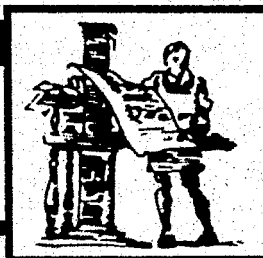


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## 16-year-old girl raped on way to school

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Police continue to look for a 25-year-old white male in connection with the sexual assault of a 16-year-old Canton High School junior as she was on her way to school last Wednesday morning.

According to Plymouth Twp. police Inv. David Hayes, the girl told police she was walking along Ann Arbor Trail near Chestnut Drive at about 7 a.m. to catch a school bus when the man approached her with a knife and forced her into the woods across the road.

There, Hayes said, he sexually assaulted her and then left the scene.

The girl went home and then she and her mother reported the assault to police. The girl was then taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment and examination.

Hayes said that all evidence taken at the scene and from the medical exam will be turned over

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Plymouth Township police officers and a member of the Michigan State Police K-9 unit from Flat Rock talk to passing motorists on Ann Arbor Trail hours after a 16-year old girl reported being sexually assaulted in the woods nearby. A state police tracking did pick up a scent but lost it a short time later. Police have since released a composite drawing of the assailant (right). (Crier photo by Craig Farrand)



## District, professionals offer help

BY CRAIG FARRAND

How do you explain death to first-graders -- or rape to teen-agers?

How do you allay the fears that the same thing could happen to them?

How do you help them deal with loss of a classmate or the assault of a friend?

Those are the questions that face medical and education professionals anytime a school-aged child falls victim to tragedy or trauma.

And although the answers are never easy to come by, and comfort is difficult to give, all professionals have proven procedures in place to help at least address the situation.

In the Plymouth-Canton School District, for example, officials have at their disposal a team of 40 administrators, teachers, social workers and psychologists that can be activated at a moment's notice to deal with the immediate crisis.

Although not activated following the attack of a Canton High School student last Wednesday, officials said the "Response Team" stands ready to go into action when situations warrant.

According to Richard Egli, administrative assistant for community relations, the "Response Team" -- he refrains from calling it a crisis management team -- has two roles:

that of rumor clearinghouse, and that of providing support to building administrators and classroom teachers.

In the case of the recent assault, however, the team has yet to be activated; only the high school psychologist has so far been involved with the case. She declined comment on the matter.

So far, the district's response has been to issue two warnings to students: walk in pairs and be aware of suspicious persons lurking in the area.

While district officials were reluctant to talk about the matter, professionals who work with victims of sexual assault said talking about it was an important first step for those close to the victim.

Debra Cain, director of the Sexual Assault and Prevention Awareness Center at the University of Michigan, said her crisis intervention program deals as much with the friends and family of an assault survivor as it does with the survivor herself.

"All of them (friends and family) are generally as traumatized as the survivor," Cain said, "but it's important that they learn to 'read' the cues given by the person.

"Some, for example, want to be touched; some don't. The important thing is to give the survivor back control of her life -- to ask if she wants to be hugged."

Cain emphasized that two of the first steps she takes in

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## Curriculum program gets heat

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The ammunition had been piled for some time, but it wasn't until Monday night that the first skirmish was fought.

With battle lines clearly drawn, two sides went before the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to debate the successes of the district's highly touted developmental education philosophy in place at Bird Elementary School.

Each boasted its share of emotional speakers, but the board itself refused to bite, deciding instead at the end of the night -- after many had left the meeting -- to consider a session devoted solely to the debate.

At issue is a controversial method of instruction that entails using "holistic" methods to teach reading and other disciplines, as well as social skills.

Those parents opposed to the program, however, made it clear they feel the method shortchanges their children in the basics, leaving them vulnerable to the competitive nature of education.

Supporters of the program were just as adamant that the methodology works well, with many parents giving blow-by-blow accounts of how their children have improved while in the program.

Still, the parents questioning the success of the developmental program insisted that their children were not only falling behind, but, as one parent put it, "un-learning" what her child had already been taught.

The issue is not a new one: Jim Mills of Plymouth, had until recently been leading a one-man crusade to get answers about the program's purpose and success rate.

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## Look for The Crier again on Saturday

A reminder to our readers: The Community Crier will be publishing a special pre-holiday edition this Saturday, Dec. 19, instead of Dec. 23.

To help ensure that our classified and display advertising customers and local groups and organizations get their messages in this special edition, our ad and news deadlines for the Saturday, Dec. 19 edition are 3 p.m. tomorrow.

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

In some editions of today's Crier, look for an insert from:

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## Developmental program draws fire

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On Monday, he read a prepared statement into the record repeating not only his concern about the program but also voicing his anger over an apparent lack of interest in his questions on the part of the district.

"This is the eighth school board meeting I have attended in the last eight weeks," he said. "I realized I needed to listen and get to know you and your system if I was to be able to communicate my concern."

However, "I need to convey to the board that the process of questioning (the program)...has not been a logical, nor an enlightening experience for me."

### Vote for best tree

Walk or drive past Kellogg Park in the middle of downtown Plymouth and you can't help but notice the sidewalks lined by brightly decorated Christmas trees.

And the view is even more dramatic at night.

Well, even if you weren't among those who came out to the park on Dec. 5 to help trim the trees, you can still take part in the festivities surrounding them:

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has been sponsoring a decorating contest in connection with the trees in which residents can vote for their favorite.

Ballots are available at the chamber office, the Box Bar and the Mayflower Hotel, and can be cast through Monday.

concerns were "the tip of the iceberg." Mills asked for a show of hand from the audience (more than a dozen were raised) and was followed by several other parents who expressed similar concerns about the program.

On the flip side, parents in support of the program were joined by one teacher at Bird who partially explained the methods used. When she began answering specific charges leveled by one parent, however, she was silenced by the board.

## Board delays vote

BY AMY KIDWELL

The Dunning-Hough Library Board decided Monday night to postpone a March 30 millage election that would have raised funds for a new library.

"Volunteers found that there are still a lot of question to be answered in the community," said Pat Thomas, the library's director.

She was referring to a volunteer survey of residents in the community that reported a great deal of doubt in voters' minds on the issue.

Thomas said the board didn't feel that the March 30 date left enough time to address those voter concerns.

"The board is concerned for keeping motivation up," said Thomas.

Library Board President Steve Harper said last month that the bond levy request would be about .7 mills and the operating increase would be about .25 mills.

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# This Santa may be the all-time original

## Westland resident helps children

BY AMY KIDWELL

Is there a Santa Claus?

Yes, and he lives in Westland!

Gene "Santa" Reaves, 90, a former Canton resident, is known across the country as Santa Claus because of the generous charity work he does for children each year.

"I'm the oldest Santa that's still active," Reaves said.

He began his career as Santa 60 years ago and appeared as first Santa in the J. L. Hudsons-sponsored Thanksgiving Day Parade. He appeared as Santa for 10 seasons.

After his 10 years with Hudsons, he worked a few more years with a different department store but said that after that all of his "Santa" work was done for charity.

To support his family, Reaves has worked in several jobs positions including a liquor control inspector for the Michigan State Police.

Reaves not only believes in the spirit of Christmas, he is the spirit of Christmas. His spirit of giving with no questions asked is admired by many who appreciate his work and dedication.

Through the years, he has kept in contact with several well-known, national figures like Barbara Bush, Hillary Clinton, Connie Chung, and the Queen of England.

On a more local level, he keeps in contact with U.S. Rep. Bill Ford and several leaders in Canton.

His most recent award was given this month when he was named "The Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year"



Gene "Santa" Reaves started his Santa career 60 years ago when he rode the sleigh in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Today he does charity work for children. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell.)

by the Michigan Jaycees.

"Santa" was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 13, 1902. He married his first wife, Theresa, in 1919, and they had a son, who is named after his father.

He later married Madeline and had a daughter, Barbara.

For many years, Reaves has been

involved with Foster Grandparents, an organization that takes care of retarded children.

He explained that one year the organization asked his wife Madeline for a Christmas tree. "That's when the Santa Christmas Fund started," said Reaves.

He then explained that he was able to

raise enough money to give the organization much more than just a tree. Ever since that Christmas, he has held annual fund-raisers to buy presents for the children.

During his residency in Canton, he was made an honorary member of Canton's Chamber of Commerce. Every year the Chamber hosts a party in his honor in order to raise funds for the cause. This year the party was held Friday night.

"It (the fund-raiser) went really well. He's an amazing man," said Linda Shapona, executive director for Canton's Chamber of Commerce, who said the event raised \$355.

In turn, Reaves, said, "the Chamber has helped me quite a bit."

Reaves also gets support every year from the Plymouth-Canton Civic Club.

Reaves buys his gifts from a wholesaler in Pontiac, saying "I won't give a child anything used."

What he buys for the children usually depends on how much money is raised.

"I gave them all sweaters one year. That's when the donations were coming in big," he said.

Reaves said he didn't know 60 years ago that he would this active as Santa: "I thought I'd be dead by now."

And what's his favorite season of the year?

Why, Christmas, what else?

Anyone willing to contribute to the cause can make donations to: Santa's Christmas Fund, 37789 Hixford, Apt. F-12, Westland, MI 48185.

## Police search for suspect in store holdup

Plymouth Township police have released a surveillance camera picture of the suspect sought in the Nov. 25 armed robbery of a gas station on Ann Arbor Road near I-275.

At approximately 8 p.m. that night, the suspect entered the gas station, threatened an employee with a handgun and escaped with money taken from the cash register.

The suspect was described as a white male, about 25 years old, 6-feet tall, 160 pounds, with short black hair. He was described as wearing a dark baseball cap, green shirt and a blue jean jacket with a diamond design on the back.

Anyone with information is asked to call Plymouth Township police at 453-3869.

Have you seen this man? If so, Twp. police need to hear from you. This is a picture of the man who held up a gas station Nov. 25th.



## Who are these people? Some say they know

Three down. One to go.

That's the success rate from last week's story on matching 10-year-old portraits with their models.

Within hours after the story ran in The Crier, calls began coming in to Crier offices and also to the homes of the two women holding the four portraits.

And by Saturday, two of the drawings had been "re-portraited" with their subjects: "Sandy" had been turned over to her mother, and "Alice" had been turned over to -- well, Alice.

The third drawing was identified by one caller to The Crier and passed on to the two women, who said they'll make the connection.

Which leaves only "Steve" to identify.

Oh, and so who are these people?

Stay tuned.

## The Board Report

### A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of December 14, 1992

The meeting began at 7 p.m. with a viewing of the video, "The HIV Test: Who Should Take It? What Does It Show?" This video was recommended for approval by the Sex Education/Reproductive Health Committee.

