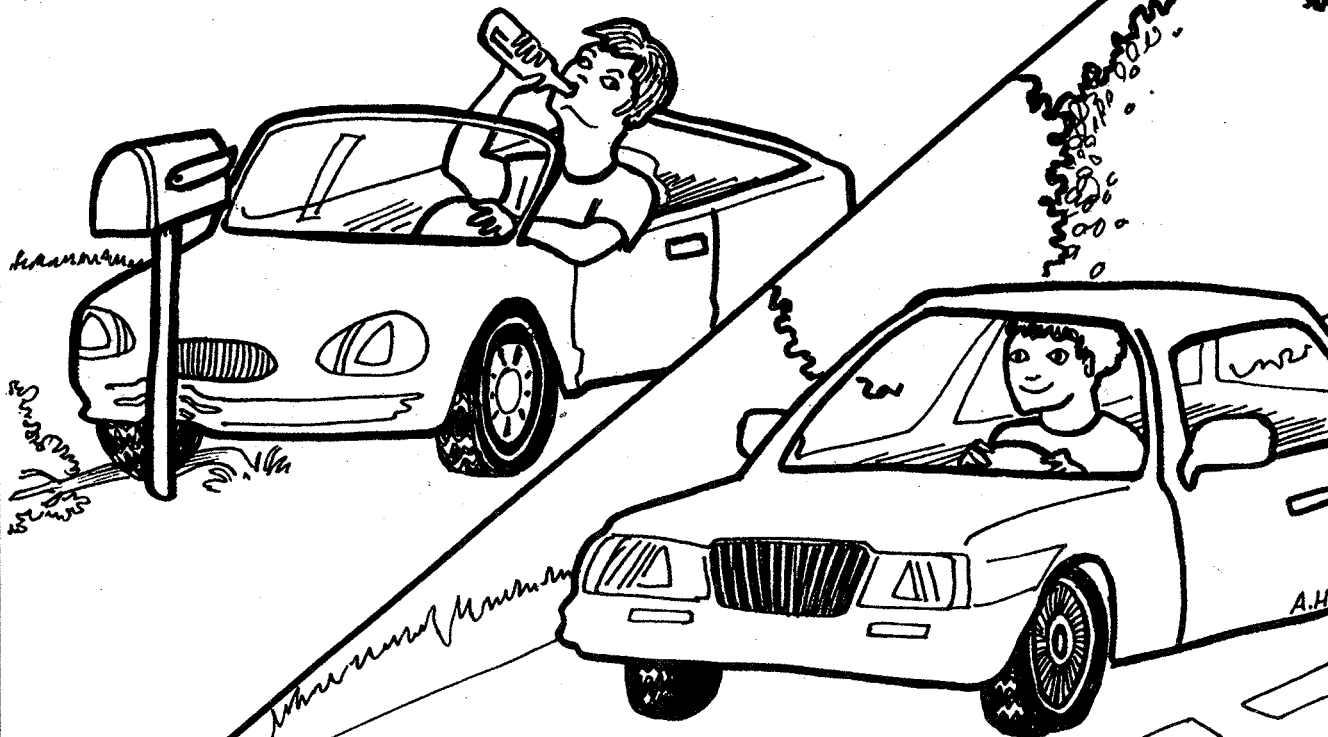
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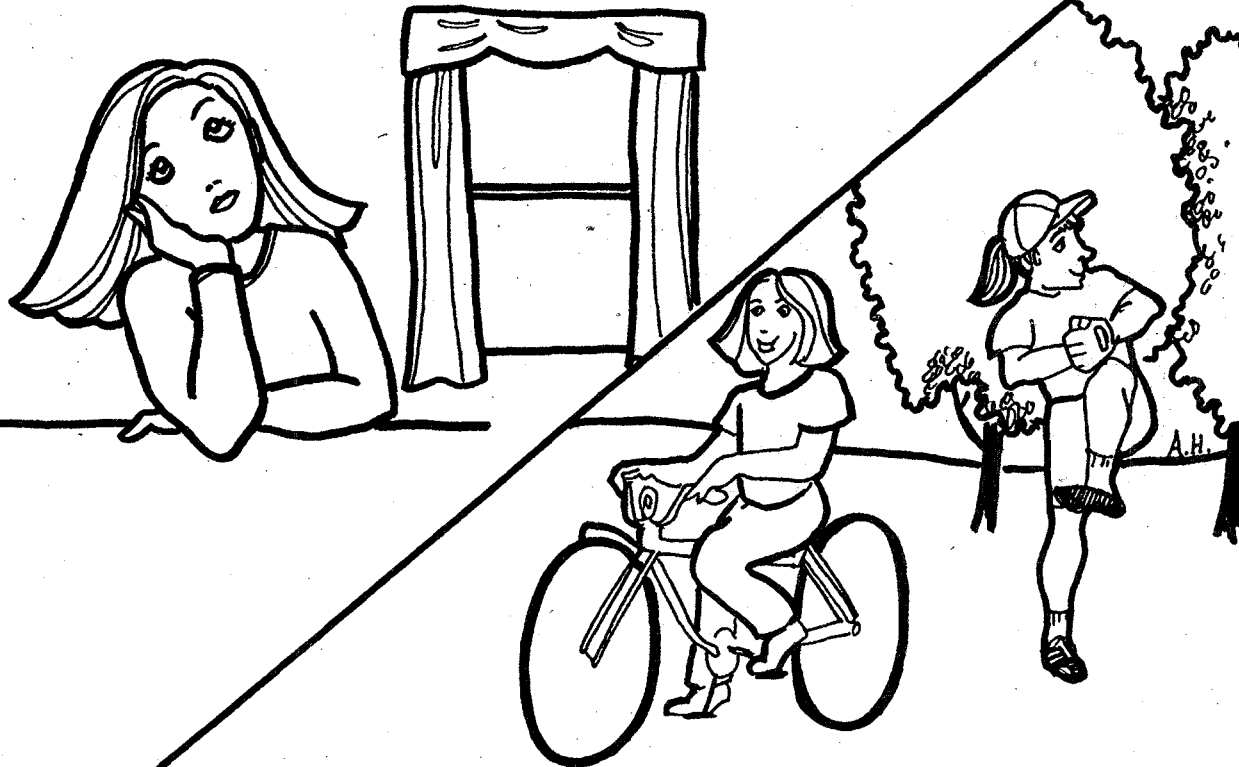
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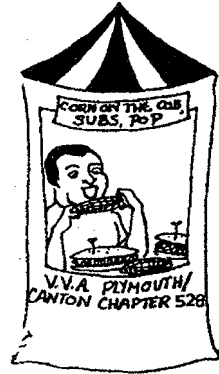
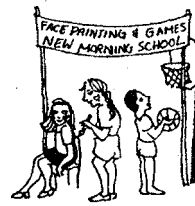
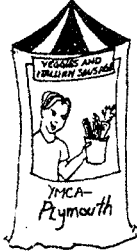
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"Plymouth-Canton Collects" will be on display until Oct. 27 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Judge Ron Lowe, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and West Middle School Principal Judie Stone are among the many contributors. Admission is \$2; 50 cents for children. For more information, call 455-8940.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB
The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITERS CLUB
The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

