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Davis, Watts win P-C School Board

BY BRYON MARTIN

Darwin Watts, elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday along with Sue Davis and Judy Mardigian, said he ran to teach his kids that education is important.

Apparently, most voters in the district need the same lesson.

Of the roughly 68,800 residents registered in the school district, 3,445 (720 of them absentee) voted Davis and Watts into four-year seats and Mardigian into a two-year spot. Those elected like the outcome, but not the turnout at the polls.



SUE DAVIS



DARWIN WATTS

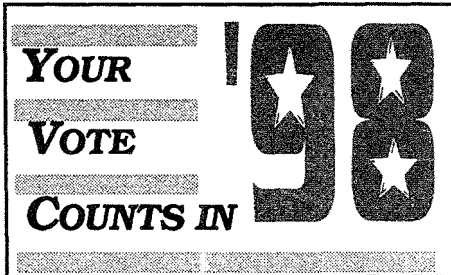


JUDY MARDIGIAN

"The schools are on (residents') minds everyday," said Mardigian. "You'd think we'd get more than 2,700" at the polls.

Davis called the turnout "sad." Monday's victory marks her second term on the board, and she says experience has taught her that people participate in school board meetings and elections only when issues impact them directly.

Historically,



school issues have attracted attention more often than most others in The Plymouth-Canton-Community. During the past year, the contested March 1997 school bond; district labor relations; Proposal A; the MEAP test; and the location for a third high school at CEP have helped shape local news. The October bond to build a new middle school and buy buses sits on the horizon.

Such issues have inspired community debate and emotional testimony from audiences at School Board meetings.

They did not inspire much of an increase in voter turnout.

This year, 5 per cent of registered voters cast ballots in the board election; just under 4 per cent voted last year and in 1996.

Despite this trend, "you've still got to think of what's best for the community at large, even though the community at large doesn't support you," Davis said.

Among the projects Davis says she'll pursue in the coming term is a new alternative high school to replace the Starkweather Center. She also said she would like to hear more about locations other than Joy and Beck roads for a third high school.

"I've heard why it will work, but I haven't heard why it wouldn't work at another spot," she said. "I've only heard that it won't."

Davis says that an "air of compulsion" in the district has ruled-out the exploration of other sites. "I think there's a loss of creative

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Graduates' cool... Shaffo Saleem, Brianne Ott and Karen Nesbit pause in a placid moment Sunday during Salem High School's commencement ceremonies. Like the students' four years at CEP, the ceremonies were busy and packed Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, also the site of Canton's commencements earlier that day. For more graduation photos, see pg. 14 (Crier photo by Ryan Nuñez).

Schools in court:

N'ville Twp. sues district over new high school

Judges hear appeal of Vorva's dismissed case

BY BRYON MARTIN

The soil in Western Wayne County is proving tough to turn when it comes to building new high schools.

As the Plymouth-Canton School District entered yet another phase in the lawsuit slowing construction of its new high school, Northville Public Schools were drawn into a lawsuit which may impede that district's \$40 million project.

Construction of a new Northville high school was set to begin last week, but an injunction filed in Wayne County Circuit Court by Northville Township charges the district has refused to follow local ordinances

in its plans.

A hearing on the injunction is scheduled for Friday at the 35th District Court. According to Township Supervisor Karen Woodside, Gov. John Engler has agreed to help mediate the dispute, too.

The school would be built on a 48-acre parcel on Six Mile Road, between Beck and Sheldon, and would replace the district's aging high school in The City of Northville.

The township says 48 acres is too crowded, especially with the Woods of Edenderry subdivision next door. That subdivision was built on 77 acres the district

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Plymouth gets the center they want, trades Passmore

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Speaking his mind

Canton kid enters contest on a bet, places third in region

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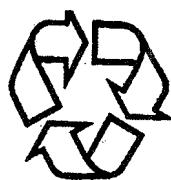
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Big Mac Attack?

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With malice toward none

By W. Edward Wendover

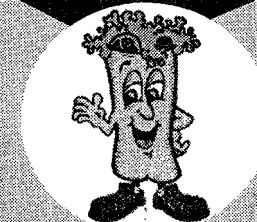


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Radio gaga

City may spend \$150,000 on a high-tech State Police radio system designed to wow, if not work

BY BRYON MARTIN

Michigan State Police tout their digital dispatch system like it's the Cadillac of radios, but some who have been using it might say it's more like an exploding Pinto.

And as Brighton police and other departments express their regrets after a rough ride with the system, The City of Plymouth has earmarked \$150,000 in the 1998-99 budget to bring it here.

The 800 megahertz digital dispatch system would replace the City's VHS system, now on its last legs.

"It's a very old system," said Bob Scoggins, Plymouth City police chief. "We're in the last few years we're going to get out of it." The lifetime of most dispatch systems is around 15 years, he said, which is how old the City's system is now.

The State Police system operates on an 800 megahertz frequency that all police will soon use. According to Scoggins, a federal mandate will require law enforcement agencies to be on digital 800 megahertz systems by the year 2002. State Police said most departments still operate on system that dates back to the 1940s.

"Everybody's behind on the upgrade," Scoggins said. Many police departments, like the City's, use older, technologically limited systems. "This would put us well into the future."

Ideally, the digitally based system would allow police to communicate with other departments more easily and over much greater distances, Scoggins said.

It would also allow police, fire and other users to talk on the same line, an obvious

advantage during emergencies.

Eventually, digital information such as police reports saved in computers could be transmitted directly from the station to a cruiser on the move. This could help officers during calls for service, save time and help reduce data errors, according to Scoggins.

The state has committed \$187 million in infrastructure spending, mostly on building the 181 towers that would link all radios on the system across Michigan. City officers could radio back to the station while on business hundreds of miles away from Plymouth — in theory.

In practice, however, the radios "sound like you're underwater," according to Sgt. Tee Rayment of Brighton Police.

Brighton has been on the State Police system for about a year, he said. "We would've never bought into this system if we'd known how ineffective they are."

Rayment said before his department purchased the radios, State Police told them they would be "90 per cent effective 100 per cent of the time."

"Now they tell us that reliability doesn't apply to the portables," he said.

Portable radios, the "walkie-talkies" officers carry, don't work on the State System unless they're used out in an open area, according to Rayment. Mobile radios, those mounted in police cruisers, have worked better.

"It's hard to understand paying \$3,500 per portable for them not to work," he said.

Brighton's portable radios don't work well because there are no relay towers in

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Hudson, artist dies at 84

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Jessie W. Hudson, called by some "the mother of Plymouth-Canton Schools' fine arts program," has died at age 84.

Many Plymouth-Canton Community artists were taught by Jessie or learned from those who were. "Old Plymouth High School" often saw many after-hours students still painting, drawing, sculpting in Jessie's classroom long after other students went home.



JESSIE HUDSON

She died last Wednesday of advanced Alzheimer's Disease in the Eugene-Springfield, OR area, where she had moved to be near her son and daughter in law, Bruce and Suzanne Hudson.

Jessie was born in Glasgow, Scotland and moved to the US in 1930. Six years later, she married the late Samuel Hudson — noted Plymouth historian, Rotarian and creator of the "Little Man" Fall Fest logo.

In 1952, they moved to Plymouth. Jessie received her BA in English and Art and MA in Art degrees from EMU, becoming an art teacher at old Plymouth High School in 1960.

She was very active in the local arts community and occasionally contributed poetry to The Crier. She is survived by her son and daughter in law; two grandchildren, Laura and Gregory; and two sisters, Agnes and Molly, who reside in the Glasgow, Scotland area. The family has asked that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association; 919 N. Michigan Ave.; Suite 1000; Chicago, IL 60611.

Reprise:

by Jessie Hudson

Now I am seventy-three
Still the same old me
Early to bed
(a real sleepy head)
And still an early riser
In pretty good health,
With a little more wealth,
But not the least wiser!

McCotter, Patterson to sue for 'Super Majority' issue

Elections commission dropped proposal from ballot

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The two Wayne County Commissioners representing The Plymouth-Canton Community are leading a charge to sue the Wayne County Elections Commission, they announced late Tuesday.

According to County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, the Elections Commission voted not to place a "Super Majority" tax limitation question on the ballot for Aug. 4. That resolution, passed 8 to 7 by the full county board last Spring, would require two-thirds of the county commissioners and 60 per cent of the voters approve any county tax hike.

McCotter said the Election Commission refused to place the referendum on the ballot because the members felt it was unconstitutional. "They don't have the power to do that," he insisted.

He said he and County Commissioners Bruce Patterson and Kathleen Husk decided to sue the Elections Commission to compel them to add the resolution.

Ironically, the chair of the Elections Commission is Chief Wayne County Probate Judge Milton Mack who once held Patterson's County Commission seat.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, Plymouth's Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.
- Tomorrow, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, Jazz cellist Mike Karoub plays with guitarist guest in downtown Plymouth at 7 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday are Canton Cleanup days at Canton Waste Recycling center, Van Born Road. Call (734) 397-5801.
- Saturday, Plymouth's downtown merchants open early for the annual Sunrise Sale. Beginning at 5 a.m., savings start at 50%; at 6 a.m., 40%, etc. The earlier you shop, the more you save.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.
- Tuesday, the City of Plymouth Parks & Rec. Department will take its mystery tour. Tour includes motorcoach fare, meals, tour guide and one night of hotel accommodations. Cost, \$149. Call 734-455-6620 for details.

