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Locals' goal: CHL Cup tournament

5,000 visitors, \$7 million to P-C-N

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Would The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community want 5,000 visitors spending \$7 million over 12 days in May?

Hosting the 1999 Canadian Hockey League Memorial Cup could mean just that for businesses here.

Although the Plymouth Whalers are one of the favorites to represent the Ontario Hockey League in next May's Memorial Cup final, they are looking for more than just an invitation to play in the junior hockey championship.

The Whalers want to host the prestigious event.

For The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, a Memorial Cup tournament could bring more than \$7 million into the local economy, pack restaurants and hotels and put the community at the center of international media coverage of the junior hockey universe, at least for 12 days.

For the Whalers, it means an automatic bid to the tournament and a chance to show off their sparkling facility, Compuware Sports Arena.

"This would be huge," said Whaler coach and

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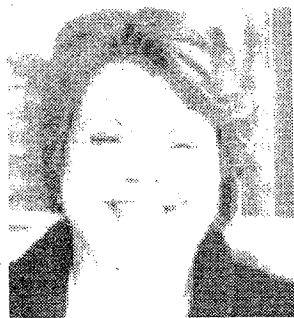
McLaughlin halts recount

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Around 2 a.m. Nov. 4, the banquet room was fairly empty in Summit on the Park.

Those still at Canton's election headquarters sat exhausted at tables, loosening collars, kicking off shoes and scanning the broad sheets of election results and assessing their impact on the township.

Most contests were over, their results decided. The only active wall displayed returns of the 11th County Commission race. Canton's Melissa McLaughlin was neck-and-neck with Wayne



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resident John Sullivan.

The final results didn't come in until the next day.

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Whalers dominate

Druken on pace to set Plymouth single-season goal record

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Inside the lines... isn't where Robby Lowe's mind was when he made his vibrant marks on the Crier's annual holiday coloring contest. Judging from the look of the yellow teddy bear — the only part completed — Robby's mind was on Christmas morning wishes. He and the other three contest winners appear on pg. 13. Look inside for Letters to Santa, too.

Arson 2 at Canton High School

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Police are investigating the second case of arson in as many months at Canton High School.

The school was evacuated at 1:10 p.m. Friday after a fire was reported in a first floor girls' restroom on the north side of the building, according to Tom George, security chief at the high school.

"Security officer Tim Stapan responded first to the scene," he said. "A student ran up to him and told him there was smoke coming from the restroom."

Stapan checked out the door, but didn't open it

because of the amount of smoke billowing forth, George said. The smoke came from burning plastic toilet seat covers, according to George.

"When they catch on fire they give off noxious fumes," he said. "It's dangerous to breath them in."

The Canton Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

A similar incident occurred Oct. 16 in the adjacent boys' restroom, according to Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

The two 17-year-old Canton suspects from that case

have been expelled from school and are awaiting trial for arson — a 10-year felony — in Wayne County Circuit court.

Neither police nor high school security have suspects yet, but George was confident they would find who was responsible.

"The Canton police department will find who did this and they will charge them," said Canton Police Ofc. Mike Steckel.

Anyone with any information about the incident can call the Canton detective bureau at 734-397-5337.

In Canton:

Thieves take time at Ford Rd. Speedway

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Three men robbed the Speedway gas station at Ford and Lilley roads early

Wednesday morning and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes.

According to Canton police reports, at 3:30 a.m., an 18- to 22-year-old man armed with a .38-caliber semi-automatic handgun approached the gas station employe and pointed the weapon at him.

When the suspect ordered the employe to open the office behind the sales counter, the victim said he couldn't get inside, according to reports.

The suspect then put on a white glove, chambered a round and fired the gun at the door handle, according to Ofc. Leonard

Schemanske. "That wasn't very effective," he said. "It just bounced off the door."

The suspect then ordered the victim to lay on the floor and began to kick the door in, according to reports.

The victim said he heard the suspect talking in another language to others who had entered the store, according to Schemanske.

Although video from the gas station's camera showed three suspects, the picture was not clear enough to identify them, Schemanske said.

He said the suspects appeared to be very

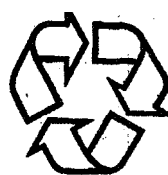
patient as they entered and exited the store for about 10 minutes.

"They were calm and collected," he said. "All in all, they were in the store for about 10 minutes. It's the longest holdup I've ever seen."

The suspects grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash and a large quantity of cigarettes before fleeing in an unseen direction, according to reports.

The case has been turned over to the detective bureau. Anyone who believes they saw the suspects can call the bureau at 734-397-5337.

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In the Twp:

Slain ofc. funeral Sat.

Services for Shawn Bandy, the Detroit Police officer killed in the line of duty Monday, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Temple Baptist Church.

Some 500 squad cars from across the state are expected to arrive in Plymouth Township

to pay respects to Bandy, according to Lt. Bob Smith of Plymouth Township Police. "It's an honor to have them here," he said.

The tragedy reaches Plymouth just as police here are preparing an annual memorial for officers slain as they served.

As in other communities across the country, Plymouth Township is asking residents to shine a blue light in a window or porch light this holiday season in support of Project Blue Light, a tribute to fallen and working police officers.

Locally, Ofc. John Drake of the Plymouth Township Police has strung more than 11,000 blue lights around trees at Township Hall and has organized an evening ceremony Monday at 7:30 p.m. A piper band, the Township Honor Guard and the Plymouth Whalers will be on hand to pay tribute to fallen officers, including former Township Ofc. Steve Reuther.

Reuther was working part-time for the Township in 1991 when he was gunned down in the line of duty in Milan, MI.

Drake said residents can show their support for Reuther and other officers by displaying the light, or showing up Monday for the Township ceremony. Call 734-453-3869 for details.

B & E fails at Hilltop

Plymouth Township police are seeking warrants for two men now in custody they believe tripped alarms at Hilltop Golf Course Monday in an attempted robbery.

The alarm sounded around 2 a.m., according to reports, and the Township responded with Ofcs. Cheston and Lego dispatched to the scene.

When they arrived, police saw two men — a 26-year-old from Wayne and a 23-year-old from Dearborn Heights — leaving the area in pickup truck, according to Det. Jim Jarvis.

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Court wins 1 over Edison

Judge overturns motion, keeps suit in Wayne County

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Marianne Battani gave the 35th District Court Authority its first victory Friday in a suit filed in July against Detroit Edison.

Battani overruled a motion by Edison that would have sent the suit to the Public Service Commission — and significantly lowered any damages the court could recover, according to Carl Jarboe, attorney for the 35th District Court Authority (DCA).

The Public Service Commission is a body that solves disputes based on the contract between companies and their users, Jarboe said. It is more for individuals or firms that have suffered damages because of inadequate service, he said.

Retreat on hold

BY BRYON MARTIN

With Mayor Don Dismuke and Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury absent Monday night, Plymouth's City Commission decided to forestall a final decision on the fate of their planned private retreat.

The Commission will wait until all seven officials are present to vote on whether to go ahead with or scrap a secret meeting to discuss their internal conflicts with a group counselor. Saturday was to be the date of the retreat, which attorneys have said would violate the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who arranged the initial Commission meeting with counselor Maryann Hastings, said "additional legal opinions said that we can't do this in private."

Commissioners, including Dismuke and Shrewsbury, had expressed reticence at holding the meeting in private.

Both were absent from Monday's regular meeting on business.

The Sheldon underpass:

Officials seek public input

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

They've had their say, now at least one member of the Plymouth Joint Services Committee wants to know what you think.

At a joint commission meeting Wednesday City Commissioner Dave McDonald suggested the two elected boards hold a public hearing on how to finance the Sheldon Road underpass project.

Despite expressing optimism at Wayne County's recent offer to cap the City's and Township's commitment to the project at

\$1 million each, McDonald and fellow commissioners remain concerned with the Township's intention to hold separate millage elections.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has said will pay no more than 50 per cent of the local cost of the underpass project, which would leave City residents to pay four times as much as Township residents.

The City Commission doesn't believe that's fair. They are asking for a community-wide millage where every resident

would pay at the same millage rate.

"I'm hearing what the electeds say. And I'm hearing two different spins on this," McDonald said. "I'd like to know what sort of input the public has."

McDonald's suggestion was greeted with only muted support. Township Trustee Ron Griffith and City Commissioner Colleen Pobur quietly welcomed the idea, while Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said the Township would have to study their options first.

The same type of hearing has been held on issues such as community recreation and Mettetal Airport, McDonald said.

The commissioner has been emphatic that the project should be financed with the community-wide millage.

"I may be dead wrong on this. But common sense tells me we should go in this together," he said. "We are on the threshold of making this a reality. It would be dumb to lose this now."

Officials offer no word yet on when or if such a hearing will take place. But McDonald has pledged to "keep pushing on them."

"This suit is not based on our contract with Detroit Edison. It's about one of their wires that fell on our building," Jarboe said. "The type of damages we're looking for cannot be recovered in that forum. If they had been successful, our claim would have been significantly limited."

The lawsuit dates back to the July 2, 1997 when a fire caused by a storm-downed electrical wire consumed the 35th District Courthouse. The DCA is suing the power company for gross negligence, alleging that crews arrived to shut off power only after the courthouse was totaled.

That suit is currently in the discover phase, the period of time the court allows each side to determine their position, Jarboe said.

Nor is it the only suit which originated from the fire. The DCA, along with insurers Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) have filed a breach of contract suit against the Michigan Township Participating Plan (the Par Plan).

The suit alleges the Par Plan is in part responsible for some of the damages incurred by the fire, funds which have since been paid only by MMRMA, according to Dave Rogers, attorney for MMRMA.

The suit will not affect MMRMA's disbursement of funds to the court, Rogers said. In fact, the company has already dispersed more than \$3 million of the \$3.4 million policy.

"This is an argument over who pays what to who," he said. "It's not going to hold up any funds."

Jarboe said it was unlikely that insurance funds alone would cover the cost of a new courthouse. Bids for the new courthouse are due Dec. 10, which will give the DCA a better idea of the cost of a new building.

"About the best we can do it know if we're in the ballpark," said 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe. "Then we have to have someone pour over them and let us know if the bids are good."

Answers from the court's two lawsuits will be long in coming.

Jarboe said the cut off date for the discovery portion of the insurance suit is May 12, 1999. Mediation will begin in July, and a settlement conference is scheduled for Sept. 1, He said. He did not have a schedule for the Edison suit.

"It's a medium time frame," Jarboe said. "The court could have used a longer track or a shorter one. They're just using the middle."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, Plymouth's Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 201 N. Main St. Call 734-453-1234.
- Tonight, the CEP Orchestra will perform a concert of holiday music at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem Auditorium. The Pioneer Middle School Band's performance also begins at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer. Tomorrow night at 7:30 school bands and choruses will perform at East and Central middle schools. Call 734-416-2755 for more information on upcoming school concerts.
- Tomorrow, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours at The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 884 Penniman Ave. from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Call 734-741-4210 for details.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, Plymouth stores stay open late and offer special gifts to holiday shoppers during downtown's "Home for the Holidays," until 10 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday, the City of Plymouth's December Board of Review will meet from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. in City Hall to hear appeals on homestead, hardship, clerical errors and mutual fact errors on City tax bills.

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Special deadlines of note for Crier advertisers include:

- Classified ads: deadline is Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.
- Display ads: deadline is Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.
- Editorial deadlines: letters to the Editor, listings in What's Happening, Obituary notices, general news and photo opportunities is Thursday, Dec. 17.

Crier offices will be closed Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25. The newspaper will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

The Crier offices will also be closed New Year's Day Friday, Jan. 1. The paper will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Betsy Oatley, daughter of **Jon and Diana Oatley** of Plymouth, has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

Tau Beta Pi represents the highest honor which can be achieved by an engineering student. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character.

Oatley is a second year student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, who expects to graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Mariel Collins, ario DiNicola, Eric Marion and Chelsey Quinlan of Canton and fourth graders at Gallimore Elementary were selected as semi-finalists in McDonald's restaurants drawing contest in October. **Joslyn DeVinney**, a fourth graders student at Miller Elementary was also selected.

Marine Cpl. **Ronald K. Cullen**, whose wife, **Tiffany** is the daughter of **Mark and Roxanne Smith** of Canton, recently had the opportunity to participate in a beach clean-up project while stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

Cullen is a 1994 graduate of Salem High School. He joined the Marine Corps in January, 1995.

Navy Petty Ofc. 3rd Class **David Nevi**, son of **Ray A. and Careloin E. Nevi** of Plymouth, recently participated in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

He is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School, who joined the Navy in October, 1994.

Navy Petty Pfc. 3rd Class **Joseph M. Miller**, son of **Kenneth H. and Gloria J. Miller** of Canton, recently participated in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

In addition, Miller's ship recently earned honorable mention of the 1999 Captian Edward F. Ney Memorial Award, for food service excellence in the aircraft carrier division.

Carving out a niche

With an unlikely tool, Salem's Jim Pieczulewski creates yard art

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

You may have driven by Jim Pieczulewski's workshop before, with its wood piles and scattered chainsaws. It is where he houses his works, wood carvings both big and small, and it is where he creates.

His front yard along North Territorial Road in Salem Township has become a popular detour for commuters along this two-lane stretch.

Bears, frogs and cigar-store Indians all adorn Pieczulewski's lawn. They are made of wood and they don't last very long.

"People are always stopping when I'm out here working asking if my works are for sale," Pieczulewski says. "Don't even know who I am. They just see my sculptures."

His works, brutal yet breathtaking, fuse both power and beauty. His tool is the most powerful in the hardware department: the chainsaw.

Destructive and unpredictable, the chainsaw is used most often to rid homeowners of the nuisance of trees, cut off a branch or dismember a fallen elm. Pieczulewski uses the hefty tool to create.

Throughout the warmer months, he is



Jim Pieczulewski's latest chainsaw carving, a nativity scene that now faces North Territorial Road, has occupied most of his time lately. He may keep the piece as a family heirloom. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

out carving often, whenever he gets a chance. Lately, between his long hours at Ford Motor Company, he has been devoting most of his carving time to a nativity scene that now faces North Territorial.

He says it isn't for sale — "Maybe I'll make it a family heirloom," he says — but rarely does Pieczulewski carve a sculpture just for the money.

"Some guys work full time carving," he says. "Right now, that's not why I'm in this. I'm doing this for myself."

Pieczulewski first got into wood carving in the early 80s to help him stay off drinking. His Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor introduced him to duck carving. A few woodworking classes through Ford, a natural eye for measurements and Jim quickly became a skilled hobbyist.

"But I got bored of ducks pretty quickly," he says. Soon he moved to larger projects like fish, small bears and human characters.