The "Extra Miler Award" was presented to Theresa Bulmon, a special education bus monitor. Bulmon has been a dedicated employee in the District for the past six years. The "Extra Miler Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Award" was presented to Plymouth Township resident Ellen Tucker. An active volunteer since 1986, Tucker is a member of the Community School Council, a PTO member, a classroom and library volunteer and an East band supporter.

Mike McCauley and Bill Gretzinger, Close Up teachers at the Centennial Educational Park (CEP), reported that the Canton Foundation has awarded the Close Up program \$5,000 to offset the cost of the group's Washington trip. In addition, they reported that the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees have donated \$2,000 to support the trip.

Smith Elementary School playground committee members Nancy Watkins, Dave Sibbold, Joe Valenti and Cheryl Clason announced that the playground renovations are near completion. Barry Simescu and Erick Carne of the Plymouth Rotary Foundation presented a check to the committee to support the project.

Under the Superintendent's Report, the Board saw drawings from Jeffrey Hammond of Roy G. French and Associates, Inc. and Michael Schlenke of Barton Malow Company for additional parking at West Middle School. The designs and costs for the project were discussed.

Emily Kemnitz, president of the Friends of Miller Woods and Barbara Korte, a representative for the Miller Woods area residents, brought to the Board their decisions on the issue of putting a fence around the woods. The groups have agreed on a parking lot at the site, but differ on the type and height of a fence. Board President Roland Thomas asked Administration to make a decision on this issue in January.

Under Citizens' Comments, Bill Gretzinger, representing teachers at CEP, expressed concerns about the high school final exam schedule. Students Jodie Emmett, Sheena McDonald, Aimee Lanzon, Laura Packard, Marques Nelson and Tracy Reeves supported his views. The Board asked the Superintendent to review this matter at the next meeting.

Jim Mills expressed his concerns about the District's developmentally appropriate practices philosophy. He asked the Board to hold a workshop on this matter. Similar concerns were expressed by Vincent Lizzio, Mike Janz and Ray Toben. Speaking in favor of the developmental philosophy was Joanne Lamar, Janet Warner, Lauren Falusan, Alice Chrenko and Linda Bright. Claudia Harlan expressed her view that parents should be aware of possible physical difficulties with their children when they are having learning problems.

Parents Paul Jackson, Kathy Rucinski, Bill Cox and Danny Berry stated that the video, "Considering Condoms," which the Board will view and vote on at a later date, does not send a strong enough message for abstaining from sex. They asked the Board not to approve this video for viewing by students.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$5,006,727.44.
- the leaves of teachers Laura Nagy and Nancy Rosenquist.
- the recall of certified staff members Susan Justice, Krista Jewett, Lorna Nitz and Pamela Mincher.

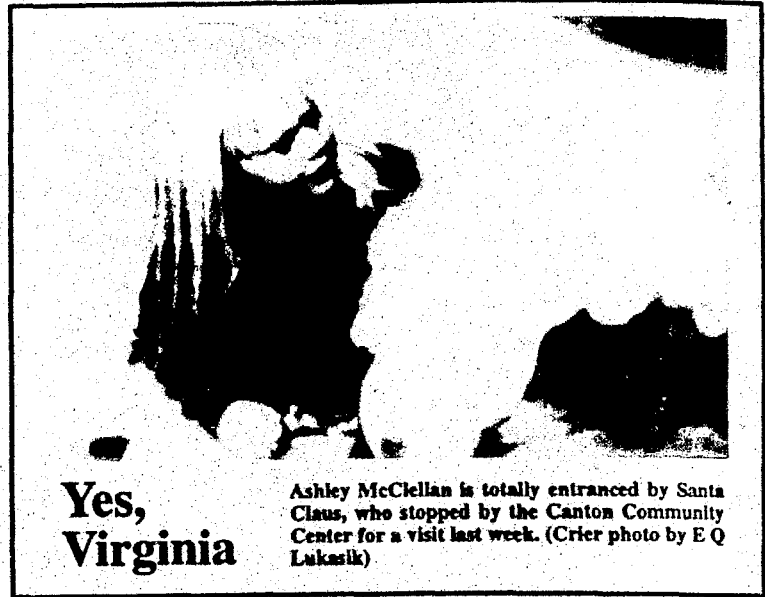
The Board approved:

- the video, "The HIV Test: Who Should Take It? What Does It Show?" for viewing by ninth- through 12th-grade students, but tabled the voting on two other committee recommendations until a later date.
- a resolution in support of asking Congress and the president-elect to establish new national budget priorities for education in 1993.
- a series of resolutions for additions and renovations for East Middle School, as a part of the 1991 Bond Project.

During Discussion, the Board reviewed possibilities for holding a workshop on the District's developmental philosophy, as requested earlier in the meeting. The Board considered holding a workshop on this topic sometime in 1993 when sufficient data has been gathered.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 11, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating the actions of your Board of Education. For more information, please call Community Relations at 451-3188.



Yes,  
Virginia

Ashley McClellan is totally entranced by Santa Claus, who stopped by the Canton Community Center for a visit last week. (Crier photo by E Q Lukasik)

## School holiday festivities gear up

With the district winding down for the Christmas break, several Plymouth-Canton schools are holding their final holiday activities this week.

### WEDNESDAY:

Eriksson Elementary School's fourth- and fifth-grader chorus is performing a holiday show at 1:30 p.m. for the school and at 7 p.m. for families of the pupils.

Field Elementary School will be holding its 16th annual Holiday Sing at 7 p.m. for parents and the community. Admission is free.

Hoben Elementary School third-graders are hosting a Holiday Program at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Four classes will perform plays and skits for Hoben families.

Isbister Elementary School is presenting its annual Holiday Program a 7 p.m. The four- and fifth-grad Isbister Zingers choral group will perform, followed by an appearance of the Isbister Staff Singers.

### THURSDAY:

Bird Elementary School fifth-graders will host a Holiday Music Program at 7 p.m. for pupils, staff and parents.

Eriksson Elementary School pupils will get a special visit from Santa from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., as the jolly

fellow makes his rounds from classroom to classroom.

Fiegel Elementary School pupils, families and staff will participate in the Fiegel Family Fa-la-la, an outdoor concert and sing-along at 7:30 p.m. in the school's playground. The school's PTO will be providing hot chocolate to participants.

Miller Elementary School is presenting its annual Holiday Sing at 6 p.m., with performances being given by first through fifth-graders.

### FRIDAY:

Hulsing Elementary School pupils wrap up the week by not only hosting its Holiday Sing in the morning, but also by collecting the final donations to their school-wide winter clothes drive. The clothes will then be donated to the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank.

## Era to be re-created

Eighth-graders at Pioneer Middle School will be taking a look back in history tomorrow when they attempt to re-create a Civil War-era Christmas celebration.

More than 250 pupils will be transported back in time, repeating the kind of cease fires that were imposed during the war.



## Public notices

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

Respectfully submitted,  
David P. Arthey, Secretary  
Board of Education

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This group of officials from five local communities met privately Monday night to discuss strategy in upcoming contract talks with Omnicom Cable. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)

## Crier reporter ejected from cable TV meeting

BY AMY KIDWELL

Officials from five area communities are preparing strategy for upcoming contract talks with Omnicom Cable, the cable television firm that serves all five.

Monday night, representatives from the communities — the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and the cities of Plymouth and Northville — met with consultant and attorneys to plan for the negotiations.

Phil LaJoy, a member of Canton Township Board of Trustees and a member of the cable committee, said the communities are pulling together their resources to form a single contract.

He explained that Canton's contract with Omnicom runs out in 1995, but a three-year window for informal negotiations opened this year.

The other communities are in the same situation, with contracts ending in 1994 or 1995.

"Negotiations I'm sure will open will begin after the first of the year," LaJoy said.

He said he wasn't sure when an agreement would be made, and that it, "depends on how everything goes."

"We're looking for an agreement that would best serve residents of Canton," he added.

Because the five communities are so similar, he said that each contract will probably be very similar.

"I think yes (that the contracts will be the same)," he said "Not to say there couldn't be differences."

"There could be some areas where the communities differ," he said.

Lisa Boland, general manager for Omnicom said her firm's dealings with the communities have been "a real good relationship."

"We're looking forward to sitting down at the table," she said.

## Jaycees team up with businesses to collect food, clothing for needy

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are teaming up with area businesses and offices to help make the holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate in their communities.

The second-annual food basket program, run by the Jaycees, started Nov. 16 and runs through tomorrow.

There are 12 drop off sites throughout The Plymouth-Canton Community. The Jaycees are collecting non-perishable food items and new toys.

Johnson's restaurant, Ford Road and Lilley, is offering 10 per cent off the bill of anyone making a donation at the

restaurant.

The Ford Road Burger King is offering small fries to anyone making a donation.

Other drop off sites are Maria's Deli, Plato Coney Island, Olive Garden, Checker Dry Cleaners in Canton, Plymouth Township Hall, Van Esley Real Estate, Roney Brokerage House, the Century 21 on Plymouth's Main Street and the Krogers in Canton and Plymouth.

The Jaycees hope to help 25 families in need this year, increasing last year's program by 15 families.

For more information, call 453-8407.

## Presbyterian Women 100 Years in Plymouth



The oldest consecutive ladies group in the city celebrated the 100th anniversary of their first meeting on December 9, 1992 by recreating the first meeting of December 8, 1892. Pictured are the costumes of the three founding members - Kate Leach, Ella Chaffee, and Mrs. John Ward - with the same menu served in 1892.

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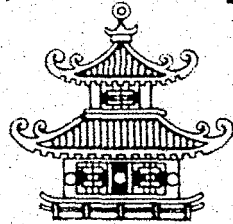
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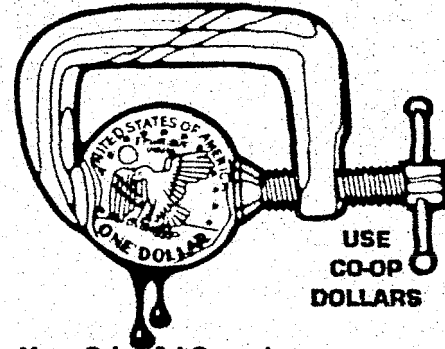
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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**James W. Gross** of Plymouth received a scholarship administered by the University of Kansas Endowment Association.

Gross is a sophomore at KU and is in the School of Fine Arts.

He is one of 3,442 students who received scholarships for the fall 1992 semester.

A 1992 graduate of Canton High School completed basic training at the Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, CA.

**Delano A. Hill** finished his six weeks of training where he studied the Air Force mission.

Hill is the son of Marc A. Hill of Canton and Phyllis A. Gulley of Detroit.

**Ed Weidenbach** of Canton and **Tom and Anita Hinks** of Plymouth were honored at the Detroit Radio Information Service's (DRIS) Annual Recognition reception on Oct. 27 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit. Both Weidenbach and the Hinks received the Mark C. Otis Award for their service as DRIS volunteers.

