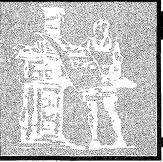
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## The sound and the fury:

# City OKs new noise ordinance

BY BRYON MARTIN

The City of Plymouth now has a standard for defining excessive noise and enforcing action against it following Monday night's approval of a new city noise ordinance.

The City Commission voted 5-2 in favor of adopting the ordinance, bringing to close weeks of revision and public criticism.

"Nobody...is completely happy with this ordinance," Commissioner Colleen Pobur

After the ordinance goes into effect May 25, commercial, industrial and residential properties will be subject to fine if the noise they make is beyond set limits and inspires a complaint to the city.

The maximum amount of noise permissible from a property is different for

commercial sites than for residences, and is reduced at night. Commercial properties can make up to 61 decibels of sound from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.; residences can create up to 55 decibels.

From 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. the commercial maximum is 71 decibels, the residential maximum is 61.

These levels drew criticism from city residents and businesses during attempts to approve the ordinance at previous meetings. Homeowners said the levels allowed too much noise; commercial and industrial interests said levels were too restrictive and would force a change in the way they do business, according to Commissioner Colleen Pobur.

"The spirit and intent of this ordinance is

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## Dance, beer at Fall Fest?

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Every so many years, the question of beer at Fall Festival comes to a head.

It's that time again.

At tonight's Fall Fest Board meeting, the United Way proposal for a '50s dance and a beer tent will probably be discussed again, said Fest President Curt Lamar.

Although the formal application by United Way has not yet been made, Lamar said, the event has been discussed at every meeting by the board.

"It's probably 50-50 among the board

Fest president said, adding that Fest applications will be voted on at the June 3

"I do expect the public to be involved in this. I'd encourage any public input," Lamar emphasized.

Past suggestions to add beer sales to the Fall Festival have fallen flat even though many town festivals in Southeast Michigan feature beer tents as major functions and revenue producers.

"The initial idea (of the latest suggestion) is that it would bring in a lot of members who will actually vote on it," the money to the Festival," Lamar said. One



Fish kids... Four-year-old Malory Hammer was among the 693 Canton children who registered for Canton's annual Kid Fishing Derby. Ponds in Heritage park were stocked Friday night with rainbow trout from a farm in Kalkaska, MI. All who caught a fish received a special rainbow-colored ribbon from Canton's Park and Recreation services. The event was well-attended, despite a chilly, rainy morning. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

estimate for this suggestion calls for a total revenue of \$40,000 for United Way — of Way Executive Director Marie Morrow. which the Fest would get \$10,000.

"This is not just a beer tent," said United Please see pg. 21

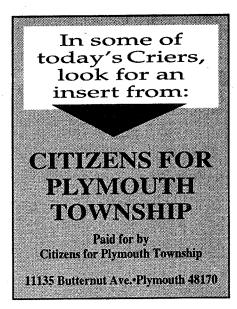
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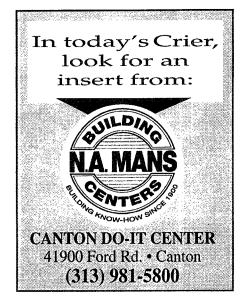
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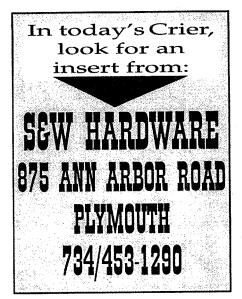
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## WSDP auction airs Saturday

Kind-of-annual fundraiser to benefit student station, First Step

BY BRYON MARTIN

It's an honor to be the best. But it doesn't come cheap.

WSDP 88.1 FM will air its kind-of-annual radio auction Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to fund improvements at the station, which is owned by Plymouth-Canton schools and is run by CEP students. A portion will also be donated to First Step, a Canton-based non-profit organization that works to prevent domestic violence.

According to Station Manager Bill Keith, if the auction brings in \$5,000, WSDP will donate \$500 to First Step. If the take is \$8,000, WSDP will give \$1,000.

For more than a decade businesses and station supporters in The Plymouth-Canton Community have donated items and services to the auction. A few of the items up for bids this year are:

#### **WSDP** Auction

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Listeners are invited to call in and bid on items donated from local businesses and supporters. Proceeds benefit WSDP and Canton's First Step WSDP office: 416-7732 • Airfare anywhere in the U.S.;

• 8.81 grams of gold to be designed in a pendant or ring of the bidder's choosing;

• Red Wings jersey, autographed by Ted Lindsay;

• Plymouth Whalers jersey, signed by the team;

• Princess Diana

Through equipment upgrades WSDP has been able to expand its broadcast abilities. For years the station has aired live from the Fall Festival with jocks such as Sarah Kuhaneck, Scott Wilson and Jim Morrison (above).

"Since then, we've just stayed in touch," Keith said.

In pursuit of their continued success, Keith said money raised at the auction will probably go toward technology improvements for the studios.

One big-ticket item would allow the station to broadcast 24 hours a day, rather than from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. as it does now.

"That's down the line," Keith said. "But it would be pretty

The station provides local news, sports and events coverage, and generic music programming such as "The 88 Escape", "The Sanctuary" and "Open up and say Ska."

Beanie Babies;

• Dinner for six, catered by Carleigh Flaharty, Canton Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Flaharty will also assist the regular WSDP personalities behind the microphones as a guest auctioneer. Schools Superintendent Chuck Little and Mark Horvath, outgoing president of the P-C School Board will join the jocks, too. Chris Handyside, editor at the MetroTimes newspaper will help out, too.

Handyside wrote a story in the MetroTimes about WSDP when the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters named it high school Station of the Year. The MetroTimes has also given WSDP a music award for radio.

## 2 dead in Superior Twp. 'mercy killing'

Police say after 12 years of care, daughter shot ailing mother, self

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A Superior Township woman allegedly shot and killed her ailing mother and then herself Friday, according to Detective Sgt.

Roy Mays of the Washtenaw County to Mays. A look in the garage confirmed

For 12-15 years, 62-year-old Sylvia Gebski had cared for her mother Caroline Kobylarz, 86, Mays said.

"She was suffering from Parkinson's disease and her daughter was her only source of care," Mays said.

"We have determined from our investigation and a note left on the scene that she performed a mercy killing on her mother, then turned the gun on herself," Mays said.

Alfred Gebski, Sylvia's husband, left their home on the 3700 block of Gotfredson Road Friday, around 9:30 a.m.. He returned home about two hours later to find a cabinet open where he kept some of his guns. A .357 magnum revolver missing, according to police.

Alfred searched the house but found no sign of his wife or her mother, according

to Mays. A look in the garage confirmed her car was there. Concerned about his wife's state of mind, he called the police, Mays said.

Deputies responded and, on further search of the house, located Kobylarz outside the house. She deceased with a gunshot wound in her upper torso, according to Mays.

"There was still no sign of the daughter, so we called for a K-9 unit," Mays said. "(The Gebskis) have about 50 acres of property."

With help from the Michigan State Police K-9 unit, deputies located Gebski near the woodline on the northwest portion of the property, Mays said. She had a single gunshot wound to her head.

The Gebskis had been discussing whether to place Kobylarz in a home for the aged but had some financial considerations, according to Mays.



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# CEP juniors dodge MEAP

State opened use of waiver to all students in January; 63% don't take test in April

BY BRYON MARTIN

Juniors at CEP were faced with a new question this year on the high school MEAP test: if it doesn't help you, is it worth taking?

For some 600 of them, their answer—the only they gave—was 'no.'

Formerly given only to students in special education or with weak English speaking skills, a state waiver was offered this year to all students. According to Charles Little, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools, about 63 per cent of CEP's 998 juniors did not take the MEAP test this year.

The schools don't yet know the number of students who used the waiver, according to Little, but the effect on participation was obvious. Last year, fewer than 100 students in the entire district missed the MEAP, compared to this year's 600 at the high schools alone, he said. "I'm very disappointed."

Freed from the requirement to take the test, some students who question its usefulness opted out of the MEAP. Canton junior Emily Bonneau was one of them.

"I don't see any personal benefit in (taking the MEAP)" she said, "only a benefit for the district."