Five years ago, at a convention in Novi, Pieczulewski met some chainsaw carvers. Pieczulewski had experience with the chainsaw dating back twenty years when he used to work cutting trees in Dearborn.

It was a natural match.

"It's easier to try new things with this

type of carving," he says. "I prefer it over the smaller stuff. There's a greater, quicker sense of accomplishment."

Last year, Pieczulewski took that accomplishment to new heights when he entered his first tournament, the inaugural Michigan Chainsaw Carving Championships in Oscoda.

Out of 41 competitors, Pieczulewski placed second. This year, he took third, even after the Native American he was carving, complete with elaborate headdress, fell over and broke.

"That didn't bother me. I don't enter those things to win," he says. "It's just a good place to learn secrets."

For now, Pieczulewski is happy to be carving. Often he works on the barter system, carving a piece for more wood or the gravel in his driveway. Several of the items which could be sold for more than \$1,000 he gives away to his family.

As long as he keep carving, however, he knows he always has a train of customers off North Territorial Road, normal or not.

"Once a lady pulled up wearing a pink robe and these crazy pink shoes. She was running to every carving screaming about how great they all were. She didn't even introduce herself."



Pieczulewski began carving ducks with a knife and gradually worked up to bigger animals, like bears. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

Old Village: poised for growth?

BY BRYON MARTIN

Sherie Pryor makes polite excuses as she conducts a tour of her new office at the corner of Spring and Starkweather Streets.

Her "office" is actually a room at the back of the building, and to get there she has to cut through a waiting room, a spacious garage and a kitchen.

"It's a little unorthodox, but it's going to be an office," she says, gesturing to a kitchen. "This is where the firemen used to cook."

Years ago as the Old Village firehouse, smokeaters boiled macaroni and cheese and parked firetrucks here. Now, old signs, furniture and other miscellany are stacked on the

concrete floor. Cigarette butts, mostly from students on break at the Starkweather Center across the street, litter the surrounding yard. The playground equipment is new, but from the look of the place, it will be months or more before the former firehouse becomes the community center some envision.

But it is four walls and a ceiling — and that's all the Old Village Development Authority needs to set up shop.

Time for change

The OVDA is a board of residents and business owners in Old Village charged with improving business and residential qualities in the neighborhood.

The current iteration has been in operation since the early 1990s, when a group of Old Village residents rallied around street paving issues and formed the OVDA. Since then, the board activity has been largely confined to regular meetings at City Hall, and running annual ice cream socials and craft fairs. It has been financed largely through federal grants.

With the hiring of interns, the OVDA enters a time of transition much like its bigger sibling in the City, the Downtown Development Authority. As the DDA searches for a new director, the OVDA is searching for a direction. Hiring Pryor and another part-time staffer is one of its first steps.

Pryor and Rodney Nanny will spend about 20 hours a week in Old Village from now until the end of June. Pryor is a Wayne resident and urban planning senior at EMU. She and Nanny will serve as interns for the OVDA. Last Tuesday was her first day.

As she and her colleague move in, they will be responsible for lending a familiar face to the OVDA that is accessible to residents and business people in Old Village.

OVDA Chairperson Susan Clark says that's a big first step. "It's been mostly night meetings. And we've had lots of the same items on our agendas for years. These guys (interns) are supposed to help us follow through on this stuff and be there in the office through the week."

For now, Pryor says she is focused on the little things that will help her connect with the neighborhood — the first issue of a new newsletter should be out in January she said. Marketing and promoting Old Village business will be her emphasis, much as it has been for the DDA.

Unique to Old Village, however is the age and state of the buildings in the neighborhood. Pryor says her experience in historic preservation can help her help others in their efforts to make improvements and find the financing to pay for them.

Before the newsletter hits the streets, Pryor says she'll be out and around Old Village, as well as in her office.

"It will be my job to find out what it is that merchants and residents in the area want from the OVDA," she said. For her part, Pryor had a modest goal early in her first week on the job — she wanted all the cigarette butts picked up.

A quick trip to City Hall and a few words paid off. "It was great," she said. "The kids from the school were here the next day. It looks a lot better."

If Pryor can mimic that success with the more substantial visual improvements on tap in Old Village, things could be looking up in the neighborhood.

The look of things to come

Back in September, the OVDA met with experts to develop a game plan for bringing out the old village look in Old Village. Some specifics of that plan are still up in the air, but the potential in Old Village will likely be unlocked with the same keys the City used in its 1995 Streetscape project: marketing, landscaping and parking.

The City has spent \$16,000 in state grant money to pay for three separate studies of the area, which former DDA Director Steve Guile characterized as "the building blocks for developing Old Village."

Guile left his post as DDA Director in

October. During his tenure, he also spent a portion of his time as OVDA Director, working with members of the OVDA Board. Guile helped guide the City through the 1995 Streetscape project that jazzed up the look of downtown with wider sidewalks, lamp posts, flower planters and brick walkways.

After the Streetscape was done, Guile's emphasis became marketing: filling the widened sidewalks with shoppers and their dollars. Designs on Old Village are similar.

Drawings in the OVDA office depict a Liberty Street that resembles Main Street; a

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City DDA down to final 4 in director search

BY BRYON MARTIN

And then there were four.

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority Board has slimmed its original pile of 50 directorship applicants to four, and will conduct its final round of interviews tomorrow night.

Martha Aills, Ann Barnette, Gerard Dettloff and Claudia Frederick are the four finalists. All will make presentations before the DDA Board and audience members at City Hall beginning at 5 p.m.

The DDA Board has been in search of a new director since October, when former director Steve Guile left the City to take the same job in Westland.

According to Chairperson Sally Repeck, the DDA board won't rush into a rash decision, but getting a new director in place is "kind of a critical thing for us."

The director works as a liaison between downtown businesses and the City's DDA Board, handling concerns and administering promotions and maintenance of commerce.

"Six years ago (when Guile was hired) the focus was the streetscape," Repeck said. Now, she said, the position is getting a different twist.

The directorship will shift from an emphasis on downtown nuts and bolts to the softer mechanics of marketing, public relations and business in a small-town setting.

Aills runs her own consultancy firm, Aills Associates, and has experience in establishing a non-profit community housing support group. A Flint resident, she also worked as that city's DDA director from 1994 to 1997.

Barnette is a Milford resident who has spent the last four years as Executive Director of Milford's DDA. She also worked there as an assistant city planner, and in government offices in Arizona while attending Arizona State University.

Dettloff is a Rochester Hills resident who has spent the last 13 years as Economic Development Director in the City of Hamtramck.


Frederick is a Sterling Heights resident who works as a senior marketing manager for a regional shopping center. She is a member of The Senior Alliance Board of Directors.



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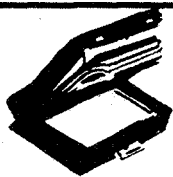
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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas holidays from Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office WILL BE OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS and other payments on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.

Teresa Cischke, CMFA
City Treasurer

Publish: December 9, 1998



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



The U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee has hired Plymouth City resident **Tara Hechlik** as staff attorney for the Subcommittee on Immigration.

Hechlik will manage subcommittee operations and help draft federal immigration policy.

She now lives in Washington, D.C.

Melissa Mary Korte, of Canton, was hired by the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents as head coach for women's golf.



Bruce Los has been promoted to the position of vice president of human resources — North American Operations of **Johnson Controls, Inc.**

Los had previously served as vice president of human resources for the company's Holland interiors group. In his new role, Los will be responsible for directing human resources activities for the company's business customer business units in North America, recruitment and staffing and employee relations.

Guitar Center draws crowds

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Executives at the Guitar Center — Canton's newest music store — now know for a fact what they must have suspected: Canton rocks.

The grand opening for the store exceeded even their own expectations, according to store manager Chuck Slaton. Drawn by ample media air play, crowds of musicians showed up for Thursday afternoon's grand opening.

"As far as grand openings go, it was the largest in our chain's history," Slaton said. "We set a record."

More than 2,000 people came to the Guitar Center's grand opening, forming a line that stretched around the back of the store. Opening day shoppers took advantage of free t-shirts, sale prices and prize giveaways.

Slaton said the large number of customers was surprising because the Canton location is their third store in the market.

The store is located at 39415 Ford Road, across from Auto Nation, where a Jumbo Sports store closed earlier this year. Guitar



People lined up for the grand opening of Guitar Center in Canton.

Center occupies about 20,000 square feet of the building. A Gardner White furniture store occupies the rest.

Guitar center is the largest music industry retailer in the world, according to Slaton. It caters to rock-and-roll musicians, with an emphasis on guitars and accessories. The chain started as a single music store in

Hollywood, CA and has since grown into 46 stores nationwide, Slaton said.

Slaton said the store's proximity to I-275 was one of the prime reasons for bringing the store to Canton.

"It's a very good market here," he said. "We can draw people from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, even Toledo."

Demmer buys Lincoln dealership

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Demmer family has a powerful new marketing tool: I-275.

The Demmers, who have owned and operated Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne for 29 years, purchased the Bob Dusseau-Lincoln Mercury in Farmington, according to Jim Demmer, vice-president of Demmer Ford.

The dealership, located at Grand River near Orchard Lake Road, was an ideal location to expand, according to Demmer.

"We've known the Dusseaus for years and we let them know if they ever wanted to sell it we were interested," Demmer said.

Demmer said the purchase would allow the family to enhance both locations. In fact plans are already underway give the Lincoln dealership a \$500,000 face lift. The remodeling, which includes a

new facade, should be complete within a year, according to Demmer.

Assuming the role of owner of the Farmington site won't be a stretch for the Demmers, according to Jim.

"We're already a part of the community," he said. "Since we typically market the I-275 corridor, we now have an anchor at both ends. We can tie everything together and provide greater customer service."

Jim said he plans to retain the current employees at Dusseau and eventually add to the staff. He and his older brother Bill will take turns managing both locations, he said.

"We're both hands on people," he said. "We like to be active in the day to day operations."



Callin' it quits...

Art Harvey (left) retired from Beyer Drugs yesterday, bringing an end to a career he had held for the past 25 years.

Harvey said he was looking forward to spending time with his wife, traveling, and "Taking time to smell the roses."

(Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Money curbs growth

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revamped version of what's already there.

According to Kathryn Smith, an Old Village resident and member of the OVDA Board, the comparison fits.

"Our main goal is to have a community that is a pleasant place to live visually, and to provide some services," she said. Following a plan like the 1995 Streetscape could get Old Village there.

Drawings done by Plymouth architect Dave Schaff show the same sort of improvements: wider sidewalks, reoriented parking spaces and the addition of flower planters at street corners to dress up the neighborhood.

But Old Village would also require more fundamental work that wasn't part of the downtown Streetscape.

What the area needs, Smith said, isn't very complicated: paint, windows and repairs to the trim and architectural elements that give the buildings 19th-Century charm. Such renovations to the blocks between Starkweather and Mill streets would put polish on an unbuffed jewel.

According to Smith, who works in Detroit, developers who have renovated Victorian-era buildings around the Wayne State campus could work similar magic on Old Village, a Plymouth neighborhood that dates to the late 1800s.

"It looks historical," she said. "What we would like to have is the same look, but more appealing."

Getting the word out

Ideally, the increased visual appeal would

help Old Village draw more business to its sidewalks and shops. Then, marketing would become one of the OVDA's biggest jobs.

Most say the key is to fill niches — more restaurants, clothing stores and entertainment. According to Smith, last year's flap over noise in Old Village shouldn't derail plans to pursue night life there.

"The community has said they want entertainment," she said. "What they don't want is noise."

Keeping the sound of rock and blues indoors would require structural upgrades to the century buildings, she said.

But those upgrades, like all the others hoped for, require something the OVDA doesn't have a lot of yet: money.

Cash

This year is the first the OVDA will draw its own allowance from the City budget. With a total of roughly \$81,000 in pocket, the board will need to prioritize its shopping list. Hiring Pryor and Nanny were items near the top.

The OVDA will go slowly Clark said. The first phase of the streetscape should come this year. Compared to the more than \$350,000 the DDA gets, the OVDA has little capital to spend on its version.

But, Pryor said, with more block grants and individual investors, the work some have already begun on Liberty Street can continue.

In the meantime, she'll work on getting the firehouse to look more like an office. And she'll be on the streets in Old Village to help business owners however she can, even if its only keeping an eye out for cigarette butts.

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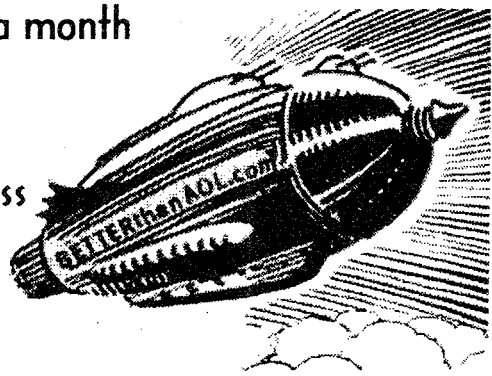
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Groups

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

Meets 7:15 a.m. **Tuesday** mornings at the Water Club Seafood Grill at Ann Arbor Road and I-275. For info call (734) 453-1373.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 1998 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50 per cent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling (734) 453-3016 or at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth (734) 451-2112. The book is \$40, and all proceeds are used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

WALTONWOOD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Waltonwood senior community needs volunteers to head a men's club, help with arts, crafts, bingo and meal services. For more information call (734) 844-3060.

OPTIMIST CLUB ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment 99 books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. Proceeds go to benefit children's causes. To order the \$40 book call (734) 728-7619 or (734) 453-8253

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The heart cancer support group meets the second and fourth **Monday** of each month, 7pm, at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." Meet third Friday of each month, noon. Free lunch with reservation. Call Pattie, 981-0286.



Volunteer

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in P-C-N area. Call 561-8880, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of P-C in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call 261-1011, leave a message.

SUMMIT SHUTTLE

Summit on the Park, Canton, offers shuttle service from east parking lot (next to playscape) to north door of Summit. Enclosed eight-person cart provides service 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. If P-C Schools close because of bad weather, tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings, shuttle won't operate. Senior Office, 397-5444.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

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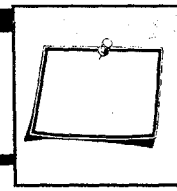
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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents Plymouth's Home for the Holidays Fri. Dec. 11, from 5-10 p.m. There will be carolers on the streets, candles lighting the walkways and downtown stores will be open until 10 p.m. with discounts and free gifts. For more information call the chamber office at 453-1540.