Two area residents received honors from Western Michigan University.

**Stacia Celaya** of Northville and **Heidi Klaes** of Plymouth were among 272 freshmen who are now members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors Society at WMU this fall.

Tech. Sgt. **John W. Kolb** was recently decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Kolb, an air transportation supervisor, is the son of John F. and Josephine F. Kolb of Canton.

He is a 1975 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

He has been married to **Judy** for 34 years and has three children, one girl and two boys, all of whom are living on their own.

**William Scott** of Canton is one of 15 people at Madonna University who are members of the new national honor society, Psi Chi.

The new chapter was installed in December and is an organization which seeks to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields.

**Darryl Kotcher**, with the help of his wife, **Karen**, negotiates his wheelchair onto a specially - equipped van elevator - ramp. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)



## Couple hope for special Christmas

BY CRAIG FARRAND

For one Canton couple, the perfect Christmas present this year won't be a cute puppy with a red bow in its hair, but rather a full-grown dog with compassion in its eyes.

And the ability to act as an extension of their needs.

**Karen and Darryl Kotcher** need a dog who can help **Darryl** deal with life in a wheelchair; a life of being unable to pick things off the floor, carry a briefcase to work or open the door to the house.

Diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1985, **Darryl** underwent radiation therapy following surgery, but, according to **Karen**, his spinal column received an overdose of exposure.

Within a year, she said, his spinal column began to shrink and his ability to walk deteriorated to the point that he not only became wheelchair-bound, but now is also almost completely at the mercy of an electric chair, since the strength in his arms is unpredictable.

As a result, **Darryl** has difficulty reaching for dropped items or even opening doors -- tasks that can be accomplished by one amazing dog.

Enter the "Paws with a Cause" organization, based in Grand Rapids.

"Paws with a Cause" is cousin to the already equally successful "Ears for the Deaf" program, which trains canines to help those with hearing problems deal with daily struggles and emergency situations.

In the case of "Paws with a Cause," the animal is trained to help those with physical handicaps -- people like **Darryl** -- open doors, pick up and carry items and act as the arms and legs of someone unable to move freely.

But, not surprisingly, such specially-trained dogs don't come cheap -- and the price goes up Jan. 1.

In 1992, the going rate for a fully trained dog is \$6,000, but, according to **Karen**, will jump \$1,200 after the new year.

Fortunately, thanks to their fellow workers at R.L. Polk Co. -- where **Darryl** works as a computer programmer -- about \$2,500 already has been raised already to offset the cost; **Karen** said that their co-workers specified that their United Fund contributions this fall be earmarked specifically for **Darryl's** dog.

But simple math says another \$3,500 is needed between now and Dec. 31 -- or \$4,700 one day later.

Not surprisingly, the **Kotchers** hope this season of giving -- even with so many hands extended by local groups and organizations -- will still turn out bright for them: Residents interested in helping **Darryl** can make a tax-deductible contribution to "Paws with a Cause," earmarked for **Darryl's** fund.

In the meantime, the couple -- who met a year before **Darryl** was diagnosed, and were married in 1987 with him in a wheelchair -- live day by day.

**Karen** worries about leaving **Darryl** alone at home, and he gets frustrated over the limitations of his body.

Dogs supplied by "Paws" can complement **Darryl's** abilities, however, thanks to a unique training that includes months of on-site work with the new owners, as well as preliminary training at the organization's Grand Rapids-area center.

A United Way agency, "Paws" has placed 109 hearing and service dogs this year -- one short of its goal for 1992. But

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## Lifework program offers help to seniors

BY AMY KIDWELL

Do you need a job and are over 55?

If you answered yes, you may be interested in a program called **LifeWork**, a learning and employment center for people 55 and over.

**LifeWork** offers programs like a job bank, job skill training, career connection workshops, communication workshops, widow/widower workshops and women's financial independence workshops.

One aspect of **LifeWork** called **Senior Aids** offers wonderful opportunities for

unemployed seniors.

The **Senior Aids** program offers training or re-training and allows people to earn money while they learn a new skill.

"It provides wages for all kinds of jobs in non-profit and public institutions," said **Ann Harris**, program director for **LifeWork**.

The program focuses on teaching people office skills and nurse's aid skills.

A computer class runs three to seven weeks and teaches skills like keyboarding,

**WordPerfect**, **Lotus** and computer accounting.

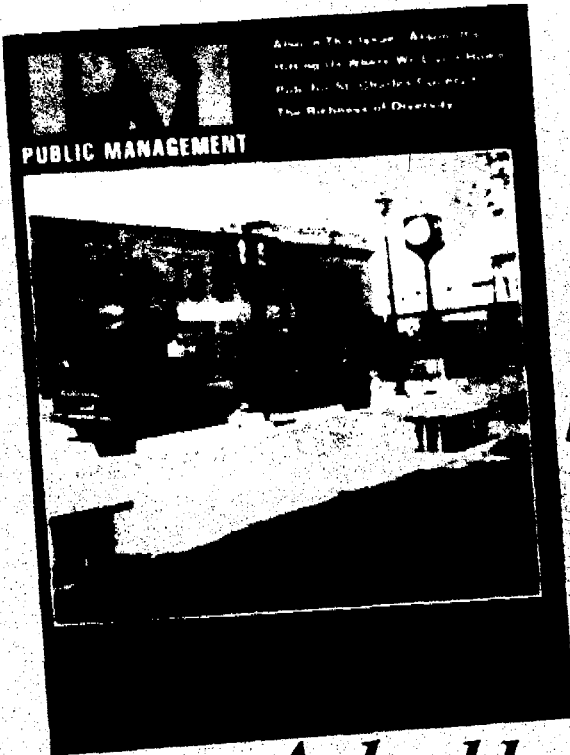
The nurse's aid class runs for five weeks and teaches all the skills necessary for a job as a nurse's aid.

Seniors are placed in one of 45 host agencies where they are paid while learning new skills.

**Senior Aids** is funded by the National Council for Senior Citizens.

Their funding provides money for the seniors' wages; We absorb the

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## A double dose of national news

Two national magazines, "Victoria" and "PM Public Management" picked Plymouth stories as major parts of their December issues. In "Victoria," the Cafe Bon Homme was featured for its Croquenbouche dessert tree and its white chocolate mousse with raspberries. "PM" picked Plymouth's downtown rejuvenation as its cover story.

## Canton solidifies consolidation goals

Last week, the Canton board agreed with the concept.

Last night, the board was expected to spell out more details of the concept.

The concept?

The plausibility of consolidating public safety services, such as police and fire, with surrounding communities.

At last night's board meeting, township officials were going to discuss an itemized listing of the various goals of any consolidation plan.

Among these goals are: to enhance the quality of public safety in Canton; to evaluate and study a comprehensive plan in specific areas; and to evaluate existing technology and its application to police and fire services.

The underlying concept of this discussion is a regional plan to explore cooperation among and consolidation of various departments within a five-community area.

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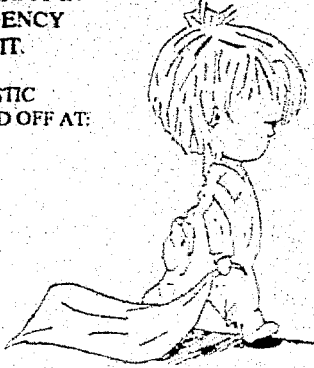


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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

**Rocky's of Northville**, owned by Chef Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz and Chuck Muer, is located at 41122 W. Seven Mile in Northville. A full-service menu is offered, and Rachwitz describes it as "a sort of like a hunting lodge, but better." Phone 349-4434.

**Dr. Robert Millard**, an oral surgeon at 9416 S. Main in Plymouth Township has announced that he's going into semi-retirement. The Plymouth Township resident said this will leave him more free time. Dr. David Sturtz, also an oral surgeon will work with Dr. Millard, and will eventually take-over the practice.

**Walt Ickes**, a 19 year Plymouth Township resident and 28 year Ford Motor Emission Component Design Supervisor is one of 43 Ford employees worldwide selected to receive the Henry Ford Technology Award for 1992. The award is the highest honor for technical contributions by employees.

Walt, along with three of his colleagues, was honored for developing and applying a new computerized design tool to improve exhaust system flow resulting in improved catalyst efficiency, durability and reliability.

Top management presented the award at an all-day event Dec. 10. The ceremony consisted of banquets at the Dearborn Inn, a tour of the Ford Design Center and a private tour of Greenfield Village.

Ickles received his Bachelor's of Engineering from the University of Michigan and earned a Master's degree in Business from Wayne State University.

He learned to repair and maintain emergency ejection systems in an aircraft and related aerospace equipment.

Warunek is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

The R.A. DeMattia Company recently promoted **Michael Genrich** from project manager to project manager/estimator. Genrich has been with the company for over five years.

The company, located in Plymouth, is a development, architectural engineering, design and build construction firm.

## Silver Anniversary

# McDonald Ford celebrates its 25th

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Although McDonald Ford is celebrating its silver anniversary this month, owner Thomas "Joe" McDonald started in the car business more than 40 years ago as a used-car salesman in Detroit.

He first opened McDonald Ford at the Lodge Freeway and Seven Mile in Detroit and moved to Northville in 1982.

The dealership, located at Seven Mile and Northville Roads, joins a select group of dealers that have offered Ford motor cars for 25 years or more.

What started as a one location, 60-person operation in 1967 has since grown to four rental locations (including the original Detroit shop), a new car showroom (Northville) and more than 100 employees.

McDonald said he never envisioned the present scope of the business.

"I never thought this far ahead," McDonald said. "I was just hoping I'd still be around."

Not only is McDonald still around, but also, according to Ford Motor Regional Sales Manager T.A. Boese, "he's got one of the largest rental operations in the country."

Boese also said that McDonald's longevity and success is no mistake.

"It's a competitive business, and for a company to not only survive, but prosper is a testimony to how they present themselves," he said. "And to the guy whose name is on the building."

General Manager Dave Reuk attributes much of McDonald's success to customer satisfaction and staying involved in the community.

"We follow-up on all sales and service," Reuk said, adding that "we're involved in the community and encourage



all of our people to get involved. We're not only a business, we're part of the community"

McDonald said a lot has changed in 25 years. Not only technology and smaller engines, but basic sales techniques.

"We never of factory rebates when I first started, now people expect rebates," he said, adding that customers are more sophisticated and educated which has caused the entire industry to concentrate on customer satisfaction.

"That's a concept we never really had to worry about before, we've always put the customer first."

Although McDonald won't speculate

Thomas "Joe" McDonald (left) accepts a 25-year Dealer Award from Ford Motor Regional Sales Manager T. A. Boese (right). (Crier photo by Gary Gosselin.)

on the next 25 years (2017), he said he'll do his utmost to keep pushing towards that 50-year mark.