**District Interest** 

In the past, the schools have used students'

# Brownfield new to Twp.

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Hoping to spur growth on abandoned industrial sites, Plymouth Township is creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The authority could speed up redevelopment of sites such as the Wycoff Steel property north of Ann Arbor Road and east of Mill Street.

Defined as abandoned industrial or commercial sites that may or may not be contaminated, Brownfields were often left unused in the past because developers feared costs of clean-up and liability. Instead of rebuilding on an old site, developers would build on "greenfields," or sites without previous development.

"It is the intent of the authority is to level the playing field between Brownfields and Greenfields," said Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor.

To make Brownfields more enticing to developers, contamination liability has been

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# Addenda & errata

Costs to build the bridge built by Ginopolis' Parthenon at Compuware arena totaled \$2.5 million, not \$5 million as reported last week. MEAP scores to gauge class performance against Michigan standards in math, science, reading and writing.

At the district level, the data also gives a perspective on students' progress and on how curricula might be changed to strengthen performance in subjects where students scored low.

"The waiver ruins that data," Little said.

Because most juniors didn't take the MEAP, results can't be said to represent the junior class, according to schools spokesperson Judy Evola. "The data is skewed. You can't have an apples-to-apples comparison."

This loss is significant, according to Little. "Comparison across the district gives a kid the chance to see how he's done."

Bonneau said that comparison wasn't worth the effort, even after the state shortened the testing time from 11 to 81/2 hours. "We have our GPAs and ACT scores, other

measures for how we did compared to other students."

Bonneau said she carries a 3.9 GPA and writes for the high school paper. She wanted to attend a journalism competition held concurrent with MEAP testing. "I had other things I wanted to do," she said. "I didn't see the point in taking it just for the data."

Ahmed Baset took the MEAP not for class ranking, but to improve his testing skills, he said. His parents are also "very strict when it comes to grades and tests," he said. "They said 'you're going to take it"

Like Bonneau, Baset is a 3.9 GPA student who works at the school paper. Unlike Bonneau, Baset's schedule was clear during MEAP week.

"I guess I had nothing to lose," he said. Spending 8 1/2 hours on the MEAP meant he only missed "goofing around with my friends."

A minor cost, Baset also said he didn't think he took much from his test experience.

"It was very casual, not serious," he said.
"With all the build up we hear before a test like the MEAP, if people failed they didn't

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Sarah Donegan and Maggie Prokop inspect some of the flowers for sale Saturday at Plymouth's Farmers' Market. Held under the Gathering the market is open every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through October 24 (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

## Agenda

#### THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, a showing of works by fiber artists opens at the Plymouth Community Arts Council at their Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Runs from 7 – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, WSDP 88.1 FM airs its kind-of-annual Radio Auction. P-C-N is invited to listen in all day and call to bid on items. Proceeds help fund improvements at the student-run, non-profit station. Call 416-7732.
- Saturday, letter carriers in Plymouth will collect non-perishable food items for the Plymouth Salvation Army food bank. Postal customers can leave their food donations at their mailboxes before their letter carriers arrive. No glass, please. Both Plymouth Post Offices, Danny's Foods, Hillers and Ann Arbor Rd. Kmart will also accept donations.

#### NEXT WEEKEND

 Friday, Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band perform from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The show opens Plymouth's "Entertainment's on us" series of free music every Friday in the city.

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### Canton mega deal:

## **DEQ** decision today

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's coming down to the wire for Burton-Katzman, the developers behind a proposed mega-development at Ford Road and I-275.

Joel Piell, Canton's bond attorney, and Finance Director Tony Minghine told DDA board members last week that the development, as proposed by Burton-Katzman, would generate enough tax revenue to retire bond sales. Piell also said the DDA could legally finance \$3.2 million for initial infrastructure improvements at the site through bond sales.

A decision expected today by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) could make Piell's answers moot.

According to Chuck DiMaggio, project manager for Burton-Katzman, today is the deadline the DEQ had for removing its earlier objections regarding the project.

'They were concerned about and objected to our proposal to totally mitigate the wooded wetlands on the site." DiMaggio said. "They wanted us to retain some of the wetlands there and mitigate the remainder elsewhere.'

DiMaggio said Burton-Katzman submitted a revised application about one month ago, to try and better satisfy the DEQ's desire for the wetlands. To do this residential portions of the plan were eliminated, DiMaggio said,

The project was originally designed to contain several types of uses, including a multiplex theater, a shopping center several restaurants, as well as office and residential space. All would sit on 124 acres at Ford Road and I-275.

With the DEO's revisions, the project is changing in scope, DiMaggio said.

"It's my guess that as we move forward the project will continue to evolve," he said.

Several DDA members voiced concerns that as the project changes it may become less desirable.

"To me the strength of the project was its residential component," said DDA member Melissa McLaughlin. "We don't want it to be a ghost town after 5 p.m. How much can we stand to change the project before it becomes undesirable?

DDA Chairman Ralph Shufeldt said the value of the project should be evaluated on the amount of revenue it will eventually generate. That sum, about \$150 million, would be the same regardless of the types of uses that eventually fill the development, Shufeldt said.

Piell suggested that, should the township decide to sell bonds to provide a roadway and

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## VVA to organize parade

#### Memorial day march passed from American Legion

BY BRYON MARTIN

In battle, when the standard was dropped another soldier picket it up to lead the charge.

In Plymouth it was the Memorial Day parade that was dropped. But according to Dennis Shrewsbury of the Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA), the parade will go on May 25 as scheduled.

New this year, he said, will be an earlier start time-7:30 a.m., the same time as the city's Fourth of July parade, "Good Morning U.S.A." The CEP marching band has agreed to participate, according to Shrewsbury. Veterans from the Plymouth VFW will also

Traditionally, responsibility for organizing the parade has rotated between Plymouth's VFW, VVA and the American Legion.

But when Mike O'Malley, commander of the legion's Plymouth post, found out the legion was up for duty this year, he said, "no

"You've got to have some people," he

said. American Legion members "don't have the energy or the numbers to do it. I'd be doing it all myself."

According to O'Malley, legion membership has dropped in recent years, from about 200 a decade ago to some 35 today. No more than four or five people have been present at the last few group meetings, he

"Most of them are in Florida or Arizona. There are only seven or eight in town."

O'Malley said he would like to see a parade committee formed of representatives from each of the groups who have planned it

When the legion couldn't take charge of the parade a call was placed to the VVA. Shrewsbury and company said they would

"It's going to be the same route, from Theodore up to the park," he said. An additional stop for a quick service in front of Central Middle School may yet be added.

## Authority to aid clean-ups

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shifted from the developer to the previous owner.

Also, communities with Brownfield Authorities are allowed to capture property taxes from a site and use that money to rehabilitate it or other brownfield sites. As the the rehabilitated site's property value increases, so does the tax capture, according to James Anulewicz, director of public services

"There will be a tremendous tax increase at a redeveloped site," Anulewicz said. "We can capture taxes for as long as the rehabilitation takes place, plus five years."

Who will run the authority is still of some debate, Anulewicz said.

"The Board (of Trustees) asked whether or not they could serve as the Brownfield board, and they can," he said. "Or they can appoint others to fill the board."

The Wycoff Steel property looks as though it will be the first to receive the benefits, according to Anulewicz. "There is a developer interested in the sight," he said. "We should know something within the next six months."

## DDA subsidy decision pending in mega development

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storm water management systems for the development, they should enter into a developer's agreement assuring the project will generate the estimated revenue.

"It's not that uncommon," he said. "The developer would agree to guarantee the amount of taxable value the property gener-

ates, and if the project doesn't meet the number, then the developer will have to make up the shortfall. You're simply guaranteeing the payment of the taxes."

Should the township decide to subsidize the project, there are two likely avenues they could take, Minghine said. The DDA currently captures enough tax to retire about \$2.5 million in debt. Those funds are already ear-

marked to make road improvements within the DDA, but Minghine said those projects could be postponed and the funds used for subsidizing the project.

The township could also calculate the interest of the bonds and add that sum into the debt. Those funds could then be dispersed to pay debt until the project begins developing its own revenue, Minghine said,

The DDA must first decide whether they should subsidize the project, and that decision won't come within the next few months, according to Shufeldt.

