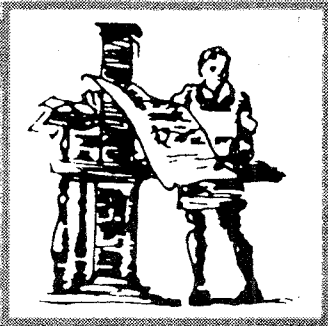


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## City Police investigate rash of downtown break-ins

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Friday marked the beginning of the holiday shopping season, and in Plymouth, the beginning of the "break-in season" as well. At least four downtown Plymouth businesses were burglarized over the weekend.

Muriel's Doll House, Penniman Deli and The Animation Station were the stores hit on Penniman Avenue, while Heide's Flowers & Gifts was broken into on Ann Arbor Trail.

Pete Grybas, one of the owners of the Penniman Deli, said the break-in is uncharacteristic for Plymouth. "It's too bad it happened," he said, "but we're not ready to move out of Plymouth yet. Plymouth is still a safe place."

Even the brightest minds in the Plymouth Police Department seem baffled by the break-ins. Lt. Wayne Carroll refused to comment on the specifics of the case.

He did say business owners should take precautions against burglars. "Obviously, alarms are the first priority," Carroll said. "It's also important to have a good locking mechanism. Lighting also helps. Don't leave a lot of money around. Make a drop every night."

## Schools use \$750,000 bond money for transportation, remodeling...finally

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton Schools will use \$750,000 from the 1991 bond budget to purchase furniture for the high schools and replenish a aging bus fleet.

That decision was unanimously made Nov. 26 by the Plymouth-Canton School

Board following a presentation by Superintendent Charles Little, who urged the school board to spend the \$750,000 for its original purposes, outlined five years ago.

In 1993, the school board unanimously voted to reduce the 1991 bond budget for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park furnishings and bus purchases by \$200,000 and \$550,000, respectively. This adjustment was done to re-establish the construction contingency fund related to infrastructure costs associated with the implementation of technology

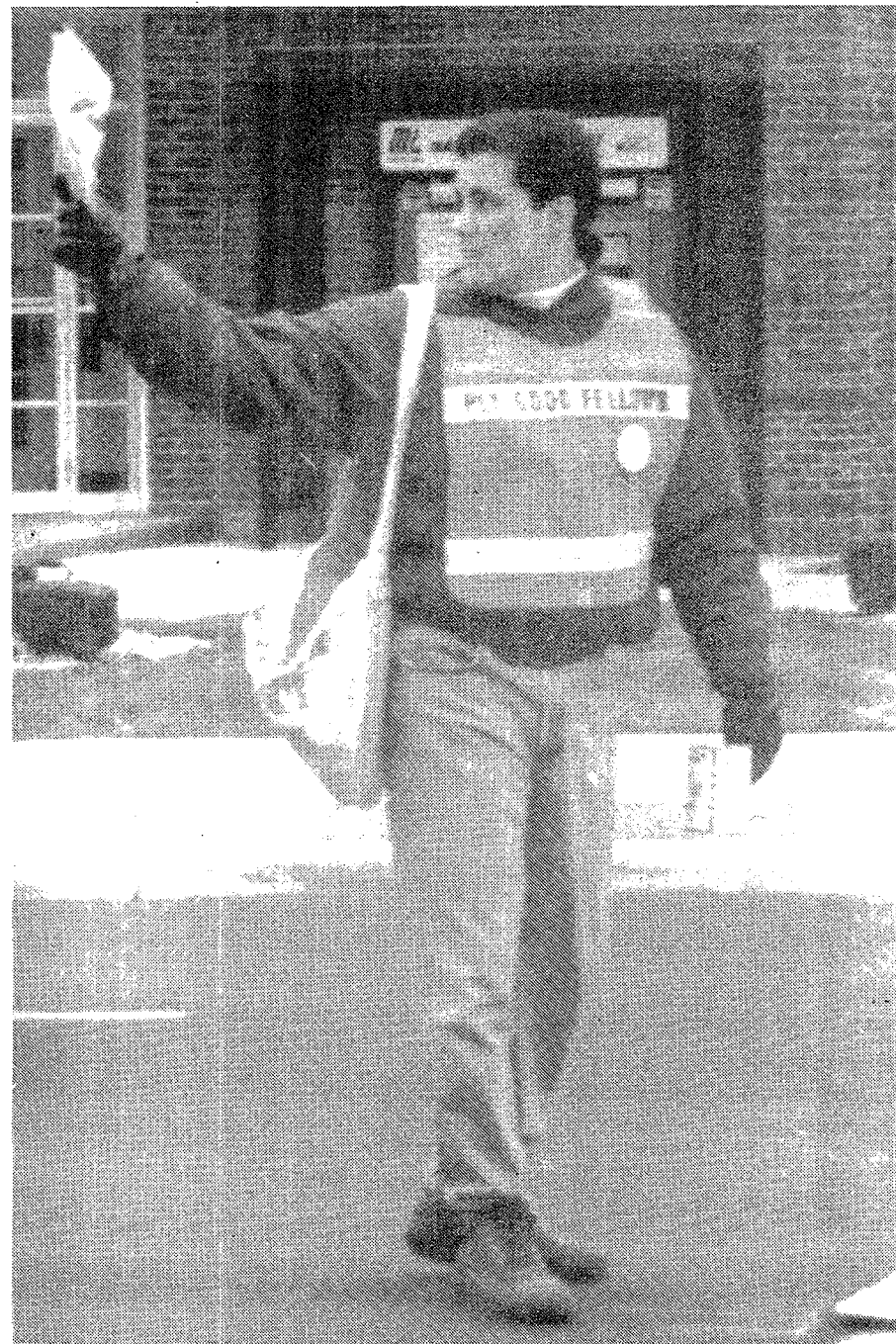
According to John Birchler, the director of business and operations for the P-C Schools, savings in the technology budget and increased interest earnings accumulated during the life of the project made the re-establishment of the 1991 bond possible.

The money cannot be used for operating funds, prompting Little to suggest other spending possibilities. Besides the two original bond items, he said the money could be used for remodeling classrooms at Tanger, building a science lab at Salem High School, and purchasing voice editing equipment.

But Little's top priorities were bus purchases and new PCEP furnishings, because that's what the community expected the money to be used for. "So we can say we've fulfilled everything

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## Goodfellows hit streets Saturday



The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will be hitting the streets Saturday to ensure there is "No Kiddie Without a Christmas." The groups will be "selling" special editions of The Community Crier at virtually every corner. Donations are accepted. The money is used to help needy families.

## City to help with clean-up

BY BRYON MARTIN

The Amoco property at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, once thought useless because of contamination from a leaky underground tank, could soon be developed.

A Brownfield Redevelopment Authority created in a unanimous vote by the Plymouth City Commission would allow for partnerships between would-be buyers and City government.

The product of 1996 state legislation, a Brownfield is an "abandoned, underdeveloped or under-utilized property which is not being developed or fully utilized due to environmental contamination," said a City Commission memo.

Under the authority, the City could offer businesses a 10 percent credit on the Michigan Single Business Tax, up

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## Nutcracker

PSO, Plymouth Ballet Company present holiday classic

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## Retail

Busiest shopping day of the year begins with a bang for retailers

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## Warm up

Winter sports team prepare to take center stage in local sports

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## Candle lighting ceremony planned

*Service set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday*

The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth is holding a memorial candle lighting ceremony Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The candles will be used to remember loved ones and will be "a

journey through grief." Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions about the service, call Schrader-Howell at 453-3333

## City closes York St. crossing

BY BRYON MARTIN

The Holbrook Avenue railroad crossing will be reopened, and the York Street crossing permanently closed following a vote by the Plymouth City Commission at its Dec. 2 meeting.

Both temporary barricades will be

removed within a week, and construction of the permanent barrier at York Street will begin sometime after winter, Plymouth Mayor Ronald Loiselle said.

The vote came after the commission heard over an hour of comments from more than 40 City residents present at the meeting.

"We wanted to give everyone a chance to speak," Loiselle said. "And it's a good thing we did, because opinions were nearly split down the middle."

There was often unity, however, within the separate camps that supported and opposed the proposed street closings.

A perceived reduction in the amount and speed of traffic was praised by those who favored closing the streets, most of whom live on Holbrook or York.

Many businesses owners from the York-Holbrook area opposed the closings, citing the barriers as an impediment to business.

Among them was Tim Rice, president of Rokay Floral, 913 York St. Rice spoke at length, and also described concerns over safety.

Rokay Floral receives several deliveries each week from 60-foot tractor-trailers and according to Rice, the proposed barricade would interfere with the trucks' route and would force them to back up to his shop from Pearl Street.

"That's a long way to back up," Rice said, explaining that while delivery crews are cautious, "that's the way accidents happen."

The commission revised its original motion to make the closing of York Street contingent on the construction of a turnaround on land adjacent to the tracks.

According to Loiselle, CSX has offered to donate land for the turnaround.

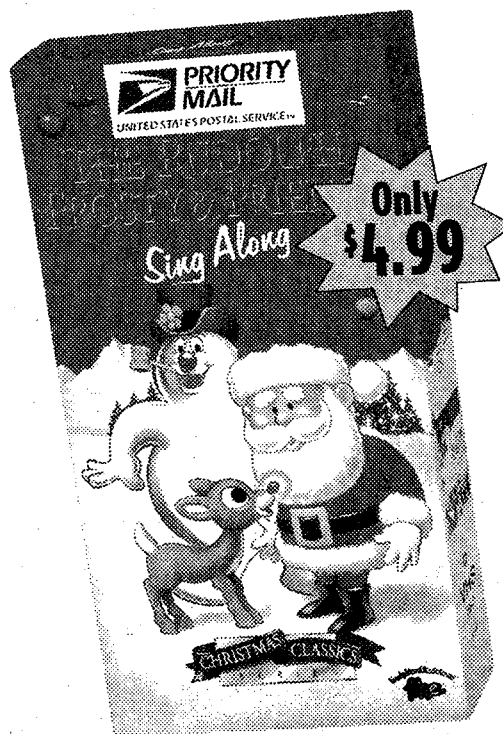
The State of Michigan, which Loiselle says supports the closing of railroad crossings, will also partially subsidize the construction of the York Street barrier.

The motions were first made to the commission after the Michigan Department of Transportation ordered the City of Plymouth to either close the York Street crossing, or to install flasher signals with gates.

Loiselle said the actual completion of the barrier is still far in the offing, commenting "We're dealing with bureaucracies larger than city government — the State, and a big railroad corporation."

Until construction is complete the York Street crossing will remain open.

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# The show must go on

*PCAC remains cultural center, despite changes over the years*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Workers stripped the walls of old plaster, shaped a new face on the Plymouth Community Arts Council building with lumber, bricks and mortar and crafted every room necessary to provide the services expected in the "art friendly" Plymouth-Canton Community.

The extensive remodeling job on the Plymouth Community Arts Council building on Sheldon Road is just a few months away from completion.

According to PCAC Executive Director Randy Lee, the incredible metamorphosis of the 27-year-old art group has taken place because of the community's love of the arts.

"The Children's Theatre program is in its fifth year of production," said Lee. "We started out with 20 kids. This year, 160 auditioned for the winter play."

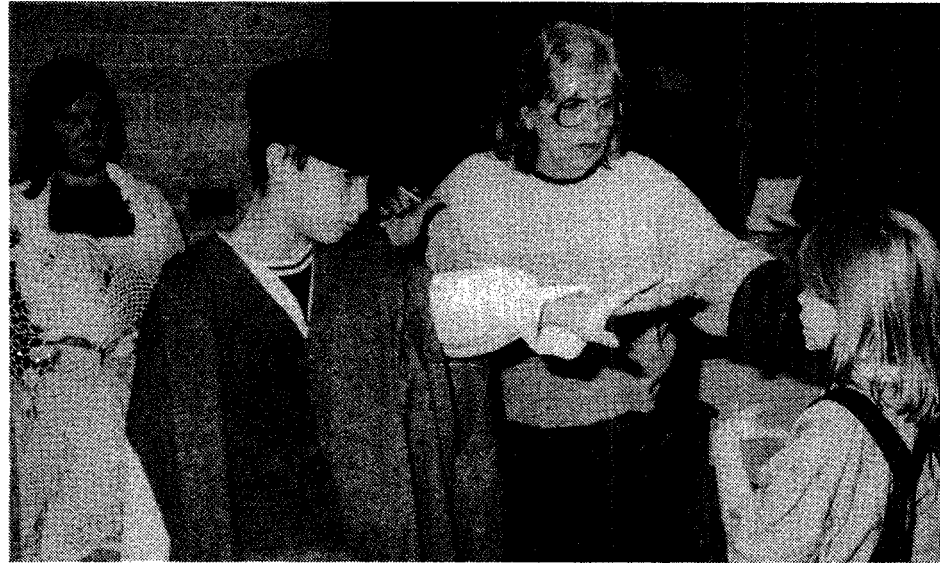
The demand was so great, two casts will perform a trip of Christmas classics: "The Shoemaker and the Elves," "Little Women" and "Les Miserables." The art class offerings swelled from six initially to 33 offered in the winter session.