# Local vet honored by national association

BY GARY GOSSELIN

A local veterinarian, Dr. Mary Beth Leininger, was recently recognized by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) — Midwest region — for outstanding service to the veterinary profession.

Leininger joined the AAHA last year, and was somewhat surprised to hear of the award.

"I had no idea that I was even nominated," she said, "and receiving the award was even more than I expected."

She and her husband, Dr. Steven R. Leininger, have practiced veterinary medicine in Plymouth since 1971, and have been at their present location on Wing Street for eight and a half years.

Leininger attributes her success, in part, to serving the pet and family as a

whole.

"We spend a lot of time talking to pet owners about the pet, and how it fits into the family."

She said that this method really gets owners to think about and discuss their pets, and often helps avoid problems before they arise, much like the preventive medicine people practice.

"We discuss things like diet, routine and behavioral problems," she said, adding that "these fundamentals limit, and often avert problems before they arise."

While many view vets as "animal people," Leininger said success not only depends on liking animals, but truly enjoying working with with people.

"If you don't like people, chances are that you won't make it in this business," she said, adding that none of her patients

come in by themselves.

Leininger said that working with her husband is another plus in the business.

"We have different areas of interest and strength," she said. "We complement each other."

She cites as an example the many trade journals she and her husband receive each month.

"We each look at our different area of interest (in the journals) and when we find something valuable, we share that with each other."

Leininger is active in the veterinary field, belonging to eight different professional organizations, and is involved in the local community as well.

All in all, Leininger said, "veterinary medicine is a great profession; I wouldn't trade it for the world."



# Couple look for present

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such work doesn't come without a hefty pricetag: According to AJ Springstead-Sapp, executive vice president of the organization, her group needed to raise \$680,350 this year from service clubs and individuals to place the 109 dogs and keep 17 others in training.

And there are still more than 1,100 people on the group's national waiting list.

The Kotcher's, of course, have one advantage others may not - the help of co-workers - but that still isn't enough. And there are other expenses, too.

A lift-equipped van cost the couple

more than \$6,000 to outfit, Karen said, and only 30 percent of the electric wheelchair's cost could be covered by insurances.

Still, the equipment does provide a semblance of normalcy for the two - but right now the Kotchers would like to see their mechanical aids joined by one other.

A four-legged friend with compassion in his eyes.

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(To make a donation in the Kotchers' name, write: Paws with a Cause, P.O. Box 8482, Kentwood, MI, 49518-8482.)

# District, professionals are prepared

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dealing with assault survivors - she doesn't use the word victim - is to first impress upon them that the attack wasn't their fault and then to give them immediate opportunities to make choices.

"For example," Cain said, "when we bring her into an interview room we ask her if the room is comfortable to her. We give her decisions to make early on in order for her to regain control of her life."

As far as family, friends and classmates are concerned, Cain said that two things need to be remembered: "Don't treat her as a non-person, and don't avoid her; don't act like she isn't there."

"The worst thing that can happen is for (her friends and family) to avoid contact, to pretend it didn't happen," she said.

At the school level, although her hotline deals primarily with college-aged students, Cain said it would be helpful for the district's response team to "sensitize her classmates; to educate them" as to the psychological dynamics at work.

Repeatedly emphasizing the fact that the sexual assault was "not your fault," Cain said that friends and family should also follow some important dos and don'ts when dealing with a survivor (see box).

During the 1991-92 academic year at U of M, Cain's hotline worked with 131 survivors of sexual assault.

And, as Cain agreed, that was 131 too many.

(The sexual assault hotline for The

Plymouth-Canton Community is 483-7273.)

## How to offer help to rape survivors

Debra Cain, director of the Sexual Assault and Prevention Awareness Center at the University of Michigan, offers this list of advice to those supporting a survivor of a sexual assault:

• **Do** be a good listener, but **Don't** give her advice.

• **Do** tell her, if she feels guilty, that fear often inhibits people and that cooperation doesn't mean consent, but **Don't** tell her what you would have done and **Don't** ask why she didn't scream, fight or run.

• **Do** try to minimize the number of times she has to tell her story; but **Don't** stop her from telling it if she wants to.

• **Do** assure the survivor that it wasn't her fault; that no one asks to be raped and no one deserves to be raped, but **Don't** ask her if she did anything to "lead him on" or ask what she was wearing or why she was walking alone.

• **Do** express support and help the survivor know that while this experience will cause disruption in her life, she will recover, but **Don't** stare.

# Police seek aid in rape case

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to the Michigan State Police forensics experts for analysis. Police are seeking help from the public, but have no suspects at this time.

The girl described her assailant as a white male, about 25 years old, 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds. Police have released a composite drawing of the suspect from the girl's description.

The composite drawing has since been distributed to Plymouth-Canton school bus drivers. (For more on the school district's response to the attack, see related story.)

Within two hours after the reported

attack, township officers were joined by a state police tracking dog that, according to Hayes, picked up a scent from the site but lost it near the school bus pick-up area.

One woman who lives across from the field, said she was getting her own young children ready for school at the time the attack took place, but never saw or heard anything.

Police are hoping an early morning driver or other passers by may have seen something.

Persons with information about the attack are being asked to call the Plymouth Township Police Department at 453-3869.



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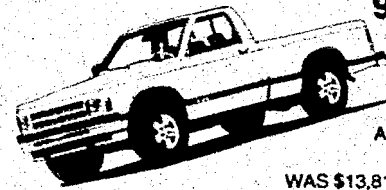
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# Community deaths

## Schultz, homemaker

Bertha L. Schultz, 83, of Plymouth died Dec. 1, 1992. Funeral services were held Dec. 3 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Mausoleum.

Born in Oregon on Sept. 1, 1909, Mrs. Schultz was a homemaker. She is survived by: son, Robert of Plymouth; grandson, Curt R. of Ann Arbor; granddaughter Caryn L. Williams of Plymouth and three great grandchildren.

## Young, banker

Thomas B. Young, 77, of Livonia died Dec. 2, 1992 in Plymouth. Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at Newburgh United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Young, who was born in Waterville, Maine on Feb. 19, 1914, worked for 42 years in the banking industry. He also served in the U.S. Army's Anti Aircraft Division during World War II. He was a member of the Masons and the Sunshine Unit Senior Citizens of Livonia.

He is survived by: wife, Dorothy; daughter, Judith Mayo; granddaughter, Amy Mayo and grandson, Michael Mayo.

## Szpak, homemaker

Beulah Szpak, 76, of Canton died Dec. 2, 1992 in Westland. Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church with Rev. Charnley officiating. Local funeral arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Mrs. Szpak worked as a homemaker and was born in Detroit on May 1, 1916. She is survived by: daughter, Susan Gondoly and grandsons, Joseph and David Gondoly.

## Fisher, club member

Dorothy Fisher, 87, of Traverse City, died Dec. 7, 1992. Funeral services were held Dec. 11 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Fisher was a former resident of Plymouth and was born on Oct. 7, 1905 in Petoskey. She was once the owner of Fisher's Beauty Shop and her hobbies include bowling, knitting and fishing. She was active in groups like the Plymouth Women's Club, the Plymouth Garden Club and the Plymouth Historical Society.

She is survived by: daughters, Marion Podskalny of Charlevoix, Helen Fortney of East Jordan and Kay Archer of Traverse City; eight grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

## Potts, dispatcher

Hazel M. Potts, 76, of Plymouth died Dec. 6, 1992 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Dec. 10 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial took place in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Potts worked as a homemaker and as a dispatcher for the Checker Cab Company. She was born in Yale, Michigan on Dec. 12, 1915. Her hobby was ceramics.

She is survived by: daughter, Annabelle Martin of Canton Twp.; sons, Raleigh of Garden City and William of Macomb Twp.; eight grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

## Hahn, business owner

John Hahn, 77, of Plymouth died on Dec. 6, 1992. Funeral services were held Dec. 9 and he is buried in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Born on Feb. 12, 1915 in Chicago, Mr. Hahn made his living in rubber and plastics products and is the former owner of the Hahn-Chardon Co. in Plymouth. He was a life time member of Plum Hollow Country Club and a member of Thomas Dooley K of C.

He is survived by: wife, Velda; sons, John and Thomas of Northville; daughters, Judith of Grand Rapids and Linda D'Angelo of Plymouth; seven grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

## Hansen, accountant

David M. Hansen, 44, of Canton died Dec. 5, 1992 in Dearborn. Funeral services were held Dec. 9 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Hansen was born Nov. 12 1948 in Highland Park and worked as a self employed accountant. He is survived by: wife, Virginia; mother, Shirley of Novi; brothers Brian of Bloomfield and Jeffery of Oak Park and sister, Kenley Riggs of Detroit.

## Peck, accountant

John J. Peck, 62, of Plymouth died Dec. 13, 1992 at Siani Hospital in Detroit. Funeral services were held St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Born Aug. 30, 1930 in Detroit, Mr. Peck earned his living as an accountant for General Motors Corp. He was a veteran of the Korean War and received the Purple Heart, United Nations Service Medal and one Bronze Star.

He is survived by: wife, Margaret; daughters, Paula Stephenson, Sharron Primeau, Kathy Peck, Gail Swiatek and Pamela Frayer; sons, Mark Higdon and Martin Peck and 13 grandchildren.

## Snyder, homemaker

Alice A. Snyder, 90, died Dec. 11, 1992 at Annapolis Hospital. Funeral services were held Dec. 14 at Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Snyder, who was born Oct. 20, 1902 in Whyne, was a former Plymouth resident and worked as a homemaker. She is survived by: daughters, Wanda Kendall of Texas and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.



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## Engagements & Weddings

### Gibbons, Grandis announce

Cherie Ann Gibbons and Chris Michael Grandis are engaged and planning a Feb. 27 wedding at St. Mary Church in Milford with a reception following the ceremony at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

They are the children of Ruthann McKelvey-Keller of Farmington, Clayton Gibbons of Taylor and Gerald and Conchitta Grandis of Milford.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School in 1981. Her fiance graduated from Lakeland High School in 1981 and from Grand Valley State University in 1988. He is currently a marketing and public relations manager at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.



CHERIE GIBBONS AND CHRIS GRANDIS

### Carpenter, Skinner announce

Jack and Barbara Carpenter of Plano, Texas, formally of Plymouth, announce the engagement their daughter, Lori Janine, to Mark Paul Skinner, son of Jeannette Mahaney of Texas City.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and attended Central Michigan University where she studied fashion merchandising. She is employed as a technical recruiter in Dallas.

The bridegroom is a 1982 graduate of Columbia High School in West Columbia, Texas and a 1987 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. He is a management with Chief Auto in Dallas.



LORI CARPENTER AND MARK SKINNER

The wedding is planned for Jan. 1 at Ellis Castle of Canyon Creek in Richardson, Texas.

