

Supporters heckle complainant at dog day care meeting

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inars and sells retail items such as dog food and treats, leashes and collars, with day care as an accessory use.

Often between 12 and 20 dogs are in the back yard of the business, according to the town's bylaw office.

Pam Mandich, who

lodged the complaint after her dog suffered severe injuries at the day care, spoke at council.

Ms Johnson told The Sun-Tribune she offered to pay half the vet bills for the injured dog. Ms Mandich had brought her dog three times a week to the day care for more than two years

without incident before the attack, Ms Johnson added.

Ms Mandich closely questioned staff on various issues such as what the town's responsibility is when a complaint is made and if the business could continue if the doggie day-care component were taken away. It could continue, the town's manager of planning services, Andrew McNeely, confirmed.

Because this type of business is so new, there is no definitive research on

whether or not attending a doggie day care makes dogs more or less aggressive, Ms Mandich noted.

She was heckled and booed by K9s supporters when she tried to quote information from Chicago where hearings were held in July regarding licensing dog day cares. One expert noted stressful events occur at day care and they create anxious dogs, possibly leading to aggression.

"I am not interested in closing down a successful

business on Main Street," Ms Mandich said after the meeting.

"Doggie day care is unlicensed and unregulated. I would like to see this town explore licencing doggie daycares so there are adequate safety standards for the general public and the animals," she said.

"(Ms Johnson) is doing everything that describes a retail business," Councillor Rob Hargrave said at the meeting. "There is the signage. It is a retail store that

has a portion of it as a doggie day care. The majority of her income is coming from retail."

The issue has dragged on far too long, he noted.

Rochelle Lyons, a customer of K9s in Kahoots, received a standing ovation when she talked about the growing need for this type of service. With many two-income homes, people feel guilty about leaving their dogs at home all day and need this type of service, she said.

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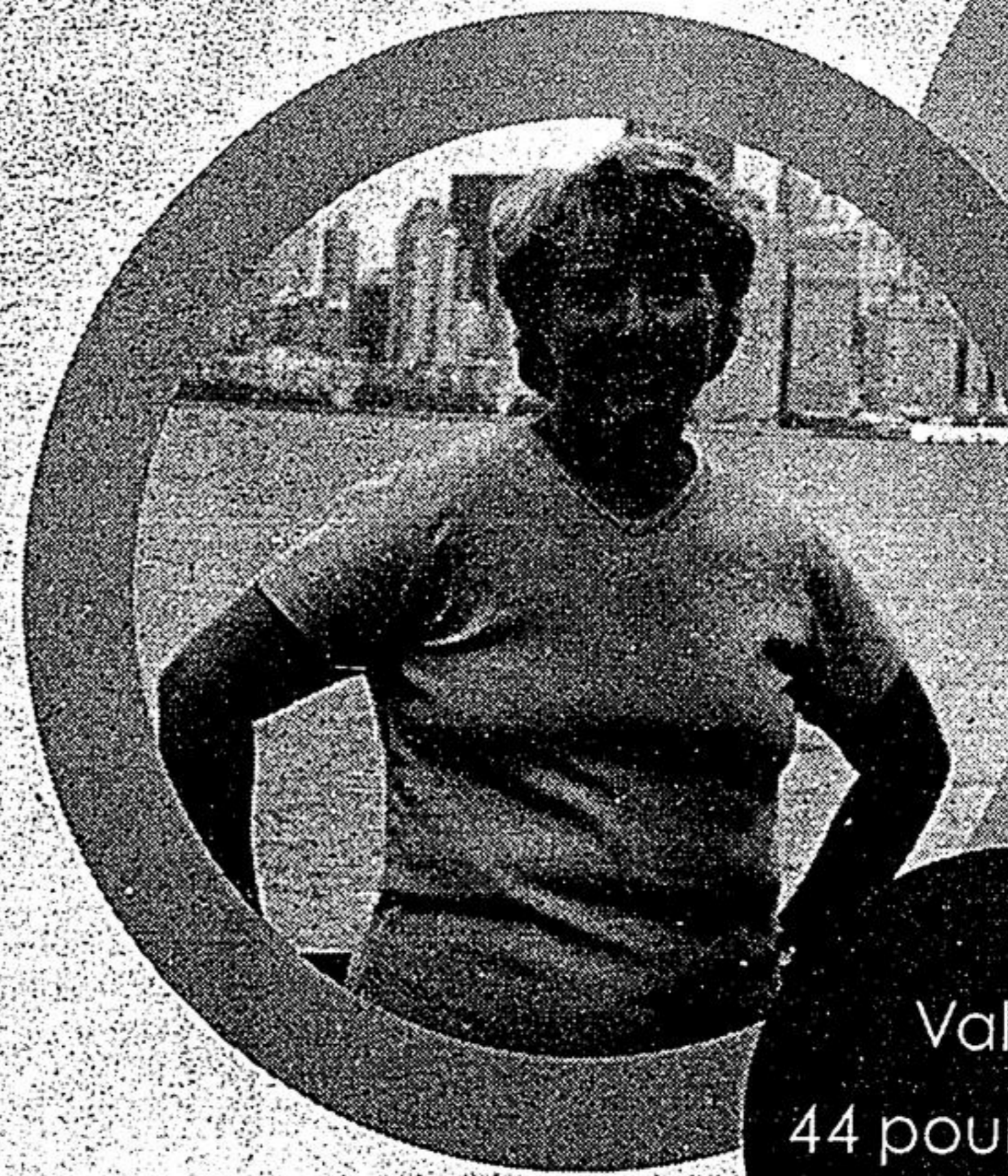
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