

# District ponders superintendent search

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday night formally started the process for selecting a new school superintendent.

John Hoben, who joined the district in 1955 and has been its top administrator since 1971, will leave in June 1994, if his contract is not renewed or extended.

He currently is working under a contract extension at a salary of about \$109,000 a year.

## Hoben's goals -- Page 3

Reporting to the board at the special workshop session, board Secretary David Artley presented a multi-page report detailing the steps the board will probably take during the next 18 months.

According to the report -- which was compiled by a sub-committee composed of Artley, Trustee Jack Farrow

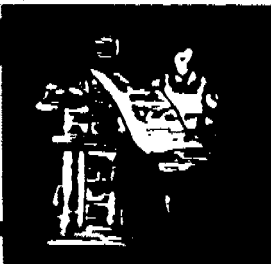
and Vice President Carl Battishill -- the selection process will get under way by August 1993.

That would leave nearly a year for gathering applications, screening candidates, making a selection and negotiating a contract.

As part of the report, the sub-committee suggested four ways of performing the search: hiring a major "head-hunting" firm, at a cost of about \$30 to \$35,000; hiring a

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## Task force begins probe of arson at work sites

BY CRAIG FARRAND

A local, state and federal task force has been created to investigate a rash of arson fires that have destroyed newly constructed homes in nine southeastern Michigan communities, including Canton, during the past year.

In addition to Canton officials, the task force is comprised of officers from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Michigan State Police and the communities of Wayne and Westland.

The task force met Wednesday in Canton to coordinate its investigation and is scheduled to meet again today.

That meeting came one day after a similar gathering of about 40 area building contractors and Canton police and fire officials, during which the builders were given information on both how to better protect their construction sites and what to report to authorities.

According to Canton Fire Chief Mike

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## City considers rate changes

BY AMY KIDWELL

Faced with the business outcries over city parking levies, the Plymouth Commission will consider alternative ways to handle parking at a special meeting at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at City Hall.

The Adhoc Parking Committee is expected to present various options for simplifying zoning requirements and business fee policies for parking in Plymouth.

The suggestions for zoning changes

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# Communities discuss cooperation, sharing

BY AMY KIDWELL

**Shared services?**  
The possibility of expanded inter-governmental ties is being considered by top officials in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Communities, with several communities acting this week to set future discussions in motion.

Top officials, who met on Dec. 2 to outline the general goal of the concept, are scheduled to meet again on Dec. 22 after each legislative arm of the communities approves their involvement.

The Plymouth Commission and the Northville Council approved the concept Monday night; and Canton's Board of Trustees were expected to do the same last night.

Northville Township's Board of Trustees will discuss shared services tomorrow and Plymouth Township's board will consider the issue at its meeting Tuesday.

The initial Dec. 2 meeting was attended by officials from all five communities: Tom Yack, Canton's supervisor; Robert Jones, Plymouth's mayor; Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Plymouth Township's supervisor; Karen Baja, Northville Township's supervisor; and Chris Johnson, Northville's mayor.

The focus of future meetings, according to officials, will be to look at

shared services as a way to reduce government cost and taxes and deliver more efficient and effective services.

Fire and police protection will most likely be the initial focus, according to a press release from Canton.

At the Dec. 22 meeting, which is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Plymouth Township Hall, the five officials will form a team to analyze shared services and prepare a document on how these cost-saving measures can be achieved.

## Community births

Parke Susan Tatman, of Plymouth, was born on Nov. 15 at 4:59 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and was just over 20 inches long.

Her parents are Barbara and David Tatman. She has two brothers: John, 5, and Phillip, 3.

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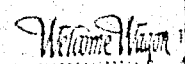
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# Twp. may have to replace teetering clubhouse

BY AMY KIDWELL

Concerned about the safety of the community's golf clubhouse, Plymouth Township's Chief Building Official Charles McIlhargey is preparing to ask the Board of Trustees for a new one.

McIlhargey made previous attempts with the old Board of Trustees but no action was ever taken.

According to McIlhargey, the current facility is dangerous and should be condemned.

"What we have is a building that is moving all over the place," said McIlhargey.

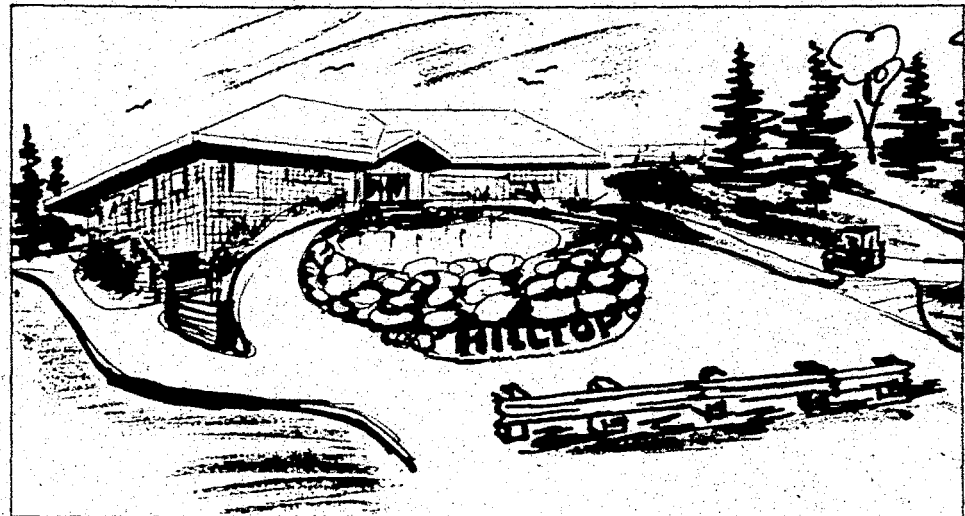
McIlhargey said he plans on presenting his proposal to the township's supervisor, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, in two weeks and bringing it to the board in about a month.

A building inspection report dated Feb. 13, 1991, states that the northwest end of the building is moving up and down 4 to 6 inches. The continuous freeze and thaw of winter and the lack of a proper foundation is what causes this movement according to McIlhargey.

Movement of the building causes the walls to move horizontally and that can cause windows to pop, McIlhargey said.

The current building was originally used as a courthouse for the 35th district

This is an artist's rendering of a new golf course clubhouse, some would like to see built at the Hill Top Golf Course.



and a meeting room for Plymouth Township. It was a modular home located at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads, the location of the current township hall.

In 1979, the building was moved to the golfcourse location as a temporary clubhouse facility.

A memo, dated the same as the inspection, cites other problems with the

clubhouse:

"Roofing has deteriorated to cause the underlayment to become wet and dry rotted must be replaced. Flooring has structural damage caused by dry rot and movement of the building."

An independent inspection report, completed by Edwin Shymanski, an independent consulting engineer sited

several structural problems with the clubhouse.

Shymanski noted that the roof developed leaks "causing the plywood deck to become water stained and the plywood roof deck may have also lost some of it's strength."

In the 1981 addition, Shymanski noted

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## Insurance agent, 64, charged in scam

BY CRAIG FARRAND

A 64-year-old Warren man faces preliminary examination Friday in 35th District court following his arraignment last Wednesday on 18 counts of larceny by conversion.

Andrew Karakes stood mute before Judge John MacDonald and was released on \$10,000 bond.

The charges stem from a two-month investigation by Plymouth police into allegations that Karakes took more than \$27,000 from an



Andrew Karakes (left) and his attorney, Sanford Shulman, appear in 35th District Court. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell)

88-year-old Plymouth woman as premium payments on an insurance policy that did not exist.

According to Sgt. Wayne Carroll, his investigation was prompted by a call from the woman's financial advisor who

discovered discrepancies in her accounts.

Each of the 18 counts carries a maximum 5 years in prison or \$2,500 fine. Karakes is charged with taking \$1,500 each month from the woman since April 1991.

## Crier will publish pre-holiday edition

To help give Crier readers a leg up on the last few days before Christmas, The Community Crier will be publishing on Saturday, Dec. 19, instead of Dec. 23.

These extra five days will allow our readers and advertisers time to plan for the last-minute holiday rush, and give local groups and organizations a chance to submit notices about holiday events in the area.

Classified and display advertising and news deadlines for the Saturday, Dec. 19 edition will be 3 pm. Thursday, Dec. 17.

The Crier will be delivered between the holidays on its normal publication date: Wednesday, Dec. 30, including its annual "Growth and Progress" edition, which recounts expansion in The Plymouth-Canton Community during 1992 and predicts 1993.

# Before leaving, Hoben wants P-C in 21st century

BY CRAIG FARRAND

When you walk into his office, the first thing that strikes you is the 21st century ambience; a credenza loaded with the newest of the new in educational technology and all manner of high-tech wizardry dominate the view.

From one end of his work area to the other, you'll find a Xerox machine, a full-sized computer, laser disc player, scanner, combination computer-phone-fax, laser printer and television -- each one intricately linked to the other.

And for good reason: John Hoben, superintendent of The Plymouth-Canton Schools, not only believes that such technology is the key to educational excellence in the next century -- but for the last four years has also been making it a reality in the district.

But the meter is running, and Hoben can only hope the

project will be completed before he leaves -- which, if the school board acts on its preliminary plans not to extend his contract again -- will be July 1994.

In the meantime, however, Hoben said he can't worry about 19 months from now, he's more worried about the next week and the next month, as the district gets wired for education.

Once completed, Hoben said, the district's \$12 million high-tech network will link 728 classrooms via fiber optic cables to a central bank of VCRs, video disks, international newscasts and other multi-media equipment. Through this system, classroom teachers would be able to plan their entire lesson plan for a year, incorporating the televised images as they currently incorporate textbook assignments.

Already, the district is in the process of rewiring three schools -- Central and Pioneer middle schools and Hoben Elementary -- and the superintendent expects the entire project to be completed in two years.

Just in time to see him go.

In a career that spans 37 years, with the last 21 as superintendent, Hoben sees this project as continuing his lifelong goal of constantly improving education in the district and of "getting the best bang for the buck."

Hoben's career with the district began in 1955 when he took the job as both math teacher and football coach, leading Salem to what he called "respectable showings" in the then-powerful Suburban Six Conference.

In 1964, he moved into the administrative aspects of

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# Local farmer dies at 59

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

One of Canton's noted farmers — a fourth generation dairy man — died Monday. Stanley Gill, 59, had worked the Ridge Road dairy farm started by his great-grandparents in 1834 and said to be Wayne County's largest dairy operation. He died after a long illness.

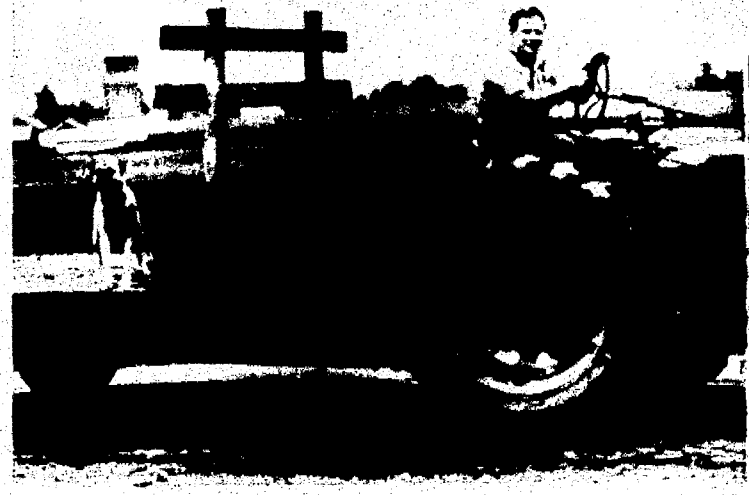
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Whitcomb officiating. Burial will follow in Cherry Hill Cemetery.

Gill had been active in the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, where his family had been founding members. He also served on the Ypsilanti Farm Bureau board and belonged to the Michigan Milk Producers Association and the Michigan Artificial Breeders Association.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah; son, Thomas (now the fifth-generation running the farm); daughter, Mary Harding, of Saline; a brother, Donald; grandchildren Claire Gill, Chelsea Harding and Nicholas Harding; several nephews and nieces; and the "farm family."

Memorials for the U.S. Army veteran may be made to the Individualized Home Nursing Care, Inc. or the Catherine McAuley Cancer Care Fund.

**Stanley Gill, seen here working on his farm, died Monday at age 59. His funeral is tomorrow at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cherry Hill Cemetery.**



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETINGS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1992**

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:31 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 1992 meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the agenda be amended as follows: Kathleen Keen-McCarthy RE: Change of Meeting Format

With this change, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda of the November 24, 1992 meeting as amended. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy advised the public that in the interest of encouraging greater citizen participation in their government, the following procedures will be followed at the Charter Township of Plymouth regular board meetings.

1. The Supervisor will call the meeting to order.
2. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of minutes and agenda, citizen comments will be heard on non-agenda items.
3. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, there must be a motion on the table before there can be discussion on that item. Therefore, to facilitate discussion, the Supervisor will introduce each item, the Clerk will immediately make the motion, and another board member will second the motion. It is understood that making or seconding a motion does not mean that the Clerk or Board member supports that motion. Making and seconding a motion simply opens the topic for discussion.
4. Once there is a motion on the table, presentations will be made, questions asked, and further discussion of the topic will occur.
5. It is the intent of this board to hear citizen comments and questions on agenda items as each is discussed. Therefore, after each motion is made and seconded, the presentation is made and questions from the board have been answered, the Supervisor will ask for citizen questions and/or comments. In order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak, citizens will be asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
6. Following all discussion and comment, the question will be called and the Board will then vote on the motion.
7. At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be an additional period for public comments.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy also stated that at each Board meeting there will be a listing of all checks that have been paid by the Township, available for the public to review.