KARI CAIRA AND  
SCOTT YERGIN



### Caira, Yergin announce

Kari Lynn Caira, daughter of Lou and Kris Caira of Plymouth Twp., and Scott David Yergin, son of Linda and Jim Gasparott also of Plymouth Twp., announce their children's engagement.

Kari and Scott are both graduates of Canton High School. Kari graduated from the University of Michigan in 1990 and just completed her course work for a

teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. Scott, a 1990 graduate of Michigan Tech., is currently an Information Systems Analyst with Dow Corporate Division in Midland. They will live in Midland where Kari will be teaching in the Midland School System.

A Jan. 23 wedding is planned at St. Patrick's church in Ann Arbor.

**WHY** was The Guide delayed three years ago? Answer: See pg. 130 of The '91 Guide!

**WHAT** clubs are active in the area? Answer: See pages 93 through 97 of The '92 Guide!

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**TEA MEETING**

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

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

**LUMINARIES FOR SALE**

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

Kits are \$3.50 and include 10 candles and 10 white paper bags.

For more information, call Barb at 453-7875 or Mary at 459-1999.

**FRESHSTART PROGRAM**

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

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

**WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING**

The Women's Club of Plymouth will host a meeting at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Jan. 8 at 12:30 p.m.

The program, "The Changing Roles of Women in the 19th Century," will be presented by Beth Stewart, the museum's director. A tour of the museum is part of the program, including a special display of inaugural ball gowns of the countries First Ladies.

There is no charge for admission and reservations are not necessary.

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Apply in writing to: Michigan Teen Pageant, Regional Headquarters Dept., N. 347 Locust Ave., Washington, PA 15301-3399 by Dec. 30.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Plymouth Baptist Church invites the community to attend its annual Christmas concert on Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.

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The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. Call 453-5534 for additional information.

**P.O.S. REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals for the Plymouth Oratorio Society begins Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and continue every Monday through April. This year rehearsals will be held at St. John Neuman Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd.

The society, which will be starting its seventh season, is open to all interested singers without audition. For additional information, contact Robert Pratt at 761-2991 or Mary Bozell at 455-6512.

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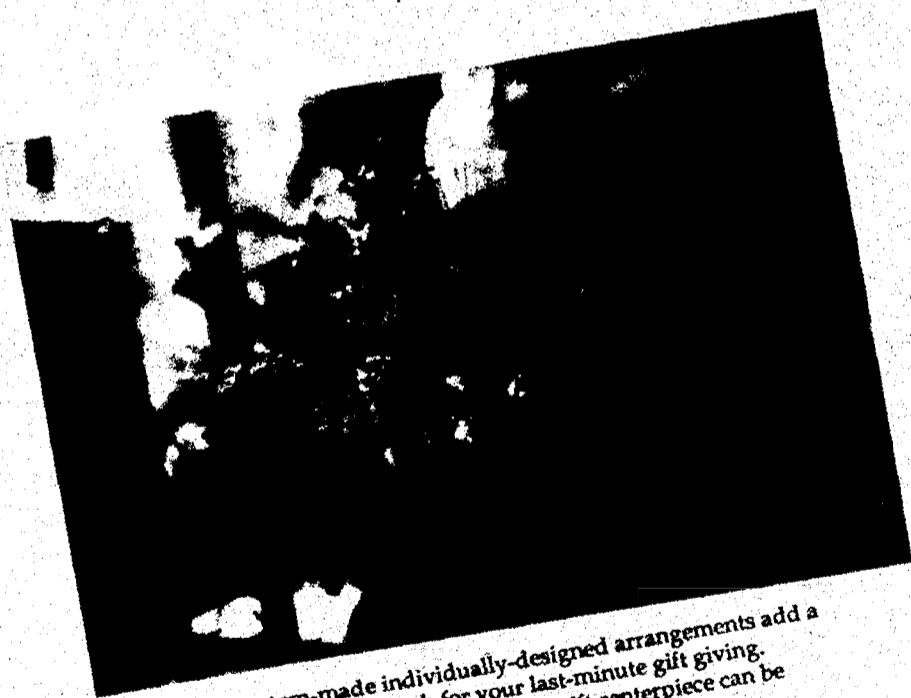


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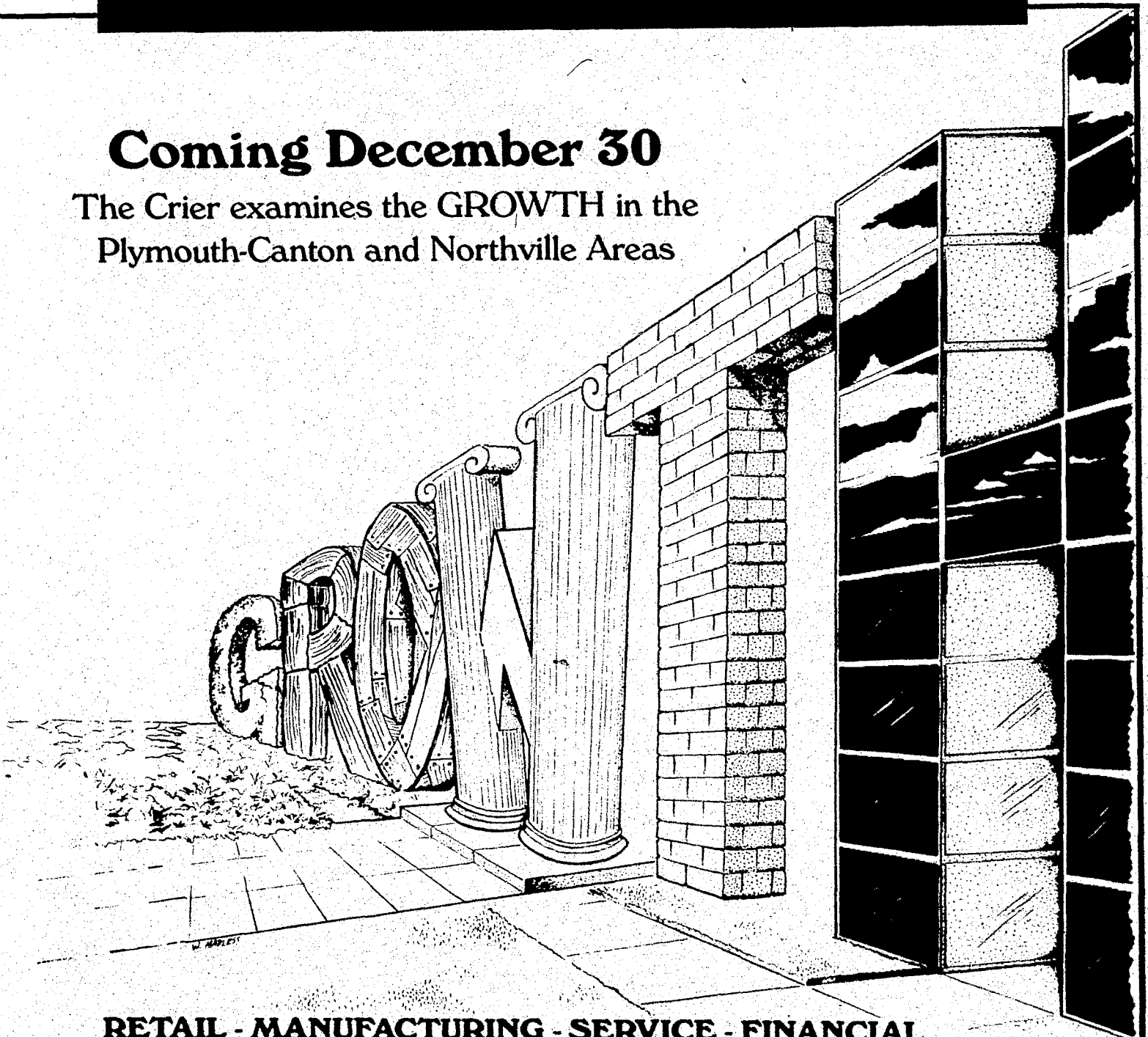


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### LEARN TO SKI

Canton Parks and Recreation is offering three sessions of the "Learn to Ski" program at Riverview Highlands. Each session consists of two lessons per week for beginners and/or intermediate skiers. Each session will last 45 minutes, with free skiing after the lessons. Skiers provide their own transportation to Riverview Highlands Ski Area.

Cost is \$45 and includes four lessons, two per week, four lift tickets and four equipment rentals. Cost is \$35 if you have your own equipment.

The first session will run the weeks of Jan. 4 and 11. Second session runs the weeks of Jan. 18 and 25, and the third session will run the weeks of Feb. 1 and 8.

During each session, two classes will be offered. The first is for people ages 8 through 15 and will start at 5 p.m. The second class starts at 7 p.m. and people who are 16 or older.

There are no residency requirements. Call 397-5110 for details.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross is in need of blood. To encourage people to donate at the red Cross donor center in the Renaissance Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 14-30, Baja Beach Club and WXYT News/Talk Radio AM 1270 will transport donors to an island paradise, complete with palm trees and tropical beaches. Anyone who tries to donate will receive a coupon for lunch at Baja Beach Club.

To kick off the event on Dec. 14, Denny McLain of WXYT-AM and Eli Zaret of WJBK-TV 2 will sign autographs between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Baja Beach Club will also hold a drawing on Jan. 4. The prize is a free party at the club.

Call 1-800-582-4383 to make an appointment at the Renaissance Center Donor Center.

### SAVE-A-LIFE SUNDAYS PROGRAM

The first 450 people present to donate blood at a Red Cross donor center on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 will receive a pair of vouchers to Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts. Each voucher is good for one ticket to any February performance except Saturday evenings. Eight donor centers, located throughout Metro Detroit and Ann Arbor, will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both Sundays.

This Save-A-Life Sundays program is co-sponsored by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and WQRS-FM 105.1. The program is necessary because of the drop in donations that is usually seen during the holidays.

To make an appointment at a donor center in Metro Detroit, call 1-800-582-4383. For an appointment in Ann Arbor, call 971-1500. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Young Artist Competition on Jan 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Madonna University's Kresge Hall.

The competition is open to all Michigan instrumental, piano and vocal students under the age of 25 who aspire toward a classical music career. Prior experience as a soloist is not required. Students will be judged on musicianship, technique and stature.

Instrumental and Vocal are the two main areas of competition. First place winners receive \$1,000 and second place winners receive \$500.

For further information, call a 24 hour hotline at 458-6575 or the Symphony office at 421-1111 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

### OPEN SKATING

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering open skating at the Cultural Center during the holidays.

The center will be open Dec. 21, through Jan. 3 (excluding Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2) with hours in the mornings and afternoons.

Skate rental is \$1.25 and admission is \$2.75 for adults and \$2 for kids. Call 455-6620 for exact skating times.

### CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

St. John Neuman Church is hosting a Christmas Sing-A-Long on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Children are invited to bring jingle bells, Fisher Price instruments, and pen flashlights and join the Praise Choir Christmas Sing-a-long.

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# Community groups reach their goals

The Plymouth-Canton Community charity efforts did quite well for themselves this year -- but, as one official put it, giving isn't just a once-a-year project.

The four groups holding major fund-raisers this year -- the Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows, the United Way and the Salvation Army -- all reported meeting their goals to varying degrees:

•The Salvation Army had, as of last Wednesday, raised nearly \$41,000 of its \$100,000 goal. According to an Army official, 33 local groups continue to man nearly two-dozen donation sites throughout the community. Collections will end at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

•The Plymouth Community United Way was successful in exceeding its goal, raising more than \$510,000 during its drive.

•The Plymouth Goodfellows reported raising more than \$4,000 from its annual newspaper sales, according to a

Goodfellow official.

•The Canton Goodfellows, on the other hand, didn't report final figures from its newspaper sales, but did say they would be able to help 63 families in their community.

Those still wishing to make donations to either of the Goodfellows organizations can mail their check to:

Plymouth Goodfellows, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Canton Goodfellows, 42764 Woodbridge, Canton, MI 48188



Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe leads a hand during the Plymouth Goodfellows annual newspaper sale fundraiser. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)



Salem High School student Julie McGurrin was one who gave up her Saturday morning to help the Canton Goodfellows raise money. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller)



Plymouth United Way Officials --(left to right) Chris Boyle, former chairman; Marie Morrow, executive director; Joan Morrison, president of the board; and Alan Steavens, chairman; cheer area residents who helped put them over the top. (Crier photo by EQ Lukashik)

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## LifeWork reaches out for retirees

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administrative cost," she said.

"It's kind of a nice situation because the host agency gets a free worker and the seniors get paid for their training and time."

The program also links in to other educational institutions and prepares people for "the new workplace."

As Harris explained, some seniors need to learn new methods of communication and new methods for operating a business, such as teamwork.

"Things just aren't the same as they were 20 years ago," she said. "Today, workers are expected to speak out and work as part of a team. Twenty years ago, that was an insult."

According to Harris, one of the big problems with placing someone in good job is that they wait too long before asking for help.

"Folks wait until they're in a crisis," she said. "They come to us after their unemployment has run out. Then, there isn't enough time for training."

LifeWork serves people in Wayne, Washtenaw, Monroe and Livingston counties.

"We're not even limited to these counties," Harris added.

To become involved with this program, a person need only attend one of the weekly information sessions, fill out an application and find a starting point.

"The only requirement is that the person need a job and we can help them," Harris said.

To find out more about LifeWork and the Senior Aids program, call 483-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

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# Sports

## Hoopsters 2-0

# Salem kicks off season with two wins

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Total team effort and excellent support from the bench led the Salem basketball team to its second consecutive win this season.

The Rocks defeated Southfield 77-57 Friday night at home, and are now 2-0.

"I was pleased with our performance at both ends of the floor," said Bob Brodie, Salem coach. "We had good balanced scoring."

The Rocks were able to sink the ball both shooting inside and from the perimeter, and the baskets were scored by several players.

James Head led the team with 19 points. Brandon Slone tossed in 18, and Mike Slone added 16.

Sanjeev Seth tossed in two 3-pointers, Head and Mike Slone each had one.

The Rocks outscored Southfield in each quarter of the game. Salem started with a one point lead at the end of the first, 16-15.

In the second quarter, Salem added 22 to its score and held Southfield to 12, to end the half leading 38-27.

The Rocks maintained control of the game in the second half and the lead slowly grew. In the third, Salem scored 14 points, Southfield had 12, and the Rocks led 52-39.

In the final quarter of the game, Salem tossed in 25 points and Southfield added 18.

The Rocks also chalked up a win in its season opener, taking a 68-62 win over Monroe.

It was a come from behind victory for the Rocks who were trailing by 10 with three minutes left in the game.

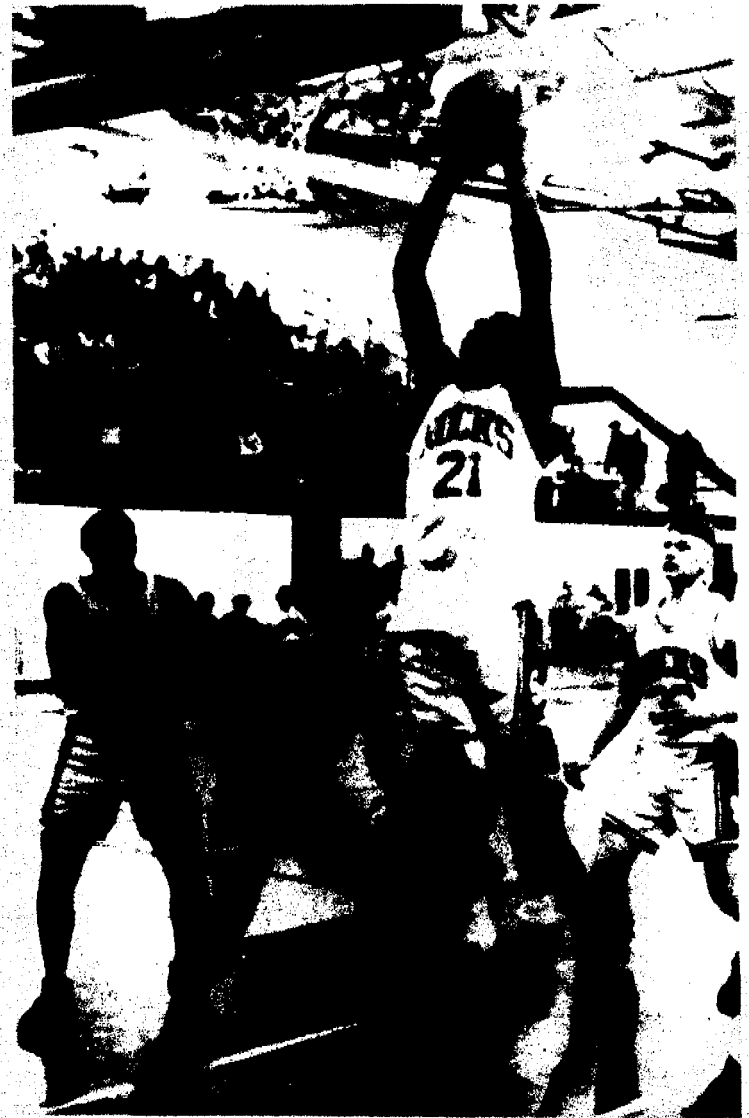
Mike Slone gave his career high scoring performance, tossing in 33 points.

Again, Brodie credits the support of the bench for the win.

"We were down by 10 with three minutes left and came back, in part due to good bench support early," said Brodie.

"It gave the starters a chance to rest and come back fresh."

The Rocks are now 2-0.



James Head lays one in for the Rocks Friday night, as Salem defeated Southfield 77-57. (Crier photo by EQ Lukash)

## Grapplers learn moves, theories for a lifetime

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Priorities.

That's the key ingredient to a successful season according to Canton wrestling coach Ray Givens.

And properly blending those ingredients makes a season successful in his eyes.

This season there are 26 grapplers on the Canton squad, and more than half of them are new to the team. As a result, his squad has a lot to learn about the sport, competing, and how Givens runs the team.

Starting his fifth season as head coach, Givens stresses priorities to his charges. And perhaps to the surprise of many, sports isn't first on the list.

It's fourth.

The Chief grapplers finished last year 5-4-1, which may leave some die-hard sports fans wondering if four is the right spot on the list of priorities.

Givens believes it is. His parents agree and he says they support him 100 percent.

"Home is the No. 1 priority," Givens said. "I tell them if they don't have it together at home, they're not going to wrestle."

"If mom or dad tell me they aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing at home, they can't come to practice until mom or dad call me and tell me they've straightened out."

His second priority is grades. The lowest grade he accepts is a "C".

He makes arrangements for tutors if the kids need one, but he wants his athletes to come to him -- before a teacher does.

The third priority on his list is church or whatever the student wants.

Then comes wrestling. He said if the guys don't have church, or something significant, wrestling had better be No. 3.

"My job coaching doesn't stop at the mat," Givens said. "If they mess up (in competition, school or home), I'll tell them."

"If they do a good job, I give them a pat on the back and tell them they did a good job."

It's the blending of the athletics with daily life that Givens believes makes his team successful, regardless of its win-loss record.

Six varsity lettered seniors are returning this year.

Nick Spano is back and is a captain.

He was a standout last year, placing sixth at the state meet in the 130-pound weight class. He will be competing in the same weight class this year.

As the team opened its season Saturday in the Canton Invitational, sponsored by the Plymouth Civitans, Spano won his meet.

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Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association's standings as of Dec. 12 are as follows:

Girls "B" League: Celtica, Lakers and Nets are 2-0. Kings Pistons and Rockets are 0-2.

Girls "A" League Celtica and Pistons are 6-2. The Kings are 5-3, Lakers are 4-4, Rockets are 3-5, and Hornets are 0-8.

In the boys "B" league, National division, the Celtica, 76ers, and Jazz are 2-0. The Pistons, Majic, Lakers and Bulls are 1-1. The Blazers, Nets and Kings are 0-2.

In the boys "A" league National division, the Rockets, Spurs, Pacers and Hawks are 2-0. The Suns and Knicks are 1-1, the Warriors, Sonics, Bucks and Hornets are 0-2.

In the boys "A" league, the Pistons and Sonics are 7-3. The Bucks, Kings and Spurs are 5-4. The Pacers are 4-5. The Bulls are 3-6, Hawks are 2-7, and the Warriors are 1-8.

In the American division boys "A" league, the 76ers are 9-0. The Blazers are 7-2. The Knicks and Rockets are 6-3. The Lakers are 4-5. The Jazz are 3-6. The Hornets and Nets are 2-7. The Celtica are 0-9.

# Experience, new talent molds squad

"I look to (Spano) returning to state meet, and I think he has a good chance of winning. He has the right attitude and work ethics."

Ryan Conner will compete in the 145-pound weight class. His coach sees improvements in his performance this year.

"I'm looking for big things from him this year," Givens said.

Conner placed second in the tournament Saturday.

Dave Smith is very dedicated to the sport, according to his coach. He finished second in the tournament Saturday, at 140, and competed hard in some very close matches.

Bill Buslipp will be competing in the 152 class. In Saturday's tournament, he faced tough competition from his South Lyon opponent and finished in third place.

"John Dekiere is a coaches dream," Givens said. "He does a lot of things right out there. He is the most-improved wrestler I've seen in my five years (at Canton)."

A returning letterman, Dekiere is in his fourth year on the squad.

