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# No noise ordinance until May

City Commission holds to tidy up proposal

BY BRYON MARTIN

City of Plymouth citizens turned out at City Hall Monday night to make a great noise — standards set in the proposed noise ordinance aren't enough.

On the evening they were set to adopt the ordinance, the commission narrowly voted to postpone such action until changes could be made.

At its first meeting in May the commission will return to the ordinance, designed to set enforceable limits on noise emissions in the city.

According to the draft proposed, noise that reaches a residential area could be no louder than 61 decibels and no louder than 55 decibels between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. City commercial areas could generate up to 71 decibels of noise between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., and 61 decibels between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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## McLaughlin seeks County

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

In a move long rumored on the way, Canton Trustee and Planning Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin has announced she will enter the race for Wayne County Commissioner in the

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Neighbors, some of whom helped in the effort, look on as emergency workers secure the scene where a Cessna 150-J crashed Saturday evening in the yard of a Canton subdivision home. Both the pilot and passenger survived. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

## Canton neighbors save fliers

BY BRYON MARTIN, SCOTT SPIELMAN and SCOTT GOODWIN

"I just heard a thump and that was it."

Don Snowden stepped out into the clear dusk Saturday to investigate and saw his neighbors running down the street.

There in a nearby yard lay a small blue plane. The left wing touched the street, the right pointed toward the sky. The tail was bent and drooped. The cockpit was crumpled.

People were yelling.

"It's kind of weird to see a plane stuck in

your street," he said.

Snowden didn't spend much time considering the surreal scene. He didn't even his shoes on. He responded as the others had.

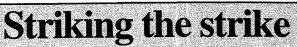
"I grabbed my fire extinguisher, then me and seven or eight of my neighbors went to beln"

The pilot and passenger were still inside the plane when Snowden arrived.

Within about two minutes fuel inside the plane ignited and began to burn. Neighbors pulled out one crash victim seated on the right side. The left side was crushed.

"We got one guy out, but the other one was trapped. The fire was getting to him but we tried to keep it off him."

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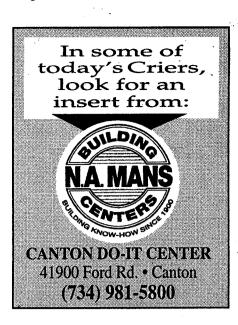


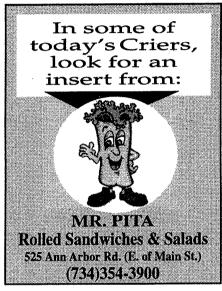
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Plymouth-Canton Ballet interprets Bram Stoker's Dracula See Friends & Neighbors pg. 5







## **High-rent PDD proposed**

Early plans OKd for upscale development near Saltz and Canton Center

units, a bank and commercial space.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's Planning Commission voted 5-0 Monday to approve the preliminary draft of a Planned Development District. Commissioners Thomas Sullivan and Karl Zarbo were absent.

The Planned Development District (PDD) is proposed for 75 acres along the west side Canton Center Road, from Saltz Road to the Centre Village Shopping Center. according to Canton Planner Judy Bocklage.

Developed by Dick Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Development Associates. the PDD will include 599 upscale residential

lush, multi-use project aimed toward an older community or younger couples who want to live a freer and easier lifestyle," Lewiston said. "We want a project absolutely integrated: all elements the same, all materials the same and very traditional in

"We're attempting to build an extremely

design.'

Lewiston said the project will be modeled after the Mainstreet of Novi, and will be constructed by the same architect. Some improvements to the design have already been made, such as locating all garages behind the units and away from the road, eliminating five buildings and providing an additional amount of open space.

Lewiston said the commercial area of the PDD will connect with the Centre Village Shopping Center, immediately to the north, and could contain an upscale bookstore such as Barnes and Noble or Borders, with an outdoor cafe.

'We're well along in securing one of them," she said. Another possible use for the commercial area would be a performing arts center. Canton is now negotiating of the owners of the closing Arnoldt WIlliams store to locate such a community center there. If that agreement doesn't work out, Lewiston said he would consider donating the space to the community, should talks with the owners of Arnoldt Williams reach an impasse.

We want to encourage people to walk, look and listen," he said.

The residential units will vary in size and

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### Dope dough could go to Twp.

BY BRYON MARTIN

A man stopped by Plymouth Township police was in ecstacy. Now police are in the

Lab tests on white pills found during a traffic stop have shown them to be ecstacy, a form of narcotic, according to Sgt. Jim

Police can now proceed with charging the driver with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver-dealing, Jarvis said. This means the department can seize the driver's car and the \$7,000 in cash found during the stop.

Police searched the car earlier this month when, during a traffic stop intiated by Ofc. Ed Gauthier, the driver tried to discard a small bag of marijuana, according to police reports. The ultimately turned up the white pills and \$7,000 in cash.

Because they were uncertain what the pills were and because the amount of marijuana was so small, police put off charging the driver until tests could be run on the pills. Police knew that if the pills turned out to be a controlled substance they could charge the driver with a more serious offense and seize property associated with

They were.

"We've already sent him a forfeiture notice," Jarvis said.

Unless the driver files a protest of the forfeiture by the end of April, the department will take possesion of his 1987 Honda Civic and the cash it carried.

This money and property will go toward funding township drug interdiction programs and the costs of fighting drug crimes,

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### McLaughlin runs for County Commission

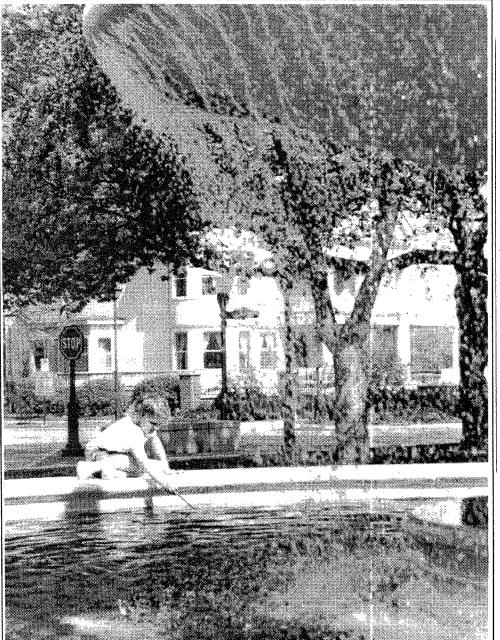
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11th District

The seat will be vacated by Bruce Patterson, who whose term expires this year. Instead of seeking re-election to the county

commission Patterson is running for State Representative in the 21st House District.

McLaughlin said she hopes to help make county government more responsive to local governments, and continue where Patterson left off.



Making a splash... As soon as the water was on, Abby Dalton was there. The young Plymouth resident played Monday while sitting at the edge of Kellogg Park's fountain, redesigned and erected last fall. A Memorial Day dedication is expected (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

"The further away the government gets the less responsive it is," she said. "They tend to ignore what people really want. On the local level people have interest in government and their thoughts and concerns have an impact on what happens in the community,"

McLaughlin's previous work with Patterson gives her a good perspective to work from, she said. As Patterson's coordinator for constituent services, McLaughlin has dealt with citizen's concerns and seen how the local and county government react. In addition, her role as a manager of a citizen's advisory group puts her well in touch with important issues, she said.



"As a trustee I can see Canton Township's perspective. And dealing with the county executive I know the frustration of being limited in what we can do. They're not accountable to us," she said. "I think there are ways of working with the commission to get things done."

One of the goals she will pursue is to keep local decisions in the hands of local governments, she said.

Issues such as road improvements and Rouge River cleanup can best be solved by the people that are affected by them most closely: local governments.

"It's stupid to send a boatload of money to the county for road improvements and have the funds trickle back to us," she said. "The farther away the money goes, the less effective it is."

While McLaughlin said she doesn't have a set agenda to work from, she intends to address issues such as the disproportionately high amount of mills Wayne County levies to residents.

She will also deal with ongoing issues such as noise abatement at Metro Airport and the Willow Run Tradeport, which she has worked on along with Patterson.

"I just thought it was the right time to run," she said. "I've got a lot of experience and I think I've proved myself in Canton. If you roll it all up, you get a pretty good package."

## Twp. police find link to Eckles bones

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth Township police believe they're just one step away from putting a name to the human remains found in late March near the Plymouth-Livonia border.

A combination of interviews and evidence found near the bones have led police to suspect they belonged to a Livonia man who had been living at a house nearby, according to Sgt. Jim Jarvis.

A Plymouth Township man discovered the remains in a wooded area west of Eckles Road and south of Five Mile Road. Only bones remained of the body, but clothing and a handgun found at the scene have taken police on a trail that led to a possible identification, according to Jarvis. Serial numbers on the gun took police to a home a few blocks from the woods where the body was found. The house, in turn, led Jarvis to interview a woman now living in Detroit.

The woman, Jarvis said, had a boyfriend she said she had not seen since May 5.

A watch stopped on Jan 6, 1996 was found with the remains, according to police reports.

The woman's description of her boyfriend included a camouflage jacket, flannel shirt, bear belt buckle and short boots—all articles found with the remains. She said he had taken her father's handgun, the one police found near the body.

The woman also described the area

where the body was found, according to

"She said that he had mentioned that spot in the woods and that if he was ever going to do something like (shoot himself), that's where he would do it."

Jarvis said even with such strong evidence, identification won't be finalized until dental records are obtained for corroboration.

One inquiry to a naval base where the suspected victim served has turned up no records; a query at another base is pending, according to Jarvis.

"We're still open to tips the public might have," he said, "anything that might jog a memory"

### Agenda

#### THIS WEEK

 Friday, the Plymouth Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall.

#### THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday, the Northville Chamber of Commerce hosts its 6th Annual dinner auction for Friends of Parks & Rec. Call the chamber at 248-349-7640.
- Saturday, adults can make their own garden mosaic with the Plymouth Community Arts Council's workshop, from 12:30–4:30 p.m. Cost, \$46. Call 416-4ART.
- Saturday and Sunday, the Plymouth Community Chorus presents its spring concert, "Broadway Magic," at 8 p.m. in the Salem Auditorium. Sunday's show begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Call (734) 455-4080.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will hold a meeting on the latest development and maintenance projects and summer policing.
 R.S.V.P. by April 27 at (734) 455-1453 ext.254.

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Local experts give Crier readers the nuts and bolts of round-the-house repairs in the Crier's Home Improvement Plus next week. Limited ad space available, (734) 453-6900.

## Residents' cue leads City to delay noise ordinance

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"I feel this is a comfortable level for the mix of business and residential," uses, Commissioner Colleen Pobur said. Some citizens didn't agree.

