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## Locals help Honduran hurricane victims

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Of all those who died and suffered because of Hurricane Mitch, Paul Martin may be considered a lucky one.

While flood and mudslides consumed hundreds of villages across Central America, Martin's door manufacturing plant in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, went unscathed by the wrath of the tropical storm.

Unfortunately for the workers at the International Mahogany Millworkers plant, the same couldn't be said for

their houses. Roughly half of the 50 employees that work for Martin saw their homesteads swept away by days of non-stop rain and fierce winds. While the plant remains open and operating, employees and their families continue to struggle with even the most basic daily needs.

Their plight has inspired Martin, who owns Heritage Door in Canton, to share some of his good fortune. With the help of two area developers, Menard Builders of Plymouth and Bonny Brook Developers of Northville,

Martin has engineered a drive to send supplies to the needy Honduras families.

"We have derived a benefit from these people for a long time," said Walt Menard, owner of Menard Builders. "Now it's our time to help them."

Donations of non-perishable items, tools, hygiene products and clothing are needed. For bigger items, Martin and Menard suggest calling them first.

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## Managing the City transition

*Sincock, Commission prepare for loss of boss at City Hall*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Paul Sincock says he isn't sure whether he will apply for the City Manager position opening up in The City of Plymouth, even though he will probably do the job for about a month this winter.

Sincock will assume responsibility for the daily operation of the City after Steve Walters leaves his position as City Manager at the end of January.

For Plymouth's City Commission, the goal is to have a new manager in place by February. Unless they hire a replacement before then, Sincock will fulfill the duties during the interim.

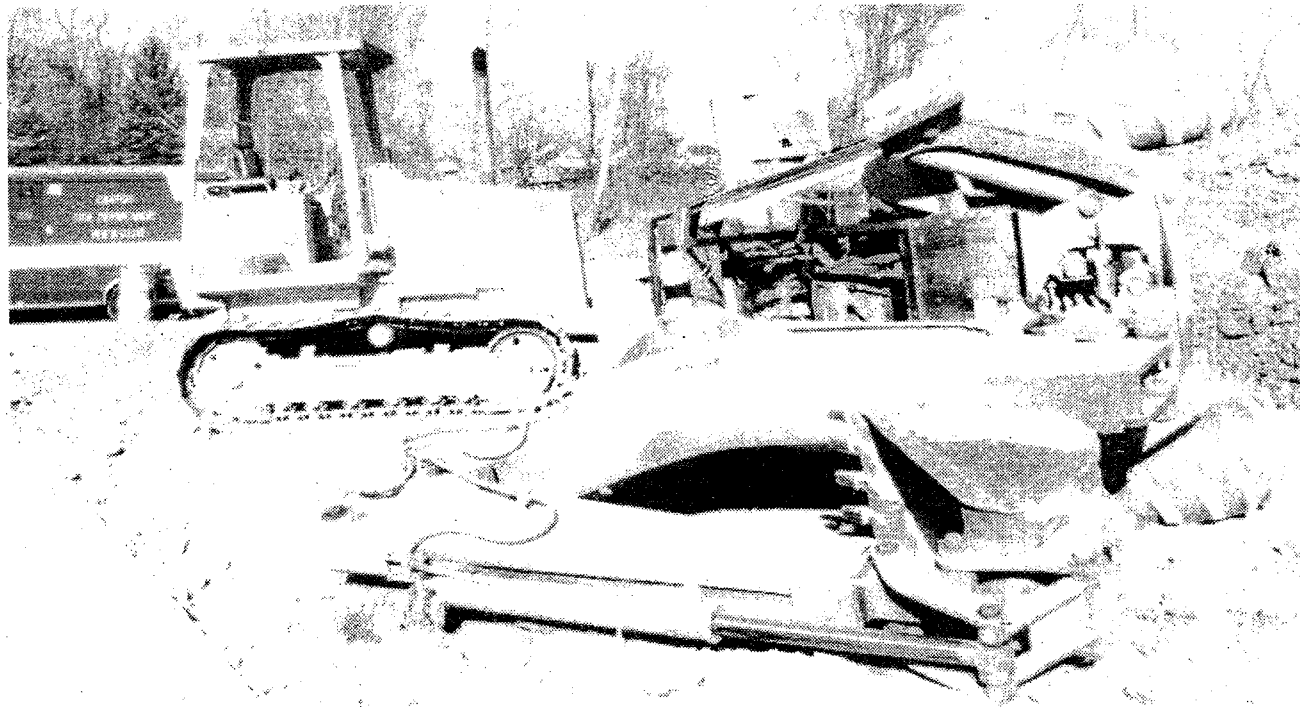
He will begin the transition in the next week or two as he moves his office back into City Hall and gradually drops his Municipal Services cap and dons the hat of assistant city manager.

There, Sincock will work alongside Walters on projects and duties he will take over in February.

Most of the City Commission met with Walters, Sincock and City department heads to discuss a loose schedule for the coming transition.

When Walters leaves, City employees will lose the boss

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Construction worker Richard Gough was crushed Wednesday when a toppled backhoe fell on him. Despite coworkers' efforts to lift the backhoe with a bulldozer, Gough died in the Canton accident. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

## Canton accident kills

*34-year old Mt. Clemens worker a husband, father, good friend*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

An attempted heroic rescue was not enough to save the life of a 34-year-old Mt. Clemens man Wednesday after a backhoe rolled on top of him at a Canton construction site.

According to Canton Police reports, at about 1 p.m. Richard Gough, a worker with ASI Construction of Pontiac, was clearing dirt from a subdivision construction site at Palmer and Lotz roads.

"He was clearing out an approach, moving dirt off to the east side of the site," said Dan Simpson, a friend and fellow employe who witnessed the accident.

"The hill was getting bigger and bigger," he added. "He went up it one more time with the bucket too high and gravity took over. He became unbalanced and I guess he decided to jump off. It was the wrong decision."

When the dust cleared, Simpson saw Gough pinned beneath his backhoe. Simpson reacted quickly, maneuvering his bulldozer to the scene to lift the heavy piece of equipment off Gough. Another employe called 911.

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## Disappointed

*Salem boys cross-country finishes 11th at state tourney*

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HVA and PCFD crews extract Kim Young from her car after a traffic accident on Linden Street, near the scene of another emergency Tuesday morning in The City of Plymouth. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

# Emergency crews busy Tues. morning

BY BRYON MARTIN

Morning drivers on their way to school and work in The City of Plymouth Tuesday found their way blocked along a short but busy stretch of Main Street.

Both southbound lanes were shut down as City Police and the Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to calls for a fire and a traffic accident on the west side of Main, between Wing and Linden streets.

Emergency workers were dispatched to 630 Main St. around 8:45 a.m. after an employee arrived and found the business filled with smoke and minor fire damage.

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# Son present as Wayne dad gets marijuana ticket

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 29-year-old Wayne man was cited for possession of marijuana last week and transported to Canton Public Safety, with his child in tow.

According to police reports, Ofc. Chad Baugh was dispatched to the Sherwood Mobile Home park on Haggerty Road just south of Michigan Avenue at about

8:20 p.m. Tuesday.

While responding to an alarm call, Baugh saw a brown, 1992 Aerostar double-parked in front of a trailer. The van's engine was running, and the passenger seat was occupied, according to reports.

When Baugh ran the plate through dispatch, the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) reported the van

had been impounded by the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

Baugh thought the van could have been involved in the alarm call he was responding to and headed back to the vehicle.

The Wayne man had then returned to the van and began

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# New nameless school unveiled

BY BRYON MARTIN

What's in a name? If it's for the new middle school being built in Canton, it might contain a location, or a nod to next 1000 years. But don't expect the name to honor a local figure in education.

Officials say it is inaccurate and early to suppose the facility would be named for a

popular educator or school supporter, as some in the Plymouth-Canton School District have been muttering in the weeks since plans were unveiled. School Board members said they haven't even brainstormed on a name for the facility, which is scheduled to open in August of 2000.

"There's been no discussion at the board

level," said Mike Maloney, School Board president. "The name is something that, as we get closer to the ground breaking, the board will make a decision."

Maloney said it will be another two or three months before the board chooses a name. When it does, he said, he expects the choice will fit the pattern found among names of the district's four existing middle schools. None are named for a person.

"Historically it's been the elementary schools that have been named after individuals," Maloney said.

East, West, Central — the first three P-C junior high schools took location names at a time when the district was spreading out from its epicenter in The City of Plymouth.

As Canton's first, the new middle school at Canton Center and Hanford roads also represents a growing district. As such, its name could include south or southwest, or could be named for Canton.