At 7:36 p.m., Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda. Tom Kalis commented on past budgets, salaries, high pension matching costs, and bidding procedures. Jim Haar addressed the Board reminding them of the urgent need for staffing Fire Station No. 3. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy closed the public comment section at 7:43 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to rescind Resolution No. 92-06-23-27 which established an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Plymouth Industrial Center, Inc. Supported by Mrs. Brooks.

On June 23, 1992 the Board approved Resolution No. 92-06-23-27 recommending to the State of Michigan that Tax Abatement be granted on Building #2 on 12 acres of the 79 acres approved as an Industrial Rehabilitation District. Mr. Kahna made the request in behalf of a tenant transferring from Livonia who would need the approval of the City Council of Livonia in order to move. The Plymouth Board of Trustees approved the aforesaid resolution with the understanding that permission was to be given for the tenant to move from Livonia at their next City Council meeting, which Mr. Kahna has assured would be done. The Livonia City Council voted 4 to 3 to deny the request. Mr. Kahna then began seeking a new tenant. He found one in Prime Tube, Inc.

For corrective action the Board needs to (1) rescind Resolution No. 92-06-23-27, (2) establish a date for public hearing for the new tenant (3) approve a new resolution after the public hearing.

Roll call:  
Ayes: Massengill, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Arnold, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: None

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish December 15, 1992 for public hearing on Tax Abatement for Building No. 2 in Plymouth Industrial Center, as requested by Prime Tube, Inc. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Utility Easement for Moeller Manufacturing located on Lot 8, Plymouth Oaks Business Park Subdivision. Easement has been approved by the Township Engineer as to form and the Township Attorney as to form and content. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the floor to any additional public comments. No comments were made.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on November 24, 1992. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on December 15, 1992.

## Public notices

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals to obtain cost and service quotations for the operation of an Employee Assistance Program for the District's 1300 employees. Specifications may be obtained at the Board of Education building, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 (Mr. Errol Goldman). Proposals are due January 11, 1993. The Board of Education reserves the right to select any, or reject all proposals, as it judges to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Artley, Secretary  
Board of Education

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Mary A. Brooks  
Treasurer

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" 25	Friday	closed
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" 30	Wednesday	8:00 - 4:30 *
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January 1	Friday	closed

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# Sports

## Salem grapplers

# Tough schedule awaits youthful team

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem wrestling coach Ron Krueger had many surprises when the guys came out to practice this year. The year he thought would be one of his strongest hasn't turned out quite the way he expected.

For reasons unknown to him, several seniors made the decision not to come out for the team this year.

"Wrestling is a hard sport," was the only reason Krueger could give.

Krueger isn't sure if pay to play was implemented, and since a lot of kids drop out of wrestling, perhaps they opted not to come out in the first place, because it's more difficult to explain to mom and dad dropping out of the team when they've paid money for you to play.

Usually 50-60 kids start, and ends with 35-40. This year only 30 came out. He finds that difficult to understand. Wrestling is a sport that every one can compete in, according to Krueger.

There are classifications for 103 pounds to heavyweight. "There aren't many sports (for a guy) 103 pounds," said Krueger.

Last year Salem finished its season with an 8-10 record, and fifth in the league. It was the worst record the team has ever had. He's not sure if that kept them away this year.

"The young kids are taking position," said Krueger. "Some were on junior varsity last year. They will come in and do a good job for us, I hope."

Only had two senior starters are back, and a third is possibly coming back this week. With a crew of grapplers without much wrestling experience, he's going to spend a lot of time teaching the squad and preparing them for the future.

"We're real, real, real young and real inexperienced," said Krueger. "We're going to be looking to getting better as we go. The only direction we can go is up. We'll teach as we go on and we'll get better."

When he was preparing for this season, Krueger thought he'd have a team full of varsity experienced seniors, so he scheduled the team's first session in a tournament at St. Edward's in Lakewood Ohio, the national championship team last year.

Perhaps one of the first things his novice team will learn is what it takes to be a national championship in wrestling. He's hopeful that it will spur them on to perform better and better with each meet.

The Rocks head to Lakewood Saturday. Senior Wade Langdon rejoins the squad after missing last year with a shoulder injury. He earned a varsity letter in his sophomore year, wrestling in the 189 weight class, and placed second in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

This year, his coach thinks he'll be competing in 171.

Phil Haynes, a two-year varsity letter winner, wrestled last year for the Rocks and carried a 26-9-2 record in the 189 pound class. He placed in six tournaments last year, finished second in the conference, fourth in the district competition and qualified for the regionals.

"He should step up and be the front runner," said Krueger, but his coach isn't sure how quickly that will be as Haynes is recovering from an injury.

The third possible senior this year is

Pete Tembroeck. He placed in four tournaments and wrestled in the 152-pound class. He was on the varsity squad last year and held an 18-24 record. This year Tembroeck is torn between wrestling and cheerleading, and according to his wrestling coach, he wants to try and do both.

"It would be difficult," said Krueger. "I don't want to get in his way. If he wants to do it, we'll welcome him. He started last year."

Six juniors are on the squad this year. Ryan Giuliani saw a little varsity action last year and holds a 2-3 record in the heavyweight classification.

"He's improved quite a bit," said Krueger. "We're looking for him to do well. We scrimmaged earlier, he looked good there, we'll have to wait and see."

Junior Steve Hughes wrestled in the 135-pound classification last year and holds a 1-5 record. However, the young grappler has grown over the summer, and Krueger isn't sure where he'll be wrestling this season.

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## Dedicated, able seniors carry Rocks volleyball

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The season looks promising to Allie Suffety, co-coach of the Salem volleyball team.

"I think we're going to surprise some people," he said. "We have some really good returning seniors."

Suffety is carrying four seniors on the varsity squad, including Caryn Tatterton, the starting setter and captain of this year's squad.

A four-year varsity player, Tatterton will be returning to her setter position.



Salem volleyball captain, Caryn Tatterton (Crier photo by EQ Lukaski)

"She continues to be a catalyst on the team," Suffety said. "As the setter, she displays leadership in terms of keeping the team together."

"She is a good, all-around committed player."

Cyndi Platter is returning to the squad. She first moved up to varsity at the end of her sophomore year and is starting her second full season on the varsity squad.

Platter is a middle blocker who "has improved a lot in the last two or three years," Suffety said.

"She's a real hard worker. If she needs to learn or develop to improve, she does it. She is a great player by example."

Jenna Stanton is in her second season on the varsity squad and will be designated as an outside hitter.

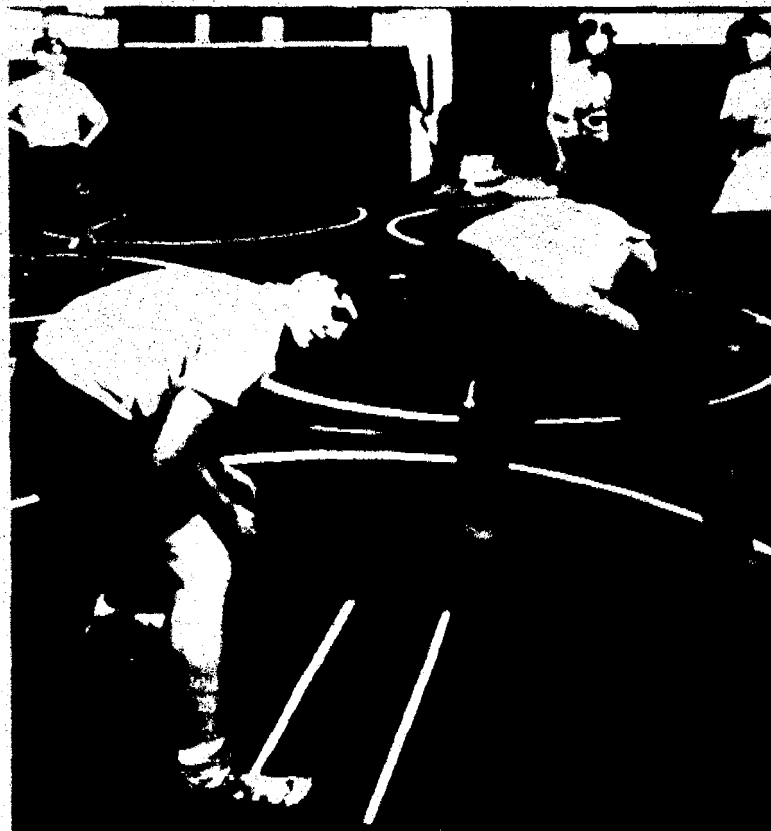
"Her consistency is real helpful," Suffety said.

Jenny Garvey is moving to outside hitter this year. Although she stands only 5-4, Suffety thinks the consistency Garvey offered as a back row specialist and server last year prepared her for this position.

"She's a hard-nosed kid, works hard for you and gets the job done."

Suffety also has expectations from the juniors this year.

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Salem senior Wade Langdon practices with junior John Svec at practice before the team heads to St. Edward's for its first tournament of the season. (Crier photo by EQ Lukaski)



## Canton volleyball

# Dedicated squad ready for season

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

When Canton volleyball coach Jackie Getz came back to her team this season, she had a few pleasant surprises.

The potential players on this year's squad spent a lot of time in the off season getting ready for this year — and the coach recognized their efforts immediately.

"A lot went to camp and played this summer," said Getz. "The girls are coming back strong and in good condition."

Returning this year are seven seniors, including four who started last year. All seven seniors are in their second season on the varsity squad. Tina Shaefer, Michelle Metzger, Angela Fountain and Karrie Drinkhahn are returning starters.

Metzger is a middle hitter, and is returning to that position; Fountain will be returning to the starting setter position.

Shaefer was an outside hitter and is returning to the spot. Drinkhahn will also be an outside hitter.

Two starting positions open. Three seniors and nine juniors will be vying for those two positions.

Additional lettered seniors from last year's squad are Colleen Connell, Laura Ciantar and Erin Olenech.

Getz is expecting a lot help from Connell and Ciantar in the back row this year. She plans to move Olenech in for Ciantar when she rotates to the front row.

Six juniors are up in from the junior varsity squad, including Ndu Okamawbua who saw some varsity action at the end of the season.

Also up from junior varsity are Erin Schriber, Shawn Chaplin, Lynn Haines, Laura Lebbon and Alison Haremski.

The Chiefs will compete in two weekend tournaments, one this weekend and one next weekend.

"They played real well for the first time formally playing together," said Getz. "The team is a lot better than I thought it would be at this early stage of the game."

"The group works hard and sets high expectation for themselves, and they work hard to attain those goals."

Canton graduated four seniors last year

and ended last season with a 12-6 overall record. They finished sixth in the conference.

Getz is in her fourth season as varsity coach. She thinks Stevenson, Churchill and Walled Lake Central will be tough competition in the league this year, as will the traditional games between Salem.

The Chiefs open their season with a tournament at Madonna University on

Saturday, and another tournament next Saturday in Allen Park.

Jan. 13, starts the regular season with a game against Ann Arbor Huron.

"I'm pleased with the way they are coming together at the beginning of the season," said Getz. "They are much improved from last year, from camp and from class. They are a great group of kids, and they are very coachable."



Leading the Canton volleyball team this year are seniors Angela Fountain (left), Karrie Drinkhahn, Michelle Metzger, Tina Shaefer, Erin Olenech, and Colleen Connell. (Crier photo by EQ Lukasik)

## Salem's new, seasoned players gel

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Janey Viau is in her second year on the varsity team and will be returning as an outside player.

"She's a real dedicated type of player," said Suffety, who expects her to step up this year.

"A real fire plug for us this year is junior Jenny Coleman," said Suffety. "She is back-row dynamite."

Coleman is in her first year on the varsity squad.

Amy Ruthig was a surprise to her coach and is a much improved player this season.

"If you would have asked me two years ago if she would have made the varsity squad, I'd say not likely," Suffety said. "She's worked hard and come along as a player. I don't know how much playing time she'll get."

Deepa Sreenivasan is another junior who will see some action this season.

"She's a real hard worker and will probably come off the bench play outside hitter and back row," said Suffety.

Two sophomores are on the varsity squad this year. Karen Gundry is slated as an outside hitter.

"She's a very good passer, a real heavy player, a real smart player."

Paula Dombrowski is a middle hitter and along with freshman Shellye Sills will be seeing some time on the court and switching off with each other according to their coach.

Dombrowski is a "much improved player, a good passer."

"We want her to get some good varsity time this year."

Sills will see some time on the court. "She's a real strong middle hitter," said Suffety. "The other skills we're working on. She hits strong, is real consistent."

An asset Suffety sees in the team this year is the blending of the young and older players. He credits the leadership of the seniors and the team captain, Tatterton, for how well the team has come together as a unit.

The Rocks start their season Saturday in the Madonna University tournament, and have four tournaments scheduled before the season starts.