"Your decision is not crucial, only helpful," Piell told the board. "The DDA is in a position to help make the project more viable. But if the developer can finance \$150 million, they can finance \$154."

## State offers MEAP waivers, educators await answers

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seemed to care. It was very relaxed."

If students are ambivalent about the test, it's because, like Bonneau, they don't see much benefit in it, according to Joan Claeys, CEP assistant principal. "What benefit could there be," she asked.

#### Student interests

The test was supposed to be given in January, but at that time state education officials were still tinkering with revisions, according to Claeys.

The MEAP was given in April instead. Results from the test won't be available until September when students will be more than a month into their senior years—that's too late to

adjust their studies to improve in areas where their MEAP scores were low, according to Claeys.

"This late in the year I think a lot of juniors are looking at the MEAP and are thinking, 'why'," she said.

In the past, when students scored well on the MEAP they received an endorsement seal on their diplomas. "It said 'math and science,' or whichever areas you did well in," Claeys said.

The state eliminated that seal and will instead report scores to students' academic transcripts.

"Now (students) get nothing," Little said.

"I think that's even less amenable to parents," Claeys said. Although colleges do not request MEAP scores during admissions, according to Claeys, the scores will appear on students' transcripts along with ACT or SAT results.

"There are some questions that families have on its impact on college admissions," Evola said. "They want as clean a transcript as possible."

Claeys said that until results come in September, "we don't know what's going to be on the transcripts. I think people see that as very threatening."

Rather than take a chance on a bad score, particularly when they see little or no benefit in success, most juniors took the state's waiver offer.

If schools aren't getting the data they need from the MEAP, educators might be tempted to ask what was the point of the state's changes.

According to Claeys, "we're just waiting for answers."

# Many happy returns.



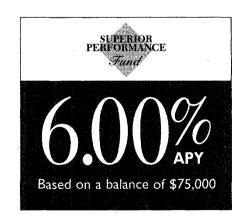
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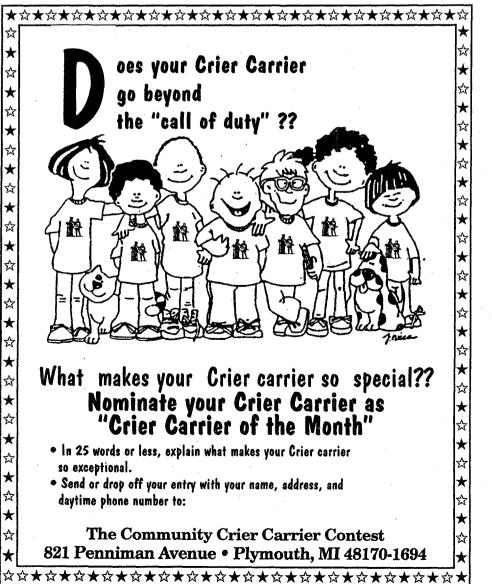
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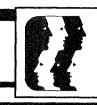






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## Groups

#### **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. Tonight they will meet to discuss Ellen Foster by Kaye Givans. For more information call 734-397-5444.

#### WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, in Northville on Friday 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.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING

Mother's Day Music and Fun with Steve LaHaie is being presented at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging Monday, May 11. This monthly meeting will be held at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, at 1:30 p.m. Call 734-453-1234 ext. 236.

#### VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

The General Meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America will be held at 9318 Newburg Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, on Monday, May 11. All Veterans on active duty January 1, 1959- May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station are eligible. Call Don Dignan 313-446-3492 or 734-525-0157 for details.



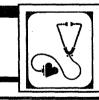
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Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Volunteers are needed weekday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.

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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.



## Health

#### INTRODUCTORY HATHA 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 start today. Call 734-416-4ART for details.

#### **GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES**

Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road is offering a free five-week grief recovery program Thursdays through June 18, from 7-9 p.m. The program is designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Call 734-459-2250.

#### WEIGHT AND CHOLESTEROL MANAGEMENT

St. Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring the Nutriway weight and cholesterol management series. The program includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival and more. Classes available at Canton Summit on the Park. Call 313-712-5110 for details.

#### THE PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obtrusive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call 734-712-5367.



## What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



## **Events**



And the Winner is... The Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year/ATHENA Awards Luncheon is today at Summit on the Park at noon. Previous '96 & '97 winners Bonnie Berg (left) and Nicki Wilson (right) are shown.

#### PLYMOUTH DOG-JOG

The Plymouth Dog/Jog'98 is this Saturday, May 9, at Kellogg Park. Registration at noon and the walk begins at 1:30p.m. A special performance by the Dogmatic Canine Precision Drill Team will be at 2:30 p.m. The public and pooches are welcome and registration fee is \$20 which includes a T-shirt for the human and bandanna for the dog. Contact Eric or Denise at 734-459-7000 for details.

#### ADVANCED LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

On Wednesday, May 13, Financial Consultant Paul Leduc will present an advanced living trust seminar at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road. Now that you have a living trust, learn how to make it work for you, including: tax planning with living trusts and trust asset management. It's open to the public and free of charge. For more information call (248) 594-1020.

#### **CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

The Canton Beautification Committee is hosting a Spring Plant Exchange on Saturday, May 16, from 9-11 a.m. at the Pavilion behind the Historical Museum. Bring your healthy perennials, herbs, seeds, bulbs and house plants. Please label with common name, latin name and growing conditions. Call Chris at 734-495-0042 for more information.

#### DISCOVER ART IN NORTHVILLE

A walking tour of downtown Northville galleries will be Sunday, May 17, from 12-5 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Northville Central business Association and the Northville Arts Commission. Many local artist will be featured.

#### 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.

#### **FARMER'S MARKETS**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hosting Farmer's Market every Saturday through the summer at the Gathering in Kellogg Park. The market opens at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 12:30 p.m. Contact 734-453-1540 for more details.

#### ART IN THE SUN

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

# 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' Happening

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734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Lost
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Affection" "Scream II" "Les
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CENTER STAGE 734-981-5122; Fri.–Sat.: Dance to alternative music and more.

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734-416-9288; Wed.: Open Mic Night.

#### ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs. Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat. Live Music in Piano Bar.

#### GENITTS HOLE IN THE WALL 248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater.

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN 734-455-8450; Thurs.:Live Blues with *The Witch Doctors*.

#### THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Live Blues Fri.: Glen Eddie Band, Sat.: The Regular Boys.

MARQUIS THEATRE 248-349-8110; Fri., Sat. & Sun.: Live Musical Theatre "Hansel and Gretel."

MR. B'S PLYMOUTH
734-459-4190; Sat.: Live
music: Lightin' Creole.

#### PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing: "As Good as it Gets."

#### PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Fri.: Live Acoustic music with Lou Rye.

#### STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. – Thurs.: Live music with Wally Gibson; Fri.-Sat. Wally Gibson and Angelino Primo.

**WEST SIDE SINGLES** 734-981-0909; Every Fri.: Friday dances at Burton Manor.

## PLYMOUTHPARKPLAYERS

248-349-7110; Present "Arsenic and Old Lace" Fri. & Sat.: May 8,9,15 &16. Sun.: May 10.

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.

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## **Neighbors remembered:**

# A man for all seasons

## Former parishioner remembers Father Mac

EDITOR'S NOTE: Saturday, Our Lady of handle the incense sensor, and even how to Good Counsel will dedicate its new pipe organ in memory of Fr. Kenneth MacKinnon, a pastor at the church for 13 years. He died in 1985.

BY PAUL GARGARO

My earliest memories of Fr. Kenneth Mackinnon are as a sixth grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth. It was in that year that I, along with many of my classmates, became an altar boy.

Altar service was an opportunity few of us could pass on. The perks were enormous, and included the chance serve on the altar high above our classmates during weekday mass and, of course, the annual altar boys' outing to Boblo Island.

On our first day of instruction, we marched single file from our classroom into the church and up onto the altar. Few of us had ever been on the altar. This initial access was surely a foretaste of liberties to come. We fidgeted in anticipation.