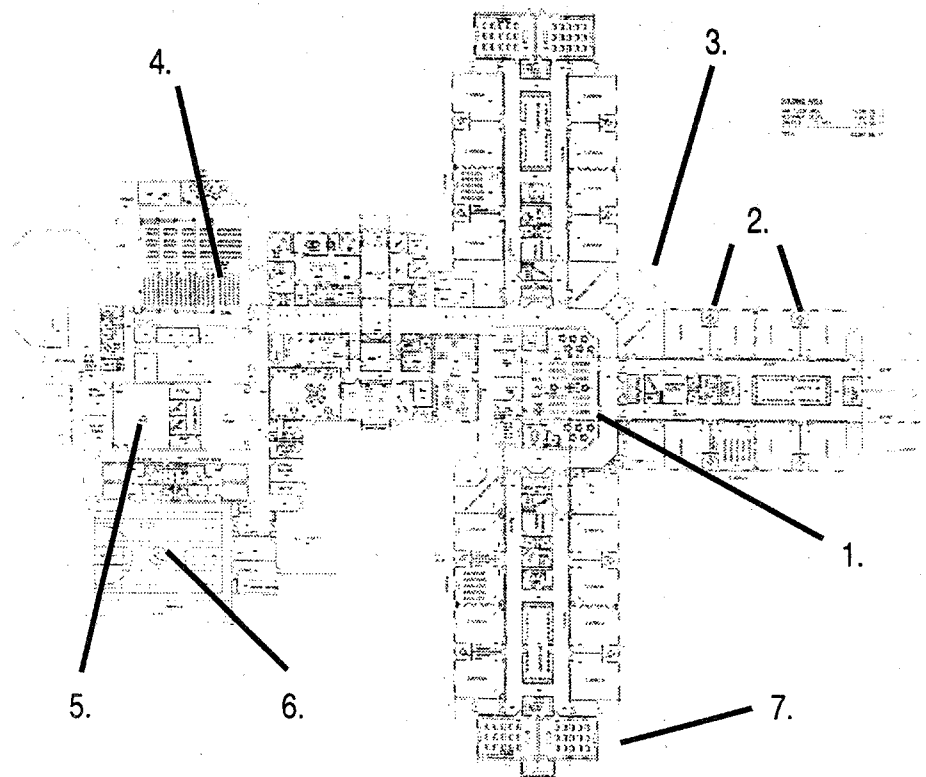
But expectations that the district could eventually build additional middle schools in Canton make location names less appealing, according to school officials.

Millenium Middle School is a name that has also been kicked around, one to honor the district's first new school in the new millenium.

Pioneer, currently the district's youngest middle school, was also named to honor its status as a district first. Pioneer was the first P-C building designed around the middle school philosophy. That differed from East, West and Central, which had been junior high schools until the district switched to the middle school system in the late 1960s.

Sue Davis, School Board vice president, said the new middle school's design is noteable

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1. Media Center 2. Team teaching rooms 3. Main entrance 4. Cafetorium 5. Music rooms 6. Gymnasium 7. Science classrooms

# Twp. balks at City deal

## The Sheldon Underpass

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

At least two Plymouth Township Trustees think the City's proposal for community-wide funding of the Sheldon Road underpass would be unfair to Township residents.

Trustees Ron Griffith and K.C. Mueller believe the Township, as a community, should pay no more than half the expected construction costs of the underpass, and would oppose any community-wide millage that require Township residents to pay more as a group than the City.

"Given the fact that the Township has no real responsibility for the underpass, we shouldn't be expected to pay most of the bill," Griffith said.

After the federal government's contribution to the \$8.8 million price tag, local funding of the underpass still stands at more than \$3 million. Wayne County has agreed to pay half, if the City or the Township agree to pay the rest.

At first, Township officials balked at the idea of Township residents contributing any money to the project, because the County owns roads in the Township.

Since then, some at Township Hall have warmed to the idea of putting the proposal before the voters, but not if the Township is expected to pay more than its 50 per cent share.

"I wouldn't object to putting it before the voters," Griffith said. "But it depends on how it's done. I don't think it would pass unless it includes a 50-50 proposition."

Mueller agrees. She said the Township should offer its own proposal.

"I would like us to do a millage, but not with (City Manager) Steve Walters' formula," she said. "I want whatever would be least costly for our citizens."

Mueller said she also has concerns with the

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# Vets honor armistice 80th

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the armistice to end World War I was signed. For 80 years now, the anniversary of that moment has been celebrated the world over as a time to remember.

This year will be no different around The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Area veterans organizations will hold their annual ceremonies to honor those who fought for their countries.

But this year, veterans groups find their numbers dwindled, just as they have been for the last several years, as memberships shrink.

"I saw the mortality rate of World War II veterans recently and I was surprised at how high it was," said Cal Mason, commander of the Plymouth VFW Post 6695. "Pretty soon, we'll reach a stage where we won't have any of these groups anymore. If we could stop all wars, we would all cease to be."

Mason did say, however, that as many Vietnam and Korean veterans reach retirement age, they tend to get more involved.

"I didn't get involved until after I was retired," said Mason, a World War II veteran who served in the Pacific Campaign. "After they're done raising a family, it gives these fellows a nice place to go to associate with

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# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- Now through Nov 6., Canton's 6th annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibitions runs at the Summit on The Park. Admission is free. Call 734-397-6450. Sponsored by Canton Project Arts.
- Thursday, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority Board meets at 7 p.m. in the DDA office, 831 Penniman Ave.

## THIS WEEKEND

- Sunday, Compuware Sports Arena hosts the Detroit Red Wings Alumni-Nick's Dream Team benefit match from 4 - 6 p.m. Admission, \$5. A portion of proceeds will go to Plymouth Figure Skating Club, the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Konstantinov/Mnatsakanov Fund. Call 248-349-6030 for details.

## NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 201 N. Main Street.
- Tuesday, Matthaei Botanical Gardens Hortaculturalist Adrienne O'Brien presents "Butterfly Gardening" at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Community Arts Council center. Sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club. Call 416-4ART to R.S.V.P.

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# Shared dispatch could save \$80k

## Joint police radios closer, but still hung up

BY BRYON MARTIN

Faster, more technologically advanced services from Plymouth police might be just around the corner, unless it turns out Plymouth Township is too far away.

City and Township Officials have taken steps toward joining and centralizing police communications and records, but still haven't cleared their single biggest obstacle: City Hall.

The most current report written by a four-person City-Township panel suggests that, if

joined with Township police, the City dispatch should be moved out of City Hall and into the Township Hall complex.

The consolidation could represent as much as \$80,000 in savings for taxpayers in each of the Plymouths, according to the report. City Chief Bob Scoggins and Township Chief Lawrence Carey agree that joining dispatches would expand the abilities each has now while working independently.

"It's the most efficient and effective way

for both of our communities to perform dispatch services," Carey said. "I can't see any reason not to do it."

Both chiefs agree the timing is right for consolidation.

According to Scoggins and City Manager Steve Walters, the City's radios are older and nearing the end of their expected usefulness. Some \$140,000 had been earmarked in the current City budget for buying a new system.

The Township now uses an 800 MHz analog radio system, which it purchased in 1996.

If the City and Township dispatches combined, it would cost \$146,200, with \$100,000 of it to buy mobile and portable radios.

If the City chose to maintain its own dispatch at City Hall, a new system would cost \$201,000 to \$214,000.

"There obviously is a logical reason — cost savings — for putting the two together," Scoggins said. "If it wasn't a good idea we wouldn't be looking at it."

Until a decision is made, both the City and Township have put expenditures on hold.

According to Carey, the Township will replace its current records management system with a multi-county crime fighting database.

The Crime Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) is based out of Oakland County and ties several agencies' records together on a single database. Carey, who came to Plymouth Township from Troy last year, was chairman of the CLEMIS board and says the system is a valuable tool.

With it, agencies can access information collected in all the communities which subscribe to the service.

Carey said the service would also be a savings — roughly \$4,600 per year, versus the \$40,000 his department now pays Unisys annually for a records system.

Unisys will discontinue that system Jan. 1, according to Carey. The Township will switch to CLEMIS soon, but wants to wait to see if the City will be joining in, too.

"It just makes sense that if we're going to get our dispatches together and share a records system, we should do it all at the same time," Carey said.

In the City, police are waiting to continue their department renovation.

If dispatch and lock-up cells were removed from City Hall, according to Walters, the seniors program or building department could be moved into the opened space.

The City and Township have discussed the possible merger for months, but talks snagged when the City officials realized that moving their dispatchers into the Township would also bring an end to 24-hour access into City Hall.

"That's a part of the small-town community concept," Scoggins said.

Now, residents can get into City Hall even after closing time by buzzing the dispatcher on duty. An officer is then called in to help the resident.

If the dispatch was moved into the Township, Walters said, there would be

no other employee left to respond.

Walters and Commissioner Dave McDonald have each said that keeping the 24-hour presence at City Hall could be a significant issue among residents.

"It's a perception," Scoggins said. "But it's a factor that's very important."

In the end, he said, residents' demands will decide how the community is served. "What the community wants in terms of service, ultimately, is the right answer."

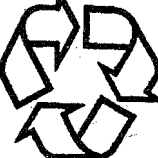
Officials must now figure out whether City residents would prefer to have a 24-hour presence at City Hall or hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes that could be saved in coming years.

"It's a political decision that has to be discussed in a political context," Scoggins said, expressing optimism that the best plan would pass. "There may be a few issues, but I don't think they're insurmountable. Doing things cooperatively is going to happen. It's the right thing to do."

*There obviously is a logical reason — cost savings — for putting the two together.*

— Bob Scoggins

Chief, City of Plymouth Police



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## Canton Center delayed

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

This may sound vaguely familiar, and not surprising: Canton Center Road, which is in the process of being widened to five lanes, will not be done on time, according to Wayne County Road officials.