OLGC REUNION

A Dec. 26 reunion is planned for members of the OLGC class of 1980. For more information please call or email with your current address: Kathy Meade Brady at 202-546-4377 or kbrady@erg.com; Karen Detrich Gearn at 734-455-5475.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Plymouth Baptist Church will present a concert entitled "The Gift of Christmas" Dec 11-13 at 7 p.m. The 75 minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christmas music in a beautiful, small town setting. Admission is free. Doors open at 6:30. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call 734-453-5534 or email pbc@aol.com.

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

There will be a special holiday luncheon featuring The Velveteen Rabbit, a musical play performed by the Whistle Stop Players Dec. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 734-416-4278.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 17th annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 11-13 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. For more information call 734-459-0050.

SUGAR PLUM TEA

The Plymouth Symphony League will be hosting a Sugar Plum Fairy Tea following the 3 p.m. performances of the Nutcracker Ballet, Dec. 12 and 13. At the tea children have the opportunity to meet members of the ballet cast and enjoy refreshments. Tickets are \$5. For more information or tickets, call 451-2112. During intermissions of the Ballet, the League will also be selling entertainment books, Pampered Chef cook books, pewter ornaments of the Penn theatre, plus many more great ideas for Christmas.

NORTHVILLE NIGHT

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

CHRISTMAS MUSIC DRAMA

The Father's Gift of Love, a choral drama, will be presented by the Celebration Choir, Soloists and Drama Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. Reader's Theater, drama and contemporary choral and solo music combine to tell how the innkeeper's wife and one of the magi discover in their own ways the significance of the new born King of the Jews. The show will be Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. For more information call 734-455-0022.

GUIDE to Entertainment

Go P.C.N

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

BOULDERS

734-459-4190; Fri.: Front Page; Sat.: Ex-Husbands

CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900, "Rugrats" "Meet Joe Black" "A Bug's Life" "Very Bad Things" "Psycho"

CLUB CANTON

734-722-0722; Wed. - Sat.: "Sierra Blue Band"

ERNESTO'S

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

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater: "Clueless at Christmas."

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: "Alligators"

LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Sat.: Al Hill and the Love Butlers

LUCILLE'S TAVERN

734-397-1988; Wed. - Sat.: Walley Jackson

MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; Live Musical Theatre "Cinderella"

PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing: "There's Something About Mary" and "What Dreams May Come"

PLYMOUTH WHALERS

734-453-8400; The Whalers host Erie at 7:30 Sat..

STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. - Sat.: Live music with Wally Gibson;

WAGON WHEEL LOUNGE

248-349-8686; Thurs.: Open Jam; Sat.: Bob Willette and the Blues Devils

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

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Pam Berghoff... was one of the P-C residents who volunteered to hit the streets Saturday to help Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows achieve "No kiddie without a Christmas." Read about one Goodfellow's first sale in Opinions, pg. 26. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Whyman settles in Triangle suit

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

State Rep. Deb Whyman (R-Canton) and the Triangle Foundation reached an out-of-court settlement Monday, and both sides are claiming victory.

The suit stems from Whyman's 1996 campaign literature, in which she stated that the gay-rights group supported pedophilia.

According to Jeff Montgomery, executive director of the foundation, the group demanded a retraction and an apology from Whyman. When neither was forthcoming, the foundation filed a defamation suit against her in March of 1997.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Susan Borman ruled in October that Whyman had indeed defamed the foundation.

Although Whyman vowed then to appeal the decision, she said the foundation offered her a settlement which would keep the matter out of court.

"The homosexual extremists at the Triangle Foundation knew they had a horrible case to present to a jury so they agreed to settle this nuisance suit for a nominal contribution to a worthy charity," Whyman said in a prepared statement. "I will make a small donation to a real charity, keeping Triangle from getting one thin dime from me."

The settlement allows Whyman to make a

contribution to a charity in the Foundation's name rather than pay restitution to the foundation itself, according to Rudy Serra, foundation board member and attorney for the group.

It also relieves Whyman from making an apology or printing a retraction, according to Serra.

"We no longer thought that an apology was an issue since she will be leaving office in January, and we could never agree on language for the retraction," he said.

Serra expected Whyman to file an appeal after the Oct. 5 decision, which said the literature was slander per se, and could not be interpreted in a non-malicious sense.

The settlement allowed a resolution without a costly jury trial, which could have an unpredictable outcome, according to Serra.

As part of the agreement, the exact sum of the settlement award is undisclosed. Whyman had rejected previous offers to settle for \$15,000, according to Montgomery.

The lame duck legislator 120 days to decide where she'll send the settlement funds, Serra said.

"That part hasn't been finalized yet," he said. "As long as it's a recognizable charity, we'll be content."

McLaughlin: 'I wasn't going to find 30'

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McLaughlin lost the election by 47 votes.

That outcome was final only Monday, when a recount requested by McLaughlin failed. McLaughlin said she decided not to recount the results from Romulus and Van Buren Township when results from Belleville, Sumpter, and Huron Township showed an additional nine votes for her opponent.

"It was definitely going in the wrong direction," she said. "I may have found a few more votes here and there, but I wasn't going to find 30."

Hit not 1st at Hilltop

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The pair had been parked at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall parking lot across Ann Arbor Trail from the golf course. Interviewed separately, police say the men gave conflicting accounts of what they had been doing that night.

Canton's K-9 unit was called to the scene, and tracked a scent from the Hilltop club house to the parking lot where the pair had been waiting. A search of the truck turned up bolt cutters, flashlights gloves and other tools connected with breaking and entering crimes, according to reports.

Both men were arrested, Jarvis said, and subsequent interviews produced testimony connecting the men to the break-in. Police expect a warrant, he said. "It's a good arrest."

One of the suspects has a criminal record, Jarvis said.

Monday morning's attempted robbery was not the first for Hilltop, he said. It and a handful of other courses in P-C-N were part of a rash of break-ins five months ago.

McLaughlin filed for a recount Nov. 23, saying the margin of victory was small enough to warrant another look.

Ed Carey, spokesperson at the Wayne County Board of Canvassers, agreed. He said calls for recounts aren't uncommon, especially when such a small margin decides the outcome.

"There's always a possibility for human error," he said. "You never know when a number has been transposed. And 47 votes is certainly within striking distance."

McLaughlin said she paid \$10 per precinct to have the votes recounted, amounting to \$570 for Belleville, Sumpter, Huron Township, Romulus and Van Buren townships.

Sullivan said he was not surprised by the announcement.

"I was looking for it all along," he said. "I just wasn't happy that she waited until the last minute to do it. I just wish we could get settled in and get things finalized."

Preparations for assuming the office are on hold, he said. An orientation for incoming commissioners, scheduled for this past weekend, had to be postponed as well, he said.

Despite the delays, Sullivan said he could understand McLaughlin's desire for a second check.

"I can't say I blame her for doing it," he said. "I probably would have done the same thing myself."

"I've been told not to worry about it," Sullivan said. "The most you ever see is a change of five or 10 votes. If any huge error had been made I'm sure they would've caught it by now."

Although McLaughlin said she was disappointed, she said her activities in Canton would keep her busy.

She also decided to turn down an offer to work as an aide for State Representative-elect Bruce Patterson. She said she has had other work offers, but is right now concentrating on preparing for the holidays.

"I think everyone is relieved they don't have to do this for the rest of the week," she said.

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I hope your wife likes all the presents that you're giving the kids. Your elves are so small they're like little lego guys. I really, really need more small soldiers stuff. Love, Harrison

This year for Christmas I would like the people in war to come to their senses, the poor-needy people to eat on Christmas and to have clothes on their bodies. Sincerely, Katie P.S. I know that's more than 30 words

I hope you have a great Christmas and your Reindeer and your elves and wife to. Rachel Jeffery

How can you get to all of the houses in the land in one night? Please get me the Barbie digital camera for Christmas and how old are your elves Elizabeth Licht

A puter to type. Madeline Michels

For Christmas I want a bike. Some ice skates a ball a teddy bear some books benie babies, benie book American girl dresser a box of markers a box of crayons a box of colored pencils. Lauren Breneman

If I had a choice to have any toy I want, it would be an easel and paints. That is the thing that I would mostly want. Singirely, Laura Besh

I really like the toys you gave me last year. This year I would like a furby and a Betty Spagetti. Melanie Jean Demmer

I still like my presents from last year. But this year for my Christmas I would like a singing spicegirl doll. And a spicegirl bike. Krishna Rafols

I have been good this year I hope you had good time this summer I hope you have a good time flying from house to house you are nice. John Kremer

I can not wait for Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday because you bet lots of presents! Happy Holidays! Love, Timmy Schafer

I love you. Andrew Green

Dear SANTA, I am a Knight and I would like a Castle with Guards, a king and a cage for the Bad Guys. Please Thank YOU. Aurellie N

all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. Kelly Brown-Traverse City P.S My Grandma & Grandpa live in Plymouth

I love you. I hope you have a good day. Santa. can I have a dog for Christmas? Love Megan

I want all the lego sets in the world. from Douglas. Sheperd.

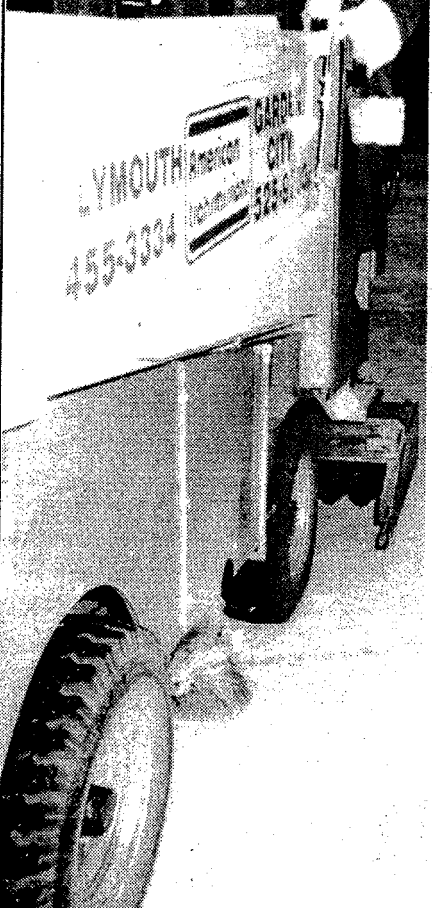
I have been a good girl this year. On Christmas I will give you cookies and milk and the reindeer carrots. Bring lots of presents! Merry Christmas! Love, Crystal Schafer

I want lots of Legos for Christmas, but not too many. I love you Santa Jonathon Green

I want a puppy for Christmas any kind of puppy will do! from, Kathryn Shepherd

I wish all the poor people have food and clothes. Also the people that can't walk can. I wish for a bell from Santa's sleigh. God Bless Everyone! Love Tara

Look what Santa's doing for the holidays!



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Tue., 12/22	10:30am-11:50am	12:10pm-1:55pm	5:35pm-6:50pm
Wed., 12/23	11:50am-1:35pm		
Thu., 12/24	8:40am-11:40am	1:00pm-2:40pm	
Fri., 12/25	BDLG. CLOSED		
Sat., 12/26	No Open Skating		
Sun., 12/27	12:00pm-1:20pm	1:30pm-2:50pm	
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Tue., 12/29	10:30am-11:50am	12:10pm-1:55pm	5:35pm-6:50pm
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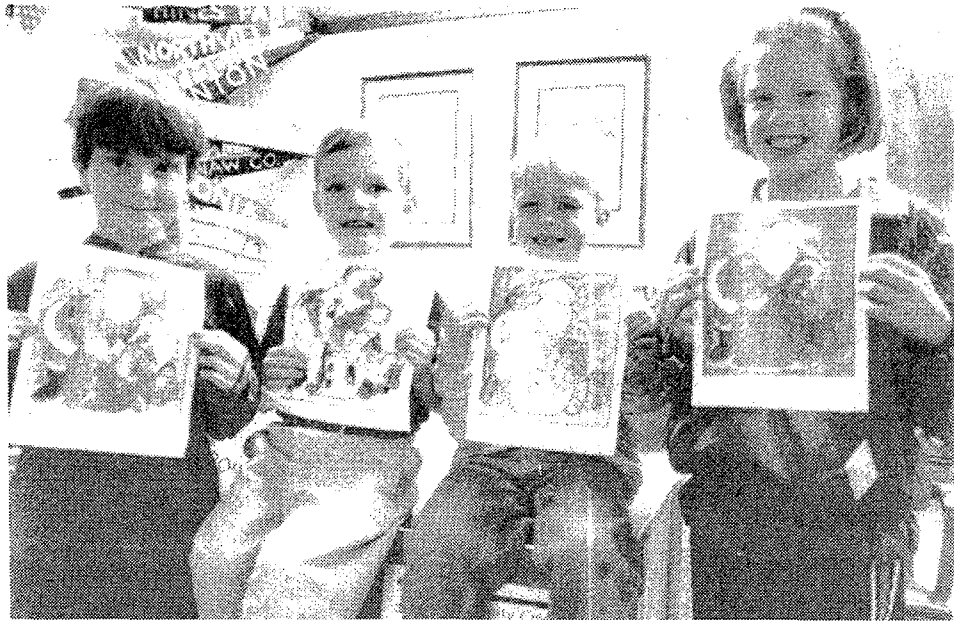
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Elissa Budziszewski, Robby Lowe, Jacob Magnusson and Leeann Sundquist pose with their winning entries in The Crier's annual holiday coloring contest. Lowe's artwork appears on the front page of this week's edition, but all four of the creative Crier readers won \$100 gift certificates for the skill they showed in their respective age categories. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

Have a very good year. Will you give me all the toys I want? Are you going to have a good winter? Have a good tie with your elves. Love Mark Kremer

I love you very much. I wish I could see you. I wish you could come over. Merry Christmas. Love, Jon

Dear Santa, I hope you bring all the toys I asked for. Please!! Ronny Lowe

I want food for the poor and beast wars at least 4. And a play station, mairies, and a TV.. wrold peace , and hames for evvery one in the world. Jimmy Glick

I hope I get alot of gifts this year! I love yoo very moch and I wish yoo a happy Christmas! Sincerely, Kyle Horn

I have been a good little girl and I really beleve that you are real. This is what I want. I want anything you want to bring. Sincerly, Michelle Horn

I wish that I could have an away Predators jersey because my favorite old Whaler is going to play for them. Ryan May. Grade 2

If you could give me a remote control car for Christmas than you LOVE Aaron

I thick I been good. When my mother said rise a shine I did not even cry. All I do is get dressed brush my teeth comb my hair and put my boots on and go to school. Corey Davis

Dear Santa I Dont Dizerre eny thing but my hole family does. Steven D'Annuzio

I wish for my great ant barb to move from chiga-go to michagn. Eric Rogers

I hope you had a nice year at the North Pole. It's good to have elves to help you. I want roller blades and that's about it. Sincerely, Scott Latulip

I live in a white house. I just want a few things for Christmas, I want Play station, a real Wolverine skin, a Red Wings jersey, a soccer net, and a hampster. Benjamin King

When you Come I hope you Will have fun! If you Come, please bring a yo-yo, a Baby Spice and Ginger Spice Costumes, a Salena C.d, and an "In Sync" tape. Sincerely, Courtney

I want a family for Christmas. And a set of Walkie-talkies. Love, Gerald

I hope you had a nice Christmas last year. I would like Triva, Dream Garden Sweetie Time for bed, and Addy the American girl doll. Have a safe trip. Love Elissa Budziszewski

Merry Christmas to Plymouth Canton Happy holidays From: Dennis A.N.