CLOTHING BANK
The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB
The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month at noon. Lunch is free, but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING
People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

MEALS ON WHEELS
The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot, nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Schools...

YOUNG MOMENTS PRESCHOOL

Fall 1996 vacancies for four-year-old girls in afternoon classes (M-W-F 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; T-TH 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Children must be four years old by Sept. 1. For more information, call 453-3020 or 451-1895.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DAY CHANGED

Beginning next month, regular meetings of the Plymouth-Canton School Board will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. (except on the fourth Tuesday in December and the fourth Tuesday in May) at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 Harvey St. in downtown Plymouth. During the school year, fourth Tuesday meetings may be moved to school sites.

CANTON/SALEM FIVE YEAR CLASS REUNION

Aug. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations required. For more information, call 981-4072 or 453-3683.

P-C SCHOOLS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES

The Housing and Facilities Committee, the Citizens Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee need community members. The P-C School Board will select the committee members at the 7 p.m. Monday school board meeting by random draw. Committees meet regularly throughout the year, presenting reports to the school board. For more information, call the P-C Schools Community Relations Department at 416-2755 or 416-2753 no later than today.

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Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the new Bunyea Barn, 7264 E. Joy Rd., between Curtis and Tower roads. Hot dogs, chips, and pop available for purchase. BYOB. Bring photos. Donation toward expenses at the door. Camp on the property.

ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

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FREE SUMMER SESSION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

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Upcoming...

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FLEA MARKET

The second annual flea market will be held Aug. 17. The deadline for applications to rent spaces is Aug. 1. \$15 for each 10' by 10' space. For more information, call Mary at 455-6145 or Joan at 453-5231.

FUND-RAISING SALE FOR CANTON TEAM

The P and P Dance Centre competition team is holding a fund-raising sale Saturday and Sunday at 248 Main St. in Belleville from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Designer and brand name clothes, shoes, tapes, cds, books and games. For more information, call 313-697-6110.

GETTYSBURG HISTORICAL TOUR

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering a trip to historical Gettysburg, PA from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The tour will be led by Civil War historian and teacher Bob Zaetta. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two full days at Gettysburg. For information and reservations, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at 455-8940.

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Play begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Venoy in Westland. Proceeds go to the general fund to support Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League. For more information, call 453-2040 or 326-3344.

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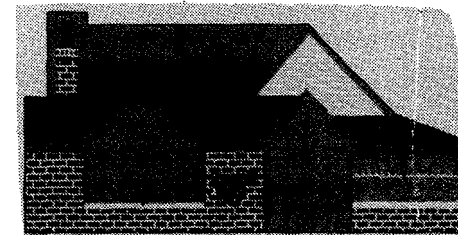
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cover, driver for his 57th birthday. Would that
my game could ever be as good as my
equipment. Thanks! I Love You Sweetheart!)!
Weird Harold.

And of top of that, I get to use my new driver
on the Old Course at St. Andrews, in Scotland,
on September 19th, 1996 with the lovely lady
that brought it for me. Woof! My cup truly is
runething all over the place.

DO YOUR BEST

One ship sails east
and another west
it's the self same
wind that blows.
It's the set of the sail
and not the gale
that determines the
way she goes.

Like the winds of the sea
are the winds that blow.
As we journey on thru life.
It's the set of the soul
that determines the goal
and not the storm and the strife.

- Carl Pursell I

Bob - Thanks for the "do-nothing" day - it was
great! Love ya - Me

Steph - We all want to know - are you going to
share those Demi Moore pictures?!

Beau gets pampered at Wash & Wags!!

JIMMY - TIME IS RUNNING OUT! There are
only two more papers before the big 5-0 for me
to harass you!!

Curiosities

Daddy - Have you been Rolex shopping??

Mike Carne got a root canal as another EARLY
birthday present.

BEAUREGARD drinks Rolling Rock at the
Drooling Moose.

CONGRATULATIONS MARIE LAHEY and
JOHN BRODERICK who will be married Sept.
1 in Vermont (Does Marie read the Curiosities
in NY City??)

"If there's a choice between Methuselh and
Forest Gump, I'm swinging with Methuselh" -
Barney White 1996 (in Detroit)

Good Luck Lisa!!

A great time was had by all at Art in the Park -
another stellar job by Diane & her crew of pros.

I love it when Jim runs those Gurgin specials -
especially when he has to do the cooking.

Marie - Be sure to check it out real close-

Emma Rose doesn't like the ice cream - she
loves the sprinkles!!

No, Shannon, you have to be licensed!

How old is Shannon?? 13,14,15,16???

Beauregard will eat at Fabulous Foods of Ford
this Saturday - Noon to 5p.m.

Jess buys tie-dyed art.

MAURA: congrats on finally getting Sally to a
shower - Ed

Shannon eats bagels with cream cheese and
capers.

BEAUREGARD eats lemon custard tarts!!

Sniff, Sniff Terry!! Sniff, Sniff!!