Dean and Terri Kariniemi, of 633 Starkweather, presented to the commission a list of communities with maximum nighttime noise levels closer to 50 or 40 decibels. This list, they said in an attached letter, suggests "the...level proposed for the new (Plymouth) noise ordinance is significantly higher than most communities adopt."

The Kariniemis are tied to the city's effort to rewrite the noise ordinance by complaints they made last autumn against the Lower Town Grill. The music there is too loud, according to the Kariniemis, who live across Starkweather Street from the grill.

Their complaints eventually led to a case that went before Chief Judge John MacDonald in 35th District Court. MacDonald said that because the city's existing ordinance gave insufficient definition of what is and is not 'loud,' it was unenforceable and unconstitutional. The ordinance was scrapped.

There currently is no noise ordinance in effect in the

Pobur has worked to draft the proposal with Building

Official Jim Penn, City Attorney Sarah Osburn and Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck. As the committee worked out a new noise ordinance, the Lower Town case frequently came up. But it was not the only standard considered according to Pobur, a point she reiterated at Monday's meeting.

• I don't think we'll ever have an ordinance that makes everybody happy.'

David McDonald

City Commissioner

"I'll repeat my mantra and say that (the proposed ordinance) has to be broad enough for all situations in Plymouth and specific enough to be enforced," she said.

Residents from Byron and Harvey streets, and Penniman Avenue—each an area with different noise concerns—said maximum decibel levels set in the ordinance are not satisfacto-

Along Byron Street, the racket comes from loudspeakers at Dick Scott Dodge dealership at Main Street and Ann Arbor

Road, according to Richard Huebler.

On Penniman Avenue, resident John Ronavne said live and recorded music played at The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company carries down the street and into his home during summer

Ronayne also pointed to contradictory passages in the ordinance regarding noise measurement procedures.

One passage in the ordinance says noise levels will be measured at the property line from which the noise originates; later, it says levels will be taken from the property of the person complaining.

Until such concerns are addressed or remedied, said Commissioner Stella Greene, no new ordinance should be adopted.

"I don't think we'll ever have an ordinance that makes everybody happy," Commissioner David McDonald said. "I think it's time to do what we're supposed to do and vote on it."

Adoption of the ordinance was tabled in a narrow vote, 4-3. Commissioners Pobur, McDonald and Joe Koch voted against postponement.

Until a new ordinance is in place, the music is likely to be heard on Starkweather Street. Lower Town Grill owner Kim Guenther said further noise-proofing efforts are on hold until the city sets a standard.

"I've got to have some limits to work with or work against."

### Development could include Canton arts center deal

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elevation, but retain similar architectural themes and materials. The two- and threestory units would be all brick. The three story structures would include two floors of living space, and garages underneath, he said.

square-foot clubhouse with state of the art recreation and fitness equipment. Lewiston's plans would also develop a small lake in the PDD.

Residential units would range in size from one-bedroom, 950-square-foot apartments to three-bedroom, 1450-square-foot

The PDD will also feature a 10,000- units, with rent between \$1,050 and Pheasant Run and Pilgrim Village, he \$1,700 a month, Lewiston said.

> We have some units in Pilgrim Village with a similar price range," Lewiston said.

Many of the aesthetics such as landscaping and signage would be similar to other Lewiston developments, such as said. Planned for the PDD's extensive walkways as well as main interior roads are English-style, ornamental street lights.

"Projects of this size with this kind of detail are magnificent," he said. "This may be my retirement project so I've got to do it right."



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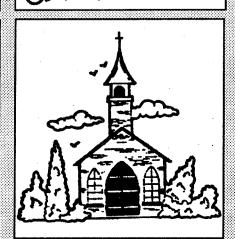
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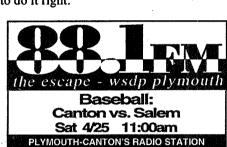
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## Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

The following students from Canton were recently honored for academic achievement at the University of Michigan: Liesha beachum, Adam Bradley, Deborah Brozovich, Rebecca Hattner, Christine Jodoin, Vipul Khanpara, Kiran Kher, Brian Maci, Laura Mortiere, Michele Nestico, Kellie Teague, Sweena Aulakh, Kevin Berlin, Christopher Bignell, Andrew Casper, Michael Chappell, Nathan Copenhaver, Dina Di Dario, Paul Edwards, Shannon Farkas, Jeremy Fox, Julie Furr, Adam Golovoy, Jahn Harbar, Michael Hjelmstad, Puja Kumar, Heh Shin Kwak, Harry Lee, Katherine Lee, Deborah Lorenz, Kelly Maltese, Michael Miller, Audrey Paschke, Brandon Praeblich, Susan Ratcliffe, Preeti Rout, Cason Scott, Sanjeev Seth, Neha Shah, Julie Siegel, Kristin Snow, Bradley Sprecher, Boyd Stitt, Albert Tsang, Heather Tuite, Rebecca Urgya, Tracie Vida, Meredith Whalen, Shengbin Yang, and William Zdan; from Plymouth: Kathleen Barker, Theodore Betley, Gabriel Burnstein, Sarah Carson, Eduardo Castillo, Derek Clemens, Caroline Curtiss, Lora David, Bernadette De Guzman, Karen Eisenhauer, Nicholas Farrell, Tracy Forrester, Andrea Frey, Brian Galvin, Laura Giles, Meredith Giles, Thomas Gould, Benjamin Greanya, Scott Hall, Marie Harrison, Geoffrey Kandes, Julie Katcherian, Melissa Kowalis, Aaron Leanhardt, Scott Lefurgy, Jennifer Ma, Kimberly Madsen, Kirk Metzger, Matthew Mish, Steven Mondry, Casey Moothart, Tami Morse, Jennifer Munfakh, Tiffani Natalini, Alison Nemier, Rebecca Normile, Elizabeth Oatley, Lisa Pang, Christopher Parrott, Rupa Patel, Lauren Pilarski, Monica Prasad, Christopher Pratt, Jeffrey Reed, Erin Reid, Angkana Roy, Carrie Russell, Christy Russell, Lynette Santiago, Christine Sauber, Amy Siegrist, Lisa Sikorski, Jennifer Single, Sara Steffanni, S. Louise Townley, Neelesh Varde, Kirk Wahtera, Anne Ward, Alexander Warden, Marcus Zevalkink and Olivia Zinn.

Army Pvt. Todd J. Masura has graduated from the M1 Abrams tank turret Mechanic course at Fort Knox, KY.

In addition to basic combat training, the course instructs soldiers to perform maintenance on the Ambrams tank turret.

Masura is the son of Gordon P. and Mary A. Masura of Canton.

## P-C Ballet interprets Dracula

Vampiric tale provides different experience for dancers, audience

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Plymouth Canton Ballet's May 2 performance will cater to those with a taste for the ghoulish, according to Director Dawn Greene.

Eerie music and costumes will transform the South Lyon High School auditorium as the ballet company performs its rendition of Dracula there.

"We wanted to do something different," Greene said. "It will be a real thriller."

The ballet is modeled after Bram Stroker's classic novel, according to Greene. Performed in two acts, the ballet presents all of the famous characters from the book, including Renfield, Dr. Van Helsing and Jonathan Harker.

"It's closer to the story of the book than any of the other ballets that have been done," Greene said. "We tried to keep it pretty close."

The ballet follows the story of Mina and Lucy, two friends that find themselves drawn under Dracula's power when he moves from his native Transylvania to London.

Lucy is overcome by the count's dark power, and it looks as though Mina is next, until Dr. Van Helsing organizes a hunt for Dracula.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet is comprised of dancers from the Metro-Detroit area, according to Greene. It was choreographed by Mark Nash, a former soloist



Cast members of the P-C Ballet's Dracula are drawn from the Detorit Metro area

with the Cincinnati Ballet Company, and Greene's son-in-law.

Lucy is overcome by the count's dark over, and it looks as though Mina is next, this I had him come in and set it up."

The tale is told through supernatural settings, music and dance, Greene said. With special effects used to create spooky atmospheres and plenty of scary costumes, the ballet promises to chill and thrill.

"It'll be a different experience for the

dancers," Greene said. "There is a lot more action then they are used to, and a lot more acting."

Tickets for the May 2 show are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Two performances will be given, one at 1:30 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. at the South Lyon High School auditorium at 11 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail. For ticket

information, call the Plymouth-Canton Ballet at (734) 397-8828.

## Fundraiser marches through town

March of Dimes features eight-mile loop through Plymouth

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Time for Plymouth-Canton-Northville residents to partake in the March of Dimes Walk America is running out.

The fundraiser, which helps fund birth defect research is coming to Plymouth this weekend.

Starting out in Hines Park, the path of the eight-mile walk follows Mill to Farmer to Harvey streets, then down Penniman to Sheldon and back up Ann Arbor Trail.

"We usually have one near Detroit and we try t locate them in different communities," said Bill Axtell, director of communications for the March of Dimes. "The Plymouth area seemed like a good area to try. It's a beautiful part of Metro Detroit, with lots of historic buildings. Being near Hines Park didn't hurt, either."

People interested in participating in

the walk can pick up a sponsor form at several Plymouth locations, including the Lowertown Grill, Papa Romano's on Ann Arbor Road, and at the Plymouth and Canton Kroger stores.

Participants then find someone to sponsor them by pledging a certain amount of money.

Many local business are getting involved as well, by providing checkpoints throughout the walk. Companies such as Frito-Lay and Papa Romano's will provide snacks and Absopure will provide refreshments at locations along the walk, Axtell said.

Activities will be planned throughout the day, Axtell said. Singer Tani Ann Mough will sing the National anthem, and the Redford Unicycle Club and Clowns Around Redford will be performing throughout the event, he said.

"We want to encourage people to

come out because it's a good time for all." Axtell said.

The March of Dimes raises funds to help prevent birth defects. In the 25 years of the organizations's existence, it has raised more than \$972,000,000, Axtell said. Among the advances the March of Dimes has funded are the PKU test and Surfactant therapy, Axtell said. The PKU test is given to every baby born in the U.S. and can help detect and prevent mental retardation, Axtell said. Surfactant therapy makes it possible for premature babies to breathe.

The event begins with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday. The walk begins at 9 a.m. Axtell said.

"This is our superbowl," Axtell said.
"It's our one big event."

For more information call the March of Dimes at (248) 423-3200 or 1-800 Big Walk

### Pilot avoids houses

• The neighbors

heroes.

were really something

to see. They were the

– Oliver Gumley

Nottingham Forest resident

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Those who had fire extinguishers used them against the fire. Others pulled out their garden hoses to spray water on the man trapped in the burning cockpit. Still other neighbors held up the broken left wing to make way for the hoses.