He competes at 160 and won two and lost two Saturday.

Mark Armstrong is the other senior captain. He competes at 125.

"He won some big matches for us (last year) and placed in a few tournaments," Givens said. "He thinks before he does anything, and he'll do it the right way."

Armstrong was injured in Saturday's tournament. While competing, he lost the circulation in his hand. But he didn't stop.

To the surprise of the coaching staff, he stepped onto the mat when his name was called before they pulled him.

"I think he went out to prove he was injured and that it wasn't in his head," Givens said. "I was working the tournament when I saw him go out and I asked why he was there."

"My assistants said he went out before they could pull him. Everyone thought it would be a forfeit by injury, but not Mark."

"The next match, he told me he couldn't go out. He could hardly lift his arms. Something is wrong." (Further information regarding his condition was not available at press time.)

Two juniors are returning to the team. Frank Toarminia is the junior captain and will compete in the 112 weight class.

Last year he competed in 103 and 112.

It's his second year on the team, and Givens sees a lot of leadership potential.

"He's like E.F. Huton," said Givens. "When he speaks, everyone listens. He's a good leader. Everyone likes him. He's a straight A student. I expect he'll place in the league."

Randy Green, 171, is returning to the team after a year's absence. He competed as a freshman, but opted not to come out as a sophomore.

As a freshman, he was a heavyweight. He lost a lot of weight the year he wasn't on the team.

"He's looking mighty good, but he has a lot to catch-up on because he missed a year. But he'll be in the varsity lineup."

Sophomores returning this year include standout Dan Grunewald. Competing in the 103 weight class, Grunewald was voted the most outstanding wrestler in the tournament Saturday.

Grunewald is doubly challenged because he is a dwarf. But his coach said that doesn't stop him.

"He has to work harder than others because his arms and legs aren't long enough, and his hands aren't big enough to hold on too long," Givens said. "Every move (we teach) he modifies. He knows what he has to do. He's confident."

"He knows people are looking at him, they always do. But when he's on the mat they are looking at him as a wrestler. He makes the full-sized guys adjust to him. He doesn't adjust to them."

## Canton hoop squad split week

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was a week of tough competition for the Canton basketball team as they started season play. The Chiefs split the week, losing their season opener 69-58 to Wayne Memorial last Tuesday at home.

The Chiefs traveled to Monroe Friday night and captured a 75-56 win, and hold a 1-1 record after a week of competition.

Good, solid defense was the key to Friday night's win for the Chiefs.

"We finished our defensive efforts with good block outs," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner. "We got a lot of good defensive play from the kids."

Matt Paupore and Brad Paskievitch were on fire offensively as well.

Paupore pumped in 28 points for Canton, and tossed in five 3-pointers.

Paskievitch added 22 points for the Chiefs, and sank five 3-pointers.

Owen Crosby and Bryan Whittle each grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Chiefs led in every quarter of the game, tossing in 23 points in the first. Monroe had 15.

In the second quarter, Canton scored 14, Monroe added 12, to end the half with Canton leading 37-27.

Canton outscored Monroe by three in the third quarter, tossing in 19, while Monroe added 16. Canton led 56-43 at the end of three.

In the final quarter, the Chiefs tossed in 22 points and held Monroe to 13.

"We played very good basketball for a young and inexperienced team," said Van Wagoner.

Although Canton lost its season opener, there were plenty of highlights.

Whittle tossed in 25 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Crosby tossed in 16 points and snatched 11 rebounds for the Chiefs.

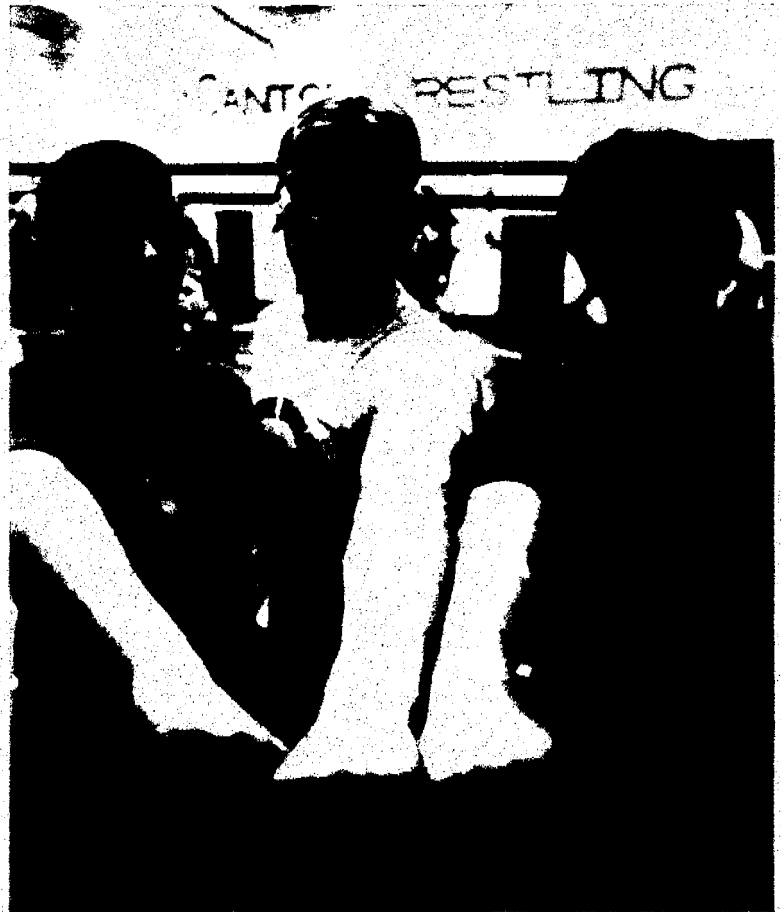
"They're getting better each day," said Van Wagoner. "That's all you can ask of any basketball team."

Up from the junior varsity squad this year is John Miller in the 189 weight class.

"He took a lot of lumps last year and is working hard and it's paying off for him now that he's cracked the varsity lineup."

Among the newcomers to the team are three freshman: Dan Kelling 119; Ranky Green, 171; and Doug Cooper, heavyweight.

The Chiefs compete again Thursday in the Romulus Tri-Meet.



Canton grapplers are led by three captains Frank Toarminia (left) Nick Spano and Mark Armstrong. (Crier photo by EQ Lukasiuk)

## CEP Highlights

### Swimming:

**Canton:** 0-1.

The Chiefs were defeated 122-63 by Ann Arbor Huron last Tuesday.

Canton took two first places.

200 medley relay: Jon Mincher, Craig Sieshetz, Joe Foster, Jeff Clark, 1:50.8.

100 butterfly: Foster, 1:01.86.

### Wrestling:

**Salem:** 0-2.

The Rocks traveled to Lakewood Ohio to compete against National Champions St. Edwards. Salem was shut out 74-0.

Following the disappointing outcome, coach Ron Krueger said the team now knows what it takes to be the best.

"You go through life looking for excellence. They saw what it was (in wrestling)," he said. "They know what they have to do. They are young kids, they have goals."

"The experience will help them to understand."

The team also lost 52-18 to Beaver Creek (Ohio) at the same tournament.

Sieve Huges, 103, won on a forfeit. John Svec, 160, pinned Scott Mitchell in 4:55.

Wade Langdon, 171, pinned Garrett Geikenekot in 3:15.

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## Curiosities

Thank you for all the Curioe, Jack Carey

Great party Christy, too bad we didn't have more food.

AGRICOLA ARAT A GRUM. Jessica

I couldn't sleep Saturday night thinking about all these beautiful women at the party.

Thanks to the hard-working ad dept. for the swell b-day card!

My birthday cake was delicious - thanks.

Jack - I didn't know you could sing.

He can't!!

Thank goodness for Miles!

ED - Thank you for the poinsettia.

## Curiosities

CRAIG FARRAND is the new Crier editor "a

person employed on a newspaper to separate the wheat from the chaff and to see that the chaff is printed." -- Elbert Hubbard

Terry is thinking about a TV career after her appearance on TV 2's noon news - When you stop in at Specialty Pet Supplies at 1498 S. Sheldon (corner of A' Rd.) Be sure and get her autograph.

The Crier Michele says that the Side Street Michele isn't the only MICHELE that has FUN. I wonder what she means?

And you know he'll eat anything!

Peter Have you read any interesting signs lately?

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## Curiosities

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It can't be time to get up already.

Jack & Kristen, I need another of those GREAT ROASTS to serve for Christmas dinner. Porterhouse has the greatest meats in town.

Who said "I don't know the words"?



She's just my mom. She won't go to POGO's with me.

## Curiosities

WHY ARE THEY SO OPPOSED TO NEWSBOXES? Does it bring in the wrong element? - Matt Gantz, 1992 (barely)

WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT if Max Yaagur had become Secretary of Agriculture?

DUNBAR - GOTCHA! Do you give up?

DUNBAR - Your prize for last week is on the way.

HELEN C. - How nice you now live in St. David's Gate Blessings on you.

I really don't care if they put Christmas music on the juke box at the Side Street as long as they don't take Jimmy Buffet off.

Jack & Jacque actually shot good darts as partners

It's the season to be jolly! BAH HUMBUG

We've created a monster - his name is Jack.

NANCY G. - How nice to meet you.

BEAUGRANDS - I've never tasted such wonderful fruit. Thank you. Bless you both.

ERNIE A. - What a beautiful plant. Thank you.

FILIA AGRICOLAE NECOBAT PIRATAM NAM PRAEDAM.

## Curiosities

SANTA GENE REAVES A very merry Christmas to you too!

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EMMA - 3 years old was at The Crier office with her mother and her sister. Emma, you forgot your stocking cap. It's such a pretty red one, I'm sure you miss it.

SANTA CLAUS - Just to remind you! There was no black jaguar under the tree last year for me. If it isn't too much trouble, could you fill my order this year? I would like the interior upholstered in red leather, but black leather is acceptable. Thank you.

## Curiosities

Nice to see Franide Middleton at the Canton Chamber Christmas Party!

Judy in Denver! Jan 5th can't get here soon enough. Joy.

Thanks Mark! Now I'll really have a Merry Christmas.

CATHERINE WITH A "C" - Have a happy forever.

NANCY Y - What a nice person you are and you make good cookies too.

CHELSEA - What big teeth you have. (answer) - the better to bite you with. Grandma.

Vinyl saxophones and Hawaiian leis galore at the Canton Chamber Christmas Party.

MARY PERLONGO thinks quick - thanks for the dog watch and rescue! - Your Stevens-Bidwell-Crier friends.

Sharon, when are you going to start a card club?

JoAnne - Karen - Michelle - Joy! I did not do it.

The choir was incredible at The Crier Christmas party!