The project was originally schedule to be completed by the end of the month, according to Canton Engineer Tom Casari. Due to the inevitable approach of bad weather however, the county will be pulling up stakes and setting their sights on the early spring, he said.

"I can't see them getting the rest of the concrete in this year," Casari said.

John Roach, communication director with the Wayne County Roads Department said

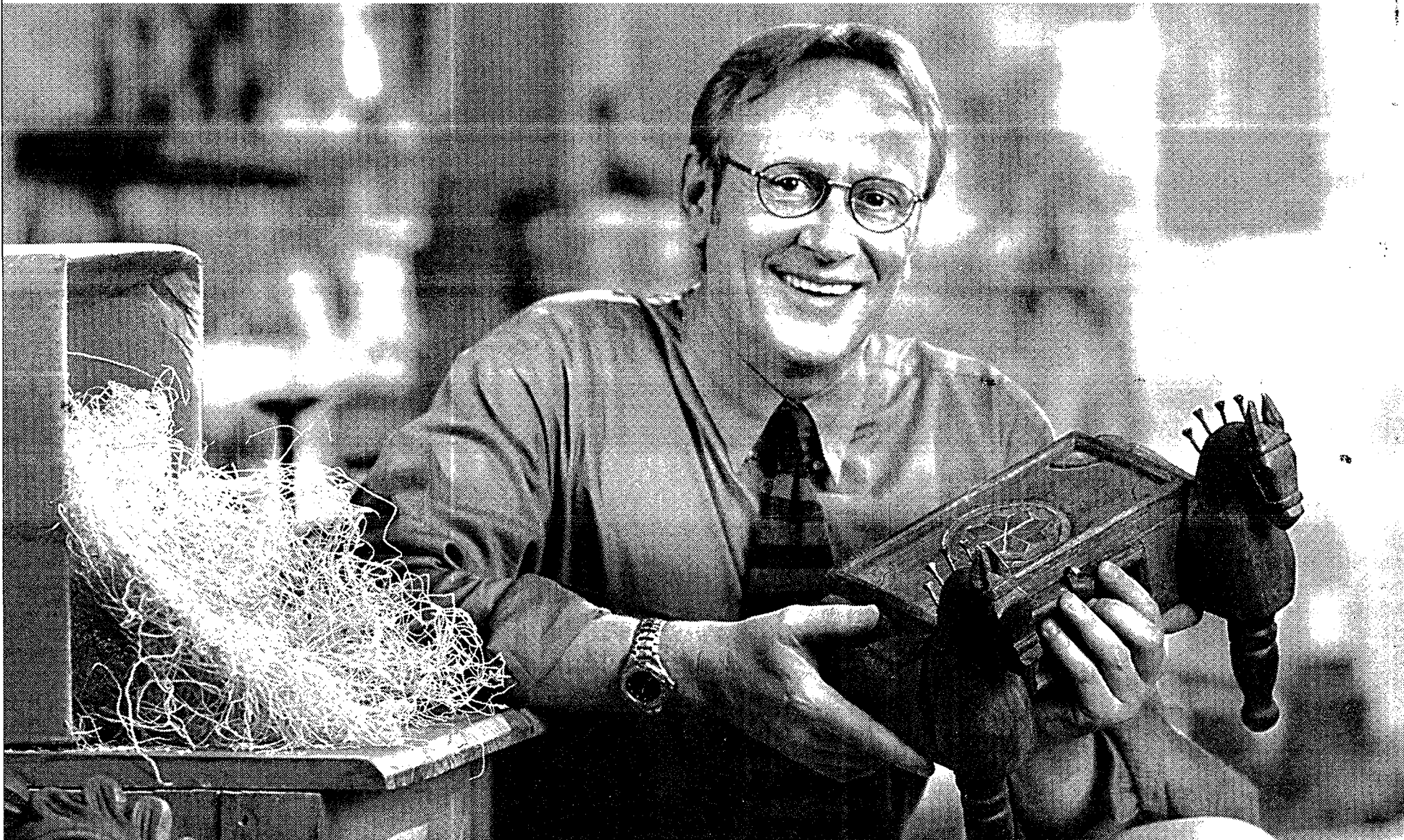
the county intends to finish with the two lanes constructed this year.

Roach said traffic will be switched over to the new lanes within the next two weeks to make way for the excavation. When it's done, the road will be at the level of the new lanes, substantially lower than the existing roadway.

Roach said this was because of the the variance in height in the property adjoining Canton Center. The road must be lower than the lowest property level to avoid flooding on that property, he said.

Delaying the completion of the Canton Center Road project means putting off other projects as well, according to Casari. The Ford-Lilley intersection won't be done until spring, he said, not this year as scheduled.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Pioneer Middle School students **Cammi Carnes, Stephanie Harrier, Aimee Moylan, Tonda Shimbo** and **Margaret Tudor** were selected for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Junior High State Honors Choir. 123 singers from around the state auditioned for a position in this elite group of junior high school singers. **Meghan McClenaghan**, a ninth-grader in CEP's vocal music department, was also chosen.

Plymouth Christian Academy teachers **Daniel Brandel, Linda Marlow** and **John Sahl** were named to the Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Also selected were **David Edwards** and **Nancy Sullivan** from Bentley Elementary; **Bonnie Goodrich** from Hoben Elementary; **Barbara Brownlie, David Gerlach, Rosemary Gould, Christopher Hymes, Thomas Kimball, Sharon Lang, Mark Lloyd, Effie Lucas, David Robb, Katherine Smiley, Paige Webster** and **Susan Welker** from Salem High School; and **Laurie Howe, Barbara Marshall, C. Christina Mayo, Susan Schneider,** and **C. Elizabeth Van Westenburg** from Canton High School.

Army Pvt. **Lindsay B. Clark**, daughter of **Barbara S. Wheeler** of Canton, has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Clumbia, SC. She is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School.

**Jeremy W. Hall**, son of Jerry Hall of Millington and **Brenda Opdyke** of Canton, has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Caro, MI.

He will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO for basic training Jan. 19, 1999.

Navy Petty Ofc. 2nd Class **John G. Sheehy**, son of **John M. and Teresa M. Sheehy** of Canton, recently participated in a remembrance ceremony for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homported in Everett, WA.

## Not quite like Hollywood

*Polish foreign exchange student spends senior year at CEP*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One of the first things foreign exchange student Eliza Zamojda noticed about Salem High School was its overall size.

"It is just so huge and over crowded," she said. That and the extremely early morning classes — the scholastic day in her native Bydgoszcz, Poland, begins at 9 a.m. rather than CEP's 7:30 start time — meant she would have a lot to adjust to.

"Everything is bigger here," she said. "The stores are bigger, and we don't have malls there."

Zamojda is a senior at CEP, participating in the SHARE program. She is currently staying with her host family, the Konrads, in Canton, and will remain for the entire school year.

She arrived in the U.S. Aug. 17, from her home in northwest Poland, about two hours away from Warsaw, she said. Her first two days were spent in New York, a city she immediately felt an attachment too.

"I just fell in love with it," she said. "I liked the atmosphere. I thought it would be dangerous because I know it from the movies, but it was a lot of fun."

Zamojda is part of a group of Polish students living this year throughout the U.S. Seven of them are experiencing schools in Michigan.

The Konrads first became interested in the program through a newspaper ad, according to Holly Konrad. After contacting the organization, they sent out a portfolio of



From left: Lidsay Konrad, Bobby Konrad, his dog Rufus, and Eliza Zamojda recline in the Konrads' Canton home. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

all students who had signed up for the foreign exchange, Konrad said.

When a student had been matched to a host family, SHARE then notified the school district, Konrad said.

Zamojda's first choice wasn't to come to Michigan, she said.

"I wanted to go to California, where it's hot and sunny," she said. But students don't have the opportunity to choose where they're placed, and the Konrads think it worked out for the best.

"Well, we wanted someone else, but they sent us Eliza instead," Bobby Konrad joked.

Although Zamojda is a senior at CEP, she will still have one year of high school left when she returns home next year. Before then, she hopes to go to Washington DC and still make that trip to California.

After a year in the states, that parting may be as sad as when she left Poland.

"My friends threw a big party for me," she said. "It was sad, but this is such a big adventure. It's so exciting."



## Action activist...

**Marge Chmielewski** of Plymouth (right) and **Deborah Daiek** of Bloomfield Hills recently received Wayne State University Action Awards for advocating services for students with disabilities.

**Chmielewski** is a disability consultant on assistive technology, needs assessment and reasonable accommodations. She is a former supervisor in Wayne State's Handicapper Educational Services office and currently is director of Michigan State University's Disability Resource Center.

**Chmielewski** has also served as president and conference chairwoman for the Michigan Association of Higher Education and Disability.

# 3-day party for Canton Library's 10th

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Public Library is staying up late and inviting a few thousand friends to its birthday bash this weekend.

Under the festive shadow of a gigantic, inflated birthday cake balloon, the library, along with the Friends of the Library and local sports celebrities will get together to celebrate the building's 10th anniversary, according to Library Director Jean Tabor.