Before long Canton rescue, firemen and police arrived and freed the trapped passenger, and put out the fire.

Both passengers eventually were flown by helicopter to the University of Michigan hos-

If not for Snowden and the other residents of the Nottingham Forest sub who pitched in at the scene, officials say it could have been a lot worse for the plane's pilot and passenger.

"This would've been a lot more tragic," said John Santomauro, director of Canton Public Safety.

#### "At tree-top level"

The single-engine, two-seater plane carrying 21-year-old Phillip Kahler and 41-year-old Malcolm Stinson, had just taken off from Mettetal Airport, according to Mettetal Manager Doug Kitze.

Both men are now in the U of M Hospital's burn and trauma ward. Stinson, the first man freed from the wreck, is listed in critical condition with extensive internal and head injuries, according to the hospital. Kahler is listed in fair condition:

Kahler is an Ypsilanti resident and a flight instructor, according to Leonard Schemaske of Canton Police. Stinson is a

Canton resident and was taking lessons from Kahler, Schemanske said. The pair began their lesson taking off from Willow Run Airport where the plane is rented to pilots by "A Different Approach."

Just before the crash, Stinson was flying the plane and had practiced a landing and takeoff at Mettetal Airport, about a mile

It was shortly after leaving the Mettetal runway that the plane came down in the front yard of a Canton home on Avon Street, located south of Warren Road and west of Lilley.

Witnesses at and near the scene told officials the plane was flying at "tree-top level," the engine "sputtering."

Just above the ground and headed for a house, the plane made a deep, last-second

bank and crashed into the front yard.

Canton Police received their first calls about the crash around 6:30 p.m., according to John Santoumaro, director of Pubic Safety. First response officers were on the scene in two to three minutes, he said.

"The neighbors were really something"

Larry Sebuck was walking into his first-floor office as the plane fell toward his split-level house. His wife Ronnie was in an upstairs bedroom, also at the front of the house.

"I saw a flash of white and blue go past the window and heard a bang. I though it was a truck tailgate being dropped," Larry said. "Then I heard my wife scream, 'A plane just crashed."

Sebuck ran outside.
Bob Loveland, who
lives across from
Sebuck, said the plane
buzzed the roof of his
two-story house by two
or three feet. His wife
Michelle was in the
front room of the house
and saw the impact.

Oliver Gumley lives next to Loveland and said he and his wife heard the plane going down, and that it didn't sound like a plane.

"My wife asked if

there was helicopter flying overhead, because that's what it sounded like. It didn't sound like a plane. All of a sudden there was a silence, and then a bang. I went outside and there were about 15 neighbors lifting the plane, squirting hoses and trying to help the (pilot and passenger) out.

Loveland was the first of the neighbors on the scene. He helped Stinson out of the wreck. Loveland said Stinson had a deep

puncture wound in forehead. Loveland said he took the man to lay by a tree a few feet away.

The plane had missed hitting the tree, but destroyed a mailbox about six feet away. "I have no idea how it spun around the tree without hitting it."

There, Loveland said, Stinson was conscious but unresponsive. His head injury was obviously serious, but the plane had begun to burn with flames six feet high, according to Sebuck. Kahler was still inside.

Loveland returned to the plane to help the others free the trapped 21-year-old. "It was a catch 22." he said.

"I tried to get the passenger out. He was conscious, moving and moaning. It looked like he was trying to free his legs," Loveland said.

The sky was clear that night, but a slight wind was blowing. According to Sebuck, in a



Larry Sebuck (at right) finds himself behind police tape in his own yard—a crashing plane narrowly missed his house on Avon Street when it crashed in his yard Saturday. The plane "would've come in the house," he said, if not for a last-second turn.

bit of luck the wind was blowing the flames away from the trapped Kahler.

When Canton fire and rescue workers arrived they whisked Stinson to the abandoned Kmart parking lot at Ford and Sheldon roads, which served as a pickup point for Medflight helicopters. Stinson was first taken to St. Mary's in Livonia. Later he was transferred to U of M.

Extracting Stinson from the burning wreck took longer. He too was removed and transported to the pickup point. Medflight flew him to U of M.

While many lauded the quick response of Canton Public Safety, it was the action of neighbors that most at the scene found remarkable.

"The neighbors were really something to see, they were the heroes," Gumley said. "They weren't scared or anything. That's what got me. It could've blown up and a lot more people could've got hurt."
"He saved us..."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the crash, the wreckage in storage at Willow Run Airport, according to Martin Solvberg, of the FAA's Belleville office.

Solvberg was at the scene Saturday night and said the investigation is likely to take

Inspecting the scene, Solvberg said he found a piece of propeller that broke off at impact and flew over houses, landing a block away.

Doug Kitze was at the scene too, arriving shortly after the crash. He had just left

Mettetal when a staff member called his house in Canton to tell him of the crash.

Looking into the cockpit, Kitze said he found a clipboard, suggesting the plane was being used for training. Kitze also discussed what Stinson might have been trying to do as he crashed.

"It looks like he might have been trying to land in the street. His wing might have hit the ground and spun the plane around the tree."

Kitze said the area where the plane crashed is below airspace where most Mettetal flights don't go.

"In the standard traffic pattern pilots go left after taking off."

Stinson turned right.

"That's just not the way it's usually done," Kitze said.

Sebuck, owner of the home where the plane landed, said he's grateful for Stinson's last-minute efforts.

If not for pilot's hard bank to the left just prior to impact, "they would've come into the house," he said.

"He saved our lives by banking the way he did," said Ronnie, Larry's wife.

Saturday's incident wasn't the first airplane-related stress in the Sebuck's lives. Their son flies F-18 fighters for the Marine Corps. Larry said they'll call and tell him about their near catastrophe. "He won't believe this," Larry said.

And about Stinson, the pilot Larry and his neighbors helped save, and the pilot who saved the houses on Avon Street from a bigger catastrophe. Larry had one message.

"I hope he makes it."



Mettetal Airport Manager Doug Kitze (left) was at the scene shortly after the plane crashed in Sebuck's yard.

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He saved our lives
by banking the way he
did.
Ronnie Sebuck
Nottingham Forest resident

#### Crashes, heroes

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

With an Airport within its borders, the P-C-N community has a longer list of plane crashes in its history than some other communities.

Last year two men suffered minor injuries when pilot Bill Kern's Cessna crashed into a field just north of Metettal airport. Kern blamed a non-responsive engine for the Juy 2 crash.

On September 3, 1994 a crash off the Metettal runway left one dead and five injured.

At about 8:15 a.m., 58-year-old Lawrence Gilleian of Plymouth and his wife, Patty, with Lloyd and Delores Cochran were on their way to vacation on Beaver Island when Gilleian's Cessna 182 stalled, clipped a tree and plunged into a vacnat lot, where it burst into flames. Gilleian was killed in the crash, and his wife and the Cochrans were seriously injured. Two witnesses who helped pul the victims from the crash were also treated for smoke inhalation.

But P-C-N's worst air disaster occured July 23, 1990 when two planes, one just



Plymouth-Canton has had its share of plane crashes—and heroes. In Saturday's crash (above) and an incident in 1990, actions by the pilot and passersby have been noted for their selflessness and regard for others' well being. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin)

out of Metettal Airport, collided in midair, killing three.

It was a Saturday morning and the skies were clear. Charles W. Nix, 45, of Detroit and Robert Gunn, 65, of Livonia were flying in a single-engine Piper Cherokee when it was apparently struck from behind by a twin-engine Piper flown Cedar Springs.

The planes crashed into an empty field just off M-14, near Beck and North Territorial roads. All three men died in the

With this history of crashes comes a history of heroism. In Saturday's crash, several

out of Detroit by Daniel V. Starr, 34, of neighbors lifted the plane, removed the pilot and tried to extinquish the flames with hoses and fire extinguishers. Kern was applauded for ditching his plane in an empty field rather a residential neighborhood. Two employes from nearby NSS Industries pulled Gilleian and his passengers from the wreck and later performed CPR.

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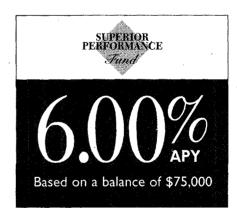
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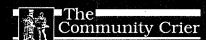
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#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

The 120 voice Plymouth Community Chorus presents "Broadway Magic" Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets are \$8. Call 734-459-4080 for more information.

#### GENITTI'S PRESENTS: "BEANIE BABY CAPERS"

This is an interactive show for anyone who loves Beanie Babies. In addition to the mini luncheon and children's theater, two Beanie Babies will be raffled off. The show will be presented Saturday and May 23, 30. For more information call Genitti's 248-349-0522.

#### PLYMOUTH SALEM ROCKETTES POM PON

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes Pom Pon Annual Variety Show "Rockette Review: Disco Divas" will be May 1 & 2 at Plymouth High School at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

#### RAINBOWS IN THE SKY CELEBRATION

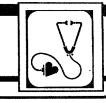
The New Morning School invites you to its Rainbows in the Sky Celebration on Sunday, May 3. There will be field day activities, a pot luck picnic, photo exchange and more. Alumni please bring photos, videos and memorabilia you would like to share. Activites will run from 1-4 p.m.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL SPRING CLASSES

Registration now for spring classes: Painting with Robert Blanchard, Creative Writing with Renee Skoglund, Drawing and Sketching with Pam Grossman, Ongoing Batik with Katie Wall Fox, and Summer Stuff for Kids. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Call 734-416-4ART for information and registration.

#### PLYMOUTH YMCA 19TH ANNUAL RUN

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



## Health

#### CANTON VFW RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Canton VFW Post 6967 is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community room St. Joseph Canton Medical Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. The Blood Drive is part of the Canton Project Health-a-rama. Contact John Spencer at 734-397-8975.

#### INTRODUCTORY YOGA CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring introductory yoga classes Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Wear loose clothing and bring a small blanket. Regular six week class starts May 6. Call 734-416-4ART for details.



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## Groups

#### **VFW #6695 LADIES AUXILIARY**

The VFW #6695 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Senior Citizens Luncheon Thursday at noon, at 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. Donations are appreciated. For reservations call Mildred Drake 734-453-3586 or Tillie La Fave at 734-416-2394.

#### FRIENDS OF MILLER WOODS GUIDED WALK

The Friends of Miller Woods are sponsoring guided a walk through Miller Woods to view spring wildflowers this Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. The woods are located on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge roads. Contact Joyce Holmes at 734-453-8457 for more infor-

#### WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold Sunday mornings between services. Ticket prices are: 3-6 years \$8 and for 7 and older \$10. For more information call 734-422-1826.