How is Comit? I hope you can bring an American girl. Her name is Kirsten. I also want a new bike. from Megan

I wish that the blind could see, and I want a picture of your reindeer. Twister, and Beanie Baby furniture. Love, Valerie Stacey

I hope you are ok. I hope you pass by my house. I want a cumputer for Christmas. What do you want for Christmas? I hope you have a safe trip. Your Friend, Rasanpreet Kaur

How arfe you doing? For Christmas I would like an kindd of Spice Girl merchandice. I would also like any kind of Barbie merchandice. Or Spice platforms. Sincerely, Taylor F.

Thank you for the Easy bake last year! I want three Beanie Babies this year. Hope you have a nice day! Your friend, Jessica Liu

I want to get a playstation and a lot of games. Asiri

How are you doing. If you visit me I hope you can get Cool Blue Barbie. Love, your friend, Kayia

I would want a few things. I would want a lot of stickers and a big teddy Bear. I would really want those things please. Banin

I wish if you could get me Twisted Metal 3, cause my dad might not buy it. Shehbaz

Hi Santa! I have been veary good this yeard. Your Friend Hannah

How are you? Will the news tell us where you are this year? What are you bring me? What I really want fashion hair wrap. I'll leave you cook-ies. Sincerly Dana Storey

I wish that all the people of canton will have a good Christmas. I also wish that all the food drives will be successful. You friend, Kevan

I want a lot of things for Christams like a yoyo. I also wont the cd N'sync ans S, and also the cd Willsmith. your friend April.M.

Dear Santa I am going to ask you for a wish this year. I wish that the people of Canton have a safe and healthy Christmas. Sincerley Bradley

I hope you come. Please bring me Teen Magazines, Sporty Spice Concert doll, a telephone, and a In Sync CD. I's like all Mary Kate Ashely books and a yo-yo. Thanks Shriya

I been very good this year. I clean my room. And I hope I win. love Amanda

I hope you have a good Christmas. Jennifer May

I want a bran yo yo. Elizabeth Ickes

I want a YOMAGE Firestorm YoYo with a Yomage Pro Yo Yo. Sheeven

You are so cool.! Because you bring preasets to kids. And stuff things in stockings. Jennifer Hesse

Me and my dad Waet a houms so we have a dog. I want a new backpack. Christine

Dear Santa, I try to be good. I jest want five toys. The five toys I want is a Hot wels trak an sky griver a new bike twest mendl 3.optmst priml

Do you now what I want for Christmas this year? I will tell you I want a new dog, borad games, books, cloth, and color paper. Love, Nimrat Sohal

I would like you to bring money for the pour so they can have a better life!!! Adam Robinson

I wish for my sister to get what she wanted for Christmas. She wanted a brbie and hourse I really wish for her to get that barbike and hourse. Katerina Kariotis

I wish to get my mom a Vcr ATV and a clock. Fred Scroggs

I would like you to try to give the rain forst what is sould be treated like. So we could visit the rain forst and see how its like. Autumn Knoerl



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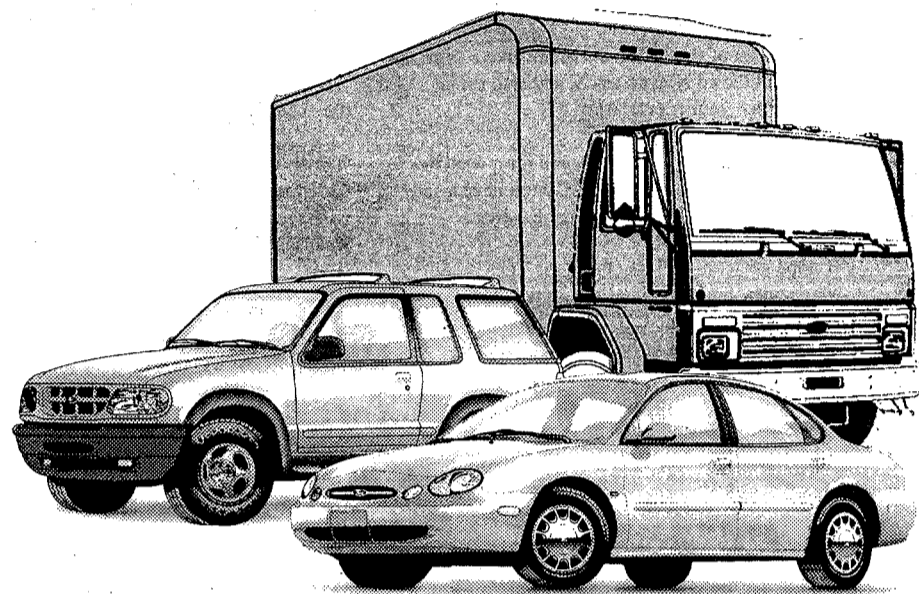
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— Home games are in bold type —



Boys Varsity Basketball

Tue Dec 8	SOUTH LYON	7:00 pm	Northville
Tue Dec 15	NOVI	7:00 pm	Northville
Mon Dec 21	NOVI X-MAS TOURN	TBA	NOVI
Tue Dec 22	NOVI X-MAS TOURN	TBA	NOVI
Tue Jan 5	BRIGHTON	7:00 pm	BRIGHTON
Fri Jan 8	FARMINGTON	7:00 pm	FARMINGTON
Fri Jan 15	W.L. CENTRAL	7:00 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 16	HOWELL	7:00 pm	Northville
Fri Jan 22	FRANKLIN	7:00 pm	Northville
Tue Jan 26	STEVENSON	7:00 pm	STEVENSON
Fri Jan 29	W.L. WESTERN	7:00 pm	W.L. WESTERN
Tue Feb 2	SALEM	7:00 pm	Northville
Fri Feb 5	HARRISON	7:00 pm	Northville
Tue Feb 9	N. FARMINGTON	7:00 pm	N. FARMINGTON
Fri Feb 12	CHURCHILL	7:00 pm	CHURCHILL
Tue Feb 16	JOHN GLENN	7:00 pm	Northville
Fri Feb 19	CANTON	7:00 pm	Northville
Fri Feb 26	W.L.AA PLAYOFF	7:00 pm	AWAY
Tue Mar 2	W.L.AA PLAYOFF	7:00 pm	Northville
Thu Mar 4	PLAYOFF (5-12)	TBA	TBA
Fri Mar 5	PLAYOFF (1-4)	TBA	TBA
Mon Mar 8	DISTRICTS	TBA	TBA
Tue Mar 16	REGIONAL	TBA	TBA



Girls Varsity Volleyball

Sat Dec 12	GULL LAKE INVIT	8:00 pm	GULL LAKE HS
Mon Dec 14	NOVI	7:30 pm	NOVI
Sat Jan 2	SALINE TOURN	8:30 am	SALINE
Wed Jan 6	N. FARMINGTON	7:00 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 9	CEREAL CITY TRN	8:00 am	BATTLE CREEK
Sat Jan 16	NORTHWOOD INVIT. TBA		
Mon Jan 18	FRANKLIN	7:00 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 20	SALEM	7:00 pm	SALEM
Mon Jan 25	W.L. CENTRAL	7:00 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 27	CANTON	7:00 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 1	JOHN GLENN	7:00 pm	JOHN GLENN
Wed Feb 3	FARMINGTON	7:00 pm	Northville
Sat Feb 6	SCHOOLCRAFT TRN	9:00 am	S. CRAFT
Mon Feb 8	CHURCHILL	7:00 pm	CHURCHILL
Wed Feb 10	W.L. WESTERN	7:00 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 15	STEVENSON	7:00 pm	STEVENSON
Mon Feb 22	HARRISON	7:00 pm	HARRISON
Sat Feb 27	W.L.AA CONF	TBA	TBA
Fri Mar 5	DISTRICTS	TBA	TBA
Sat Mar 6	DISTRICTS	TBA	TBA

Girls JV Volleyball

Mon Dec 14	NOVI	6:00 pm	NOVI
Wed Jan 6	N. FARMINGTON	5:30 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 9	JV TOURNEY	9:00 am	Northville
Sat Jan 16	BRIGHTON INVIT	9:00 am	BRIGHTON
Mon Jan 18	FRANKLIN	5:30 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 20	SALEM	5:30 pm	SALEM
Mon Jan 25	W.L. CENTRAL	5:30 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 27	CANTON	5:30 pm	Northville
Fri Jan 29	U-M DEARBORN	TBA	U-M DEARBORN
Mon Feb 1	JOHN GLENN	5:30 pm	JOHN GLENN
Wed Feb 3	FARMINGTON	5:30 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 8	CHURCHILL	5:30 pm	CHURCHILL
Wed Feb 10	W.L. WESTERN	5:30 pm	Northville
Sat Feb 13	NOVI INVIT	TBA	NOVI
Mon Feb 15	STEVENSON	4:30 pm	STEVENSON
Mon Feb 22	HARRISON	4:30 pm	HARRISON

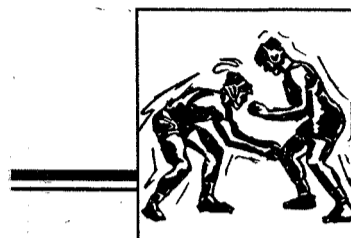
Girls Freshman Volleyball

Mon Dec 14	NOVI	6:00 pm	NOVI
Mon Dec 28	U-M DEARBORN	TBA	U-M DEARBORN
Wed Jan 6	N. FARMINGTON	5:30 pm	Northville
Mon Jan 18	FRANKLIN	5:30 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 20	SALEM	5:30 pm	SALEM
Sat Jan 23	W.L. INVITE	9:00 pm	W.L. CENTRAL
Mon Jan 25	W.L. CENTRAL	5:30 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 27	CANTON	5:30 pm	Northville
Wed Feb 3	FARMINGTON	5:30 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 8	CHURCHILL	5:30 pm	CHURCHILL
Wed Feb 10	W.L. WESTERN	5:30 pm	Northville
Sat Feb 13	FRESHMAN INVITE	9:00 am	Northville
Mon Feb 15	STEVENSON	5:30 pm	STEVENSON
Mon Feb 22	HARRISON	5:30 pm	HARRISON

Boys Freshman Basketball

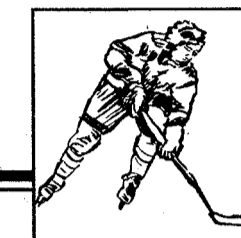
Tue Dec 8	SOUTH LYON	4:00 pm	SOUTH LYON
Fri Dec 11	FRANKLIN	3:45 pm	Northville
Tue Dec 15	NOVI	3:45 pm	Northville
Thu Dec 17	CHURCHILL	6:30 pm	CHURCHILL
Tue Jan 5	BRIGHTON	4:00 pm	BRIGHTON
Fri Jan 8	FARMINGTON	3:45 pm	Northville
Fri Jan 15	W.L. CENTRAL	3:45 pm	W.L. CENTRAL
Fri Jan 22	FRANKLIN	3:45 pm	FRANKLIN
Tue Jan 26	STEVENSON	3:45 pm	Northville
Fri Jan 29	W.L. WESTERN	3:45 pm	Northville
Tue Feb 2	SALEM	3:45 pm	SALEM
Fri Feb 5	HARRISON	3:45 pm	HARRISON
Tue Feb 9	N. FARMINGTON	3:45 pm	Northville
Fri Feb 12	CHURCHILL	3:45 pm	Northville
Tue Feb 16	JOHN GLENN	3:45 pm	JOHN GLENN
Fri Feb 19	CANTON	3:45 pm	CANTON

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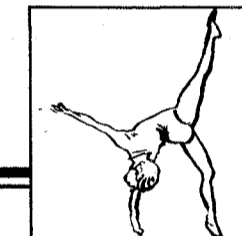
Boys Varsity Wrestling

Sat Dec 5	BELLEVILLE JV TRN	10:00 am	ROMULUS HS
Sat Dec 5	LAKE ORION TOURN	TBA	LAKE ORION HS
Fri Dec 11	Rochester Adams	5:00 pm	Rochester Adams
Sat Dec 12	GARDEN CITY TRN	10:30 am	GARDEN CITY
Wed Dec 23	JV TOURN	9:30 am	PLY-SALEM
Tue Jan 5	S LYON NOVI	6:30 pm	Northville
Thu Jan 7	HARRISON	6:30 pm	HARRISON
Thu Jan 14	CANTON	6:30 pm	CANTON
Sat Jan 16	GARDEN CITY NOVICE	9:30 am	Garden City
Thu Jan 21	W.L. WESTERN	6:30 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 23	BRIGHTON TOURN	9:00 am	BRIGHTON
Thu Jan 28	FRANKLIN	6:30 pm	FRANKLIN
Sat Jan 30	PORTAGE CENTRAL	10:00 am	PORT. CEN.
Sat Jan 30	FENTON JV TOURN	9:00 AM	FENTON HS
Thu Feb 4	CHURCHILL	6:30 pm	Northville
Thu Feb 11	CROSSOVER	TBA	Northville
Sat Feb 13	W.L.AA CONFERENCE	TBA	TBA
Wed Feb 17	TEAM DISTRICT	TBA	TBA
Thu Feb 18	TEAM DISTRICT	TBA	TBA
Sat Feb 20	IND. DISTRICT	TBA	TBA