Steph - Thank You for the sweet thank-you
gift!! - Maura

Look Out Plymouth!! - Shannon's back!!

Jeanne - All of your help this past week was,
oh,so appreciated!! You're a wonderful sister!!
- Maura

Just cuz Liz is gone doesn't mean we can't
leave her a curio or two!!

Great brownies, Liz! poor striker Bob - He
didn't get any!!

TRACI - Dorothy, you really hit the "jackpot"
when you became her "daughter-in-law". Lucky
girls, both of you!!

DOROTHY - It was a misprint calling Traci a
daughter-in-law. My preference is to call her
my "daughter-in-love" for she certainly is a
"love" of a daughter.

Love is the universal language

MARTHA DAVIS - Your old home town was
certainly jumping this last weekend. Never
have I seen so many people even, it seemed
to me, for Fall Festival. It was Plymouth's
annual Art in the Park. Cars were parked
solidly from the center of town to Sheldon and
similar surrounding roads. A little rain fell but it
didn't diminish the happy spirit of the crowd.
The nice thing about this community is that
everyone seems so happy. Plymouth needed
you, Martha, to welcome everyone and make
them feel at home. Never mind! Our day is
coming!! Geneva

THE MOOSE in the Lower Town Grill is
practicing his maneuvers for the big opening in
August.

THE CADY FAMILY - Thank you for
entertaining our Crier group so royally. One of
the nice things about the event was that we all
became so much better acquainted and
enjoyed our lovely respite together. Thank you
again. Geneva

Who doesn't dry her hair in the morning? Her
nickname is Fuzzy.

Matt - How much does Buff weigh?

Dear Diane - We, the dedicated staff of 'Art in
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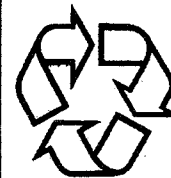
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Sports

Sports shorts

The Canton Parks and Recreation, Plymouth Parks and Recreation and The Community Crier Newspaper are sponsoring a singles tennis tournament this Saturday and Sunday at the Plymouth-Canton High School tennis courts.

The registration deadline is today at 4 p.m.

The format is single elimination and is open to all area tennis players of all ages.

The cost is \$6 for Canton and City of Plymouth residents and \$8 for non-residents. Each player must provide their own can of USTA approved tennis balls.

Call 397-5110 for information.

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Campout/Movie night program for all ages at the Heritage Park Amphitheater this Friday with the movie "Casper" being shown.

Tent set-up begins at 6 p.m., a cook-out begins around 7:15 p.m., entertainment begins around 8:15 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. Tents must be down by noon on Saturday. This event is for all ages with a cost of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 15 years old and under. The camping permit is free if registered by today at 5 p.m. or the cost is \$10 if registered after today.

There are no residency requirements. Permits and rules will be provided and there are no trailers or campers-tents only. Pre-registration deadline is today and late registration is tomorrow and Friday. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding its Annual Golf Outing on Aug. 13. Check-in time will begin at 7:30 a.m. and registration will be limited to the first 144 golfers. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., a scramble format and the entry fee will include continental breakfast, lunch and 18 holes of golf.

Outing chairman Mike Gerou and his committee have been busy securing a wide variety of prizes and surprises. If a company would like to sponsor a hole or an event, call the chamber office. For more information, call 453-4040.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by Blackwell Ford, is holding their Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 10 (rain date is Sept. 17) at the Fox Hills Country Club. Check-in is at 9 a.m. and teeing off will begin at 10 a.m.

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More than 260 people participated in Canton's annual Race Day in the Park last weekend. The event was sponsored by

the Canton Parks and Recreation Department. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Canton Race Day in the Park

BY JAMIE NIELSEN

Heritage Park was the site Saturday for Canton's third annual "Race Day in the Park."

The event, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation, was designed to provide a morning of fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. Since the 260 participants ranged in age from 3 to 72, there were three events to suit their different athletic abilities.

The first event was a half-mile "fun run," which was run by children ages 3 through 12. The second was a 5k walk, which had 65 participants, ranging in age from 10 to 67. The third and final event was a five mile run. This race had 165 participants between the ages of 12 and 72. Everyone who took part in the activities received a ribbon and a t-shirt to remember their morning of fun and exercise. The best times for the five mile run and the 5k walk are listed below.