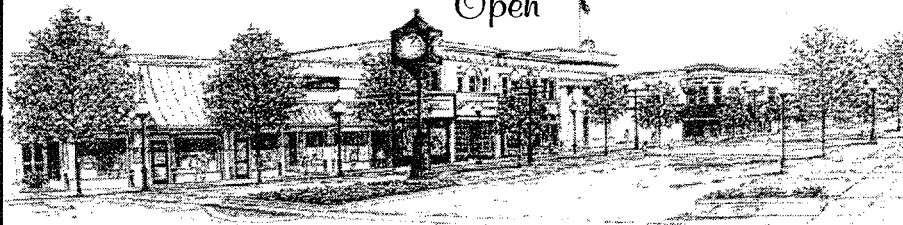
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WILKIN-CAICCO

Karen Sue Wilkin and Gene Caicco announce their engagement to be married Aug. 28, 1999 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, in Ann Arbor. A reception will be held at Summit on The Park, in Canton.

The bride grew up in Canton and is the daughter of Linda Wilkin, of Flint, MI; and Douglas Wilkin, of Britton, MI. She is an employee of Barton Beers, Inc.

The bridegroom grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and is the son of Louise Caicco, of London, Ontario; and Robert Caicco, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He is a podiatrist working in private practice.



NELSON-DRAEGER

Kelly A. Nelson and Lars A. Draeger of Grand Haven announce their marriage. Kelly is the daughter of Linda Nelson, of Plymouth; and John Nelson, of Ypsilanti. Lars is the son of Walter and Sonja Draeger of Grand Haven.

The couple were married May 9, 1998 at Garden City Presbyterian Church.

Kelly is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School and is now a junior at Grand Valley State University. She is majoring in special education.

Lars is a 1995 graduate of Grand Haven High and is also a junior at G.V.S.U. He is majoring in physical education.

The couple will live in Coopersville, MI and finish their education at G.V.S.U.



MCDONALD-CHAPP

Heather McDonald and Jim Chapp announce their engagement and plans to marry September, 1998 in Holland, MI.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Malcolm and Barbara McDonald of Saugatuck, and is a 1990 graduate of Canton High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 1994 and is employed by Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc. in Atlanta, GA.

The groom-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Clinton High School and will graduate in the fall of 1998 from Life University School of Chiropractic in Atlanta, GA.



ALPHONSO-TORREY

Joseph and Daphne Alphonso, of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Zarine, to Norman Torrey, son of Norman and Susan Torrey, of Waterford, MI.

The bride elect is a branch manager at Chase Manhattan Mortgage in Farmington Hills. The bridegroom is an applications engineer at Perceptron, in Plymouth.

A July 17 wedding is planned.

DEBENEDET-TASH

Robert and Jeannie DeBenedet of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Babette Marie Elizabeth, to Steven Andrew Tash, the son of Alan and Lorraine Tash, of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Canton High School. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in economics. She is pursuing a freelance career in creative furniture design.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a neurological sales consultant for Omni Medical Inc., of Livonia.



The couple were married June 7, 1998.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Air Force Airman **David J. Brown**, son of **David C. Brown** of Canton, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

Suzanne Chance of Plymouth has been named to Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Chance, the daughter of **Buddy** and **Sarah Chance**, is studying landscape architecture and horticulture at Virginia Tech.

Marine Sgt. **William B. Richardson**, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Richardson was recognized for his outstanding achievement while as operations officer in-charge with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, San Diego.

Sarah E. Olender, a senior majoring in English and theater at Adrian College, was named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Olender is the daughter of **Thomas** and **Catherine Olender**.

Also named was **Jennifer M. Kuchera**, daughter of **Susan Kuchera** if Canton and **William Kuchera** of Livonia. Jennifer is a senior majoring in psychology.

Carol Parker of Canton, will assume her position as president of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) next month.

Navy Airman Recruit **Jesse L. Warren**, son of **Douglas** and **Donna J. Warren** of Canton, recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier Pre-commissioning Unit Harry S. Truman, based at Newport News, VA.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Brian M. Paul**, a 1995 graduate of Canton High School, recently received the Battle Efficiency Award while serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill based in Yokosuka, Japan.

Speaking his mind

Canton student has firm grasp of goals, and how to achieve them

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It was a bet that spurred Canton's Brandon Hynes to take part in a recent regional speech contest, but it was a bet he was glad he made.

The contest was sponsored by McDonalds, and asked students to write and give a speech on what they wanted to be when they grew up. Hynes was assigned the speech along with the rest of his class. Students giving the best speeches were given the option of continuing in the contest, by reading the speech in front of the rest of the school, Hynes said.

A fifth grader at Saint Raphael Elementary School in Garden City, Hynes said he continued with the contest serendipitously.

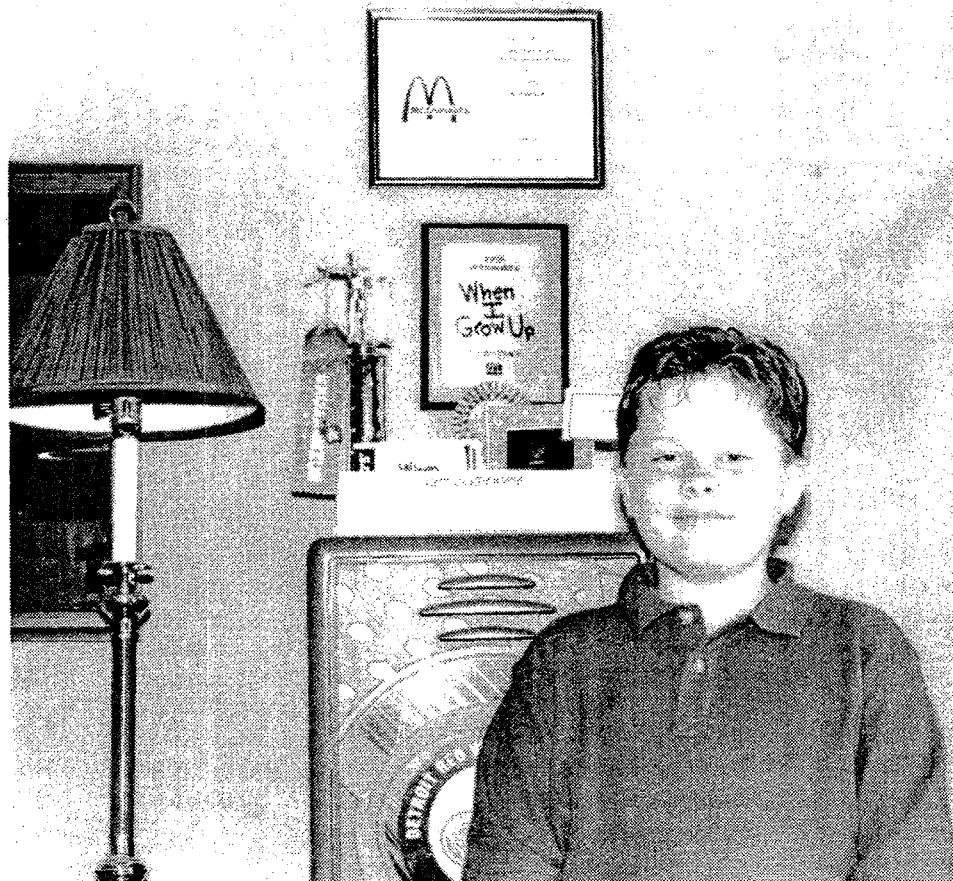
"I didn't really think I would win," Hynes said. "But someone else in the class who I'm always competing against bet me \$50 that his speech was better than mine."

It wasn't.

Hynes went on to win the contest for the school, and after a subsequent victory in the semi-final competition at Mercy High School in Dearborn, found himself at the Southeastern Michigan finals, where he placed third.

Asked how he would have repaid the \$50, Hynes shrugged and said, "Well, I don't have to."

The speech required students to not only describe what they wanted to be when they grew up, but why, the steps they would take, and cite a specific role model, Hynes said.



Canton's Brandon Hynes stands in front of his winnings from the McDonald's 'When I Grow Up' Contest. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Hynes, who always had an interest in science, said in his speech that he wanted to be a pediatrician.

Using his own doctor as a role model, Hynes said he would achieve his goal by attending the University of Michigan. He plans to live on campus and eventually go to medical school there.

"Science is my favorite subject, because I like comets and meteorites, the (human) body and all that stuff," he said. "Since I always wanted to be a doctor, I thought it would be a good place to start."

Hynes said of all the aspects of his experience, speaking in front of his own school was the hardest.

"It was spooky," he said. "I was so nervous talking in front of all those people because I knew them all."

"At the regional and district (competitions) I knew I was never going to see those people again, so they were like air. It was like they weren't even there."

Hynes won a \$100 savings bond to go along with his plaques and trophies. But that wasn't the only thing he took home from the competition, he said.

"It was a great experience," he said. "I used to be quite a procrastinator, but this made me get up early in the morning and work on it."

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No beer this year at Fest

At its meeting Wednesday the Fall Festival Board voted 7-4 against the United Way proposal for a '50s dance and beer sales at this year's Fall Festival.

The vote "doesn't close the door on the United Way," though, according to Board President Curt Lamar. "It's still a great idea

for a different time, a different place."

Lamar said the board invites the United Way to propose another event for Plymouth's annual September festival.

Marrie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way director, did not respond for comment.

City wants options open

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Livingston County, according to State Police. Of the 181 towers planned, 30 are now standing.