Boys Varsity Hockey

Fri Nov 20	NOVI	8:00 pm	Northville
Wed Nov 25	FLUSHING	6:00 pm	Northville
Wed Dec 2	FRANKLIN	6:00 pm	Northville
Sat Dec 5	DEARBORN	8:00 pm	ADRAY ARENA
Wed Dec 9	STEVENSON	8:00 pm	EDDIE EDGAR ARENA
Fri Dec 11	NOVI	8:00 pm	NOVI
Fri Dec 18	FARMINGTON	8:00 pm	Northville
Sat Dec 19	HOWELL	7:00 pm	Grand Oaks
Wed Jan 6	CHURCHILL	6:00 pm	EDGAR ARENA
Fri Jan 8	W.L. WESTERN	8:00 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 9	AA HURON	8:30 pm	ICE CUBE
Wed Jan 13	REDFORD UN	6:00 pm	Northville
Fri Jan 15	FRANKLIN	6:00 pm	EDGAR ARENA
Wed Jan 20	LAKELAND	8:00 pm	Northville
Fri Jan 22	DEARBORN	8:00 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 27	STEVENSON	6:00 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 30	W.L. CENTRAL	8:20 pm	LAKELAND ICE ARENA
Wed Feb 3	CHURCHILL	6:00 pm	Northville
Fri Feb 5	FARMINGTON	8:00 pm	FARM. ARENA
Thu Feb 11	REDFORD UN	7:30 pm	Redford Arena
Fri Feb 12	W.L. WESTERN	8:20 pm	LAKELAND
Wed Feb 17	W.L. Central	6:00 pm	Northville
Sat Feb 20	HOWELL	7:00 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 22	MILFORD	TBA	Northville
Thu Feb 25	MHSAA DIST.	TBA	TBA



Girls Varsity Gymnastics

Thu Dec 17	INTERSQUAD	7:00 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 9	SALEM INVIT	10:00 am	SALEM
Mon Jan 11	Brighton	7:00 pm	Northville
Wed Jan 13	CLARENCEVILLE	7:00 pm	Northville
Sat Jan 16	Hartland	9:00 am	Village School-Hartland
Thu Jan 19	HARTLAND	6:00 pm	HARTLAND
Thu Jan 28	CANTON	7:00 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 1	SALEM	7:00 pm	Northville
Sat Feb 6	CANTON INVITE	10:30 am	CANTON
Mon Feb 8	WALLED LAKE	7:00 pm	W.L. WESTERN
Wed Feb 10	Berkley	7:00 pm	Berkley
Mon Feb 15	JOHN GLENN	7:00 pm	Northville
Mon Feb 22	FARMINGTON	6:30 pm	FARMINGTON
Thu Feb 25	W.L.AA CONF	TBA	TBA
Sat Mar 6	REGIONALS	TBA	TBA
Fri Mar 12	FINALS	TBA	TBA
Sat Mar 13	FINALS	TBA	TBA



Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving

Sat Dec 19	CONFER RELAY	12:00 pm	SALEM
Thu Jan 7	SOUTH LYON	7:00 pm	SOUTH LYON
Thu Jan 14	N. FARMINGTON	4:00 pm	N. FARMINGTON
Tue Jan 19	NOVI	7:00 pm	NOVI
Thu Jan 21	CHURCHILL	7:00 pm	CHURCHILL
Thu Jan 28	CANTON	7:00 pm	CANTON
Thu Feb 2	FRANKLIN	7:00 pm	FRANKLIN
Thu Feb 11	WALLED LAKE	6:30 pm	Northville
Thu Feb 18	HARRISON	4:00 pm	N. FARMINGTON
Thu Feb 25	W.L.AA CONF	TBA	TBA
Fri Feb 26	W.L.AA CONF	TBA	TBA
Sat Feb 27	W.L.AA CONF	TBA	TBA
Tue Mar 9	STATE DIVING	TBA	TBA
Fri Mar 12	STATE PRELIM	TBA	TBA
Sat Mar 13	STATE FINALS	TBA	TBA



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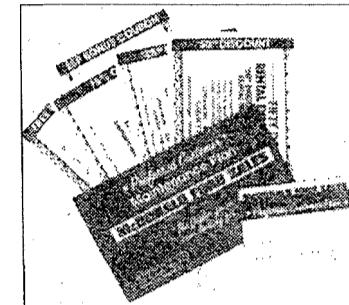
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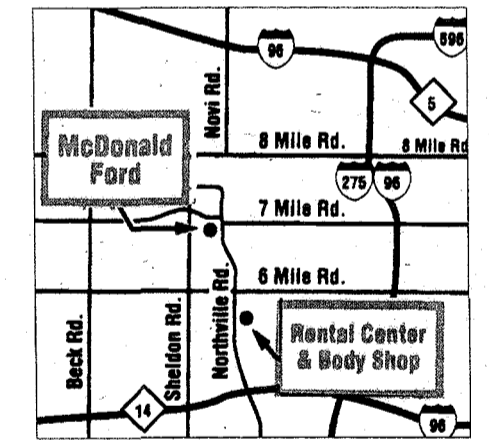
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This wish is fore my brother Christopher. So would lett me teach him how to swim and to learn how to sawe his ABC and 123 that is my wish. Jessica Cicirelli

What I would like to get for my best frend Stephanie is a thing that you can sing in to becaause she lives to sing. Thats what a want to get for her. Jordan Bickle

I wish my sister and my brother had a glow in the dark T shirts. Because They whanet the glow in the dark T-shirt. Rabia N.

I wish for my Brother could have a X bran, a pair of pegs and a basket ball and that is what I wish he cold have. Michael Bomanko

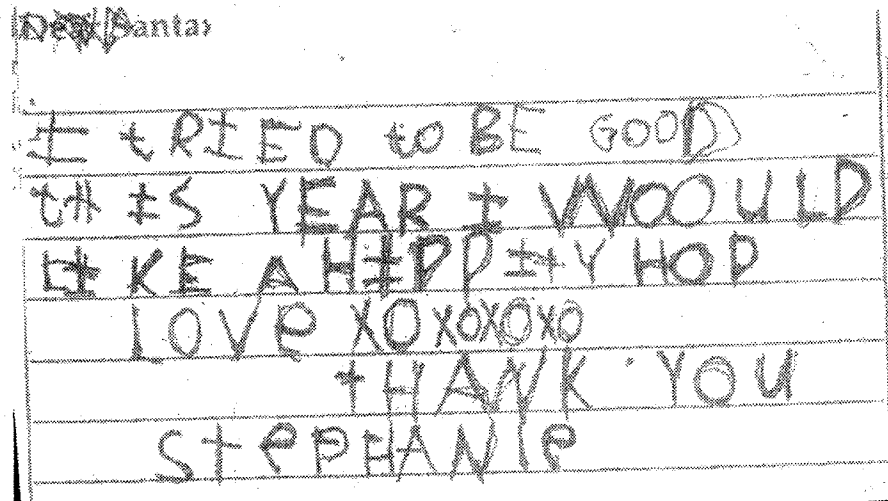
I wish my mom had a millunddoller and it wont go away ever. Brooke Tennant

I want a lot of presents I will list two of them 1. V.C.R. 2. T.V. Love, Sabrina Rakes

Dear Santa for Christmas I would like a comput-er. I like copurters a lot I'm in 3rd grade. Hafza

I would like a Game Shark for Play Station, a Remore Controll car, and a Dual Shock Controller. I really want these things. Your friend, Steve Groat

I wold like a Dyno Bike with pegs and pants like chrises and a stereo with c.d.s like Ncinc and Spicegirls. Your pal Duston Merrill P.S. could



you promas one thing pleaas mak shore you get me a Dyno Bike.

Your holiday is my fovorite holiday. I've always loved Christmas. S.C your my favorite in every way. Alyssa Heller

I especially want a metal Christmas bell for Christmas. I also want a radio that coes with a tape. Love Saira Hoda

I will tell you what I want for x-mas a sonny playstation, game, computer game and a snowy x-mas. Love Kevin

I want a macup cays. Jolana Mull

My bruther hase ben good so do not mrak hime on the bad list. and I have ben good so bring me a Dyno Bike Tim Sumpter

I have been varey good this year santa. I whant a yomagga fireball yo-yo, computeer gams and a photo of ston cold steve astin. yore best friend, Michael Asevedo

I'm in a contest for coloring the best Santa. I think I did good but we have to make you special, colorful, and bland our colors. I hope I win. Merry Christmas! your friend Misty Parker

To Santa: I want a lot of presints. I will list three thinkings. 1. a Game Shark 2. a vido Game 3. a

T.V.

Could you please bring a bag full of good health for my Grandpa with cancer. From: Kelly

I want a bike for Christmas because I never had one. Love Alok Derai

I like you very much. You are cool. I have been very good this year. I want a computer for Christmas. Your best friend, Amanda Leedy

I've been a good little girl all year. I can't wait till Christmas! All the lights, and Christmas trees make me so excited! Your Greatest Fan, Leeann Sundquist

Hi... Santa, My name is Lauren I hope you are doing fine at the North Pole. It must be hard at Chritmas. You have to deliver a lot a presents. love Lauren Rushing

I want a costume of a mermaid and a my size Barbie But the Angel a horse that is my Size Bailey Anderson-Smith

I wish to be a teacher. Love you Racchel Youssef

I want \$100,000,000,000 and a yo-yo and a smile face keychain. and I want it to snow! Jessica

I want the clueles phon. labtop and aleather coat and a Spice girls back pack. love, Brittany

I only want what Santa Brings me. Robby Lowe

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I wish I got everything on my Christmas list. And make it a really happy Christmas. Adam Fleischmann

I want a yo-yo, a Nsinnk cd, a Michigan State hat, tickets to a Detroit vs Colorado game and I want more but I cant think of them. David Bodine

I want a X brain, a yoyo holder, and a pokemon book. Nick Sagaert

I have been a good gril this year. I want a CD player, a X-brain yo-yo, I wqant Samantha the American Gril doll, and Samantha's bed.

I have been good this year. I want a furby, oakleys, Nintendo 64, a ticket to Japan, a matalic mistel yo-yo, and i also wouldn't mind any money or gift certificates. Thanks Patrick Nolan

I would like CD of Sugar Ray and I would like Jersey Devil Love, Ryan Potter

Dear Santa, I'm a very good boy in class. And I also want a Furby, and the gameboy game Pokemon. From David

I beleve in you some people da't beleve in you. I hope you have a good crismis I will have a good one to. Love Ben

Me and my dad want a houms so we have dog. I waet a new backpack. Christine

Hi Santa!!! have been veary good this year. Your friend Hannah

I want a ferbe for Christmas. I also want a Yo-Yo. Love, Matt

I wish that God will come on christmas. Michael

I wish every kid or grown-up in the world a merry Christmas & one present each. Sant be careful on the roof it's very slippery. Sarah

I want toys. April

I hope you had a good year. I want one thing and one thing only a quad. form Luke

I hope you liked my behavior this year. I've worked hard in school, and at home. I have a list for you, of presents. 1. Beanie Babies, 2. Gameboy. 3. Basketball hoop! Bye! Jeanne

How are you? I hope that Mrs. Claus is doing well. I have been good this year. I hope you can bring me a few new toys. Love, Stephanie

suffe ainmal (dog), Makeup, Clulesin Phone Jurle hare bies naieplis cool costh Ansley

I have been good this year I want a black and white ferby, a new bike, a little TV, crayons, shirts a printer, Game boy, Ninendo-64, and guess who.

I would like a Nintendo 64 game for Christmas. From, Chris

I-have-been-good-this-year-I-would-like-a-furby-blue-Denim-shoes-Serprisses-Josifin-amarican-girl-and-nothing-else-exept-I-would-not-mind-money-bye-bye Anna-White

Dear Sana I've Beren A Good Girl I want FURBY Leah.

How is your reindeer doing? I like Rudolph and the other reindeer, too. I hope that I get a crash-back car and a Robin Hood play set. Thank you! Joseph

I have been good. I want clothes, furby, a puppy. Love Kelsey

I wish that everybody is going to have a nice christmas. Paul

how are your elves doing in toy Production? I would like a nintendo station. I'll leave you milk and cookies. Love Garrett

I wish for a Grich for Crismis and a ffurbie for Crismis. Kimberly

I like you I hope you and your elves like me and like this picture Bobby

I wood like two furbies, socks sketcher ssrimtsas 7 Aats and carfs 7 Doll a tuddy bear. & toy horse Nintendo a compute aa sweater a cat. Kaila

I LOVE you, I wont a sky diver super nineo Game 3 books and a red wings Hat a Hockey for me Brennan

I been very good this year. I want an American Girl Doll Gretchen

I want an \$100 Amrit Romana

I would like a barbie WITH A GLOWING Guitar I Would ALSO like to have a Baby BORN DOLL. from Alyssa.

For Christams I would like a tornado Yo-Yo, X-Brain, a Teletubby, Talking Tommy, Furby, big stuffed animal (any kind) and lots and lots..... and lots of micromachines. Jacob Magnusson

I want santa to do something nice for the Earth, like saveing the water and trees. Henri

I hope their's snow this year. I haven't made my Christmas list yet. from Chelsea

I wish this Christmas, I get lots of nice gifts. from Shirley

I wish I had a Dog and the Leo tape Ashely M Willis

I want a furrby. (no name available)

I have been waiting for you to come for a long, long time. I have been good. I want a gray horse with polka dots. LOVE, MACKENZIE

I would like a barbie telephone and a puppy dog for my Daddy. Thank you, Merrit

Did you have a nice Thanksgiving? I hope your haelpers make nice toys. We are going to put our tree up tomorrow and we bought some new ornaments. The rest are in our Dad's workshop. Merry Christmas!! Love, Ross

I love you. Where have you been? Thank you for all the toys. Say hi to Rudoph the Red nose Reindeer too. Love Emma

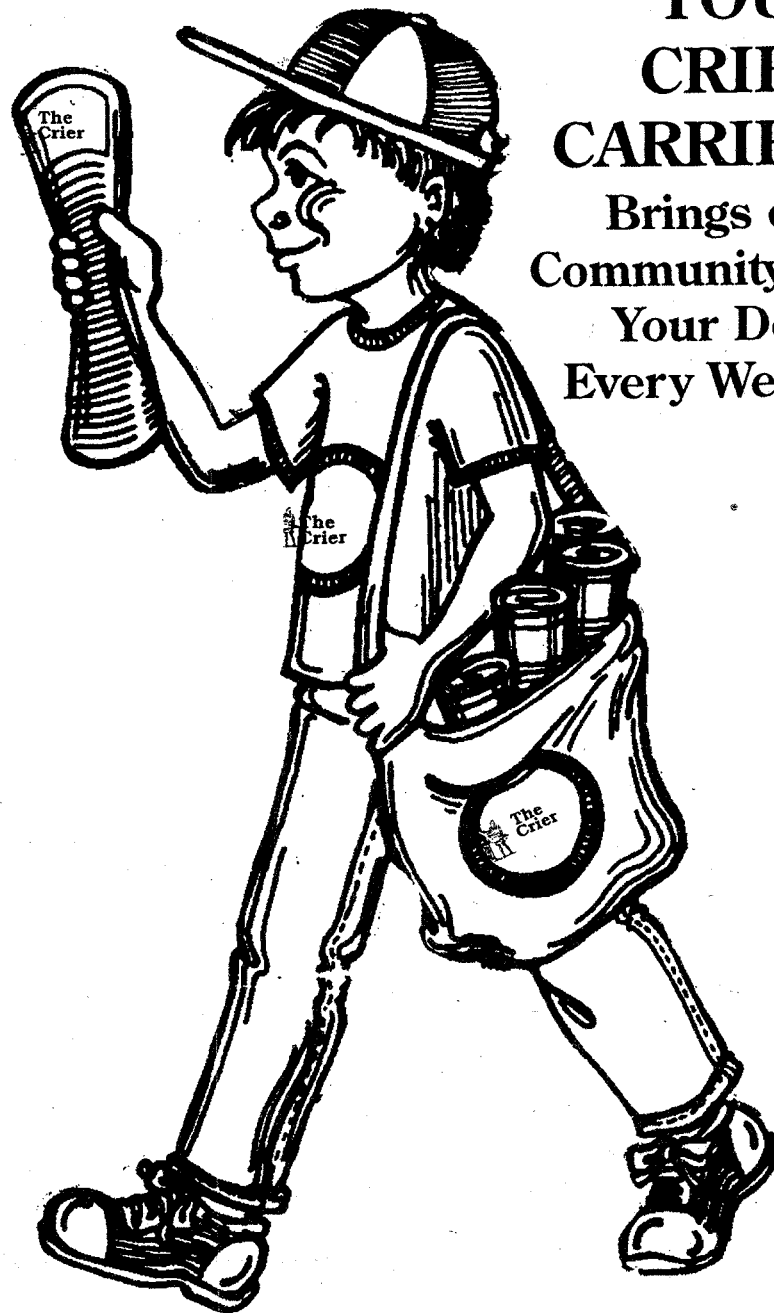
I would like you to get me a volcano hot wheels. I also would like some bug's life candy. From Braden

I love you Please Bring me a Baby. Thank you. Jackie

I love you. I put a Hockey Stick on my list and I want a toy car becasue m,y old one is broken. I hope you see our Christmas tree-Please. Love, Jimmy

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Dear Santa...