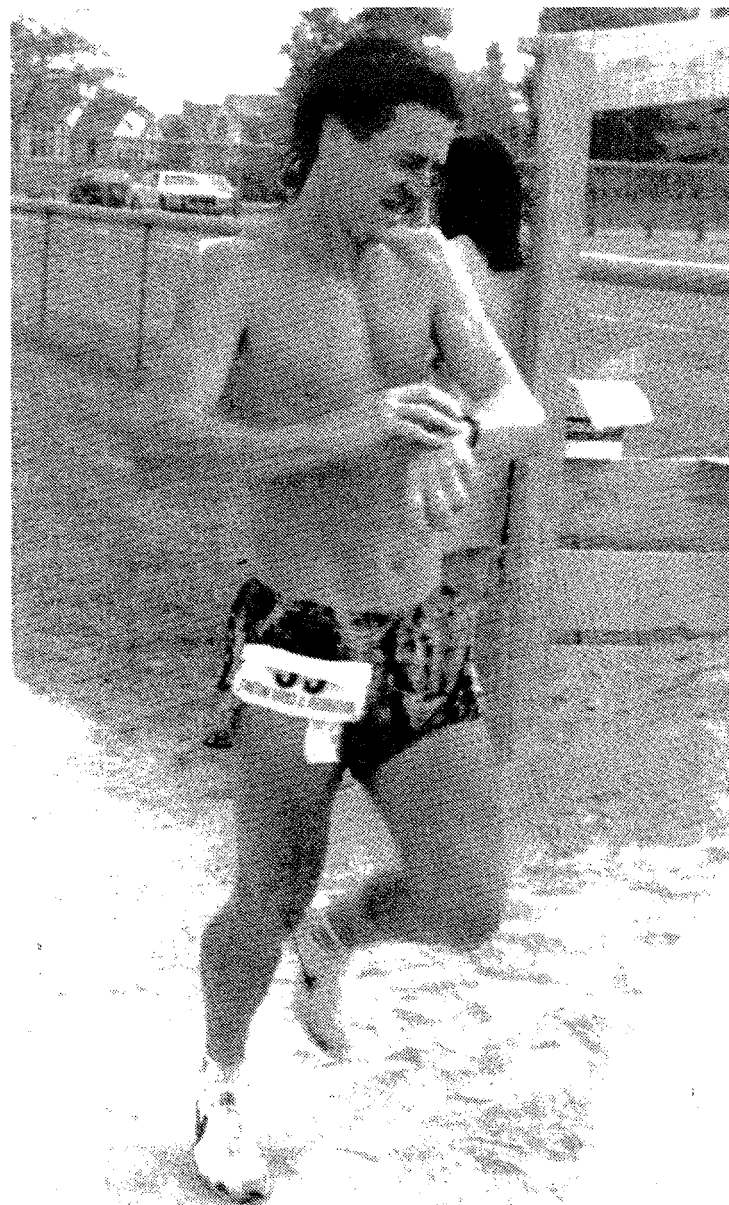
Five Mile Run Winners

<i>Women</i>	
First Place:	Shari Edwards30:52
Second Place:	Jennifer Schultz31:50
Third Place:	Diane Himebaugh34:38

<i>Men</i>	
First Place:	Tom Gerou27:37
Second Place:	Raj Singh27:54
Third Place:	Michael Webster28:08

5k Walk Winners

First Place:	Luke Skywalker34:42
Second Place:	Bob Gloeniak35:38
Third Place:	Melissa DeLong35:53



Men's five mile run winner Tom Gerou crossed the finish line in 27:37. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Sports

Division winners

The Plymouth-Canton Cannons won the second annual WABA tournament at the Canton Softball Center. The champions are: (left to right, front row) Kyle Hennessy, Brian Germain, Andy Thackaberry (bat boy), Jimmy Horton, Derek Vermeulen (left to right, middle row) Kevin Entsminger, Seth White, Chris Pisani, Andrew Picknik, Mike Thackaberry (left to right, back row) coach Vic Hennessy, coach Milt Thackaberry, Matt Little, Brian Richards, Josh Nelson and coach Jim Horton.