They open their regular season Jan. 16, against Livonia Stevenson, the last team they faced last year. The Spartans knocked the Rocks out of the district tournament in the first round.

"Last year we had a number of chances at them," Suffety said. "I hope that turns around. We didn't beat them once, but we played hard every time."

Suffety and Brian Gilles are in their fourth year as co-coaches of the volleyball team.

Last year the Rocks were 32-12-7 overall. In the Western Lakes Activities Association, Salem finished fourth overall with an 8-3 record. They were third in the Lakes Division.

## Rock wrestlers hopeful

Don Barnett wrestled in the 125-pound classification last year and has a varsity score of 1-4.

David Craig will be competing in the 140-pound weight class.

Two juniors are new to the area, and their spots are yet to be determined. John Rakozy is in the 189 pound class; Mark Burley is 130 pounds.

Sophomore Scott Hughes is back from last year in the 103-pound weight class. He saw varsity action as a freshman, stepping in for an injured player. He was on the mat for over half the season.

He was 5-12 as a ninth grader, and will probably be the lead wrestler in the 103-pound weight class, according to his coach.

Coming up at the end of the season was sophomore Brian Herreid. He holds a 5-5 record, his coach expects he'll wrestle either 112 or 119.

Up from junior varsity are two 130 pounders, Sam Lagrow and Aaron Lapinski. "They will have to battle," said Krueger. This is one weight class where Krueger has several contenders.

Also up from the junior varsity squad are sophomores John Svec, 152-160, and Phil Mitchell, 135.

To help out the team for the future, the Rocks have nine "scrappy freshmen" who have come out for the team.

He has three real tough tournaments scheduled before the dual meet season kicks off.

Krueger has been the wrestling coach at Salem since the program started. He is entering his 23rd season as head coach.

And the start of the dual meet will be against Catholic Central on Dec. 17. Krueger will face an unusual challenge there, as he coaches his Jason and his assistant coach Greg Wozniak's brother both wrestle for Catholic Central.

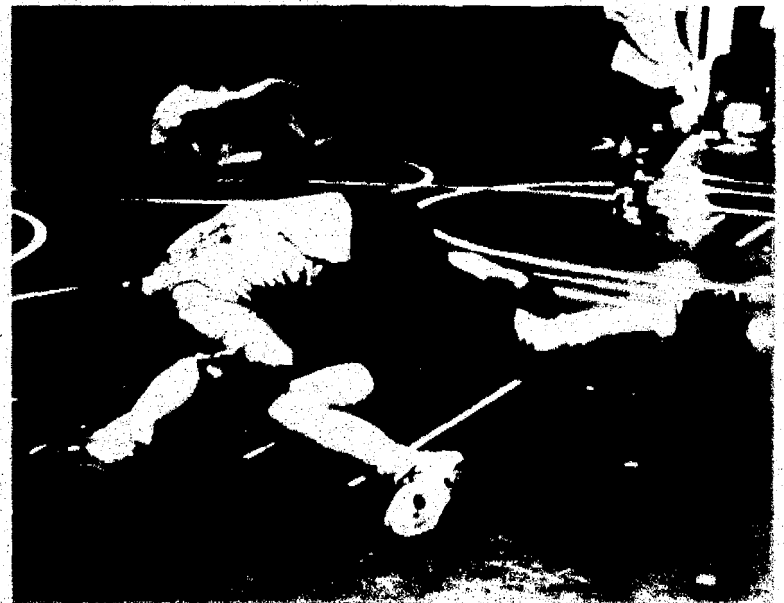
### Junior hoop standings

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association standings as of Dec. 5, in Boys "A" League are listed below.

National Division: Pacers, 8-0; Pistons, 6-2; Sonics, 5-3; Bucks, 4-4; Kings, 4-4; Spurs, 4-4; Bulls, 3-5; Hawks, 2-6; Warriors, 1-7.

In the American League: 76ers, 8-0; Knicks, 6-2; Blazers, 6-2; Rockets, 5-3; Lakers, 4-4; Hornets, 2-6; Jazz, 2-6; Celtics, 0-8.

In Girls "A" League: Pistons, 6-1; Celtics, 5-2; Kings, 4-3; Lakers, 3-4; Rockets, 3-4; Hornets, 0-7.



Salem wrestlers may have a tough time of it this year with a smaller squad -- in terms of bodies, not weight. (Crier photo by EQ Lukasik)



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JUDGE DAVIS - Your prize will be forthcoming. Try again? "See how she leans her cheek upon her hand?" (easy)

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BILL THIMM MAKES up-and-coming journalism students take note(s).

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**MICHELLE WILSON** gets older Saturday!

Everyone buys boys jackets these days Mom. So be cool.

Charles! Cleans up great & he throws darts too.

I don't know what JJ's score was but I bet he had fun.

Verna — call me for a holiday lunch.

Happy Birthday Michelle!

Thanks for inviting me to your chicken decorating party. — Erika.

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Mike — Do we have to draw you a picture to go with the curios?

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Mom on MeKon: How do you like this cold weather?

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Karen needs more sleep so she keeps lots of rubber bands on hand for her hair.

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## Curiosities

**MYRILLA** — Stop tearing your lovely "voodoo" doll apart! Shame!

**EMMA** — Please come to The Crier to pick up your nice red stocking cap.

**ZACK** — Such a good boy to bring your Daddy to The Crier to get his paper. Santa is watching.

**BEAUREGARD** eats peanut butter on celery.

**JESSICA** eats Grandma Mary's deviled eggs.

**ERIKA WILSON** cuts the deviled eggs up into tiny bites.

**MAYBE THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON GOODFELLOWS** should be put in charge of picking ice Spectacular weather.

**MATT WATROSA** has a new "Perspective" (Is there such a thing as a "folk newspaper"?)

**Caray did it!** She earned her big "P" for her efforts on the Plymouth Salem Swim Team.

**Yes Debbie** was definitely less boring this week. She looks good in brown.

"FOR TOO LONG THE term Justice Department has functioned as a euphemism" — The National Law Journal, 12/7/82

Wendy & Ed: Thanks for the support.

Nicky, Nicky, between the Girl Scouts & boy scouting when do you have time for school?

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**JOHNNIE C.** — Congratulations. It isn't everyone who has a painting accepted to be hung in the Detroit Institute of Arts in April 1983.

**ANDREA** — Forgive us our trespasses and thank you for being "YOU"!

**BEAUREGARD** likes Helde's Christmas Open House... can you say "cookies"?

Happy Birthday Michelle! The Ad Staff

**LISA FILAR GETS OLDER (IS IT 4-0?)**

**LESTIE and BOB VAN FLEET** both are older in Middletown, N.Y.

Michelle has that waffle look to her.

Is everyone getting sweet shirts this year?

The roset was great. Thanks Porterhouse.

K's party time at Christy's.

Mike congratulations on the foibles!

**MARTHA** — No fair! You helped him!

**JAN** — You can't fight ignorance.

**TERRY L.** — Have I told you lately that I love you?

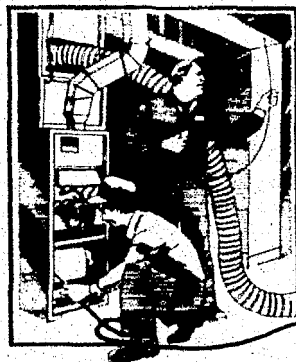
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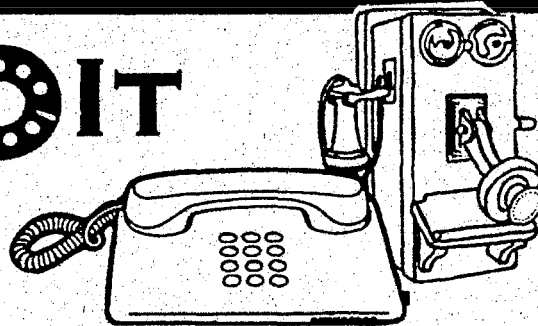
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# It's not too early to start plans for annual 'ice' week

You can almost hear the ice chips flying. It may be hard to believe, but Plymouth's ice extravaganza is only a month away -- the 11th-annual event runs Jan. 13-18 -- and organizers already are hard at work getting a jump on the five-day event.

A case in point is Nancy Horst, who is getting the word out now to those interested in competing in one of the more interesting sidelights to the main event.

Repeating its successful run last year, organizers are once again sponsoring a gingerbread competition for those whose urges gravitate more to edible creations.

Horst said this season's competition will run concurrently with the outside ice contests and displays, with competitors split into four categories, each offering a

\$25 top prize.

Although this might seem a tad early to be mentioning the competition, Horst said she hoped to get the word out well in advance of Christmas so that those who traditionally make gingerbread houses and the like won't toss them away without competing.

In addition to a gingerbread house category, creative types will be able to compare and compete in the churches and castles category; a "cookies and such" category that includes non-gingerbread items; and a children's category for competitors 10 and under.

All entries will be on display at Days Gone By in the Westchester Mall.

*(Look for more details on the contest and the ice festival in upcoming editions of The Crier.)*

# City eyes parking fees change

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include allowing businesses to "freely interchange (privileges) without parking changing every time a tenant changes," according to Steve Walters, Plymouth's manager.

Another alternative, Walter said, is to purchase private lots and use them as public parking for all businesses. The cost for the lots would be reassessed on downtown businesses.

Walters is urging anyone who is interested in this issue to come to the meeting for more detailed information.

"Fair treatment of all tenants of all businesses has to be taken into account," Walters said.

According to Steve Guile, director of the Downtown Development Authority, Plymouth currently uses a credit system to charge businesses for the cost of maintenance and development of parking.

The policy was started in the 1950's and over the years, Guile said, the money has been used more in the general fund than for its original purpose.

"It (the parking policy) is becoming a

deterrent for business. The last thing we want to do is discourage growth," said Guile.

Each business is judged based on its size and type of operation. It is then given a number of credits based on how much parking it will use.

According to Guile, the cost per credit is \$2,800. When a business comes to Plymouth, it must pay this one-time fee to open its doors. Some businesses have six to eight credits which can quickly add up for a business that hasn't even opened.

Any business that decides to add space or change its operation also faces the possibility of paying when its credits are re-evaluated.

"We hope they (the commission) will make a decision soon," said Guile. "People are very skiddish about opening a business here because they don't know what they will have to comply with."

He said that many prospective business owners are waiting for this issue to be resolved and that, "it is imperative we get this settled immediately."

# Task force probes arson fires

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Rorabacher, a total of 11 fires in a tri-county area of metropolitan Detroit have been identified as exhibiting the same arson patterns.

The most recent fire occurred in Canton's Linden Village Subdivision Nov. 29.

Other suspicious fires under investigation by the task force include two in Ann Arbor, one in Pittsfield Township, one in Scio and one in Lodi Township -- all in Washtenaw County; one in Novi in Oakland County; and two in Wayne, one in Westland and two in Woodhaven -- in Wayne County.

Concerning the Canton fire, which damaged a model home in the planned subdivision, Rorabacher said that although he's not a trained arson investigator "even I could see this was a

textbook arson case."

Quickly on the heels of that fire, Canton public safety officials issued an informational alert to building contractors, making them aware of not only the recent blaze, but also of the investigations under way and what precautions to take to protect their work sites.

There are no suspects in the cases and state and local officials declined comment on possible motives in the suspected arsons.

Nevertheless, the last line of the township's memo to builders makes vague reference to one possibility: In reassuring contractors that an aggressive investigation has been started, the message concludes by saying that "you, as a builder, will be able to do business in Canton without fear of retaliation."

**HOW** do my property taxes compare to the citizens in nearby communities? Answer: See pg. 37, 48, 55, 60 and 64 of The '92 Guide!

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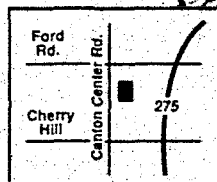
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## What's Happening

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).

### AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold a regular business meeting Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at 173 N. Main St. Attendees are requested to bring a nonperishable food item with them. For more information about this meeting or Legion membership, contact Commander Jim Maahs at 455-5541 or Adjutant Jim Barbour at 451-8659.

### 'FRIENDS OF HOMELESS' MEETING

The monthly meeting of Active Friends of the Homeless will be held Dec. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft.

For more information, call Carolann at 349-2325 or Ronacle at 427-9063. New members are welcome.

### TEA MEETING

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter D.A.R. will meet for tea Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. at 237 Sunsett in Plymouth.

The program will be "Christmas Herbs with Mrs. Lester Robinson.

### LUMINARIES FOR SALE

The Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club will once again join together in providing Luminaries for the community. This year, the Luminaries kits will be sold at Danny's, Kroger's on Ann Arbor Rd. and Westchester Mall.

Kits are \$3.50 and include 10 candles and 10 white paper bags. For more information, call Barb at 453-7875 or Mary at 459-1999.

### VETERANS MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, chapter 528, will have its general membership meeting Dec. 14 at V.F.W. Post # 6695, 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth. For more information, call 525-0157.

### ADVENT SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, will celebrate the third Sunday in Advent on Dec. 13. Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. The Rev. Leland L. Seese, Jr., will preach on "What Are You Waiting For?"

At 5 p.m., the congregation will enjoy a caroling party and desserts in the fellowship hall.