#### **MEET OTHER MOTHERS**

Meet Other Mothers invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion. Meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. Call Kate 453-3675

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR SENIORS**

Canton's Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering a book discussion group which meets the first Wednesday of each month, in the Summit's Parkview Room. For more information call 734-397-5444.

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' APRIL BOOK SALE

New and used books are needed for the League of Women Voters' book sale fundraiser. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. Call Esther Friedrichs at 734-427-0222 or Marge Gade 734-261-3191.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all Spring 1998 classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.



## Volunteer

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton Head Start located at Central Middle School is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with group activities, recess and learning centers. If you have mornings or afternoons free please call 734-416-6196. Seniors and retiree's are very welcome.

#### RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteers in Canton to help children with basic math and reading tutoring. Free training. Call 313-883-2100 ext. 368.

#### FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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#### THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

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 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.

#### MENTORS NEEDED

Growth Works is recruiting and training mentors for the Plymouth-Canton Youth Assistance Program. The program is aimed at mentors age 21 or older. If you have two hours a week to help with reducing delinquent behavior in adolescents, call Lynne Ponder at 734-397-3181 or 734-455-4095.

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## Entertainment



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

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### GENITTIS HOLE IN THE

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater. Reserve now for Mother's Day.

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN 734-455-8450; Thurs.:Live music with Buster Blues Band.

#### THE LOWER TOWN

734-451-1213; Fri.: Jim McCarty & Mystery Train; Sat.: Al Hill & the Love Butlers.

#### MR. B'S PLYMOUTH

734-459-4190; Sat.: Live music with The Look.

#### PENN THEATRE

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#### PLYMOUTH BEAN COFFEE

734-454-0178; Fri.: Live Acoustic music with Family Magic. Sat.: Acoustic folk with Rosanne.

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Friday dances at Burton Manor.

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The Plymouth Chapter will meet May 7 at the Water Club Seafood Grill at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

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

Mr. Pita, located on Ann Arbor Road just east of Main Street, is sponsoring Pita Patrol.

Plymouth Police will issue tickets to children wearing safety helmets while biking, roller blading or skateboarding.

The ticket can be redeemed for a free Kids Meal at the restaurant.

Mr. Pita opened earlier this month.

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is holding a Secretary's Day Luncheon today from noon to

The luncheon wil be held at **Plymouth Manor**, on Main Street one block east of the railroad tracks.

Fee for the luncheon is \$17 and includes a flower for each secretary, guest speaker K.C. Mueller of Remerica Hometown and a mini fashion show of Men's and Women's Apparel such businesses as Motown Harley, Unique Accessories and I Do Two Bridal Salon. In addition to lunch, there will be a drawing for Secretary of the Day and other door prizes.

Reservations are required and can be obtained y caling the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540.

**Dr. Robert E. Potter, Jr** has announced the grand opening of the new location of the Canton Chiropractic Clinic at 6321 Canton Center Road, Suite 109 in Canton. (734) 455-6767.

Potter has practiced in Canton since 1989. He will hold a grand opening Saturday, April 25 from 1-3 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy the festivities and tour the new facility.

## A new class of leadership

**Graduates of Leadership** Plymouth (Clockwise, from left): Jackie Stengle, HelpSource: Becky Armstrong, Plymouth Township; mary Poski, St Joseph Mercy Hospital; Van Vanerian, Cummings McClorey, Davis & Acho, Attys; Sharon Holroyde, **Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; Keely** Matthews, R.A. DeMattia Group; Stella Green, City Commissioner; Darwin Watts, Absopure Water, Mary Kay **Balluff, Comprehensive** Health Services; and Tim Joy of Christensen's Nursery. Not Pictured are: Keith Pickens, AAA Michigan; Howard Behr, Ford Motor Company; and Clint Smiley, Lowell Middle School



## Striking against the strike

#### Locked-out Detroit Newspaper worker finds a career after the News

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When unionized Detroit News and Free Press workers went on strike nearly three years ago, it affected the lives of thousands of Metro-Detroiters.



Plymouth's Bob Jar produces custom-made mugs, T-shirts and mouse pads from his home.

Through the bitter labor struggle that followed, and continues today, some union members have been forced to seek other work using talents developed at their respective jobs, or elsewhere.

Take Plymouth's Bob

It was about a year-and-half after the strike began when Jar, a dispatcher, and member of Union No. 372, had an inspiration for his own business.

"I saw somebody making designer mugs in a mall and I turned to my wife and said 'I could do that," "Jar said. "I had most of the equipment."

With that thought, the seed that would become Bob's Graphic & Design was planted. Jar intended to turn something he felt passionate about into a home business: replacing mug portraits with such slogans as "No Scab Papers."

After doing some research, Jar found a company that could supply him with the equipment he didn't have: a special press

that would bake the patterns onto mugs and a special printer that produced the patterns.

The business took off faster than Jar had anticipated. Before he knew it he had purchased a flat press for creating custom t-shirts and another for imprinting baseball caps.

The types of designs he creates has also expanded, from the "No Scab Papers" logo, to other union creeds, to printing business cards and other advertisements on coffee mugs and mouse pads

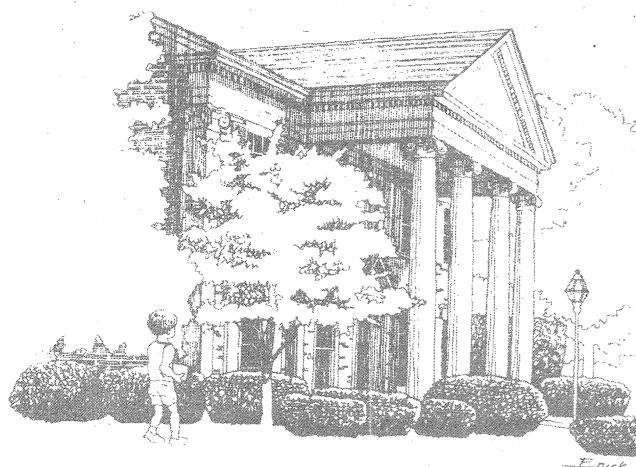
It works like this: Jar scans the image into his computer, adjusts the colors and brightness with software and prints them out on a special film. The film is then taped to the mug, or laid on the shirt or hat, and placed in the press.

Attached to a timer, the press heats the film for three minutes, and burns the image directly onto the mug, shirt or hat.

Although Jar can produce any custom image a person might want, he still gets most of his orders for anti-Detroit Newspaper logos. It's something close to his heart.

"With the media blackout no one wants to talk about it," he said. "It's out of sight, out of mind and that's a shame. There are still a lot of good people out there. My kind of people."

## Your GUIDE TO THE NEW lymouth Library



### Grand Opening Sunday, April 26

Ribbon cutting — 1 p.m. Youth Orgami class — 1:15 Marc Thomas show — 2 p.m. Storytellers on the half hour

## 'The giant step'

By BRYON MARTIN

ig. Really big, and colorful. During the first visit inside Plymouth's new Dunning-Hough Library, words of description are likely to be simple. Its size and design will probably open more eyes than mouths.

The broad and deep rooms, the cathedral ceilings, the two-story fireplace and windows, the arching soffits recessed skylights and walls of hearty red, green and yellow will fill the eyes with color, line and light.

For most residents of the Plymouths, this Sunday's grand opening will be the first chance they'll have to see inside their new 42,000-squarefoot. \$9 million library. Others have seen the work in progress.

We've been getting a lot of wows," says Gerry Barlage, the library's coordinator of senior programs. During the Dunning-Hough's first official function Wednesday, volunteers had a chance to check out the building in its final phases of construction. Tables, chairs, shelves and, of course, books are still being delivered, but the building itself impresses nonetheless.

"You walk through and think 'I've seen the library'," says Library Director Pat Thomas. "Then you come into another room and the place just opens up again. It's full of surprises.

What wasn't surprising, according to Thomas, is that the Plymouths needed a bigger library. We're a community of readers: more than 75 per cent of City and Township residents have library cards, she says. They check out nearly half a million library items each year. And in 1994 a majority of the community approved an increase in taxes to fund the project now wrapping up.

Sunday, they'll see what their taxes bought.

The cherry wood mouldings are beautiful. The many Internet and personal computing stations, impressive. But what they're taxes really paid for was a building bigger than the previous library. They got it.

"This is what we needed," Barlage says. "This was the giant step.'

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Crier is not in the habit of pointing out its own ads, but this is a special occasion. The sketch at the top of this page. based on the previous Dunning-Hough, was rendered by the late Erick Carne, noted Plymouth architect and artist. On the back page of this issue of The Crier, past meets present as Erick's son, Mike, brings his own artistic talents to bear on a drawing of the new Plymouth Library.



GUIDE TO THE NEW Plymouth Library

## Your library experience

#### Sure, librarians like the shelf space and bigger rooms. But what's new for you?

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Valking into the new Plymouth library is like walking into the first day of spring. Bright, vibrant colors, twostory windows and an enormous skylight combine to give them impression of the season's first burst of color.

But the added space and additional natural light are only two aspects of an enhanced library experience, according to Gerry Barlage, director of adult reference services.

Barlage said that along with the extra space comes more technology and additional services to cater to a broader variety of library

The new library will feature two separate reference departments, Barlage said. One, on the main floor, will be called the reader's advisory desk.

"Having two separate desks is a new concept," she said. "The reader's advisory

desk will handle all questions about fiction. Barlage said. CDs or other popular media.

"People will be able to ask about their favorite author and be referred to someone

• The reader's advisory desk will handle all questions about fiction, CDs or other popular media.'

> - Gerry Barlage Director of Adult Reference

similar," she added.

The main reference desk will be located in

the library's lower level, with the non-fiction and reference materials, Barlage said.

Separating the nonfiction and the fiction at available the temporary location in the old Farmer Jack building, is one of the main advantages the new library building holds. It offers the option to hold classes and other events without disturbing other library patrons,

#### Children's Story Room

According to Donna Boudreau, youth services librarian, having a separate room for children's events will allow library staff to expand programs for children. All programs took place in the same place in both of the old buildings, which meant some services weren't available, and other were disruptive,

"Now we won't have to close off any parts. Plus, with our own space we can be more contained and storytime can feature music as well." Boudreau said. "The farmer jack building was just one big room and the noise was tremendous. If your child cried, everyone in the library knew it."

One of the additional services Boudreau hopes to provide for children is a storyteller's group, which would teach children from 2nd to 8th grade how to tell stories.