One of them is located at the former State Police post on Seven Mile Road in Northville, about four miles north of the Plymouth Township Police department.

Despite this relatively short distance, reception on portable radios was "absolutely horrid" when the Township tested them, according to Lt. Bob Smith. "We were all set to (join the system), but we found out it doesn't work."

According to Chief Lawrence Carey "it really didn't pass our requirements for reliability."

Cpt. Jeff Steffle, commander of the State Police communications department, said the radios didn't work in Plymouth because their signals have to hit a dish on the Northville tower. That dish faces north, he said, not south toward the Township.

Steffle said the State Police "haven't encouraged anyone to come on until we get the bugs worked out of the system." Adapting the Northville tower to pick up signals from the south is a project under way but still down the road, he said.

Township police radios already operate on an 800 megahertz frequency, but on an analog system. Upgrading to digital would cost about \$50,000 according to Carey.

A move to the State Police system hasn't been ruled out, he said, but it's not

one he wants to make now.

Although the City Commission has directed him to pursue hooking up to the State Police system, Scoggins says he's going to wait. He has more research to do, he said, before any commitment is made.

The City wants to keep its options open, according to City Manager Steve Walters. Even with the bugs it has now, the state system may end up the best option since all departments will have to be on 800-megahertz frequencies within four years.

According to the budget, which takes effect next month, the City has two other options: replace the current VHS system with a new one, or consolidate with Township dispatch and buy the analog 800-megahertz radios they use.

According to Walters, the City could also buy their own digital 800-megahertz system independent of the state or Township.

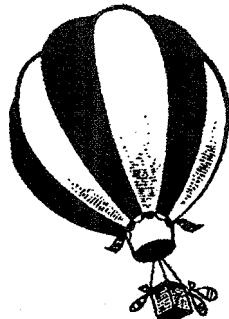
But that wouldn't make sense, he said, since merger with the Township dispatch is still an option being investigated. "The idea is to stay flexible," he said.

Whichever system the City selects, Walters said he expects a decision within the next year.

In that time, he and Scoggins are hopeful the State Police will work out the bugs in their system.

Until then the City will keep using its older VHS dispatch which, while no Cadillac, hasn't blown up yet.

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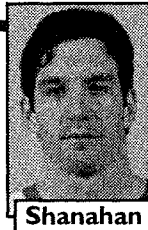
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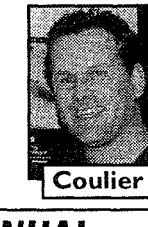


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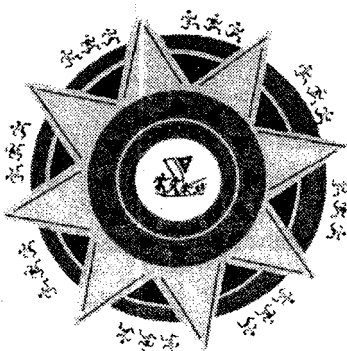
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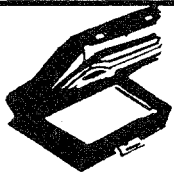
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



Canton's **Lisa Herguth** has recently opened her own electrolysis business at **Studio 385**, at 385 Mill Street in Plymouth.

Herguth, a certified professional has apprenticed recently finished a one-year apprenticeship in Farmington Hills and has more than 1700 hours of training in permanent hair removal techniques.

For more information, or to set an appointment, call 454-4446.

The regular meeting of the **Northville Chapter** of Business Network International will be Thursday July 2, at 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the **Kerby Koney Island** at 8 Mile and Haggerty.

The **Plymouth Chapter** will meet at the **Water Club Seafood Grill**, Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle of Plymouth has earned the Five Star Award from the Chrysler Corporation.

The Five Star program is designed so dealers continually examine and reevaluate the way they do business. Dealers are encouraged to think of ways to constantly improve the way they do business and to put the customer first in every interaction with the dealership.

LTG close 'temporary'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

All is quiet on the corner of Liberty and Starkweather.

Nary a blues lick has been heard from the site, home to the Lower Town Grill (LTG), since Plymouth City police visited Friday to inform owners that their liquor license had expired.

According to a Liquor Control Commission (LCC) spokesperson, licenses must be renewed each April and displayed by May 1.

LTG's liquor license requires the signature of owners Kim Guenther and Tom Prendergast for renewal. Although Prendergast is no longer affiliated with the business, his signature is still necessary, according to Jim Hopkins, manager of LTG.

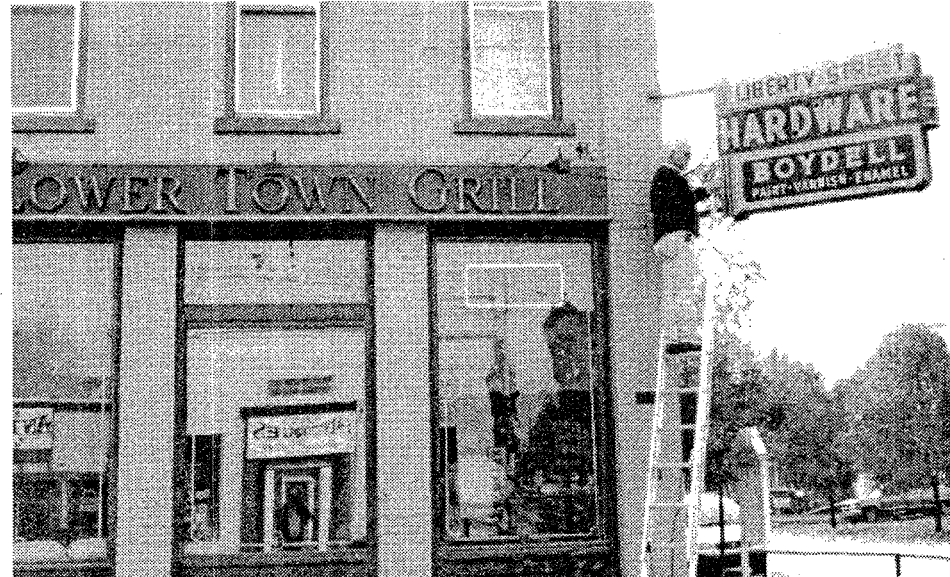
It was his signature that is holding the process up, according to Hopkins. Prendergast did not return calls for comment.

LTG's license is a resort license and is transferable anywhere in Michigan. After receiving police notice of LTG's closure, the LCC will place the license in esgrow for one year. It can be purchased after that, the spokesperson said.

"It's just a minor issue," Hopkins said. "We probably would have closed for a few weeks during the summer anyway."

Hopkins said he intends to use the time to make some repairs in the restaurant, such as replacing outdated plumbing.

Hopkins will also plans to complete the



Owner Kim Guenther at work earlier this year (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

game room which has been under construction for several months.

"We've been so busy that we never could've finished anything," he said.

Hopkins is also having new windows installed at the rear of the building. The current windows are only one-eighth of an inch thick, and allow a lot of noise to escape.

The new windows will be at least an inch-and-a-half thick, possibly two, Hopkins said. They will be installed on an angle to simulate windows in a recording studio which reduce noise.

"They should lower the sound level by

about 10 decibels, and that should make everyone happy," he said.

Many of the renovations will be substantially under way, if not complete, by June 19, when Hopkins said he hopes to reopen the bar. The liquor license should be cleared up by then, he said. "We may not make it, but that's what we're shooting for."

"This is not a big deal," Guenther said. "It's a little bit of everything that's happened at the same time. I just thought it would be easier to close the restaurant down for a few weeks and fix everything at once rather than nickel-and-dime it."

Plymouth haberdasher a one-man mall

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For 32 years, the Tom James Company has claimed to manufacture and sell only the finest quality clothing.

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Plymouth's Thys Jones is one such salesman. Armed with a sample of fabrics and an arsenal of catalogues, Jones meets clients wherever they ask him to, whether it be home, office, or even, as on one occasion, a boat.

"People like it because they don't have to spend a lot of time shopping," Jones said. "Any type of clothing they could find in a mall I can bring to them, and I can show them in 10 minutes what they wouldn't be



THYS JONES

able to find in 10 stores."

Jones' catalogues carry the gamut of clothing for men, whether it be ready-made casual outfits, custom-made suits or even socks and undergarments.

A professional haberdasher, he asks each client what type of work they do, and what type of clothing they're looking for. He can then outfit them in clothing appropriate to their lifestyle or business environment.

The first visit usually takes the longest,

because that when Jones takes all of the client's measurements, Jones said. After that, the client will be on file, and merely needs to order new clothing.

Suits range in price from about \$300 to more than \$10,000, Jones said.

Jones has been working as a haberdasher for more than a year. His previous experience in the retail industry includes 13 years in the paper business. His flexible schedule allows him time for community groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Business Network International.

For work with the Tom James Company, a retail sales background isn't as important as a good, hard work ethic, he said. The company doesn't advertise, and gets all of its clientele from word-of-mouth publicity and repeat business, according to Jones.

"It's a lot of fun. I get an opportunity to meet a lot of successful people," he said. "You have to be a go-getter, but if you're not afraid of work it can be very rewarding."

Jones can be reached at (248) 526-9850 ext. 230 or (313) 304-6575.

Judges were 'efficient'

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sold to developers in 1993.

Now, the township charges, the district's plans make unsafe adjustments to accommodate the new school.

According to a series of letters between Township Hall and the School Board offices, ordinances governing tree protection, lighting, landscaping, proximity to housing and land use density are at the heart of the debate.