Sports shorts

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Individual tickets will cost \$175, a twosome sponsor is \$440, a foursome sponsor is \$600 and dinner is \$50. Sponsor includes tickets for golf, cart rental, meals, open bar, refreshments, sponsor prize and a sponsor sign. All tickets are available after Aug. 9 on a first-come, first-serve basis. All guests will have a chance to win 1996-97 season tickets for two to Plymouth's new minor league hockey team, the Whalers. Call 453-1540 for more information.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering its fourth and final session of tennis lessons from Aug. 19-29. The lesson will be held at the Griffin Park tennis center in Canton and will cost \$20 for City and Canton residents and \$25 for non-residents. For more information on days and times for each age group, call 455-6620.

Children began on July 1 and may still register for the Plymouth Recreation Department Summer Park Programs at five locations.

Those locations are Kiwanis Park (Auburn and Junction), Jaycee Park (Hamilton and Joy), Garden Club Park (Sutherland and Forest), Rotary Park (Wing and Herald) and Fire House Park (Holbrook and Spring). Each location will provide a schedule of supervised activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Arts and crafts, active games, street showers, bowling, miniature golf and quiet games will accent the daily program. Friday field trips are planned for the Detroit Zoo, the Skatin' Station, Rolling Hills Water Park, Kensington Metro-Park and the Oakland County Wave Pool. A gala, fun-filled field day is planned for the final date on Aug. 16.

The program is free and applies only to City residents. Call 455-6620 for more information.

The City of Plymouth, in cooperation with Bianci Tours, is offering the following day trip.

The Boot Scootin' Boogie will take place on July 30 at a cost of \$36 for City of Plymouth residents and \$37 for non-residents. The trip includes the following: round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach to Perrysburg, OH, Libby Glass Factory Outlet Store, a "Western style" Cowboy buffet picnic at the DC Entertainment Complex, line dance instruction and a souvenir memento. For more information, call 455-6620.

Tennis Tournament Entry Form

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ M/F _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE FOREGOING, I FOR MYSELF, MY EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ASSIGNEES, DO HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE ALL SPONSORS, COORDINATION GROUPS, VOLUNTEERS AND ANY INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT, FOR ALL CLAIMS OF DAMAGES, DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND WHATSOEVER IN MANNER ARISING OR GROWING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN SAID EVENT.

Athlete's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian if under 18 _____

Date _____

Tennis tournament makes comeback

The tennis tournament returns.

The Canton-Plymouth-Crier Open Singles Tennis Tournament is ready to provide enormous competition to tennis players of all ages on July 20 and 21 at the Plymouth-Canton High School tennis courts.

There are seven age divisions for both males and females. The divisions are 10 years and under, 14 years and under, 18 years and under, Mens Open, Womens

Open, Mens 50 years and over, and Womens 50 years and over.

For residents of Canton and the City, there will be a fee of \$6 and for non-residents the price will be \$8. Each player must provide their own can of USTA approved tennis balls.

The format of the tournament is single elimination and is open to all area tennis players. Awards will be given to winners and runner-ups of each division.

Registration began on Monday and the deadline is July 17 at 4 p.m. Registration may take place in person or by mail by sending an entry form to Canton Parks and Recreation at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton with a zip code of 48188. Players will be able to find out the time of their first match on July 19 between 2-4 p.m. by calling the Canton Parks and Recreation Department at 397-5110.



Community opinions



Art in the Park's excellent reputation continues to grow, as does the size of the crowd attending the annual event in downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Art in the Park's excellent reputation continues to grow

For anyone who attended Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth on Saturday and Sunday, it was clear that this year's festival was one of the best ever.

Art in the Park organizer Dianne Quinn and her dedicated group of volunteers have turned the Plymouth event into one of the most popular art fairs in the Midwest. They have given their time and talents selflessly to make Art in the Park a success once again.