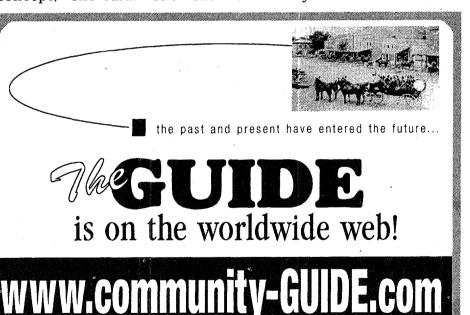
It's something Boudreau, a storyteller herself, has been interested in for a while. Until now she hasn't had the facilities to address the idea properly, she said.

"Everyone's a story-teller in one way or sections, an option not another, but when you tell a folk tale it's different. It's a little more formal."

> The class is in the planning stage now but she said she will be asking children to keep a notebook over the summer of stories they'd like to tell. When a class is available in the fall, she will have an idea of what stories interest the children.

> In addition to the story room, children will have their own puppet stage. Located next to the children's reading house, the puppet

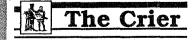
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GUIDE TO THE NEW Plymouth Library

## Lots of kid space, cyberspace

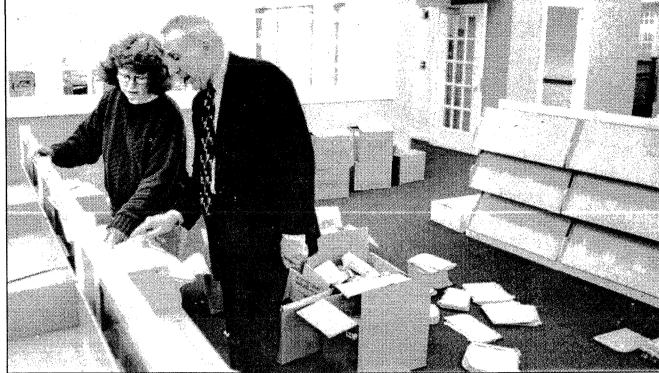
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theater will contain puppets for circulation as well as use at the library, Boudreau said. "It's my hope that the children will put on

impromptu puppet shows and adults can walk by and watch and listen," she said.

Children will also have more access to computers, according to Boudreau. While the library before offered children basic computer classes such as how to use the Internet, it was a two-step process. Librarians would give a presentation, then the children would go to the computers and

"Now it can be a bit more interactively," she said. Other types of computer software will eventually be available for children like



As the shelves go up around them Library Director Pat Thomas looks over plans with Dick DeBear, the Plymouth-based interior designer who gave the Dunning-Hough it's colorful Victorian interior. The library maintains an open, airy interior while organizing its space by subject as was found in the Dunning-Hough's previous incarnation (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

instructional games such as SimCity.

Internet on-ramp One of the biggest advances in the new

> computer classroom, according Barlage. Located on and adults alike." the library's lower

Web, research on the purposes. Internet or learn the

computer software. access to the computers

enhance the accessibility to resident, she

"We didn't want to wait until we moved into the new building because all the other libraries were going on line," Barlage said. to "Now we hope to be teaching labs for youth

Additional computers also mean improved level, the classroom access to computerized reference materials, will give students of Barlage said. Software such as Standard & the Poor's and ValueLine give updated business opportunity to surf and investment information as well as census do statistics that can be used for marketing

But perhaps the biggest way the new basics of popular library will offer a different experience is with the overall space it provides, said Jessica The library had Rasmussin, a library page.

"In the old building everything was packed Internet before, but so tightly on the shelves that you had a hard having a dedicated time finding where anything was," she said. place and more "We have lots of space here. Everything will will be easier to find."

### At the library this weekend...

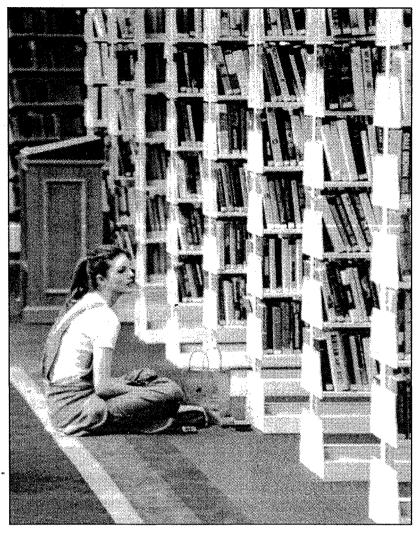
Friends of the Library will host a background music throughout the gala opening night party, "The evening. Tradition Continues," to celebrate the grand opening of the new Plymouth District Library.

This black-tie optional event will include appetizers, champagne, and acquaint everyone with all the available. innovations in the new building.

Saturday, April 25 — The Reissenweber will provide

Tickets are available at The Little Professor on the Park at a cost of \$25 per person, or by calling 453-7432. Those who donate \$500 or more to the library will receive two a within-the-library scavenger complementary tickets to the party. hunt. The scavenger hunt is to Only two hundred tickets will be

Sunday, April 26 — Ribbon Guests will celebrate from 7:30 Cutting at 1 p.m. at the main p.m. to 10 p.m. A Sax Quartet entrance on Union Street. Enjoy made up of Carrie Fry, Steve cookies and punch and listen to the McGuire, Aaron Shehon and Lisa Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps:



## Old guard, new wave

#### Tradition meets technology in Dunning-Hough

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

hat does the new Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library say about the area?

Number one, it says that Plymouth is a reading community. Given this age of pseudo-intellectuals and MTV knowledge, the complement of literacy is becoming more and more a rare commodity.

Number two, it shows that the community is willing to pull together, passing a bond in 1994 for construction of the newer, larger facility.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, the library could represent a new age in Plymouth. Maintaining the city's traditional architectural feel in design, the library also incorporates the latest in information technology. This successful fusion of old guard ideals with new wave needs could be the standard for many future

"This is the biggest thing to happen to this area since I've been around," said Gerry Barlage, senior programs coordinator for the library. "We've been getting a lot of

Wows indeed. Awash in bright colors, the library's interior is visually stunning, with high-arched ceilings and large, many-paned windows. And at over 42,000

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Volunteer shelver Brooke Stokanovich steps out of the fiction stacks for a breather Thursday. As a volunteer during the move-in, the C.E.P. student got to help the Dunning-Hough, work with friends Dave Dzwonek and Krysta Weigand (still shelving in the stacks) and "a lot of free food" for helping out (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).



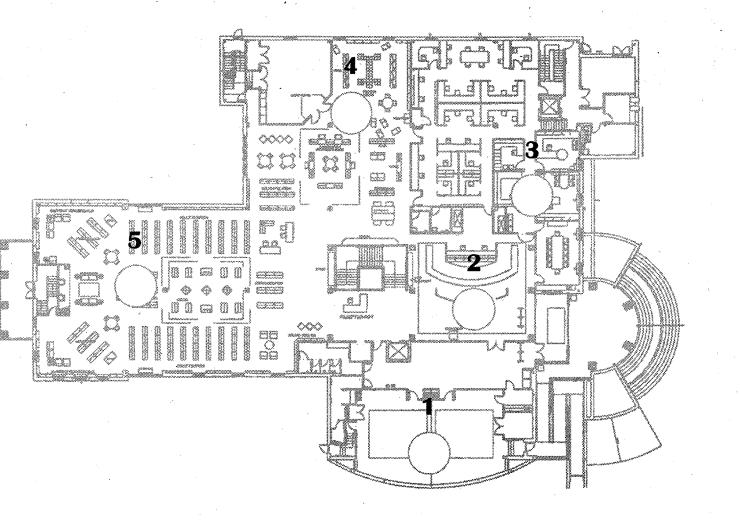


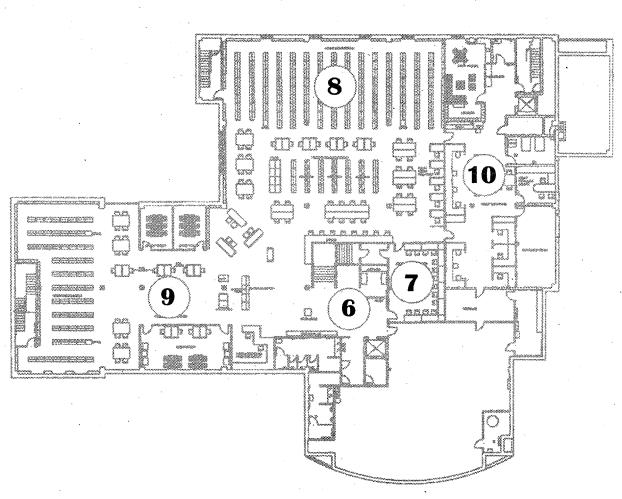


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## 'What they wanted, they paid for'

#### Library expansion speaks volumes about Plymouth residents, community

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square feet, it is one of the largest in Westen Wayne County.

"This is what the people wanted and this is what they paid for," Barlege said. "I think everybody will visionary about the library. People love it."

"It really exemplifies the character Plymouth." said Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke. "Along with the Plymouth Community Arts just seem to love Council, the Plymouth Symphony, et cetera, it all adds an to impressive list of

cultural organizations that would rival many larger cities."

Although the 1994 bond for construction of the library passed by a relatively slim 53 to 47 per cent margin, Library Director Pat Thomas said she believes "it was a good sign of support.

"When we first presented our ideas

for this library, people were asking they built mostly churches and why we needed such a large place," she said. "I think once they see it they will understand why."

Said Hugh Harsha, library board president, "The public has been truly

> just seem to love books."

Of the roughly 33,000 residents Plymouths, some 25,000 have library cards, said Thomas. That adds up to a circulation number of about 440,000 each year.

"There are a lot of readers in

Plymouth." Thomas said. library just wasn't enough.

The "feel" of this library was important to designers, Thomas said. They were interested is something that felt less like a factory and more like a mansion.

"When we hired the architect firm. the committee liked them because

libraries," said Thomas. "They wanted that same kind of openness.

"I think most of what people will get here is the sense of space." she said. But, she added, the key is not to make it overwhelming. "You can't see everything once you walk in. There are so many small, wonderful

Despite the library's size, there are still questions of longevity, given the ever-expanding population of the Plymouths. "New parents want to know that this library will be there in the future," said Barlage. "Many see this as an educational facility."

Barlege said those parents shouldn't worry about the library's staying power. "This place is built for expansion," she said.