As always, the community put its money where its heart is — into rebuilding the former Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall into the center for community arts.

More than \$230,000 was collected through small fund-raisers, large corporate donations and state grants. The first phase of construction gutted the inside of the structure. The second phase is focusing on the outside.

The expanded space will include a new entrance, an art rental gallery — once located above the Dunning-Hough Library — a theater workshop, storage areas and offices.

The building is now equipped to serve all the arts — visual, theatrical and musical.



The demand for arts in the community is so great, 160 kids auditioned for the PCAC Children's Theatre Christmas production. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

With the new space comes new programs. "With the remodeled building, we now have limitless possibilities," Lee said. "Everything we've offered has had a very positive response from the public."

Dust and dirt has filled the office for more than a year, but for the PCAC, the show must go on.

"It is difficult to carry on the services and daily business of the council during the confusion of construction," said PCAC President Jo Hulce, "but everyone — staff, teachers and volunteers — is managing in good spirits, anticipating the completion and opportunities the future holds for the community."

One of the first shows the PCAC will present to the community will be a series of art exhibitions featuring Michigan artists. The idea is to showcase the talent of top artists from around the state and introduce the community to some local interesting and innovative artwork.

The Children's Theatre program,

under the director of Jennifer Tobin, is set to perform Friday-Sunday.

Another holiday event is being planned by Art Education Director Beth Urbaniak. Children can sign up for Christmas art workshops that will follow the fall series of classes.

Lee said the finishing touches will be put on the PCAC building this spring with landscaping and signs.

Financial help is still needed. According to Lee, nearly \$10,000 must be raised by the end of December to match the state grant.

That should be an easy goal for a community built on giving. "...our thanks go to the community at large, corporate, business, organizations and individuals who have and are continuing to support the capital campaign," said Hulce. "Only with your help is this project possible. As Shakespeare said, 'The people are the city.' We can all be very proud of the cultural opportunities we provide."

# County, Northville Township closer to final settlement on 926 vacant acres

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Although the press release issued by Wayne County concerning the 926-acre Northville Township "Boys' Home" land was headlined: "County's Northville Township land plan gets green light" the Northville Township trustees see it more as a "yellow light."

According to Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved the county's Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposal only conditionally.

"If the county meets our needs, it'll get the green light," she said. "This (property) has cost us a lot of money. Certainly, it (the PUD) is a better option than what we have."

Up until this point, Northville Township has had no benefit from the vacant land, which is the largest parcel of undeveloped property under single ownership in the county.

Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter said the preliminary approval does clear the way for the demolition and clean-up of the property. "The county is still committed to immediately begin demolition," he said. "The RFP (request for proposals) have gone out to bid."

According to Woodside, the preliminary deal is a step forward in resolving the property problem — long a thorn in Northville Township's side. "This has been a blight on Northville Township

for the last 60 years," she said.

Only a few issues need to be hammered out before the land is developed. They revolve around the creation of an Economic Development Authority to "administer" the development of the land, clean-up of the property, zoning issues and the sale of a portion of the land to Northville Township for recreational use.

According to Wayne County officials, the approval of the PUD clears the way for the sale of 50-100 acre parcels of property to developers. The centerpiece of the development will be an 18-hole championship golf course, surrounded by upscale houses.

The property is bounded by Five Mile Road, Six Mile Road, Beck Road and Hines Park. There are more than 60 run-down buildings on the site that formerly housed the Plymouth Site Training School and the Wayne County Child Development Center. The land has been vacant for nearly 20 years.

The county's PUD calls for 308-acres of single-family detached residential development; 26 acres devoted to an adult-lifestyle community; 110 acres for OIS Optical Imaging Systems, Inc., including the firm's existing 30-acre facility; 40 acres for apartments; 14 acres for commercial development; 13 acres for senior housing; and 206 acres for the golf course. In addition, 45 acres will be devoted to recreation and open space for Northville Township.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Canton is holding its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. tonight at Canton Township Hall.

### WEEKEND

- The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows annual paper sale will take place Saturday
- Peggy Heiney, retired elementary school teacher from Bird School, has volunteered to conduct story times for kindergarten to third grade students. The program will be held Saturday at the Plymouth District Library at 10 a.m. The session is 45 minutes long.
- The Plymouth Community Chorus Christmas concerts will be held Thursday through Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. Call 455-4080 for ticket information.
- The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual Christmas Sing-A-Long Sunday at 6 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building. The meeting is open.

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# Plymouth Whalers? *Detroit Whalers will change name, build Michigan Hockey Hall of Fame*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit Whalers don't even play in the NHL, but they might bring the Stanley Cup to town before the Red Wings do.

Officials from Compuware and the Detroit Whalers announced plans last week to change the Ontario Hockey League club's name to the Plymouth Whalers, build the first-ever Michigan Hockey Hall of Fame that would temporarily house NHL collectibles and possibly host the graduation ceremonies for the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Kerry Kerch, the Whalers assistant general manager, made the announcements as part of a Nov. 26 appeal to the Plymouth

Township Board Of Trustees to receive a tax abatement on Compuware Sports Arena, located at M-14 and Beck Road.

The six-year, 50 percent tax abatement was unanimously approved by the board.

Kerch said the team, known by three nicknames — the Ambassadors, Jr. Wings and Whalers — but always as Detroit during its seven seasons of existence, will become the Plymouth Whalers next season. "We're going to (change from Detroit to Plymouth) next year. We are for sure," he said.

Kerch said when the Whalers were still planning their move to the Township last spring, team officials opted to keep Detroit

in front of their nickname for marketing reasons. "But with the response we've gotten since we came out here, we're essentially the Plymouth Whalers," Kerch said.

Team owners Peter Karmanos and Thomas Thewes built the 150,000-square-foot facility with two ice rinks this year after playing the last two seasons at three different arenas: Joe Louis Arena, Oak Park Arena and The Palace. Attendance has steadily improved since the Whalers' Oct. 5 home opener, peaking with 4,181 Nov. 23.

Plymouth residents and businesses have purchased hundreds of season tickets, and ice time has been reserved by Plymouth Figure Skating Club and the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association.

Kerch said the Plymouth name may eventually benefit the organization, when the expanding OHL likely grants southeast Michigan additional franchises in the next five years. "The identity will be good for

us," he said.

Pending state approval of the tax break, the hall of fame will be inside the arena. "We're already starting the plans for it. We've already talked with the (NHL) Hall of Fame in Toronto about bringing a display in with the Stanley Cup for two or three weeks every year," said Kerch.

Work would begin in the spring, he said, with the finished project featuring Michigan-bred hockey players who have played in the NHL.

According to Kerch, the Plymouth-Canton Schools have contacted Compuware about hosting June commencements. In order for that to happen, the ice in the 4,000 seat rink would have to be removed.

"They did approach us about holding that. We always have to work on the ice surface and start from scratch. I guess we're planning on resurfacing around the same time their graduation is," said Kerch.



## Public notices

### NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1996 and payable through February 28, 1997 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the City Hall lobby next to the Treasurer's office window. First of America Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept payments for your convenience through February 28, 1997.

CITY HALL will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office WILL BE OPEN to accept tax payments and other payments on Friday, December 27th and Monday, December 30th.

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## Addenda & errata

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Errors appeared in this wedding announcement the first time it was published. The correct information appears below.*

Mr. and Mrs. Yessian of Canton and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Morano of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawnielle Leanne Morano,

to Mr. David A. Mitrano of Cambridge, MA. The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She holds a Master's Degree in social work and public health from Boston University and is currently employed as a clinical social worker at Boston's Faulkner Hospital.

The groom-elect is the son of Mrs. Anthony Mitrano of Cambridge, MA. He is a 1984 graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin, and is currently employed by Pine Street Inn/Paul Sullivan Housing, Inc. of Boston. An April 1997 wedding is planned.



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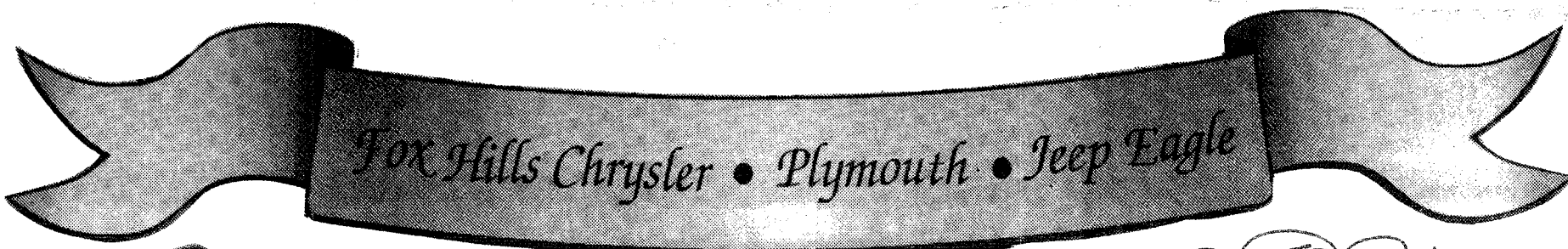
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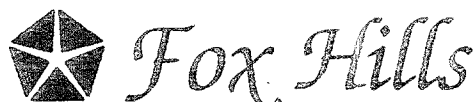
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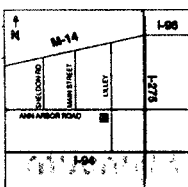
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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Al Smolarek** of Canton and **Terry Kulick** of Plymouth participated in Project Heat's On/Water's Off, spearheaded by the Plumbing & Heating Industry of Detroit (PHI). The program helps the needy, handicapped and the elderly prepare their homes for cold weather. PHI joined with Plumbers Local 98 and Pipefitters Local 636 to conduct the annual program in Detroit.

**Darnell Jackson**, Michigan's new drug czar, will be the guest on **State Sen. Loren Bennett's** December cable program, "People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda."

**Efua Ogoe** and **Joshua Tolbert** of Canton and **Elizabeth Barnett** and **Karen Springsteen** of Plymouth were named to the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University.

**Army Pvt. Cory M. Whitney**, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School, graduated from the armor crewman course at Fort Knox, Radcliff, KY. Whitney is the nephew of **Maureen** and **Earl Gilligan** of Canton.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church** in Plymouth is hosting the "Festival of St. Nicholas" tomorrow at 7 p.m. Under the direction of **Michele John**, faculty member of the School of Music at the University of Michigan, more than 250 members of the Music Ministry will participate in the festive program that features traditional carols and the legends of the saint who inspired Santa Claus. Admission is free and complimentary tickets are available from the Music Ministry and by calling the parish office at 453-0326.

**Navy Midshipman Patrick K. Morgan**, son of **Jim** and **Paulette Morgan** of Canton, recently completed six weeks of U.S. Naval Academy Indoctrination (Plebe Summer) in Annapolis, MD. He is a graduate of Salem High School.

**Albion College student Claire E. Walton** is a new initiate to Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honors society for freshman. She is a Plymouth resident and graduate of Ladywood High School. She is the daughter of **Edward** and **Martha Walton**.

**Penny Joy**, Isbister Elementary School learning specialist and seven-year district employee, received the Extra-Miler Award from the Plymouth-Canton School District.

## PSO, P-C Ballet Company present 'The Nutcracker Ballet'

The Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company celebrate their sixth anniversary together performing the holiday tradition, "The Nutcracker Ballet" on Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. All performances will take place at the Salem High School Auditorium.

**Dawnell Dryja** and **Mark Nash**, husband and wife, courtesy of the Cincinnati Ballet, will perform the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier, respectively. "Dawnell and Mark have been married for about a year," said Dawn Greene, Dawnell's mother and director of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company. "They met while performing 'Dracula,' with the Dayton Ballet, where Dawnell played one of Dracula's three wives. Mark was Dracula."

The part of Clara will be performed by **Lauren Christiansen** of Canton. In addition, 45 other dancers will perform from the communities of Detroit, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Clarkston, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Dearborn, Ann Arbor and South Lyon. The Madrigal Choir from the PCEP will also perform.

