

# July 4<sup>th</sup>

## Festivities in Plymouth and N'ville:

• Good Morning U.S.A. parade, downtown Plymouth, 7:30 a.m.; fireworks at dusk, Unisys parking lot • N'ville parade, downtown, 10 a.m., auto show to follow; Activities at Mill Race Village, 11 - 4 a.m.; Concert & Fireworks, 7 p.m



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## Township mulls police millage

### Report recommends increased services

BY BRYON MARTIN

It's not about where they're going, it's where they've been.

That's how Lt. Robert Smith, Plymouth Township Police Department's acting chief, described a report and proposal to be discussed in a Tuesday study session with the Township Board of Trustees.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said the report may also figure into ongoing discussions of a possible millage increase for taxpayers.

The report, the second made in the last year, is based on research compiled since last autumn in a collaborative department effort, Smith said. It outlines current

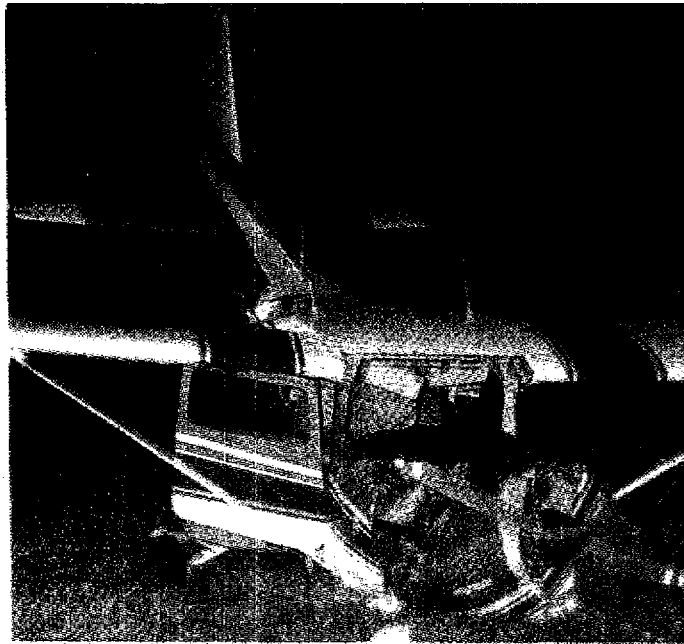
department staffing and services, and what are perceived to be its current needs.

"We're talking about yesterday's problems," Smith said. "It's where we need to go now, not where we want to be in five years."

Smith said The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community's much-touted growth has stressed internal police divisions. The patrol department is among the hardest hit.

Increases in area traffic demand most of the patrol department's time, Smith said. Other functions performed by patrol personnel are forced to the sidelines.

"Our volume of traffic is huge," Smith



## Pilot blames engine in crash

Bill Kern, pilot of the Cessna plane that crashed North of Mettetal Airport Wednesday night, says a non-responsive engine lead to the crash. Story on page 11. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

said. "Our patrol officers are off responding," to traffic incidents. This leaves them little time to respond to complaints, such as monitoring stops, intersections and general

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## Ours who serve

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When talking with Commander Joseph Skinner, one thing becomes immediately clear: The words tension and pressure aren't in his vocabulary.

Skinner tends to replace them with words like excitement. And that's one thing that will serve him well in his new role: Commander of the USS Louisville.

Skinner, originally from Plymouth, will take command of the USS Louisville this week in a ceremony in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

"I'm very excited," he said. "I didn't think it was achievable. When I was in high school I never dreamed I'd be doing this."

But that's when it all began. Skinner started campaigning for admittance to the Naval Academy when he was a junior at Salem High School in 1975.

"You have to start that early," he said. "It's very competi-

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Cmdr. Joseph Skinner



U.S.S. LOUISVILLE

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Canton resident an avid collector of Americana

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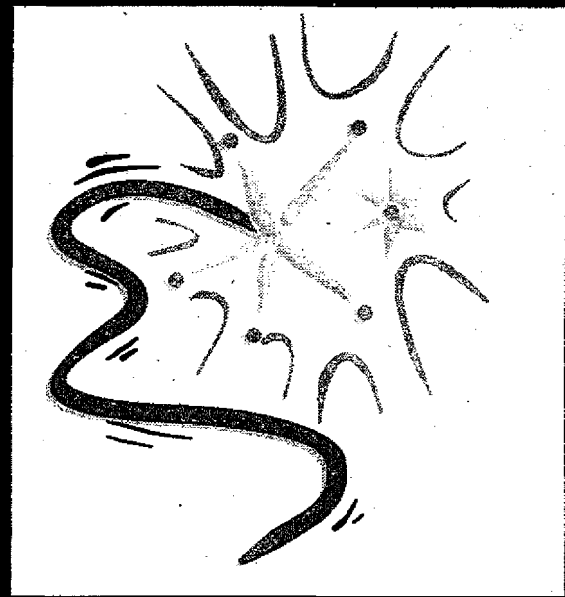
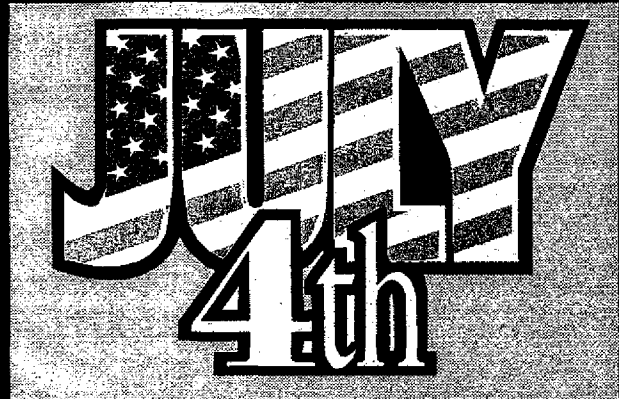
## Summer ice

Whalers draft players from Wales and Russia

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# Plymouth-Canton Jaycees Proudly Present

## Their Annual 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND FIREWORKS



### FIREWORKS

Massey Field at Dusk  
Roads closed off at 9:30 p.m.

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Plymouth Township Park  
Ann Arbor Tr. Between Sheldon & Beck  
11:00am to 5:00pm

- BASEBALL
- BOAT RACES
- KID'S GAMES
- FIRE-POLICE TUG OF WAR

### PARADE • 7:30AM

Downtown Plymouth

Parade Route: From Main Street at Theodore, the parade will head south on Main Street until it makes a left onto Hartsough and ends at East Middle School.

### VFW CHICKEN BBQ

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# Subsidy change forces move

*HUD monies go to residents, residents have to go at Canton Commons*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

They're not being evicted, but they do have to move.

That's the final word of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to tenants of 340 government-subsidized units at Canton Commons, on Haggerty Road in Canton Township.

The tenants received a shock last week in the form of a letter from the Plymouth Housing Commission stating "HUD recently made the decision to transfer the subsidy you are currently receiving from project-based to tenant-based."

The unclear language of the letter left tenants speculating that they were being evicted within a week, but a pair of HUD-sponsored meetings alleviated that fear, for now.

"The subsidy contract is expiring at the end of July and since the landlord has been

debarred we ordinarily wouldn't renew it," said Ken Barnard of HUD's public affairs office. "Due to tenant concerns, we've renewed it on a month-by-month basis, and we're giving the government subsidized tenants up to 90 days to relocate."

Canton Commons' HUD subsidy isn't being renewed because Highland Management, which owns the project and several others in the U.S., has been improperly maintaining property in Colorado, Barnard said.

Currently, the HUD subsidized mortgage is one of the things which has allowed Canton Commons to keep rent low, said Alex Sachs of HUD's public affairs department in Washington, D.C.

The tenant-based vouchers require recipients to only pay 30 percent of their income wherever they move, Barnard said. "If someone finds a place \$10 more than market value, they can also chose to pay the \$10 if it's worth it to them to live there. Also, if they find a place \$10 less than market value, they can pocket the difference. At least it gives them options."

"We want to make this as disruption free as possible," Sachs said. "We plan to work closely with the residents."

HUD will assign residents a relocation specialist on a case-by-case basis, according to Sharon Thomas of the Plymouth Housing Commission. The relocation specialist will assist tenants in finding places to live, and help to defray costs of moving, such as security deposits and connection fees, and moving vans.

"I hope they understand that the government is taking action because of the problem with the landlord," Sachs said. "Highland Management gets more than \$822,000 a year in government

subsidies for Canton Commons alone. We don't want to see someone getting close to \$1,000,000 a year for being a bad landlord."

Highland Management owns four other apartment complexes in Michigan: two in Taylor, one in Clinton Township, and one in Sterling Heights, Sachs said. The tenants will be relocated as the complexes HUD contract expire, Sachs said.

**'We want to make this as disruption free as possible.'**

Alex Sachs

# Whyman defamation case in court today

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

State Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton) plans to defend herself in court today against claims she defamed a Detroit gay and lesbian organization.

The Triangle Foundation file suit against the legislator earlier this month for a libel lawsuit it has filed against her.

The group seeks more than \$10,000 in damages for alleged libelous statements in Whyman's campaign literature, which claimed the non-profit organization promoted sex between "grown men and boys" and supported pedophilia.

"This is nothing but an attempt of an extremist homosexual group to silence me," said Whyman, who has served the 21st House District as state representative. "This isn't a defamation issue. It's a freedom of speech issue," she said.

Detroit attorney Rudolph Serra and Triangle Foundation representatives appeared June 12 before Judge Susan Borman at the Wayne County Circuit Court to set upcoming court dates. No one representing Whyman attended.

The six-count lawsuit charges Whyman with slander, two incidences of libel, false light and inflicting emotional distress both intentionally and negligently.

Whyman has until Monday to respond to the lawsuit.

The Triangle Foundation is an organization designed to "promote equality and to secure freedom from violence, intimidation and discrimination for gay and lesbian people throughout Michigan," according to Serra.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit are the Triangle Foundation, the Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Michigan, Triangle President Jeffrey Montgomery and seven Triangle Foundation board members.

Montgomery said he filed the lawsuit because Whyman defamed the Triangle Foundation by making false statements in her campaign literature.

"We obviously wouldn't go through this trouble if we didn't feel an important issue was at stake," he said. "When an organization is defamed in a public way, it's extremely important that we

respond for people who support our cause. We need to protect and properly defend our reputation in the broader community."

"Because we're a gay and lesbian civil rights organization, and because Whyman represents an extremely conservative-political view, she incorporates much of the view points and rhetoric of radical religious factions," Montgomery said. "She fell into attacking us by advocating and reiterating some of the worst stereotypes and misinterpretations about gay people."

At the advice of her attorney, Whyman said she couldn't comment on the specifics of the comments.

In court documents, Serra argues that minorities have been wrongly associated with attacking children throughout history.

Rep. Deborah Whyman

"This is a potent and egregious slur which has been exploited to justify violations against Jewish people, African Americans and in modern history, gay and lesbians," he said.

Whyman said the Triangle Foundation filed the lawsuit in response to her support of the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits gays and lesbians the right to marry.

"This extremist group is attempting to retaliate and silence me, but they will find themselves losers again," she said.

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# Canton Police on lookout for possible murderers from N.Y.

Based on a tip received from authorities in New York, Canton Police issued a bulletin yesterday warning that three men may be en route to Canton with plans to kill a woman living in the township.

Canton Officer Lew Stevens said the woman, witness to a gang-related murder in New York, had been informed. He also said that if found by Canton Police, the men would be arrested.

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- Today at Noon, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park, in Kellogg Park, will feature Chautauqua Express. The show is free to the public.
- Today, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Busch's Valu Land, The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will be on hand for a talent search: children ages 3 -12 can participate by reciting the Oscar Mayer Wiener Jingle or singing the Bologna Song. Auditions will be limited to 150, so early arrival is encouraged.
- Tomorrow from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company in downtown Plymouth, the Plymouth Poets' Summer Celebration of Poetry continues with featured readers Guthrie Neidhardt and Lisa Barrett.

## NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Science & Math, and Discovery Day Camps begin at New Morning School. For enrollment info, call 420-3331.
- Saturday, Plymouth's Art in the Park begins downtown, and will run through Sunday.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Army Pvt. **MyungBok Shin** has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Shin is the son of **Young K.** and **Jung S. Shin** of Canton.

Air Force Airman **Steven A. David Jr.** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. During the six weeks of training David studied organization, customs and human relations.

David is the son of **Vicky D. David** of Northville.

Army Pvt. **Johnathon C. Roe** has graduated from One Station Unity Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Radcliff, KY. The training combines basic military training and advanced individual training.

Roe is the son of **William G. Roe** of Belleville and **Michelle Roe** of Canton.

**Ronda L. Wilson** has graduated from the Warrent Officer Candidate School and been appointed as an Army warrant officer at Fort Rucker, Daleville, AL. Candidates receive training and experience in leadership, military history and ethics.

Wilson is the daughter of **Peggy Y. Farmer** of Northville.

Marine Sgt. **Patrick R. Martinez**, son of **Ronald P. Martinez** and **Sharon K. Martinez** of Canton, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Martinez was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He is a graduate of Salem High School.

**Margaret A. McDonald**, of Plymouth, graduated from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

**Kristin Whalen**, **Brandy Mapp** of Canton; and **Allison K. Green**, **Nicole R. Mashni**, **Andrea Mesner**, **Gina R. Neubauer** and **George Pariseau** of Plymouth are among the 123 high school students at Adrian College during the Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for the Arts, Science and Technology.

The program is called **SEEKS** — Sustaining the Environment through Education, Knowledge and Skills. Students study theater, writing, dance, archeology journalism, microbiology sculpture, freshwater ecology, biological chemistry, wetland ecology and architecture and design.

# Proud to be an American

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Taking a step into Walter Montgomery's Canton living room is like stepping into a shrine. Plaques and pictures line the room; sculptures adorn every shelf, nook and cranny. Flags hang from the walls.

And they all have one thing in common: They celebrate America.

Montgomery's collection of Americana spans 100 years of U.S. history, from a picture of Lincoln and his cabinet taken from a book dated at 1900, to depictions of last year's Olympic games in Atlanta.

"I used to collect things from all kinds of other countries," he said, "but then I said to heck with it and just started collecting American pieces."

Montgomery has been collecting Americana since the 70s, he said. He enjoys tinkering with his pieces and arranging them.

Most of them were bought or traded for at swap meets, he said, but others have a more personal value.

Like the Bronze Star of Valor his wife's brother earned in Korea, set in a special case with a picture.

Or an ID bracelet worn by a P.O.W. in Vietnam, dated Feb. 15, 1971. The pilot had been shot down in Laos, Montgomery said.

"Some young girl was wearing the bracelet, and she just gave it to me," he said. "People are always giving me stuff like that. My brother, friends and children always have an eye out for things."

Montgomery's collection also



Walter Montgomery stands next to his prize piece of americana, a draft document signed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt (Crier photo, Scott Spielman).

includes more than 100 American eagles carved from a variety of mediums including wood, wax, milkstone, crystal, pressed walnut shells and coal.

Montgomery first thought about collecting Americana during his time with the Merchant Marines hauling heavy army equipment to Korea. He trifled with collecting for a number of years and started in earnest when he retired from the construction industry in 1984.

"It really took off since then," he said,

looking over his collection of medals of bravery — complete except for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In his spare time he arranges and composes tribute pieces, such as a framed picture of the seven Challenger astronauts depicted flying into the hands of God.

"I keep exchanging them; taking some down and putting others up. It keeps me from going wacko," he said. "I don't have room for all of them."

## Plymouth student heads to West Point

John Faunce of Plymouth and a 97 graduate of Catholic Central High School reported to the United States Military Academy at West Point June 30, 1997. He was nominated to the academy by U. S. Rep. Lynn Rivers in January.

Faunce graduated from Catholic Central in June with highest honors. He was a two year member of the National Honor Society, a four year member of the cross country team, and a four year member of the track team.

Faunce received the Presidential Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University, along with an ROTC scholarship from Eastern. He also received four year scholarships from the University of Toledo and the University of Dayton.

The State of Michigan and Wayne County Executives have presented John with certificates of outstanding academic achievements.

Faunce is the youngest son of Bill and Vi Faunce of Plymouth.



# Army specialist from Canton part of grueling tests

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For more than 10 days Army Pfc. Benjamin T. Sovereign, and the rest of the 4th Infantry Division's First Brigade fought two enemies. 'Krasnovians' and heat.

The Krasnovians were a highly trained unit of infantrymen, tankers and artillerymen trained in former Soviet Union tactics, and part of an elaborate war game.

The heat was part of, well, life.

"As soon as the sun came up, the heat came out," Sovereign, a 1993 Salem graduate, said. "It sapped our energy and motivation. It was hard not to get depressed when you're out in the field for 24 days, no showers or anything, in 100 degree weather."

## New sub skipper from Plymouth

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tive."

Skinner received his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, and graduated in 1980 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1982 he reported to his first submarine, the USS Patrick Henry, and hasn't looked back since.

Skinner was the chief navigation officer on the USS Dallas when it was deployed to the Mediterranean in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"Being in an actual situation is a little more exciting," he said. "Before you go on a deployment like that you practice all your operations. You're constantly graded and watched by commanding officers.

"It's not very different from when you're drilling, because we always train the way we fight. You have to maintain an intensity level because the ocean isn't benign. And you can't take things for granted because you never know when you're going to be called to fight."

Submarine duty is voluntary, and the selection process is more academically strenuous than other branches of service,

Sovereign's unit is the Army's official experimental unit given the task of testing out new hardware.

This war game, high in the California desert, was designed to test the efficacy of the "Appleque" system, Sovereign said, an onboard computer system that allows soldiers to look at the battlefield the way a chess player studies a board.

"It's a really huge thing for the military," he said. "We had a lot of four star generals watching us. After the battle, the generals come down and talk to the troops to get their input," Sovereign said.

The Appleque system, mounted inside a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, keeps track of

Skinner said.

"The sub is the most sophisticated machine in our arsenal," he said. "We have more computers and technical hardware than the space shuttle. Every one has to have a working knowledge of every part of the boat. That alone drives us to pick the very best people."

Skinner, who has received several of the notoriously medal-stingy Submarine force's medals, including a Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendations and four Navy Achievement, believes he is the man for the job.

"I can't wait," he said. "I've been waiting for this a long time. It's a true pleasure and honor."

Skinner's command will last a little less than three years, he said, which is longer than a traditional command in other areas of the Navy. From there, he will probably work on the shore staff of a submarine squadron, overseeing to the training of 12 submarine crews.

"It's always a pleasure helping people learn, but it doesn't compare to the excitement of being in a fast attack sub," he said. "I can't imagine anything more exciting than that."

the movements of all friendly vehicles on a battlefield, Sovereign said.

"That way, when you're shooting at something, you know its a non-friendly," he said. The army realized a need for such a

system because of a few incidents of "fratricide," or attacking friendlies during the Gulf War, Sovereign said.

"I was ready for it. We were there a long time," he said. "But I'm still glad its over."



## Public notices

### NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 1997 and payable through August 11, 1997 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at the treasurer's office window. First of America Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept payments for your convenience through August 11, 1997. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.**

Teresa Cischke, CFMA  
City Treasurer

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### LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

#### "TAXES DUE"

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Payment is to be made to the Charter Township of Plymouth Treasurer, Ron Edwards, at the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

Hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the second Saturday of the month and till 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Telephone number 453-3840.

Ron Edwards, Treasurer

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY P.O. Box 30204, Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 16, 1997, at 1:30 p.m. at the Canton Charter Township, Board Meeting Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:


Application for Permit 97-10-0234 under the Part 301 Inland Lakes & Streams, Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994, as amended, by Culver Custom Homes, 29727 Westbrook Parkway, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48076, to construct Culver Custom Homes by the placement of an 8 inch outfall in Fellows Creek for the construction of a proposed sedimentation/detention basin. Place 3,020 cubic yards of fill in the wetland area contiguous to Fellows Creek. Place 2,500 cubic yards of fill in the wetland along the west side of the property. Place 5,680 cubic yards of fill in the floodplain of Fellows Creek and 11,890 cubic yards of fill above the floodplain of Fellows Creek. Excavate 590 cubic yards of material from the wetland along Fellows Creek and 110 cubic yards material along the west side. The project is located in T2S, R8E, Section 9, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, SE MI Dist. Headquarters, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, during normal office hours. The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
By: Les Thomas  
Permit Consolidation Unit  
Land and Water Management Division

Date: June 13, 1997

Note: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in any of the meetings noted should communicate with meeting contacts, as listed, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.



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# ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS MONTHLY CALENDAR

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(PCAC) Art Education Classes  
July 7—August 15

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13 (AIP) Art the Park Downtown Plymouth

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15 (PCC) 18TH ANNUAL YMCA RUN  
From Plymouth's "Gathering"

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**17TH ANNUAL  
ART IN THE PARK  
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH  
JULY 12-13**

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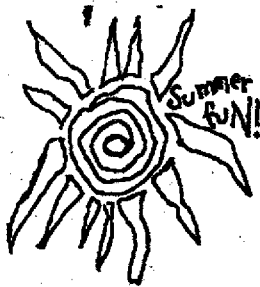
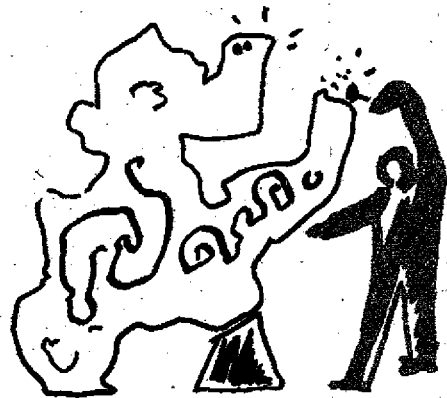
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2 (PCAC) Music in the Park  
Noon in Kellogg Park

3 (C) Summer Concert Series:  
7:30 p.m. • Heritage Park  
(PP) Student Poetry Reading  
(Open mike), Plymouth Coffee Bean Co., 7:30  
(PHH) Historic Gettysburg Tour- (Sat-Sun)

4 (PFDC) July 4th Parade  
PFDC will perform at the 7:30 a.m.  
(PCC) Jaycees July 4th Parade  
7:30 a.m.  
Fireworks Dusk-Massey Field

5 (PCC) Farmers' Market 7:30-12:30  
(PCC) Freedom Rally Kellogg Park

9 (PCAC) Music in the Park  
Noon in Kellogg Park

10 (PP) Summer Celebration of Poetry  
(Every Thurs. 1st 2nd week in Aug.)  
Plymouth Coffee Bean Co., 8:00

11 (DDA) Music on the Streets  
7-9 p.m. Downtown Plymouth

12 (PCC) Farmers' Market 7:30-12:30  
(AIP) Art in the Park Downtown Plymouth  
(PP) Poetry Crawl 30-40 Michigan  
poets performing during Art in the Park  
-Downtown Plymouth

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(C) Summer Concert Series:  
Each Thursday Evening at 7:30 p.m.  
Heritage Park (June 26 - Aug. 21)

25 (DDA) Music on the Streets  
7-9 p.m. Downtown Plymouth

26 (PCC) Farmers' Market 7:30-12:30

30 (PCAC) Music in the Park  
Noon in Kellogg Park

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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Plymouth residents and businesses are invited to submit recipes for **The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook**, written by Lennie Bowser of Canton.