But as we would soon find out, being an altar boy was serious business, and Fr. Mac made sure that was clear from the start. Reverence, he said, was to be maintained at all times; from lighting the candles before mass to dousing their flames at its conclusion. We spent an hour with Fr. Mac that afternoon, and would spend many more in preparation of our new assignment. I think I felt closer to God than I ever have on the altar of that empty, dark church. We learned from Fr. Mac the order of the Mass, when to sit and when to stand, when to bring him the book, how the in London, and Fr. Mac and I exchanged sto-

hold our hands; folded, fingers over knuckles, or straight, palm-to-palm with full-finger extension. He preferred the latter, and he passed through our line, inspecting our hand position like a drill sergeant, scrutinizing a company of green recruits. My classmates and I would giggle later about his rigid instructions, though all of us did our best to carry them out with as much attention to detail as is possible for 12-year-old boys.

I have since come to understand Fr. Mac's concern for order as an extension of his passion for doing things the way they ought to be done. Indeed, he was passionate about his parish, its students and its families. Few people I know carry that same desire to do things right—to get the most out of what they are charged with.

Fr. Mac's passion, however, extended beyond the traditional duties of his vocation. He had a true lust for life, for music, history, travel and good food. He loved to cook, and to eat at the homes of his parishioners or at MacKinnon's, the Northville restaurant owned

My family was blessed to have shared Fr. Mac's last meal, a summer barbecue to celebrate mother's day. He arrived that night with flowers for my mom, my grandma, and my sister-in-law, herself a new mother. He ate with his usual gusto, soaking in the chaos that surrounds a meal with my family.

I had just returned from a college semester

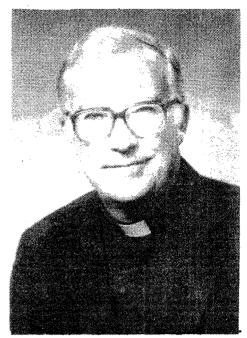
ries about England, a country he had visited during his many travels. We said our good byes hours later, planning our next get together. Early the following morning, my mother came into my room with news that Fr. mac had suffered a fatal heart attack during the night. It was an awful shock, but in time our sadness gave way to the warm consolation that he had spent his last hours in happiness with our family.

During his years in Plymouth, Fr. Mac was an active citizen of the community. He was a member of the Rotary. I can still see him roasting chicken at "the club's annual Fall Festival barbecue, reveling in the fellowship of the club and the ambiance of the autumn

Fostering a sense of community was important to Fr. Mac. I know he shared friendships with leaders of our other local churches. He talked often-from the pulpit and in casual conversation—of the need for ecumenism. More than once, my schoolmates and I joined the students of St. Paul's Lutheran Church to hear a concert, or watch a performance.

Fr. Mac had a formidable knowledge of history. He traveled often, absorbing the history of his destinations. He was particularly fond of New England.

When my father built a small office complex just outside of town, Fr. Mac christened it Provincetown. My mother has a picture on her bookshelf of Dad and Fr. Mac beaming beneath the signpost of the newly-opened cen-



FR. KENNETH MACKINNON

At Thanksgiving Day mass, Fr. Mac would deliver wonderful homilies on the Pilgrims. The sermons were always insightful lectures on their legacy as Americans and Christians.

Today, nearly two decades after serving my first mass, I work in an office in Downtown Detroit, a block off the Detroit River. On warm days I spend my lunch hour walking along that river from the foot of Riopelle past Joe Louis Arena and back. It is along this stretch that the old Boblo boats would anchor. I think back to those spring days, and to a group of young boys waiting with feverish anticipation for the big boat to set sail down the river. And I think of Fr.

PAUL GARGARO is a reporter for Crain's Detroit Business, a former Crier reporter and member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

## Dallas Goss: 33 years of contagious biology

BY JODI RING

For many decades in The Plymouth-Canton Community, the name of Dallas Goss was synonymous with biology. You just couldn't have the one without the other.

He spent 33 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district, teaching biology at East and Central middle schools, and at Canton High School.

There were many students who were fortunate to have had Dallas Goss as an instructor. He was worthy of respect and certainly loved teaching. His love for biology was contagious and provided a sound foundation for his pupils.

At the age of 69, Dallas Goss passed away at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, March 17. His

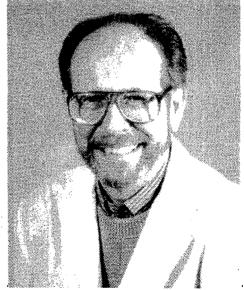
funeral services were held March 20 in his hometown of Fenton. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, also in Fenton.

Dallas Goss was born February 24, 1929 in Hartland, MI to Earl and Rose (McCartney) Goss. Raised in Fenton, he graduated from high school there in 1947 and attended Adrian College and Central Michigan University where he received a B.S. He received a Masters of Science from the University of Michigan following military service with the Seventh Army of Occupation in Germany from 1953-1954. He taught for three years in South Haven,

In 1952 he married Marjorie Alice Bachus, also of Fenton.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; mother Rose, of Fenton; son Mark, of FL; daughter Bonnie McKenzie, of Whitmore Lake; and loving grandchildren, Andrew Lyskawa of Pinckney, Ashley and Jordan Wild, and Madison McKensie of Whitmore Lake.

A living memorial has been arranged to remember Dallas Goss and what he has educationally given to the Plymouth-Canton schools. Contributions may be sent to Bob Williams or Mary McGrath at Canton High School. Just as Goss's love for plants grew each year he taught, so too will



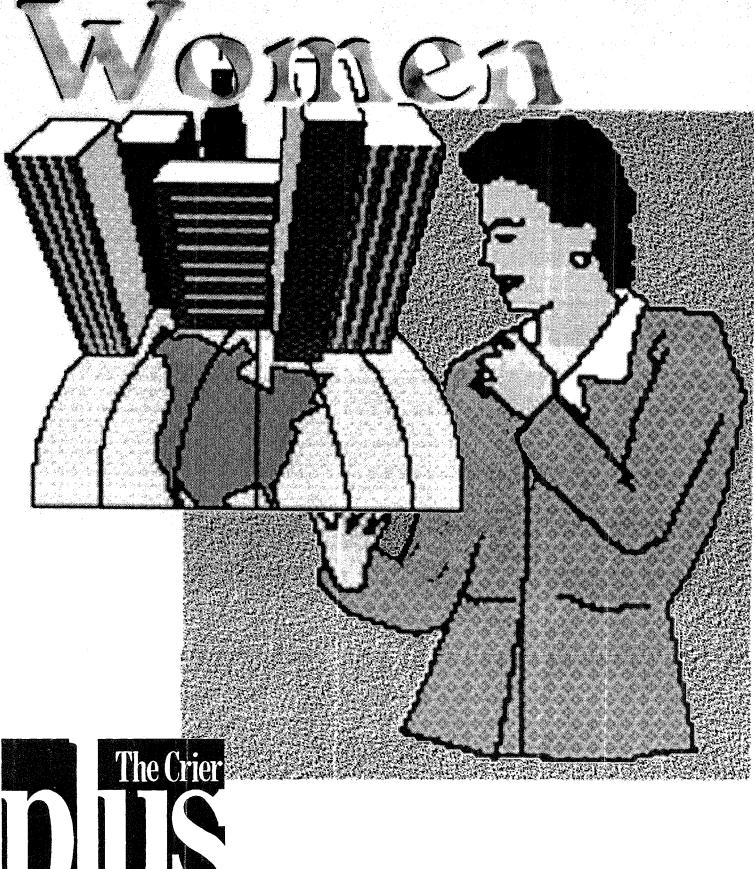
**DALLAS GOSS** 

the plants purchased for future Canton and Salem students to see and learn from.

As Dallas would want it, plants truly are a living memorial to him.

JODI RING teaches reading at West Middle School, presents the Good Apple Report at P-C School Board meetings and is a former student of Dallas Goss.







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## Today's business woman has many options

Joining clubs is a good way to give back to the community

I have always felt like a little be? is answered early. Then we That is until I started writing this on that path to our destiny. But article. Working women in their there is more to life than a 40s and older have long been the career. objects of my admiration.

the women that were over 40 something back. I wanted to join seemed to be confident, poised, the women who on top of working

what they wanted to do. I here are a million couldn't wait to be part of that club. Now here I am at the end of today. No longer are my thirties and it is frightening to realize that I'm on the verge group.

secretarial positions of entering this the world is ours! Is it everything I hoped it would be? There are a million choices for approached my first volunteer

women today. No longer are we stuffed into secretarial positions But you juggle your schedule and — the world is ours! Hopefully the question — What do I want to

girl on the outside looking in. can get our education and start

A couple of years ago I realized When I began working at 15, that it was time to give and for the most part were doing and running a household, many

of whom are moms, also volunteer help others.