The performances of "The Nutcracker Ballet" are being sponsored by Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Panasonic and Industrial Company of

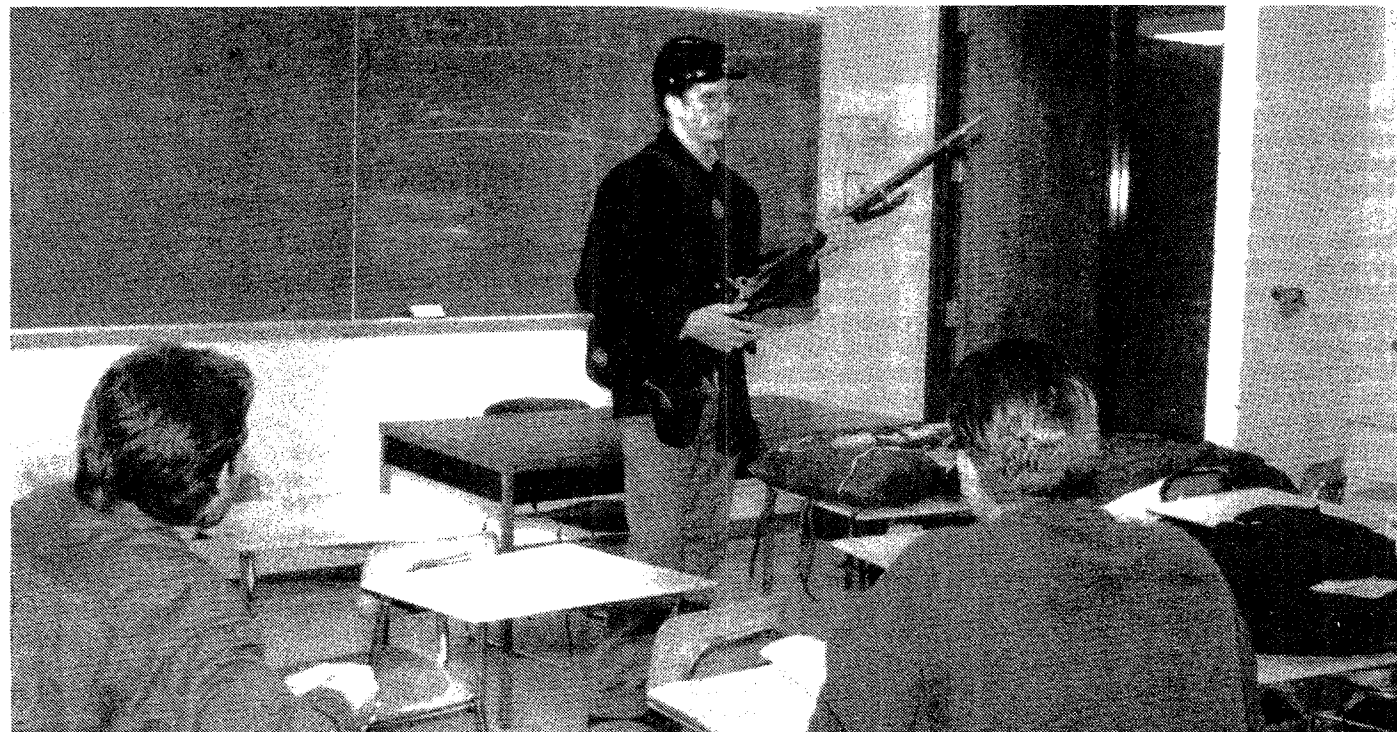


For the sixth year, The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will perform "The Nutcracker Ballet" at Salem High School.

Plymouth. The Dec. 15 performance is being sponsored by NBD and Private Banking and Investments, a new corporate sponsor for this season with the Plymouth Symphony.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults and senior citizens and \$8 for children, K-12. For tickets or more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

## Civil War lesson



Lawrence Tech students in Paula Stofer's Michigan History class were visited by Civil War buff **Paul Tennes**, 15, of Canton. Tennes, a sophomore at Canton High School, was on hand to dramatize the Civil War for the Lawrence Tech students and is the nephew of Stofer, an assistant professor of humanities. The uniform and equipment, with the exception of a genuine bayonet, are replicas of equipment used by the 17th, which lost 227 soldiers during the Civil War, with more attributed to disease than battle wounds, according to Tennes. (photo by Bill King)



# Downtown Plymouth attempts to keep pace with malls

## Principal Shopping District would provide City with money to promote shopping area

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

In an attempt to stay competitive with malls and strip shopping centers, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority is looking for money to promote the downtown area.

That money may come with the creation of a Principal Shopping District (PSD). If a PSD is created, the money could be used to market Plymouth's prime shopping district throughout the region, according to DDA Director Steve Guile.

If established, the PSD would capture money through a special assessment district, the boundaries of which are yet to

be determined. Property owners would be assessed a tax to pay for the promotion of downtown Plymouth. As much as \$180,000 per year could be collected by the PSD.

"It isn't our intention to put a lot of undue burden on property owners," said Guile. "It is important to come up with a stable base (of income) for promotion of Plymouth."

The PSD plan is being examined by the DDA, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and downtown property owners. Although the plan is in the very early stages of organization,

Guile said a preliminary report could reach the Plymouth City Commission by December or January.

As with any special assessment district, the City Commission will have the final say. If the project proceeds, public hearings will be held.

Guile said promotion is important to keep downtown Plymouth competitive. "Each property owner would be paying a certain share," he said. "Malls do this. It's just part of the lease."

The size of the proposed PSD isn't set. If it follows the boundaries of the DDA, no new board will need to be established.

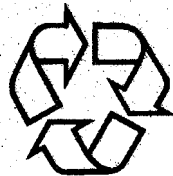
If, however, the PSD is extended beyond the DDA boundaries, which Guile said he supports, a new board would be created to administer the PSD.

Plymouth would not be the first community to establish a PSD. According to Guile, Birmingham uses the \$450,000 it collects through its PSD to promote its downtown area. Birmingham does not have a DDA. Petoskey uses its PSD money for infrastructure repairs.

Guile said planning on the PSD is in the early stages. "A lot more preliminary work has to be done before it is presented to the City Commission," he said.



The City hopes to attract large crowds like these during the sidewalk sales.



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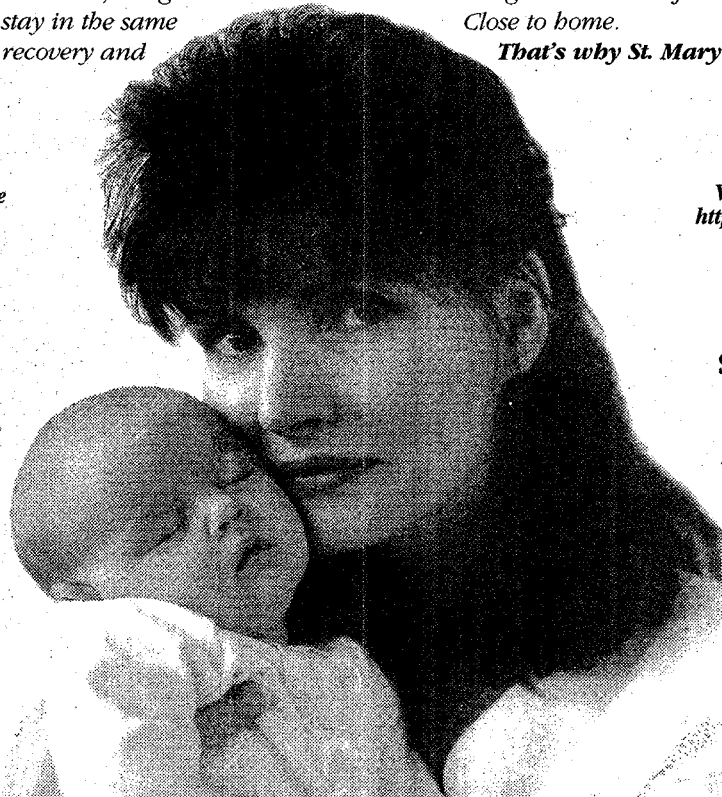
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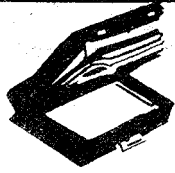
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents recently approved several staff appointments and retirements.

Canton resident **Margaret Grubaugh**, a custodian at McKenney Union, was among the 34 staff appointments. Also appointed: Northville resident **Amy R. Coleman**, user consultant I in University Computing. Coleman earned a bachelor's degree from EMU in 1995 and associate's of art degree from Jackson Community College in 1993. She has worked at University Computing at EMU and Quantum Group Inc. in Tecumseh.

Canton resident **Kathryn E. Couture** was appointed workplace education specialist at UAW/Ford, Ypsilanti. Couture earned a bachelor's degree at American University in 1966 and a master's degree from Indiana University in 1982. She has worked at Cleveland State University, the Sullivans School, Auburn Career Center, Painesville City Schools, Dyke College, North Central Technical College, Mansfield City Schools and the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.



LORI SASENA

**Lori Sasena** recently joined Robertson Brothers to head sales at Pinewood, the Robertson Brothers' residential community in Canton that is being developed as part of the overall Pheasant Run community. Sasena, a 16-year Canton resident, is a graduate of Wayne State University and holds a degree in psychology.

**Brickscape Christmas Store & Tree Lot** of Northville is holding its annual "Guess the Number of Christmas Tree Lights" contest. Last year, 20,640 lights decorated the 50-foot walnut tree at Beck and Eight Mile roads. "There are more this year," said Joe DiRado, who owns Brickscape with his wife, Diane. Prizes in the contest are \$150, \$100 and \$50 certificates.

## Holiday frenzy starts early in P-C

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A good economy plus great weather equals big crowds.

That was the case in downtown Plymouth Friday, the day after Thanksgiving and typically the biggest shopping day of the year.

In accordance with national predictions, local shop owners said the holiday retail frenzy started earlier this year and spending is up.

And a warm late November day made the opening of the holiday season that much better.

"Look at the day — it's perfect," said Frank Kusak of Francis Jewelers. "It's sunny. It's 35 (degrees). It's not slippery. It's not snowing, but there's enough on the ground to get people in the mood."

That's what brought out Sandi Russell and Tom Anton. "I guess it's the weather, and going in and out of the shops," said Anton, who was visiting from New Orleans.

"I like the shops," Russell said in agreement. "It's a very homey feeling."

Edwards Bakery Manager Annie Whalen was glad to see Russell and Anton, and others had opted for the decorated downtown streets as opposed to temperature controlled shopping malls.

"I think downtown has done a good job of pulling business away from the malls. I thought it was either going to be really busy or really slow. So far, it's been great," she said.

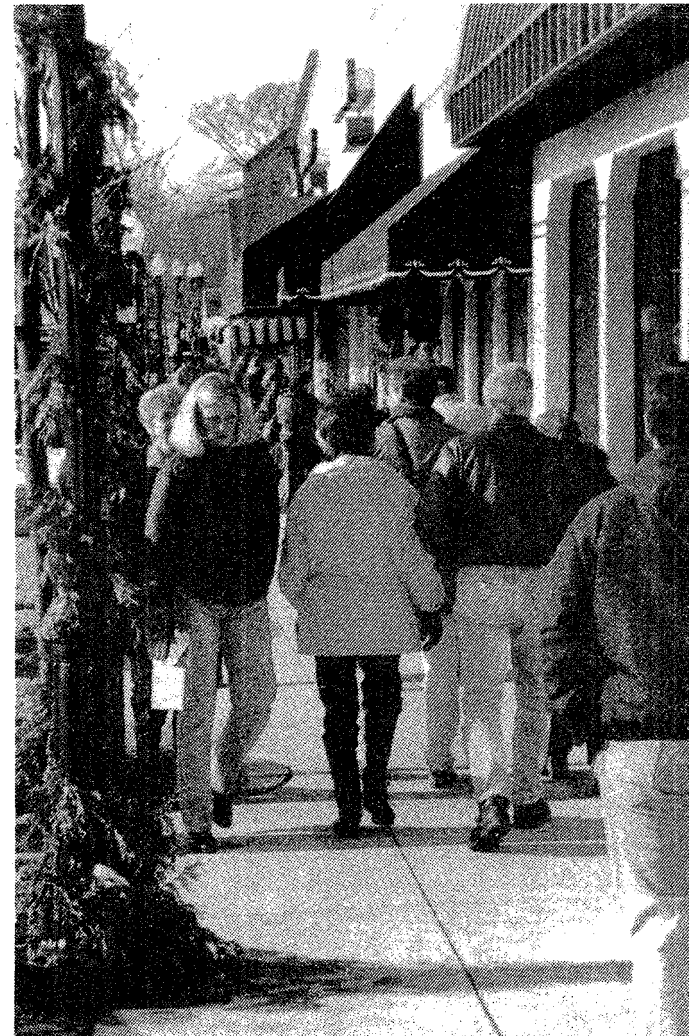
Down the street at Trader Jack's Sports Collectibles, Owner John Kwiecien said the day was just the beginning of what looks to be a very profitable holiday season, because of a new local superstar and a surprise basketball team.