With over 14,000 square feet of unused space still available to them, library officials have planned for the unplannable. "We don't know what we will need in the future," said Thomas. "We could use that space

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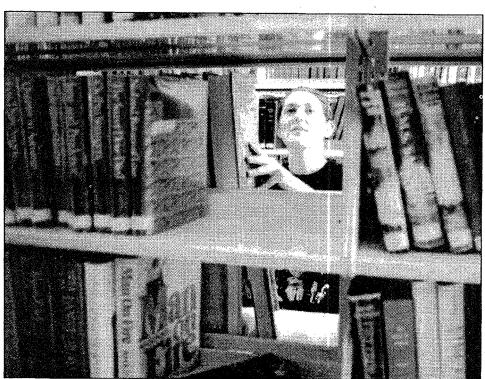
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Jessica Rasmussen became a page at the Dunning-Hough more than a year ago because, like many in the Plymouths, she found herself using the library a lot. And like many of her fellow employes, she says one of the new building's biggest assests is its size and increased shelf space—enough to keep her stacking (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

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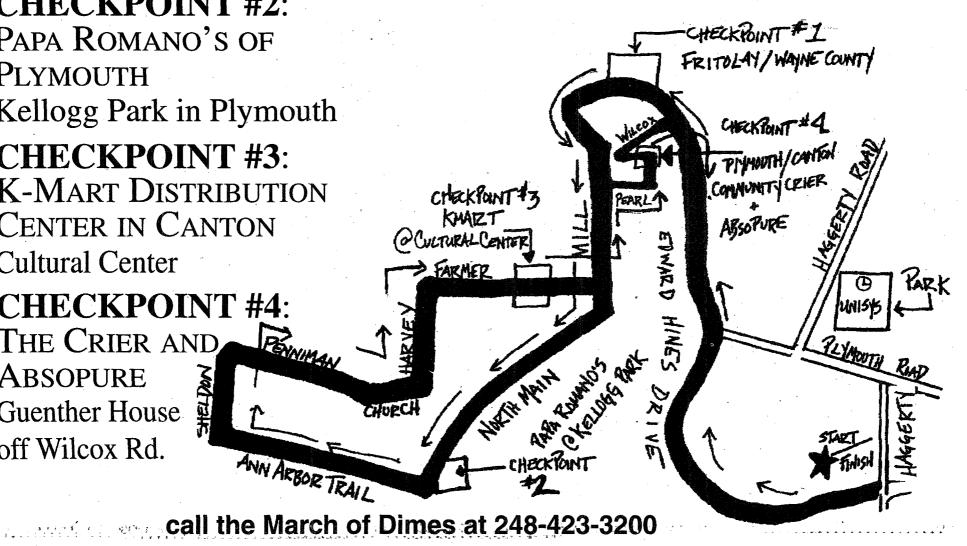
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#### **MELVIN F. BROEMER**

Melvin F. Broemer, a Plymouth resident, died April 12, 1938 at the age of 62.

Mr. Broemer was born May 22, 1935 in Ontonagon, MI. He was a labor relations manager at Unisys, retiring after 30 years of service. He had also been working out of his home as a M.E.S.C. advocate. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks B.P.O.E. No 1780. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He loved golfing, bowling and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne of Plymouth; daughter, Ellyn (Craig) Damiani of Plymouth; son, Steven Broemer of Grand Haven, MI; brothers, Alvin (Jennie) of Ontonagon, MI, Donald of Phoenix, AZ; sister, Agnes Sparpanic of Ontonagon, MI; motherin-law Gladys VanNorman of Ludington, MI; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Esther (Soder) Broemer; and brothers, James, Morton and Thomas.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth, MI.

#### KENNETH JOSEPH RYSKAMP

Kenneth Joseph Ryskamp, a Canton resident, died April 14, 1998 at the age of 55.

Mr. Ryskamp was born Oct. 25, 1942 in Detroit. He was a design leader in automotive manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Gregoire Ryskamp; daughter, Denise Lynn Ryskamp of Canton; and son, John F. Ryskamp.

Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland.

#### MARGARET IRENE SCHROEDER

Margaret Irene Schroeder, a Plymouth resident, died April 20, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Schroeder was born Sept. 14, 1928 in Canada. She retired 10 years ago as a medical assistant. She worked for Dr. Barry Alford and then volunteered at the McAuley Health Center for the past 10 years. She came to the Plymouth community in the mid-1930s. She was a 1946 graduate of Plymouth High School and a volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Society. She loved bicycling and playing bridge.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn H. of Plymouth; daughter, Cathryn (Louis) Jakowatz of Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland; sons, Mark (Donna) Schroeder of Spring Lake, MI, David (Carol) Schroeder of Midland, MI; grandchildren, Corinne, Julia, Nack, Noel and Glenn Schroeder; and brother, Richard (Joyce) Jackson of Astoria, OR.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Plymouh Historical Society.

#### LEXIE CLARA WALLACE

Lexie Clara Wallace, a Ypsilanti resident, died April 18, 1998 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Wallace was born Feb. 20, 1912 in Obion County, TN. She was a homemaker. She also worked part-time as a cook at Kresge's Five and Dime in Plymouth and at Mike's Grill in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community in 1953 from Samburg, TN. She

was a member of the Spring Street Church of God in Old Village.

She is survived by her daughters, Lorraine Williams of Ypsilanti, Harriette (George) Cronkhite of Plymouth, Bernice Cruce of Union City, TN; sons, James (Pat) Wallace of Lima, OH, Daniel (Ola) Wallace of Hornbeak, TN; many grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and Nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Elzie Wallace; daughters, Margaret McBride and Sylvia Clark; and son, Edward Wallace.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday April 22 at the Assembly of God Church in Samburg, TN. Burial will be at Terrace Hill Cemetery in Troy, TN. Visitation and local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

#### FANNY L. WYATT

Fanny L. Wyatt, a Garden City resident, died April 18, 1998 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Wyatt was born Feb. 13, 1906 in War, WV. She worked at the D & C Dime Store in Plymouth and at Minerva's-Dunning's clothing store as a salesclerk. She came to the Plymouth community in 1953. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and a former member of the Methodist Church in North Tazewell of Virginia. She was a member of the 60-Plus club and the senior group at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She enjoyed hand work. She also collected old jewelry and created pictures with it.

She is survived by her sons, Earl E. (Sue) Wyatt of Garden City, James (Jean) Wyatt of Tazewell, VA; daughters, Thelma (Robert) Christian of Hunington, WV; daughter-in-law, Dottie Wyatt of New Carlisle, OH; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister, Nora Tiller of Elizabeth City, NC. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jess R. Wyatt; and son, Jess Jr.

Services were held at the Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA with Evangelist Bob Smith officiating. Burial was at Rose Lawn Memorial Park in Princeton, WV. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

#### SHIRLEY L. JIRIK

Shirley L. Jirik, a Livonia resident, died April 15, 1998 at the age of 79.

Mrs. Jirik was born May 20, 1918 in Detroit. She worked at Burroughs Corporation until her retirement; then she was a self-employed seamstress. She enjoyed sewing and following the stock market.

She is survived by her friends, Maria Higgins, Sonja, Peter and Damian Tenuta. She is preceded in death by her brother, F. Kenneth Jirik.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Miller officiating. Burial of cremains was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

#### MILDRED ELLIS

Mildred Ellis, a Plymouth resident, died April 17, 1998 at the age of 61.

Mrs. Ellis was born Dec. 4. 1936 in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Everett C. Ellis of Plymouth; mother, Marie Bell of Westland; son, Jeffrey G. Ellis of Las Vegas, NV; brothers, Walter (Barbara) Bell of Santa Cruz, CA, Richard Bell of Keego Harbor, MI, Robert (Kathleen) Bell of Plymouth; and sister, Frances Bell. She is preceded in death by her father, Walter Bell.

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#### **Curiosities**

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Canton parks and recreation is offering tennis instruction, from 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning the week of April 27 for adults 16 and over. The 4-week program is open to beginners and advanced participants. Space is limited. Costs are \$30 for residents, \$35 for non-residents.

Whaler Dave Legwand has been named the OHL's rookie of the year. After a stellar season which included 59 goals, 51 assists, a +50 plus/minus rating, and 10 game-winning goals, the announcement came as little surprise.

Legwand handily won the Emms Family award, capturing the honor by a 45-point margin over Barrie Colts goaltender Brian Finley, who received 38 points.

Legwand is the second Whaler to receive rookie of the year honors, following current New York Islander Bryan Berard. The defenseman won the award in 1995

Á 17-year-old native of Grosse Pointe, Legwand is expected to be one of the first two picks in this summer's NHL entry draft.

## Sports



Salem senior shortstop Tony Bernhardt looks back to see Fordson's firstbaseman leap for a past ball Saturday afternoon. After a first game come-from-behind victory, Salem routed Fordson in the nightcap. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## Salem falls to Glenn, 9-2

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Inconsistencies can plague a season. Up

know it, the year is spinning beyond control.

After a disappointing 9-2 loss versus one game, down another, and before you John Glenn Monday afternoon, the Rocks

aren't in that inconsistent mode yet, but they could be setting a dangerous pattern

#### 'With the way we played last week (including a weekend sweep over Fordson) the loss against Glenn was a real disappointment," said Coach Dale Rumberger.

Kurt Berlin went most of the way for the Rocks Monday, but got little defensive support. The Rocks had three critical errors that lead to Rocket runs.

"I don't mind getting beat," said Rumberger. "I just don't like giving them

There wasn't much punch in the Salem bats either. The Rocks were held to only three hits, while leaving nine men on base.

"It was really frustrating because we had concentrated all week on being more aggressive at the plate," Rumberger said. "But we just didn't swing the bat."

On Saturday, Salem's lumber was much more potent. They blistered Fordson hurlers, scoring 24 runs in the doubleheader.

Game one, a 9-7 victory, required a come-from-behind late inning rally. Down 7-3 midway through the fifth, the Rocks got back-to-back homers from Mike Hoben and Brett Burleson, cutting the Rocket lead to

### Tucker tosses 5-0 shutout

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It all starts with defense. And if things don't go well, it could all end there too.

#### BASEBALL

After committing only two errors through their first four games, the Canton Baseball team exploded Saturday afternoon, allowing 12 unearned runs through two games, en route to a doubleheader disaster, losing 7-1 and 8-2 versus West Bloomfield.

But by Monday, Coach Scott Dickey had his troops settled down. Behind the pitching of ace Ben Tucker, the Chiefs shutout Franklin 5-0

Tucker pitched the complete game for his second win of the season, allowing five hits, 2 walks, and striking out 10. Pat Van Hull, Steve Lueck, David Kwiatkowski, and freshman Oliver Wolcott provided the offense for the Chiefs. Van Hull was 2 for 4 with three RBIs, with Kwiatkowski knocking in the other two. Wolcott and Lueck combined to score all five Canton runs.