Whether at a school, a church or another nonprofit organization, the camaraderie you feel with your fellow

volunteers is tremendous. When I post I thought, I don't have time! everything still gets done.

I wanted to join a club that I

#### Traditions By Lisa Lepping

was interested in so I chose the Garden Club. Gardening is one of my passions. Most of the women in this group are able to go to daytime meetings, which has been difficult for me, but I am not giving up! They are a great bunch of ladies and welcomed me with open arms. They do important things like give scholarships to girls that are studying horticulture, and community plantings.

Somehow I still had a nagging feeling that I needed to do more. I needed to volunteer where I felt a connection. I chose Angela Hospice. They took care of both my mother and mother-in-law during their last days. I joined the fund raising committee,

which was a good place for me. I love to plan parties and have a business background - it was a good fit. The others on the committee are working women like me and we immediately felt in synch with each other.

I also worked with the Plymouth Community Arts Council on their Mardi Gras fund raising dinner auction. Although I am not an artist, I enjoy pretending to be. I feel strongly that our children need the arts as part of their lives to grow up well rounded. A most wonderful group of ladies began the PCAC many years ago and it has been very successful. This would be a great place to volunteer even just

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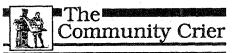
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(Photo - In from left to right): Lisa Lepping, Diane Giera, Rhonda Delonis, Linda Kochanek. Seated Geneva Guenther.







## Real estate offers a challenging career

### Mixing family, client timetables can be hard, but rewards are worth it

BY JULIA NELSON

Many women are among the real estate agents to benefit from the growth and extreme interest in Plymouth and Canton.

According to Janie Clemons, an agent at the Plymouth branch of Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke Realtors in downtown Plymouth, there is a tremendous amount of growth in homes and real estate in the area.

"There is a surplus of buyers and a shortage of homes," she said. "Some buyers are even too impatient to wait for a home to be built in the area," she said.

Judy "O" Larry, buyer broker at Plymouth's Quality Better Homes and Gardens with 13 years of experience said people in Canton are upgrading homes, transferees are moving into and out of the Plymouth and Canton areas, and new families who want to become part of the community are the reason for a surge in the real estate business.

Nancy Petrucelli, an agent at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake, agrees that the busy real estate market in the area is due to demand.

"Plymouth has enjoyed an increase in prices for the past two years," she said. "The community of Plymouth is nice, the city offers family things and is good for all ages."

She also stated that Canton has experienced growth in prices as well since it is a newer area and there are a wide variety of stores and restaurants.

When asked if there is a dominance by women in the business, most local female agents feel there may be more female than male agents in some offices, but it is different for each workplace. At the Weir, Manuel, Snyder, and Ranke firm there are two men out of the total of 18 agents in the office. But, according to Larry, there are still many male real estate agents in the area. The women feel that one sex doesn't necessarily do the job any better than the other, although women real estate agents provide some

"Women are conditioned to handle a lot of things at once which makes us more successful in the field," Petrucelli said. All three agents do feel that women real estate agents understand the whole package of a home sale better then men. Both Larry and Clemons agreed that they try to assess the situation and what is best for the buyers instead of simply trying to sell a property.

Larry feels that whatever sex the agent is, they must enjoy interacting with people at all times. He or she must always be pleasant and ready to cater to the customers.

"This is the area in which women excel since women often have great patience and understanding with their customers," Petrucelli said.

Although, as some might believe, being a real estate agent is not an ideal part-time job for working mothers. Due to the accommodations an agent must make for her customers, a working mother may have a hard time meeting the needs of her customer's demands which can occur 24 hours a day. She also runs the risk of impacting her income, according to Clemons.

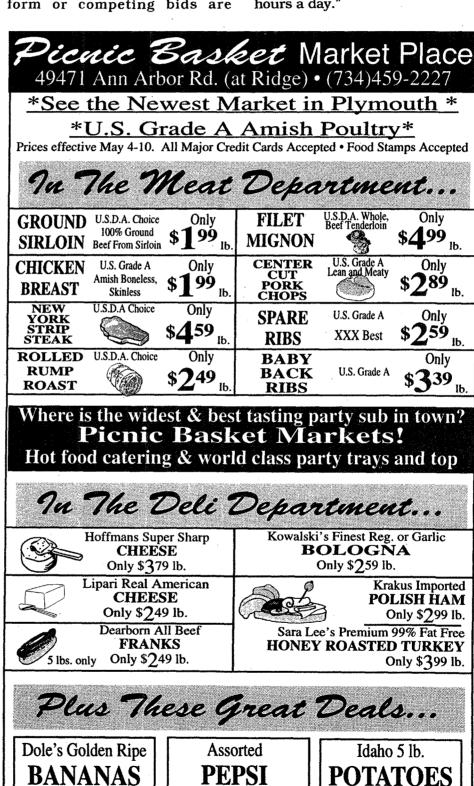
The real estate field is often a second job for many agents since a 40 hour class is sufficient to license a realtor, and a six hour continuing education class taken each year renews their license through the Michigan Board of Realtors.

Specialties in fields such as buyer broker and selling can be obtained by taking certification classes. Most agents feel that they have an edge over other competitors when they take continuing classes or seminars in their field each year since they instill customer confidence in agents.

However real estate should not be considered an easy field. Agents must constantly prospect for new properties to sell, or for homes for their buyers.

Also, with all of the agents in the area there is intense competition to succeed. Real estate work is an independent job without any guaranteed salary. If an agent becomes lazy their income reflects this since referrals from satisfied customers comprises 90% of business,

Petrucelli said. Agents must always stay busy to remain successful. According to Larry, vacationing even becomes difficult since agents may need to be contacted at any time when deals form or competing bids are submitted. There is no line between work time and personal time in the life of a real estate agent. Nancy Petrucelli said, "Real estate is really a love/hate career seven days a week, twenty four hours a day."



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## Chamber awards ATHENA today

Businesswomen honored for achievements in business, community

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The 1998 ATHENA Award will be presented at at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon today at Canton's Summit on the park.

The Award was first present in 1991 to honor the contributions women make in the business world, according to Carleigh Flaharty, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"It's named after the Greek goddess Athena, who truly represents many of the ideals we

reach for," she said.

The award is presented to a Canton business woman who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women, Flaharty said. Previous winners have included business women who have balanced careers, family life and community service, she said.

The process has changed slightly though, according to Flaharty. Previously nominees were chosen by business associates. The chamber then

mailed out a form to the nominee asking them about themselves, Flaharty said. This year a biography was included with the nomination and the chamber interviewed the nominees directly.

"I think it gave us a better sense of who the people were," she said. "A lot of people don't like opening up and talking about themselves in that way."

Previous ATHENA winners served as judges, and the winner from the field of five candidates will be announced today.

Nominees are Sally Bailey of St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Penny Klei of NBD Bank, Diane Neihegen, manager of Canton's Senior Center at Summit on the Park, Joan Noricks, director of the Canton Community Foundation and Debbie Zevalkink, administrative

for Canton's assistant according supervisor. Flaharty.

As site administrator for St. Joe's Canton Health Building, Bailey also speaks nationwide on women's health topics. She serves on Canton's Board of Directors, is a graduate of Leadership Canton and has volunteered at many community

Klei, vice president of the NBD Bank Ford Road location, has also served on chamber and Canton Community Foundation boards. She is a current participant of Leadership Canton and active with the Canton Rotary.

During her tenure as senior coordinator, Niehengen has helped provide improved

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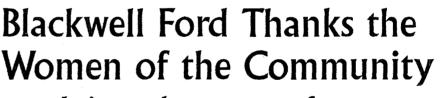
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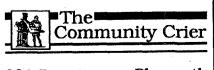
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# Congratulations

1998 Canton Athena Award Nominees & Small Business Person Of The Year Nominees

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## Canton Athena Award Nominees

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Sally Bailey St. Joseph Mercy Health System

Not Pictured: Penny Klei, NBD Bank; Diane Neihagen, Canton Senior Center

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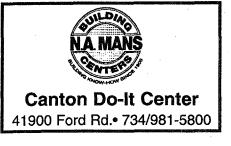
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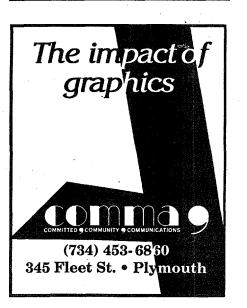
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services for seniors in Canton.