### FRESHSTART PROGRAM

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer FreshStart, a three week course designed by the American Cancer Society to help people stop smoking. Dates for the six-session course are Jan. 25, 28, and Feb. 1, 4, 8 and 11. The day class runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and night class runs from 7 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$20 and the deadline for registration is Jan. 21. To register, call 591-2922.

### CWW MEETING

The Conference of Western Wayne will have its regular meeting Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Garden City Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 6000 Middlebelt Rd. For information call 525-8690.

### EMU MUSIC CONCERTS

Eastern Michigan University's Music Department has several concerts planned for December.

Its Jazz and Percussion Ensemble Concert will be Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in Alexander Recital Hall.

The Symphony Orchestra will perform Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at Ypsilanti High School. "Lessons and Carols," a traditional blend of biblical readings and music, will be held Dec. 13 at 3 and 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Chapel in Ypsilanti.

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 487-2255.

### RUDDIGORE AT U OF M

The University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society will present Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore. The society welcomes Director Mary Ann Stevenson and Music Director Ben Cohen who team together for the first time to present this spooky spoof.

Performances will take place Dec. 3 and 5 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 5 and 6 at 2 p.m. in Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre of the Michigan League. Tickets are \$8, \$10 and \$12. Senior citizens and children get a \$1 discount. Students with an I.D. can get a rear section seat for \$5.

For information, call 761-7855.

### MASTERS CLUB MEETING

The Holy Smoke Masters Club will meet Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. for dinner at Denny's Restaurant across from Westland Center. Guests are welcome. For information, call 455-1635.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

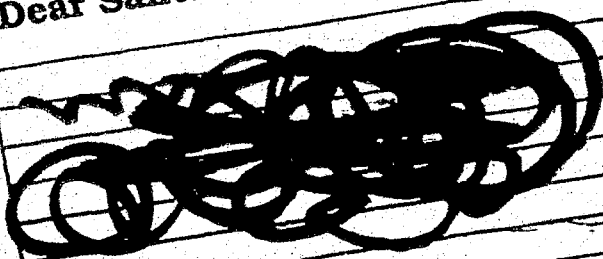
The adult choirs of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Plymouth and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Livonia will combine for their annual Christmas concerts.

St. Peter's Candlelight Service is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, Christian Contemporary Music Choir and Children's Choir will perform. St. Paul's concert is scheduled for Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. with the Senior Choir, Handbell Choir and Children's Choir performing.

St. Peter's is located at 1343 Penniman in Plymouth. St. Paul's is at 17810 Farmington Rd. in Livonia. There is no admission charge, but freewill offerings will be taken.

# Letters to Santa 1992

Dear Santa:



Dear Santa: Did you have a  
good year? I did. Could you please  
bring me a LITTLE MISS MAGIC  
JEWELS and a BABY FOLD  
AND EUP HOUSE.  
Thank you  
LOVE... E.H.H.

Dear Santa:  
I want a telephone.  
I want a baby - a live. too  
but I cant what for  
you to come to my Santa  
house. Love you!  
Santa

Dear Santa:  
MY NAME IS SCOTT  
I WOULD BE PLEASED  
TO REGISTER FOR  
YOUR GUNNER KIDS  
LOVE  
SCOTT MET



DEAR SANTA  
PLEASE SEND  
ME



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# Dear Santa:

**Dear Santa:** been good  
I have  
I do not want everything  
on my Christmas  
list. ~~the~~ ~~best~~ bring  
me some surprises.  
  
Love Karen FIGI

**Dear Santa:**  
Wat I wit for Keismis is a des to boow  
fash mshen.  
Caitlen Douthitt

**Dear Santa:**  
I would like a lot of woden blocks. I  
would also like to win this contest  
because my sister think that I stink at  
coloring.  
Love, Kerry Mccourt

**Dear Santa:**  
I like you. I'm going to leave out a  
snack and sleeping bag for you. Please  
bring me Baby All Gone, Barney & his  
sister and Fun Snake.  
Love, Ashley Winslow

**Dear Santa:**  
I want a California Roller Baby for  
Christmas. I saw it at Meijer's. Would  
you please stop there and get it for me on  
your way to my house? Thank you—  
Merry Christmas.  
Love, Laura Sigler

**Dear Santa:**  
I want My Baby All Gone, Baby  
Alive, & a troll.  
Alexandra Clark

**Dear Santa:**  
I want Ariel Shamo doll, a baby that  
talks and a troll.  
Laura Beth Wolocko

**Dear Santa:**  
For Christmas I would really like the  
Barbie Magical Motor Home or a doll  
stroller, and for all the children in the  
world to have a wonderful Christmas.  
Love, Sarah Ritzler

**Dear Santa:**  
I would like for Christmas clothes,  
Dream Phone the game, earrings, pj's,  
trolls, the cassett tape Stay With Me,  
nintendo game, gameboy game and The  
1992 Santa Bear. Merry Christmas.  
From, Nicole Ziewacz

**Dear Santa:**  
Thank you for the candy cane you  
sneaked in my bag last year. I love you.  
Etica Alma Ziel

**Dear Santa:**  
I hope you will let me win the gift  
certificate. Thanks for the clock radio.  
Say hi to Rudolph for me. Be careful  
flying!  
Allison Martyka

**Dear Santa:**  
This Christmas I would like a small  
color television along with a CD or two  
and maybe some new clothes. I could  
also use some new books to read.  
Love, Kristen Taylor

**Dear Santa:**  
What I want for Christmas is pet vet  
and some otr surprises.  
Natalie Clark

**Dear Santa:**  
What I want for Crismis is a baby sixe  
troll.  
Love, Nicole Genrich

**Dear Santa:**  
For Christmas I don't know what I  
want so surprise me.  
Thank you, Laura Sarten

**Dear Santa:**  
I would like the horse Star light. Most  
of all I would like to spend Christmas at  
Grandmothers and Popops huse in  
Huntsville, Alabama.  
Love, Michelle

**Dear Santa:**  
I wish everybody would stop and help  
all the people that are homeless or  
starving or that have some kind of  
problem with them. And stop making fun  
of them.  
From, Ryan Clinton

**Dear Santa:**  
I hope that people that do not have a  
home have one this Christmas.  
Lindsay Young

**Dear Santa:**  
I love you. You are my best buddy. If  
kids in the other world ask for one from  
you, please bring it for them.  
Karia Rowe

**Dear Santa:**  
I hope you bring us lots of toys and  
that all the children in the world have a  
good Christmas too.  
Brenden Rowe

**Dear Santa:**  
I love you. Rudolph's cool.  
Love, Spencer Lineberry

**Dear Santa:**  
Please can I have a hamster. I would  
like one because my friend had one, and I  
liked it so much I would like one too. I  
would like Krang & the toy  
Techtadrome, some foot soldiers, the  
Ninja Turtle sewer, a Christmas Bear & 2  
toy guns.  
Thanks, Brian Whiting

**Dear Santa:**  
For Chrismas I would like Rolloff  
blades, some books, some clothes for  
Kristen, some coloring utensils, a new  
bike, some more barbies, some games  
and some surprises.  
Thank you, Lesley Whiting

**Dear Santa:**  
My brother and I will have a juice box  
and some cookies for you in our kitchen.  
We'll leave something for Rudolph and  
the reindeer, too! Drive Careful!  
David (5-1/2) and my brother Jason (3-1/2)

**Dear Santa:**  
I hope you will bring me lots of toys  
this year I've been pretty good. Merry  
Christmas to you.  
Brad Mitchell

**Dear Santa:**  
I hope I get lots of presents I have  
been pretty good year. Merry Christmas.  
Andy Mitchell

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been good I can't wait until  
Christmas is here. have you been good? I  
hope you have.  
Love, Kelly Musson

**Dear Santa:**  
On Christmas I would like the  
homeless all off the streets. I would also  
like for you to make the homeless  
overcome the quest of no jobs. I would  
like this to happen all the season of  
winter so they can keep warm and so they  
stay safe.  
Kurt Berlin


**Dear Santa:**  
I wish that this Christmas everyone  
will find contentment and happiness in  
everything they do.  
Love, Holly

**Dear Santa:**  
I hope all little girls and boys are  
happy and lucky for Xmas.  
Love, Amy Elliot

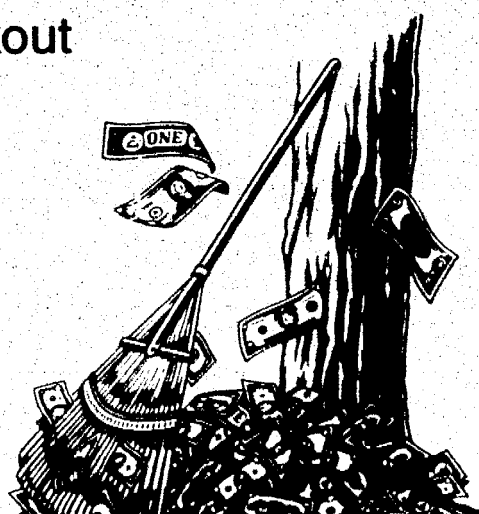
**Dear Santa:**  
I hope I get a snoopy snow cone  
maker. How do you keep your sleigh  
warm?  
Love, Kyle Lineberry

**Dear Santa:**  
I Love Santa. Do you really have  
Rudolph? Yes or no.  
Brendan Dacey

**Dear Santa:**  
I wish that my whole family can get  
together and we have a Christmas Party.  
And that my aunt, uncle and my cousins  
can come that live in Minnesota. And  
also my family has a very marry  
Christmas.  
Tara Brennan

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# Dear Santa: Our contest winners this year have been real good



Brad Mitchell, winner Pre-school - Kindergarten.

in this section (so Santa can read them in *The Crier*); and everyone is a winner because each of you did your very best.

Congratulations to Grand Prize winner Lauren Bakowski (grade 5-8) whose entry appears on the front page of *The Crier* this week. Lauren added a church, snowmen, houses, hillsides, Santa flying off with his reindeer, and even a note from Santa written on the stocking. Lauren receives a \$150 gift certificate redeemable at any advertiser in today's

Dear Santa section.

Congratulations also to Brad Mitchell, winner in the

leaves and a Christmas tree. Janine wins a \$50 gift certificate, redeemable at any advertiser in today's Dear Santa section.

Peter Neuroth took the prize in the grade 3-4 age group. Peter hung his stocking before a brick-and-wood wall and added elf-mice, a U of M logo and color to his entry. Peter wins a \$50 gift



Janine Korovesis, winner Grade 1-2.

The judges sweated, fretted, strained their brains, and shook their heads. So MANY wonderfully colored Holiday Drawing Contest entries! And not just beautiful colors...some children added glitter and stocking fluff, snowflakes, fireplaces, mice...some even added Santa himself to their entry! So they looked at color, imagination and creativity and finally made the hard decisions about winners. But remember, everyone who entered is a winner: because all of your letters are printed



Peter Neuroth, winner Grade 3-4.

Preschool-Kindergarten category. Brad drew a colorful stocking full of gifts, and added Santa to his coloring contest entry. Brad wins a \$50 gift certificate, redeemable at any advertiser in today's Dear Santa section.

Hats off to Janine Korovesis, winner in grade 1-2 age group. Janine didn't stop with lots of color, she also decorated her entry with glitter, snowflakes,



Lauren Bakowski, winner Grade 5-8.

certificate, redeemable at any advertiser in today's Dear Santa section.

Congratulations to everyone who entered - now look for your letter in the section!

Dear Santa:

I am wishing for a white Christmas. The gift I want most of all is an Amy Grant tape.

Shannon Brennan

Dear Santa:

I want a terminator robot, a large Troll reindeer, a sprint fold-up walkie talkie, a GI Joe Head Quarters and new clothes.

Peter Neuroth

Dear Santa:

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I was very good this year. I hope you have a safe trip from the North Pole.

P.S. Kyle Trent

Dear Santa:

I wish for peace on earth and for all the children of the world a special present too.

Love, Sara Laurel Galante

Dear Santa:

I wish that I could see you. Because I want to sit on your lap and give you milk and cookies.

Have a nice sleigh ride  
Margaret Stewart

Dear Santa:

I wish everybody love and care.

Melissa Cieniuch

Dear Santa:

This year I hope you will take good care of children less fortunate than I, and cheer them up this holiday season. Keep everyone's spirits bright. Merry Christmas.

Elizabeth McDonald

Dear Santa:

I hope you'r happy hare is your picture.

Brad Westlund

Dear Santa:

I want candy. I want sucker. Another sucker.

Leah Varga

Dear Santa:

I try to be good. I want for Christmas a kitty cat a real kitty cat for Christmas.

Love,  
Elizabeth R. Alexander

Dear Santa:

Please can you get me something for Christmas. I would like some Barbies and a kitten. I have tried to been good.

Love,  
Sarah Alexander

Dear Santa:

I want a big toy horsey. I want to give you a picture of me. I want to see you at Christmas time and I like the toys you bring me.

HA HA HA HA  
Katharine Stewart

Dear Santa:

I hope to see an apple tree outside the window! And talking baby alive under the Christmas tree. I want DINOSAUR egg's!

Love, Chelsea Cutright

Dear Santa:

I am wishing for health and happiness for my family and friends in the world.

Ellen Johnson

Dear Santa:

For Christmas this year I would like sponge rollers. Also I would like a big Art Set, for instance a crayola art set. The rest I don't care what I get.

Love,  
Keely McCourt

Dear Santa:

I really want spytek equipment for X-mas!