The celebration starts off at 5 p.m. Friday with the unveiling of the library's newest bronze sculpture, which depicts a boy and girl

reading back to back. The sculpture was completed by Gary Price, who sculpted several statues for the Summit on the Park Center, according to Tabor.

"It will eventually go in our new courtyard in front of the youth section," she said.

Library employe Marcia Barker, helped organize the three-day event with help from the Friends of the Library and staff. She said that after the sculpture unveiling, the Friends will present a special Lifetime Friends award to a surprise recipient.

Then the entertainment will begin, with a

storyteller in the youth department and a pianist in the adult department. Later, pizza will be served and a Barbershop Quartet will perform.

Trivia contests will be held throughout the day Saturday, with many prizes donated from Canton businesses, according to Barker.

From 5-7 p.m. clowns will perform in the youth department, and Canton's nearly world famous Senior Kitchen Band will perform, Barker said. A popcorn wagon, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Sunday will feature cookies and punch,

and appearances from local sports celebrities, including a member of the Red Wings. High school athletes, professional mascots and celebrities will get together for a two-hour read-a-thon, Barker said. Representatives from the Detroit Shock and Rockers will appear, as will the mascot for the Detroit Vipers.

"We're declaring to the whole world that we're 10 years old," she said. "It's our way of saying thank you for making the Canton Public Library one of the best in the past 10 years."



NORTH ELEVATION (OPTION 2)

## 'A school for tomorrow'

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in its own right.

The \$19.7 million facility features three wings which branch out from a central media center, each with its own computer lab. It has a cafetorium, a gymnasium and music rooms.

Six classrooms are designed specifically for teaching science; another 12 are separated by partition that can open into

six large rooms for team teaching.

According to Maloney, such features were the product of input from teachers at Lowell Middle School. The new Canton school will replace Lowell after it reverts back to the Livonia Public School District in June of 2000. Livonia has leased Lowell to Plymouth-Canton since 1980.

Officials are excited about the look of the new school.

"They've really done some pretty cool stuff with it," Maloney said. "The architects, Fanning /Howley Associates, have done a good job."

Davis said the design will allow the school to evolve with the district's needs.

"It looks real doable now, but also flexible for 30 years out when people want to approach education differently," she said. "It's a school of tomorrow that can meet the needs of today."



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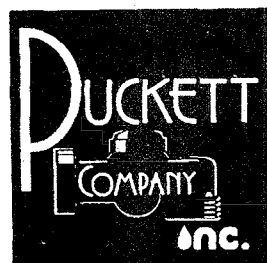
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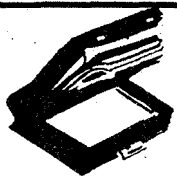
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Paul Blome of Plymouth was recently named a shareholder of Clayton & McKerverve, P.C., a Southfield-based accounting and management firm. He joins the shareholder group after 10 years of service, most recently as technology consulting manager.



Randy Leslie (above), of Plymouth, has been named vice president of sales and business development for Johnson Controls' Toyota Business Unit. He joined Johnson Controls in 1989 as a sales account manager and later serves as sales director and as general manager in Johnson Control's Ford Business Unit.



Stuart Lang (above) has been promoted to vice president and general manager of Johnson Control's Ford Business Unit. Lang has been serving as general manager of the company's Ford Business Unit in Europe. In his new role, Lang will direct Johnson Controls' worldwide activities with Ford. He will be based in Plymouth.

# Steady as she goes

*Plymouth's business base remains strong despite City Hall strife*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Plymouth has always maintained a diverse, vibrant business community, and downtown is no different.

But as long-time downtown businesses are gradually making their quiet exits, empty store fronts take their place. Stores such as Minerva's-Duning's, Beitner Jewelry and the Paper Parade have been staples in the downtown business district.

As the talk of the town turns to the grumblings inside city hall, and with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director position still vacant after Steve Guile went to the City of Westland last month, people wonder if the current political climate is partially behind the extended vacancies of some prime properties.

But according to local landlords, real estate agents and officials, that is not the case.

"I don't think there has been any change attributable to not having a DDA director," said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "It's really too soon to tell. Steve left things in very good shape. He's not the type of person to leave things and just let them crumble."

Toney said the landlords themselves have the most control over when and how to fill their vacancies. Many of them have remained empty because landlords are looking for the perfect tenant to complement the downtown business district.

Jim McKeon is one of these. McKeon, who owns buildings along Main Street where the Little Professor on the Park is located, and Cafe Giverney and Pied Piper were until recently, is well known in Plymouth for holding out for the best mix of tenant.

"Things aren't always as gloomy as they look," McKeon said. "I've had a lot of people interested in the location. I could put a lot of people in there, but they are not retail-oriented. I want to put another restaurant in."

McKeon said he is talking with two parties who are interested in renting both the Cafe Giverney space and the former Pied Piper space and converting them into one, larger restaurant. He wouldn't comment on the exact nature of the restaurants, only saying they were "first class operations with a lot of experience."

Lack of experience contributed to the downfall of Cafe Giverney, and it could



The vacant store fronts along Main Street are not a sign that business is drying up in town. Landlord Jim McKeon is just waiting for the perfect tenants, and could have news of an occupant this month. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

contribute to the constantly changing downtown environment, McKeon said. The downtown is filled with primarily small business owners, with largely family-run businesses. It contributes to Plymouth's small town atmosphere, but also lends a certain risk to the business landscape, McKeon said.

"It's more precarious than running a larger business," he said. "In a bigger store you have more depth and management."

McKeon also said this summer's exterior improvements may have slowed the process somewhat.

McKeon had the front facing of his building stripped and added new facing and lights to emphasize the individual nature of each business.

"That construction went on longer than I expected," he said. "I can't blame that on politics in Plymouth."

Fred Hill, a realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred, agreed. He said it's far more likely that exterior signs, such as the long-maligned downtown corners have more effect on potential businesses.

"An awful lot of downtown traffic is dependent on those spots," Hill said. "It could have more effect than the political situation and it's frustrating because we can't really do anything about it."

Political intrigue and moldering landmarks aside, Hill said he thinks Plymouth's downtown business district is as vibrant today as

ever.

"Actually, if you compare the quality of the tenants today to those of five or 10 years ago, were improving," Hill said. "It's more than likely that we will continue to do so."

McKeon

agrees. He said that the business make-up of Plymouth had been primarily the same from the 1920s to the 1960s; but any change from here on out would be harder to predict.

"For the next several years things are going to be happening that we may not be prepared for," he said. "We're going through a rapid change and it's hard to forecast what the town is going to be like 10 years from now."

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— Fred Hill  
Real Estate broker





# New manager March 1

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they've worked with for the last seven years. Most projects now underway and on the horizon will either be completed by Sincock or finished before Walters is.

Priority will be given to applying for road construction funds, writing ordinance tickets and collecting taxes at the Mayflower Hotel, and evaluating whether the City Police dispatch should join with Plymouth Township at their station on Mill Street and Ann Arbor Road.

Slightly less than half of projects will be put on hold until a new City Manager is hired. Among those projects would be choosing a site for the new Fire Station One and designing any changes to the current Parks and Recreation program.

Progress on those issues was not expected until later next year anyway, according to Walters.

At Monday's meeting, commissioners also decided not to hire an outside firm to fill the city manager spot.

The City has already put out the word that it is searching for a new manager in advertisements placed in two trade publications.

By Dec. 16, the commissioners said they will whittle down an expected pile of 50 to 60 applications to the top five or seven. They will interview finalists in early to mid-January and appoint a new city manager, who would start March 1.

That is, unless the selected applicant could begin earlier.

Some consider Sincock the odds-on favorite and most qualified to succeed Walters.

Sincock has been a City employe for more than 20 years, working his way up from picking weeds to heading the City's largest and most-lauded department. His reputation extends into Plymouth Township Hall, where some have given him a silent but supportive nod.

As of Monday, Sincock said a possible promotion to City Manager is "not the issue," emphasizing that he had not yet decided if he would even apply for the position.

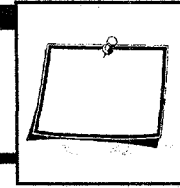
"We've got to stay focused on service," he said. "That's what people care about. Does my street get plowed? Does it work when I flush? Do I have water coming out of tap?"

Sincock has until Dec. 15 to apply for the position.



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## Events

### NORTHVILLE NIGHT

Northville Parks and Recreation will again be sponsoring the second annual family New Year's Eve event called Northville Night. More than 400 people attended last year's event, which will once again be held at Northville High School. Tickets for this family event go on sale Nov. 1 at the Recreation Department and are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 12. There will be clowns, carnival games, slot cars and miniature golf and a magic show. For more information contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women are accepting applications for their Career Development Scholarships. The scholarships are awards sponsored by the BPW to recognize and support women seeking education necessary to enter, return or advance in the workforce. To qualify, you must meet the following criteria: Demonstrated financial need, Plymouth residents, formal acceptance into college or vocational/technical program and a minimum GPA of 2.8. Applications and additional information may be obtained by writing to: Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club career Development Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 5338, Plymouth, MI 48170. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 30. Include a SASE.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

The Village Potters Guild will host their annual holiday sale Dec. 3, 4, 5. Ceramic artists exhibiting both functional and decorative work in porcelain, stoneware, raku and pit fire at 340 N. Main. For more information call (734) 207-8807.