Noricks has worked with virtually every community service group under the sun in her position with the Canton Community Foundation. She has also worked with Character Counts, Make a Difference Day and on the Schools' Advisory Council.

Zevalkink was nominated for her efforts to enhance the Canton community though organizations such as the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council, Leadership Canton and the Canton Project Arts Youth Variety series.

"We had a real strong field of nominees this year," Flaharty said. Although she wouldn't reveal who the winner would be, she did say the judges couldn't have made a better choice.

"She's someone who has been a positive person in Canton for a long time."

## Volunteer

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a few hours. They have many jobs available, some that take very little time. One that I thought would be fun is taking works of art into the classrooms and talking about it and the artist.

Volunteering to me has been like exercise — the more you do, the more energy you have to do more!

Well, I guess I'm on the inside looking out now and I'd like to invite all of you working women to step up to the plate and give a little piece of your time to those who need it.

I'll be turning forty in a couple of years (do you know how hard it was to type that?) and I'm doing what I want to do, but I'm still working on that poised thing. I hope some other "little girls" looking in will step in and join all their sisters that volunteer and find the time to help. You will be amazed at how good you feel!

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## 4 years and 1 wet Saturday

## **Isbister PTO group** begins \$30,000 playground update

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Rain didn't stop workers and volunteers from pursuing a four-year dream Saturday at Isbister Elementary School

Despite the chill and dampness brought on by a spring drizzle, about 50 parents, teachers and other volunteers worked the morning away, installing about \$30,000 worth of new playground equipment.

"The rain was a little discouraging at first," said Principal Lee Harrison. "We've been looking forward to this and planning it for so long that to wake up at 7 a.m. and see the rain really put a damper on the day."

Harrison said he arrived at Isbister's playground to find a field of mud. Holes that had been dug for the play structure were filled with water.

Fortunately, volunteers had been watching the weather all week, and arrived prepared for the adverse

"We had a good turn out anyway, and



Students at Isbister Elementary School are on their way to a more modern playground, thanks to volunteers who spent more than four years raising money for new equipment, some of which was installed Saturday (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

structure for kindergarteners, and two other structures, including a larger playscape for fourth and fifth graders that included a track slide.

Volunteers also cut down a tree on the school's property and worked toward cleaning up a wooded area on the school's northern side, Harrison said.

They were also going to paint some of we got a lot done," Harrison said. the school's older equipment, but that had

Installed on the grounds were a new play to be postponed because of rain, Harrison many parents and teachers who

The \$30,000 for the equipment came from several years worth of fundraisers, Harrison said.

"Our PTO fundraiser has raised about \$7,000 a year for the past three years for the equipment," he said. "We also sold Little Ceaser pizza kits and were able to make quite a bit with those."

Harrison said that in addition to the

volunteered to help install the equipment, several local businesses donated supplies.

"One family even donated all the cement," he said.

Harrison said fully replacing the school''s playground equipment would take a few more years.

"A lot of of these structures are on their last legs," he said. "But this is a

## Fest board to hear dance, beer proposal

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"It's a '50s dance.

"We've been here for 53 years and we thought we should participate in the Festival. It's a win-win situation for

Morrow said the dance with beer tent proposal for the beer sales, she said.

would be held on the upper deck of the Central Parking where there is controlled access. Which specific day or evening of the three-day Fest would be used for the dance has not been decided, but Central Distributors has drawn up a budget

the Festival's goals in considering the dance-beer tent, the dollar needs are not as great as they were six months ago for the Festival.

According to Fest Treasurer Sue Clark, "we're doing better. Everything is caught

While revenue generation may one of up except the City bill." Both she and Lamar praised the City for working with the Fest on the unpaid bill.

Clark said she hoped, however, the Fest could put some money into its savings account which would literally be a rainy

## Ordinance seeks commercial, residential balance

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not to put anyone out of business...it is not to drive anybody out of their homes," she said. "We're trying to balance the needs of the city's different uses."

That balance is reached in the noise levels set in the ordinance, according to Pobur.

The city's previous noise ordinance was ruled unconstitutionally vague and thrown out by Chief Judge John MacDonald last autumn during a case in 35th District Court.

The case centered on ongoing complaints of loud music at The Lower Kariniemi, who live down Starkweather ruling.

6 If everybody is unhappy (with the noise restrictions), maybe it's at the right level. **9** Ron Loiselle City Commissioner

Street from the restaurant.

There has been no noise ordinance in Town Grill from Dean and Terri effect in the city since MacDonald's

A letter from E & E Manufacturing, a stamping and fastener company, asked the commission "not to pass an ordinance that would, in effect, make us non-compliant right from the get-go. Please don't make Lower Town Grill's problem our problem."

Other businesses jointly signed a letter requesting the city "not make real or potential problems for the industrial sector of the city where none exists."

The Kariniemis reiterated concerns that noise levels set in the ordinance were too high. Dean Kariniemi asked why no changes had been made to the ordinance since its critique at the commission's last meeting.

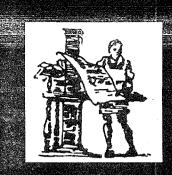
"I feel like this is a waste of time. You're not listening!" said Catherine Smith, a resident of Mill Street.

"It's very hard to sit up here and look in your eyes and know you're furious," Pobur said, addressing emotional appeals from members of the audience.

Following public comments, a series of amendment proposals and a failed attempt to adopt it, the ordinance was approved.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle offered his spin on the public's dissatisfaction with the new city rule.

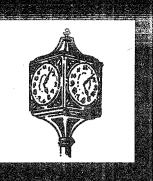
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## Obituaries

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#### **HUGO FELIX CRONWALL**

Hugo Felix Cronwall, a Westland resident, died April 28,

1998 at the age of 86.

Mr. Cronwall was born Nov. 16, 1911 in Ishpeming, MI. He was a production expediter at the Ex-Cello Corp in Highland Park, retiring in 1970.

He is survived by his daughter, JoAnn (Andy) Hill of Canton; and granddaughter, Michelle (John) Hayden of

Northville.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Senior Alliance, 3850 Second, Suite #201, Wayne, MI

DAVID A. MYNATT

David A. Mynatt, a Plymouth resident, died April 19, 1998

at the age of 83.

Mr. Mynatt was born May 7, 1914 in Knoxville, TN. He was a machine repairman. He retired from General Motors in 1979 after more than 26 years of service at the Hydramatic Plant in Ypsilanti. He came to the Plymouth community in 1940 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F & AM; the Union Chapter No. 55 of the Royal Arch Masons; the Northville Commandery No. 39; Northville Council No. 30; the Prince Edward College York Rite; and the Plymouth Chapter No. 115 Order of the Eastern Star. He loved to travel, be outdoors and be with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ellen V. Mynatt of Plymouth; son, David (Patsy) Mynatt of Jacksonville, AL; daughter, Joyce (Mike) Herter of Plymouth; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucille Quinlan of South Lyon, Dorothy Rowley of South Lyon; and brother, George (Marion) Mynatt of Highland, MI. He is

preceded in death by his brother, Orbie Mynatt.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tonya Arneson officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the Plymouth First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

**ROGER GUY SPRINGSTEEN** 

Roger Guy Springsteen, a Plymouth resident, died April 30,

1998 at the age of 56.

Mr. Springsteen was born Aug. 2, 1941 in Dowagiac, MI. He was a teacher in Livonia at Bryant Junior High School and Churchill High School for 30 years. He coached boys and girls basketball at Churchill and football and baseball at Bryant. He was a memebr of the Michigan Education Association, the Livonia Education Association and the National Education Association. He played golf year round throughout Michigan, participating in numerous leagues and tournaments. He enjoyed fishing and was an all-around

He is survived by his wife, Julane E. of Plymouth; daughters, Julie of Plymouth, Karen of Plymouth; mother, Clara Springsteen of Dowagiac, MI; and sister, Carolyn

(Leonard) Poznanski of Niles, MI.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Fr.