"My feeling is, I think for the malls this is the busiest day of the year. For us the busiest day is the last Saturday before Christmas. But don't get me wrong, it is busy," he said.

Thanks to a miniature Zamboni made by Matchbox, the red-hot Detroit Pistons merchandise and Brendan Shanahan jerseys, the local sports market is hot for Trader Jack's. "Brendan Shanahan jerseys are on fire. We've sold six jerseys so far today, five of them have been Shanahan's. They're buying everything, his cards, his picture," said Kwiecien.

At sideways, which will celebrate 20 years of business this January, it would appear Plymouth plans on staying home for the holidays. "Everything has been selling, but home entertainment has been big, anything to do with home entertainment," said Owner Sharon Pugh.

And when the company is over, music helps sets the tone. Whether it's Christmas carols or the latest rock album, Repeat the



Crowds packed Ann Arbor Trail and the entire downtown area as business owners celebrated the busiest shopping day of the year Friday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Beat said holidays sales are going to make up for a sluggish year. Albums from Bush and Tool were being snatched up by shoppers who looked suspiciously past the rock music stage.

"We've had a lot of parents in here buying the Smashing Pumpkins' CD for their kids," said Manager Tom Morgan.

## Johnson Controls hits \$10.4 billion in sales

Johnson Controls, Inc. reported record sales and net income for fiscal year 1996, according to figures released last month.

Sales rose 20 percent to \$10.4 billion for the company from \$8.3 billion for 1995. Operating income increased to \$500 million, 11 percent higher than \$448 million in 1994. Net income rose to \$234.7 million, up 20 percent from 195.8 million for 1995.

Fully diluted earnings per share were \$5.10 versus \$4.27 for 1995.

Johnson Controls is the world's largest supplier of automotive seating and interior systems. The company's Automotive Systems Group, the largest of four divisions of the Milwaukee, WI-based Johnson Controls, is located in Plymouth Township.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Controls James H. Keyes credited the employees for the company's success. "Thanks to our employees, we

were able to make 1996 the 50th consecutive year of sales increases, reaching \$10 billion. 1996 is also the sixth straight year of earnings increases. Our annualized total return to shareholders was 21 percent for both the one and five years ended Sept. 30, 1996, exceeding the return produced by the Standard & Poor's Industrials over both periods."

Sales by the company's automotive business increased 35 percent to \$5.3 billion for 1996 compared with \$3.9 billion for 1995. Two-thirds of the increase was internal growth while one-third reflected the 1996 acquisition of Roth Freres, a French seating and interior systems company. The company stated that the internal growth stemmed from the company's new seating programs for vehicles such as the Ford F-series light truck in North America and the Ford Fiesta car in Europe.

The increase came despite relatively

flat vehicle production levels in North America and Europe. Operating income increased 28 percent to \$298.9 million from \$232.8 million for 1995. The increase reflects the higher volumes and improved profitability in North America and Europe, which was partially offset by investments in new markets such as Argentina, Brazil and the Asia/Pacific region. "An additional highlight of the year was the acquisition of Prince Automotive," said Keyes. "We are very enthusiastic about the opportunities that Prince provides us in becoming the market leader in automotive interior systems. Together with our strengthening position in automotive seating worldwide, we foresee ample growth opportunities for our automotive group in the near-term and beyond the year 2000."

The acquisition of Prince was effective Oct. 1, and therefore is now reflected in the company's results for fiscal 1996.

# Local charities have tough time finding collection points

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Local charities are finding fewer and fewer locations to collect their much-needed holiday contributions as businesses attempt to protect themselves from possible lawsuits by banning solicitation on their property.

The familiar Salvation Army red kettles won't be seen in front of Meijer or Arbor Drug stores again this year and businesses such as Unisys are requiring the Goodfellows, whose annual paper sale takes place Saturday, to carry insurance.

Although corporate policy is often cited by company spokespeople as the reason for the "no solicitation policies," the underlying reason is a fear of litigation.

Local bell ringers and Goodfellows braving the cold will have to ring a little louder and sell a few more papers to make up for lost collections at these stores. In fact, Plymouth-Canton Salvation Army red kettle coordinator Martha Schultz said approximately \$22,000 per year was lost when Meijer began enforcing their no solicitation policy — and that's just from the two local stores in Canton and Northville.

"We don't have any major malls out here," said Schultz. "We have to rely on places like Kmart, Target — places like that. We're grateful that Kmart, Target, Kroger, Farmer Jack's and Danny's still let us collect at their stores."

Never known as a group to complain, the Salvation Army will still work hard to collect this holiday season, according to Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division

Public Relations Director Dale Johnson.

"We do business where we can do business," he said. "We appreciate and applaud those companies that let us ring in front of their company."

Fred Marx, spokesperson for Arbor Drugs, said the no solicitation policy does not discriminate against any one group.

"It's not a matter of turning them (Salvation Army) down," he said. "As far as I know, there has never been a request."

But the policy remains in place.

The risk of a lawsuit is outweighed by community giving for the 10 Danny's Market stores, according to spokesperson Gail Conover. The Detroit Whalers are also welcoming the Goodfellows to Saturday's game at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

"No, I'm not surprised Meijer and Arbor have those policies," Conover said. "We know what the liability factors are. If something happened to us where we faced a huge lawsuit, we'd probably have to change our policy."

"It's a sad, sad, sorry state."

Conover said the company tries to protect itself by having the group or charity submit a request to solicit donations in writing. "We check their tax numbers to make sure they're valid non-profit organizations," she said.

Although companies like Meijer and Arbor don't allow solicitation, they do contribute heavily to other charitable organizations. "We always want to work with chari-

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## 'Deer season' begins in Plymouth

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

AND W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Downtown Plymouth and deer hunting don't usually go together. But for the fourth time in the last several years, a deer incident has captured the attention of the community.

Plymouth Police were dispatched to Laurel Furniture Nov. 17 when a burglar alarm was tripped. When police arrived, they found the breaking and entering was committed by a deer who had smashed through a glass door at the downtown furniture shop.

"I got paged by the police that a deer had been in the store," said Laurel Furniture owner Donald Wurm. "I was shocked that it went through a door with a sign on it."

According to police reports, officers entered the building while the deer was still inside, where they "...heard a rustling sound that was emanating from the southwest corner of the showroom."

The officers turned on their flashlights,

which spooked the deer, causing it to smash through the front window of the store and escape, police reports said. Some theorized the deer came into downtown along the CSX railroad tracks.

Wurm said between \$5,000-\$10,000 in damage was done to the store. Police reports said two 4'x8' windows were broken and blood stained the carpet throughout the store. A single Serta mattress was the only furniture damaged.

In recent past incidents, deer have:

- Crashed into the Penn Theatre on July 4, 1994 during a showing of Yankee Doodle Dandy. It ran around inside the theater before a patron opened up a back exit door and the deer escaped.
- Smashed in the back door formerly used by NBD on Fleet Street by the Central Parking Deck.
- Collided with a car in front of Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. That deer was killed, but the surprised driver was unhurt.

## Charities look for places to collect

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ties in any way we can," said Marx. "Arbor works with many charitable organizations."

Meijer Community Relations Coordinator Terri Glass said the company donates to many charities — including the Salvation Army — in other ways.

"We also donate to the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, to churches, schools and civic clubs," said Glass.

The Summit on the Park in Canton, who initially said solicitation would not be

allowed, has changed its mind. The Goodfellows will be selling papers at the community center.

Johnson said the focus needs to remain on the charities' goal to provide support for those in need. "I have faith people will come through for us," he said.

Conover said Danny's Markets are committed to local charities and will help in any way possible. "It's the community service thing to do," she said. "Yes, we're taking our chances, but we think it's worth it."

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Joan Conner will open her home to visitors Sunday. She is part of the Plymouth Symphony League's "Holiday Homes and Hosts" tour. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Home tour set for Sunday

The Plymouth Symphony League is holding their annual "Holiday Homes and Hosts" tour Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The tour will showcase eight homes and a rectory decorated for the holidays in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

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## Brownfield Authority would help clean up City

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to \$1,000,000 as an incentive to rehabilitate contaminated properties approved by the state.

In turn the City would capture a limited amount of local and state school operating taxes to pay for the clean-up of the site.

Affected schools and community colleges must first consent to the tax capture.

"If they're smart and look at things in the long run, they'll see the benefits," Plymouth Mayor Ronald Loiselle said.

Temporary losses would be surpassed by long-term revenues from businesses that could reclaim abandoned properties, Loiselle said.

The jurisdiction of the authority contains the entire city of Plymouth. According to Loiselle, this was done so sites not yet known to be contaminated can also be rejuvenated before the authority expires Jan. 1, 2001.

"A relaxation of groundwater standards also helps us," Loiselle said. "Together with this authority, the Amoco site could be cleaned up in five years instead of 15 or 20."

## Schools use funds for transportation, remodeling

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from the 1991 bond project," Little said.

And keeping the community faith is important, especially with the school district heading towards another bond campaign next year. Little said he anticipates purchasing eight or nine buses at approxi-

mately \$65,000 apiece. "We are going to pay a little bit more than the state bid price," he said.

Also, the school district might have to go outside of Michigan to buy the buses.

"I really think buses are important," said Little. "This year, we've had to borrow them."

