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## A tough choice



**Mitchell Madole**, of Plymouth, is the top winner of The Crier's annual Holiday Coloring Contest, picked from more than 160 entries in four age categories. Mitchell will receive a \$100 gift certificate, as will Valerie Stacey, Margery Swan and Mollie Dobersek, winners in the other categories. While selecting one winner from so many colorful entries was a difficult one for the judges to make, Mitchell's letter to Santa suggests he has a confusing choice of his own: "I would like Mortal Combat game. P.S. also world peace would be good too. Mitchell." Flip to pages 11 - 18 for more letters to Santa.

## Fund over top

*Plymouth United Way exceed \$870,000 fundraising goal*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Their fundraising drive won't end until the year does, but the Plymouth Community United Way has surpassed its 1997 goal.

To date, the charitable organization has collected \$872,768, according to Marie Morrow, United Way executive director.

"We're just over the top, but that's a gross figure. It includes designations," she said. Designated contributions are directed toward specific uses and do not figure into the United Way's allocation pool, which is distributed amongst several different charities and organizations.

Morrow said she won't know have a final figure on the amount raised for the allocation pool until January.

But that's okay, she said: "We still have some companies wrapping up their campaigns. We still encourage people to donate because the campaign runs through the end of the year."

In celebration of drive's success, Morrow said a skate with the Whalers is planned for Jan. 16, and is open to volunteers and the public.

## Panel picks new court's architect

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The 35th District court took another step on the path toward a permanent home yesterday.

A nine-person interview panel recommended that the 35th District Advisory Board chose the architectural firm of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta, Inc. (CDPA) to build the new 35th District courthouse.

The panel consisted of court employees and representatives from the five communities the court serves, including Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine; Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters; former Plymouth Mayor Jim Jabara; retired judge Jim Garber; Bill Anderson, Northville Township public services director.

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# P-C-N harness racing legend dies at 99

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

George Rattenbury, a legend in the P-C-N racing community, died Wednesday at the age of 99.

Rattenbury was a harness horse owner, trainer and driver, and a fixture at Northville Downs other horse-racing tracks across the country. His career began in 1917 when Rattenbury's father asked him to race because his father couldn't make it to the track.

Rattenbury placed second in his first race, and took first later that day. He was 19.

He raced every year for the next 75 years at tracks and fairs across the country, before settling in the Northville area.

"He raced in our first race here," said Margaret Zayti, partner at Northville Downs. "He was sharp as a tack, even at 99. He could remember everything."

At the age of 93, Rattenbury was inducted into the Harness Horse Hall of Fame. The year was 1991 and it was only two years after his last official competitive race, according to Karen Greengard, editor of Michigan Tack and Harness Magazine.

The depth of Rattenbury's history as a driver and trainer are unclear because of inconstant records, and changing methods of score-keeping, Greengard said.

"They didn't start keeping official track of records until 1951, and he was already in his 50s," she said. "We do know that after 1971 he had 22 wins and earned more than \$22,894."

Rattenbury worked as a butcher for A & P in Northville during the off-season, and later as a meat salesman for Kingen Meat Packing



GEORGE RATTENBURY

Co. Rattenbury is survived by his sister, Wilma Power of Marshall, MI; seven nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; and many good friends at Northville Downs. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Carol Ingersoll; his son, Harry; and his second wife, Dorothy Gibson.

Arrangements were handled by the Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. in Northville, and interment was at Roral Hill Cemetery in Northville.

## Livonia man shot in Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 20-year-old Livonia man was shot Sunday morning as he and a friend drove through Holiday Estates mobile home park, near Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue Park, according to Canton police reports.

Timothy James Scott, 26, of Westland, was arraigned in 35th District court Monday on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Edward William Bolden, 19, of Detroit, was charged with one count of assault with intent to commit murder and use of a firearm in commission of a felony, according to Schemanske.

Bolden and Scott are being held on a \$10,000 bond.

Thomas Esch, the victim, is listed in stable condition at St. Joseph Mercy and expected to recover, according to Schemanske.

"He's lucky to be alive," Schemanske said. "All the doctors said it was a miracle he survived the shooting."