The cookbook, to be published this summer, will include family and historical recipes, as well as dishes from local, well-known restaurants. Call Hazel Proctor at (313) 207-0780 for more information.

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**SAM DIBBLE**

Samuel Dibble of Plymouth's Coldwell Banker Preferred has been selected to join the company's International President's Circle for the second year.

MIRA North America of Plymouth and Defiance Testing & Engineering Services Inc. of Troy signed a joint marketing and operating agreement for noise, vibration and harshness services.

The companies will join forces to provide services for automobile manufacturers and their suppliers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Northville Youth Assistance announced the award of a grant of \$2,500 from the Target Stores. This is the fourth year that Target has donated to the program, totaling \$7,000, and the 10th year NYA has been matching youths with volunteers. The grant will pay to train volunteers who are matched with Northville youths as their "special friend."

MediaOne awarded two Northville educators, along with nine others from across the Midwest, with technology grants valued at \$66,000. Laurie Convery (English/social studies), Ray Balutowicz (math/science) and Principal Dr. Jeffrey Radwanski of Northville Cooke Middle School were the award winners. The *Connecting Teachers Through Technology* grants assist teachers in MediaOne service areas in developing and implementing technology-based projects in their classrooms.

# Winging it in a new job

*Merchandising position brings Canton man close to the Stanley Cup*

BY MATT HUCAL

Most people from The Plymouth-Canton Community saw the Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup while at home or at a bar. But Mark Kirby, of Canton, couldn't join them. His demanding new job forced him to work that night — in the victors' locker room.

Kirby is the senior director of merchandising for Olympia Entertainment. He oversees the purchasing, sales and development of merchandise for the Wings and the Detroit Rockers.

The sale of merchandise has jumped dramatically since winning the Stanley Cup, Kirby said, and his department has undertaken a new Hockeytown line of T-shirts, hats and other merchandise.

Kirby said the car flags that were so visible during the playoff run have been around for a while.

"They've been around for years, but this year we sold a lot of them," Kirby said. "It really caught on, especially around here. The Plymouth and Canton area is a really great area for Red Wing merchandise."

He mentioned that a store in the Westland Mall sold more merchandise than any other in the Metro Detroit area.

Kirby's job calls for a lot of interaction with the players, and he said he's become friends with many of them.

"I deal with memorabilia, so I deal with the players quite often," Kirby said.

His residence in the Pheasant Run Community gives him the option of golfing at the community's course, something he did with Wing defenseman Aaron Ward June 21.

During the post-game celebration, Kirby laid out the hats and t-shirts in the Red Wing locker room and supplied them to the players who didn't dress for the final game.

*'I deal with the players quite often'*

Mark Kirby

The game ended around 11 p.m., but he said merchandise was being sold until about 2:30 a.m. Kirby said he was so caught up with the sales and the sweep excitement, he didn't even know that the Wings had been scored on until 3 a.m.

Kirby position demands travel: he holds jobs in Coral Springs, FL as the regional vice president of Foot Locker and has overseen 332 stores in the Southeastern U.S. for more than 15 years. Prior to that he was district manager in Chicago for Foot Locker during "the Jordan era."

Kirby said the Chicago Bulls' first championship was nothing compared to

what he's seen here in Detroit. In Chicago fans weren't waiting until 2:30 a.m. to buy merchandise during the finals.

Working in Hockeytown is special.

Although he said he's had "great jobs," working for the Wings is something he's always wanted, especially because he grew up in Michigan and went to college at EMU.

"I always said if I was going to leave Foot Locker it would have to be for a job at Michigan Athletic Merchandise or for the Wings," Kirby said.

The job isn't all fun and games, he said. There are long hours and unusual responsibilities.

But even if having a picture taken with the Stanley Cup and celebrating with the players in the locker room wasn't part of Kirby's job description, he isn't complaining.

## Grant awarded to laid-off Winkleman's employees

*MJC gives \$15,000*

BY MATT HUCAL

Laid off workers at Winkleman's headquarters at the MetroWest Industrial Park in Plymouth have been awarded a \$15,000 dislocated worker grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission (MJC).

The Commission announced last month that the works agency Southeast Michigan Community Alliance will first receive the money.

It will then be used to begin assistance and basic readjustment services to the workers and their families affected by the layoff.

"When there's a situation of displaced workers, we're notified if there are over 50 people laid off," Jim Tobin, spokesman for the MJC said. "We then go to the place of business, set up a Joint Adjustment Committee, and we then determine how much money should be spent on services."

Those services include job or career counseling, assessment and evaluation, job placement assistance and job development.

The federal Job Training Partnership Act of 1989 made the funding for the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act possible.

"By law, a company has to contact us if there are more than 50 workers laid off from a business with more than 100 employees," Tobin said.

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# Trial by fire: Blaze destroys court

## Storm-downed wire ignites 3-alarm fire at 35th District Court

BY THE CRIER STAFF

Flames caused by a storm-downed wire engulfed and eventually consumed the 35th District Courthouse Wednesday.

Insurance investigators had only a "preliminary" inspection by noon today, but placed the loss at "several million dollars."

After yesterday's storm at its peak -- about 6 p.m. -- The Plymouth Fire Department sent an engine company to the courthouse to investigate reports of downed wires at the building, according to Plymouth Fire Chief Larry Groth.

The engine, with hoses hooked up as a precautionary measure, waited for Detroit Edison, but the company was inundated with calls because of the severe thunderstorms wreaking havoc in the county, the chief said. Firefighters did not enter the building because it was energized due to the wires laying across the roof.

At 9:15 p.m., Plymouth firefighters noticed

smoke coming from the northwest corner of the building. They put in a call to respond with all units, Groth said.

"It was a little shocking," said Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, who also heads the 35th District Court Advisory Board. "It was

a white ball -- about basketball size -- of an arc, really. Thirty seconds and then flame."

Groth said, "When it happened, it happened fast." PFD almost immediately requested assistance from Canton and Northville townships, which responded with equipment and men.

"The flames came out of the northwest corner and spread to the south side of the building," Groth said. "Within an hour, the building was entirely engulfed in flames."

PFD's early efforts to contain the blaze were hampered by the existence of the downed power lines, Groth said.

*'Powerlines were on the gutters: electricity was arcing and the gutters started glowing red and dripping.'*

Kerry Erdman, Administrator  
35th District Court



"We couldn't even get to the east side of the building because of all the downed wires. We could only fight it from above. Lines were laying all around the area, and they posed a very real danger to the firefighters."

Detroit Edison workers arrived about 9:45 p.m. and cut wires and to allow firefighters access to the east side of the building, according to Groth. They quickly set up an aerial ladder to use as a water tower to get to the east side.

The fire was under control at about 12:30 a.m. this morning, Groth said, but fire crews

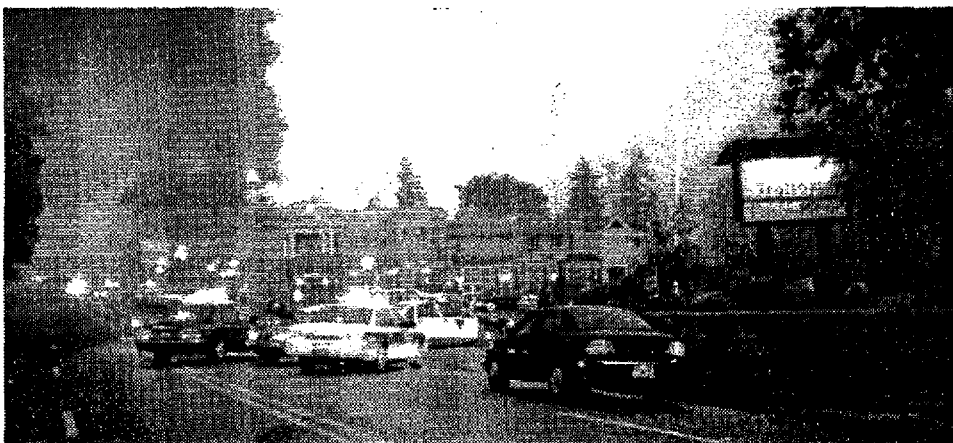
stayed through the night until the last hot spots -- fires buried by the collapsed roof -- was extinguished at 6:30 a.m.

By 10 p.m. Judges John MacDonald and Ron Lowe, Walters, court magistrates and staff had made plans to hold court temporarily at the City Commission building, with court scheduled at 1 p.m. today with Lowe presiding.

"By the grace of God, an outstanding court staff and an outpouring from the community, the 35th District Court is now in session," Lowe said. "Sorry we're 12 minutes late starting."



(Left to Right) Plymouth Twp. acting Chief Robert Smith, City DPW Director Paul Sincok, Plymouth Twp. Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth. (Bottom, right) Judge Ron Lowe prepares for court.



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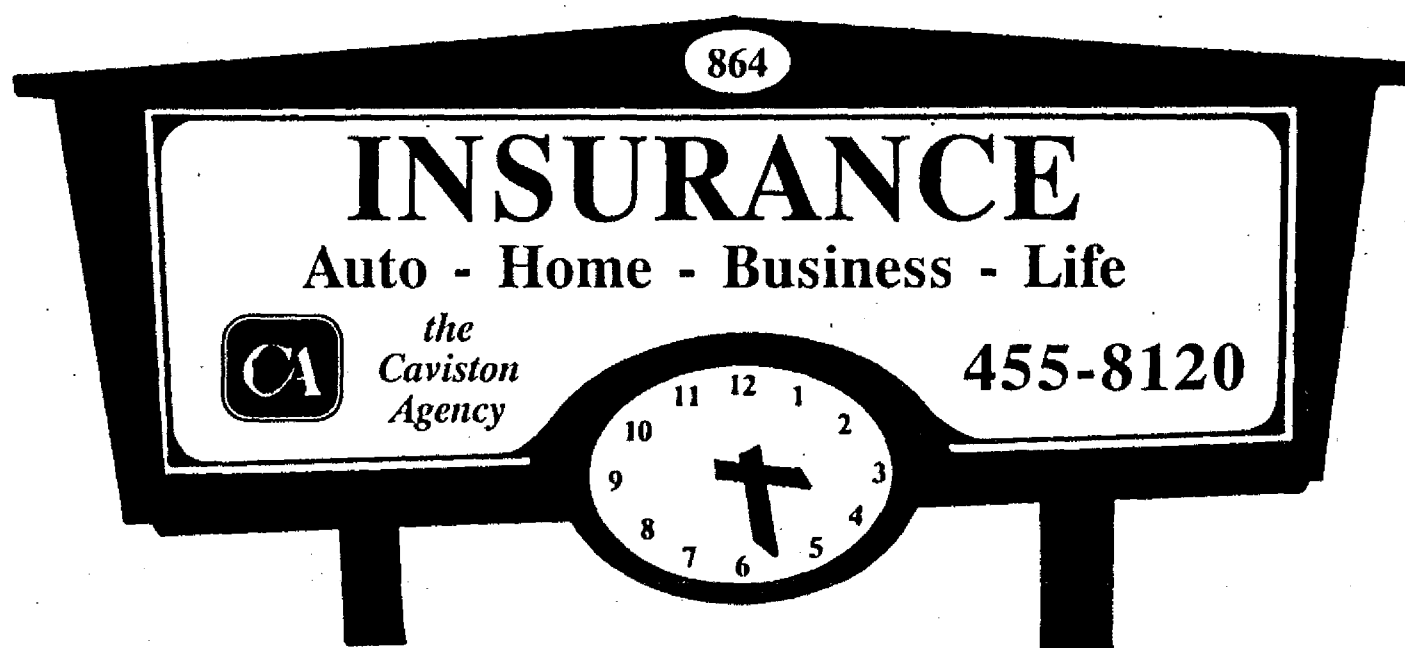




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# Broken water main due to pressure spike

*Cloudy water experienced by City and Township residents 'posed no health threats.'*

BY BRYON MARTIN

The normally flat, asphalt surface of N. Evergreen Street, in The City of Plymouth, swelled up like the hump of a whale Monday as pressure from a ruptured water main buckled and flooded the street.