Joan Wadsworth, president of the Northville School Board, says the plans meet with standards set for high school construction. They also meet some local ordinances, though Wadsworth says the schools are under no obligation to do so.

State officials approved the plans while reviewing the bond proposal earlier this year, she said.

Whether local ordinances have jurisdiction over public schools has been a question for years, one Engler has agreed to help answer.

Woodside said she asked the Governor for his opinion on the issue during a meeting of Western Wayne County administrators Friday.

"He called Monday and said he would work through his local office and with the State Superintendent of Schools to hopefully resolve this issue," she said.

Plymouth-Canton

Players in the suit against the P-C district's

March 1997 bond made their first appearance in appeals court last week. Jerry Vorva and lawyer Steve Boak are appealing Circuit Court Judge James Rashid's August dismissal of their case.

Vorva charges the district failed to follow state election laws and give equal protection to 716 voters whose ballots were "lost" at the polls.

Local and county boards of canvassers, the Wayne County Election Board, The State of Michigan and Rashid have upheld the election.

Superintendent Chuck Little, Board President Mark Horvath and Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman traveled to Lansing June 3 with other representatives to appear in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Both sides answered questions from judges David Sawyer, Martin Doctoroff and Michael Kelly as Vorva seeks a retrial of his case or a new election for the "lost" votes.

The judges could decide to uphold Rashid's decision, send the case back to circuit court for retrial or require another action, such as a new election.

Boak said a decision from the judges could come in late August or September.

Both Vorva and school spokesperson Judy Evola described the judges as efficient and direct during their interviews. The lack of dramatic testimony, as was seen in circuit court, was noteworthy Evola said.

Undervotes not an issue

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thinking when you just here 'It won't work.'"

Echoing pre-election statements, Mardigian says she will concentrate on promoting the October bond to build a Canton middle school, and on resolving the March 1997 bond lawsuit.

Sale of that bond has been on hold since last summer when Jerry Vorva first challenged the election, in which 716 votes were miscast. The lawsuit was dismissed from circuit court in the fall, and is now being appealed. (See related story.)

Meanwhile, Mardigian says, students face crowded CEP as they move into the district.

"We've got to go for that fall 2000 opening (of the third high school), otherwise what are we going to do with those kids," she said.

Watts also stood his campaign planks and says he wants to maintain the open dialogue begun in the last year between the board and district labor.

Watching as precinct totals came in at the district offices Monday night, Richard Ham-Kucharski kept a positive view of his first race for the board, and his first loss.

"The election was a lot of fun," he said. "I learned a lot about the district."

Ham-Kucharski said he will work for the October bond and may be back for another run in a year or two.

"I knew it'd be a close race, but I thought I'd be a little closer. I should have pushed more for absentee voters, because it looks like

that's where I did the best."

Precincts: The numbers

Davis won in nine of the district's 18 precincts. Watts took six. Sheila Friedrich, the only candidate not present at the district offices Monday, won four.

Unopposed, Mardigian won her race in all precincts.

Ham-Kucharski did not win in any of the precincts or among absentee voters.

In the two-year race, 43 voters wrote in candidates; five write-ins were cast for the four-year seat.

In the four-year race there were 543 undervotes, according to Liz Adams, district elections clerk; 601 were cast in the two-year race.

Undervotes occur when a voters casts a ballot without completing all the votes possible. Those who chose to vote for only one candidate in the four-year race instead of two cast undervote ballots.

Some 716 undervotes were recorded in the March 1997 bond election and led to the lawsuit that has tied up that bond in court.

The March bond was a single-issue ballot, meaning that undervote ballots had no vote on them at all — so-called "lost" votes. Unlike the March election, Monday's undervotes don't suggest voter error, according to Adams.

When candidates run unopposed, as Mardigian did for the two-year seat, voters sometimes won't vote for anyone, according to Adams. "But they weren't lost votes," she said.

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Groovin' in the Park... The Pamela Ransford Group finds the tune Saturday afternoon at The Taste of Plymouth. Kellogg Park in Plymouth and the Gazebo in Northville will play host to a bevy of concerts this summer. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Groups

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The First Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive at 701 Church Street in Plymouth on Sunday, **June 14**, from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call Joyce Holmes at 734-453-8457 for an appointment.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women dinner meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, **June 15** at Ernesto's Country Inn. Melinda Adducci, certified gemologist and associate of Joseph DuMouchelle, will speak on gems and minerals. Prospective members are welcome, call 734-420-0320 for reservations.

CANTON ROTARY HAWAIIAN RAFFLE

The Canton Rotary Club is holding its annual "Hawaiian Raffle" Monday, **June 15**, at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road. The event begins at 6 p.m. and raffle tickets cost \$160 for the Grand Prize of a round trip to Hawaii with \$3000 cash. A second drawing for Myrtle Beech is only \$10 per ticket. Call Dave 734-453-2230 for tickets and information.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

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

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church at 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton will hold their annual garage sale from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on **June 27**. Call Dawn Moss at 734-981-4877.

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

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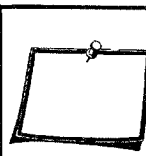
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DDA'S ENTERTAINMENT ON US

The Downtown Development Authority of Plymouth presents Jazz Cellist Mike Karoub, 7-9 p.m. this Friday at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. This free concert is sponsored by Wild Wings Gallery.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLOCK CONCERTS

Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring Friday Night Clock Concerts at the Gazebo on Main Street. This Friday the Gratitude Steel Band will perform. These free concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

ART IN THE SUN

Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual fine art and craft show "Art in the Sun" the weekend of June 20-21. More than 150 exhibitors will take part in this juried show. For more information call Laurie Marrs at 248-349-7640.

PLYMOUTH YMCA 19TH ANNUAL RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 19th Annual Run/Walk will be happening on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. There will be lots of fun and excitement for all ages and skill levels. Call 734-453-2904 for registration.



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NATIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

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

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Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Volunteers are needed weekday evenings from 6 - 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.

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CHRISTIAN AEROBICS

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

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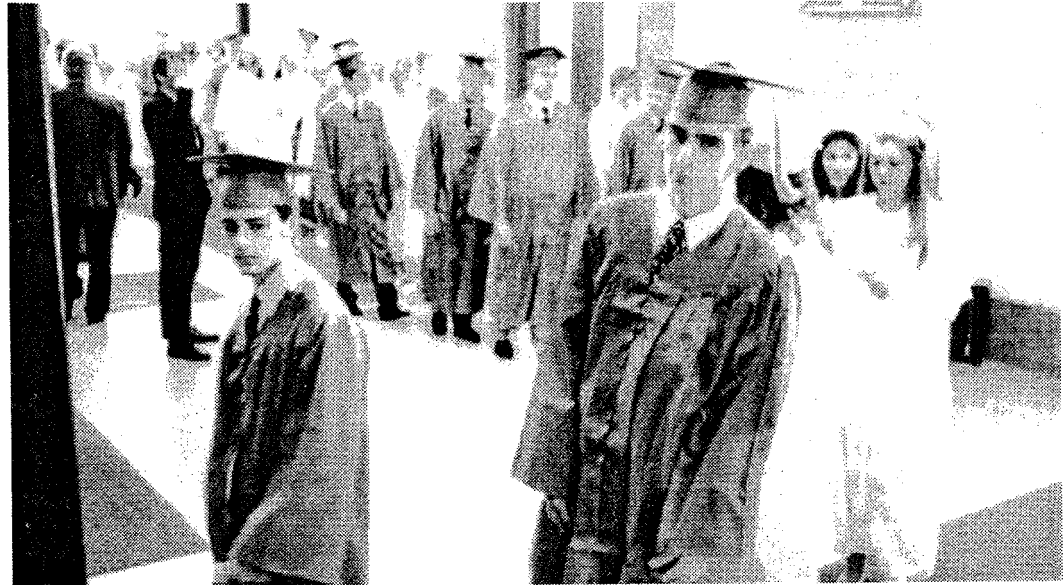
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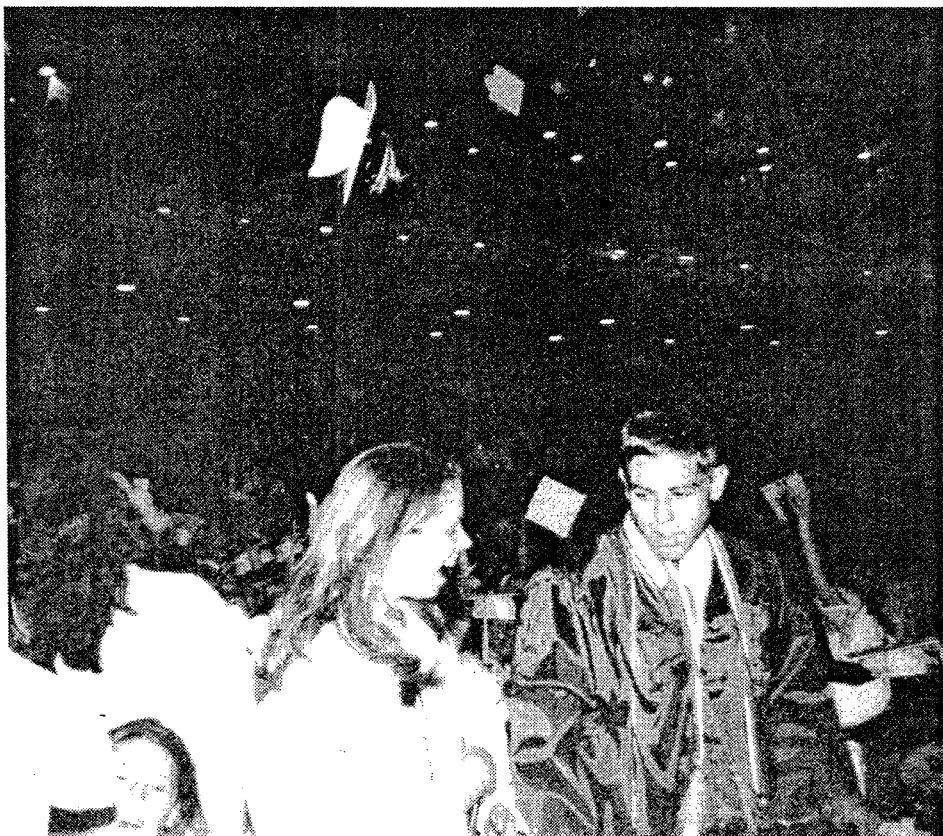
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Canton grads, including Crier Intern Bryan Boyd (above, center) file in for the long diploma walk at Hill Auditorium

Kathryn Niran Luick Salem Class Secretary (top left), gives an exuberant farewell to the senior class.