Sincerely, Sean

plus

Dear Santa:  
How have you been doing for the last 11 months? I love you. can you bring food to the homeless people this year? Have a happy holiday!  
Love Katie Nicastri

Dear Santa:  
I would like a Gameboy and super Mario Land & Six Golden coins.  
Please  
from Steven Sarten

Dear Santa:  
I can't wait until Christmas! It must take a long time to go house to house! I've been working hard just like you!  
I love you, Santa!  
Love  
Megan Ring

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I would really appreciate it if you would bring me some trolls and bubblegum in my stocking.  
Love,  
Lisa Ferguson

Dear Santa:  
I want magic potty babty for Christmas.  
Stephanie Hofner

Dear Santa:  
I know that may think I just want to win but I really want to have a white Christmas.  
Love,  
Rachel Hofner

Dear Santa:  
I love you. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Riley McCord

Dear Santa:  
Please help the world become a better place to live, clean up pollution and help the homeless find homes. If there's still room in your sack, I'd like a puppy.  
Erin Spigiel

Dear Santa:  
I want no one to be homeless. I want everyone who needs a job would have one.  
Randall Krueger

Dear Santa:  
I hope there is peace in the world on this holiday. I hope everybody has a job that needs one. I wish you and Mrs. Claus a merry Christmas  
Jason Brand

Dear Santa:  
A wishing troll a talking troll a care bear a crossword puzzle a stocking full of toys. my own phone.  
Jennifer Noelle Horst

Dear Santa:  
I would like a C.B radio and antenna.  
Billy Aiff

Dear Santa:  
My name is Michael. For Christmas I would like a Sega Genesis & three games, Sonic 2, Kid Chameleon, & Golden Axe 2.  
Michael Aiff

Dear Santa:  
I would like roller blades and a phone, and a football uniform and some chandy, and alot of other things that I can't think of.  
Sincerely,  
Michael Matthews

Dear Santa:  
I live in Michigan. I like Nintendo. I want Segagensis for Christmas and the GI Joe Head Quarter.  
Love, Mike

Dear Santa:  
I don't have a long wish list this year. I believe in you!! You are my best friend!!  
Love, Megan Messana

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a Mrs. Potts tea set for Christmas  
From:  
Julie James

Dear Santa:  
I would like roller blades, a Pistons uniform, Piston wrist bands, hockey tape, a Superbowl nintendo game and ice skates.  
Merry Christmas,  
Tommy Matthews

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I'd like Sega Genesis games, Legos, and some surprises. Please don't get too much stuff for me.  
Love,  
Wes Farrow

Dear Santa:  
May I please have a box of Marvel Cards and a package of Gak. Thank you.  
Love,  
Tim Farrow

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I want some legos, and some G. I. Joes. Thank you for everything last year. Have a safe trip.  
Love, Eric Niemiec

Dear Santa:  
for Christmas I want some Legos. I also want a 9.6V Turbo bandit.  
Thank you  
Matt Niemiec

Dear Santa:  
I hope you have a good time giving toys. If you want to come to my house please bring me Gordon, the train. Thank you  
Love, Charlie Kee

Dear Santa:  
I would like super-duper looper for Christmas. Love, Scott Varty

Dear Santa:  
I can't wait till Christmas! It's Happy Birthday to Jesus and most of my whole family will be together - the first time in almost 3 years - from Massachusetts, Hawaii and California! Make sure you visit our house so you can meet everyone and don't forget my toys, please.  
THANK YOU!  
Tatiana Imamura

Dear Santa:  
I had a good Thanksgiving and a good turkey. I've been thinking, but I'm not sure, I want a Game Boy Game, a toy Gun, and I think that's it. Happy New Year Santa.  
Your friend,  
Nicholaas Yadrick

Dear Santa:  
Please Grant my wish for me, and let poor kids run free. If you could do something great, and made sure that the poor people are?  
Merry Christmas Santa  
Love Delaine Andzejewsk

Dear Santa:  
My holiday wish it that all the homeless get homes and some money and happiness.  
Stephen Wasil

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I would like clothes, books, magazines, tapes and candy. I would just like to have a fun time. I want to have a good timewith family and friends.  
'Tis the season to be joooy' Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Katie Brennan

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I would like Marvel cards and a super soaker 100. And I hope people in difrent parts of the world get good gifts Merry Christmas Santa! Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Sean Brennan

Dear Santa:  
I Love Christmas. I wish for you to come to our house.  
Love Matthew Korovesis

Dear Santa:  
I appreciate you doing this for the whole wide world. I think that you are bringing joy to the whole wide world. I love you Love Carrie Podrasky

Dear Santa:  
I would like you to b ring a furry animal for me.  
By Jesse Varga  
This stocking was ripped they sewed it.

Dear Santa:  
I wish that every child in the whole world would get a gift from you this Christmas/  
I love you  
Megan Beems

Dear Santa:  
I've been a good girl this year I would like a barbie, some rings, and some surprise.  
thank you  
Ashley Dean

Dear Santa:  
how are you? I hope you can come to my house on Christmas night. Please bring me and Matthew lots of presents.  
Janine Korovesis

Dear Santa:  
Hi! I love when you come. I'm going to try to shorten my list this year. I'm also going to give you good cookies. You deserve the best.  
sincerely  
Laura Buben

Dear Santa:  
How are you doing? anxious for your coming.  
Bye,  
Leeah Kotowceck

Dear Santa:  
Christmas is my favorite holiday. I like getting presents, but I like giving them much more. This year I'm asking for some small cheap gifts so you won't have to do too much work.  
Brett Stryker

Dear Santa:  
Please be nice to my baby sister because she really isn't a troublemaker. Be careful of my dog because she will think you are a stranger.  
David Goodrich

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**Dear Santa:**  
I hope I get some nice presents, Santa, and I hope my brother does too. I know you have lots of love in your heart. See you soon.  
Love, Davey Guastella

**Dear Santa:**  
How are you I know you have been watching me I know where ever I go you are always with me  
Love Stacy

**Dear Santa:**  
I am Carly Zwicker, I hope you come to my house. I will have cookies for you. I wrote you last year, and I told you what I wanted And I got it all.  
Merry Christmas!

**Dear Santa:**  
How are you? I'm fine. Jusdt wanted to know how your elves are doing and if they're made a lot of toys yet!  
Signed, Lacey Gaubatz

**Dear Santa:**  
I was wondering if you will come to my house on Christmas when you come to my house there will be cookies on the table happy christmas  
Love Eric Zwicker

**Dear Santa:**  
What I want for Christmas is Cabbage patch heart-to-heart baby. They are very cute. I like to play with dolls a lot.  
Your friend,  
Jill Grey

**Dear Santa:**  
I'm going to give you milk & cookies. I now live in Megan's old house. Please help the poor children.  
Alexandra Eckardt

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me Grabbin' Grasshoppers, artists things, a bow and arrow, a hoister and a mustache.  
I LOVE YOU SANTA  
Chuckie Steiner

**Dear Santa:**  
I like all the presents that you bring to me. I like you alot. Please drive carefully in your sleigh.  
Kathryn Welch

**Dear Santa:**  
A new bike  
a Sega Genesis  
and Game Gear  
please  
Jeff Shelton

**Dear Santa:**  
How are you? I'm O.K. this year I'm not expecting much because my present is going to be my sister coming home from s.f.cal. I really missed her. Love,  
Michael Johnston

**Dear Santa:**  
I miss you  
Love, Phillip Shelton

**Dear Santa:**  
Please help the homeless kids. I would like some Christmas presents.  
Have a nice Christmas.  
Love,  
Mary Shelton

**Dear Santa:**  
I've been good. For Christmas I would like small doll clothes, pretty crimp an curl, pretty crimp and curl pony, long hair and tropical fish in the aquarium  
Elizabeth Koesters

**Dear Santa:**  
I would like to let you know what I want for Christmas I would like a Lego train set, some games, and a mote control car or boat from Tony Figi

**Dear Santa:**  
We would like a supper Nintendo and two controlers and a cartrig supper moreo land.  
I love you. We are beng good kids.  
Chelsey and Kent Golightly

**Dear Santa:**  
I love you. Merry Christmas Santa! Will you get me a stuffed animal, a Ninja Turtle stuffed animal (Michaelangelo!) I hope you bring me a lot of toys. I hope you will have a good Christmas.  
Love,  
Steven VanDusen

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me puppy surprise.  
Love, Bridget Belvitch

**Dear Santa:**  
How are you? I'm fine! I really like Christmas! It is one of my favorit holidays! I hope I get alot of toys for Christmas! Thank you for bringing Christmas alive! Merry Christmas Saanta, and everyone else!  
Erin Ashley VanDusen

**Dear Santa:**  
I wish for world peace. And I wish happiness all over the world.  
Love very much,  
Shelly Richard

p.s. Merry Christmas

**Dear Santa:**  
For Christmas I would like, tenage mutant ninja turtles, turtles in time and super Mario, kart for super nintendo. I would also like a telescope and a telephone.  
Philip Marrone

**Dear Santa:**  
thanks for all the presents you got me last year and this year I would like very much if you got me: Genesis games, keyboard, a bike, and a remote control car, thanks very much. Adam Johnston

**Dear Santa:**  
My name is Katie. Some of the things I would like for Christmas are: Baby alive, Puppy surprise, Kitty surprise, Lil miss magic jewels, Santa, camera, Barbie Magical motor home.  
Katie Maloni

**Dear Santa:**  
I want magic so I can make me an anamil and so I can disappear and be invisible and be the boy that my mother wants me to be and make my sister to be nice.  
Nick Smith

**Dear Santa:**  
C-oloring  
H-appiness  
R-emote control car  
I-cc cream  
S-uper Nintendo  
T-enderness  
M-erriness  
A- T.V.  
S-anta!

from Roy Chapman  
**Dear Santa:**  
Have a Merry Christmas  
Jamie Johnson

**Dear Santa:**  
Hello, I would like a BIG Bear, White. I would also like some easy bake oven mixes too! Also money. THANKS!!  
Love,  
Lauren Van Dusen

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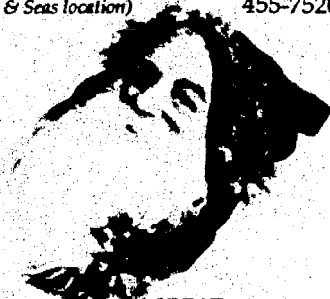
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Amber Valentine

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Love,  
Jay Pawlowski

Dear Santa:  
I wish Santa could bring me and Zachary ccrash dummies and cars, and I want Santa to give people that don't have toys some money and toys.  
Joshua Weaver

Dear Santa:  
I would like a colored TV for my bedroom. I would rather have a horse but it won't fit into by bedroom.  
Love Lauren Bakowski

Dear Santa:  
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Nicholas Dane Blackford

Dear Santa:  
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Merry Christmas.  
Alina Nicole Blackford

Dear Santa:  
May-I-have-a-land-and-water remote control.  
Christopher-thomason

Dear Santa:  
I want a pin ball machine and monster face. That's all because the rest is on my list. Happy Christmas, Santa.  
Love, Ryan Johnson

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I want Magic Heart Beat Baby. I want my baby sister to get better because she is very sick.  
Love,  
Julis Aldini

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas this year I'll ask for nothing, because I don't need anything. If I needed something, though, it would be the Beatles White Album on C.D.  
Becky Smith

Dear Santa:  
I hope that you will bring me a road bike this year. But most of all please help the homeless and hungry people throw out the year.  
Thank you  
Kevin Pevrasaari

Dear Santa:  
you could bring me any thing but all I really want is good health for my grandna and grandpa.  
Katie Graham  
p.S. thank you.

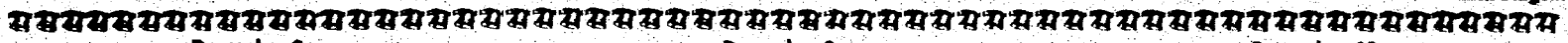
Dear Santa:  
Can I please have beauty and the Beast Dolls?  
Love, Amanda Lorenz  
P.S. Mom helped me write this

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I really need a new tape player. I would also like a telescope I have always wanted one I also want a new royal blue sweater I saw at the mall well thats all.  
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Love, Gregory Marrore

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Love, Kelly Walling

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I would like a sega genesis. Another thing I would like is for it to snow. Finally I would like everybody to have a Merry Christmas.  
Erin Sargent



December 9  
TELEPHONE SANTA

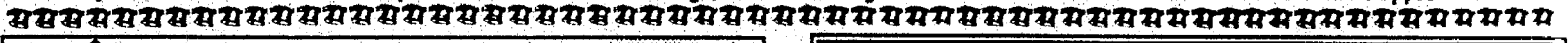
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December 9  
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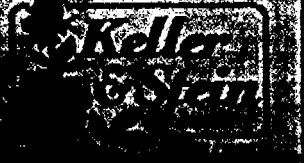
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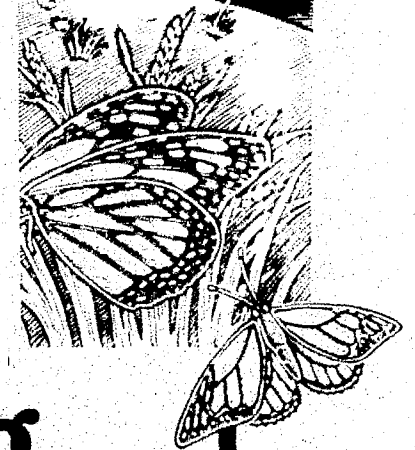
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### DANCE AUDITIONS

Marygrove College Dance Department conducts auditions for admission to Bachelor of Fine Arts dance program from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 in room 228 of the Liberal Arts Building on college campus located at 8425 West McNichols Road at Wyoming. Scholarships are available, and students may present a two-minute performance. For an application form, contact the Dance Department at 862-8000, ext. 283, or Admissions at 862-5200.