The break occurred on a segment of the main between Farmer and Blanche streets. According to Mark Hammer, assistant director of The City of Plymouth Municipal Services, the break was due to an unusual pressure increase.

Pressure in the main is usually kept from 35 - 55 pounds per square inch (PSI), Hammer said. "Our gauges showed it hit about 75 PSI. It split the main."

What caused the pressure spike is uncertain, according to Hammer. The main is supplied by a larger pipe from the city of Detroit, which pumps at about 100 PSI; a pressure reduction valve knocks that figure down to the normal 35 - 55 PSI.

"The valve may have malfunctioned, or Detroit may have upped their pressure for some reason," Hammer said.

The main ripped lengthwise, releasing a sheet of water that nearly filled N.

Evergreen and cascaded down two blocks onto Penniman.

Water was shut off for houses along N. Evergreen as crews made repairs.

The total number of residents affected by the burst is uncertain, according to Hammer: the pipe is a transmission main which snakes from Sheldon Road down to Penniman, Harvey and through Plymouth Township.

"We've had calls about discolored water from down at Main and Byron," Hammer said.

While repairs were being made many consumers found their tap water yellow and cloudy, he said. This was due to the stirring up of minerals and sediments such as lime and calcium, which settle to the bottom of the main under normal conditions, according to Hammer.

"When a main breaks you get a scouring motion that stirs up those sediments," he said. "The discoloration doesn't pose any health threats."

Hammer said the main never fully lost pressure, which also helped keep the water safe.

"If your PSI drops to zero the vacuum



Dolly Martoin, who lives on N. Evergreen, gestures toward the area where the rupture occurred and the street swelled up. (Crier photo, Bryon Martin.)

can pull in contaminants," he said. Hazardous liquids such as those found at some industrial sites fed by the main could be sucked into a zero-PSI main. "But we never got that low," Hammer said.

To fix the main, City workers tore up a 15-foot by 20-foot section of N. Evergreen. Repair of the street may take about three weeks, according to Hammer. "We'll have to recompact the sand subroad and we'll end up re-asphalting 200 - 300 square-feet," he said. "The road was undermined. It was

pretty extensive."

Dolly Matoin, who lives on N. Evergreen, witnessed the flooding and its effect on the street. "There was a big buckle in the road," Matoin said. "A truck drove over it and it shifted around like a waterbed."

Municipal workers warned her against driving on the road in its swollen state, she said. "I can't get my car out. I'd have to back over that hump. Looks like I get the day off work."

*Pressure in the main is usually 35-55 PSI. 'Our gauges showed 75 PSI. It split the main.'*

Mark Hammer

## Report seeks expansions

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patrolling.

Smith said the proposal will request the hire of four additional patrol officers to supplement the 16 now employed.

Patrol officers, who are also integral as evidence technicians and fatal accident investigators, would also their roles further expanded by the proposal to include further investigative and community-policing functions.

Expanded community-based policing allow for more immediate decision making, said, and would meet public

*'We're just trying to keep up with the level of service being asked of us.'*

Lt. Robert Smith

Officers working out and or administrative take decision making set in the six patrol

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employed.

Smith said he was hopeful the trustees would make a commitment to the report. "I'd like to see them support it."

Keen-McCarthy said, "I often hear people say 'We never see police in our neighborhoods'." Levels of Township police service is, "something we've talked about off and on for years."

If the township chose to grant the requests, taxpayers could receive a millage increase to fund the expansions.

"There's no consensus on the need for a millage," among the trustees, Keen-

McCarthy said. "There will be free-wheeling discussion."

This report is an expanded version of one presented last November by then-Chief Carl Berry.

All of the requests, Smith

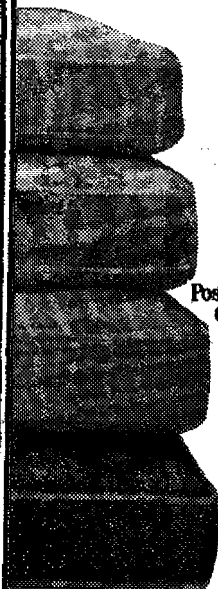
emphasized, are based on what the department's research suggests is needed.

"We've looked at what departments in similar communities have," Smith said. "We're not trying to build an empire."

"I know what people think when they hear we want to hire more officers," he continued. "I know how it feels when you look in your rearview mirror and see a cop behind you. We're don't want to become intrusive. We're just trying to keep up with the level of service being asked of us."

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# School board to elect officers Tuesday

BY BRYON MARTIN

Tuesday is shuffle board day for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

School board members will elect one another to officer positions for the '97-'98 school year during annual organizational proceedings at the regular board meeting.

As opposed to elections in which hopefuls actively pursue positions, the board engages in what current Vice President Michael Maloney characterized as "a consensus of board members. It's not a contentious process."

The meeting will begin with Superintendent Charles Little presiding as acting chair as members discuss and elect a board president, who will then take charge of the rest of the meeting and elections.

According to Maloney, members complete surveys on where their interests and experiences lie; all potential candidates are discussed before a vote is held.

With only one new member — Roland Thomas elected to the board June 9 — the election are at most a shuffling of current members.

Some positions may not even change.

Maloney suggested he would not be surprised if Horvath were reelected as president. "Mark has done a very good job. I think he's got a lot of support."

As for his own aspirations, Maloney said, "I'll do whatever the other board members want me to."

Also on the schedule for the meeting, according to Horvath, are a few annual procedure decisions and the election and appointment of committee positions.

Among them are the establishment of school board meeting times and locations, which Horvath said are likely to stay the same.

Maloney said a board member will be appointed to chair the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee; citizens will be elected to the Citizens' Advisory Finance Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee and the P.A. 25 (school improvement) Committee.

Maloney reiterated that the whole process is cooperative. "There's a feeling that in the last year, this board has been very well aligned. We've got a clear sense of direction."

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# Stamp of safety



Plymouth Postal workers Cary Black (left) and Randy Sharland (right) were surprised with an awards presentation Thursday for individual accomplishments. Sharland, an employee since 1968 was recognized for 30 years of service. "Sharland, an employee since 1968 was recognized for 30 years of service. They counted my military time," he said. Black was lauded for driving 1,000,000 miles without a preventable accident. "I just want to thank who got out of my way," he said. Only a few such awards are given. photos, Bryon Martin)

# Two killed in Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Police are still investigating the cause of a three car crash that killed two people and left a third man dead Thursday evening.

According to Officer Lew Stevens, at 6:33 p.m. Thursday a 1996 Ford driven by David Kelly, 27, of Madison Heights.

Police said Miller, who was nine months pregnant, may have had pains when she crossed the center line and struck head-on with Kelly's car.

The Saturn then ricocheted into the side of another car, a 1994 Ford, driven by Carrie Mack, 18, of Canton, according to Stevens.

Mack was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Miller was transported to University of Michigan Hospital.

Miller was pronounced dead at the scene. She lost the baby during the crash.

Justice, media relations at U of M hospital.

Kelly was pronounced dead at the scene.

The case remains under investigation by the police.

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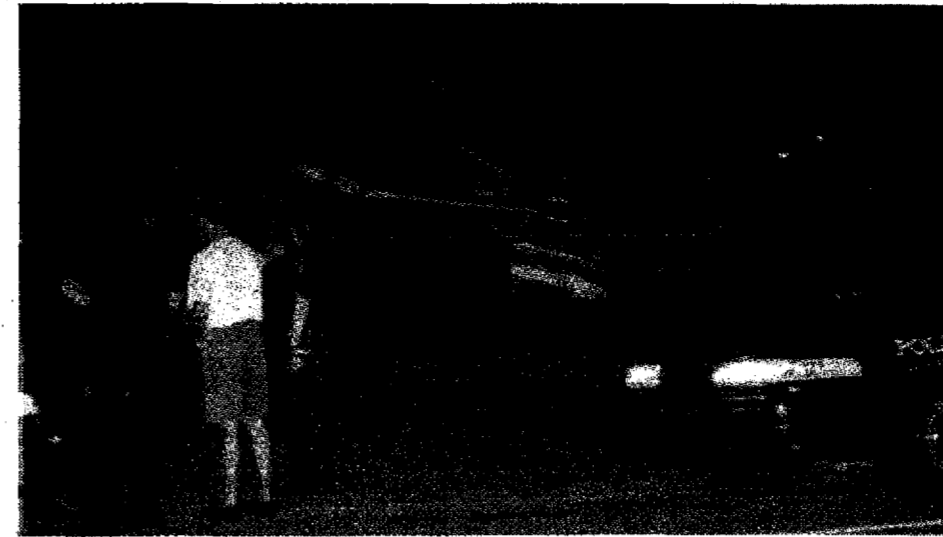
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## Pilot: 'The engine didn't respond'



BY SCOTT SPIELMAN  
A non-responsive engine was the ultimate cause of Wednesday's crash at Mettetal airport, according to pilot Bill Kern.

Kern, 40 of Farmington Hills, and his passenger, 61 year-old Jacques Bourque of Livonia, both suffered minor injuries when Kern's Cessna aircraft crashed into a field just north of Mettetal airport.

The two men were treated at the scene by Plymouth firefighters and transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti, where they were later released.

Kern gives this account:  
He approached the airport from the west, attempting to land the plane using the downwind traffic approach about 1000 feet west and above the runway.

A high wind blew him closer to the runway than he anticipated, and he saw that he was too high and approaching the runway too quickly.

"I knew there was no point in trying to call it a landing at that point," he said. "I

was going to circle the airport, climb back and take the approach again. No big deal." About eight seconds had gone by, and Kern attempted to make his adjustments. He shoved the throttle forward and got no response from the engine.

"It just stayed at idle. There were no bangs, thumps or anything, it just churned happily along at an idle."

Kern then went through a checklist: He made sure the fuel selector was in the correct position, the carburetor heater was closed, fuel mixture was rich, the throttle was open and he checked the ignition.

Completed in about four seconds, the checklist showed that everything was in its proper place, but there was still no response from the engine.

"That wasn't good," Kern said. "At that point, I was pretty sure I was in trouble."

Only about 12 seconds had passed since Kern decided to make another approach, but he only had about 18 seconds to get the plane down — without an engine.

"At 75 knots you very quickly run out of

time to do something. I looked around, and all I had was this little lighted patch to tell me where Joy Road was. The field beyond was 500 feet long but I knew I needed 1300 feet to land. After that 500 feet, things got very vertical and very solid."

Kern knew he had too much inertia and altitude land the plane safely.

"I had to go for the devil I knew," he said. He decided his only hope was to go into a high-G turn to burn off excess energy and altitude, attempt to level out the plane and ditch it.

It almost worked.

He banked into a hard left turn — when eyewitnesses thought he had stalled — but just before the plane leveled out, the left wing tip touched the ground and bounced, driving the nose of the plane into the ground.

At that point the motor mounts broke,

the engine shook loose, and the plane skidded slightly, the way a car does when you slam on the brakes.

Kern believes the plane's main bulkhead — designed to hold the weight of the engine and handle the torque it produces — absorbed most of the impact from the crash.

"The forces lined up right behind it and our seatbelts held, so we weren't banged up as badly as we could have been. I'd like to take credit, but by that time it was just luck."

The experience hasn't deterred Kern from flying in the future.