Esch was a passenger in 20-year-old Patrick McVeigh's green Ford F-150 pickup. Reports said that the two saw a dark-colored Ford Thunderbird stopped at the corners of Hemlock and Orchard streets within the trailer park. They looped around the park, and when McVeigh and Esch passed the car, a man allegedly got out of the car and fired one shot at them.

McVeigh asked if Esch heard the shot. "Yeah, I'm hit," Esch responded, according to reports. McVeigh then fled west on Geddes Road, while the Scott and Bolden drove east.

Reports said that McVeigh called for help on his cell phone, and talked with police until they arrived. Canton Fire Department took Esch to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Canton Police Officers Brian Deyoung and Scott Hilden responded to the call from Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. They spotted and stopped the Thunderbird as it travelled east on Michigan Avenue.

Permission to search the vehicle was given and Deyoung found three unspent shotgun shells, as well as a case of similar ammunition in the glove compartment, reports said.

Canton Police Ofc. Chad Baugh found broken 12-gauge shotgun with one spent shell casing still inside it after searching the side of the road, according to Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

"They probably ditched it when the officers made their turnaround and pulled the over," Schemanske said. "It was cold and slushy outside, and then here's this nice warm shotgun sticking out like a so thumb."

Schemanske said the suspects were in custody within eight minutes after the shooting

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**Changing of The Code:**

# 313 becomes 734 Saturday

*Ameritech's switch compulsory for land lines; cellular customers have choice*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Hold the phone!  
Holiday shoppers who have a cellular phone or pager on their gift list may avoid future inconvenience if they procrastinate for a few days.

An optional dialing period begins Saturday as Ameritech introduces its new 734 area code to Southeastern Michigan. Mandatory dialing begins July 25.

Seven new exchanges will be added with the area code, and at least 182 existing exchanges will switch from 313 to 734. None of those switched, however, will be changed to long-distance status where they were local before, according to Ameritech spokesperson Sara Snyder.

"What was a local call today will be a local call Saturday," she said.

The change is compulsory for conventional, land-based service.

But mobile service customers will be able to choose between the two area codes said Cheryl Hawkins, spokesperson for Ameritech's cellular division.

"Cellular and paging customers don't have to change area codes

if they don't want to," she said. Whether or not they chose to change will depend on their dialing habits.

"Some people may want their cel phone to have the same area code as their office. Others may not. It's a simple matter of choice."

Customers who opt to do so can have their phones and pagers reprogrammed — with an entirely new number—free of charge, Hawkins said. "We're doing this to help the process move along smoothly."

Ameritech can reprogram any phone at any of its stores, but Hawkins said she recommends returning to the original place of purchase. "That will help to avoid possible confusion over records."

For those who are thinking about cel phones and pagers as holiday presents, the Changing of The Code might mean it is best to wait until after the 734 code is activated this Saturday. Until then, 734 isn't available, even if the exchange you're getting is one of those that will change Saturday.

Hawkins said Ameritech is adding the new area code to help accommodate the proliferation of telecommunications technologies and widespread growth in the demand for phone lines.

Saturday, residents of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community and the rest of Southeast Michigan will again change the way they make phone calls, as Ameritech activates the new 734 area code.

More than 180 existing exchanges — including at least 10 currently assigned to P-C-N — will switch from 313 to 734.

Nationwide, 95 new area codes have been introduced since 1995, says Ameritech spokeswoman Sara Snyder.