My wish is this christmas every child has clothing, shelter & food. I hope it comes true. Love Kayla Rose

You are the best. You are really really cool. I wish that my sister would be nbice to me and that my cat would go outside he is very cute. An my family would get together Ashely

My only holiday wish is to be with my mom. I love my mom very much Thank you Jasmine

I like your nice red hat. You are very nice to make and give all the kids in the world toys. For X-mas I would like world peace Thank You! Nick

My only wish for Christmas is it to snow! Please make my wish come true and have a Merry Christams! Amber

I want a Alaskan Malamute for Chrismas. I also want supplies for a dog. I also want a Nsink cd. Sincerely, David "L"

Thank you for making Christams a time fo giving. You bring happiness to all people. Merry Christmas Love, Angela

I want Furby and that 100 gift certificate! p.s. I have been good Nicole

I wish that I could tell everyone the Chirstmas story about Jesus' Birthday. David S.

I have been very good this year I have been trying my best in school and my gymnastics class.

Dear Santa:

I LOVE YOU

And for Christmas I would like an inflatibel chair and a boom box. Thank you By: Alie Bates

I have been very good this year. I would like a cute bungalow home in Plymouth, a credit card with a zero balance, and a winning lotto ticket. That's all. Thanks! Brooke (This entry came under their own "Other" catagory 22 and up!)

I have been super-dee-duper-dee good this year. I want a Furby, a set of Telletubbie dolls, and a free ticket to Germany. (To see Tess). I also wouldn't mind money. Thanks!!

I was wondering if you could maybe come up with something that could treat cancer so maybe people wouldn't die, and my best friend should be home for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Brooke Graham

I love you. I would like a Red Wing locker. And books. Maybe a American Girl doll. Merry Christmas. Love, Allissa Constantine

Hi Santa! I love you! Sara Demmy

For Christmas I would like a X-brain yoyo. I live

in Travers City so please find my house.

Sara Brown
p.s. My Grandma and Grandpa live in Plymouth.

I tried to be good this year. I would like a Hippity Hop. Love XOXOXO. Thank you.
Stephanie Miles

I wish you a Merry Christmas. Don't forget to bring the poor children some toys. I love you. XOXOXOXO. Ellen Cope
p.s. Please say hi to Rudolph.

For Christmas I would like: The Lion King II, Mulan, Game Boy, a remote control airplane, Nintendo 64, a train set that puffs out pretend smoke and a telescope. Thank you very much.
Brooks Hoffecker

For Christmas I would like a Tornado yo-yo, a Teletubby, Talking Tommy, Furby, big stuffed animal (any kind) and lots and lots...and lots of Micro machines.
Jacob Magnusson

I would like some Brio Bridges, Blocks, trains, Lego or any kind of building set. I have tried to be good.
Stephen Werner

Thanks for giving toys to boys and girls. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Joseph Jeffery

I love you. Andrew

Cup an 'economic development'

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general manager Pete DeBoer.

Recognizing the financial and credibility benefits, the Whalers are teaming up with local leaders to organize a community drive to bring the tournament to Plymouth.

A video touting Compuware Arena and P-C-N is being prepared by the Whalers. It features local scenes and events — such as the Plymouth Symphony concert — and will show the community's easy access to Detroit, Windsor and Ann Arbor, as well as the City's unique downtown.

Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke and Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover may accompany DeBoer and Jennifer Larke, Whaler director of marketing, to Toronto to make the official bid in January.

Whalers' owner Peter Karmanos may also attend.

Mayor Dismuke said the City would try to help by offering use of its Cultural Center ice rink for extra practice time.

"This community has shown a growing interest in hockey largely because the Whalers have come here," Wendover said. "Take a look around Compuware Arena during a Whaler game and you'll see plenty of your neighbors from Plymouth, Canton and Northville."

Wendover also noted as evidence the spontaneous celebration in downtown Plymouth that followed the Red Wings' two Stanley Cup championships.

The Memorial Cup is the Stanley Cup of junior hockey. A 12-day, four-team event, the tournament

features the best team from each of the Canadian Hockey Leagues — the Ontario, the Quebec Junior Major and the Western — plus the host team.

The host is rotated each year between the three leagues. Last year's tournament was held in Spokane, WA where the Portland Winterhawks of the WHL beat the OHL's Guelph Storm for the Cup. (Guelph had eliminated the Whalers in the OHL semi-finals three weeks before.)

Plymouth could face stiff competition to host the tournament from other OHL franchises. Six teams are allowed to make bids — the four division leaders and two other teams with top records at the 40-game mark. According to Ted Baker, OHL director of hockey operations, the OHL only wants competitive teams hosting the cup.

But factors in deciding who will host the tournament require more than a capable team. Facility, nearby accommodations such as hotels and restaurants, media accessibility and friendliness, and community support also come into play.

Although Compuware Sports Arena is widely considered one of the nicest and newest facilities in the OHL, its size may hurt the Whalers in their bid. The Ottawa 67s, currently the number one team in the OHL, have a stadium that seats 10,000 fans, twice as many as Compuware's 4,500 (with extra bleachers added) plus standing room.

But the host team's viability as a competitor is a large factor. "Part of this thing is, What's your team like," said DeBoer.

The Whalers are off to their best start in team

history and possess several marketable stars like David Legwand and Harold Druken.

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community has another possible hurdle since the Cup tournament was held in the U.S. last year. Only seven of the CHL's 53 teams are American.

Asked whether or not that would make a difference, Baker said, "From my stand point, absolutely not."

The Whalers may benefit from a neutral panel of judges which includes Paul Beeston, Major League Baseball president; Frank Bonello, NHL Director of Central Scouting; and Brian O'Neill, NHL Consultant.

OHL Commissioner Dave Branch will serve as an advisor to the committee, but will not have a vote, Branch said.

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community could make its case in terms of accommodations. With a major international airport nearby, a plethora of hotels and restaurants and growing community support, P-C-N is primed for an event of such size.

Wendover, who is also the president of the Michigan Press Association, says the Plymouth location is media-friendly for both Michigan and nearby Windsor. The Whalers themselves cooperate well with the media due in part to their experience with Compuware and Karmanos Cancer Institute, he said.

Fran Toney, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce director, described the prospect of the Memorial Cup coming to Plymouth as "very exciting."

"It's an excellent chance for us to show off our downtown," Toney said. "Events like this are economic developments at their best."



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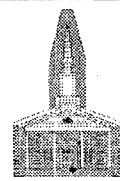
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Dear
Martha,
et. al.



By Geneva Guenther

Dear Martha et al:

There's something about Christmas that makes us all feel better and I thought it was apparent yesterday in our voices when we talked together.

So much has been happening in Plymouth that I hardly know where to begin.

Friday night a friend and I were invited to the Elks for dinner, which, by the way, was not only extremely generous, but excellent besides. Impressed as I was with the food, it was not that which made me sit up and take notice. I've wondered for a number of years where people go when they are "dressed up." Now I know. They go to "the Elks." Evidently, there is dancing after dinner. Its a long time since I have seen people as beautifully dressed. I actually was so taken that I stopped a lady and told her how lovely she looked. They were all a far cry from the people I see every day. I wonder many times where they go when they are dressed up.

Then on Saturday I went with the BPW to Fox Creek for lunch. It was a celebration of their 70th anniversary. The program was a delight. A lady played the dulcimer, and the food was out of this world. I wish I knew how they make their chicken salad. Mary Elizabeth Johnson is President. I am probably the only one in the whole world who calls her Mary Elizabeth, instead of "Liz" I kept wishing Jane Moehle, here mother, could have been there. She would have been so proud.

On Sunday the Historical Museum had their Christmas Open House. Unfortunately I was out of "charm" at that point and I could not attend. However sixty people did and I understand it was an especially lovely occasion. Wish you were here to share our Christmas spirit.

Geneva.

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Love you, Geneva

Lanny - If you're not the lead horse the
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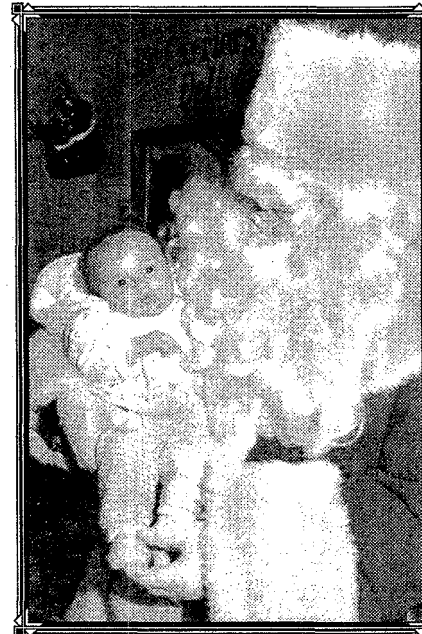
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Obituaries

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MARIE GREENE

Marie Greene, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 29, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Greene was born May 22, 1915 in Nebraska. She was a clerk-typist for the county of Wayne, retiring in 1975. She came to the Plymouth community two months ago from Lincoln Park. She was a volunteer at Lynn Hospital in Lincoln Park. She was an expert seamstress and loved to sew. She loved to travel and enjoyed flowers and nature.

She is survived by her husband, William; daughter, Betty Ruth (Ernest) Wake of Julian, CA; son, William (Stella) Greene, Jr of Plymouth; grandchildren, Cindi Haberman of California, Brian Wake of Connecticut, Michael Wake of California, Shaun Greene of Plymouth, Melissa Greene of Detroit; six great-grandchildren; and brother, William Portugal of Lincoln Park.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

BERNIECE I. TAYLOR

Berniece I. Taylor, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 1, 1998 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Taylor was born Nov. 9, 1909 in Plymouth. She worked as a sales person at Minerva's-Dunning's in Plymouth for 15 years. She also worked at the original Beitner Jewelers on

Penniman and she moved with the store to their Ann Arbor Trail location. She lived and worked in Plymouth all her life. The American Legion Post — the Passage Gayde Post — was named after her late husband, Peter Gayde, who was the first Naval casualty from Plymouth in WWII. She was also an artist — she exhibited at art shows like Art in the Park. She loved little children, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, William (Carolyn) Gayde of Royal Oak; daughter, Lorelee (Charley) Gurley of Milford; sister, Virginia (William) Fehlig of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Lung Association.

ESTER K. HARRIS

Ester K. Harris, a Howard, SD resident, died Nov. 30, 1998 at the age of 95.

Mrs. Harris was born Aug. 24, 1903 in Minden, IA. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, J. Arthur Harris of Plymouth; sons, Jay (Susan) Arthur Harris of Plymouth; Daun H. Harris of Nenana, AK; sister, Vera Margaret Nichols of East Syracuse, NY; and granddaughter, Jennifer Peatee of Wayne.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with William C. Moore officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

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LEVI HENRY LAMPTON

Levi Henry Lampton, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 28, 1998 at the age of 77.

Mr. Lampton was born March 7, 1921 in Russell, AR. He was a hi-lo driver for the Packaging Corporation of America for 13 years. He worked for Plymouth Public School in the maintenance department and retired in 1980 after 15 years of service. He also worked two years for the City of Plymouth. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army for four years with the Military Police in the Pacific Theater. He was born and raised in Arkansas where he worked on a farm. He loved to garden, hunt and fish.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy M. of Plymouth; daughters, Jerry C. (David) Hargrave of Canton, Angela G. D. Brey of Livonia; grandchildren, Jason A. Price of Livonia, Stephen Brey of Livonia, Nicole E. Brey of Livonia; and sisters, Thelma Osmon of Arkansas, Willow Dean Lampton of Arkansas, Frances Cooper of Texas, Betty Jo Cannon of Texas. He was preceded in death by his sons, Ulysses Linn Bridgman, Johnny Harlan Bridgman; brother, Raymon Lester Lampton; and sister, Ethel Hillman.

Services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church with Roland DeRenzo and the Rev. Shinn officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be given to the Calvary Baptist Church Missionary Fund.

NORMA LIZZIE HEATH

Norma Lizzie Heath, a Manchester, MI resident, died Nov. 30, 1998 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Heath was born Jan 2, 1906 in Ontario, Canada. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth Community in 1956 from Dearborn, and lived in Plymouth for 42 years. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth since 1956. She loved gardening and cooking. She was everybody's mother — she loved family gatherings and being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Lynn) Heath of Manchester, MI; grandchildren, Anna (Bill) Jacob and Thomas (Angel) Heath; and great-grandchildren, Zachary, Elijah and Gabriel Jacob. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvy G. Heath.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

PHYLLIS B. RUSH

Phyllis B. Rush, a Canton resident, died Dec. 4, 1998 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Rush was born June 25, 1916 in Boston, MA. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Gary (Barbara) R. Rush of Canton; and daughter, Elizabeth Carver of Falmouth, MA.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

RITA DIETZ

Rita Dietz, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 29, 1998 at the age of 71.