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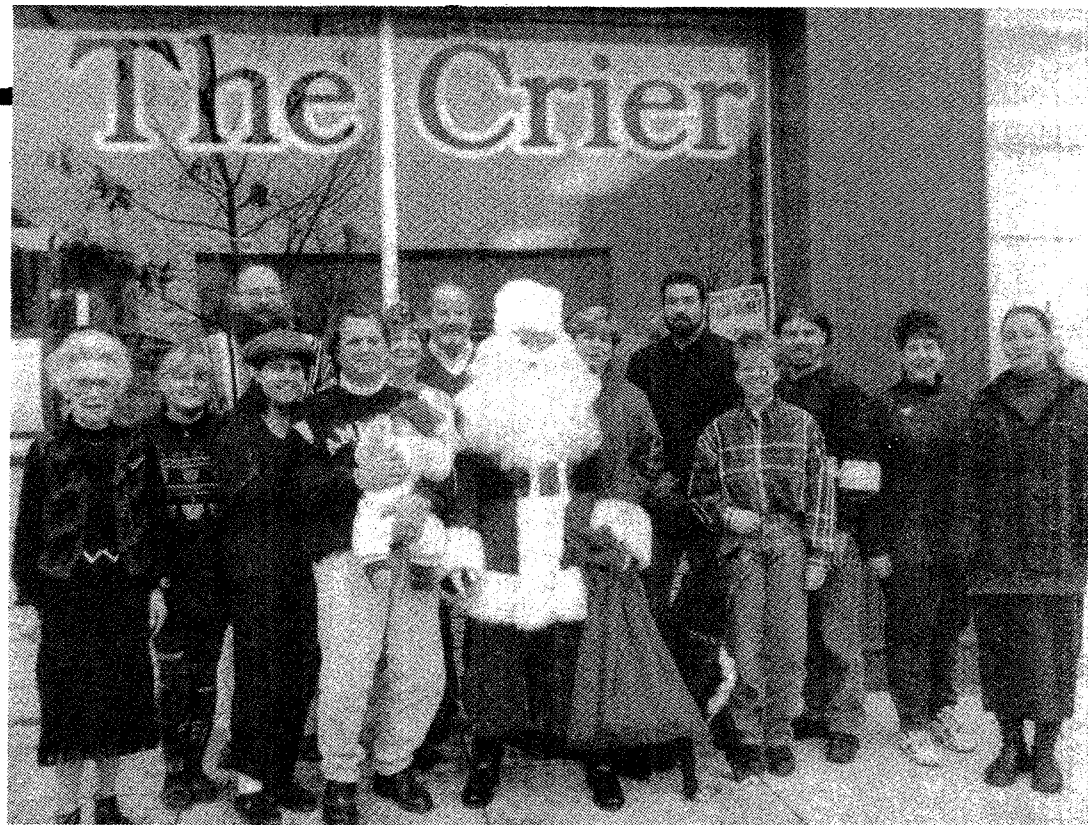
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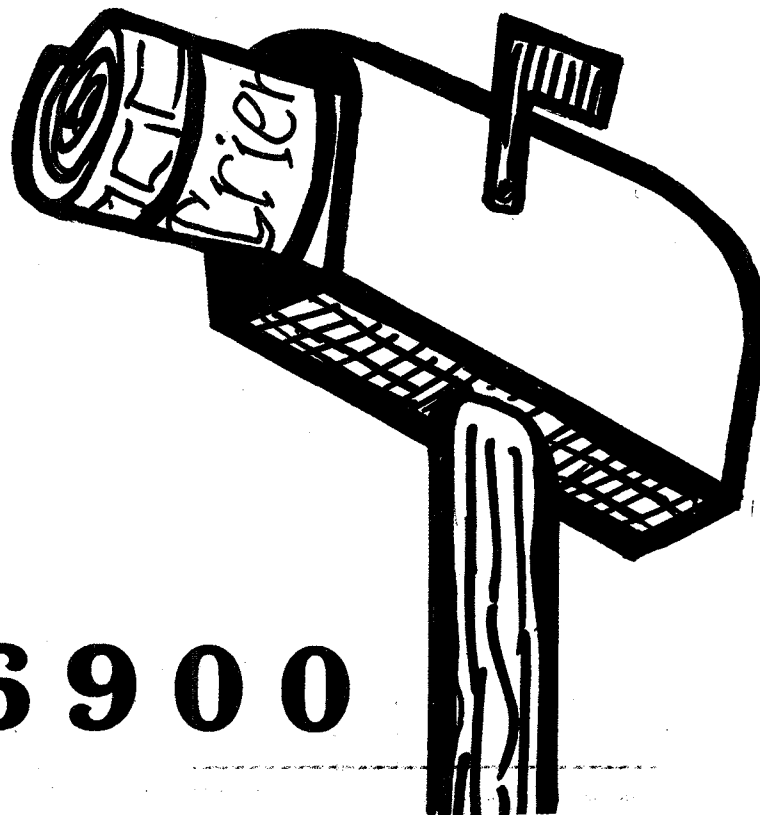
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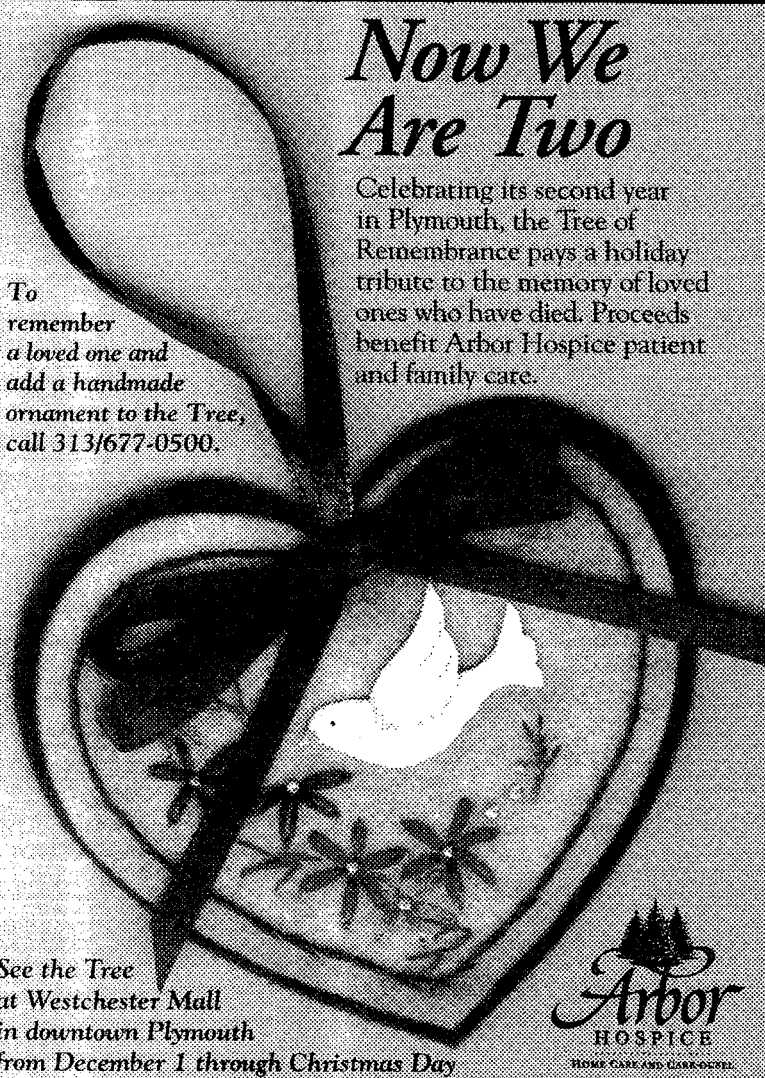
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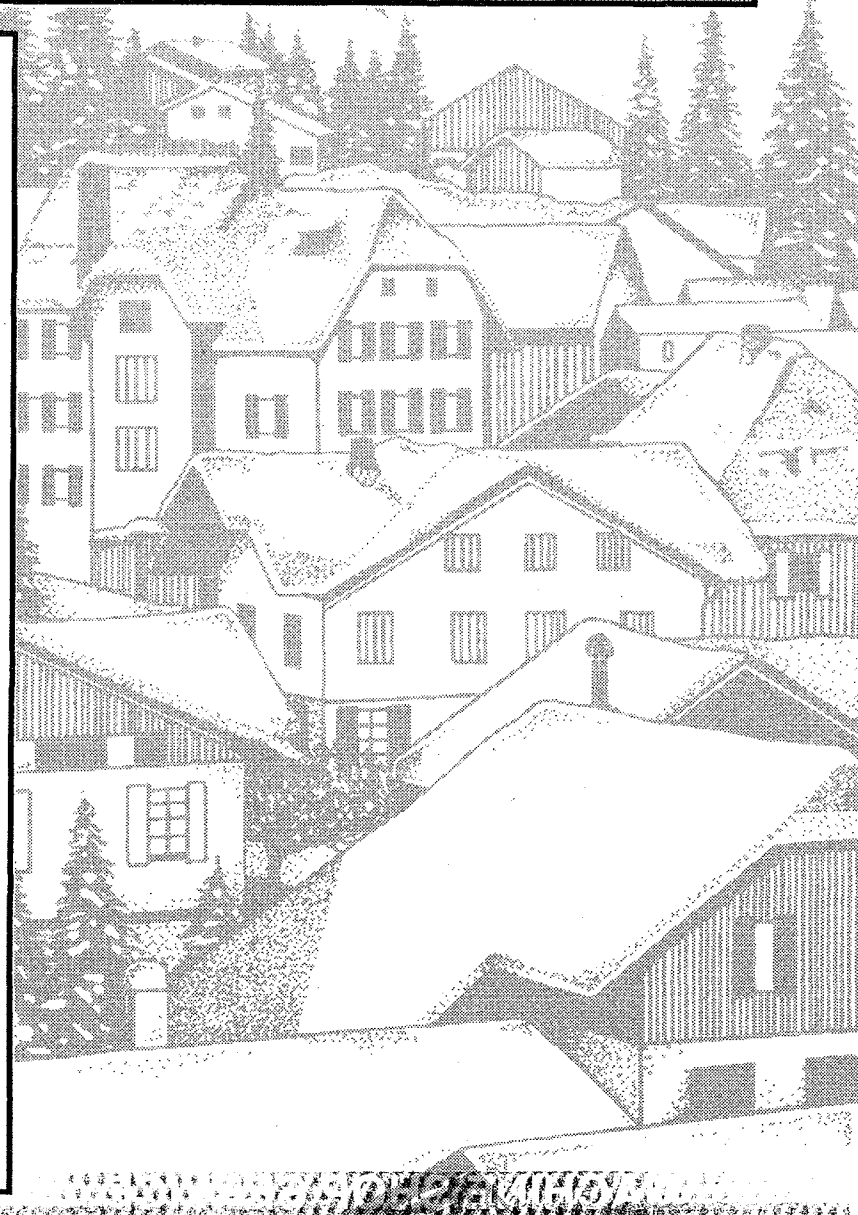
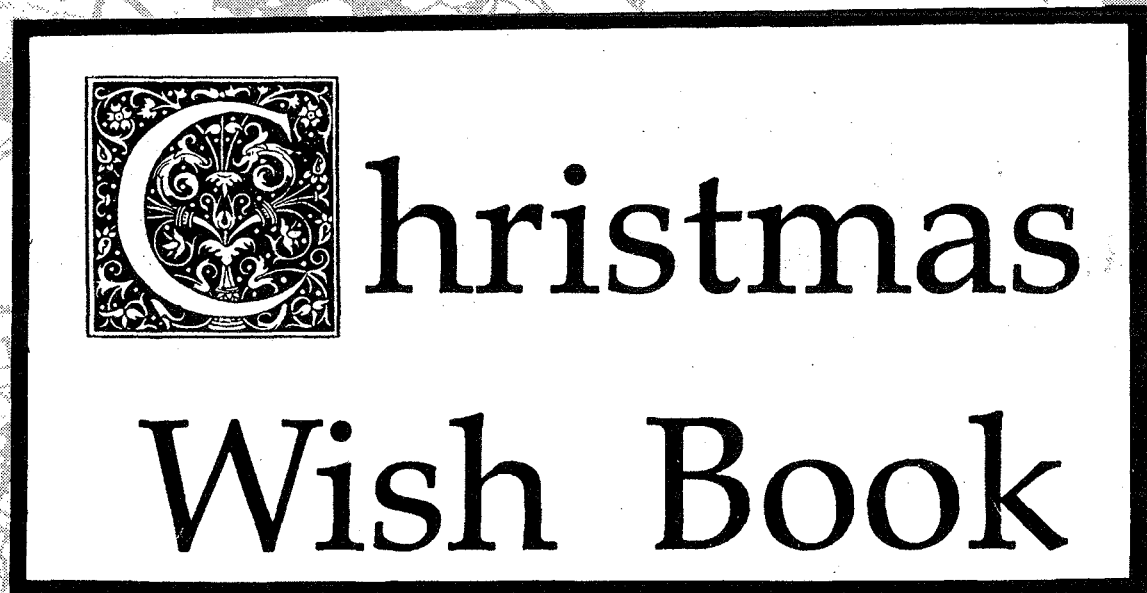
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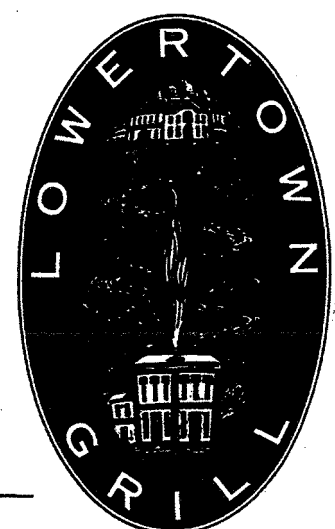
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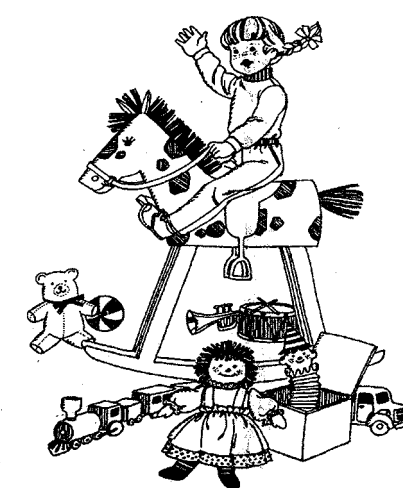
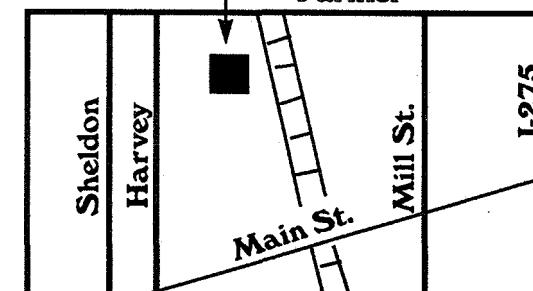
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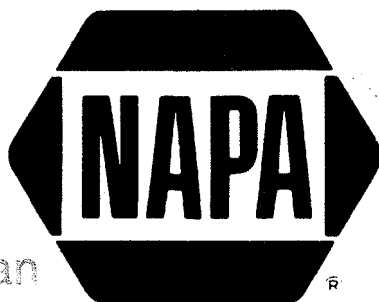
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# Health...

### HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Free health workshop every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Gingell Chiropractic Center, 9440 S. Main St. Suite 106 in Plymouth. For more information, call 453-2447.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### WARM CLOTHING FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

### RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 2-3 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

### OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes and infant CPR. For more information, call 454-8001.

# Groups...

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY TO CONDUCT SURVEY

Telephone survey Dec. 10 and Dec. 15 from 6:30-9 p.m. The survey will record residents' knowledge of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, musical preferences and their support of cultural institutions in general. The effort is part of a six month strategic process. For more information, call 451-2112.

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S NURSES CLUB

Dr. Robert E. Potter D.C., will be a guest speaker Monday at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Rd. in Canton. Topic: "Healthy Holiday Eating." Public invited to attend. Holiday treats will be served. RSVP by calling 455-5910 or 981-1817.

### WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH "SET THE MOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

Friday at noon at the First United Methodist Church, the Central Middle School choir will be performing and a special holiday visitor will be arriving. The Centennial Educational Park Madrigal Singers along with Holiday Inspirational Readings by a surprise readers.

### PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Raising funds by selling the Entertainment Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, movies, sports and more. The books are \$40, with a portion of the proceeds going to scholarships. To order call, Joanne Delaney at 455-5171 until Jan. 15.

### THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF ST. THOMAS a'BECKET CRAFT SHOW

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 Lilley Rd in Canton. Hourly raffles. Lunches available, Bake Sale. More than 75 crafters. Wheelchair accessible. Strollers welcome. Admission \$1, Seniors 50 cents, 12 and under free.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNUAL XMAS CONCERT

The third annual PCC Christmas Concert entitled "Christmas Celebration 1996" will be held Thursday at 8 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. 22 selections will be presented. Tickets are available at sideways, 505 S. Forest (453-8312); Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (455-4677) in Plymouth and at the door. For more information or to order tickets, call 455-4080 or 425-1208.

### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Symphony League is fund-raising by selling Entertainment '97 book. Each book contains hundreds of two for one discounts on dining, fast food, movie, sports activities, special attractions and hotels. Profits will benefit Symphony. To order, call 453-3016.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Books offer savings on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, car washes, etc. Proceeds will help fund the Chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. For information, call Stan at 459-6829.

### PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS 1997 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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# Upcoming...

### ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WINTER BAZAAR

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### CROSSROADS CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH BEGINS HOLIDAY TEACHING SERIES

Sunday- "Jesus, One of Us: His Humanity allows him to relate to our needs and struggles." Dec. 15- "Mary, Did You Know? Born in a cradle, he came to provide salvation on a cross." Dec. 22- "The Joy of Jesus: Celebrating his goodness to us." The church meets at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at West Middle School in Plymouth. For more information, call Pastor Rob Eddy at 641-6400.

### HANDCRAFTERS ANNUAL XMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Dec. 13-15 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. More than 70 juried artisans. Florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2. No strollers. For more information, call 459-0050.

### PEARL HARBOR DAY IN KELLOGG PARK

Saturday at 11 a.m. in Kellogg Park sponsored by the V.F.W. Post #6695 and Ladies Auxiliary. It's the 55th anniversary. For more information, call Ann at 459-2394.

### TOY DRIVE

Mel's Golden Razor, 595 S. Forest Ave. in Plymouth, began collecting new or used toys for needy families. First Step and Mott's Children's Hospital. Until Dec. 18.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY BAND FREE XMAS CONCERT

At the Canton High School Little Theater Friday at 8 p.m. Music will include a variety of marches, show tunes, easy listening, overtures, waltzes and holiday favorites. Additional winter concerts will be held Jan. 25 at Twelve Oaks Mall, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Little Theater and March 21 at 8 p.m. at the Little Theater.

### PCAC/WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS HOLIDAY PLAYS

The Shoemaker and the Elves; A Merry Christmas; and Little Cosette and Father Christmas. Each program runs about 15 minutes. Public performances are slated Saturday-Sunday at PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$4, and are available by calling 416-4ART. The production is also available to perform for special holiday parties. Audition for James and the Giant Peach will be held Jan 14-16. Performances will be held mid-April to May.

### CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH

Canton is beginning a search for talented residents who are interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who would like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications office at 397-5472.

# Volunteer...

### GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

The Plymouth-Canton Business Education Partnership is looking for individuals to share information about their occupation to students in classroom settings. To volunteer, call 416-4903.

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS

Each \$5 donation to honor an individual will illuminate a light and place a personalized angel on the Tree of Lights. Proceeds benefit patient related projects. For more information, call 467-2530.

### SALVATION ARMY NEEDS BELL RINGERS

The most difficult times to fill are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. For more information, call Jackie at 455-0530 or Martha at 453-5464.

### DONATE PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Plymouth District Library is seeking individuals, businesses, and community groups to donate the cost of a subscription to one of the more than 300 periodicals to which the library subscribes. Sponsor's name will appear on the front cover of the periodical. Donation is federal, state tax deductible. For more information, please call the library at 453-0750.

### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

### FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

### HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

### PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

### MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation-West Region is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

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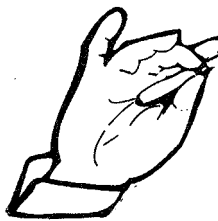
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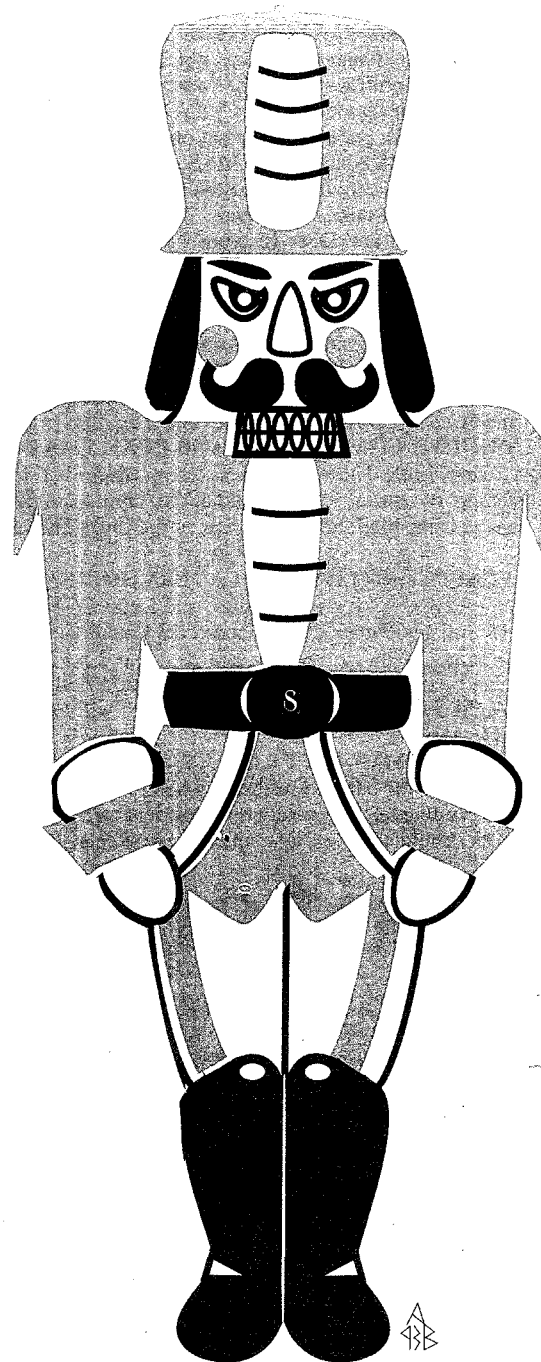
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## Community deaths

### Obituaries

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#### JUNE CLEO LAJINESS (BUDDIE)

June Cleo Lajiness (Buddie), a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 26, 1996 at the age of 76.

Mrs. Lajiness was born Jan. 6, 1920 in Cambria, PA. She moved to the community in 1970 from Lincoln Park. She worked as a scrub nurse in surgery at Lynn Hospital in Lincoln Park for five years. She attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lajiness is survived by her husband, Donald Lajiness; children, Carol, Lynn, Terry and Donald; brother, Richard Madison; grandchildren, David, Norman, Beth Ann, Teria, Becky, John, Christopher, Michael, Julie, Donnie, Derek and Leigh; and great grandchildren, Michael, Brittany, Jordin, A.J. and Kristina. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Erma Rae Morrison and sister, Irene.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe. Memorial tributes can be made to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

#### JOHN HENRY JONES

John Henry Jones, a Westland resident, died Nov. 25, 1996 at the age of 81.

Mr. Jones was born in Pardee, VA and moved to the community in 1977 from Sterling Heights. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II and worked as a furniture refinisher.

Mr. Jones is survived by his daughters, Vicki (Hubert) Warren of St. Clair, Sharon Douglas of Taylor, Wanda (Carl) Vendittelli of Canton, Dot (Paul) Abraham of Clinton Township and Faye (Frank) Kozlowski of Taylor; two sisters; one brother; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Evelyn Jones.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. Neil D. Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Rd., Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076.

#### Mary J. Goulette, 71, nurse

Mary J. Goulette, a Canton resident, died Nov. 25, 1996.

She is survived by two daughters; and two sons.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

#### Wanda L. Hall, 65, homemaker

Wanda L. Hall, a Plymouth Township resident, died Nov. 10, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Hall; son, Richard W. (Kim) Hall II of Plymouth; daughter, Pamela (Frank) Grzelak of Canton; and one grandson.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. E. Neil Hunt officiating.

## Canton Assessor's Office moves to administration building

The Canton Assessor's Office will move to the lower level of the main Canton Administration Building today from its current space in the back of Fire Station No. 1 at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads.

The lower level of the administration building has been renovated to house all of the staff and records of the assessor along with new community meeting space for clubs and organizations. Once the move is completed, the assessor's office will operate under the same general hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) as the rest of the municipal organization housed in the building.

Canton currently contracts with Wayne County Appraisal Company for all of its assessing services, and provides the firm with office space, equipment and other general support.

The assessor's office annually reviews all of the tax assessments on residential properties in the community and periodically does the same for the commercial and industrial properties. It works closely with the Canton Treasurer's Office and Finance & Budget Department.

Once the move is complete, the assessor's office will receive new phone numbers. The current number is 981-6400.

The assessor's office is expected to be closed for business today and tomorrow as part of the move to the administration building. The new address for the assessor will be: 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

## Post offices expand holiday hours

The Plymouth Post Offices are expanding their services for the busy holiday season.

Every Saturday until Christmas both Plymouth offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All post offices close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There will be full delivery on Christmas Eve with Express and Priority Mail deliveries available on Christmas Day.

The Post Office suggests mailing early in the day but extra daily collections and Sunday collections have been added. For added convenience, there are three 24-hour post offices open for retail services: George W. Young Post Office, 1401 W. Fort St. in Detroit; Redbird Branch 12245 Beech Daly Rd., and Airport Mail Center at Detroit Metro Airport.

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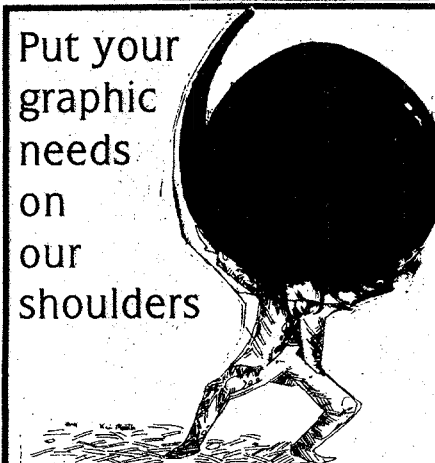
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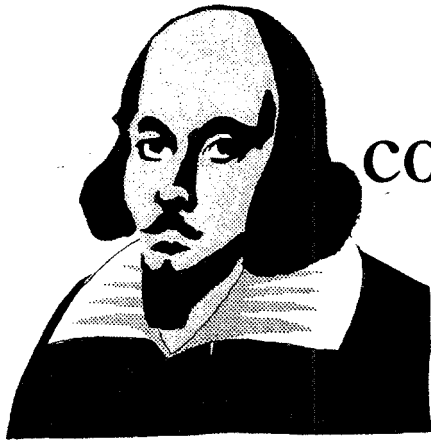
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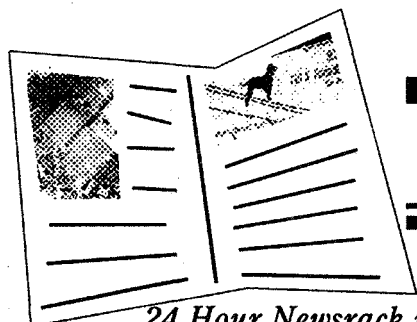


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# Whalers, OHL train future hockey stars

BY BRIAN CORBETT

What do Wayne Gretzky, Steve Yzerman and Eric Lindros have in common? Besides being superstars in the NHL, the three centers all played in the Ontario Hockey League — *THE* supplier of future NHL talent for more than 60 years.