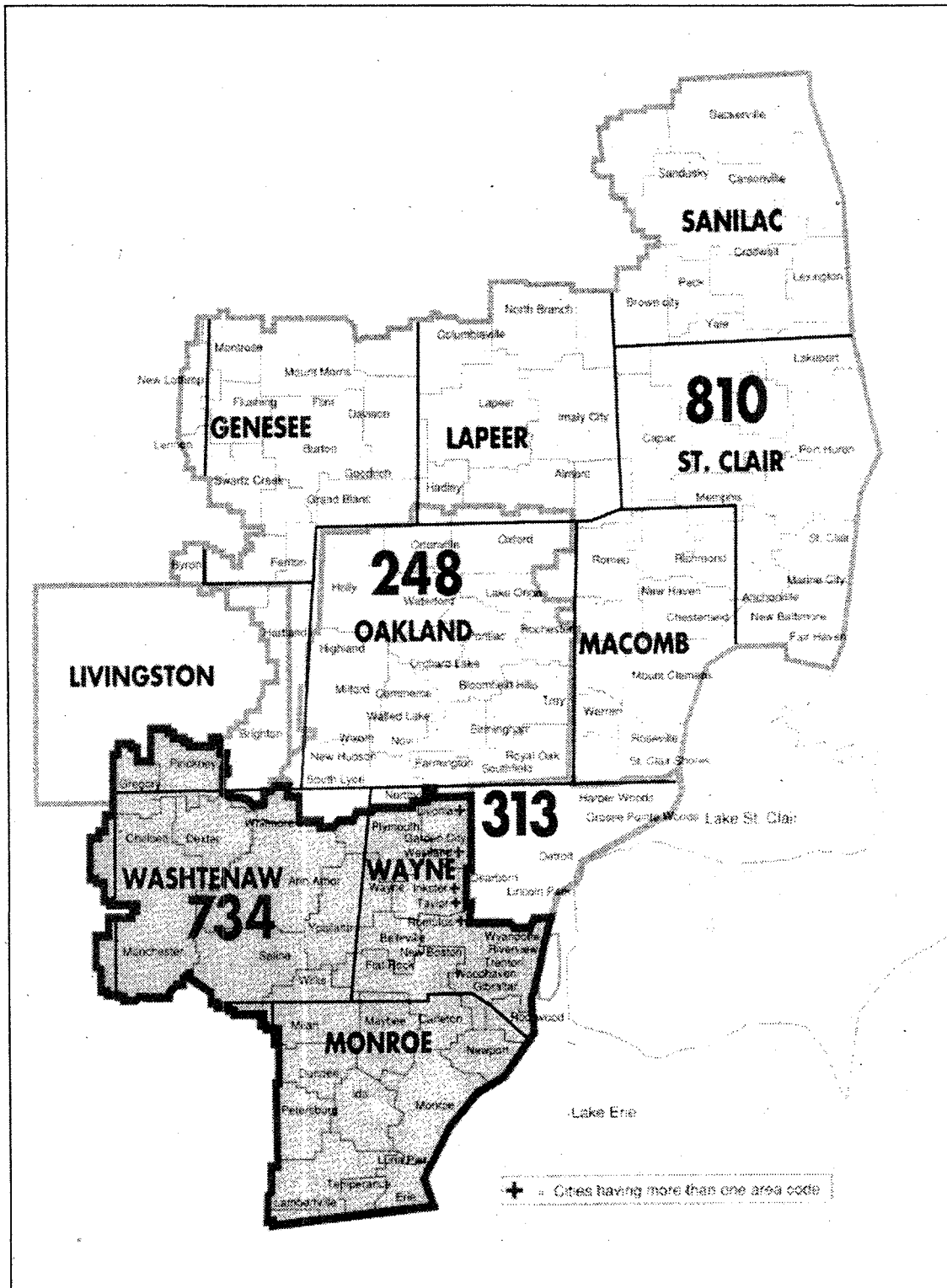
"We are not the only state experiencing a growth in area codes."

This, she says, is because of a change in use; phone cords now patch in to much more than just the normal phone: pagers, cellular phones, fax machines and computer modems all communicate via phone line, and are commonplace.

And as newer applications are developed, such as credit card machines and pay-at-the-pump gas pumps, the demand for phone lines becomes tremendous, Snyder says.

And while she concedes that the change, required by FCC regulations, can be difficult, it is necessary.

"We know area code adaptations are inconvenient and not fun. (But) what is really going on is a growth in telecommunications."



## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Today through Friday, the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, hosts the Handcrafters Craft show. Call (313) 459-0050 for times.
- Tonight, Canton hosts the St. Nick Frolic at the Summit, its annual Christmas party for seniors. Call 397-5444.

### THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, downtown Plymouth welcomes holiday shoppers with extended retail hours during "Home for the Holidays." Carriage rides launch from Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, and carolers are still needed for singing in Kellogg Park.
- Friday – Sunday, the Plymouth Symphony and Canton Ballet present the "Nutcracker Ballet" at Salem High School.

### NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday, the Northville Senior Center hosts a trip to Detroit's Fox Theatre for the "Radio City" Christmas Spectacular. Cost, \$85. Call (248) 349-4140 for information.
- Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Canton holds its Third Thursday government update. Call 453-4040 for details.

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Kids say the cutest things; they're also deft in the subtleties of manipulation. Check out pgs. 11 – 18 for Letters to Santa, and see just how cute they can be when toys are on the line.



## Public notices

### NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1997 and payable through February 17, 1998 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. Open Friday December 5, 12, 19 and Tuesday December 23 until 5:00 p.m. After hours payments can be placed in 24 hr. **WHITE DROP BOX** located in the parking lot adjacent to building #1 or **DROP BOX** adjacent to entry way. Standard Federal Bank, Plymouth Township office, will also accept payment for your convenience through February 17, 1998.

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# MDOT, Twp. reach agreement on new signal

## Meetings spur change in policy

BY BRYON MARTIN

Michigan's Department of Transportation (MDOT) has approved the six month trial of a new traffic signal on Ann Arbor Road, near Haggerty Road, after meetings with the Plymouth Township Police Department last week.

A change in MDOT policy also comes from the meetings, initiated by Acting Chief Robert Smith when he noticed the new signal and realized the state had made addition without first consulting the township, according to Smith.

"I drove by and said, 'What the heck'. No one ever asked us," he said.

Smith said he was concerned that, in light of the coming addition of a right-turn lane and left-turn signal just down the street at Ann Arbor Road and Mill Street, the signal might not be necessary.

That a business developing property was able to legitimize and pay for the signal without prior approval from the township was also of concern, he said. "I didn't want to set the precedent that any business who wanted a traffic signal would get one."

Chrysler Corporation paid the roughly \$30,000 cost to buy and put up the signal in front its new Chrysler and Jeep Engineering Facility at 41605 Ann Arbor Road, according to Ernie Savas, metro region engineer at MDOT's office in Southfield.

Savas said Chrysler hired Martin & Aschman, "a reputable firm," to study whether the shop's eventual staff of about 400 employees would create traffic demands that begged an additional signal. The study said they would; a Lansing MDOT office reviewed and approved the study's findings, and the signal's addition. MDOT proceeded with the project, unbeknownst to the township.

MDOT skipped township review because

the State of Michigan owns Ann Arbor Road, not Plymouth Township, according to Smith.

"They've got a policy that they consult with cities and villages, who own their roads, but not with the townships because they don't," he said. "It boils down to a lack of communication between state government and the township."

Smith said the state was unfamiliar with the master plan for development of Ann Arbor Road, which is due to receive its left-turn signal in late winter and its right-lanes at the start of construction season in the spring. These expansions could accommodate the traffic increase Chrysler's workers will bring as the facility's staff grows, according to Smith.

"I still don't believe that the light is necessary. However, we're going to let it run," he said. MDOT and the township will review the signal's impact in six months.

"In May we're going to see what negative effects it may have caused and re-evaluate the whole thing," Savas said.

Following Tuesday's meeting between MDOT and the township, Smith and Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy were invited to a meeting of MDOT's department heads Thursday.

It was there that discussion of the Chrysler light lead to a change in MDOT's policy.

From now on, Savas said, MDOT will notify townships before beginning such projects.

Smith is glad for the change, he said. "How can you miss when you communicate more? It's a real plus for the township. We're real pleased about that."

Savas agreed: "Working with communities, our customers, always helps. Sometimes you just forget about somebody."

"It's an excellent idea, but we should have been doing it all along."

# Northville loses Stilec, 48

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Northville High School is in mourning today, following the sudden death of Charles Stilec, student assistance coordinator.

Stilec, 48, suffered a heart attack while working out in a downtown Northville exercise club Monday, according to Thomas Johnson, principal of Northville High School. Stilec worked more than 10 years at the high school helping at-risk youth, he said.

"He gave more of himself than anyone I've ever known. He was tireless in his efforts to bring kids around. He would take someone who was downtrodden and turn them into success stories," he said. "He

earned a lot of respect over the years."

Stilec was recently voted Northville's citizen of the year, Johnson said. "That tells you more about him than anyone could."