### LIFE MODEL DRAWING CLASS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is pleased to announce a life model drawing class on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the JWH Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road. No instructor, no preregistration required. Bring your own easel. For more information call (734) 416-4ART.

### PLYMOUTH THEATER GUILD

The Plymouth Theater Guild presents 'Anything Goes,' by Cole Porter. Beginning Friday, Nov. 12. Tickets are \$11 in advance or \$12 at the door. For information such as group rates and show times, call (248) 349-7110.

### CHILDREN'S CHARITY DANCE

St. John Neumann Catholic Church is hosting a Children's Charity Dance on Saturday Nov. 28 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are available at the door for a price of \$10. Baked goods, pop and a DJ are included. For more information Call Jim Sparks at (313) 386-4890, Jim Duda at (734) 454-4269, Theresa at (313) 277-2171 or Carol at (313) 533-0294. All proceeds go the the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### PLYMOUTH INN CRAFT BAZAAR

The Plymouth Inn will host their First Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility is located at 205 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. The residents, ranging in age from 78 to more than 90 years old, made all the items themselves. The sale is open to the public.

### PLYMOUTH BRANCH WOMAN'S HOLIDAY GREEN SALE

The Plymouth Branch of Women's National Farm and Garden is holding their upcoming Holiday Green Sale and Bake Goods at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Dec 4. Club members are currently taking pre-sale orders for holiday greens. Each year the club donates to the Festival of Trees aisle of wreaths to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan.

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**MEET OTHER MOTHERS (MOM)**  
 Meet Other Mothers meets on the **second and fourth Fridays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m.** MOM's main goal is to provide an outlet for those moms who are at home, either full or part time, with their children and are seeking a network of women in similar situations. They also schedule an evening activity, MOMs night out, once a month. For more information call (734) 207-9715.

**WALTONWOOD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**  
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**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

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**PENN THEATRE**  
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**STATION 885 RESTAURANT**  
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**WEST SIDE SINGLES**  
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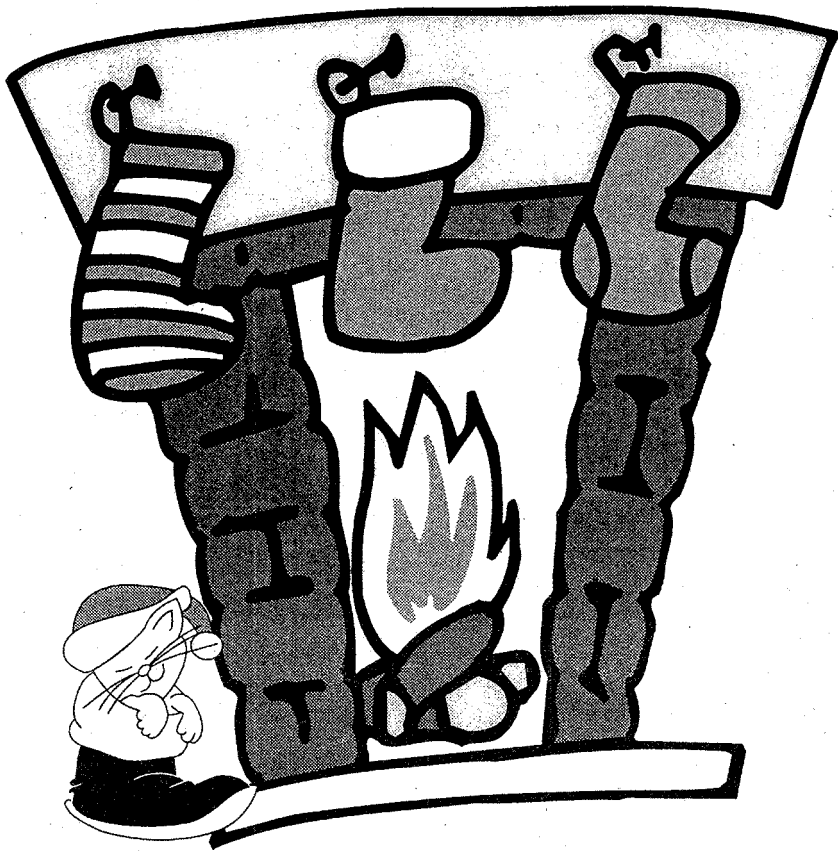
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Students interested in the page program should contact Lynn Rivers office at (734)

# CEP student expelled for poisoning prank

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 14-year-old Plymouth student is awaiting an expulsion hearing after allegedly lacing a teacher's drink with WD-40 last Tuesday.

According to Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske, the juvenile allegedly sprayed about one ounce of the lubricant into a 20-ounce bottle of Gatorade belonging to Canton High School substitute teacher Steven Mercatante.

Police reports said that two of the suspect's classmates informed the teacher of the deed before he consumed any of the contaminated liquid. Mercatante took the bottle and reported it to high school security, according to reports.

Schemanske said other students might have coerced the suspect into pouring the oil into the drink.

"We're not sure if it was peer pressure," Schemanske said. "It might have been a dare."



## Great with weight...

Once was impressive, but twice suggests City resident Brian Ardanowski has a real gift for guess weights. Ardanowski was last year's winner in The Crier's pumpkin giveaway contest. He won again this year with a guess of 162 — just one pound more than "Gourdzilla's" actual weight (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

Schemanske said the suspect was currently suspended from school, and awaiting an expulsion hearing. He could also be charged with poisoning, a felony which carries a sentence of five years to life in prison.

"It's absolutely serious," Schemanske said. "If you swallow enough of it you're

going to pass out and no one's going to be able to revive you."

Despite the grave nature of the offense, Schemanske said he doubted the suspect would received the full penalty. He has been released to his parents' custody. No court date has been set.

# Twp. police seek man for strong-arm robbery

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth Township Police are looking for the man who a Canton woman said snatched her purse last week in a grocery store parking lot.

According to reports, the strong-arm robbery took place around 9 p.m. Thursday at the Kroger on Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads while the 36-year-old pregnant woman was loading her car with groceries.

The woman fell after she resisted a man who had pulled up in an orange Ford F-150, grabbed the purse and tried to drive away with it, reports said.

According to the officer dispatched to the scene, the woman was not seriously injured while trying to save her purse.

Police have the names of witness, but have not identified a suspect, according to Det. James Jarvis.

# Anything will be good

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All donated items will be sent down in large 30-foot long containers, the same containers that carry the manufactured doors up from Honduras. Martin normally sends the containers back empty, this time he'll send them full of supplies.

"I had a sales representative in Florida call me up the other day and ask me how he could help," Martin said. "He said, 'I'll send you money. How much do you want?' People are willing to help."

The three organizers hope to set up various donation points around The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community during the next week. They plan to send the goods by Dec. 1, in order to reach Honduras before Christmas.

"I went to my mom's yesterday and she said she wished she could help, but that she doesn't have anything good to give," Martin said. "I said, 'Mom, anything you give these people will be good.'"

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## 'He might have gotten out'

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Canton Fire Department transported Gough to Annapolis hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, 20 minutes later.

Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske said Gough probably would have survived the accident if he were properly secured in the backhoe.

"If he was fastened in, he might have gotten out with just a few bruises," Schemanske said.

Although Simpson said he and Gough started working for ASI at about the same time three years ago, they became close this summer while working at the condominium site in Canton.

He described the husband and father of a four-year-old girl as an upbeat man and a pal. "He was always in a good mood," he said. "You could really count on him as a friend. If you needed something he'd always help you out."

# Drivers collide near fire

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According to Fire Chief Larry Groth, the fire was small and had burned itself out by the time firetrucks and ambulances had arrived.

Groth said he had not concluded how the fire started, but it appeared to begin around a plastic thermostat cover which burned and fell into a potted plant below it. Flames damaged the wall and ceiling around the plant, but died out after that, he said.

As Groth and his crew were checking the building and blowing out the smoke still inside, more Plymouth and Htron Valley ambulances arrived and weaved through the scene to reach an injury accident around the corner on Linden Street.

There, crews treated the 31-year-old driver of a car that was struck by another car which had driven around police vehicles, said Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck.

The victim, Ypsilanti resident Kim Young, was headed north on Main and was turning onto Linden when a southbound car swerved around a squad car to avoid the traffic backup, Hundersmarck said. That car collided with Young. The southbound driver received no injuries.

Young was transported by HVA to St. Mary's hospital.

Hundersmarck said the southbound driver was given tickets for crossing the center line and disobeying an officer.

As vehicles came and went from the cluster of firetrucks, ambulances and police cars, commuters found themselves stuck behind delivery trucks and school buses temporarily trapped on Main Street.

Police tried to keep traffic moving while fire crews collected their gear and took reports.

Al Matthews, assistant fire chief waited with the rest in the morning drizzle. "What a way to start off Tuesday."

# Dad caught with drugs

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to drive away. Baugh ran behind the van and ordered him to stop, according to reports.

When Baugh asked the man to step out of the van, he noticed a plastic bag apparently filled with marijuana protruding from the man's front shirt pocket.