In the process, they have showcased The Plymouth-Canton Community. It's hard to tell

how much spin-off business the art fair provides, but by all accounts, local retailers had one of their best weekends ever. Many of the fair-goers will undoubtedly return to the community after their visit to Art in the Park.

In its 16 years of existence, Art in the Park has grown from a small street festival with 30 artists to a community institution with more than 380 artists. With its growing reputation among artists and art lovers alike, Art in the Park will surely grow — along with it the pride of the community.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Monday school board meetings conflict with other government meeting times

The Plymouth-Canton School Board said the decision to move meetings from Monday to Tuesday at 7 p.m. was made to provide an additional day for administrators to prepare for citizens' topics and questions. But will there be anybody at the meetings to hear the answers?

Beginning next month, three out of the four major boards in The Plymouth-Canton Community will convene on Tuesdays.

Only the Plymouth City Commission meetings remain on Monday nights.

School board meeting attendance, typically better than the Plymouth Township and Canton boards of trustees, is sure to suffer.

The only date that should be changed is the completion and publication of the board packet and agenda — made available to officials on Friday and to the public Monday mornings.

If residents could review copies before the weekend, communication would still be improved and involvement would not decline.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Commission candidates should stick to issues

EDITOR:

As an elected official in Plymouth Township, I fully support honest debate on the issues facing our community. Individuals have differing ideas and opinions, and debate allows all to be heard and considered before decisions are made.

However, I am concerned about debate that ignores the issues, focusing on suggestion and innuendo instead. And, unfortunately, we seem to have a candidate for public office who believes that issues have little or nothing to do with serving the community. Since I have not had the opportunity to meet this candidate or discuss my perceptions of the issues, I can only wonder whether he has any knowledge of our concerns.

I strongly believe that our current Wayne County Commissioner, Thaddeus McCotter, has devoted himself to fighting for Plymouth Township and western Wayne County. He has successfully assisted us in maintaining County participation in the paving of Ridge and Powell roads, in preventing the development of a tradeport at Willow Run and in solving individual problems with Wayne County. He has used his skill and knowledge to work together with other commissioners, without regard for artificial party or Detroit/Suburb divisions, to solve problems and represent our interests.

I would urge citizens to demand discussion of the issues and to reject any candidate who is unable or unwilling to do so. I plan to vote for Commissioner McCotter on August 6.

KATHLEEN KEEN-MCCARTHY
PLYMOUTH TWP. SUPERVISOR

Edwards is great candidate

EDITOR:

Plymouth Township residents beware. We face the possibility of lawsuits as a result of practices in the treasurer's office. In the past three years, the Township auditing firm has found that tax payments are being made later than required to other taxing authorities.

It is certainly time that we made our Township Treasurer accountable for her mistakes. We should practice term limits in Plymouth Township and elect Ron Edwards, a CPA, as our next Township Treasurer.

It's time to make a change. Edwards will be a great treasurer.

BRIAN COX



Community opinions

Powell Road should have been designated as 'scenic route'; more patrols needed

EDITOR:

The Powell mistake.

No, not Colin Powell, but Powell Road. What was once a pleasant, shady Township road has been transformed into the likes of a three-lane highway.

The mistake is that it should have been designated a "scenic route" like Joy Road (from Ridge to Ann Arbor Road) has been. Furthermore, as a scenic route its maintenance would have been better, and the speed limit would be at 25 m.p.h.

The money being spent to pave Powell from Beck to Ridge should have gone to complete the paving of Ridge. Since Temple Baptist so generously agreed to pay a large share of paving Ridge, the "Powell cost" would have been much wiser to have been spent to pave Ridge south to Ann Arbor Road. Doing this would have helped with the congestion and heavy traffic on Beck by taking some of the traffic off Beck as well as giving those who live in Ridgewood, Hunters Creek or Deer Creek a paved access to their residences, which by the way, is the main reason for even paving Powell in the first place.

Those of us who have lived ON (as opposed to "OFF") Powell for a number of years have enjoyed the quiet, lazy country lane with relatively little traffic. Now, with the adjoining subdivisions OFF Powell, the traffic increase has destroyed the road bed and become a high-speed road. So, it is the subdivision people who wanted the paving. However, it is not they who are paying for it.