"You have to play with the hand you're dealt," he said. "This was a pretty tough hand. I just can't wait to get a new plane so I can get back up in the air."

The crash is still under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.



John Vergona talks with police before shutting down the Cessna's emergency valves (left). Mark Merlanti (Above, L to R), Mettetal advisory chairperson, talks with Bill Brown and John Vergona, assistant airport managers (Crier photos, R. Alwood Jr.).

## Education center part of new health building

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Thanks in part to a leadership gift of \$250,000 from Care Choices HMO, Canton's new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building will house Michigan's first Interactive Health Education Center (IHEC).

IHEC will feature hands-on exhibits and displays emphasizing many areas of health including disease prevention, human development and hazards in the home, according to Denise Williams, director of community relations.

"We need to present information in an interactive, imaginative way," she said. "We're taking advantage of technology — no chalkboards."

The IHEC is broken down into several areas, Williams said: A gallery of exhibits related to many topics, stand alone kiosks with touch screen technology, exhibits on the walls and classrooms.

"It's like a mini-museum or science center," Williams said. "You'll be able to use all your senses. It makes the whole process of learning much more engaging."

The center will be self-directed, where anyone can go through and interact and classrooms with more organized programs will also be offered.

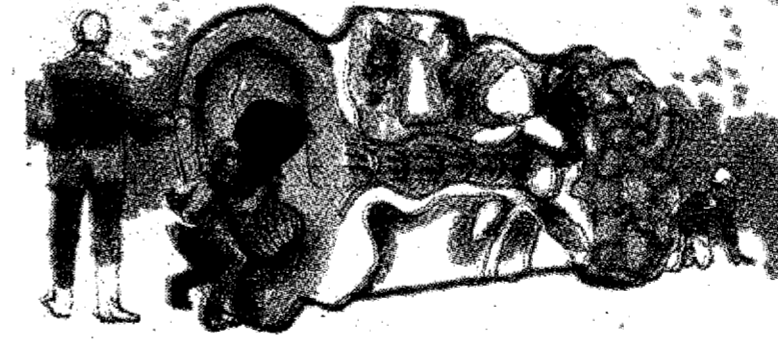
"It will be available to the public at large," Williams said. "Anyone can walk in and go through the exhibits, or doctors can refer their patients to certain exhibits to get more information."

The IHEC will also host field trips for K-12 students, programs for seniors, and 10 week courses on a variety of health subjects, Williams said.

There are about a dozen similar facilities across the nation, but this IHEC will be unique, according to spokesperson Steve Ragan.

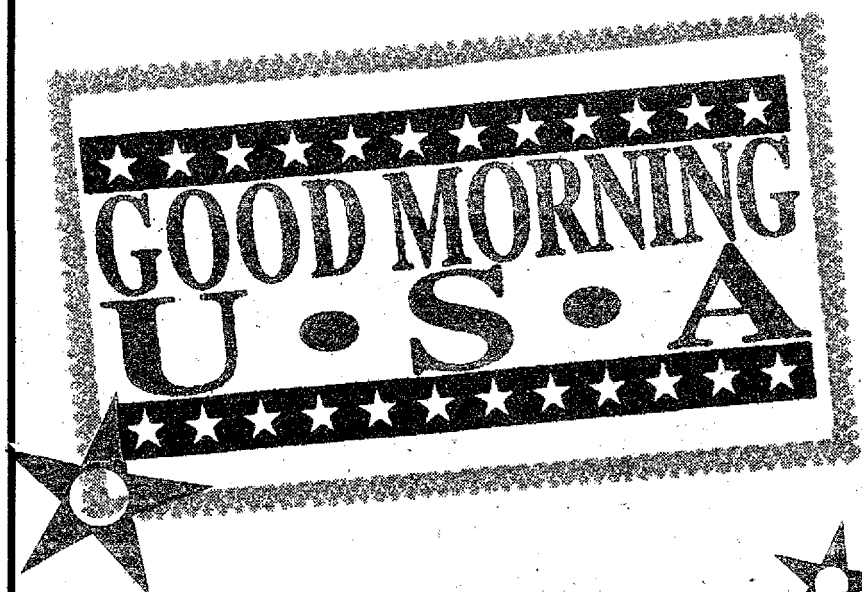
"Most of the others are a part of a science center, and ours is part of a medical facility," he said. "People coming in to see their doctor can use it."

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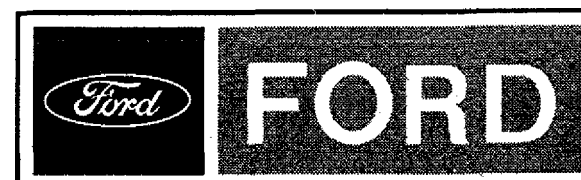
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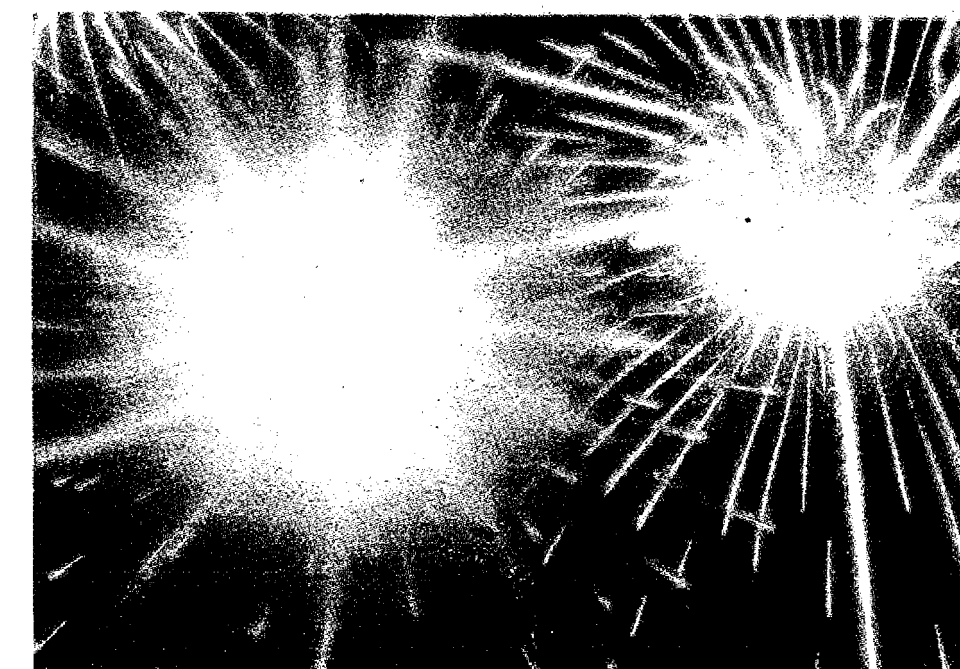
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## Curiosities

Brian, thanks for the book- I'm sure I'll need it someday when my hormones stop raging!

ED- orange isn't that bad. however I never said you were right! HA! -MC

Geneva's once again a hot rod mama! Look Out!

Palma, Joe, Meryn and Ian Underhill-Cady will have arrived in Plymouth from North Dakota before the next edition of the Crier is published.



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ART IN THE PARK

JULY 12 & 13, 1997

"I am fun but I'm diligent."--Frank Kusak 1997

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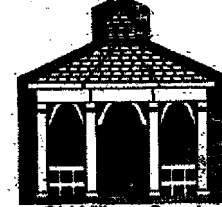
Edith and Faveo- Miss you already. Thank you for the sweets. Will try to make them last until you return. Geneva.

MAURA CADY IS OLDER  
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Maura had a birthday. Maura had a birthday. Maura is a chicken. Maura is a chicken. Maura is a chicken. She was afraid to come in and face her co-workers and friends. Happy Birthday anyway, you nice person.

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# Canton couple killed in motorcycle crash

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A Canton couple was killed in a motorcycle accident while returning from a motorcycle rally in Madison Wisconsin Sunday.

According to Wisconsin State Patrol Officers, Herbert W. Felker, 55 of Canton, and his wife, Carol Ann were traveling east on I-90. They were pulling a small trailer with their motorcycle, when the motorcycle blew a tire.

The trailer jackknifed and forced the motorcycle into a ditch, according to the State Patrol. Herbert Felker was deceased at the scene. Carol Ann was medflighted to the University of Wisconsin — Madison Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Carol Ann was very active with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Board of Directors for five years, most recently as Vice President of Membership

Development.

"She never missed an event," said Executive Director Carleigh Flaherty.

She was also on the Ambassadors Committee and the 25th anniversary planning committee, according to Flaherty. She was active with Leadership Canton, and a graduate of the first year of the program in 1995.

"She always had a smile," Flaherty said. "She was very welcoming."

They are survived by their daughters, Lynda and Laura, brother, Philip Felker, and two grandchildren.

A service will be held today at 11 a.m. at the McCabe Funeral 851 Canton Center Road with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating.



## Community deaths

### Obituaries

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

#### GENEVIEVE M. HABERMAS

Genevieve M. Habermas, a Plymouth resident, died June 23, 1997 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Habermas was born Nov. 21, 1906 in Plymouth. She was teller at the National Bank of Detroit for 40 years. She was a life-long Plymouth resident. She taught Sunday School at the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church in Detroit for many years. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1923.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Roberta) of Lynchburg, VA; Richard of Waterford, MI; Thomas (Margaret) of Sausalito, CA; many grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Pedde officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

#### KENNETH JOSEPH ZAWLOCKI

Kenneth Joseph Zawlocki, a Flushing MI resident, died June 22 at the age of 75.

Mr. Zawlocki was born Jan. 17, 1922 in Ironwood, MI. He was a retired water meter repairman for the city of Detroit. He also worked for the Detroit Streets and Railways. He lived in Plymouth for 10 years. He served with the U.S. Army for three years during WWII and was a member of the V.F.W. Post 6695 in Plymouth. He liked to travel, bow and arrow hunt and play golf.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia of Flushing; sons, Kenneth S. (Jean) of Canton, Daniel J. of Fenton; grandchildren, Bridget and Maureen; sisters, Kathy (John) McClain of Bessemer, MI, Theresa (Robert) Clemens of Silver Bay, MN.

Services were held at Our Lady Of Good Counsel with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

#### VIOLET C. FULTON

Violet C. Fulton, a Plymouth resident, died June 27, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Fulton was born May 14, 1917 in Irvona, PA. She was a homemaker. She worked for Daisy Air Rifle for 10 years. She was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her son, Harold E. (Eleanor) Fulton of South Lyon; daughter-in-law, Dorothy Fulton of Plymouth; seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren; brother, James Fredericks of Plymouth; and sisters, Nellie Toner, Lois Fry, Lucy Junod and Betty Young, all of Pennsylvania.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Arthur Magnuson officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Society or the Alzheimers Disease Association.

Frederick Alvin Jackson, 71

Frederick Alvin Jackson, a former Plymouth resident died June 23, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Alma; one daughter; two grandchildren; three step-sons; three step-daughters; and many step-grandchildren and friends.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Elton Black and Son Funeral Home in Highland, MI.

Harry E. Anderson, 70, Salesman of a Metal Finishing Co.

Harry E. Anderson, a Canton resident, died June 27, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanore Anderson; one son; daughter, Jane Franko of Canton and one other daughter; one brother; four sisters; and six grandchildren.