Saturday wasn't so pretty. In game one, starting pitcher Mike Rourk went 3 2/3 innings, allowing only three hits, but also four runs. One of those runs was unearned. He was pulled in favor of David Winter in the fourth, but Winter didn't get much help either. All three of the runs scored off him were unearned as well.

Game two was even worse. All eight of West Bloomfield's runs came as a result of faulty Canton defense. Jeff Page went four innings, allowing all eight unearned runs, on only three hits and two walks. Junior Joe Cortellini finished the game for the Chiefs.

"Through our first four games we played good defense and good baseball," said Dickey. "We didn't do anything different (versus West Bloomfield). The errors just kind of snowballed."

Canton is now 3-4 on the season, with a 1-2 record in the division.

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## Whalers' season swept away

### Guelph advances past Plymouth to OHL championship

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Whalers didn't want to be swept, not in the playoffs, and certainly not in front of their hometown fans. But this just wasn't their series, and Friday night's 5-2 loss confirmed it.



Just as quickly as the hopes of the Whalers and their fans were rising in the face of a possible OHL championship, they were crushed this past weekend, as Plymouth's season came to an abrupt end.

"If we had lost in six or seven games you might think there was something we could have done different to win," said Whaler Coach Peter DeBoer. "But with the sweep, it just showed that we were beat by a better hockey team."

Guelph's experience may have been the deciding factor. Many of their players have playoff experience, including a stint in the OHL championship two years ago. Throughout the series their defense was suffocating, often keeping Plymouth away from the blue line for minutes on end.

"I think they had one of the best defenses during the regular season," DeBoer said. "And it really showed in this series."

Friday night's game was much like the others. Guelph took an early 3-0 lead and never looked back. With goals by Jason Jackman, Brian Willsie, and Nick Bootland, the Storm grabbed another insurmountable lead, cruising through the final period and into the OHL championship.

For the second consecutive night, the Whalers drew within two goals, but could never get closer. Harold Druken got his only goal of the series 20 seconds into the third, and for the moment gave fans at Compuware a reason to cheer. But those cheers would soon turn to sighs, as the Storm got another Willsie goal at 2:38. Manny Malhotra added a shorthander at 10:48 to round out the scoring and the Whaler's season.

For many of the fans and the players the loss was put in perspective after a serious first period injury to Guelf center Andrew Long. Long was involved in a high-sticking incident with Whaler Jesse Boulerice that sent him to the ice with a concussion and a fair amount of blood. The incident stopped play for nearly twenty minutes as fans and players looked on in horrified concern.

As of Sunday, though, Long was all right. He was released from St. Joe's Hospital after spending two nights in recovery.

"It looks like he'll be okay," said Kerry Kerch, assistant general manager. "It doesn't appear to be a career ending injury."

(At) Guelph 5, Plymouth 1 — The Storm scored three first period goals Thursday night to win going away in front of 3,566 at the Guelph Memorial Gardens, and grab a commanding 3-0 series lead. Willsie, Bootland, and Jackman again each notched an early goal for the Storm, as the Whalers were again held with few shots on goal.

Dave Legwand got his only goal of the series early in the second to cut the Guelph lead to two, but the gap never

got any smaller. Even with eight power-play opportunities, the Whalers couldn't muster more than 17 shots-on-goal. Throughout the series, the neutral zone play of the tough Storm defense kept the Whalers from mounting any sort of offensive.

After allowing his fifth goal, Whaler goalie Robert Esche was pulled in favor of back-up Robert Holsinger. Esche made 29 saves in the loss.

## Looking Ahead

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

There may not be a parade through Plymouth streets for the Whalers any time soon, but that doesn't mean they don't have reason to be proud.

Time and again they came up just short this season. Whether it be a trip to the OHL championship, or the division title, the Whalers were always knocking on the door. Unfortunately for them, the Guelph Storm were there to keep that door closed this past week, sweeping the

#### SEASON WRAP-UP

Whalers in the OHL semi-finals. But for one of the youngest teams in the OHL, a trip to the semis says a lot about the future.

"These kids really accomplished a lot this year," said Coach Peter DeBoer. "For a team that was predicted to finish fourth in their division, it was an exceptional season."

Much of the reason the Whalers performed as well as they did was the early, and somewhat unexpected, contributions of their younger players. Besides Rookie of the Year David Legwand, Plymouth got countless good minutes from Kevin Holdridge, Harold Druken, and Paul Mara

"We were one of the youngest teams in the league this year," DeBoer said. "We know going into next year there will be a lot of pressure on us to perform."

Friday night's loss was the final game for many key Whaler veterans, including: captain Andrew Taylor, Jesse Boulerice, Sergei Fedotov, Yuri Babenko, Steve Wasylko, and goaltender Robert Esche, All six will be pursuing their respective NHL dreams come this fall. In fact,

Boulerice, who is under contract with the Philadelphia 'Flyers, could be playing as early as next week for the Flyer's minor league club.

There is also the possibility that a few younger players could leave early next year as well. Specifically Paul Mara, the seventh overall pick in last year's draft, and Dave Legwand, who is expected to go first or second in the draft this June.

Both players could use further OHL development, according to DeBoer. "I'm real confident both of those guys will eventually be back," he said. "Each one of them needs to dominant the league before they move on. They need to bulk up some too."

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Peter DeBoer
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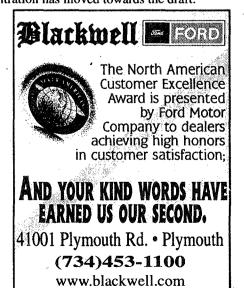
While it's common for NHL teams to pull up some of their higher picks early in the season, by the end, they are usually back in juniors. "It's very rare that they stay there all year," DeBoer said.

Concerning his own future, DeBoer said he has no plans to leave Plymouth any time soon. "It been just such a great ride here in Plymouth. I think if we hadn't come here, and gotten the kind of support from the fans that we have, I might be looking further ahead," he said. "Right now our concentration has moved towards the draft."





OFFICIAL PIZZA OF THE PLYMOUTH WHALERS



## One win, one loss, one tie

Last Saturday the Salem girls softball was eventually called because of time. team competed in the Taylor Invitational, and came away with their first victory of

Salem competed in three games total; they won the first, lost the second, and tied

#### SOFTBALL

Salem's first game was against Melvindale; the easily won, mercying Melvindale 13-3 in the fifth inning. Salem played well the entire game, with strong pitching from senior captain Shannon Coultas. Melvindale got all their runs in the first inning from errors by Salem, and after that Salem was able to get the ball

The second game brought Salem's only loss, to Garden City, 6-1. Salem put up strong defense the entire game, but hitting was low and they eventually came down because of it. Stephanie Volpe, a senior captain who will be playing at the University of Michigan next year, had a double. Maureen Buchanan, a junior, also hit double. Salem's only run came in when junior Bea Ferguson made a successful sacrifice bunt. Even though Salem was slow offensively in this game, things went fast defensively. Salem made very few errors in this game.

The third game, against Taylor Truman, was a tie (9-9). Salem battled them hard and the game carried to extra innings, and Salem made a great comeback in this game- they were down by seven runs in the fifth inning and picked it up after Truman relieved their starting pitcher. They played sloppy in the beginning but pulled it together. Ferguson made catches in two consecutive innings from centerfield, the second one landing right in mitt just inches from the ground. Even though it was a tie, the entire team played hard and contributed against Truman; it was a good closing Lakes Activities Association is 0-3 overall.

The tournament, while not included in the league record, gave Salem their first win of the season. "It felt good to get our first win under our belts," said Ferguson.

However, Salem can't rest easy just yet. Right now they lack unison defensive and offensive skills. If they get them working together, Salem could be a very strong competitor this year.

Their standing record in the Western

## Chiefs serve victory

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Canton Boys Tennis team met with Walled Lake Central on Monday. Canton came out on top with a 5-3 victory.

#### BOYS YDNNIS

The number one Doubles team, Andy Oleskowicz and Richie Ikeh, lost their match with scores of 6-4, 2-6, and 2-6. The number four doubles, John Herald and Pat O'Flaherty, also were defeated with scores if 6-2, 3-6, 6-6, and 5-7.

However, the number two and three doubles teams came out victorious. Juniors Scott Mincher and Chris Houdek won their matches with scores of 6-2 and 6-3. Seniors Luke Montgomery and Jason Darow also won their matches with the

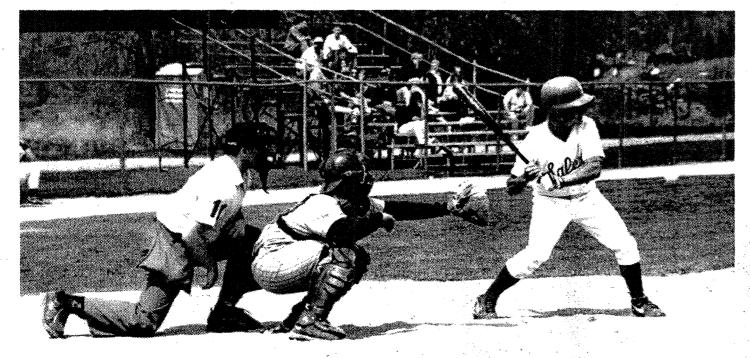
same scores.

In the singles line-up, Shab Singh (6-1, 6-0), Matt Nagy (6-3, 6-0), and Gary Levanbach (6-1, 6-2) defeated their opponents. But number two singles player Vinnie Ikeh lost his match with scores of 3-6, 6-4, and 2-6.

This was Canton's second dual meet of the season. The first meet was with Walled Lake Western, but was rained out and will be finished this Thursday. Canton also had a scrimmage with Salem, but the match resulted in a tie.

"This team has a lot of potential," said captain Vinnie Ikeh.

"The singles competitors have a lot of power this year, but the doubles teams still need some work and rearranging," said Lucas Montgomery.



The balls might as well have been sitting on tees for the Rocks on Saturday, as they blasted their way past Fordson. Now Salem hopes they can apply that same lumber-power to their division opponents. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

### Salem shows muscle in weekend rout

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two. They added three more in the 6th to secure the victory.

The score was never that close in the nightcap. Salem came out firing with seven runs in the first inning en route to a 15-3 mercy.

Nick Eicher, Joe Rizzi, Kurt Berlin, Mark Runchey and Mike Hoben all contributed a pair of hits for the Rocks. Berlin and Hoen knocked in three and four runs respectively.

Steve Gordan got the win in his first varsity appearance on the THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH

#### On deck

#### SALEM BASEBALL

Today at home versus Churchill at 4 p.m. Friday at Stevenson at 4 p.m. Saturday, a doubleheader, at Canton at noon. Monday at North Farmington at 4

#### SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Today at home versus John Glenn at 4p.m. Friday at Farmington at 4 p.m. Monday at home versus Churchill at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Canton at 4 p.m.