Baugh asked him where he got the alleged drug, and the man said he had just purchased it to ease his back pain, according to reports.

Baugh transported the man and the van's other passenger — his teenage son — to Canton Public Safety where he was cited and released.

A court date was set for Dec. 3 at 35th District Court.

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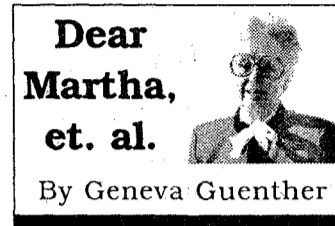
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By Geneva Guenther

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 while effort, even a religious one, it is  
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 trarily make their own rules of acceptance.  
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 small world outside the project to work on  
 their own values on a lesser level. Usually  
 individuals organize with high expecta-  
 tions, but then the little "squares" get busy  
 and undermine the whole thing.

Many of them are couples, married or  
 otherwise, who ignore the singletons out  
 there. It would be nice if the "squares"  
 would try not to make themselves some-  
 thing less than they are. They could spread  
 themselves a little and include some lonely  
 and very special people in their "groupies"  
 which in turn would reflect in an increase  
 in membership and attitude. However, if  
 you're "square", you're "square" and not  
 much can be done about it. It would be  
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# Community deaths

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### ROSALIND IRENE DYER

Rosalind Irene Dyer, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 2, 1998 at the age of 66.

Mrs. Dyer was born March 17, 1932 in Filion, MI. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community 53 years ago from Filion, MI. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Dan) Stachowiak of Northville, Vickie (Bill) Lyke of Saline, Kathy (Bill) Brown of Ypsilanti, Billy, (Janet) Dyer of Canton, Luanne (Bruce) Roberts of Westland, Gail Johnson of Plymouth; grandchildren, Scott (Pat) Groff of Northville, Kym (Kevin) Lyke of Saline, Angie, Teddy and Jody Booth of Ypsilanti, Rob and Amy Dyer of Canton, Jeremiah, Kyle and Jessica Roberts of Westland, Kristy and Gary Johnson of Plymouth; great-grandchild, Jacob Booth of Ypsilanti; brothers, Seymour Forbing of Port Hope, MI, Otis Forbing of Florida, Ernie Forbing of Plymouth; and sisters, Goldie St. Louis of Florida, Neva St. Louis of Florida, Vera Dyer of Plymouth. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Percy Lloyd and Bill Forbing; sister, Georgia LaLone; and son, Gary Dyer.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate or the American Lung Association.

### VELMA L. AITKENS

Velma L. Aitkens, a Livonia resident, died Nov. 3, 1998 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Aitkens was born March 23, 1909 in Blackstone, IL. She worked at the Woolworth store in Wonderland Mall and the Woolworth store in Redford. She was a member of St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia. She was a past president of the Livonia Seniors' Heritage Club. She loved to play cards, travel and read. She especially enjoyed being with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Marcia (George) Kokones of Plymouth, Dona Gene Gorsuch of Howell; sister, Margaret Rich of Hillsdale, MI; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia with the Rev. Robert A. Clapp officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia or the St. John's Episcopal Church in Howell.

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IN PLYMOUTH

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will once again be offering both a Men's and Women's basketball League this winter.

The entry fee for each league is \$525 per team, plus \$20 for each non-Plymouth resident. Teams may have as many non-City residents as they wish.

Each league plays a 12-game schedule, plus playoffs for the top four teams. The men's league plays once a week either Wednesday or Thursday nights. The women's league plays on Monday nights. League play begins Monday, Nov. 30, with the men's league beginning on Dec. 2.

The men's league has a 12 team limit. The women's league has a six team limit. Registration for returning teams has already begun. New teams may begin registration on Monday.

Registration will take place at the City of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information call (734) 455-6620.

### COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Canton and City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation departments are hosting a Coed Volleyball league at the Summit on the Park Gymnasium in Canton.

Registration for returning teams has already begun. New teams can register beginning Monday through Nov. 20.

Games begin on Friday, Dec. 4 and last for 12 weeks. They will be played at night between 6 and 9 p.m.

The cost is \$175 per team, plus \$15 for each nonresident player. A nonresident is anyone who does not live or work full-time in Canton or the City of Plymouth. Teams are allowed as many non-residents as they like.

There will be 16 teams, six players per team with a maximum 12 player roster. Teams may register in person Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Summit.

### RED WING ALUMNI GAME

A benefit hockey game featuring Detroit Red Wing alumni will be played Sunday, November 15 at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. Proceeds will benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the Konstantinov/Mnatsakanov Fund, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Plymouth Figure Skating club. For more information call Sharon Stanzak at (248) 349-6030.

## Salem boys place 'disappointing' 11th at state cross country finals

*Allen sets new school record, but it isn't enough for running Rocks*

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

They had wanted to crack the top five, something the boys cross country team had never done at Salem under Coach Geoff Baker's tutelage. But in the end, faced with a field of stiff competition, the best they could muster was 11th.

"It was a little 'disappointing,'" said Baker. "We had a few guys who ran at or below average. And when everybody else is running personal bests, that's just not good enough."

Despite his new school record run of 15:37, Nick Allen still placed 12th overall in the team standings. Even the best Salem ever had to offer wasn't enough this year, as schools like Brother Rice, Rockford and Traverse City

came in with consistent scores under 16 minutes.

Other Rock finishers included Jon Little (43rd overall at 16:20), Donnie Warner (66th overall with a personal best time of 16:41), Bobby Cushman (71st at 16:43), Craig Little (98th at 17:02), Matt Anderson (111th at 17:07) and Trevor Davis (149th at 17:33)

"In a race like this, a few seconds can really

make a difference," Baker said. "Sometimes you would have four or five runners crossing the finish line in the same second."

The Rocks will be hit hard by graduation, losing Allen, Jon Little, Cushman, Anderson and Davis. But Baker is confident for the future.

"We've got a lot of young talent coming back to us next year," he said.

## Rocks 2nd, Chiefs 6th at conference tournament

## Ambassadors get double Blues

BY NICK GISMONDI

After a two-loss weekend, it easy to see things are getting tougher for the Ambassadors these days.

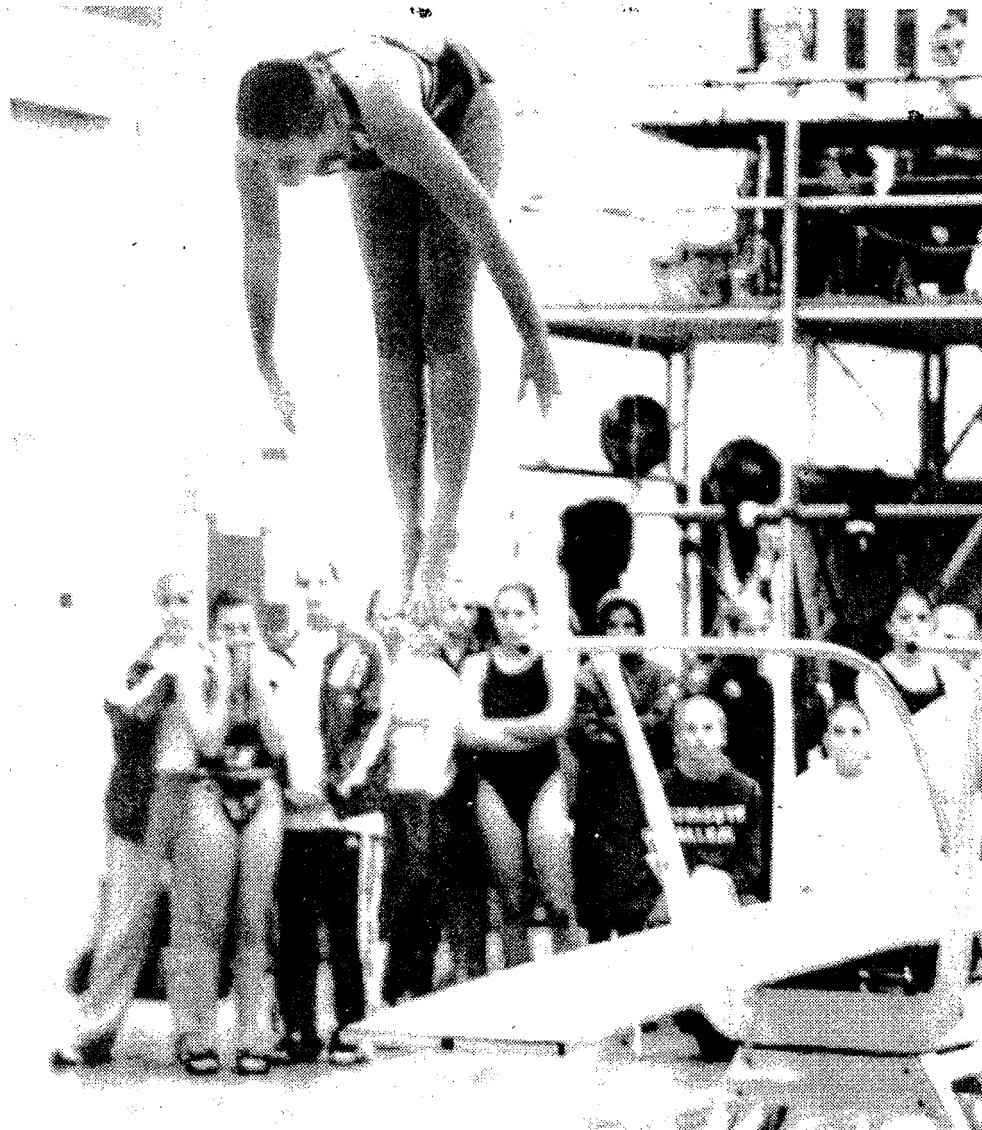
Sunday, Compuware, at the end of the road trip, got their only win, 3-1, at St. Louis, the team that defeated them in the finals of the Fall Classic. Mark Mink scored two and John Shouneyia added another for the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski, in net for Compuware, stopped 44 shots.