It would be more fair if 300 residences were paying \$1,000, instead of the 100 paying \$3,000. The idea that some in a subdivision won't be using it is ludicrous. Oh well, the deal is done.

Next, I want those who will be using Powell to know I am writing our Wayne County Road Commission to request that the speed limit for Powell be posted at 25 m.p.h. (because at 25 people will go 35)...and, I am also planning to write Plymouth Township to ask that the road be heavily policed, like Beck Road is, to hold the traffic to the posted speed limit.

Not only is Powell a residential street, with streets and driveways coming into traffic, it is also a limited sight road what with the hills, shrubbery, etc. that accesses on to the road, and the very dangerous intersection at Beck Road with the limited sight for left hand turns onto Beck.

In fact, I ask that anyone living along Powell who has these same concerns do likewise and write the road commission (29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48242, Attn: Ms. Vicky Holland, Traffic Engineer), and write or call our Plymouth Township office and our Township Police.

The only thing that can be done now is for all to try and make the best of a very bad mistake, remembering that Powell Road is a residential street with children, pets, bikes and to expect a low speed limit (or a ticket)!

MARILYN HENRY

Tequila Mockingbird?

Library's temporary quarters lack grocery store goods

An open letter to the manager of the recently reopened Farmer Jack grocery store on Main Street in Plymouth:

Dear Manager,

I want to thank you for reopening, since your location is very convenient. I visited your store last week, and the remodeling job looks terrific — definitely worth the three-year wait.

The store was AMAZINGLY quiet. I was surprised to see carpeting in a grocery store — I suppose it absorbs noise. It's a nice touch, but you may want to reconsider once your carpet absorbs a few other things, like broken eggs and spilled milk.

Although my first impression of the store was positive, I soon experienced some problems.

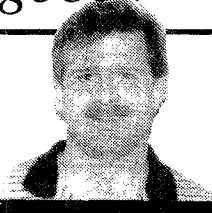
First, when I dropped my empty pop bottles on the "Returns" desk, the clerk looked at me as if I'd completely lost my mind. She pushed them back at me and suggested that I leave them outside. When I objected, she told me to lower my voice so I wouldn't disturb the other customers!

Secondly, I couldn't find a shopping cart. After a long search, I found a strange little cart with three shelves and tiny wheels — not suitable for holding groceries, but at least the wheels didn't squeak.

I pushed it down the first aisle while I studied my shopping list. Without

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



looking, I stumbled into a very extensive book and magazine section. A stock boy was busy refilling shelves nearby. He tried to be helpful, but he couldn't locate anything. I asked him where I could find rice, and we had the following conversation.

"Anne Rice or Edgar Rice Burroughs?" he asked. "They're both in aisle five, right next to 'War and Peace'."

"Peas? I don't need peas," I explained. "Okay, forget the rice, where's your pumpernickel?"

"Oh," he said, "The Scarlet Pimpernel? That's three aisles over. Maybe you'd prefer 'Catcher in the Rye'?"

"Sure, I like rye," I thanked him for the suggestion. "Where is it?"

"Right over there," he pointed. "If you see Lillian Hellman's book, you went past it."

"Hellmann's?" I said. "Why not? I could use some mayo to go with my salmon."

"Salman Rushdie? Lousy choice," he said. "His work is along the back wall if you really want it."

By this time I was quite confused. "What I really, really want right now is a shot of tequila," I said.

"To Kill a Mockingbird?" he replied. "I've got it right here!"

He gave me a book. I'm not sure why. Dazed, I headed toward the checkout lanes. The cashier asked for my card, and I handed her my Discount SuperSaver. She laughed and gave it back, along with a new card. Meanwhile, I checked the book for a price tag.

Finally, she stamped the book with an expiration date. I guess this means my book will not be safe to read after two weeks. I hope I remember to throw it out before then.

Signed,

P.S. I never paid for the book, which was very good, by the way. Enclosed is a check for \$10. Please purchase some proper shopping carts.

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