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Capless Canton grads Jennifer Torrigan and Chris Scott (left) search for cover among a slew of falling hats.



Salem Student Council members (above) lean in for one more shot together.

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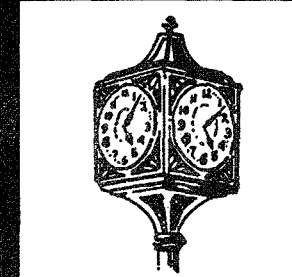
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HELEN "MEME" OLIVER

Helen "Meme" Oliver, a Ypsilanti resident, died June 6, 1998 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Oliver was born July 23, 1923 in Fleming, KY. She retired from the Ford Motor Co. and then was employed with the Willow Run School District, working in the kitchen. She was also a member of the Ypsilanti Elks Lodge.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl E. Whitaker and J.J. of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, David B. (Patricia) McHone of Ypsilanti, Ricky D. Whitaker of Grand Rapids, Leighanna Whitaker of Taylor; great-granddaughter, Autumn Lace McHone; brother, Glen (Aggie) Blair of Ypsilanti; sister, Geraldine Quillen of New Orleans, LA.

Arrangements were made by the Janowiak Funeral Home Geer-Logan Chapel in Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Washtenaw.

BARBARA M. CARTIER

Barbara M. Cartier, a Plymouth resident, died June 6, 1998 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Cartier was born Oct. 16, 1908 in McKinley, MN. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, the Gesu Leisure Croup, the Altar Society of Gesu, St. Cecelia, University of Detroit High School, University of Detroit, and Christ the King Church. She was a volunteer worker at Father Solanus Guild and Soup Kitchen and also at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

She is survived by her sons, Alfred E. (Janet) Cartier of Redford, Michael J. (Noel) of Plymouth; grandchildren, Steven, Anne Marie John, Mary, Karen, Michael; great-grandchildren, Michelle, Donald, Danielle, Amanda; and sisters, Mary Lasky, Helen Peterson, Frances Matko, Eva Grefenberg, Katherine Krevich, all of Minnesota; Rosalind Lostrom of California.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Pere Marquette Cemetery in Ludington. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

GERALD J. LEY

Gerald J. Ley, a Plymouth resident, died May 30, 1998 at the age of 68.

Mr. Ley was born June 26, 1929 in Pittsburgh, PA. He retired five years ago from Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Company in Southfield. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, M. Gail of Plymouth; daughters, Cynthia (Steve) Swech of Westford, MA, Diana (Michael) Clegg of Oceanside, CA, Janet Ley of Livonia; sons, Gary (Deborah) Ley of Plymouth, Michael (Carol) Ley of Lake Orion, MI; grandchildren, Rachel Sieloff, Jason, Brian, and Kelsey Ley, Marissa and Erica Ley, Lauren and John Clegg; sisters, Mary Ann (Robert) Moran of Michigan, Jane (William) DuBois of Minnesota; and brother, Edward (Toni) Ley of Illinois.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Garden City Hospital.

GARRY LEE JOHNSON

Garry Lee Johnson, a Plymouth resident, died June 4, 1998 at the age of 52.

Mr. Johnson was born Oct. 1, 1945 in Ferndale, MI. He was a self-employed certified Public Accountant. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1986 from Traverse City, MI. He served in the Navy 1965-69. He received his B.S. Degree from the University of Michigan

in 1973; his M.B.A from George Washington University in 1978 and his Certified Public Accountant License in 1979. He taught accounting at Oakland Community College at the Auburn Hills and Highland Lakes.

He is survived by his wife, Lou Elizabeth Johnson of Plymouth; daughters, Amanda of Plymouth, Molly of Plymouth; brothers, Robert of Arizona, William of Southfield, David of Pinckney; mother, Mildred Johnson of Southfield; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 14 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader Howell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be given to Henry Ford Village Hospice.

THOMAS WARREN WOOLEY

Thomas Warren Wooley, a Canton resident, died June 1, 1998 at the age of 63.

Mr. Wooley was born Sept. 4, 1934 in Hoxie, AR. He worked in production control for the Ford Motor Company, retiring from the Dearborn Engine Division in 1991. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He served in the 101st Air Born Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. He received the Parachutist Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. He also received the National Defense Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Marion A. of Canton; sons, Michael W. (Lynn) of Suffern, NY, Richard A. (Mary) of Springfield, VA, Thomas W, Jr of Canton; and grandchildren, Jacob and Matthew.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Stan Tokarski officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights, MI.

MARTHA (BETTY) LEMON

Martha (Betty) Lemon, a Northville resident, died June 2, 1998 at the age of 71.

Mrs. Lemon was born Jan. 20, 1927 in Peterhead, Scotland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Scotia-Dearborn Lodge. She came to the USA in 1952 and lived in Canton from 1974 to 1992, when she moved to Northville.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas W. Lemon of Northville; son, Robert Lemon of San Jose, CA; daughter, Ailsa (Craig) Blunk of Northville; sister, Aileen Copland of Southgate; and grandsons, Adam Blunk and Gavin Blunk.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Plymouth Adult Day Care Our Lady of Providence 16115 Beck Road, Northville, MI 48167.

PAUL W. KELLY

Paul W. Kelly, a South Lyon resident, died May 30, 1998 at the age of 75.

Mr. Kelly was born May 22, 1923 in Detroit. He was a tool & die maker.

He is survived by his son, Michael (Lynne) Kelly of Davisburg, MI, Darin (Robbyn) Kelly of Stockbridge, MI; daughters, Nannette (Ronald) Begola of White Lake, MI, Susan (Dennis) McCusker of Canton; brother, Fred (Charlotte) Koester of Redford; and sister, Phyllis Likas of Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Robert L. Miller officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48201-9983.

Roy H. Liddle, 66, retired school administrator

Mr. Liddle graduated from Bently High in 1950. He was a Korean War Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Plymouth; five children: Brenda Janet, Liz Sandra and Mark; and 10 grandchildren.

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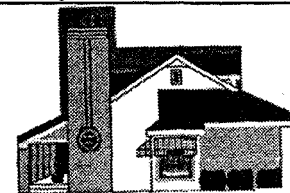
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Curiosities

Dear
 Martha,
 et. al.



By Geneva Guenther

Loved your picture. You don't look any different to me than the first day I met you. Thank you.

Well, today is Election Day-School Board. I hope there is a little more interest and loyalty than there has been in the past to the privilege of voting. How lax we were about our privileges until they are taken away from us. You would think this election would be more important to parents than any other but their lack of interest to vote belies it. Have been wondering if you have trouble sleeping since some of us do. I have a great solution. My friend, Mike, who has Video Theatre, makes up a package of six movies for a nominal sum, I set it up in my VCR upon retiring. When I awaken in the night it's simple enough to flick the switch and see a movie. Much better for me than reading. No, I'm not always enthusiastic about the movies Mike chooses for me. Mostly however, he makes me a good mixture of shows I enjoy. He knows I don't like them too steamy or profane. I'm pretty square.

Love You, Geneva

Curiosities

Pam - Every Mom slams their kid's head in the door sometime or other!



Only two years old when she entered The Crier's doors for the first time, Erika is now a high school graduate. How time flies...

Matt D., I told you I would eventually! Ferwerda's rocks, you girls' clothes lovin' phone psycho. No more little boys, okay? Let's play a game, hot, cold-ghetto superstar! No more stealing from the neighbors, dance with you mom! I love the dollhouse! Love greased lightening.

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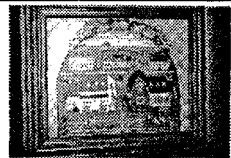
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Curiosities

GO WINGS!!!



Dear "All of You": My name is Martha Davis. I am the person that Geneva writes to every week and keeps informed on Plymouth-Canton happenings. I love our community and consider all of you my friends. Every copy of The Crier that I receive is word from you and from home. Sometimes I get very homesick and receiving my hometown paper with word of "what is going on" is most helpful. One of these days I shall surprise all of you and come back for a visit. Until then, and don't forget I love you. Martha
 (P.S. My birthday is this fall, but I'll not tell you "how old". Blessings, Martha)



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Curiosities

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Sports

Sports shorts

Canton High School has hired a new Head Wrestling Coach.