On Saturday the Ambassadors were set against long time rival the Springfield Jr. Blues. Despite their fifth place standing, last years league champs proved to still be tough competition, surprising the Ambassadors with an 8-2 walloping. Luke Wright and Steve Jackson notched goals for Compuware. It was Jackson 10th goal of the season. Beau Fritz got the start for the Ambassadors, but was pulled in the middle of the second.

On Friday the Ambassadors got their first bitter taste of the weekend as the Jr. Blues struck early in the two game series with a win. Despite rookie D.J. Vogt's first goal of the season, the Ambassadors still fell, 2-1.

The Ambassadors have a record of 12-3-1 and stay in second place with 25 points, 5 points behind the first place Soo.

Mike Vellucci was also named coach of the NAHL All-Star team which will include nine Ambassadors. The Ambassadors next game is Friday against Grand Rapids at the CSA. Saturday's game can be heard on 88.1 FM starting at 3:15 with the pre-game.



In a week dominated by Stevenson, the Canton and Salem girls swim teams still had reason to smile. Salem placed second, ahead of North Farmington and Walled Lake, while division champs Canton finished sixth, only two points behind fifth-place Northville. Canton also has state qualifying times in the 200 meter medley and the 400 free relay. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Sarnia ties up Whaler winning streak

## After victory over Owen Sound, Plymouth plays even with Sting

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Whalers have been winning so much lately, two ties almost seem like a loss. But Coach Pete DeBoer is quick to point out that it isn't a loss, and considering the circumstances, drawing even with Sarnia this weekend is still a small victory.



"Our defense has been short-handed for a while now," DeBoer said. "With all the injuries and suspensions, I think our guys are happy to come away with two ties against a division rival."

Before battling Sarnia in a home-in-home series Saturday and Sunday, the Whalers were riding a six game winning streak. Even with a dwindled defensive crew, the Whalers were still managing enough offense to overcome the deficiencies.

"I think our depth won us a few games," DeBoer said.

But by the time Sarnia rolled into town, the Whalers depth wasn't enough. Slowed by overplay, the defense allowed a pumped-up Sting team more scoring chances than they normally would get. As a result: two ties and the end of a win-

ning streak.

(At) **Sarnia 4, Plymouth 4** — Harold Druken continued his torrid start, recording another hat trick and raising his league leading goal total to 24 Sunday night at Sarnia.

The game was back and forth the whole way. After Sarnia grabbed the lead in the first period, Jamie LaLonde scored his fifth goal of the season 5:47 into the second, to lock the score at one.

Then the Harold Druken show began.

Every time Sarnia would score, Druken would respond. With the Whalers down 2-1, Druken got a feed from Colagiaco to tie the score at 14:38 of the second. After another Sarnia goal, Druken grabbed a short-handed goal as the second period drew to a close.

In the third, it was again Druken versus Sarnia. After Sarnia's Ivan Novoseltsev notched his 17th goal of the season, Druken responded with his 24th, tying the game for good.

"We didn't play characteristic of our hockey team," DeBoer said. "Sarnia came out with a lot of energy. I think our guys are starting to see that every team we play is trying

to knock us off."

Rob Zepp was in goal for Plymouth, making 33 saves.

**Plymouth 3, Sarnia 3** — Sarnia's Jeff Heerema scored with less than two minutes to play in the final period Saturday night, snapping the Whalers season-long winning streak at home.

Legwand, Nik Tselios and Paul Mara all scored for Plymouth but it wasn't enough to keep a determined Sarnia team down.

Each team scored a goal in each period and had near identical shots-on-goal.

Tselios also had a pair of assists. He leads the league's defenseman in scoring with 26 points in 19 games.

Rob Zepp made 24 saves in the tie.

**Plymouth 5, Owen Sound 4** — A scrappy Owen Sound team out up a tough challenge Friday night, but ultimately couldn't hold the potent Whaler offense down.

While Druken scored another pair of goals (and had several good chances to add some more), it was Paul Mara who got the game-winner with less than four minutes left in the

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# WHALER WATCH

## OHL STANDINGS (Through NOV. 9)

WEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
PLYMOUTH	15	2	2	7-1-2	32
S.S. MARIE	9	7	1	6-3-1	19
SARNIA	8	6	2	5-3-2	18
LONDON	7	12	0	3-7-0	14
WINDSOR	5	12	2	3-6-1	12

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
OTTAWA	14	2	2	8-2-0	30
PETER.	11	7	0	5-5-0	22
BELLEVILLE	9	6	3	6-3-1	21
KINGSTON	7	9	1	3-6-1	15
OSHAWA	6	7	2	3-5-2	14

MIDWEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
GUELPH	12	5	0	7-3-0	24
OWEN SOUND	8	7	2	4-5-1	18
ERIE	8	7	1	4-5-1	17
KITCHENER	6	7	2	3-5-2	14
BRAMPTON	2	14	0	2-8-0	4

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
BARRIE	13	4	1	7-2-1	27
SUDBURY	5	9	3	3-5-2	13
NORTH BAY	5	9	3	4-5-1	13
TORONTO	3	9	4	3-5-2	10
MISSISSAUGA	1	13	1	1-8-1	3

## WHALER STATISTICS

**Team Leaders:**  
Goals: Druken (24)  
Assists: Colagiaco (23)  
Points: Druken (39)  
PIM: Goodly (56)  
+/-: Druken (+19)  
GAA: Holsinger (2.29)

## CATCH OF THE DAY

According to Assistant Coach Steve Spott, this year's crop of rookies is having the best year scholastically as any he's ever seen.

## UPCOMING GAMES:

• Fri. at London (7:30 p.m.)  
• Sat. at home versus Kitchener (7:30 p.m.)

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### STEELERS HEAD TO SUPER BOWL, REMAIN UNDEFEATED

The Plymouth Steelers Junior Football team improved their record to 9-0 and advanced to the league championship Super Bowl Saturday by defeating the Ypsilanti Braves 34-20.

Brandon Wilcox scored two touchdowns, while Corey Walsler, David Hoskins and Beau Tomlinson each added a score. David Nicoloff threw for two touchdowns.

Steve Carter added two PATs while Hoskins and Matt Bennett each contributed to a point after.

The Steelers will head to Dearborn Heights this Sunday for the Super Bowl. The Canton Lions Junior Varsity squad will also be attending, looking for a championship in their own class.

### SOCCKER REFEREE TRAINING

New soccer referee training will be held in the Auto Nation USA Community Room, 39600 Ford Road in Canton, running four weeks every Saturday beginning Jan. 30.

Students must attend all four classes and must be at least 12 years old.

For more information call (734) 454-7335. Class size is limited.

## On deck

### SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

If necessary, Thursday and Friday, final round of the conference tournament. Next Wednesday, district tournament begins at Canton versus Novi, 5:30 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday and Saturday at the Ann Arbor Huron Invite, noon. Tuesday, at the regional diving meet.

### CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

If necessary, Thursday and Friday the final round of the conference tournament. Monday, at home versus Churchill in the district tournament, 7 p.m. Winner of that game plays Northville Wednesday at 7 p.m.

### CEP MARCHING BAND

All weekend at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis for the National Championship. Performance times will be announced. CEP placed fifth at the nationals last year

# CEP Band captures 5th straight state championship

## Squad remains undefeated heading into weekend national tournament in Indiana

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Heading into this past weekend's marching band state tournament in Pontiac, the rest of the state's elite must have been thinking the same thing:

Who'll take second?

Because, as everybody knew, that was the only prize legitimately up for grabs. First place was already locked up. Barring a marching band catastrophe (you never know with all those flags flying around), The CEP Marching Band was destined to grab their fifth straight state title and finish their fourth straight undefeated season.

And they did just as expected.

CEP scored 94.65 out of 100 points to capture the title, including all three caption

awards for music, visual effect and general performance. This is the third year in a row they have won all the caption awards at every state tournament they performed at.

"The kids performed extremely well," said Band Director David McGrath. "This is probably the best they have performed all year."

CEP now faces its biggest challenge of the year, the national tournament at the RCA dome in Indianapolis.

"You go down there and you're playing with the best of the best," McGrath said. "We would really be happy just to make the night shelf."

The night shelf is the final performance of the top twelve teams.

But, McGrath said, it's not important to his team where they place, only if they perform well.