Thomas Belczak officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Arbor Hospice.

CATHERINE M. CLYDE
Catherine M. Clyde, a Plymouth resident, died April 30,

1998 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Clyde was born April 6, 1913 in Flint. She was a homemaker. She was a nurse during WWII and the head nurse in the OB-GYN Department at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit. She was active in the Bird School PTA. She loved to read, travel and has camped all over the U.S. She was an avid reader, and a member of the Plymouth Nurses Association.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dr. Ensign Clyde of Plymouth; daughters, Kathie (Jerry) Lee of Canton, Karen (Frank) Jonas of Charlotte, NC, Peggy (Richard) Kaplan of Tenafly, NJ, Pat (Chuck) Hailey of New York City; son, William of Nederland, CO; and 11 grandchildren.

Private funeral arrangements were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to the Angela Hospice or the charity of choice.

**GERTRUDE Z. SUMPTION** 

Gertrude Z. Sumption, a Chelsea resident, died May 3, 1998

at the age of 96.

Mrs. Sumption was born Dec. 27, 1901 in South Bend, Indiana. She was a homemaker. During the 1930s and '40s she was a cook for the Detroit School System. She came to the Plymouth community in 1953 and moved to Chelsea in 1995. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the V.F.W. Auxiliary, and the Ruth Circle at the First United Methodist Church. She loved people and being with her family. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She is survived by her daughter, Evelyn (James) Anthony of Plymouth; grandchildren, Ronald (Barbara) Meyers of Tryon, NC, Steven (Susan) Meyers of Ann Arbor, MI, Stephen (Deborah) Anthony of Louisiana, Lawrence (Ann) Anthony of Plymouth, Janet (Troy) Ellis of Howell, MI; 11 great-grandchildren; and step-brother, Robert Anderson of Indiana. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and her son,

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the First UNited Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Harland E. Throne, 83, carpenter

Harland E. Throne, a former Plymouth resident, died April 27, 1998. He is survived by four brothers, two sisters and many nieces and

nephews. Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemtery.

Melvin W. Griswold, Sr., 60, worker at the Daily Plant of Hillsdale Tool

Melvin W. Griswold, a former Plymouth resident, died April 27, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanetter Starr; three daughters; one son; sisters, Lucy (Harvey) Shaw, Bertha (Richard) Houck, Dorothy (Walter) Schwein, all of Plymouth, Ruby Bond of Northville, and two other sisters; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife; three children; one brother; one sister; and one grandson.

Services were held at and arrangements were made by the VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery in

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## Canton Boys Track emerges victorious in matchup of unbeatens; first division title in five years may be next

BY BRYAN BOYD

What a difference a year makes. At this time last year, the Canton track team was yet to win a meet. One year later, the Chiefs are undefeated in the Western division and making a run at what would be their first division title in five years.

In a meet from which the winner emerged the only undefeated team in the Western division, the Chiefs edged Livonia Franklin 72-65. Undefeated in their division with two meets to go, a Canton division title looms close.

The Chiefs took a one point lead into the running events thanks to the right arm of Kevin Keil. The captain won both the discus (155'9") and the shot put (52'6") and remained unbeatened in both events in dual meet competition. Eric Larsen added a first in the long jump (19'4") and a second in the high jump (5'6").

This left the Chiefs needing to just run even with Franklin in order to win and that they need behind strong performances like that of Freshman Marty Kane. Kane won the 800 meter dash (2:06.5). Teammate Shaun Moore finished a close second with Steve Blossom third giving the Chiefs a 22 point lead at the time and all but securing the meet. Kane also ran the opening leg on the victorious Chief 3200 meter relay squad (8:35.1) with a little help from Blossom, Moore, and Dave Hylko.

Larsen had a big day adding victories in both the 100 meter (11.5) and the 200 meter (23.7) to his point total. The 400 meter relay team of Gary Lee, Jason Falardeau, Chris Kalis, and Nate Howe also took top honors in 46.8.

The Chiefs only other first place finish came thanks to Larry Anderson in the 400 meters, a personal best of 53.3.

The Chiefs now hold all the cards in the Western division race going into their final two dual meets. "We can't count on anyone else for help," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Our fate is in our own hands." The Chiefs run tomorrow against Farmington Hills Harrison, whom Franklin beat by some 25 points.

A tournament Satruday proved to be both good and bad for the Chiefs.

The good news was a strong showing

by the Chiefs, who placed fourth out of 17 teams. The bad news was the loss of Freshman Chris Kalis, who is the Chiefs' top 110 meter and 300 meter hurdler along with being a varsity high jumper and a valued relay member. "The mark of a good team is having someone who will step up," says Richardson. "That's what we need to do." This may mean varsity hurdlers Brian Kulcyki and Wally

"We put together a strong performance," said Richardson of Saturday. The Chiefs were lead by a first place in the discus relay of Keil, Mark Popejoy, and Jared Chapman(394'5"). The same trio took third in the shot put relay

Kalis, along with Larsen and Jerry Gaines took third in the high jump relay (16'2") Larsen also helped the long jump relay of Jordan Chapman and Kevin Palmer to a third place finish (56'6").

Anderson, Gaines, Howe, and Larsen combined for third in the sprint medley (2:34.5). Shaun Moore took fourth in the open mile with a personal best 4:35.7.

## OHL decision this week

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far, the AHL has upheld the OHL suspension. After the ruling is handed down this week, it is unclear whether or not the AHL will continue to keep Boulerice from playing.

"I don't know what the AHL's position is," said Ted Baker. "It would be unfair for me to speculate what they will do."

According to DeBoer, OHL suspensions don't usually follow players into the minors.

Regardless, Boulderice's reputation as a bruiser will likely stay

with him.

"A lot of people around the league hink of Jesse as a goon or a thug," said Krupsky. "But I know Jesse on the ice is a lot different than Jesse off the ice.

"Sometimes he just snaps and does things that hurt his team on the ice,"

Boulerice has called Long and apologized for the slashing, according to Krupsky.

"It's a shame (Boulerice) will be remembered for this," he said. "Off the ice he's a great kid."



## **Legwand still needs** development, DeBoer says

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said his goal is 10 pounds."

Despite Legwand's stellar season, DeBoer said the 17-year-old center could use another year of development with the Whalers.

"Some NHL teams might look at him and ask what else he could accomplish at the junior level," he said. "But there are still some things he needs to work on. He needs to get better defensively and on faceoffs. And he needs to take a team to the championship. NHL teams look for those sort of things."



The newest Whaler?...1998 Olympic silver medalist Michelle Kwan poses at Compuware Sports Arena Friday afternoon. Kwan was practicing at Compuware in preparation for the "Champions on Ice" show held at Joe Louis Arena that night. Said a member of Kwan's team, "She always practices here. It's a great facility." (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

#### On deck

#### SALEM BASEBALL

Today at home versus Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Thursday at John Glenn at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Midland Invite at 9:30 a.m. Monday at home versus Stevenson at 4 p.m.

#### SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Today at home versus Harrison at 4 p.m. Thursday at Franklin at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the conference meet at Stevenson, time TBA.

#### SALEM BOYS TRACK

Thursday at home versus North Farmington at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home versus John Glenn at 3:30 p.m.

#### SALEM SOFTBALL

Today at Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Thursday at home versus John Glenn at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Classic at 10 a.m. Monday at Stevenson at 4 p.m.

#### SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Today at Canton at 7 p.m.

#### SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Thursday at North Farmington at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Athens Relays at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at John Glenn at 3:30 p.m.

#### SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Today at home versus Churchill at 3 p.m. Monday at Farmington at 3 p.m.

#### CANTON BASEBALL

Today at Farmington at 4 p.m. Thursday at home versus Franklin at 4 p.m. Monday at Churchill at 4 p.m.

#### **CANTON BOYS TENNIS**

Today at Franklin at 4 p.m. Thursday at home versus Churchill at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Trenton Invite, time TBA. Tuesday at the Conference Meet at Stevenson, time TBA.