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



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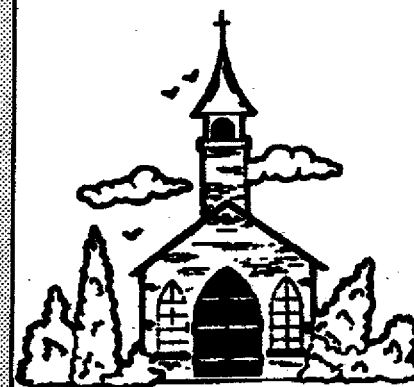
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

**Bob Johns** achieved the golfer's dream when he got a **Hole-In-One** on the Number 17, 167 yard Par Three at Pebble Creek Golf Course in South Lyon during league play on May 1. He used a five-iron club. Pin placement was tucked in behind a sandtrap on the front right of the green. Witnesses included his golf partner Chuck Voltz and their opponents that day, Dave Tabaka and Gary Lindsey.

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League's 12-year-old Mets/Tigers took top honors in the first ever **PCJBL Invitational** at Plymouth Township Park last weekend. Six recreational all-star teams of 11 and 12 year-old boys were invited from The Plymouth-Canton Community, as well as two teams from Northville.

The Mets/Tigers played the Dodgers/Royals and were victorious in an 11-7 Mets/Tigers victory. The Mets/Tigers capitalized on first inning control problems by the Dodgers and built an early 7-1 lead. They then used fine pitching and solid defense to outlast the Dodgers for the championship.

**Scores: Thursday** — White Sox 7 - Northville Pirates 2; Dodgers 15 - Athletics 7; Mets 12 - Diamondbacks 8; Cubs 17 - Northville Padres 8.

**Friday** — Mets 15 - Cubs 9; Diamondbacks 7 - Padres 4; Dodgers 10 - White Sox 9; Athletics 21 - Pirates 11.

**Saturday** — Dodgers 13 - Pirates 9; Diamondbacks 20 - Cubs 16; Mets 13 - Padres 9; Athletics 22 - White Sox 15.

**Finals** — Mets 11 - Dodgers 7.

The team of **Darrin Kent, Earl Kent and Kyle Girarda** shot an 11-under par 61 to win top honors, out of 42 teams, in the 16th annual Canton Parks and Recreation **Father's Day Scrambles** at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

En route to their 61, they birdied three or four par-3 holes and had an eagle on the par-3 fourth hole of the south course.

Second place honors went to the team of Fred, Dennis and Dan Alcock with an eight-under par 64. Third place went to David LeClaire Sr., David LeClaire Jr. and Mike LeClaire with a 65, seven-under par total. The longest drive of the day was won by Young Cho and the closest to the pin contest was won by Craig Tripp.

The Canton basketball program will hold **basketball shooting camps** at two separate sessions. Campers can sign-up for one or both sessions, each cost \$50 and campers receive a Canton basketball t-shirt and a basketball.

Please see pg. 21

## A drive to the hole

### Canton coach organizes benefit for basketball program

BY MATT HUCAL

If things go as planned, Canton basketball coach Dan Young and his basketball cohorts may be nursing the beginning of a tradition.

The first annual Canton Basketball Golf Outing will take place July 12 at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth, and what Young is hoping for is the inclusion of alumni and current members of the basketball program.

"We're planning on getting some former and current players, friends and families of the program, and players coming into the system to come out," Young said.

Among those planning to attend, according to Young, are former Plymouth-Canton Schools athletic director Paul Cummings, Canton golf coach Dan Riggs and Dave Visser, a former all-conference Canton golfer who later played at Wayne State University.

Young said the \$240 per foursome cost will benefit the basketball program in many different areas, such as equipment improvements, payment to teaching and coaching aides, and instructional camps.

One specific camp Young mentioned the team will travel to is in Traverse City around Christmas. The money the golf out-

ing will raise would go toward transportation costs and hotel accommodations.

The outing will be an 18-hole scrambles format, and Young said he's thinking about adding closest-to-the-pin and longest drive contests.

*Hopefully, this will be a start for the future.*

—Chiefs coach Dan Young

Because this is the inaugural golf outing, Young admits that it won't be glamorous, but said

"we hope that in years to come this will be awesome."

"Hopefully, this will be a start for the future," he added, "and that 10 or 15 years down the road it will be something we'll still be doing, and over the years we'll still be able to keep in touch."

As for the atmosphere of the outing? Well, with basketball players on the golf course, let's just say it's not going to be too serious.

"It'll be fun," Young said.

"But some of us aren't the best golfers, so it might get pretty ugly."

## EuroWhalers

### Plymouth drafts Russian, Wales native in European draft; name new head scout

BY BRIAN CORBETT

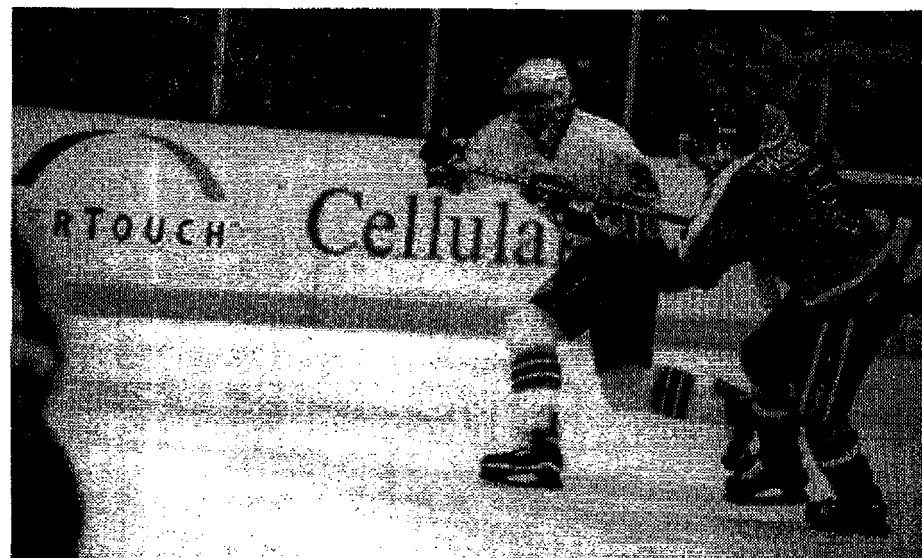
The Plymouth Whalers continued preparing for next season — and beyond — last week with two selections in the first round of the Canadian Hockey League's European Draft, and naming a new head scout for player recruitment.

Last month, the Whalers drafted 16 players — including local product David Legwand — at the OHL Draft in Toronto in an effort to improve a team that went 26-34-6 last season, and finished in fourth place with 58 points.

At the CHL European Draft, again held in Toronto, the Whalers selected Yuri Babenko of Penza, Russia with their first pick, and then re-drafted Stevie Lyle, an 18-year-old native of Cardiff, Wales.

The Whalers expect Babenko to contribute immediately. The 6-foot, 190-pound center is a second round draft choice of the Colorado Avalanche. Babenko, 19, played for the Soviet Wings of the highly-regarded Russian Elite League last season. "Babenko is a skilled skater who will provide immediate impact. His background with the Russian Elite squad will provide an added offensive threat," said Whalers Associate Coach Greg Stefan.

Whalers Head Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer said Babenko should give Plymouth the consistent



Defensemen Sergei Fedotov (32) and fellow European Jan Vodrazka were key contributors for the Whalers last season. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

offensive threat it lacked last season.

"Bottom line, you're not going to contend for a championship scoring two, three goals a night," DeBoer said.

Lyle, a 5'10", 170-lbs. goalie, was the Whalers 27th pick. He was 28-6-3 with a 2.78 goals against average in 50 games last season for the Cardiff Devils of the British Professional Hockey League.

Lyle was drafted by the Whalers in 1996, but couldn't play because of a CHL rule that limits teams to two European players; Fedotov and Jan

Vodrazka, both defenseman, filled those roster spots last season.

While Wales might not be known for hockey like other areas of Europe, don't underestimate Lyle's experience, DeBoer said.

"Basically, he's been playing pro hockey for the last few years. Last year he had seven former NHL players on his team, so it's a pretty competitive league," DeBoer said.

"Lyle adds a dimension in goaltending we desperately need. Along with Please see pg. 21

# A glimpse at the future

## Local business hosts benefit golf tournament

BY MATT HUCAL

The Futures Golf Tour invaded the area last weekend, when Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon hosted the Medhealth Wellness Centers Futures Classic.

The Futures is a developmental woman's tour that is similar to the LPGA in many ways but one — the money.

Compared to the hundreds of thousands of dollars made available to the

LPGA golfers, the Futures events have smaller purses and help raise money for worthy causes.

Money from this weekend's tournament went towards developmentally disabled children and adult women. The purse was \$30,000, with \$4,000 going to the winner of the 105-player field.

In the last eight years the tour has raised over \$600,000 for local charities and has 124 alumnae holding LPGA status.

On each stop of the tour, the Thursday of the week is designated for a Pro-Am tournament.

According to Jeff Arnett, media coordinator for Futures, the Pro-Am that took place on Thursday went as well as it could, a good indication of what was to come with the tournament.

"For the short amount of time Medhealth had to put it together, this is spectacular," Arnett said.

"It usually takes a year to get organized for a tournament, but they've done it in four months. They've done quite a job."



Drew Summerill of Brighton gets into the swing of things during the Futures Golf Tour at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. The event, hosted by Medhealth Wellness Centers of Plymouth Township, raised money for developmentally disabled children and adult women. (Crier photo by Matt Hucal.)

## Flying high

### McKian signs with Siena Heights College

Former Canton High School basketball standout Dan McKian will be able to soar a little higher going for rebounds next season.

The former Henry Ford Community College Hawk will suit up next season as a Saint for Siena Heights College.

"We're extremely pleased to bring in an experienced big man in Dan," said Siena Heights head coach Fred Smith.

"We graduated most of our interior players this year and we really needed someone who could step in and give us rebounding and scoring, and we think he can give us both."

The Saints tied for the regular season Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title and won the conference tournament. Siena Heights was seeded fifth at the NAIA Division II

National Championship Tournament, and won four games before losing to Bethel College, 95-94, in the national championship game.

McKian, a 6-foot, 6-inch forward, was a two-year starter for the Hawks.

He was in the top ten in the conference last season in both scoring (14.6 points per game) and rebounding (7.2 rebounds per game), earning him honorable mention in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference All-State honors.

McKian posted a 3.6 grade point average in his two seasons at Henry Ford Community College and was named a National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-American.

## Whalers name new scout

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returning veteran Robert Esche and newly drafted Brandon Sacco, we will have an outstanding triple goaltending unit," said Stefan, a former Red Wings goalie.

That should make for an interesting training camp between the pipes, and everywhere else for that matter. The Whalers have 45 players vying for six roster spots.

The duty of keeping future training camps full of prospects is now under the guidance of Mike Sadler, a 51-year-old native of Cottam, ON, and Peterborough Petes scout since 1993.

His experience also includes nine years with OHL Central Scouting, four years as general manager of the University of Windsor's hockey team and five years as general manager of the three-time Ontario championship winning Essex 73's Junior C team.

"I am extremely excited about this opportunity. I have watched the Plymouth Whalers franchise grow over the years. There's no doubt that this is one of the more progressive organizations in the OHL," Sadler said.

In his new position, Sadler — who also serves as research and budgets supervisor for the University of Windsor's Finance Department — will supervise six scouts and oversee all player recruitment and evaluation throughout Canada and parts of the U.S.

"Mike's background provides the experience we need to push our club to the top. We're pleased that he'll be a part of our team," Deboer said. "He's really fantastic. He's probably the biggest acquisition of the summer, despite all the players.

## Sports shorts

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Session I will run from July 7-11, session II from July 14-18. Camps are held at Phase III at PCEP. Grades 4-6 (Fall '97) is 9-10:30 a.m., grades 7-9 (Fall '97) is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and is conducted by the Canton boys b-ball team and coaches. Call Dan Young at 495-1079 for info.

The Dan Young Basketball School will take place July 21-25 at Phase III at PCEP.