John Demsick, a former University of Michigan wrestler and current elementary physical education teacher in Plymouth-Canton schools, served as assistant wrestling coach at Canton last year. He also had served as assistant wrestling coach at Ann Arbor Huron for two years.

Demsick still competes himself. He won the 1998 AAU National Wrestling Championships for his age and weight class.

Demsick received his Masters of Science from the University of Michigan.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be taking **Fall Youth Soccer registration** the entire month of June at the Recreation office during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All registrations require a birth certificate.

The fee is \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.

Call 455-6620 for more details.

Standings for the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball Prep League, 13 and over, as of May 27:

American League: Athletics, 3-0; Blue Jays, 3-0; Brewers, 1-2; Orioles, 1-2; White Sox, 1-2; Twins, 0-3.

National League: Cardinals 3-0; Phillies, 2-1; Rockies, 2-1; Braves, 2-1; Diamondbacks, 0-3; Cubs, 0-3.

The Plymouth Whalers have announced the hiring of their new public relations director.

Ryan Stupakis, a 1998 graduate of Northwoods University, interned for the Whalers last season.

Chiefs win regionals

Hudson leads way again as Canton drops No.1-ranked Brighton; Chiefs now advance to state's elite eight

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

From here on out it will only get tougher. Or will it?

How much tougher could it be than Saturday afternoon?

The Chiefs were squaring off with Brighton, the state's number one ranked team with a 31-4 record, on Brighton's home turf. Brighton had shutout a solid West Bloomfield team 2-0 just hours before, and was hungry for more.

Canton had squeaked by Walled Lake Western, 2-1, in yet another defensive struggle, and their ace pitcher, Gretchen Hudson, had a "little injury" that could affect her play, according to Coach Jim Arnold.

Brighton had the experience, having made it to the state championship a year before. Canton was young. This was supposed to be their rebuilding year.

All factors pointed to a Canton defeat. All factors, that is, but one.

"They don't think there is anybody they can't play against," said Assistant Coach Larry Bober. "They think they can beat anybody."

And the young upstarts proved it Saturday, knocking off Brighton 3-2 in a stirring 11-inning game. Despite her injury, Hudson again led the way, pitching all 11 innings for the Chiefs, allowing only two runs on eight hits and a walk. She struck out seven.

It was a see-saw battle the whole way. Canton notched the game's first run in the fourth, and another in the fifth. Brighton fought back with a pair of runs in the sixth to tie it.

"(Brighton's) a very aggressive team," Bober said. "They tried to take advantage of every opportunity they could."

But with a stingy defense behind her, Hudson prevented those opportunities from coming long enough for Canton to get one more run.

It finally came in the 11th. With two out and Paula McKernan on second, Sarah Freels smashed a bullet "that almost knocked off the third basemen's head," according to Bober. The ball fell into left field and McKernan came around to score the eventual winning run.

Brighton threatened again in the bottom of the inning, but a double play ended the game, and Brighton's hopes for a second straight championship appearance.

Beside Freels, Liz Elsner and freshman

Kristina Kissel led the way offensively for the Chiefs. Elsner contributed an RBI and Kissel, a mid-season pull-up, went 2-4 with an RBI.

"She's a real dynamite fielder," Bober said of the freshman. "But lately she's been work-

‘We've just snuck up on people throughout the playoffs’

— Larry Bober
Canton's Assistant
Softball Coach

ing real hard on her hitting too."

Defensively, the Chiefs were again stellar. Although they committed two errors—their first in five games—they weren't affected by them. Bober pointed out the play of catcher Erica Hancz. "She didn't throw anybody out," he said. "But she kept their aggressive runners

SOFTBALL

honest."

In game one versus Walled Lake Western, Jenny Fisher got the start for the Chiefs, throwing five innings, allowing one run on six hits, two walks and two strikeouts.

Hudson came in for relief in the sixth, tossing two innings of shutout ball.

Freels and McKernan were each 2-4 in the victory.

With the regional victory, Canton moved to the state quarterfinals played last night versus Taylor Truman. Like Canton, Taylor (26-9) has crept through the playoffs unsuspectingly.

"Nobody knows much about us," Bober said. "We've been underdogs all year and we've just snuck up on people throughout the playoffs."

Coach Arnold said he expected to start Hudson again versus Truman.

If Canton gets past Taylor they'll move to the final four this weekend in Battle Creek.

Although they've knocked off the Michigan's number one team, several outstanding teams still remain, including last year's champion Portage Northern (32-1) and Alpena (33-4).

"Every team we play from here on out is a good team," Arnold said. "Otherwise they wouldn't be here."

New Canton football coach says conditioning is key

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

He's faced an uphill gridiron battle before.

When Tim Baechler took over Hudson High School's football program seven years ago they had been a pathetic 1-26 in the three years previous. In his first year he nearly got them to .500. In the next four years, they lost only eight more games, and won several league championships.

Now Baechler is looking to do the same thing with Canton. After Coach Bob Knoenle's unexpected retirement last month, Baechler now faces the challenges of rebuilding a team that went 1-8 last year.

Hoping to build agility and strength in his players, Baechler said he'll institute a weightlifting program this summer, three days a week.

"I'll make it mandatory without saying it's mandatory," he said.

Baechler added that no special favors will be made for star players. "I'm new here," he said. "And as far as I'm concerned, there are no starters. If a kid was a fifth-string player last year, that doesn't mean he can't start for us this year."

Baechler admitted that one of the most difficult aspects of coaching, particularly in a rebuilding program, is making players think like victors.

"I don't think anybody has ever put it in a bottle. It's hard to teach kids to win," he said. "If it's 4th and three, you want kids who want to make the play. But you can't have those kinds of expectations and feelings unless you work hard at it."

Besides confidence, the off-season conditioning should also help Baechler's plans for the offense. "I want to run the football," he said. "I never get bored of watching our fullback run for three yards. That's a good football play."

Whalers reload with Vernarsky

Plymouth gets center they wanted; trade Passmore for veteran

BY PETE KRUPSKY

I've seen Plymouth Whalers' Director of Scouting Mike Sadler in hundreds of rinks over the last 15 years. We were in one of those rinks a couple of years ago when Sadler—who has an excellent eye for talent and isn't prone to overstatement said, "I got a player for you—the best player I've seen to come out of Detroit since Pat Peake. His name is Kris Vernarsky."

So it should be no surprise that the Whalers used their first pick (15th overall) June 6th at the annual Ontario Hockey League Draft at the Barrie Molson Centre to select Vernarsky, a Warren native who played last season for the Ann Arbor-based U.S.A. Under-18 Team.

If the moves the Whalers' scouting staff and general manager Peter DeBoer at the draft are a mirror to the upcoming season, it appears Plymouth will make another run for a Western Division title. After selecting Vernarsky, the Whalers concentrated on filling specific needs, taking three goaltenders, five defensemen and eight forwards.

In addition, Plymouth traded popular second-year center Brian Passmore and a fourth round pick in the draft to Oshawa in exchange for veteran sniper Adam Colagiacomio. The Whalers also lost third-year defensemen Pat Parthenais in the expansion draft to the Brampton Battalion.

Passmore's trade helps clear up a Whaler log jam at the center ice.

With Dave Legwand, Harold Druken and Vernarsky all centers—and having no legitimate right-handed shooting right wingers—DeBoer felt it was best to move Passmore to a young team on the rise in exchange for Colagiacomio, a San Jose draft with a track record for scoring (78 goals with 90 assists over three OHL seasons).

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"You can't trade for players like Adam Colagiacomio without giving something up," DeBoer explained.

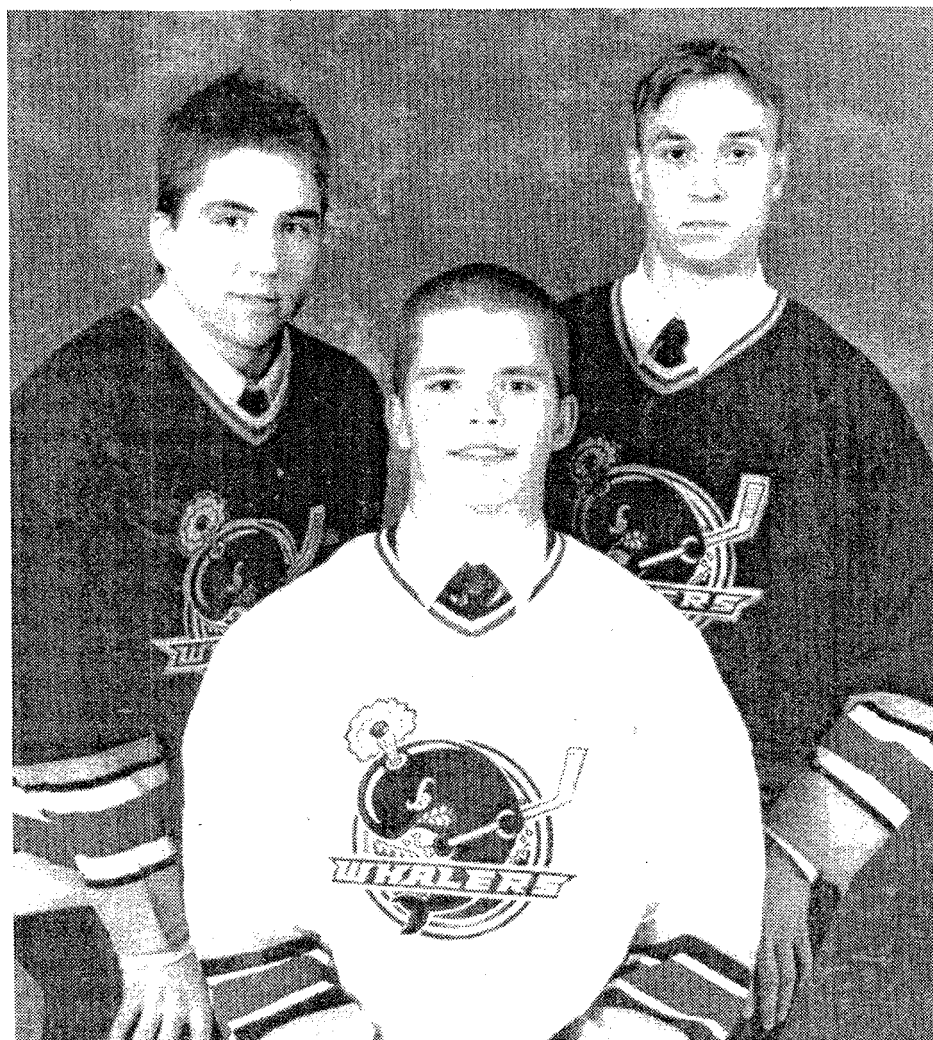
"Unfortunately (the price) was Brian Passmore. If Passmore had been a winger, there's no doubt we wouldn't have traded him - he's a great kid. But with Legwand, Druken and Vernarsky up the middle there was no way Brian deserved or was willing to play a fourth-line role for us again next year. He's going to Oshawa and get a chance to play and be a number one or two guy, which he's earned. And we get a right wing we sorely needed."