OH YES, SANTA CLAUS - I would be pleased if you could deliver a really nice girl for Peter, - a Grecian Goddess type. It isn't necessary that she be a Goddess, but it would be nice if she were Greek.

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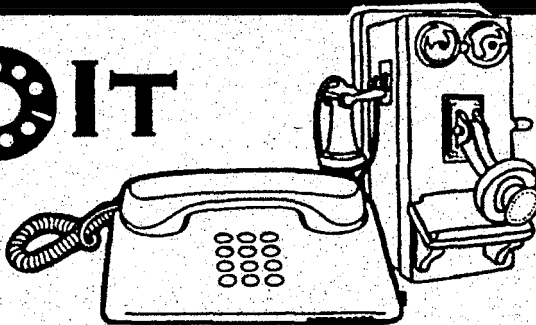
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# Community opinions

## In Plymouth Parking poses hard question

The City of Plymouth is grappling with its years-old inequitable parking laws.

As in many downtowns, Plymouth's municipal and private parking system is a hodge-podge full of inconsistencies, "grandfathered" situations and "the geographic problem" (parking isn't necessarily located where it's needed, or when it's needed).

Now before the City Commission, the city parking requirements' main problem is the "parking credits" system. This system has meant that money was required from some businesses -- but not all -- that supposedly allowed business customers and employees to use non-existent parking spots. (In fact, the city didn't spend all those monies on parking.)

If indeed, the "parking credit" system is thrown out by the City Commission or by a court, the moral problem, say some, is whether to "pay back" the credit money.

Recently, the Downtown Property Owners Committee of the Plymouth Chamber met on the topic and decided to suggest forgiving the credits already paid in. (Landlords are not generally known to give away "money," but Plymouth's landlords have historically been supportive of the downtown.) Since the credit system was not enforced equitably, there is no equitable or easy answer to the moral dilemma.

Politically, the City Commission must decide the issue.

It may be sued one way or the other.

The fairest way is to scrap the "parking credit" system and start over.

Also on the city's parking platter, are the onerous parking requirements for the downtown and Old Village (the former downtown) areas. These parts of town are so built as to attract "multi-stop" visitors. Requiring too many parking spots only wastes land and inhibits commerce.

Obviously, there are times when there can never be enough parking. The Old Village Apple Fest blocks off streets and alternative parking means using the nearby neighborhood. The same is true during Fall Festival, Ice Festival and Art-in-the-Park downtown.

But as a general rule, there is more than ample parking in the city.

One sound solution suggested is to waive the parking requirements for eating establishments. This could encourage such uses downtown as well as fostering pedestrian traffic and "multi-stop" visitors. Such a clustering of businesses could rejuvenate even existing eateries and retail shops.

The City Commission should not be intimidated by lawsuit threats when there is a clear need for changing an inequitable and burdensome problem.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## To Crier and friends: Thanks

EDITOR,

I lost my wedding ring at Mr. B's on Ann Arbor Road on Nov. 24. On Nov. 27 I was told that a call had been made to Mr. B's that made it sound as though my ring had been found that same night.

I placed a lost and found ad in the next issue of your paper. The ring was returned to me on Dec. 4. The woman who returned the ring said that a friend had told her about the ad in your paper.

I have told a number of people about why it was returned and thought you

should be informed, too.

I owe big thanks to your paper, Linda from Canton that returned it, Linda's friend that told her about the ad, Denise, Michelle, L.J. and the staff of Mr. B's for being so concerned and caring, Officer Webster of the Plymouth Police for being so understanding while taking the report, and my friends Mike Barley and Mary of American Real Estate Academy in Canton for being so supportive and willing to put up with me through all of this.

JAN SMITH

## Memories of romance

### Picking up the chips

By Randy  
Eatson



The spell of love encouraging me, I ride past Joy Road and the Forshee farm wishing I had a hamburger from their Maple Lawn Drive In, I ride on to Gyde Road...standing in the saddle I look west along it wondering if Billy Gyde's family named it (they didn't, but when the county put the road in the crew building the road asked the man farming it what his name was, he said "Gyde", so they called it Gyde Road.) Dusty and I riding smoothly now, it is a fine spring day. Farms as far as the eye can see, the Wilkins farm saunters by (seven boys and one girl in that family).

Cross Warren Road where my cousins live, and farm, praying that they don't catch me out here on my own. Pass Hanford Road and approach Ford Road. Dismount to brush Dusty, reset my shirt tails, and wipe dust and sweat from my face...Janet's is just up ahead, and she doesn't know I'm coming.

Arrive at the Spigarelli's, tie off Dusty in front yard, and knock at the door. Heart swollen into throat I croak, "Is Janet here?" Welcomed in and given a glass of iced tea, Janet and I sit in their front room for a nervous hour and try to talk as if this was a natural thing, then her mom reminds me I've got a long long ride back, so I leave.

Just at dark, when I return to my Maple Avenue home, mom says, "Welcome home darling, my you certainly chose a lovely day for such a long ride on the farm...was it nice?" She knew, of course...there were no secrets in Plymouth-Canton in those days. Just innocent romance, and the promise of delightful futures.

Come with me now on a horseback ride along the Romance Trail back in 1953 out of Plymouth into Canton, and back, to a 12 year old boy's home, and

dream factory, on Maple Avenue in Plymouth:

Rush breakfast at 7:00 am, grab best sky blue cowboy hat, Mum says, "Is that enough food, darling?", jump on Schwinn Flyer bicycle and ride hard west on Maple to Sheldon Road, wave at Margaret Hough passing her house at Ann Arbor Trail, slam onto the hard top to North Territorial Road building up a little sweat from the effort, adrenalin pumping in anticipation. Left on Territorial, worry about any cars coming along, stay well into the soft shoulder. Arrive at the big red barn (approx. where the corner of Westbrook Road and Canterbury Court are now in Beacon Meadows sub.) and greet "Desert Stardust", my palomino horse boarding there along with Ellen Cowgill, Linda Herabey and Judy Swope's horses. Have a long, sweeping look at the empty farm and lake, take 'Dusty' out and give him a good bath and brushing, then saddle him up for what wants to be a day to remember. Heart swelling with excitement.

Mount up onto the creaky saddle, pull fancy hat down onto my forehead, and swing down to Territorial turning right past the Gerber Farm (where years later Plymouth Township would be written into existence), heading for Janet's along the Romance Trail. Worry my way until Beck Road, where it is all gravel and less traffic, and cut south deep into Canton along Beck Road. Pass Hill Top Golf Course, where Ty Caplin taught me golfing, and across from it the Goddards would build Plymouth's only Frank Lloyd Wright house. Come to Ann Arbor Trail and crossing it look right to the old Pizza House (now J.J. Peters Roadhouse) where I would celebrate my 13th birthday. Someone drives by waving at me, paranoia sets in, "Will they tell my parents I'm riding so far away from the farm by myself?"

## In Canton continuous support helps

EDITOR,

Thank you so much for your donation of 1,000 Christmas Songbooks for the "Santa comes to Canton" event. It was a tremendous success, with more than 600 children and their parents in attendance.

If you could have seen the look on these children's faces, you would see why this event is so important to the community of Canton.

This could not have happened without the continuous support of our chamber businesses. We appreciate your sponsorship of this program.

Happy Holidays!

LINDA SHAPONA

Executive Director,  
Canton Chamber of Commerce



# Community opinions

## What's up with Canton Foundation?

With malice toward none



individuals to ignore when they are trying to support the Canton Foundation's efforts. (The Crier continues to be a contributor. Its employees have volunteered to help in the Foundation's work.)

Dissension within the ranks of the Foundation's committees have come to the attention of the Foundation board. Yet, the personality clashes have continued.

Berating innocent volunteers in meetings does not foster good will for the Foundation's efforts.

Unfortunately, these problems are beginning to overshadow the good work done by the Foundation. (It is always the way that because everyone focuses on the things that need to be improved; the things that go smoothly are overlooked.)

The Foundation has brought much good to Canton.

Its efforts to improve the delivery of social services to the community are largely responsible for getting others to increase service levels and visibility. The Foundation's Canton Economic Club has brought major discussion and education on issues to the center of attention. Its support of the Close Up program for students has been wonderful.

But despite its goodness, the Foundation must face its other issues too.

It can help bring more to Canton if its questions are resolved.

Where is the Canton Foundation headed?

This well-intended effort to raise the quality of life in Canton has suffered from organizational questions and relationships with other groups.

Starting a philanthropic organization is never easy. It takes years to establish the credibility needed for both fund soliciting and service providing.

Often, such efforts are hampered by jealousies of other agencies, by political differences or by the personalities of those involved. The Canton Foundation seems to have suffered from all three of those pitfalls -- especially the latter two.

Questions about the Canton Foundation's role with the metropolitan Detroit United Way and about the Foundation's standing with the State of Michigan have persisted, even grown.

These two areas are impossible for groups, institutions and

## Rapes are attacks on all of us

Hello P-C,

As a parent, what's the worst possible scenario you can imagine for your children -- short of death?

Is it some crippling injury or long-term illness? Or is it the violation of their body and, therefore, their entire self?

Of all the things I can imagine, nothing it seems would turn the blood colder faster than hearing that your child has been molested.

Or worse, your daughter has been raped.

Something primal seems to come into play here; something so base that it may in fact be the perfect instinctive response. A reasoned approach has no place in considering the situation.

You want to strike out immediately and forcefully at the person who harmed your child.

Some anthropologists might suggest that this instinct of ours to protect and nurture our young is the most primal of all, since it represents a basic biological need to continue the bloodline but in a fashion that meets our conventions.

For some cultures, of course, conventions dictate arranged marriages at a young age; others we're familiar with involve the payment of dowries by the woman's family.

In each case, however, there is ritual and a controlling influence on the futures of our children.

Rape, the ultimate assault on a woman's body, strips away this world of context and convention; the woman's ability to control her life -- and the family's obligations to provide for

## Gatekeeping By Craig Farrand



her until she moves one -- have been torn away in one moment of foreign fury.

There are those, no doubt, who may wonder where such analysis belongs in any discussion of rape.

Well, quite frankly, it's oftentimes the only thing left after the anger subsides.

And it's taken until now for the anger to subside.

The girl assaulted last week may not have been our daughter by name, but she was our daughter nonetheless.

And when she was attacked our conventions were attacked, our sensibilities were attacked, our feelings of family and home were attacked.

What's left now for us is to do what we can to help return to her and to all of us a sense of control. A sense of family. A sense of caring.

I'm sure you agree. For without these conventions of civilized life, we become what her attacker is, the beast without reason.

We can do better.

If not for ourselves, than for all our daughters.

Exercise your First Amendment rights -- and let us and your neighbors know what you think and where you stand. Letters to the editor are easier than you think: Simply write down your thoughts, sign your name and mail it to (or drop it off at) our office. Unsigned letters won't be considered, but names may be withheld depending on circumstances.

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