The arrival of the Detroit Whalers to The Plymouth-Canton Community provides a unique opportunity for hockey enthusiasts and sports fans to get a glimpse of a league that has more than 200 graduates currently playing in the NHL.

Despite accounting for one-third of the world's professional players, the OHL remained rather anonymous with Metro Detroiters and Americans alike, until the OHL granted Whalers owners Peter Karmans and Thomas Thewes a franchise in 1989.

While the OHL may be a new addition to the Michigan sports scene, it has a colorful history that can be traced back more than 100 years. In the league's dawn, the University of Toronto Schools and the Toronto Canoe Club competed against St. Michael's College and the Stratford Midgets, establishing a tradition of passion for a sport unparalleled in any other country.

Old-time stars Dinty Moore and Red Storey entertained the small farming and logging communities of our neighbors to the north, inspiring hometown pride and cross province rivalries.

Decades later coaching legends Hap Emms and Scotty Bowman began their careers nurturing the development of future NHLers Stan Mikita, Jacques Caron, Gerry Cheevers and Bernie Parent. But the OHL didn't begin to have a profound effect on the NHL until the 1960s. It was then, under NHL sponsorship, that the OHL began to flourish. And when the NHL expanded from the Original Six, so did the OHL. It became a full-fledged independent operation in 1974, beginning a tidal wave of talent that includes former Red Wings Mike Foligno, Ron Duguay, Dale McCourt, Jim Rutherford, and Mickey Redmond. They were joined in their assault on the NHL by Doug Gilmour, Al MacInnis, Dino Ciccarelli, John Vanbiesbrouck, Kirk Muller, Pat Verbeek and Mike Gartner, who surprised cities across North America with stellar careers but



Detroit Whaler goalie Robert Esche was drafted in the sixth round by NHL's Phoenix Coyotes. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

not the fans in their Ontario hometowns. The OHL had been elevated into the primary destination for professional scouts.

Now it has 17 teams stretching across two states and Canada's southern-most province — from Sarnia to Sudbury and Kitchener to Kingston. And the OHL will likely continue to grow with further NHL expansion and the influx of minor professional hockey leagues. In fact, Detroit might get another OHL franchise before the year 2000.

The OHL is one of three members of the Canadian Hockey League, the other two are the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Together they compete each spring for the Memorial Cup, a tradition since 1919 when it was presented in commemoration of the many Canadian hockey players who served in World War I. The tournament features a double round robin tournament and a sudden death game for the Cup.

It's the kind of high pressure situations that attracts the teenage players to the OHL instead of college.

It was a tough decision faced by Whalers Assistant Coach Steve Spott and Pat Peake, a former OHL player and current Washington Capital, when they were young teenagers.

The OHL player ranges from 16-20, with each club allowed to keep two "under-agers" and two "over-agers."

Peake, a Madison Heights native, was 16 when he was the first player ever drafted by the Detroit Whalers franchise in 1990, then known as the Detroit Ambassadors. At an age when most boys are worrying about prom dates and getting their driver's license, Peake had to decide to whether to go to college, or join the ranks of the OHL immediately.

"I was approached by several colleges, which was good. But my goal was to get to the NHL in the quickest way possible. I decided the OHL was the best possibility for me," Peake said.

And there were several substantial variables that weighed in Peake's decision: the style of play, OHL rules and length of schedule and draining road trips, which differ greatly from college hockey leagues.

"You travel a lot and you play 66 games, rather than playing 30 games mostly on the weekends in college," Peake said.

Spott couldn't agree more. "The key thing when you look at the Ontario Hockey League, is the boys are going to get used to the duration of a NHL-type season, and experience the traveling, getting off the bus and being ready to play," he said.

Spott ought to know the difference; he received a full scholarship to play hockey at Colgate University in 1987. "I went to Colgate. So for me, I've seen both sides of the coin, and I've got to be honest, the OHL is the way to go," he said.

But its detractors will say that Peake and other OHL graduates missed an opportunity to gain a valuable college education, while still playing hockey.

Not true, Spott says. "When you look at the stats, these kids can be just as much student-athletes as college players," he said.

That's because each OHL franchise pays for a player's education — high school or college — and provides boarding homes in which to live.

Current Whalers' defenseman Jesse Boulerice, for example, is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Spott said.

Peake didn't feel chided in his education. He enrolled in night classes and worked with the team's tutors during his three-year stint in Detroit before leaving for the nation's capital.

It's not school books anymore, it's the record books for Peake, a natural goal scorer.

Needless to say, Peake doesn't regret his decision. "I wouldn't change a thing if I had to do it again," said Peake.

## On deck

### SALEM BOYS BASKETBALL

The first game of the season is at home versus the Monroe Trojans Tuesday. JV game at 6 p.m. Varsity game follows immediately after.

### SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

The Conference Relays start the season at 1 p.m. Dec. 21

### SALEM WRESTLING

At home at 5 p.m. tomorrow versus Monroe, Farmington and Canton.

### SALEM GYMNASTICS

Always one of the best team in the state, the Salem gymnastics team begins the season Dec. 12 at Ann Arbor Huron.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Madonna Tournament opens the 1996-97 season Dec. 14 at 8 a.m.

### CANTON BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday at home versus Wayne. JV begins at 6 p.m. Varsity follows immediately after.

### CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

The EMU Invitational begins the season at 1 p.m. Dec. 14

### CANTON WRESTLING

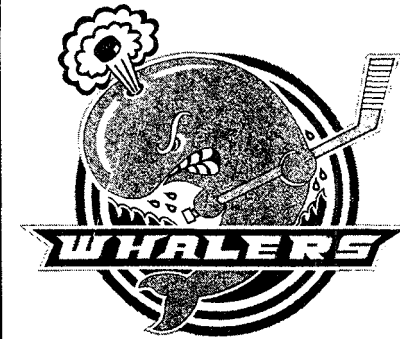
Tomorrow at Salem at 5 p.m.

### CANTON GYMNASTICS

Dec. 14 at home versus Freeland at 11 a.m.

### CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At the Allen Park Invitational at 8 a.m. Dec. 14.



## THAR SHE BLOWS! DETROIT WHALERS SCHEDULE

### December

- 6th — London
- 7th — OTTAWA
- 8th — ERIE
- 12th — Windsor
- 14th — GUELPH
- 15th — WINDSOR

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**Erie Otters**  
**Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds**  
**Sarnia Sting**  
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

Canton resident **Kevin Schock** is one of 200 Michigan residents participating in the state's Dec. 9-17 elk hunt. The successful applicants were computer-drawn from a pool of 42,367 eligible people.

This year's elk hunting includes portions of Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Ostego and Presque Isle counties.

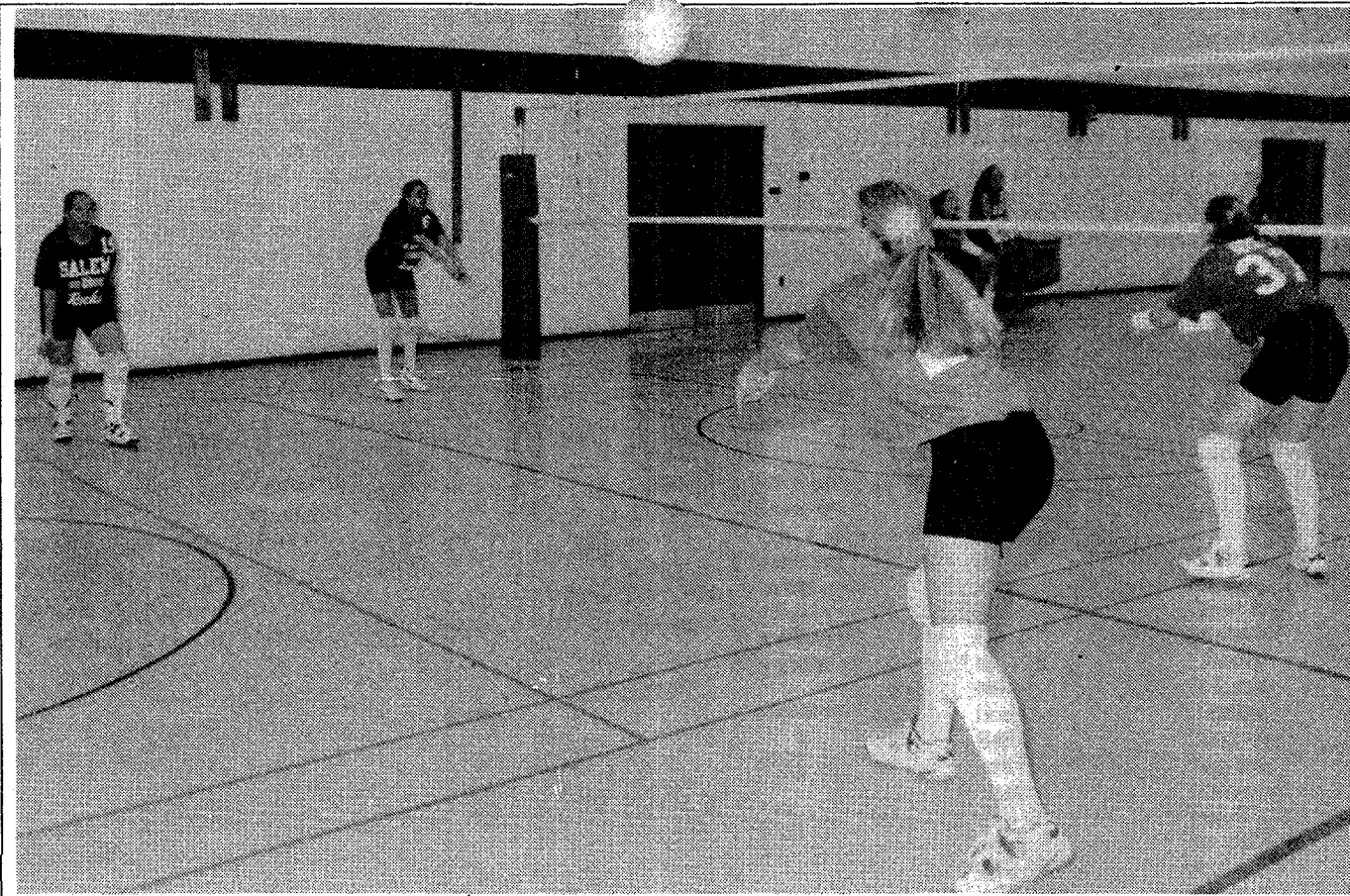
Sharpen those blades of steel. The City of Plymouth Recreation Department has **open skate** time at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Monday: Noon to 1:40 p.m. Wednesday: 11:50 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Friday: 12:50 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

**Training for new soccer referees** will be held at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8. Each class is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Must attend all classes. Certification test will be given on the last day. Cost is \$43. Class open to all those 12 years or older. To register, call 454-7335. Leave your name and number.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department offers **drop in volleyball for senior citizens** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St. Fee is \$1 per person. Non residents welcome. For more information, call 810-349-0203.