Colagiacomio - taken fourth overall by London in 1995 - is excited to be back in the Western Division on a team that has a chance to win.

"This team's a lot older than I'm used to," Colagiacomio said. "I've always been on a real young team. Hopefully, we can play for the Memorial Cup in Plymouth. I just want to go out this year and help the team win. It's a fresh start and I'm coming somewhere where there's a lot of winning-tradition. They know how to win."

Cynics say Colagiacomio has under-achieved. The truth is, he's never scored less than 25 goals in a season. He has Memorial Cup experience, helping Oshawa to the OHL championship in 1997. Colagiacomio will be closely watched by San Jose, who have a year to decide to sign him to a professional contract.

But the trade for Colagiacomio started with the acquisition of Vernarsky, who



The Whalers' newest members already adorned in the blue, grey, and green. Seen here are (from left to right) third-round pick Jared Newman, second-round pick Kyle Chapman, and the Whalers' first pick Kris Vernarsky. All three are expected to contribute next year, with Vernarsky already drawing comparisons to star David Legwand.

scored 11 goals with 18 assists for 29 points and 97 penalty minutes for Team USA last season.

Vernarsky was surprised to hear Sadler's comment.

"I'm very shocked. I just go out and play my best every shift and work hard. I'm very thankful that people think of mythat way," Vernarsky said. "I like to play both ways of the game - the grinding and offensive part. I don't mind getting into the scruffs and I don't mind scoring goals."

Vernarsky's father, Steve, used to flood the backyard for all three of his sons, Mike (21), Ryan (15) and Kris (16). Kris is a veteran of the Detroit amateur system, starting in novice leagues in Fraser and moving up from there.

"We knew early on that Kris had a special drive," Steve Vernarsky said. "We knew that he could be successful because of that inner drive that some kids don't show. Each year Kris took it to a new level. Early on, the college route was considered, but a couple of years ago Kris really wanted to become an NHLer and felt this was the best way to go. As parents we try to support him and give him the best

opportunity we can."

"We think we got the best player in the draft in Vernarsky," DeBoer said.

In the second round, the Whalers took grinding left wing Kyle Chapman, from Stouffville (Ontario) Jr. A. Chapman smiled when asked about skating with skilled players like Legwand, Druken, Vernarsky and Colagiacomio.

"My play is nice, hard, fast, power-forward type who like to crash and bang and set up people," Chapman said. "I don't mind dropping the gloves. The Whalers have a good organization who develop players well."

Plymouth went local again in the third round, taking Lincoln Park native Jared Newman, a defenseman from the Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Hockey League.

"I don't have to move away home, I can stay at the same school and it's just one less thing I have to worry about," Newman said. "I played on the same team as (Whaler defenseman) Shaun Fisher's brother, Darin. I didn't worry about the Central

Whalers' Draft Picks

Round-Pick	Player	Position	Team
1-15	Kris Vernarsky	C	Team U.S.A. Under-18
2-35	Kyle Chapman	LW	Stouffville Jr. A
3-49	Jared Newman	RD	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
4-67	Dwayne Bateman	G	Trenton (Ont.) Jr. A
5-101	Rob Zepp	G	Newmarket Jr. A
6-113	James Ramsey	LW	Gloucester Jr. A
6-125	Justin Williams	RW	Colbourne Jr. C
9-191	Andre Robichaud	LD	Timmins Midget
9-194	Damian Surma	LW	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
10-210	Jeff Jillson	RD	Mount St. Charles (RI) High School
11-230	Mike Betz	G	Pittsburgh Hornets Midget
12-250	Mike Smith	C	Culver Military Academy
13-270	Ashton Spencer	RW	Smith Falls Jr. A
14-290	Jonathan Hutchinson	LD	Summerside Midget
16-325	Paul Gossmann	LD	Wheatley Jr. C
18-354	Steve Jackson	RW	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
19-363	James Crank	LW	Michigan Nationals Midget

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Long files charges against Boulerice

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Injured hockey player Andrew Long has filed felonious assault charges against Plymouth Whaler forward Jesse Boulerice for an on-ice stick-slashing incident that occurred April 17 at Compuware Sports Arena, according to Plymouth Township Police.

The incident left Long with facial fractures, a blood clot, and a severe concussion. He spent two days in the hospital following the incident and was unable to play the rest of the season.

At first Long said he hadn't expected to file a complaint, but after viewing a video tape of the game he changed his mind.

"I had no clue it was that bad," Long said. "I thought maybe it was just a reaction. But after viewing the tape, I saw that it was much more careless than that."

Long also said getting his health back was the main priority. "My father and I agreed I should just get better first," he said. "It was really rough after it happened. One minute I would be all right, and the next minute it was like someone turned the switch off on me."

In filing the charges, Long sent a written statement of the incident to Plymouth Township Police last week.

"Next think I knew I was fighting for my life," he said about the moments following the slash. "I didn't really know what happened, but I knew I was in a lot of trouble. I was choking on my own blood and my nose was broken.

"What he did was the most barbaric thing



Victory Sting... Members of the Plymouth Stingrays Squirt A Hockey club celebrate their championship at the Farmington Pepsi Showdown. Members include (first row, left to right) Cam McMartin, Andrew Duff Jimmy McCuskel, Jason O'Guinn, Thomas Ciaverilla, (second row, left to right) Brad Terberg, Jeff Mydlowski, Matt Long, Grant Blakey, Dustin Gazhey, Danta Masciulli, Cory Hamis, Nick Cote (third row, left to right) Andrew Hays, Ryan Fogarty. Coaches are Greg Duff, David Hays, and Jim McCuskel.

"If this had happened on the street he would have been in jail that night"

— Andrew Long
Injured Guelph Storm
hockey player

I have ever seen," he said. "I honestly hope he never plays again. If this had happened on the street he would have been in jail that night."

Boulerice has been suspended by both the Ontario Hockey League and the American

Hockey League. The OHL banned him for a year, but the AHL, whom he was expected to play for next year, only suspended him till November 15.

"It is a joke that he'll only be out for about 12 games," Long said.

This summer Long plans on continuing his rehabilitation both physically and mentally.

"It's more of a mental battle now," he said. "I don't want to go out on the ice and have to worry about some guy knocking me in the head."

Long has been drafted by the Florida Panthers and expects to be at their training camp this fall.

"Hockey is my dream," he said. "And I won't let some moronic act get in the way of that."

Whalers add depth at goaltender

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Scouting rankings last year - I just went out and played my best and whatever happens, happens. I'm a defensive, stay-at-home defenseman. I'd watch the Whalers after our games last year and it was really nice to play in the same rink."

The Whalers took the first of three goaltenders in the fourth round when they selected Dwayne Bateman from Trenton (Ontario) Jr. A with the 67th overall pick. At 18-years-old, Bateman is older than most picks in the early rounds and is expected to compete in training camp with holdovers Scott Holsinger and Brandon Sacco for playing time in goal.

DeBoer was happy after Plymouth's first four choices in the draft. "I don't think we could have predicted the selections any better," he said. "We got three players in the top three rounds we feel can step in and play right away, which is rare. And we thought we got the best-prepared goaltender available in Bateman, which is mandatory on our team with Robert Esche graduating. He's a big goaltender, like Esche, who covers a lot of net. He took his fourth-

place team to his league's finals last year, so that says he a playoff performer."

Looking for additional depth in goal, the Whalers took Robert Zepp (Newmarket Jr.A) in the 5th round and Mike Betz (Pittsburgh Hornets midget) in the 11th round.

In what was considered a weak draft by many scouts, the Whalers look to fill out the depth chart in the later rounds. Plymouth's most intriguing pick was re-selecting last year's second round pick, Jeff Jillson, in the 10th round (210th overall). Jillson - is slated to play for the University of Michigan next season, but in drafting him again, the Whalers retain Jillson's OHL rights should he decide to play junior hockey.