Mrs. Dietz was born Oct. 11, 1927 in England. She was a travel agent with AAA. She retired six years ago after 25 years of service. She also was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth Community six years ago from Livonia. She was artistic, a good person and was a world traveler.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Diabetes Association.

WILLIAM F. ADAMS

William F. Adams, an Indian River resident, died Dec. 5, 1998 at the age of 86.

Mr. Adams was born Feb. 16 1912 in Detroit. He was a machine operator at the Ford Motor Company Northville Valve plant for 26 years. He lived in Plymouth from 1942-1970. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved family gatherings.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Annabelle of Indian River; daughters, Barbara (Wayne) Glass of Livonia, Janis (William McDonald of Plymouth; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Clinger of Florida; and brother, Robert Adams of Livonia

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jay Cubbison officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Cheboygan Hospice, Cheboygan, MI.

Alexander "Alex" Michalak, 85, retiree from Awry bakery; part-time worker for Canton Parks and Recreation

Alexander "Alex" Michalak, a Canton resident, died Dec. 3, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Alma M. Michalak of Canton; two sisters-in-law; and one brother-in-law.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



Sports

Sports shorts

*** WHALER CONTEST ***

Hey kids. How would you like to have lunch with a Plymouth Whaler? Better yet, how would you like to have a Whaler bring you lunch at your school?

Well, you might have your chance, if you can get those creative juices flowing and produce a poster that shows your Whaler spirit.

The contest is open to all boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade.

There are three age groups and a winner will be chosen from each. The winners will receive a pair of tickets to a Whaler game and T-shirt. They will also be introduced to the crowd on the Dec. 29 game.

Plus, a Whaler will bring them lunch at their school.

So get those pens and pencils rolling. The Whalers need your help.

Entries can be dropped off either at Compuware Sports Arena on Beck Road or at The Community Crier offices in Downtown Plymouth, 821 Penniman Avenue.

Every entry should include the artist's name, school, grade and favorite Whaler.

The deadline for the poster contest is Dec. 23.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CO-ED VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

As of 12-7-98:

East Division: Toe Jams, 3-0; Back Again, 3-0; Crows Nest, 3-0; We Dig, 2-1; Progressive, 1-2; Single Spirit #1, 0-3; Team 3, 0-3; Back Yard Gang, 0-3.

West Division: Thud, 3-0; Buddy's, 2-1; CRRC, 2-1; Lost B's, 2-1; Six Pack, 1-2; Crossfire, 1-2; Single Spirit #3, 1-2; Single Spirit #2, 0-3.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL AT CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold open gym for basketball on Monday's from 6:45 - 9:45 p.m. at Central Middle School. Cost: \$4 per person. \$3 per resident with identification.

Boulerice still awaits day in court

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Former Plymouth Whaler Jesse Boulerice charged with assault for an on-ice slashing incident last April may finally have his day in court sometime early next year.

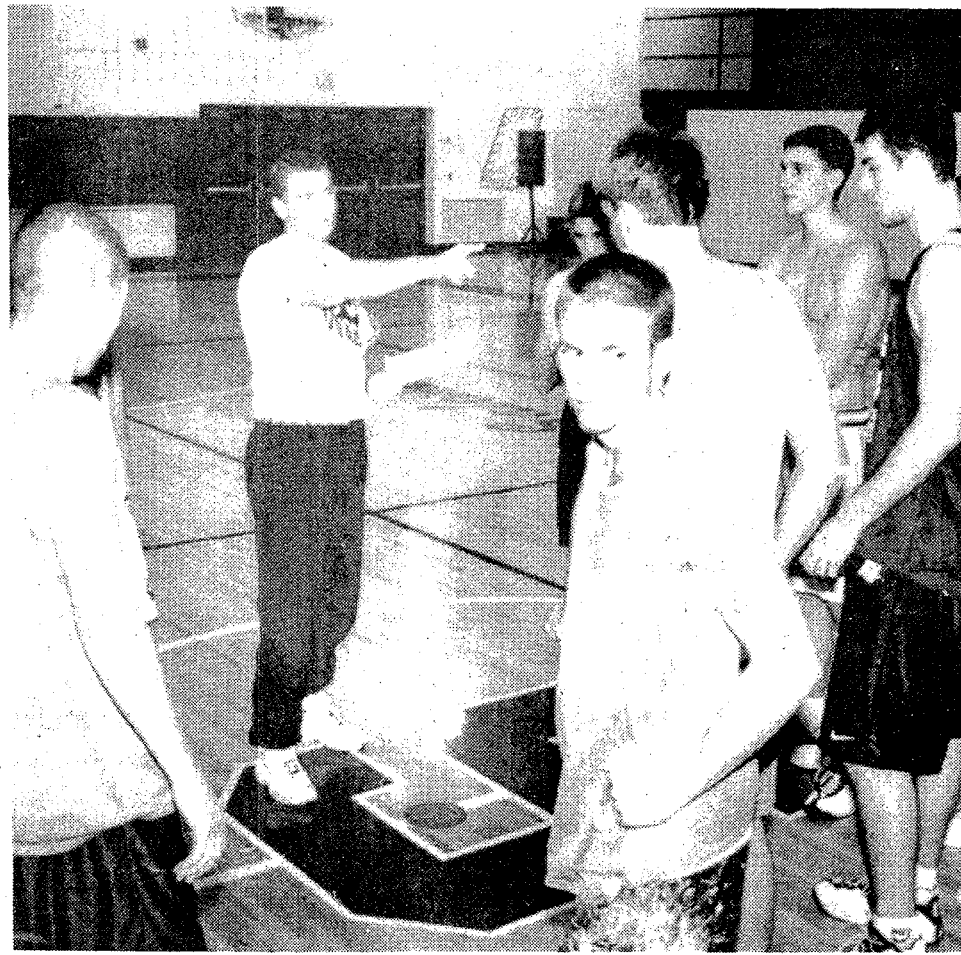
The Boulerice case is tentatively scheduled to have its final conference between defense and prosecutors Dec. 16, according to prosecuting attorney Jim Gonzalez.

Defense attorney's hope to have the case dismissed at the conference and avoid a jury trial. But Gonzalez says that is all part of the process, and he doesn't think the judge will dismiss the case.

Gonzalez said the defense is hoping to prove that Judge MacDonald, who oversaw the preliminary hearing, abused his judicial discretion by binding the case over for trial.

"That's a tough burden on their side," Gonzalez said.

Another barrier in bringing the case to trial could be the changing of judges expected to take place this month when retiring Judge Terrence Boyle, who is presiding over the case now, leaves.



Hoops huddle... Salem boys basketball coach Bob Brodie offers instruction Monday afternoon during practice. Despite losing several key players to graduation, Salem may be on track to defend their conference championship. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Proposed sports complex scaled back

Canton development could still house ice rinks despite land issues

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A sports complex proposed for southern Canton may happen after all, but will be less ambitious than what developers hoped for.

Originally proposed by Griffin Properties late last year, the complex plans began as a pair of ice rinks on 20 acres along Haggerty Road, near Michigan Avenue.

The project quickly grew in size. Before long, Griffin had a line of potential users interested in the site, separate facilities for virtually every type of popular recreational activity.

But the plan grew too big for the land, according to Scott Griffin, president of Griffin Properties. Developers have decided to scrap most of the additional uses and proceed with a smaller project that would include the ice rinks, several soccer fields an indoor golf range and an in-line roller hockey facility.

"The problem has always been the constraint of the land," Griffin said. He said he could fill 50 or 60 acres of land, far more than would fit on the current 20-acre site. Attempts to purchase the 22 vacant acres north of the property have been unsuccessful, he said.

A development firm which owns the nine acres on the site's north side have been unwilling to sell, according to Griffin.

"That really stopped us dead in our tracks. We're grieving," he said. "This would have been the jewel of Southeastern Michigan."

The decision to go ahead with the project didn't come too soon for township officials, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"The board is getting frustrated with them," he said. "A whole year has been lost."

Yack remains cautiously optimistic that

the ice rinks will materialize. He and Griffin, along with Community Planner Jeff Goulet and Aaron Machnik, Municipal Services director traveled to Kansas City, to visit HOK Sports, the architectural firm Griffin has hired to design the facility.

The purpose of the trip was to meet with the architects to do some preliminary planning, according to Griffin.

"I expected us to be dealing with elevations and setbacks, and that didn't happen," Yack said. "It led us to believe that they weren't very far along."

Griffin said he would meet with planning staff within two weeks, and would have a site plan ready for submission in January. And while he said he hopes to secure land to expand the facility, developers will be concentrate on what can be done at this point.

"In spite of the demands for other users we've got to get the facility going," he said.

Yack agrees.

"I just wish we were further along," he said. "Maybe we got distracted trying to create something more dramatic."

Whalers dominate London, Windsor

Druken continues on pace to break Whaler goal record with 4 more

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

If you are a baseball fan, this was a summer to remember. McGuire, Sosa, the record-setting Yankees, all the lore and majesty that was missing from the diamonds had returned to captivate fans once again.

It would be an exaggeration to compare the Whalers current season to this past summer. After all, the home run race brought together a nation. There will be no such wide-sweeping events here.



But as the Whalers continue their best start ever, a record-setting race of our own is brewing at Compuware Sports Arena. Harold Druken, one of the Whalers' star centers, is on pace to shatter Plymouth's single-season goals record.

After four more goals this weekend, Druken has 37 goals in just 28 games. The Whaler record for most goals in a season is held by Sean Haggerty, who during the

1995-96 season notched 60. Druken is on pace, in a 64 game schedule, to score 84 goals.

"There's no question in my mind that he'll break it," said Coach Pete DeBoer. "This year he has had a real taste of how successful he can be."

Druken's sights could be even higher if it weren't for the World Junior Championships he'll be attending with at least three other Whalers beginning this week. He'll miss eight games, reducing his season to 56 games maximum. That probably won't jeopardize his chase of the Whaler record, but it should nix his chance at the all-time OHL record of 88 goals.

Druken, along with David Legwand, Paul Mara, Nik Tselios and perhaps Finland-native Tommy Valtonen, will begin practicing with their respective junior championship teams starting this Sunday. Legwand, Mara and Tselios will all compete for the United States. Druken will play for Canada.

The loss hurts the Whalers right where it counts, severely slashing their offensive might. Besides Druken, Legwand was last year's OHL player of the Year and has

just begun to find his shot after a late start. Mara and Tselios are the Whalers' top scoring defenseman.

Plymouth 4, London 1 — The shots-on-goal don't always tell the story, but Saturday night there was no avoiding the facts: the Whalers dominated from start to finish, up and down the ice outshooting the defending division champions 44-16.

Druken scored another pair of goals and Captain Randy Fitzgerald got back on the scoring bus with two goals of his own.

"I think this is the best we've played all season," DeBoer said. "We really controlled the game."

Robert Holsinger made 15 saves in net for the Whalers.

Plymouth 7, Windsor 2 — The Whalers continued their special teams dominance Friday, lashing division rival the Windsor Spitfires with three powerplay goals on five chances before 3,351 at Compuware Sports Arena.

Adam Colagiaco recorded another hat trick, while Druken and Legwand each scored a pair of goals as the

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WHALER WATCH

OHL STANDINGS (Through Dec. 7)

WEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
PLYMOUTH	22	4	2	7-2-1	46
S.S. MARIE	16	8	3	7-1-2	35
SARNIA	14	11	3	6-3-1	31
LONDON	11	18	0	4-6-0	22
WINDSOR	8	18	3	3-6-1	19

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
OTTAWA	25	2	2	10-0	52
PETER.	17	11	0	6-4-0	34
BELLEVILLE	14	10	5	4-4-2	33
OSHAWA	14	10	2	8-2-0	30
KINGSTON	9	19	1	2-8-0	19

MIDWEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
GUELPH	21	9	0	8-2-0	42
ERIE	16	11	1	6-4-0	33
OWEN SOUND	13	13	3	4-5-1	29
KITCHENER	8	19	2	2-8-0	18
BRAMPTON	4	23	1	2-7-1	9

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
BARRIE	21	5	2	8-1-1	44
NORTH BAY	11	16	3	4-6-0	25
TORONTO	9	15	4	6-4-0	22
SUDBURY	9	16	3	3-7-0	21
MISSISSAUGA	1	25	2	0-9-1	4

Around the OHL

- Who'll stop the Ottawa 67s? Their current winning streak stands at 15 games. The Whalers are only one of two teams to beat the league leaders.
- November's Player of the Month award goes to Mike Zigomaniis of the Kingston Frontenacs. Zigomaniis recorded nine goals and 18 assists for 27 points.

WHALER STATISTICS

Team Leaders:
Goals: Druken (37)
Assists: Colagiaco (37)
Points: Druken (60)
PIM: LaLonde (92)
+/-: Druken (+29)
GAA: Holsinger (2.16)

CATCH OF THE DAY

As goaltender Robert Holsinger's GAA continues to drop (2.16), he further stabilizes the possibility of breaking the Whalers' record set by Robert Esche last season (2.88 GAA).

UPCOMING GAMES:

- Fri. at the Soo (7:30 p.m.)
- Sat. at home versus Erie (7:30 p.m.)

League Leaders

NAME	TEAM	#
Druken	PLY	37
Novoseltsev	SAR	26
Keefe	TOR	24
Papineau	BELV	22
Gibson	NB	20
Zultek	OTT	19

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Dick Scott Dodge, 1-0; Lakers, 1-0; Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, 1-0; Old School, 1-0; Ludwig and Karas, 1-0; SKF-NATC, 1-0; Aristeo Construction, 0-1; McAuley Pharmacy, 0-1; FCI, 0-1; Midnight Madness, 0-1; Tower Bandits, 0-1; Uptempo, 0-1.

Results:

12/2: Dick Scott Dodge	55
Uptempo	50
Hines Park	75
Midnight	64
12/3: Ludwig	67
FCI	38
SKF-NATC	67
McAuley	63
Lakers	77
Tower Bandits	44

On deck

SALEM BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus Ann Arbor Huron, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Belleville, 5:30 p.m.

SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

Season begins Dec. 17

SALEM WRESTLING

Saturday at home for the Salem 8 Invite, 9 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Season begins Dec. 17

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Varsity plays at the Madonna Invite, 8:30 a.m., while the Junior Varsity squad travels to the Ann Arbor Huron Invite, 8:30 a.m.