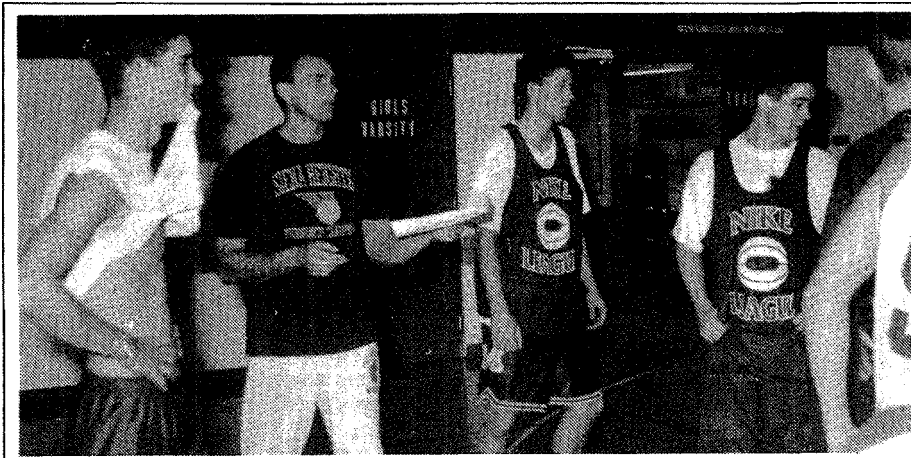
The Canton Parks and Recreations Services is sponsoring its **Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at this sale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the New Town Plaza Shopping Center at Ford and Sheldon roads tomorrow between 6-9 p.m. and Friday between 2-4 p.m. Items will be priced and tagged for the sale on Saturday.

**Lisa Bares** of Plymouth was a sophomore midfielder on the Kalamazoo College women's soccer team this season. Kalamazoo finished the season in second place with an overall record of 14-1-2 and 9-1-2 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. For the season, Bares, a graduate of Salem High School, had one goal for a total of two points. Bares is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bares of Plymouth. Teammate **Andrea Sudik** of Canton was a freshman midfielder. For the season, Sudik, a graduate of Salem High School, had three goals and five assists for a total of 11 points. Sudik is the daughter of Michael Sudik of Garden City and Donna Clack of Canton.



## Ready to roll!

Winter sports teams are getting ready for competition. The Salem girls volleyball team (above) and the Salem boys basketball team (right) squeeze in some last minute practice time before their seasons begin. Both teams are expected to lead their respective leagues. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



## Whalers' power play revived in tie, win over Erie

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The month of November was getting worse midway through the second period in the first game of the Whalers' two-game series in Erie, PA last week.

Detroit was trailing, 4-1, and seemingly on the way to another loss to add to their 2-7 record this month.

But Chad Cavanagh would revive the Whalers' dormant power play at 9:03 of the second period, and Detroit would go on to outscore the Otters 9-3 in the next 90:57 for a 5-5 tie Thursday night and a 5-2 victory last Saturday.

Detroit's anemic power play, which ranks 14th overall (26 for 140) in the OHL, scored on three of five chances in the series pitting the league's only American teams.

The lowest scoring team in the OHL with 77 goals in 26 games, the Whalers have scored 20 goals in the last four games. They have gone 2-1-1 in that span.

Detroit is 9-15-2 (20 points) and in fourth place in the West Division, 17 points behind first-place Sault Ste. Marie.

In the Thanksgiving night contest, Erie jumped out to a commanding 4-1 lead after Detroit's Sergei Fedotov scored the first goal of the game on the power play at 3:53 of the opening period. Cavanagh's eighth tally of the season tied him for the team lead

in power play goals with five. Defenseman Troy Smith's first goal of the season at 12:10 of the second period made the score 4-3.

Cavanagh's work on the power play paid off again when he assisted on Andrew Taylor's 12th goal of the season at 9:52 to tie the game, 4-4. Erie took the lead one more time on center Jason Ward's score with the extra man.

But the Otters' 5-4 lead was brief. Druken answered for Detroit 54 seconds later, his third point of the game, on an assist from Jesse Boulerice.

The Whalers still carried the momentum of the 5-5 tie two nights later when they scored three goals in the game's first 3:57.

Forward Steve Dumonski opened the scoring at 2:27 on assists from Randy Fitzgerald and Kevin Holdridge.

Taylor and Cavanagh set up the next two goals scored by Steve Wasylo, his sixth and seventh of the season.

After a scoreless second period, Detroit goalie Robert Esche had his shutout bid snapped when Erie's Steve Nimigon scored his 18th and 19th goals of the season, the latter at 19:10. The Otters pulled goalie Patrick Dovigi for the extra attacker, but empty net goals by Taylor and Mark Cadotte secured the Whalers' victory.



# Community opinions

## Worst brings out best in business owners

Community means more than just the people who live in an area. A true community includes the businesses and business owners as well.

The best test of any community comes during a time of crisis. Our business community was tested this weekend after a series of break-ins were discovered in downtown Plymouth.

Although no one wanted or needed to come to work on Monday on the heels of a break-in, it was amazing to see Plymouth's downtown business community come together. Information on the break-ins was shared between the businesses. Business owners offered their support to each other. Even though the break-ins were unfortunate, they strengthened the business community.

Some questions obviously remain: Why didn't the police return phone calls from business people and residents concerned about the break-ins? Why didn't they use their newly-updated "night phone numbers of business owners" list to call and warn businesses? Why wasn't the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce phone fan-out business list used?

With the help and support of each other, the downtown Plymouth business community can help prevent these break-ins from taking place in the future.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Holidays are time of giving

The holiday season is a time of giving for residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community. The community has a long tradition of going above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to giving to local charities.

This year, the charities are asking for your help once again.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is underway. The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will be on the streets of the community Saturday. The United Way is working on their final push to meet this year's goal. These charities deserve your support.

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### *Do you know a needy family in Plymouth or Canton?*

If you wish to suggest a family to be considered for Goodfellows Christmas assistance, fill in this form and mail it to:  
Plymouth Goodfellows, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170 or  
Canton Goodfellows by calling (313) 397-5348

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number in family \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

*Our resident Goodfellow Santa(s) actually go to the recipients' homes before Christmas and collect a wish list from parents for their individual children. The identity of the families are never revealed.*

## Join 'the ants' in Plymouth-Canton Community

The Plymouth-Canton Community is like an ant hill — although it looks like there's little activity on the surface, it's bustling inside.

All it takes to see the activity going on is a glance at The Crier's "What's Happening" section (pgs. 20-21).

Although we can't print every announcement we receive every week, What's Happening is a good cross-section of community events.

Reading the What's Happening section is also a good way to get involved in the community.

Periodically there are listings for group meetings in the community. Every week there are listings for special events.

Sometimes it's easier to sit along the sidelines and watch the world go by instead of getting involved. It's much more fulfilling to take the chance and join a group or attend a community event.

Think about it. Every single person who is currently involved in one of the many groups in the community was once on the outside looking in.

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



The Optimists, Kiwanis Club, Jaycees and all the other groups in the community would be empty without people making the commitment to join and give their time.

And without groups like these (and so many others) this community wouldn't be such a great place to live.

It's never too early to get started on New Years' resolutions. Why not make joining a group or attending one of the many community events a priority?

And keep reading and sending in information to The Crier's What's Happening section.

Although everything doesn't make it in every week, we'll continue to keep the community up to date on everything that's happening.

So join a group or attend a community event. It's easy and fun.

It's a lot more fun to join the army of ants in this community than to sit on the ant hill watching.

## Help control ground-level ozone

EDITOR:

People in Michigan are rushing to emergency rooms during the summer because they can't breathe. Ground-level ozone must be controlled so the elderly, children, people with chronic lung disease (like asthma and emphysema) and healthy people who choose to exercise outdoors can breathe. The current ozone standard is not strong enough to protect Michigan residents.

In 1994 ozone sent nearly 3,000 people to the emergency room because they could not breathe. It also hospitalized approximately 1,000 people. Both of those numbers came from the Detroit-area hospitals only!

Responding to a court order issued as a result of a 1993 American Lung Association lawsuit, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reviewing the ozone standard. The current ozone standard is .12 parts per million (ppm). The EPA's proposed standard is .085 ppm and is still not strong enough. Should that standard pass, nearly one million Michigan residents will go unprotected. The American Lung Association recommends a safer standard be set at .07 ppm.

The dangerous ground-level ozone mostly comes from motor vehicle exhaust. The chemicals (hydrocarbons) in the exhaust bake under the hot sunlight to form ozone, the main ingredient in smog. Other sources that add to the ozone problem are gasoline stations, chemical plants, paints, solvents and power plants.

Ground level ozone is life-threatening for some people and they, including children, need your help. The EPA will formally proposed a new standard on Nov. 30, 1996. Write to your representative in Congress, to the administrator of EPA- Carol Browner (US EPA, 401 Michigan St., Washington, DC 20460) or to President Clinton (The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500 - phone: 202/456-1414, e-mail: President@white house.gov) and advocate that the new ozone standard be set at .07 ppm.

If you would like more information on this topic, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (800) LUNG-USA.

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# Community Editorials





# Community opinions

## Bill provides little support for local arts

EDITOR:

We are writing on behalf of an alliance of groups which strongly supports local community-based art organizations in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The Michigan Senate has recently passed legislation (Senate Bill 1053) that would allow a tax levy for cultural arts activities to be placed on the ballot. We understand that the Michigan House of Representatives is currently considering a similar bill.

A major problem with the proposed cultural arts tax levy is that it provides relatively little support for local arts organizations. The current proposal calls for a one-half mill increase with 80 percent being directed to large cultural institutions, 10 percent to new county cultural projects, and the remaining 10 percent to local community based cultural arts groups. This approach does not provide for an equitable sharing of the millage for community-based cultural arts groups.

Please note that our alliance could support an additional millage request if there would be a sharing of the millage to adequately fund community-based cultural arts organizations. A more equitable

approach would be to increase the percentage directed to the community-based organizations to 30 percent while directing the remaining 70 percent to the large cultural institutions.

It is important to generate stronger financial support for community-based cultural organizations with this legislation because:

- Community-based cultural arts organizations support the larger regional cultural arts organizations by developing a strong audience base that both groups share.

- Community-based cultural arts organizations dramatically improve the quality of life at the local level by providing access to the arts for a wide and diverse range of audiences.

- Community-based cultural arts organizations develop and enhance the ongoing economic vitality of the arts by providing numerous opportunities for local artists.

Our alliance feels that stronger financial support for community-based cultural arts organizations will forge a more effective partnership between the local groups and the large regional cultural institutions. We encourage everyone in the area who has an

interest in the local arts community to contact their local House Representative regarding changing this legislation to positively affect our local arts community. We encourage interested parties to move quickly since action on the legislation is expected to take place soon after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you for your consideration.

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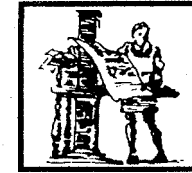
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## Holiday humbug has no place in community

Happy holidays!

But don't say that to the several merchants in downtown Plymouth who were robbed, to the businessman on Canton's eastern edge who had two newly-planted evergreens cut down and hauled away, or to the Lowertown official dealing with a complainer's "the Christmas carols are too loud."

While it seems that the Happy Holidays always bring a share of tension and unhappiness, this year is more wacko than usual.

Even before his store was one of the recent to get burglarized, a Florist Friend predicted all this weirdness and revealed why:

The full moon falls on Christmas Eve.

That may explain it, but when hearing all this anti-

With malice  
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By W. Edward  
WENDOVER



holiday weirdness committed by obviously uncaring-folk, one is reminded of the sign proudly displayed at old Wayside Gifts by Retail Genius Julie Thomann:

"Shoplifters will be cheerfully beaten to a pulp."

That goes for burglars, tree-stealers and carol-whiners too!

Happy Holidays!

## Congratulations to Plymouth-Canton Festival Singers

EDITOR:

On Nov. 24, 1996, members of The Plymouth-Canton Festival Singers along with other choruses from across the United States, were led by guest conductor Leonard Riccinto, in a performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* at Carnegie Hall.

I am writing you to inform your readership of the wonderful success that the chorus enjoyed in this performance.

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We congratulate the members of the chorus on their appearance and

wish to make special mention of Donald Daniels, for assisting them in preparing for this special concert. Indeed, your community is fortunate to have The Plymouth-Canton Festival Singers in its midst.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to support its activities. We look forward to having the chorus return to our program in the future.

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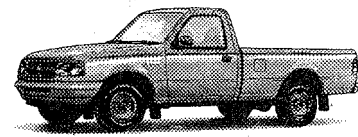
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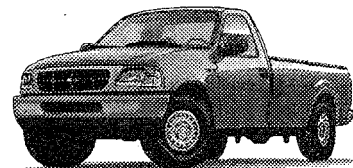
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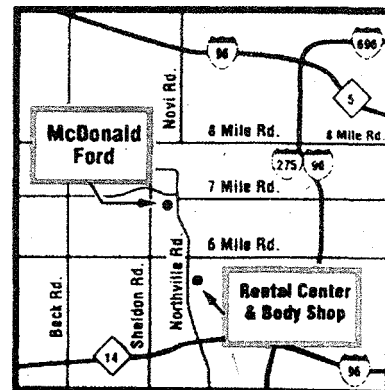
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