Young, Canton boys basketball coach and 1996 News and Free Press Coach of the Year, will provide individualized instruction on the floor, as well as in the classroom.

The emphasis will be on: a mental approach to high school/collegiate competition, fundamentals that will improve your game, individual offensive and defensive techniques, and team offense and defense.

The classes are limited to 30 students and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The cost is \$125 and includes a t-shirt, notebook and lunch on Friday.

Call Dan Young at 495-1079 for more information.

The Plymouth Recreation Department continues registration for their Summer Park Program.

The five registration locations are Kiwanis Park (Auburn and Junction), Jaycee Park (Harding 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. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Arts and crafts, active games, street showers, bowling, miniature golf and table games will accent the daily program.

Friday field trips are planned at the Detroit Zoo, the Skatin' Station, Rolling Hills Water Park, Kensington Metro-Park and Oakland County Wave Pool.

A fun-filled field day is planned for the final date on Aug. 15.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for more information.

The program is free and participants must be City of Plymouth residents.

The Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue will be holding tournaments every weekend through Sept. 21.

The Detroit Rockers will be holding summer soccer camps throughout the summer, and will visit the area two times.

The Rockers will visit Heritage Park on July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1. Both camps will run from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and will cost \$119 each.

To register or for more information call 313-396-7070.

## Canton Parks & Rec Softball Standings:

**Red League** — First Place Bar, 10-0; Pogo's/State Farm, 8-2; Mark's Midtown/Equitrust, 7-3; Mobility Transportation, 4-6; Shark Club II, 4-6; Remax, 2-8; Target, 2-8; Don Coleman & Assoc., 2-8.

**White League** — Mexican Fiesta, 8-2; Shark Club III, 8-2; Shark Club I, 7-3; ASAP Machine, 7-3; Beaver Creek/ARAMark, 6-4; Falcon Builders, 1-9; American Yazaki #1, 2-8; Rusty Nail, 1-9.

**Green League** — Fairway Club, 7-1; Prudential, 6-2; Dental Diplomats, 5-4; Ancor, 5-4; St. Michael #2, 4-4; Greenfield Dye and Mfg., 4-4; Bad Influence, 0-4; St. Michael #1, 1-8.



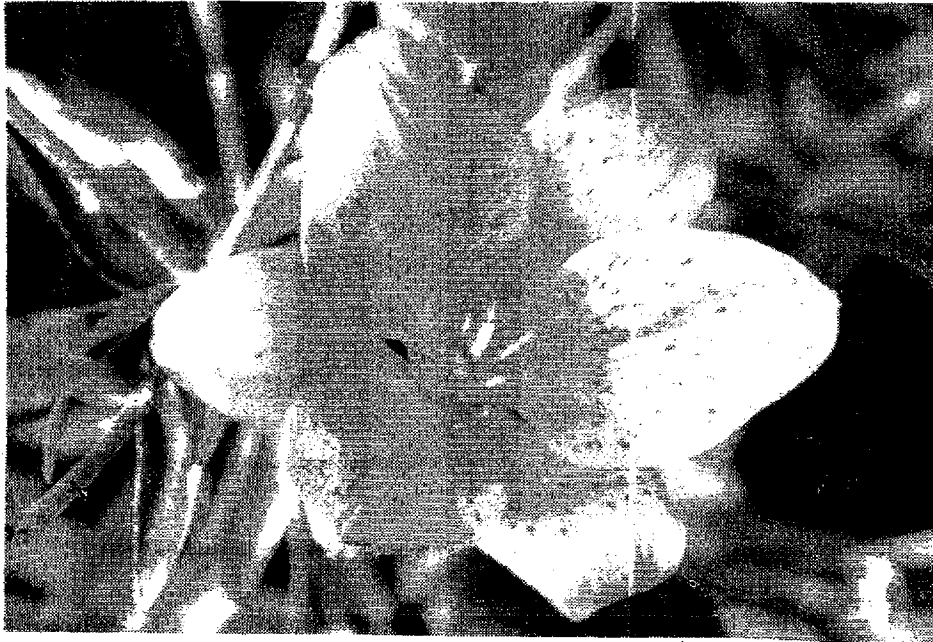
# Community opinions

## Little seeds part of group growth

*Trailwood Garden Club's second annual walk sure to become a (ugh) perennial favorite*

I picked up the packet of flower seeds, turned it over and carefully read the instructions. Twice. Thrice. Four times. The last sentence threw me every time — "FOR BEST RESULTS, PLANT IN A GROUP." Just a minute, now. How could these tiny little seeds possibly know if I plant them when I'm in a group, or if I plant them while I'm by myself?

I needed help. The Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth came to my rescue, with last week's Second Annual (get it?) Garden Walk. This wasn't just some garden variety exhibition, it was...a...um...a...well, hey, I suppose that's exactly what it was: garden,



variety.

We saw six different gardens, six different perspectives, six different variations on the theme, all of them wonderful. The members of the Garden Club provided coordination, right down to their matching floral attire. Are they the "group" mentioned on the back of my seed packet? From the look of the gardens, the little seeds seem to think so.

## Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



A tiger lily (left) from Judith and Robert Braun's garden. Perennials flank a bird "cottage" (above) in Marge Berndt's cottage-style garden. (Wildlife photography,

## YMCA: everyone who ran and helped was a winner

EDITOR,

It was thrilling to see so many runners and their families meeting at The Gathering to participate in our 18th Annual Run. About 1,000 runners participated in our event-filled, sunny Father's Day run.

We had 75 "winners" in the Tot Trot and Jr. Jog. More than 150 runners, walkers and strollers were in our 1-Mile Run/Walk. More than 500 people participated in our 5K Run/Walk and more than 200 hardy runners finished our 10K Run.

This year more than 50 brave and avid runners participated and finished our Fourth Annual Triple Race which consisted of 1 mile, 5K Run and 10K Run.

Local businesses donated food, beverages, services and information to the runners. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help make this run a success year after year. Close to 200 volunteers manned corners, served water along the routes, registered runners, served food and beverages and kept the finish line "running" smooth.

Thomas Morse, D.D.S. served as Race Director and as a sponsor for our Run. He not only donated his time, money and energy, but he recruited his office staff, patients and family members as volunteers.

Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant was another main sponsor of the Run, providing start-up money, manpower and pace cars to insure the success of the Run. Mike Maupin was their representative on the Run Committee.

The other sponsors were: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, Mike Schlott; Community Federal Credit Union, Sue O'Connor; Adistra Business Services, Terry Niles; St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Lorrie Chlebek; The Michigan Group Realty, Jerry Vorva; IHS Therapy, Dale Freels; Blackwell Ford, John Blackwell; Jerry's Bicycles, Mark & Val Scofield; Plymouth Screen Printing, Ed Wertanen; Running Fit, Dave Peterson; Action Distributing Company, Mike Starr; Great Harvest Bread Co. of Northville, Laurie Novelty; Image In Ink, Kelly Liabenow; The Observer and Eccentric News Papers, Jeff

Counts; and The Community Crier, Lisa Lepping.

Committee Chairs were: Dr. Tom Morse-Routes, Tom LaBeau- Awards announcer, Gail Borisuk- awards. Janet Murphy- refreshments, Garrah Foy - Volunteers.

As always, the YMCA staff did a terrific job!

Our thanks also goes out to the City of Plymouth, The Plymouth Police Department, the Plymouth Department of Public Works, Plymouth Community Schools Dept. of Transportation and the people of the Community

Plymouth YMCA Board and Staff

## Candidate thanks Templeton

EDITOR:

I would like to thank Del Templeton for the letter to the editor titled "Commission candidates deserve praise" which appeared in The Crier on June 25.

In the article he noted that as a candidate for the City Commission this coming November, I did attend three of the five city budget workshops.

It is important that as a candidate for City Commission that I gather as much information as possible regarding city business.

I would like to apologize for not being present for all five workshops and the commission meeting that the budget was approved on June 2, but I was out of town on the days in question on my "day job."

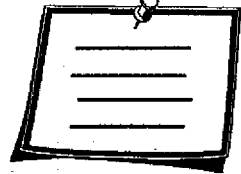
Oh Del, just one small correction. In your article you indicated the city will have an election for two city commission seats in November, **THE ELECTION WILL BE FOR FOUR SEATS**, one of which I hope to win through hard work.

DAVE MCDONALD



## 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).



## Upcoming

### YMCA ACTIVITIES

The Plymouth YMCA will have a day camp at Camp Tonquish (Plymouth township Park) for children aged 6 to 12, and Camp Jellybeanz for children 3 to 5. The YMCA is also accepting registration for t-ball leagues ages 5 to 6, coach pitch leagues for ages 7 to 8 and youth softball league ages 9-14. For more information, call 453-2904.

### STORYBOOK DRIVE

McCabe Funeral Home in Canton has launched a Summer Sunshine Storybook Drive to benefit Detroit Medical Center's Children's Hospital of Michigan. New or used books in good condition can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 Canton Center Road.



## Schools

### SUMMER ACADEMY

Students entering first through eighth grades will have an opportunity to enrich their progress this summer in math, science, writing and reading. Elementary academy sessions run from 8:45 to 11:55 a.m. for three weeks, July 14 to 31 at Bird, Bentley, Fiegel and Miller elementary schools. Middle school summer academy sessions will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. July 21 to Aug. 1 at Pioneer Middle School. Scholarships are available. Academy open to all Plymouth-Canton, parochial and private school students. Register at the E.J McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth or call 416-2938.

### DAY CLASSES

New Morning School is now accepting registrations for Discovery Day Classes and science and math camps. The first set of week-long classes begins July 7. Topics include puppets and masks, bugs and other critters, monsters and dragons and science in a bag.



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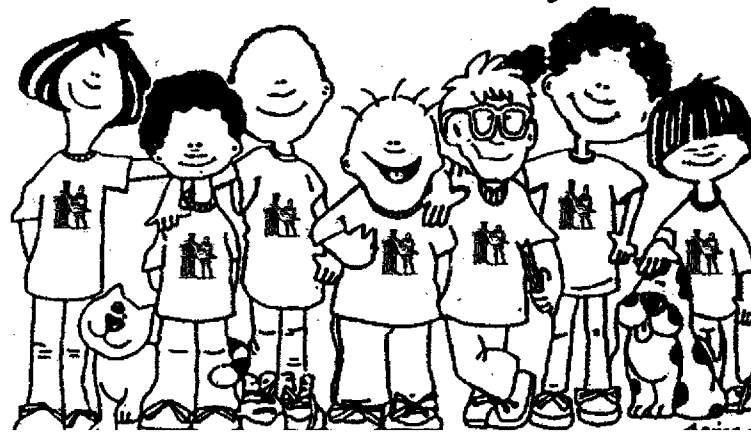
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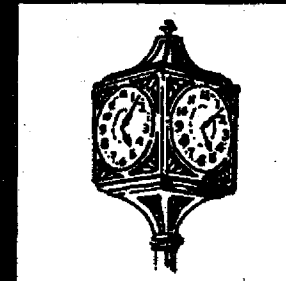
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# Community opinions

## Art classes a ride for your inner kid

### Hitch your little red wagon to PCAC summer offerings

When our family purchased a wagon this past weekend we were sucked into the whole sentimental journey: remembering careening down the dusty summer hill at break-neck speed with a chorus of squeals from our mouths and wagon joints, and a few freshly bruised elbows—our red badges of courage. There were the journeys as well. The pretend forays into the jungle, or run-away plans. The wagon was the perfect vehicle to haul blankets, picnics, our "buddies" (stuffed animals), various findings and the occasional yard waste that our parents would haul to the compost pile.