#### **CANTON BOYS TRACK**

Thursday at Harrison at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Troy Athens Relays at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Northville at 3:30

#### **CANTON SOFTBALL**

Today at home versus Farmington at 4 p.m. Thursday at Franklin at 4 p.m. Saturday at home for the Canton Classic at 9:30 a.m. Monday at home versus Churchill at 4 p.m.

#### **CANTON GIRLS SOCCER**

Today at home versus Salem at 7 p.m.

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Thursday at home versus Harrison at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ann Arbor Huron Invite at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at home versus Northville at 5:30 p.m.

#### **CANTON GIRLS GOLF**

Thursday at Northville at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Walled Lake Central at 3



# Community opinions

# Pride on the slide in Old Village

EDITOR:

Whatever happened to community pride?

Sixteen years ago Old Village was a busy little community full of quaint cubby hole shops, antique stores and fairly well kept homes. Today I look out my kitchen window onto an alley with obscene smelly dumpsters strewn about, obnoxious "Do Not Enter" signs, half-painted buildings, cars that don't have anything to do with my business in my parking area and a semi-truck parked next door.

Is this Plymouth or the inner city?

Now that the snow is long past, most property owners seem to be blind to the trash, debris and unkempt yards that have surfaced. There's a lot of talk about the city putting some dollars into Old Village, but without the efforts of property owners and business, why bother?

We need to move ahead—not backwards—to improve the quality of life in this section of town. With a small amount of effort, our property values and

business may improve so we could afford to paint our buildings.

Most important is that we need to get along with each other and respect our neighbors' views.

Step back and look all around your property and ask yourself "would I like to look at this everyday?" If the answer is "I don't care," it's a pretty selfish attitude, don't you think?

DIANA LICHT
Business owner and resident

## 'Whaddya think?'

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## The new Dunning-Hough

# 'Take pride, Plymouth'

EDITOR:

Opening Day!

Were you there when the new library building opened? Were you there when hordes from the community came in out of the rain? Were you there to come face-to-face with the enthusiasm of the community?

The Board of Trustees of the Plymouth District Library is overwhelmed with the response of the community to the grand opening of the Dunning-Hough Library Building.

Input from volunteers, Friends, storytellers, community activists, patrons, local government, politicians, and everyone together far surpassed any expectation and, to my belief, was beyond the scope of any similar event in the area in my years here.

Why was this? It certainly isn't because the Board is a bunch of good guys and gals. It could be that the library staff is really extraordinary—moving more than 100,000 books and library materials in less than two years But it took a great deal more than that.

It took community support.

I thought the Library Board of years ago had vision,



Some 800 members of the community were on-hand to help cut the ribbon at the new Dunning-Hough Library opening. Erin Wysocki and Catherine Baxter (with ribbon at right) cut the ribbon together for an addition to the old library years ago. According to circulation records, some 1690 items were checked out within four hours of the library's opening. Also pictured are (left to right) Margaret Dunning, Eric Childs and Jon Childs. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

and they did. But it was the community which really had the vision. The vision to pursue an insatiable demand for information materials. The vision to support a bond issue along with millage to fund it. The vision to continue to use the library, even in temporary quarters, so that our library has among the highest circulation per capita in Southeastern Michigan.

The real heroes are the community. Take pride Plymouth.

What a feat! HUGH L. HARSHA President, Library Board

#### The noise ordinance

## Quiet days of Plymouth are forever gone

EDITOR:

As an Old Village homeowner I am well aware of the noise situation in the neighborhood. The railroad tracks are adjacent to my property and crossing gates are in my front yard. The decibels of the locomotive horns are sometimes louder in my house than the bands at the Lower Town Grill are in the bar.

If a noise ordinance is adopted that doesn't use the outrageously loud trains

that run day and night as a benchmark it will only be in place to pacify the Kariniemi family that has distracted the city from more important business such as rezoning much of Old Village to the mixed used zoning currently predominant there.

In a city that is home to national championship bands, I don't understand the anti-live-music movement, except that the Kariniemi family wants to live in

a rural farming community. I, for one, all of our neighboring towns. Live wish that they would move to one.

a rural farming community. I, for one, musical performances pull people

I have performed on saxophone at the Lower Town with Jim McCarty & Mystery Train, Curtis Sumpter Project, Glen Eddy Band, The Cool Flames and The Boogiemen. I believe that community organizations such as the Plymouth Fife & Drum, Marching Band Boosters and the Community Band are things that make this city different than

all of our neighboring towns. Live musical performances pull people together and should not be restricted to parades and festivals.

City living is all about restaurants, shopping, traffic and pedestrians. The days of Plymouth being a quiet stop between Detroit and Ann Arbor are forever gone. Enjoy it for what it is, not what it was.

JOE LEBEAU



# Community opinions

## Listen to WSDP, help First Step

EDITOR:

First Step is a domestic violence and sexual assault counseling agency that services all of Western and Downriver Wayne County. Offices are located in Canton and Taylor. Help is available for both adults and children affected by domestic violence. Teenagers and adults who have been sexually assaulted can attend group or individual counseling and receive court advocacy. We also have counseling

for persons that batter and a temporary emergency shelter.

First Step would like to take this opportunity to let the residents of The Plymouth Canton Community know about the P-C schools' WSDP 88.1 FM radio auction. First Step has been involved with the schools through classroom presentations and faculty in-service training for many years. On Saturday, WSDP will hold their auction from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. as a

fundraiser. First Step will benefit from the proceeds.

We need your support.

You can contribute to the auction, bind on items, spread the word, etc. First Step appreciates all of the community support and would like to thank everyone who has assisted the agency and our clients.

JUDY ELLIS

Executive Directory, First Step

## Why are OHL games so violent?

## The league should send a message: less violence is better

In the aftermath of the April 17 sticking (The OHL had not incident during the Plymouth Whalers-Guelph Storm playoff game, an oft-asked question is raised again:

Why do the OHL hockey games have to be so violent?

Certainly the Whalers on-ice fights have been a surprise to many of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community's new hockey fans. Last year, the Whalers were one of the most penalized teams in hockey; this past season was much reduced.

But is the level of emotion so high that Whaler Jesse Boulerice's high sticking of the Storm's Andrew Long was "just a part of the game?"

Many fans watched in horror early that game as the injured Long lay bloodied and convulsing on the ice. Play was stopped for 20 minutes as team trainers and EMS paramedics worked to stabilize him.

Long spent two days in the hospital and has missed the remainder of the playoffs while Guelph heads into Memorial Cup competition. His parents have called for severe penalties against Boulerice and even suggested criminal charges be filed.

released its decision on the penalty as of presstime.)

The Whalers home games at Compuware Arena are filled with youngsters.

Is this type of hockey violence appropriate for family viewing?

Seasoned hockey fans are accustomed to the ice fights. But at the OHL level, there are more fights as the young would-

be pros try to prove they're tough enough for the NHL. The players know those dozens of scouts at looking for tomorrow's injured Long lay strong stars.

this bloodied and convulsing. Certainly, particular incident was

serious and unwarranted. Boulerice has incident, as significant as it is, should not admitted as much, and he deserves a severe penalty.

That will help the OHL send a

With malice toward none

Tany fans watched

V in horror as the



But still, hockey is hockey. Rodney Dangerfield summed it up when he said he was at a boxing match the other night when a hockey game broke out. Fans expect a certain combativeness on the ice.

As The Whalers are attempting to offer more and more programs with Plymouth-Canton Schools, the games' level of violence may be an issue.

This

override the fact that Whalers games are the newest family-oriented activity in town. But let's urge that unnecessary violence has no place on the ice.

## Twp. resident still shakey on bond vote

How can anyone who voted in the counted?

issue in the school bond millage election. certainty, that his or her vote really was

## Lions club thanks

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Thanks again for the many donations received which will allow the Plymouth Lions Club to continue numerous charitable activities in our community.

JOHN MARSHALL 1998 White Cane Chairman

Jerry Vorva has raised an interesting election state with any degree of

Intelligent people want to believe that they did all the right things and that their respective votes counted. I believe that I performed all the requirements, yet I wondered deep inside me if my vote could have been lost.

As for Wes Farrow's comments, which appeared adult-assisted, what's great about America is that people have lost their lives so that every man and woman's vote counts.

Go. Jerry, go!

Keep up the good fight on behalf of the voting public.

ROGER KEHRIER

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