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Interested parents, grand parents or caregivers should contact the Division of Continuing Education at 862-8000, ext. 572, for demonstration reservations.

For further information about the Kindermusik curriculum, contact Sue Vanderbeck at 862-8000, ext. 316.

### "LET IT SNOW" EXHIBITION

The Detroit Historical Museum's mini-exhibition, "Let It Snow" gives a glimpse into how early Detroiters entertained themselves on those days when it was wiser to remain indoors. The exhibition will remain open until March.

The museum is located at 5401 Woodward at Kirby in Detroit's University Cultural Center. Hours are Wednesday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking is available in the museum's lot on Kirby.

### NON-ALCOHOLIC NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield will host a family-centered, non-alcoholic celebration of the arts called "First Night/Birmingham '93."

The celebration, which showcases a variety of Michigan artistic talent, will take place in Birmingham's downtown and in its immediate adjacent areas. Shain Park will be the heart of the activity.

Admission is a \$7 button and is on sale at area Kroger stores, City of Birmingham-City Hall, The Community House, Crowley's (Birmingham), Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and several NBD and Fidelity Bank Branches.

### HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Several artists will have contemporary work in gold and silver jewelry, fiber, clay, glass, painting, photography, wood and handmade toys at the Michigan Guild's 18th annual Holiday Art Fair.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 12, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 13 at Oakland Community College on Orchard Lake Rd. and I-696.

Admission is \$3; kids 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is free. Hand-on card and ornament making at the Imagination Station is free.

For more information, call 662-3382.

### WSU PLAY

Wayne State University Theatre will present "The Real Thing" on Dec. 11. It is about intelligent and sophisticated people caught up in the irresistible bonds of love and marriage and the unrelenting pain of adultery. This production won four Tony Awards for the 1983-84 theater season.

For tickets and information, call the Hilberry Theatre box office at Cass and Hancock at 577-2972.

### U OF D PLAY

The University of Michigan's Department of Theatre and Drama will present Arthur Wing Pinero's nostalgic tale of the Victorian stage, Trelawny of the "Wells," from Dec. 3 through Dec. 6 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$10-14 and can be charged by calling 764-0450.

### MADONNA'S SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AUCTION

In preparation for its fifth annual "Around the World" Scholarship Dinner Auction, Madonna University is seeking donations from business and individuals.

All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds from the auction go toward Madonna's scholarship fund. To donate items or services, call Rose Kachnowski at 591-5063.

The auction will be held April 17 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

### HOLIDAY PET FOOD ROUND-UP

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is sponsoring "Pet Food Round-Up." It is asking people to donate pet food and supplies to help animals in the shelter.

Look for donation bins at the front of participating grocery and pet stores throughout Washtenaw County until Jan. 4. Shoppers are asked to deposit contributions into the bins or bring them directly to the animal shelter at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor.

### TELEPHONE SANTA

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees in cooperation with the Jaycees at the Northpole, have arranged for telephone calls placed locally to be forwarded at Santa and his helpers.

By calling 453-1200 on Dec. 9 or Dec 10 from 7 to 9 p.m., children may converse with Santa and his helpers.

### NEW EXHIBIT

The Detroit Historical Museum has a new exhibition, "Furs to Factories: Detroit at Work, 1701 - 1901," an exhibit about how Detroit began and grew, will open Dec. 5.

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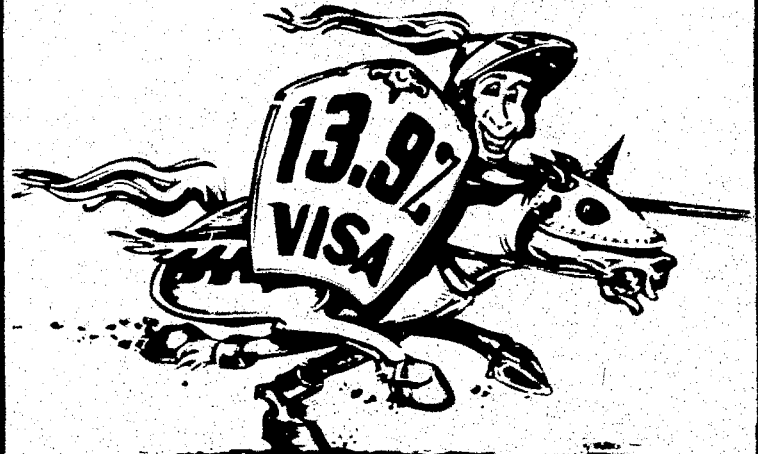
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# Residents help trim Kellogg Park



Before



After

On Friday, the 60 pine trees stood bare in Kellogg Park awaiting help from local residents (far left). On Saturday, that help arrived, help that included Richard and Kimberly Schmidt. By the end of the day (above), the trees were trimmed and hung with lights -- just in time for the holidays. (Crier photos by EQ Lukasik)

## Congratulations, Plymouth! United Way beats '92 goal

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER  
Over the top!

Just after extending its annual campaign last week, the Plymouth Community United Way surpassed its goal of \$510,000 yesterday.

Executive Director Marie Morrow told the campaign team at its meeting yesterday that the fund had hit \$511,043, with more pledges and donations still expected.

"What a great Christmas present for all our agencies," Morrow beamed.

Had the local campaign not met its goal -- the drive had been extended until Dec. 18 -- the several agencies receiving support from the fund may have faced funding cutbacks.

The effort funds scouting, First Step, Growth Works, the Plymouth Council on Aging, Plymouth Family Services, Plymouth Opportunity House and other groups.



**PLYMOUTH  
Community  
United Way**

## Women trying to return artist's portraits

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who he was.

The names of the two young women have been a little tougher to nail down for Brown and Ruiter; they think the dark-haired girl is 'Alice' -- who worked at Kroger's -- and the blonde is 'Sandy' -- who was a dry cleaning attendant at Tait's Cleaners.

But today? No one seems to know who they are or where they are -- so far.

And what if this Christmas search fails

as well?

"If it does," Ruiter said, "then I hope the historical museum would take them and make them a part of a Marion Sober section."

In the meantime, the two are waiting for word that the individuals or their families or friends will come forward and claim the portraits.

And finish the most mysterious chapter of Marion Sober's wonderful career.

## How will Canton pay for center operation?

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comparable to others, a feasibility study was conducted with like facilities, he said.

One comparison was made with a similar site in Colorado where square footage was comparable to that of the proposed center.

"What was really interesting in Colorado," Gouin said, "was that basically every community had a center and that it was positively received by the community," he said.

"The Township Board is doing it right by doing a first class job.

"I believe that this will draw the people in the community together," he said.

The location is ideal, with the center being built on property south and west of the township hall/public library complex, he said.

As far as comparison with surrounding communities, Gouin said that the

Washtenaw community center located on Washtenaw Avenue has some of the facilities that Canton's center will offer. That 60,000-square-foot facility features a gym, pool, track, work out area and a dance room.

"At the Canton center it will contain a lot of aquatic activities," Gouin said. "It will be more of an indoor water park inclusive of slides, waterfalls and spray fountains, and it will be family oriented.

"It won't be on the scale of Cobo Hall. But it could seat 100 people and be tiered, not flat on one level," Gouin said. "There also would be visual aids, and would have easy access."

Gouin, who has been a superintendent in Canton for the past 14 years, and was on the scene at the beginning of project sees the end nearing.

"We now are working towards reality," he said.

## Rev. Sullivan returns home; joins Good Counsel

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change anything with the school or church, but he did say that he wants to continue to work closely with volunteers and the school.

One of his immediate priorities is to provide an opportunity for OLGC alumni to get together.

"I'm concerned with what happens to the kids after they leave," he said. "We shouldn't forget the kids in high school and college."

The first event to get alumni together is scheduled for Dec. 27, in the school's

gym. Details for the "reunion" will be announced later, but Sullivan said the event will probably begin at 7 p.m. and will be an excellent opportunity for alumni to get re-acquainted.

"I want to let the young people know they are the church, too, and there is a place for them here," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said his job as pastor will be to link people who need help with those that are willing to give help.

"Ministry to me is what you do with people," he said. "We're all in this together."

# How will Canton run center?

BY CHERYL VATCHER

On paper, Canton plans for a new multi-use community center look solid, with \$13 million in construction costs covered by landfill payments from Wayne Disposal.

What isn't covered in a recent report issued by the township, however, is how it will deal with \$760,000 in projected operating costs each year.

A followup call to township offices revealed that officials expect part of the expenses to be offset by about \$460,000 in resident and non-resident membership fees.

And the rest?

According to Mike Gouin, director of Canton Parks and Recreation, the final \$300,000 would be borrowed from the Fellows Creek Golf Course and possibly, he said, the Pheasant Run Golf Course.

"These figures however are not

definite," he said, adding that the additional money "would be in the course's operating profits in the recreation general fund account."

In addition, Gouin said, the private sector could come into focus for defraying part of the operating costs.

For the fitness and health section, for example, there could be an arrangement worked out with the therapists who could rent his space to practice, he said.

Also, different government agencies as well as businesses could set up a wellness plan for their employees, he said.

"And, these spaces would happen without compromising the use of the facility," he said.

The possibility of Canton having such a center first surfaced in 1977 when the community conducted a survey in which residents were asked their opinion on the idea.

In that survey, 73 per cent of the 333 households polled showed an interest vs 21 per cent opposed and 6 per cent undecided.

A followup millage election to raise the money, however, was defeated by a 60-40 per cent margin.

The current plans for the center call for a gym, a running track, inside and outside pools, weight and fitness areas, racquet ball courts, a senior citizens area, kitchens, banquet rooms, a conference center and office space for the Canton Parks and Recreation Dept.

The center's construction could begin as early as November 1993, with completion being 14 months later.

"I feel that this is a reasonable schedule for its development," said Gouin.

To ensure that this center was  
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# Rev. John Sullivan returns home to roots

BY AMY KIDWELL

Welcome home John Sullivan.

Returning to the Detroit area after serving at a small parish in northern Michigan, the Rev. John Sullivan said his arrival at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth "is like coming home."

Good Counsel, which consists of a large church and a first- through eighth-grade Catholic school, has been a part of community for the 70 years -- and Sullivan will its eighth pastor.

And while taking over Good Counsel will be new experience, he is no stranger to the area: Sullivan was born in Detroit in 1940 and remembers vividly his early trips to the Plymouth region.

"My mom and dad always took us to this area when we were kids," Sullivan said. "It wasn't until my last sister moved out on her own that they came out here to live."

"My mom and dad have lived here for 20 years; I'm aware of the community, and I think that will help," he said, adding that he is expecting "a real openness" with the community.

To underscore his commitment to the



REV. JOHN SULLIVAN

church and the region, Sullivan emphasized that he specifically requested assignment to the Plymouth parish.

Talking about his career, Sullivan said he attended high school at St. John's Seminary, but said he didn't know that he wanted to become a priest until college.

"By the time I was in college, I knew I wanted to be a priest," he said.

Sullivan was ordained in 1966, and began working as an associate pastor at St. Eugene in Detroit. After three years,

he moved to Southgate and worked as an associate pastor at St. Pius X.

His next challenge was in St. Clair Shores at St. Lucy where he worked for two years as associate pastor and more than three years as pastor.

Between 1975 and 1982, he took charge of St. Mary's in Wayne, which consists of a school, a hospital and a convalescent home.

Before moving to Good Counsel, he lived and worked in Ortonville at St. Anne, during which time the church more than doubled in size, requiring the construction of a new church.

As a result, Sullivan said he isn't scared by the idea of building a new church in Plymouth as Good Counsel's congregation grows.

By moving to Plymouth, Sullivan is taking on more responsibility, but is accustomed to growth: St. Anne's more than doubled the size of its congregation to 890 families during his tenure; Good Counsel already has about 2,500 families.

"This is a great challenge for sure," he said.

Sullivan said he has no plans to  
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# Farrand joins Community Crier as new editor

The Community Crier has named Craig Farrand, a 17-year newspaper veteran, to the post of editor.

Farrand, who started his career in trade publications, spent the last 14 years with another suburban Detroit chain of weekly newspapers, working as reporter, news editor and managing editor.

In coming to The Crier, Farrand said, "I'm fulfilling somewhat of a fantasy I've had during the past decade."

"I've known (Crier Publisher) Ed Wendover for almost as long as I've been in newspapers," he said, "and we've always talked about how much fun it would be to work together -- and now here I am."

Wendover, in announcing Farrand's appointment, explained, "Craig's coming from a solid background of community journalism, and brings with him a sound

understanding of both local governmental operations and the role of newspapers in the neighborhood.

"Craig Farrand brings an experience level to our news and opinion operations that will strengthen and expand The Crier's reach," the publisher said.