#### SALEM BOYS TRACK

Thursday at Walled Lake Central at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Harrison for the Hawks 9/10 Relays, at 3:20 p.m Saturday at the West Bloomfield Invite at 9:30 a.m.

#### SALEM SOFTBALL

Today at Churchill at 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Stevenson at 4 p.m. Saturday at Seaholm at 11:30 a.m. Monday at North Farmington at 4 p.m.

#### SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Today at home versus Stevenson at 7 p.m. Saturday at Seaholm at 1 p.m. Monday at North Farmington at 5:30 p..m.

#### SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Thursday at home versus Walled Lake Central at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the West Bloomfield Invite at 9:30 a.m.

#### SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Today at Canton at 3 p.m. Friday at the Brighton Invite. Monday at the Ann Arbor Invite. Tuesday at home versus Grosse Ile at 3 p.m.

#### CANTON BASEBALL

Today at Walled Lake Western to play Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Churchill at 4 p.m. Saturday, a doubleheader, at home versus Salem at 11 a.m. Monday at Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m.

#### CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Today at Stevenson at 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Northville at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Trenton JV Invite at 8:30 a.m. Monday at North Farmington at 4 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Salem at 4 p.m.

#### CANTON BOYS TRACK

Thursday at home versus Walled Lake Western at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Harrison 9/10 Relays at 3:20

#### **CANTON SOFTBALL**

Today at home versus Walled Lake Central at home at 4 p.m. Friday at Churchill at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Chelsea Invite at 9 a.m Monday at home versus Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m.

#### CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

Today at Harrison at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens at 1 p.m. Monday at home versus Farmington at 7 p.m

#### CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Thursday at Walled Lake Western at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Grand Rapids for the Cougar Invite. Tuesday at home versus Harrison at 3:30 p.m.

#### CANTON GIRLS GOLF

Today at home versus Salem at 3 p.m. Thursday at Churchill at 2:45 p.m. Friday at the Brighton Invite. Monday at the Ann Arbor Invite.



## Community opinions



## First response

The CRIER salutes everyone who responded so quickly to Saturday's plane crash in residential Canton.

The selfless quick-thinking neighbors, who rushed to the scene with fire extinguishers and hoses, as well as members of Canton Public Safety (pictured at left), who were on the scene within minutes.

The actions of these individuals were instrumental in averting a much worse catastrohpy. They were committed with litle thought for their own personal safety.

In each of the air disasters within the past five years, residents of P-C-N have been on hand to



demonstrate their true nature and exhibit true heroism.

## How to change a tire in 3 hours flat

A recent foray into Ann Arbor was enough to remind why I vowed never to go into the town again.

Plymouth and Canton have enough places to go to relax or unwind after work and our community has one important advantage over Ann Arbor: It's not cursed.

Every time I go into Ann Arbor something bad happens. The last time I took one wrong turn and ended up someplace I had never been before and never been since, although that night I passed it a half dozen times in the hourand-a-half journey back to the freeway.

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This time it was another simple twist of fate that held me hostage. A flat tire. I tried to tell myself that it could happen to anyone anywhere, but the town's sinister history with me pushed away such logic.

Besides, this wasn't just a flat tire.

It was a little after 2 a.m. Saturday morning when I pulled over

on a deserted street to change the tire. No big deal I thought. My biggest concern was trying to find away from where I was back to Plymouth without using a freeway. There was no way I was going to trust my luck to the inflatable donut standard with all escorts.

After loosening the third bolt, I thought I was home free. I was wrong. The top bolt stubbornly resisted to move, preferring instead to allow its sides to be shorn away by the force of my exertions. Stripped.

My anger mounted as I made the halfmile trek back to my friend's house. It was about 2:30 a.m, and his roommate didn't take too kindly to an announced visitor. I couldn't quite hear her rebuke through the doorway, but it sounded like: It's late, go away.

"I know it's late," I said to her retreating form. After a fifteen minute interval, it occurred to me that she wasn't returning.

My car was waiting just where I left it. No matter how carefully I tried to remove the bolt it would not budge. The slightest amount of pressure sent the wrench spinning into the ground.

There was a gas station less than a mile away so I drove there, hoping to find either a mechanic or someone with a four-way wrench to remove the stubborn bolt. I was disappointed both times. It

### Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



that offered anything other than gas and food were things of the past.

Armed with a a \$3 bottle of WD-40, I

seems the days of finding a gas station

Armed with a a \$3 bottle of WD-40, I again attacked the lug nut, without any success. I strained, I heaved I huffed and puffed, but was as ineffective as the big bad wolf against the house of bricks.

"Say, for \$3 I'll change that tire for you." The voice that sounded softly to my left belonged to a man in his early 30s on a cheap, silver Huffy bicycle.

I paused to catch my breath, and told him he didn't have to change the tire. He didn't have to do anything but loosen that bolt. And if he could loosen that bolt I'd give him all the money n my wallet. Which, coincidentally, was about \$3.

He didn't try as long as I did. A few tugs showed him my cause was hopeless, but he rode off, promising to return to with a four way wrench.

Shortly after another man offered to help. He had silver hair, was on foot, and looked a little like David Crosby. Likewise a few tugs told him that the lug nut was not coming off without a four way wrench and a little leverage. He walked off, vowing to return with one.

I nut one final time. I ensured that it was as securely wrapped around the

frayed metal as I could get it, and put the rest of my strength into one final push.

The wrench snapped.

Whatever perverse pride I felt at breaking the piece of metal was quickly dissolved by the added obstacle to changing the tire. Now I couldn't even tighten the bolts I had off.

I saw myself in my rage hefting the car on my shoulders and carrying it back to the dealership I had bought it from (even though it's in Eugene, OR) and throwing the broken wrench defiantly across the service desk. But before I could revert entirely into my frustrated rage, David Crosby returned, and in his hands was a gleaming silver four-way wrench

I wondered if that was how Arthur had looked, holding Excalibur aloft.

The lug nut relented on the first tug and the tire was quickly replaced after that. David Crosby went inside the gas station and was about to pay for a lottery ticket, which I bought with my last \$3.

It was almost 4 a.m. when I entered the freeway. The inflatable donut whined incessantly as I drove, but carried me safely back toward home.

P-C-N never looked so sweet.



## Community opinions

## Parents: Just say 'No'

EDITOR:

The Canton Township, Plymouth Township and Plymouth City Police Departments have undertaken a special enforcement effort to combat underage consumption and possession of alcohol and the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol possession and consumption becomes more of a problem for us with the warmer weather, the end of the school. year and the large parties that accompany high school graduation.

This year, once again, our Police Departments are making an extra effort to educate your teenagers to the danger of hosting and/or attending these large parties, however, we desperately need your assistance in supporting our efforts. There are laws, peer programs, prevention efforts and school regulations, but one of the most powerful means of assuring your teens are not drinking and driving this graduation and prom season

is to exercise your parental responsibility to say "NO" and refuse to allow alcohol to be served at graduation or prom house parties.

We are asking that you, as parent, recognize and accept control over the number or invitees, the type of entertainment, the use of amplifiers and speakers, and the consumption of alcohol. Plan ahead for the supervision of activities, such as the parking of cars. Since your neighbors will be among the first affected, have you advised them of what to expect? Perhaps they may wish to assist, or in some cases, object, to the festivities.

Please show this letter to your children and take the time to discuss it with them. As they leave each Friday and Saturday night with their friends, please remind them of the potential dangers of alcohol and how easily their twelve years of effort can be shattered in an instant by an accident which could result in injury of

death. Remind them of the embarrassment and future career consequences of an arrest or jail term.

These reminders may serve to prevent embarrassing and often tragic incidents that are unpleasant to all of us in the community. Only through a joint effort (yours and ours) can we minimize the problem. Thank you for your assistance and please pass along our congratulations to the Class of '98!

Sincerely, LAWRENCE CAREY Chief of Police Plymouth Township

JOHN SANTOMAURO Director of Public Safety Canton Township

ROBERT SCOGGINS Chief of Police Plymouth City

## Taxpayers: time to wake up

EDITOR:

Regarding April 15 article "Schools Reach Contract Peacefully" by Bryon Martin.

The article states the contract agreement was the most amicable negotiations in 20 years.

The teachers union negotiator, Tom Cotner a school teacher said the contract was pretty good and pretty fair.

The school superintendent Little stated the agreement was a significant milestone in labor relations.

Now take notice. All the above are happy because they are school teachers and school administrators. Nowhere do you find a taxpayer that will be paying their 7% raises and improved

fringe benefits

Now consider the \$60,000 buyout for early retirement. This occurs each contract time. All teachers wait for this buyout. Generally speaking this means that all or most teachers receive a full retirement at around age 55. The \$60,000 buyout really is the equivalents of them receiving their social security 7 years early. We taxpayers must wait until we a re 62 before receiving our social security.

Now do you understand why they are all so happy with their 7% raise and new contract.

WAKE UP TAXPAYERS HAROLD MONET

## It's gettin' crowded around here

Set up more chairs at Plymouth Township Hall.

They'll need the seating capacity now that Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy allows township staffers to bring their attorneys with them to staff meetings.

Yes, that's right.

The "Meeting to Balance the Township Checking Account" included the Township Treasurer Ron Edwards bringing his own lawyer. Next time, the Finance Director, the CPAs, the Township Clerk and the Stenographer Who Takes Notes should bring their attorneys too. And why not bring their spiritual advisors as well?

Why pretty soon, nobody will be able to hear what's going on in the meeting with all those lawyers' meters clicking around so fast.

Is this what Edwards meant about

straightening
everything out if the
voters threw out
Mary Brooks and
put him in? He
didn't campaign on
the "I'll sic my
lawyer on you" platform.

Plymouth Township government is falling apart. It's beginning to be like the Ghost of Canton Past with Maria Sterlini, Linda Chuhran or Jim Donahue. Or like the township itself when Gerry Law disappeared while collecting his township supervisor checks.

(Pssst! Kathleen: show uninvited lawyers the door.)

Meanwhile at Plymouth City Hall...

The rumor that is giving the City
Commission, the DDA, and several

With malice toward none



department heads sleepless nights:

Newly added to the city's budget is an Assistant City Manager position. Guess who'll get it!

DDA Director Steve Guile.

The appointment is made solely by the City Manager.

(That also means that Paul Sincock won't have the added title of ACM any more. He rarely fills the post but ironically was sitting in the Big Man's chair this past Commission meeting even though he knows of the rumors of his impending demotion.)

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