On the outside of the box reads "A wagon just like Mom and Dad had, only better!" As we took the inaugural ride last night, our son Liam serenely took in every atom of life that we passed: from the flowers on the island of Main Street, the birds that scurried and danced around us from sparrows to crows, the wood chips and cracks in the sidewalk that kerbumped the tires and rattled the shiny red slats, the kids that screamed and chased each other in circles in the park — sticky ice cream hands flailing about — the older couple sitting on the bench quietly talking and stopping to wave at him as he watched, the big trucks waiting for the light to turn with radios gushing and bass thumpin', to the lights on the marquee of the Penn theater blinking hello. As we rode he gradually relaxed into a reclining position, comfortable that we'd take him in the right direction.

It is a recurring theme for writers of all genres to emphasize the importance of a child's vision, but justly so. The message is an important one: listen to your children, nurture them and when possible "be" them — live through their senses.

In the entree of this two-part column I want to let you know about classes going on at the Plymouth Arts Council that will encourage the further blossoming of your child's vision.

There are classes for ALL AGES, in all media. Discover the world of music with "Do Re Mi" (5-7 years). Do you have a youngster that aspires to work with Jim

Henson's Muppets? Puppeteering and Puppetmaking is a great start (5 - 7 years and 7 years and up). For you and your child there is a morning class, "Parent and Child Fun with Art" — discover form and texture in the variety of fun projects with Marcia Clement. For older kids and parents there is "Photo Mosaic," a class designed to teach artists about their environment. A way of looking at what really is around you

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and documenting it with a camera; a great thing for a family to do together.

For the older student, or the more advanced, there are several great selections: Sean DeRoche's "Still Life," "Figure and Portrait Drawing," "3-D Design and Sculpture," and "Color Concepts." "Watercolor Painting," "Printmaking," and "Cartooning" are several traditional classes offered.

For the more adventurous there is "Found Art Music Video" — a class that I teach involving the combination of music,

## The Abstract

By Stephanie Everitt



drama and sculpture. Students take found art (ordinary objects) and incorporate them with still-life scenes they create, taking slides and putting the endeavor to music.

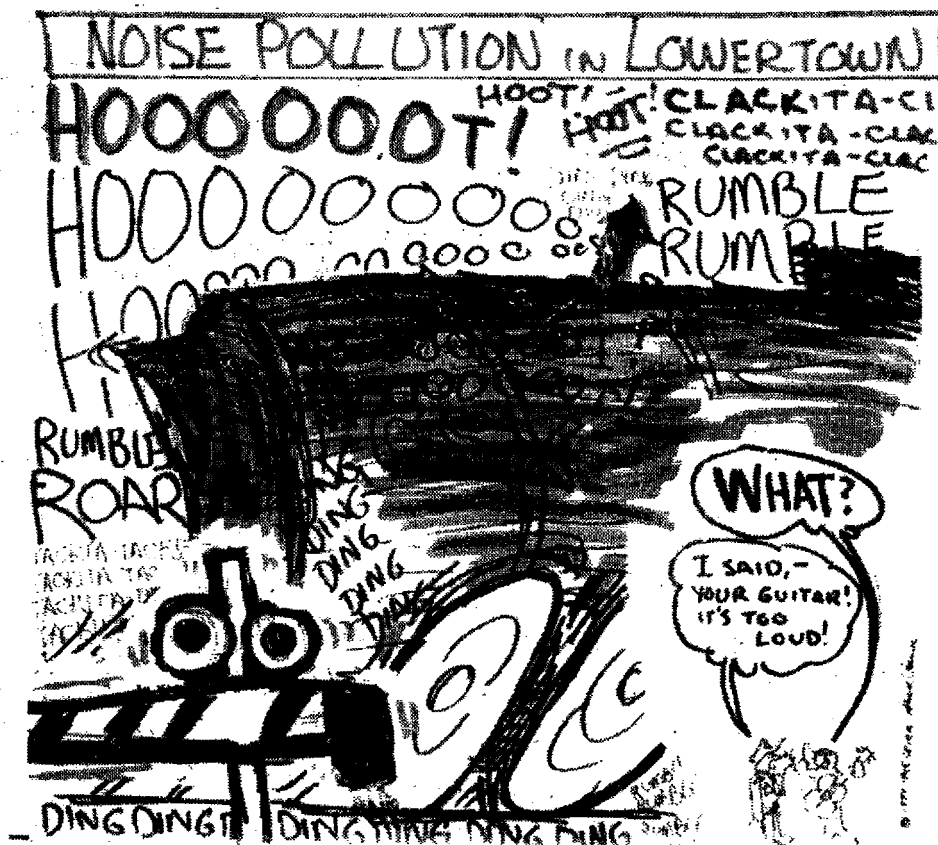
Some terrific summer selections are: "Paper Creations," a handmade paper and papier mache combination; in "Terra Cotta Garden Art" pots are decorated and garden markers created.

There are classes for *everyone* of all ages and abilities. There are many more that I didn't have space to feature, but they are certainly worth exploring. The PCAC is will hold an Arts Camp, two 1-day workshops on Magic and Clowning, in addition to their Performing Arts Workshops (week-long) held twice this summer. Time and space are running out though, and classes start July 7th. Call today, 416-4ART.

Every day I'm reminded how precious our children are. Helping them discover a whole new world through art is a wonderful gift.

Our new wagon helped me rediscover some of my own childhood. Their slogan is right-on: "Berlin Flyer, just like Mom and Dad had, but better!"

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## Kudos for Canton Column

EDITOR:

Regarding Scott Spielman's "Off the cuff" column, "The 'burbs they are a changin'" (25 June).

A very good piece — his perception and description are right on. What a talent.  
BILL McMullen

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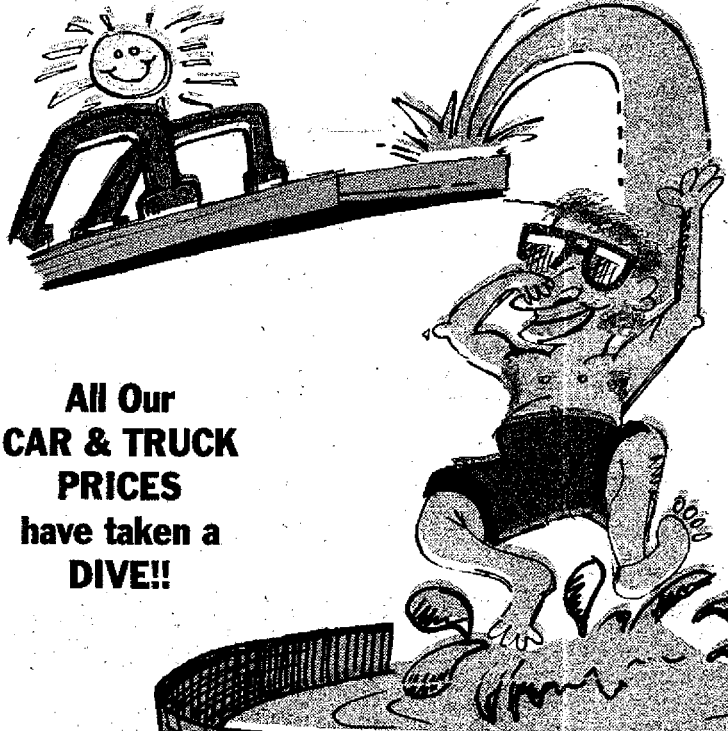
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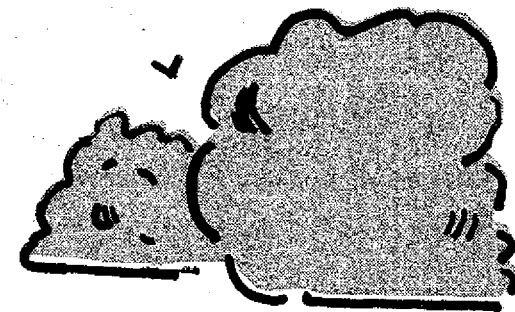
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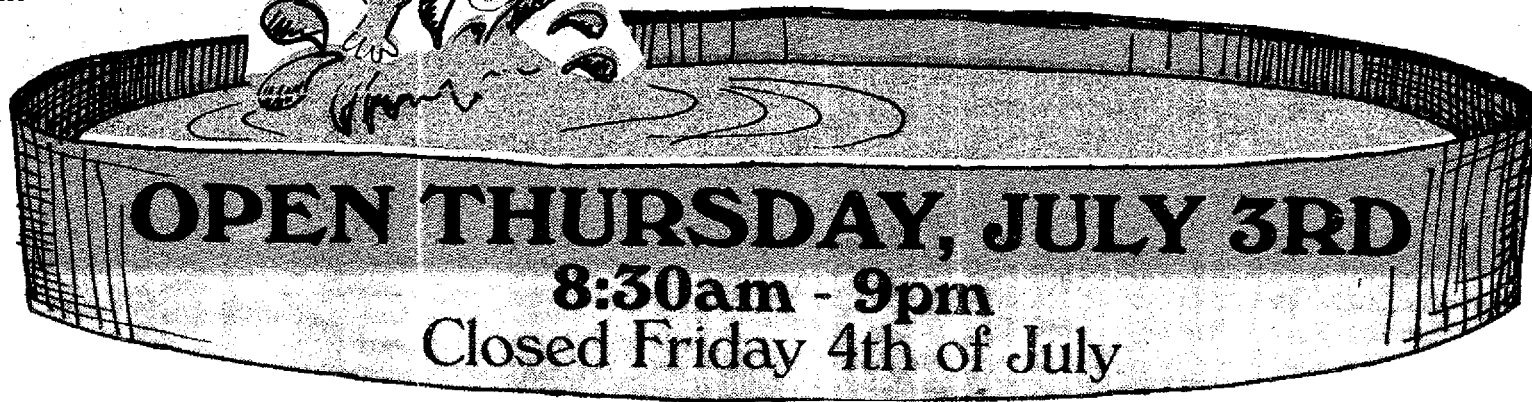


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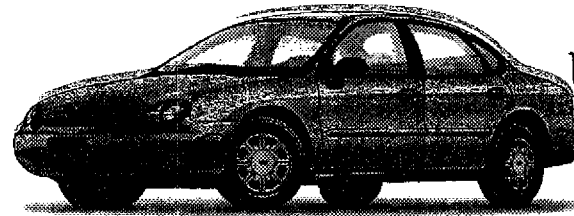
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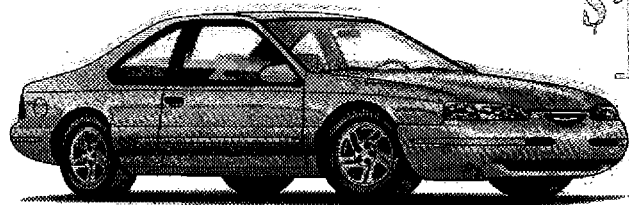
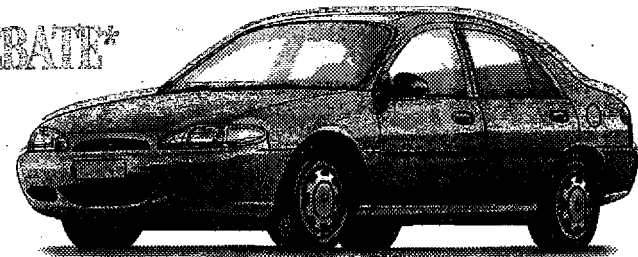


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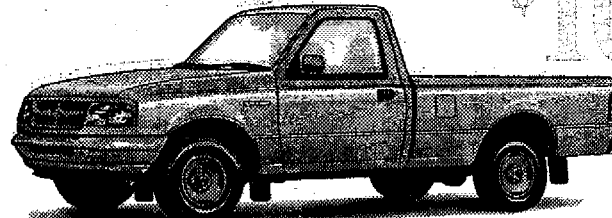
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