In addition to numerous state awards in writing and newspaper design, Farrand has also received two national awards for writing from the Suburban Newspapers Association.

Currently, Farrand is covering the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, as well as providing editing, layout and photography support.

Farrand attended Henry Ford Community College, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. He and his wife, Mavis, have four daughters and one granddaughter.



CRAIG FARRAND

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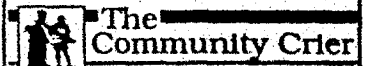
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# Friends & neighbors



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Greg?



Steve?

## Who are these people?

### Women trying to match faces with real people

BY CRAIG FARRAND

For four families in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area, the perfect Christmas present is sitting out there just waiting to be picked up.

For free.  
The catch?

The present is one of four pastel portraits done in 1984 by local artist Marion Sober and known only by the models' first names. And when Sober died in 1988, the last names left with her.

Which means the only way one of these portraits can end up under a Christmas tree is by someone recognizing a friendly face.

All together, the local artist did 10 portraits from 1983 to '84, with her theme being a look at the faces of people who generally go unnoticed in the community.

Among her subjects were two grocery clerks, a post office clerk, a laundry worker, a dry cleaner clerk, an arts council

Stephanie Ruitter and Elsie Brown are looking for the subjects in these portraits, done in 1984 by local artist Marion Sober, who died in 1988. (Crier photos by Amy Kidwell.)



teacher, a basket weaver, two merchants and a local historian.

The 10 portraits -- each one identified only by a first name -- were put on display in Plymouth in April 1984, and all but four were eventually turned over to

the subjects.

Sober died four years ago last week, and the remaining portraits lie unclaimed in the home of two of Sober's closest friends: Elsie Brown and her daughter, Stephanie Ruitter -- both of Northville.

Since Sober's death, the two women have been methodically tracking down the subjects in the portraits and matching pictures with faces.

But their successes have been frozen at six.

"We've tried many things," Brown said. "We've called the arts council, had stories done in other papers; nothing's worked."

This time, however, the pair expect a different result.

"I really think we're going to find them this time," Brown said.

The four portraits, two young men and two young women, have been tentatively identified by Brown and Ruitter via a process of elimination.

"We think the young man (with the moustache) is 'Steve,' and the other is 'Greg,'" Brown said.

According to an early account of the artist's work, 'Steve' was the owner of the Spooky Print Shop in town in 1983 -- but Brown and Ruitter said the current owners have no idea who he was.

And 'Greg' was a Farmer Jack's clerk nine years ago -- with the same problem now in 1992: No one remembers exactly

### Silver ribbon recipients

Evelyn Gilbert (left) and Stephanie LaGosh, both of Plymouth and members of the Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Club, won a silver ribbon in the Seasons division of wreath competition at the 8th annual Festival of Trees benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan. The wreath featured a tiny English cottage with a roof created of long pine cone needles, dried spaghnum moss, with lichen and bark trim. Not available for the photo was co-designer Marge Grybas.







# Community deaths

## Hruska, Ford machinist

Andrew W. Hruska of Canton, a longtime machinist for the Ford Motor Co., died Nov. 27, 1992 at the age of 68.

Mr. Hruska was a machinist at Ford's Livonia Transmission Plant from 1953 to 1981, having received his journeyman's card in 1958. He and his wife, Katherine, moved to Canton in 1989 from Plymouth Township, where they had lived since 1948.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Hruska is survived by sons Phillip of Canton and Christopher of Westland; daughter Andrea Kay Horan of Melvindale; four grandchildren; two sisters and three brothers.

Memorial services were held Dec. 1 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Foundation or to Arbor Hospice.

## Duncan, church member

Katherine R. Duncan of Wayne, whose family extends into Plymouth and who was a member of the Plymouth Church of Christ, died Nov. 25, 1992, at the age of 90.

Although Mrs. Duncan's daughter, Willodean Spraggins currently lives in Gadsden, Ala., two of her grandchildren -- Judith Hinote and Dale Lowe -- are Plymouth residents, and two other grandchildren live in nearby Wayne and Brighton.

Her last two grandchildren live in Alabama and Florida.

In addition to her grandchildren, Mrs. Duncan is survived by 13 great-grandchildren and a sister, Ida Supon, of Detroit.

Services for Mrs. Duncan, who was born Feb. 8, 1902, in Hohenwald, Tenn., were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Thomas officiating.

Interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Plymouth Church of Christ.

## Loesch, Ford engineer

William A. Loesch of South Lyon, who moved to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1936, and lived there until recently, died Nov. 28, 1992, at the age of 73.

Mr. Loesch worked 33 years as a quality control engineer for Ford Motor Co. and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He also was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Rock Lodge 47 F&M.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons Robert of Big Rapids, and Donald of Plymouth; daughter Bette Paquin, of South Lyon; step-daughters Beverly North of Traverse City, and Nancy Medley of Ypsilanti; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Carole Crain.

Services for Mr. Loesch, who was born May 18, 1919, in Detroit, were held Dec. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, with the Rev. Robert Cassell Sr., officiating. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Gardens cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to a family scholarship fund, c/o the First Presbyterian Church.

## Wozniak, immigrant

Jadwiga T. Wozniak of Canton, who came to the township from Poland in 1991, died Nov. 30, 1992, at the age of 60. She was born March 15, 1932, in Krasnybor, Poland.

Mrs. Wozniak, who was a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church, is survived by her husband, Franciszek; daughters Bozena Lorgen of New York, Janina Findlan of Canton, Wojciech Wozniak of Poland and Alicja Zelazna of Canton; three grandchildren; and one sister.

Funeral services were arranged by Schrader Funeral Home and were held at St. Thomas A'Becket church on Dec. 5, with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Interment was at St. John Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

## Froelich, phone operator

Ada M. Froelich, who had moved to San Dimas, Calif. from Plymouth only two months ago, died Nov. 23, 1992, at the age of 94.

Mrs. Froelich had retired from AT&T in Detroit after 25 years as a telephone operator. In addition, she had been a member of the Berean Baptist Church in Plymouth for 28 years, and had remained active in church activities until her move to California.

Mrs. Froelich was preceded in death by her husband, Adelbert, and is survived by daughter, Lois Lanier-Andre of San Dimas; son A.J. of Plainwell, Mich.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born June 17, 1898, in Duluth, Minn.

Services were held Nov. 28, at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stan Lightfoot officiating. Interment was at Oakland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Awana Clubs International.

## Schweikle, homemaker

Dorothy L. Schweikle, formerly of Nankin Township, died on Nov. 27, 1992 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Schweikle, who was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, is survived by her son, George of Lexington, Ky.; Carol Hussey of Ann Arbor, who is the owner of the Pied Piper Children's Clothing store on Main Street in Plymouth; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Schweikle was born Oct. 23, 1912, in Lake forest, Ill.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Memorials can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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# Getting down to business

## Allante ends production; now a collectible?

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The Allante, Cadillac's sporty convertible is about to become history.

Sometime in 1993 -- when the last of its imported bodies is attached to drive trains and frames -- General Motors call it quits on the luxury sport coupe.

And the reason is sales: According to Cadillac spokesman Steve Gaut, sales averaged about 3,000 per year, substantially less than projected sales of 4,500.

But the Allante wasn't alone: Gaut said that all luxury sports car sales are down 20 to 50 per cent.

Of course, with an average sticker price for an Allante at about \$62,000, the size of the potential buying public narrows considerably. The car, a modified two-seater, is truly an international automobile: The body is designed and made by Pinin Farina in Turin, Italy, and shipped to the U.S. for assembly Cadillac's Hamtramck plant.

To give an idea of the custom nature of the vehicle, only 13 Allantes are assembled on an average day.

Bill Collins, General Manager at Don Massey Cadillac on Ann Arbor Road said that the Allante is a good car with bad timing.

"It was dealt a bad hand," he said,



The 1993 Cadillac Allante is in its last year of production. It comes with the new Northstar engine, the most powerful front wheel drive engine. (Crier photo by Gary Gossein)

adding that a bad economy, stiff European competition and recent cutbacks at GM all contributed to the Allante's demise.

Don Massey Cadillac, the largest volume Cadillac dealer in the United States, has sold about 96 new and used Allante's each year, Collins said, adding that "the car will be greatly missed."

Gaut agreed, and said that "mainly, the

corporation needs to concentrate on core projects."

He also said that low production and low sales made it impossible to continue production past 1993.

"The vehicle wasn't making money," Gaut said, "and GM just can't afford that now."

Although soon to meet a production end, however, neither Gaut nor Collins

thinks the story is over for the Allante: both think the sports luxury convertible will become a classic among collectors.

Collins -- who said he plans to buy a used Allante himself -- drew comparisons to the 1959 Cadillac convertible which, he said, sells for up to \$100,000 today.

And Collins said he doesn't think it'll take 30 years to make the Allante a collector's item.

"I'd say within about five years, you'll have people looking to obtain one in good condition at a good price."

Gaut also said that Cadillac's toll-free number -- 1-800-ALLANTE -- is already getting calls about the last production run.

"The first and last models are the most valuable," he said, "and people want to know when and where they can get one of the last ones."

Not surprisingly, Collins said his dealership would be a good source for those with the money.

"We ordered as many as we could get," said Collins, "(and) we're hoping to get about 30."

With an average sticker price of about \$62,000 new, and starting at \$20,900 used, the Allante may not be for everyone -- but for those with money, a secure garage, and a little patience, who knows?

## Restaurant displays old world charm in 'Old Village'

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Appropriately enough, The Sweet Afton Tea Room, located in Old Village, has built its reputation on bringing a bit of the old world to modern dining.

In fact, according to owner Sylvia Thacker, her restaurant is deliberately modeled after tea rooms of days gone by, serving among other things imported teas in bone china, and such old world favorites as scones (biscuits) and finger sandwiches.

And Thacker has been providing this old world flavor for four years, celebrating her restaurant's birthday recently with husband, Bob, other employees and a host of area government and business people.

Although her specialty is offering traditional teas and biscuits at her restaurant -- located at 985 North Mill -- Thacker said that's only part of it:

"Many people think we only serve tea and pastries, but we also have real food too," she said; food that includes homemade meat pies, soups, shepherd's pie (meat chunks covered with mashed potatoes) and sandwiches. She also offers daily specials.

The restaurant won high praise when it opened in 1988, and is currently featured in the 1992 Pocket Guide to Detroit & Michigan Restaurants.

In fact, the restaurant attracted so many patrons in 1988 that Thacker had to

From left to right are Louise Davidson, Kathy Thacker (hiding), Tammy Dean, Sylvia Thacker, Marilyn Zdeb, Bob Thacker, Greg Thacker and Shelly and Mark Meinhardt



institute a reservations-only policy.

"We had people lined up outside," she said, "we had to do something."

Since then, business has stabilized and Thacker has loosened the policy.

Nevertheless, "reservations are still suggested (between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), but after 2 p.m. we can usually seat you right away."

Thacker said she's had her share of ups and downs in the business, but said that she's glad she stuck with it.

"I'm really enjoying myself, and giving people a quality product in a very relaxed atmosphere," she said.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For reservations 454-0777.

## Crier announces 1993 rates

The Community Crier has announced new rates for display advertising which will become effective Jan. 6, 1993.

"No one enjoys price increases," said Crier General Manager Mike Carne, "so we're glad we were able to keep all increases at 5.5 per cent or less."

Carne also said that he was pleased that there would be no increases in some rates, including the prices of spot color and full color. Rising costs in newsprint and services necessitated the increases, Carne said.

Inserting rates were decreased by The Crier in 1992 and are not being increased with other advertising rates, the paper's general manager said.

"We certainly value our advertising customers and hope that our readers continue their support of the businesses that promote their goods and services to The Plymouth-Canton Community," Carne added.



Evelyn Gilbert (far left) and Elene Pierce of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club, Plymouth branch, sold Christmas wreaths Friday at the Mayflower Hotel during the club's annual Holiday Greens Sale. Tina Powell, a teacher at Allen Elementary, looks at some of the wreaths. (Crier photo by EQ Lukaski.)

## Urban Gypsy opens its doors in 'Village'

The Urban Gypsy, a new business in the Old Village district of Plymouth, has opened its doors.

Owned by Ed and Heidi Root, the shop

is located at 625 N. Mill and carries a variety of merchandise, including faeries and dragons, candles, jewelry, imported incense, books and "soothing music."



Engagements  
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Jeffery Houghton and Tammy Lynn Zrebiec

## Zrebiec, Houghton announce

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Hernandez, of Dearborn, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Lynn Zrebiec, to Jeffery Houghton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Houghton, of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a senior at the University of Michigan, Dearborn and is employed as sales manager at Wear Guard

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The groom-to-be is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is a sous-chef at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

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## Township eyes replacing clubhouse

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that much of the wood has rotted from water leaks and that the problem "must be corrected immediately."

He noticed that the walls are bulging and buckling due to the movement of the building. He also noted, "that the plywood floor is disintegrating, due to moisture developing a hole in the floor board."

Shymanski's observations of the floor's condition concluded:

"The floors in the original modular units have lost their strength. The floor in front of the bar is spongy. The floor behind the bar is totally depressed in numerous sections. The tile in the men's room has a hole approximately 12 inches in diameter, which developed after the plywood subfloor rotted, causing the grout and tile to give way. This is a dangerous condition and must be repaired quickly, both from a structural and health standpoint."