Jillson's re-selection is the first time the Whalers have ever drafted a player twice.

Next up for the Whalers: The National Hockey League Entry Draft, held Saturday, June 27th in Buffalo at the Midland Marine Arena. Whalers centerman David Legwand is expected to be taken first or second overall.

Sports shorts

Amy Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Canton High School, has just finished her freshman year at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

She recently competed in the North Coast Athletic Conference Outdoor Track Championship meet. She placed seventh in the 400 meter low hurdles and eighth in the 100 meter high hurdles.

Wittenberg finished third in the meet behind Ohio Wesleyan and the College of Wooster.

On deck

The 17th Annual Father's Day 3-Person Golf Scrambles Tournament will be held Sunday, June 21 at Fellow Creek Golf Course. Tee times begin at 11 a.m.

Teams will compete for prizes, including awards for longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, and the top three teams.

The \$100 per team fee includes green fees, awards, and a snack lunch. Carts are extra.

There are no residency requirements, or team make-up requirements.

Registration deadline is June 18. Call 397-5110 for information.

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

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

Registration starts June 15 and ends July 2.



Community opinions

School Board endorsements:

Candidates flunk high school issue

EDITOR:

I must say, I do enjoy your paper so I'm not about to cancel my subscription just yet. But I must inform you of my serious disappointment with your choice of endorsements for the upcoming School Board election.

I do vote and neither mine nor my wife's will be cast for those individuals you endorsed. Regardless of how well qualified or well intentioned they may be on other

issues, they are against the most important and far-reaching one—location of a third high school.

I find it more than curious that The Crier discussed the importance of that single issue and how the candidates aligned on the issue just last week. Yet in your "evaluation" of their qualifications, their stance on this issue was conveniently ignored, this despite alluding to its importance by stating, "In that time, the Board will try to answer such

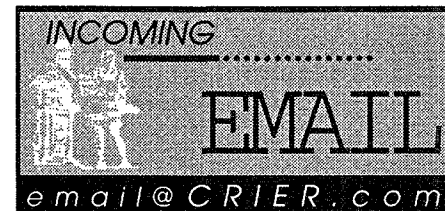
questions as where to build the third high school, how to allow Whaler players as exchange students at CEP, and where to find appropriate legal advice for the district."

We, too, would have liked to know how these individuals regard the second issue.

As a host family to two of the Whaler players last season (and we intend to continue with the coming season), we are not disinterested in this matter, and also feel that the basis for previous denial of attendance at CEP was dishonest.

Moral bankruptcy, whether in Washington, Lansing, the City/Township or the local School Board does not sit well with me, and I challenge others to adopt a policy of zero tolerance as well.

Plain and simple, locating the school on the corner of Beck and Joy is AT BEST, an idiotic idea; equally idiotic was Sue Davis' and Judy Mardigian's 'rationale' for doing



so (at least Darwin Watts was a bit more open to the possibility of an alternative, but still too equivocal for my taste—and vote).

I can appreciate the sentiment expressed in your "How, why we endorse" piece. You make it clear that it is only an opinion albeit a self-proclaimed "reasoned" opinion.

So allow me to express my opinion

in the same vein—you did the Community of which I am a part a disservice and your opinion stinks!

ROBIN M. FELINSKI

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Congrats, Watts

EDITOR:

Congratulations to Darwin Watts on his election to the School Board. Dar is 38 year-old husband and father to twin boys who are in the first grade at Bird Elementary School. He is also a Plymouth businessman, working as Division Manager of the Absopure Corporation and a graduate of the year-long Leadership Plymouth course, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

We admire the ethical and moral way in

which he conducted his campaign of substance and honesty, including his willingness to focus on studying the issues.

In 1984, we walked door-to-door with Judge John MacDonald who remarked that "putting up yard signs is a sure way to lose votes." Dar Watts proved that a person who is "all steak and no sizzle" can get elected, and that substance, credibility and intellectual honesty will win the race.

JOHN and BETH STEWART
Plymouth

Campaign for Wayne '98: feel the love

If you don't believe that it's election time, just look at this Mutt and Jeff photo.

Yes, that's right.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, a Republican who only four months ago considered running for Wayne County Executive just to steal west-of-I-275 votes, and Wayne County Executive Edward

McNamara, a Democrat seeking re-election, are now in love.

Last March, Yack wanted to put a bumper sticker — A.B.E. (anybody but Ed) — on his car to drive over Canton's neglected roads. But now, Wayne County is really, really, really (no, REALLY!) going to start paying attention to roads out west of I-275.

The Yack-McNamara lovefest is all part of McNamara's re-election rope-a-dope strategy. He also wants the support of other Republican motherlodes like Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

Yack was roped quickly. By Mac admitting there is life in Wayne County west of Livonia, Yack gets Mac's help on Canton roads. (Nevermind that the county should have been providing that help all along, since it siphons off Act 51 dollars from all its local communities.)

Ain't love grand?

Ain't election year fun?

Who's next?

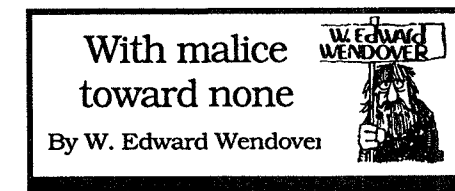
Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy should endorse MacNamara too *if* he:

- Brings a railroad underpass to Sheldon Road;

- Puts Mike Duggan in charge of cleaning up Wilcox Lake like for his own backyard's Newburgh Lake;

- Tells City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury to stop acting like a spoiled child;

- Fixes up and donates the long-vacant-eyesore Wilcox Yard to a



worthwhile community organization;

- Adds a streetscape and limited access to both sides (City and Township) of Ann Arbor Road.

Then those two good Republicans (Don and Kathleen) could join the Yack-Mac Lovefest. And, of course, all their citizens would line up for McNamara's re-election.

Even Northville Township could win here. If McNamara promises to deliver all the infrastructure around a new Northville High School at Six Mile-Beck-Sheldon, then Supervisor Karen Woodside could endorse him too. Voters would follow her lead.

You might think these Big Mac attacks are surprising.

But with the school elections over and the decks are cleared for the Aug. 4 primary, you haven't seen anything yet.

Ain't election year fun?



Yack's Big Mac attack (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin).



Community opinions

And a short stack to go

"The anti-smoking movement is out of control."

Faces in the early morning crowd at Bode's turned toward the end of the counter where the little pink pig was enjoying his corned beef hash and scrambled eggs.

Buford B. Pig looked up.

"They started with Joe Camel and no one seemed to mind," he said after taking a slurp of coffee.

"And I didn't hear a peep when they retired the I-94 Marlboro Man."

Heads nodded knowingly.

"Now they've come to Plymouth and there's nothing we can do."

It suddenly looked like someone ordered a round of bewilderment for the house.

Heather, the waitress, looked up from filling coffee cups.

"It's too early for this, Buford. What are you talking about?"

"Only the most visible symbol for chain smokers everywhere," he replied.

A chorus of groans swelled in the dining room as everyone realized he was talking about the Burroughs/Unisys smokestack.

"You have it all wrong, young man," came a voice from the other end of the counter. "That old smokestack turned into a money pit. They just couldn't afford to spend money repairing something they never used."

"Hey Richard! You running a special on short stacks this week?"

Everyone ignored the comment.

"I'll have one of those!" Buford squealed.

Well, almost everyone.

"That Burroughs stack is a piece of history," someone chimed in.

"Well, that buckled-up asphalt at Penniman and Sheldon's been around long enough to get a historical marker, but I'll be glad when they finally fix it."

"The P-C-N Community has done a lot to preserve its heritage. We've saved historic homes and buildings and even the

new library designed to fit the historic downtown Plymouth look."

"Still, I'm going to miss driving in on '275 and seeing the old landmark," someone said wistfully. Heather came back with the coffee pot.

"Hey, this is a growing community," she said. "And face it. Times change."

Buford looked up from his plate.

So that's why they're putting up the big clock!"

From the pen of
Buford B. Pig
a.k.a. Russ Franzen



BUFORD B. PIG, famed P-C author, occasionally submits his unique views on community news for Crier readers.



Workers have almost reached the B as they begin to dismantle the smokestack at Unisys, formerly Burroughs, in Plymouth. The stack, which has stood more than 200 feet high for 60 years, should be down to 40 feet by month's end (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

Joint recreation:

Issue didn't start out tangled

EDITOR:

It is unfortunate that the recreational proposal has gotten so tangled in controversy. It did not start out that way.

About a year ago Chuck Skene called a group of us together to discuss a recreation plan. The group consisted of men and women, coaches, managers, seniors, etc. The main problem at that time was to get the City and Township to talk to each other. Very little progress was made, but then the Township said it would initiate a .5 mill tax for a community-wide recreation plan. All the coaches, managers, parents and others were elated as this would underwrite a total recreation plan for the entire Plymouth Community.

But there was a fly in the soup! The local YMCA wanted a piece of the action... in fact they volunteered to run the program.

Everyone knows the YMCA is a wonderful organization, and do many good things; but for them to step in and take over a well-established system is not too logical. The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department has managed a community-wide program for T-ball kids to grandmas and grandpas for years. They have the know-how for this area.

Another sticky point that can eventually cause problems is that the YMCA is a religion-based organization; and for them to accept tax dollars could raise legal implications.

Little did our original group think that a recreation plan would get so complex. We just wanted wholesome, healthy recreation for everybody. Hopefully it will still work that way.

CHUCK CHILDS

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