"We never make that an emphasis," he said. "When you have 210 students out there performing, you can only hope something doesn't go wrong."

Nonetheless, McGrath said he's confident heading down to Indiana.

"We still have a lot of work ahead of us," he said. "But I think this is one of the strongest performances in the history of the school."

The CEP program is a sort of American civil rights history. It symbolically represents several aspects of the fight, including riots.

McGrath said the band recently made a field trip to the Museum of African-American History in Detroit.

"They actually stayed open past business hours to accommodate us," McGrath said. "I think the kids got a chance to see what we were really trying to teach them."

"This performance is really a cross-curriculum program," he said. "It's not only artistic, they are learning something as well."



Led by star David Legwand, the Whalers celebrate their first goal Saturday night versus Sarnia at Compuware Sports Arena (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Whalers trade Bateman

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game.

The score came from the top of the left circle, as Mara patiently waited for an opening between the defenseman. When he saw it, he fired it home to secure the Whalers victory.

Rick Smith continued his impressive play, grabbing his sixth goal of the season off assists from rookie Tomek Valtonen and Legwand. Captain Randy Fitzgerald added another, unassisted, in the third period.

Goalie Robert Holsinger pushed aside 18 shots, facing only 10 in the final two periods.

**Chatter:** The Whalers traded rookie goaltender Dwayne Bateman last week to the Toronto St. Michael's Majors for a fourth round pick in 2000 and Toronto's first pick in next year's European draft.

According to DeBoer, the trade was really made out of necessity because of the Whalers overabundance of good goaltending (with Zepp and Holsinger).

DeBoer said Bateman, whose father passed away a few weeks ago, was happy about the trade that would move him closer to his hometown of Marmora, Ontario.

"It was really a win-win situation," DeBoer said.

## WHALER OF THE WEEK



#20 DEFENSEMAN

**Andre Robichaud**

With the Whalers short-handed, Robichaud played a big role in helping Plymouth to one win and two ties. The rookie Defenseman from Timmins, Ontario was called up from the Whalers tier-two team, the Compuware Ambassadors.

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# Community opinions

## Opportunity awaits, party beckons

*The 1998 Election season left some important lessons behind*

Somewhere among the glitz and glamour, the mud-slinging and the fund-raising, the postulating and the promising, there are some lessons to be learned from the 1998 election season.

Lesson #1: the Democratic party has all but turned its back on Western Wayne County (or vice versa). Key races were decided without substantial opposition from Democrats.

Take the 21st State House race featuring the one-man seminar Bruce Patterson, and the 20th State House Race with Gerry Law and Fred Dilacovo for example. It wasn't that these races couldn't be won by Democrats — Law's

especially might have been taken by an aggressive Democrat running on a campaign of visibility in the district.

With Deb Whyman leaving the 21st House seat, the way was surely open for a more liberal viewpoint. Even with a

stronger Democratic candidate, Patterson would have been difficult to defeat, but his challenger, Ray Bailey, merely put his name on the ballot to give people a choice.

Which brings us to lesson #2: Merely offering yourself as a choice is not offering any real choice to educated voters. To win a seat in this time of cynicism and political mistrust, a

candidate must do more than offer a name for the ballot. (Unless you happen to have a popular name and union backing, as John Sullivan did in the 11th County Commission District.)

This brings up lesson #3: There is

an opportunity to be had for minor party candidates. When Republicans and Democrats are merely maintaining the party lines, or when one party doesn't seem to put up a decent fight — or a candidate — it's the perfect time for a

**P**eople are sick of seeing who can dig up the most dirt about their opponent, or who can better twist the others' record

### Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



smaller, scrappy party to stand up and speak out.

Look at what happened in Minnesota. Jesse "The Body" Ventura, running for the Reform Party, on a platform of "honesty," beat out two well-known Gubernatorial Candidates. Was he better qualified? Probably not. Will he be effective? Who knows. The thing to remember is that if a former pro-wrestler can be elected governor, surely the Democrats or minor parties can come up with more than just a name to put on the card.

Ventura's success is a precursor to lesson #4: the best qualified candidate doesn't always win. Look again at the 11th County Commission race, for example. Melissa McLaughlin, a Canton Trustee with a range of governmental experiences was clearly favored by the government

leaders as the better candidate. She even worked in the District with out-going commissioner Bruce Patterson. She still lost by 47 votes to Wayne resident John Sullivan, proving that name power is still the main power.

The final lesson is that negative campaigns do not work. People are sick of seeing who can dig up the most dirt about their opponent; or who can better twist the other's record.

By sticking to the issues, giving people a choice and getting them involved, people may become more interested in politics. And that means they may be more interested in the community in general. They're lessons well learned and filed away.

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# Community opinions

## Thanks for a great invite

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and Marching Band, we would like to express our appreciation to the Plymouth-Canton Community for their support of the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition held at PCEP on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Program ads and many goods and

services were provided by businesses, individuals and community leaders thereby acknowledging their commitment to arts in the schools.

While there are far too many to list here, we want you to know that this event could not take place without your participation. We are grateful for your enthusiastic response.

It was a beautiful day with music and marching from 25 wonderful bands from around the state. We congratulate all the participating bands and wish them the best of luck in their pursuit of excellence.

Kay Huff and Don Nagy  
Co-Chairpersons  
Great Lakes Invitational

## Hey Fleming, get off Jack's back

EDITOR:

I would like to respond to Craig Fleming's letter to the editor on his perspective on Jack Wilcox (Community Crier, Sept. 9, 1998).

Mr. Fleming, where do you get off making those stupid statements against Jack? He is 81 years old with more life experience than you will ever have.

Jack has the right to refuse or change his mind on any offer made on his home. If you are so concerned about Jack's grass than why don't you drag your behind over there and cut it for him? What kind of neighbor are you anyway?

How dare you attack an old man with a

bad heart. If anything, you should show more respect for the elderly.

This man knows more about this city and how it runs than you will ever know.

Remember, he has been where you haven't arrived yet.

Jack was a City Commissioner, served in the Navy for 30 years, has been on all kinds of committees and has served his country and city for more years than you have been alive.

What have you done? This man is a wealth of information and it would do you well to sit and absorb what he knows.

You talk of Jack's very high standards. I respect a man with high standards. It shows

me that he wants things done and done right.

Mr. Fleming, show more respect to the elderly. After all, you might not remember but they build this country brick by brick and fought and died to keep us free, so people like you can have the freedom to blow off your mouth and hit them while they are down.

You talk of actions and deeds. Jack's actions and deeds have done nothing but serve his country and The City of Plymouth.

Stop blubbering and lend a helping hand. Serve The City of Plymouth.

JOHN PAPPAS

## Danger in not remembering

In 1998, we are now more than two decades from the last major American War: the Vietnam Conflict, a war that mutated the face of armed engagement for many Americans.

From the battlefields, day in, day out, the terror of Vietnam was broadcast back home, into the comfortable confines of American living rooms. As a result, the age of peaceful dissent began, and the common image of war, before mostly nationalistic and civic, soon became the object of cynicism and weariness.

Today, as the so-called Gen X populace, my generation, reaches maturity, the face of war has grown bland and distant again. The United States emerged from the Cold War as the sole superpower, and the notion of bloody battle for many Americans has been lost somewhere between the words of Tom Clancy and the electronic impulses of a kill-em-all Nintendo game.

Today is a holiday to remember and pay respects. But what is Veteran's Day anymore but a painful reminder for few, and a secondary holiday for most? Veterans

groups remember with their annual ceremonies, candlelight vigils and silent prayers.

Most Americans, however, especially those who did not experience a major war during their lifetime, are apathetic to the process. Veterans Day is just another day the post office is closed, and that's a nuisance.

War is incomprehensible for my generation. They have seen it in the movies, they have studied it in the classroom. But those are just pictures and words. Even with the release of this summer's *Saving Private Ryan*, a World War II movie described by many veterans as the most realistic they've seen, the misery of war still fails to set in.

Missing are the smells, the fear, the horror of seeing your friends die at the

hands of a faceless enemy. It is simply impossible to fully imagine the tragedy unless you've experienced it yourself.

Hopefully, my generation will never have to experience a World War. If they do, it may be the last. But the possibility of another Vietnam-type conflict is not out of the question.

If the sacrifices of past wars are forgotten, falling into such a conflict may be made easier by a society that doesn't understand.

As war generations wither away, recognizing the inhumanity of war may wither away as well. If history teaches us anything, it is that there is danger in forgetting.

And if the younger generations continue to disregard history, forgetting may be only the first of their sins.

### Write of way

By Scott Goodwin



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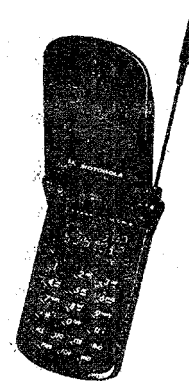




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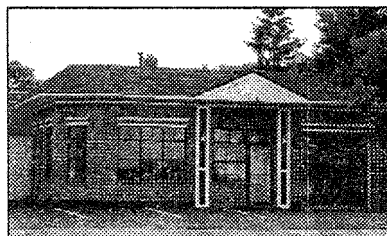
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