His recommendations are that "the building be totally reworked and reinforced."

He suggested that the township get an estimate for the cost of a new building and said that the estimate would justify demolishing the old building and building a new one.

McIlhargey also cited problems with the building because it is not accessible to the handicap.

John Jawor, the golfcourse's director and lessee of the building, said that a new clubhouse is long overdue.

"Here it is and it's falling apart. It's a hazard. The building is outdated and shouldn't have been put in in the first place," said Jawor.

"This (the building) is probably the biggest embarrassment for Plymouth Township," Jawor said.

According to Jawor, the building should have been replaced in 1985.

When the building was moved, it was placed on poles raised about 18 inches above the grade. The additions, paid for by the township, in 1979 were also placed on poles.

According to Jawor, that type of foundation has been illegal since 1929. The building should have been placed on continuous footings.

The 1981 addition, paid for by Jawor, doubled the size and was placed on a foundation that was up to code, a concrete perimeter footing with floor joists placed over an 18-inch crawl space.

According to Jawor, revenue from the golfcourse has more than paid for its cost.

"They're (past township board members) making good money, and they're not giving the money back," he said.

According to McIlhargey, the golfcourse brought in around \$270,000 this year. "They were receiving all that money and not putting it back in," said McIlhargey.

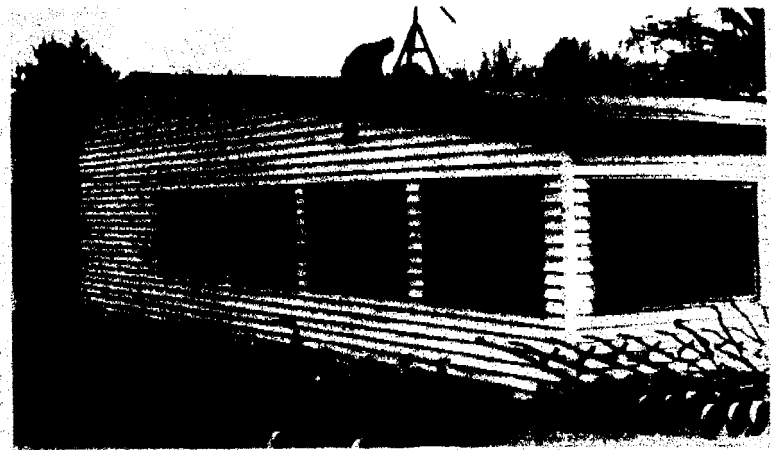
He estimated the cost of a new building to be \$650,000 to 700,000 and said that the building would pay for itself within a few years.

McIlhargey proposed three methods to finance a new clubhouse.

The first is selling municipal bonds to cover the cost. Second is to borrow the money from the Water and Sewer Department and pay it back in 10 to 12 years.

The third and final method is to have the proprietor build it and pay him or her back by rewriting the lease.

He said that the third method will cost 15 to 20 per cent more because it is not an in-house operation.



A roofer makes repairs to the township's clubhouse (top), but inside, the damage to the structure includes holes in the ceiling and floors. (Top Crier photo by Tim Shuller)

## Hoben continues work on high-tech improvements

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acting, and in 1971 was appointed acting superintendent -- a job he received outright a year later.

For many residents and students, the Hoben name is known for another reason: Hoben Elementary School. But having the school named after him two years ago is an honor he greets with mixed emotions.

"At the time, I wasn't all that happy," he said. "You know they usually name buildings for people after they've retired or died."

"I really didn't know how to take it at first."

But once someone gets him talking about where the district is headed in the future, there's little doubt how he takes that:

"What's upon us now is a new field of technology that's changing so rapidly -- our knowledge base is turning over every 30 months now -- that it nearly becomes obsolete (before we can apply it)."

"So we have to know how to apply it," he said, underscoring his dedication to the high-tech applications apparent in his office.

"Yes, we have to make sure we don't

become technology-driven; we have to keep in mind that it's only a tool (for education)."

Grabbing a wall-stored remote control, Hoben shows off the district's system to visitors in a model classroom, walking through all the capabilities, spilling over with facts, figures and anecdotes that reinforce his belief in the system.

This obsession with technology, however, is never perceived as a narrow interpretation of education; Hoben's own background as a teacher and member of the educational community belies a comprehensive appreciation of all facets of public instruction and his ongoing interaction with the community.

Two cases help underscore the point: At the national level, Hoben serves as president of the Network for Outcome-Based Schools, headquartered in New York, and which he helped found in 1980. At the local level, he will be speaking next Wednesday at the monthly public forum sponsored by the Community Foundation.

A World War II and Korean Marine veteran who saw combat in both wars, Hoben began his own education in the University of Michigan's School of

Engineering, completing graduate work at Michigan State University and doing additional work at the University of Wisconsin. He received his doctorate in education from Wayne State University in 1979.

He began his teaching career in 1949 in the Cheboygan School District, and besides his career in Plymouth-Canton, has taught at Eastern Michigan University and Schoolcraft College.

In 1990, Hoben received one of his most cherished honors when he was named Michigan Superintendent of the Year.

Born in Walkerville, Ont., his family moved to Adrian when he was 10. A widower twice in his life, Hoben has two children and a granddaughter; his son is a businessman in Texas, and his daughter is an architect in Washington, D.C.

## Board begins search process

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single search specialist, at a cost of \$15 to \$20,000; hiring the services of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), at a cost of \$10 to \$15,000; or having the district do the entire search itself, absorbing all administrative and material costs.

Present at the session, making a pitch for the MASB, was Kara Funk, director of superintendent search services for the state organization.

During her 45 minute presentation, Funk walked the board through various steps and alerted them to numerous

pitfalls involved in the search process. At one point she said she envisioned MASB services to the district as not exceeding \$10,000.

Funk told the board, which took no action during the session, that a good search process would take four to six months, but that for a district the size of Plymouth-Canton, a year would be "nice."

As part of its preliminary investigation into the process, the board is expected to get another presentation, this time from an outside consultant firm, on Jan. 18.

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# Community opinions

## Local Governments:

# Share!

In this age of ever-tightening municipal budgets, with public officials constantly on the lookout for methods and procedures that can save taxpayers money, two concepts await consideration: out-sourcing and consolidation.

The first concept, hiring private firms to deliver services more economically than a city or township, has proven successful in areas such as trash collection, curbside recycling, jailing criminals and transporting medical cases.

In reality, this outsourcing of services is little more than extending the existing method of purchasing goods from outside vendors. As a result, outsourcing continues to be a viable method of maintaining quality community services while keeping costs in check.

But what about the other concept -- consolidation, or, in the short term, at least "cooperation?"

Invariably, many communities and their residents have difficulty with this notion; they fear that shared services or even shared purchasing somehow diminishes their local control -- in fact, their sense of "local" altogether.

And yet, in this age of suburban sprawl and a blending and overlap of what constitutes "community," it's difficult to argue against an increased level of cooperation, coordination and even consolidation.

Besides, variations on this theme already exist around us: Police and fire departments in the Plymouths, Cantons and the Northvilles routinely provide backup in emergencies, offering mutual aid during fires and in public safety situations, coordinating drug investigations and otherwise sharing both information and resources.

Likewise, The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community already shares the cost of a regional District Court and coordinates its cable television negotiations, and the three townships are united in the Western Townships Utilities Authority.

And, finally, what should not be overlooked is the purely regional delivery of education in this area: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district easily crosses city and township borders and, in so doing, is able to provide the kind of solid instructional base that smaller individual communities ever could provide.

So where does government, looking to control costs and protect its taxpayers, go next? That's precisely the question being considered by officials in Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township -- and they hope the process of finding the answer can be started at a meeting set for Dec. 22.

At that meeting, community officials plan to lay out the procedure they will use to examine the entire issue of inter-government cooperation and set an agenda for discussion well into 1993.

To help get things started, all five communities plan to endorse formal statements of intent at their respective commission, council and board meetings this week and next. Already, however, a rough idea has taken root in earlier talks, centering on shared purchasing arrangements and an increase in police and fire cooperation and coordination.

Although there are no hard projections as to how far this concept of inter-governmental cooperation can go, it is gratifying to see that the governments themselves realize its potential and are acting accordingly. The end result, regardless of its reach, has to be good news for the taxpaying public and their wallets.

Shared services time has come.  
THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



Hello P-C.  
Let's see, how does that song go?  
"It's a small world, after all... it's a small world after all..."

Well, you get the drift (pardon my singing in the shower).

Anyway, once again the truism of those simple verses has hit home: Wednesday, while waiting for the court appearance of a Warren man on charges stemming from an alleged insurance scam, I had the opportunity to meet your local jurist, one John MacDonald.

Small world? You betcha.

Seems the honorable Judge MacDonald -- in another life -- used to represent my school district in another part of Wayne County.

As we chatted during a recess, we had fun comparing notes of people we'd known, situations we'd lived through and stories we had to tell.

(I won't go into them here.)

So here I am, a supposed stranger to the area, looking forlorn, helpless and lost on the streetcorner, running into a

familiar face. OK, not a familiar face, but, as Anne of Green Gables would say, a "kindred spirit."

Sitting next to me during our conversation was Crier Reporter Amy Kidwell, who was helping me cover the court case -- and who, quite frankly, looked a bit surprised.

And rightly so.

Here's a person (Amy) who grew up in the area and now has the fascinating opportunity of covering her own community; using her personal knowledge of the area to help enhance her reporting.

And what happens? A reasonably total stranger (me) starts making unlikely personal and professional connections with an area leader.

It's like introducing two of your friends who you don't think know each other -- and finding out they roomed together in college.

One can only wonder who I'll be running into next.

Right, Amy?

# LWV has several roles through history

## EDITOR,

In the Wednesday, Nov. 11 issue of The Community Crier, a letter to the editor on the Community Opinions page unfortunately offered an incomplete definition of the mission of the League of Women Voters as "a supposedly nonpartisan information service."

The League of Women voters (LWV) is a nonpartisan, political organization that encourages their informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Founded in 1920 at the culmination of the 72-year struggle to gain women's suffrage, the LWV took as its first charge helping to educate 20 million women on how to exercise their new political rights and responsibilities. Although programs and priorities have changed over the years, the LWV has remained true to its basic purposes:

\*to establish positions on public policy issues through member participation and agreement;

\*to take concerted actions that secure

public policies consistent with League positions;

\*to enhance citizen participation in federal, state and local government decisions; and

\*to increase citizen participation in the election process.

The choice made at the founding of the League of Women Voters to neither support nor oppose any political party or candidate for public office continues today to ensure that the LWV's voice in heard above the tumult of party politics.

The nonpartisan policy has added strength to the League's position on issues. It has made possible wide acceptance of LWV voters service and other citizen education activities.

The League is organized to parallel the three levels of government: local, state (and) national. Any citizen over 18, male or female, may become a member of LWV. Joining at any level automatically confers membership at every level, and with that membership comes the opportunity to work on local, state, regional and national program issues.

NANCY WHITE



# Community opinions

## Mike, let's go fishing

When it's time, I'll be found somewhere along the dense-brush-covered banks of the Ontonogon River between Bood Falls and Agate Falls. (There's a particular wiley old trout there... still there despite my best efforts thus far.)

You won't have to push me out the door into the wild woods near the Pigeon River, where you can hike while quietly puffing on a Marsh Wheeling Mild Deluxe Light Stogie without being trapped into a "second-hand smoke" argument with the Michigan whitetails.

No sir.

As soon as it's time -- I'm "gone fishing."

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### With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Some jobs require intense commitment -- 24 hours a day on call. It takes a real love to tolerate the full-moon qualities of such jobs.

I have one of those jobs, and a friend of mine, Mike Hoben has one, too.

Mike is the school superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He's had the job since 1971, and a variety of other jobs with our school system for several years before that. (He was my counselor in high school.)

The headaches of Mike's job makes me wonder why he does it at all -- let alone for 22 years. And not even for twice the money.

Now the school board is beginning its search for his replacement.

Mike hasn't announced his retirement and says he'd re-up his contract past June 30, 1994 if the school board offered it.

Mike: go fishing! Relax. Go fishing. Be a consultant. Go fishing. Travel more. Go fishing.

## New rule will hurt Twp. meetings

At its last meeting, held on Nov. 24, Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees issued changes in board procedures.

One of those changes called for the supervisor to introduce each item, the clerk to immediately make the motion and for a board member to second the motion, opening the item up for discussion.

Ironically, the board stated that it was making this change, "in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order," and to facilitate discussion.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

This procedure of having the clerk be the only person with authority to make a motion gives the clerk all the power.

If an item should come up that the clerk is not in favor of, she can kill the item by not making the first motion to open it for discussion.

### A new notion

By Amy Kidwell



Every board member should have the power to make the first motion on an item. That is in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

What happens if in the middle of a discussion, a board member wants to make a motion about a related item, he or she would be unable to do so under this new change.

From what I have seen at Plymouth Township's meetings, getting someone to make the first motion has never been a time consuming process.

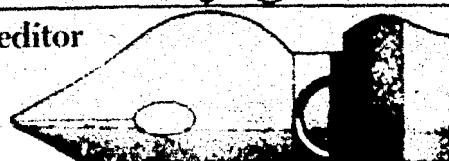
The board needs to alter this change so that it does meet with Robert's Rules of Order and is fair to everyone.

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