CANTON BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday at Monroe, 6 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Saturday at the EMU relays, 1 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

Today, versus Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi at Novi, 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Novi Round Robin, 9 a.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

Saturday at Freeland, 2 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Season begins next Wednesday.

Ambassadors stay on top after weekend split

BY NICK GISMONDI

The Compuware Ambassadors split a pair of hard fought games this past weekend as they took on the second place Soo Indians at the Big Bear arena in the frosty upper peninsula.

On Sunday a battle of the top two goalies in the NAHL, Compuware's Craig Kowalski and the Soo's Miller defined the match-up. At the end of the first period the score was deadlocked at 0-0. The Ambassadors fired 8 shots on Miller but could not penetrate. In second period the Ambassadors dominated play, getting the brunt of the scoring opportunities, but it was much of the same as the resilient Miller held his ground.

In the third the Ambassador's finally broke through when Mark Mink scored his second goal in two games to make it 1-0.

But the Soo would respond with one of their own at the midway point of the third and eventually send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, the Ambassadors' Jack Redwood tipped in a pass from Pat Brush at 1:51 for the sudden death victory.

On Saturday the Ambassadors battled the Indians to another overtime, but this time fell short.

The Soo scored first at the 11:07 mark of the first period. Mark Mink tied the score in the second off a feed from captian John Shouneyia.

Both the third period and overtime went

by without scoring and the game was sent into a shoot out. Troy Milam, Jack Redwood, John Shouneyia, Steve Jackson, and Pat Brush all shot for Compuware but to no avail. It would be Josh Lyerly scoring his second of the night in the shoot out to win it for the Soo 2-1.

Ambassador notes

Eight Ambassadors and Head Coach and General Manager Mike Vellucci have been selected to represent Team USAH Domestic Junior All-Star Team in Lake Placid, NY on Dec.27 through Jan. 1. The Ambassadors selected to go were defenseman Pete Broccoli, Troy Milam, and Andy Burnes.

Salem's experience the difference versus Canton in 55-16 victory

The Canton wrestling team scored a victory in their first dual meet of the season under new coach John Demsick Thursday versus Farmington but quickly hit a Rock wall with Salem, falling to their cross-creek rival 55-16.

Versus Farmington, Jerod Chapman, Rob Demsick, Jim Shelton, Kevin Stone, John Pocock, Steve Bernacki and Phillip Rothwell all pinned their opponents.

"We knew that our conditioning level was high and we had a good chance to win," Demsick said.

Forwards Pat Brush, Mark Mink, John Shouneyia, and Jack Redwood, along with goalie Craig Kowalski.

These eight will be joined by other players from the NAHL and the USHL for the five team round robin tournament which will match Team USA up against Finland, Sweden, Czech Republic, and the USAH National Team Development Program based out of Ann Arbor.

The Ambassadors stay in first place in the NAHL with a record of 19-4-2, and have 40 points, which is 4 points ahead of the second place Soo. Compuware's next game is Friday at home against Cleveland.

WRESTLING

Kyle Pitt recorded a pin, while Rob Demsick and Jim Shelton were among the few highlights for Canton as Salem continued its recent dominance of the Chiefs last Thursday.

On Saturday, the Chiefs placed six wrestlers in the finals of the Falcon Invitational, but could muster only one gold medal. Captain John Pocock beat a state qualifier from last year.



Goalie Robert Holsinger (center) has been a defensive stalwart all season for the first-place Whalers with a 2.16 goals-against average. DeBoer credits the Whaler defense and Holsinger's rising confidence for the stellar play. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Colagiacommo gets hat trick

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Whalers cruised to their third straight victory.

"Our powerplay has been a real asset and weapon all season," DeBoer said.

The powerplay line featuring Druken, Legwand and Colagiacommo continues to produce despite fears that it's too many scorers on one line.

Colagiacommo, perhaps showing he may be capable of lugging the brunt of offen-

sive need when Legwand and Druken leave, also added two assists to give him five points in the game.

Although Windsor is at the bottom of the Western Division barrel, DeBoer is happy his experienced team didn't take the Spitfires lightly.

"I've got to give our guys a lot of credit," he said. "I think that shows the maturity of our team by not falling into that trap."

WHALER OF THE WEEK



#17 CENTER

Randy Fitzgerald

The Whaler's captain, Fitzgerald has been the core of the first place team all season. On Saturday the left wing Fitzgerald scored a pair of goals in a 4-1 win over London.

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Goodfellows: 1st time a charm

Well, I just got back from the Canton Goodfellows holiday blitz paper sale, and boy are my arms tired.

The Goodfellows took to the streets and shopping centers of Canton and Plymouth Saturday to sell their papers and raise money for their annual drive to have 'No Kiddie Without A Christmas. This year was my first with them.

My own little drive started a bit later than most others. I had errands to run and pictures to take in the morning, and so I didn't arrive at Canton's Administration Hall — converted to Goodfellows headquarters for the day — until after 1 p.m.

Halfway hoping for a frontline position, perhaps along Ford Road, I instead accepted a relief mission at the new Kroger at Ford and Canton Center roads. Gene, the volunteer who had been assigned the spot earlier, had been there all day by himself, and probably could've used some help.

When I got there, he was ready to leave. After a while, I learned why. So I took a position at the store's other entrance.

It didn't take long to grow on me. There I was, a bag full of papers slung over my shoulder, a copy held high in the air (or, as high as someone of my stature can). I felt like an old time news boy standing on a corner hawking that day's edition.

I could not, in good conscience, have asked for a better day for it. I mean, here it was in early December and the temperature was edging up to the 60 degree mark.

There wasn't a whole lot of traffic by my door — foot or otherwise — and I began to fear I wouldn't have much to show for my time. I pictured myself, face all downcast, going back to Administration Hall and saying to Goodfellows

president Nancy Spencer "I only made \$5."

But the people of Canton came through.

I was surprised by how many donated more than a dollar for the paper, or gave money and waved the paper away. Several people said they had already given on the street, or purchased papers in Plymouth but many still had another bill to spare. That got me to thinking.

In previous years I purchased charity goods whenever they were sold on the street. But I would buy them when I first left my apartment in the morning, and display them all day long. They were like a charity shield so I could drive by the volunteers for the rest of the day without a pang of guilt.

No kiddie without a Christmas:

Canton Goodfellows
1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton MI 48187

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P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth MI 48170

For some people, it was all they could do. For me, I knew it wasn't. And I knew that I would start to do more.

Part of it was running into people I would talk to on my beat. Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin spotted me and pulled a U-turn, only to find out she didn't have money in her purse. She assured me that she had donated to the Goodfellows earlier in the week, so I gave her a paper.

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



Sen. Loren Bennett stopped by, too. Although he had just run to the store to do some quick shopping, he had time for a few laughs and to donate a few bucks.

The Goodfellows pulled in a total of about \$9,500 — \$5,400 in Plymouth and \$4,100 in Canton. The Canton figures were about what they raised last year, according to Spencer, even though she had about 20 less people volunteering.

Much of it was due to people who worked a lot longer than I did, people who deserve a pat on the back. And as much as they did, there is always more that can be done. Just as it was difficult to think about Christmas when temperatures were in the 60s, it's also difficult to think about needy families in a community where the average house sells for \$200,000.

The Canton Goodfellows will be wrapping presents and filling boxes Dec. 16-18 at the library, and distributing the goods on the 19th. Canton Goodfellows 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, 48187.

For me, another volunteer summed it up. He returned to headquarters, plopped down the rest of his papers and a plastic milk jug jammed with donations.

"I'm beat," he said. "But I love it. I'll do it every year."

Mulling police mergers:

What City, Twp. readers wrote

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week, The Crier asked readers what they thought about the proposed merger of City and Township police dispatch services, and about the prospect of a full police merger. Responses came back anonymously, and signed:

Absolutely not! The City and Township should remain separate in all areas. I live in the Township and am 100 per cent satisfied with all services. We are two separate communities. Keep it that way.

If the Plymouths merge together on

services the next thing they will want to do is share services with Canton. Isn't it bad enough they are in our school district?

No. We enjoy our smaller everything. To many people who chose to live in town, bigger is not better. Guaranteed, it would lead to bureaucracy and less service for both parties. \$80,000 times two is a drop in the bucket. It isn't broke so please don't fix it.

We are still somewhat a bastion of provincialism here in town. We value that. We like small. That is, the very core of why

we bought here and lived here. We love The Penn, for example, not a 20-screen megacomplex. Treasure what we have!

No! Leave the police dispatch alone. Everything is fine the way it is! The Township wants everything, but they don't want to pay. The City shouldn't have to support them. If you're going to get rid of something, recall the City Commission!

We lost our fire department to the Township. Don't lose our police department too. Let the Township raise taxes and keep their own P.D. They don't want to raise taxes for recreation or the Sheldon underpass. Let them raise money for their P.D.

FLORA SCHOMBERGER

We need to know more about what the specific service aspects are that could be changed. If they are incompatible with the majority of our City and Township residents, then we need to look into what "unification" entails. We no longer can support little fiefdoms, but must look into alternatives. And we desperately need officials who can look

at the big picture and work better with one another.

Larger cities can do it. Why can't we? Sorry, it's the boundary lines that are the problem. Has anyone done surveys on how many cities our size are still self-contained?

No! They City and the Township should be one — the whole thing or nothing!

JAN SMITH

We are still a bastion of provincialism. We value that. We like small

Whaddya think?

'Money under the bridge?

The City and Township disagree on whether they should split costs for the Sheldon Road underpass down the middle, or ask all Plymouth residents to pay an equal increase in taxes. What's the answer?

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Community opinions

With Malice Toward None:

The real news about P-C commerce

By W. Edward Wendover

"NEVER LET THE FACTS STAND IN THE WAY OF A GOOD STORY." That Journalism 101 joke is meant by all respectable journalists to be just that — a joke.

But some Plymouth-Canton businessfolks and community leaders are wondering whether the reporters (and their editors) of last week's Detroit News article on Plymouth-Canton shopping missed that the phrase is, well, a joke — and not a directive.

Since the Detroit Newspaper Agency recently established a western-Wayne beachhead in Plymouth (yet again, some note), The News caught up with a 25-year-old story: Canton's growth in both residential and commercial arenas has played interestingly on shopping habits of western Wayne County. (A year-old Crain's Detroit story told how Sears' expansion into Westland was designed to capture Canton and Plymouth growth for retailing.)

But The News story was more designed to back the reporters' preconceived notion that Canton's growth was infuriating Plymouth businesses. Say what?

When Canton began pushing for the extension of Morton Taylor Road through to Ford, businessfolks in Plymouth and Canton realized that would do much to enlarge and cement the historic shopping relationship between the Plymouths and Canton. Historically, Plymouth served as the "downtown" to much of Canton and that tradition continues today.

Ask Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who bumped baskets

with a couple Plymouthites shopping at the Canton Meijer store following a Canton Board meeting. (Talk there turned to Canton's Summit operations, zoning issues and "how's the family doing?")

Mary Millington, of Little Professor on the Park in Plymouth, responded to The News piece: "Thank God they're (Canton) growing. We're grateful for our Canton customers." She estimated that 40 per cent of her customers were from Canton and just hosted a "huge" book signing celebration for Virginia Bailey Parker's "Ghost Stories" — her second Canton historical book.

Rose's restaurant midway North-South in Canton was jammed Saturday night — including a number of Plymouth patrons. "We're mostly Canton, a lot of Belleville, a lot of Plymouth, and all over. We're mostly repeat customers and growing as it grows around us," said Richie Constantino, Rose's owner. Their five years in business has seen the western subdivisions boom in Canton.

Larry Bird, owner of Gabriela's in downtown Plymouth, said his Canton customers were eight per cent of his total in 1992, but have grown to 18 per cent in 1998. "I saw that (News) article... they were looking at an apple and an orange. I've seen the increase in Canton people." But perhaps Bird's next door neighbor summed it up best:

Dale Knab, owner of Wiltse's Drug Store, said, "The growth of Canton has been obvious to us. I'm not aware of any animosity between the communities:

"We don't check our customers ID when they come into our store."

Plymouths' manifest destiny

With the golden spike pounded, the two sides of the Union Pacific Railroad were fused May 10, 1869 in Promontory, Utah. With the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, the American East and West were forever linked and manifest destiny finally fulfilled.

Today, 130 years later, the railroad has long since been replaced by the automobile as the primary form of transportation. But its influence and ability to link geographies may still come into play.

In Plymouth, trains are seen mostly as a nuisance, an excuse for tardiness. Sheldon Road may be the worst. A heavily traveled road, Sheldon has been long in need of an underpass, but the project always seemed too expensive to officials.

This year, however, the money finally arrived. Finances are almost here. The federal government has committed; the county has anteed their share. Only the two communities that would border the project — the City and the Township — face financial blockage.

This is old news. The question for months has been What will the Plymouths pay?

The City proposed a community-wide millage: every City and Township resident would pay the same millage rate. The Township, after initial reluctance to pay a dime, said No way. We'll pay half, no more.

By seeking their own financing, the Township would be turning its back on the

City's idea, yet at the same time ensuring its citizens will pay as little as possible.

It seems a politically smart move; representative government at its best. But closer examination reveals the potential dangers of isolating the City on such an important project.

Because of the Township's larger size and tax base, splitting 50-50 the expected \$1.6 million local share would cost City residents four times as much, per capita, as Township residents.

The Township Board of Trustees is playing to its audience. After this summer's resounding disapproval of three millage proposals, the words "tax" and "increase" seem to have been banished from the official Township dictionary.

But how are they representing the will of Township citizens if the project isn't built?

The financial prognosis grows dim as the weeks roll on. If the City is forced to seek their own increase from voters fully aware they are paying the heftier price tag, the ballot mood could be hostile.

And then the formula is simple: If City voters don't pass a bond, the City doesn't pay and the project falls through.

The whole scenario leads both communities down the same path. Who's holding the cards in this match?

The Township Board is under no legal obligation to consider the City's community-

Write
of way
By Scott Goodwin



wide millage proposal. They answer to only one group: Township citizens, not City voters and not the City Commission.

But the City carries a hand just as strong. The project doesn't go without their pocketbooks, a reality the Township can't ignore.

What makes this case unique among City-Township ventures is the immediacy that has forced the sides together.

Because the project touches both communities, neither can retreat without destroying a golden opportunity.

And it may reach further than that. The Township's attitude toward this project may testify to their larger attitude about joint ventures altogether. How much are they willing to pay for the sake of the community?

The railroad has brought that question to the fore. This project's outcome could do more to define the relationship between the City and the Township than any other affair since the fire department merger.

Just like in 1869, the railroad can once again be the bridge between two communities. The only question is who will bring the golden spike.

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