Stilec is survived by his wife, Catherine; his children, Maggie and Mac; and his mother, Barbara C. Stilec of Northville.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today at First United Methodist Church on Eight Mile Road in Northville. The high school will hold a special service at 1 p.m.

"Many teachers felt the same way as the students about him," Johnson said. "He touched so many lives. He was everything everyone."

## 33rd ANNUAL GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL

Saturday, December 27

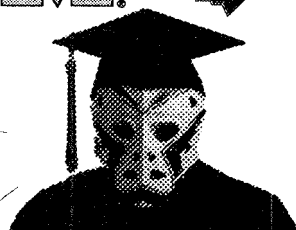
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Donations for the Plymouth Goodfellows doubled in this year's paper sale, topping \$6,500 (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

## Mixed bag for Goodfellows

*Plymouth doubles last year's take; Canton effort falls short of hopes*

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

With "No child without a Christmas," as their goal, the Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows spent Saturday standing in the cold, selling newspapers and raising money to give a happy holiday to needy families.

The one-day fundraiser isn't their largest, but it was a success nonetheless, according to Plymouth Goodfellow Clara Hill.

"We aren't finished with the tally yet, but it's almost double of what we collected the previous year," she said. "Almost \$6500, for just Plymouth so far, all in one day."

The support of local businesses, groups and generous residents helped to make it a success, Hill said.

"We had more volunteers this year than ever before," says Hill. "Thanks to the help of the Kawanians, the City of Plymouth Police Department, Business Network International and more young volunteers than ever before, we are really pleased and happy with the response."

## Canton luncheon to host Brandon, Valassis CEO

David Brandon is scheduled to speak at this month's Canton Economic Luncheon.

Held Thursday, Dec. 18 at Canton's Summit on the park, the economic luncheon is a monthly event organized by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Brandon, a resident of Plymouth Township, is the president and CEO of Valassis Communications, Inc. Valassis is one of the nation's leading sales promotion companies, and best known for advertisements and circulars that appear in most Sunday newspapers.

Brandon will discuss his personal strategy for a successful business and developing trends in the industry.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 and can

Hill says that this year, more individuals wrote checks than in the past.

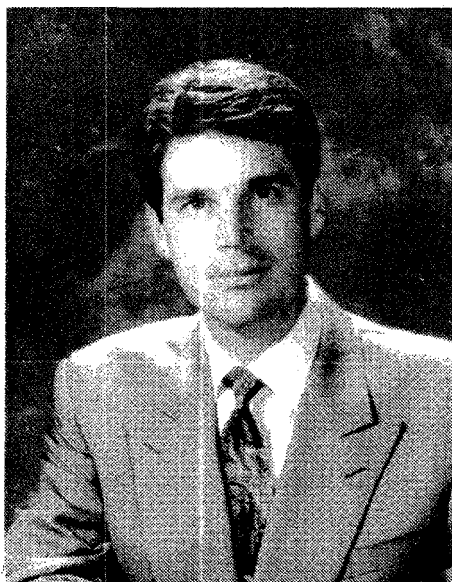
"They knew we were out there and looked for us with their checks," Hill says. "The Christmas spirit was alive and well."

South of Joy Road, however, Canton Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer said they could have used a little more help.

"This year we were short on volunteers in Canton," says Spencer. "Donations of 100 laundry baskets, stuffing mix and mashed potatoes are still needed along with volunteers for Dec. 20 to help deliver to the families."

"Canton's totals are estimated at about \$3600," John Burdziak, Canton Goodfellow, said. "We had 30 workers who raised just enough to support 100 families this year. People were very generous."

People interested in volunteering or donating items can contact Nancy Spencer at 313-397-8975.



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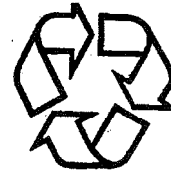
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Metro Mortgage Corporation has opened a new division, **Home Loan Specialists, Inc.** at 332 E. Main Street, Suite A in Northville.

Home Loan Specialists will operate as a full-service mortgage banker offering conforming and jumbo conventional loans, in addition to FHA, VA loans, new construction, bridge loans equity loans as well as no income and no qualifier loans.

**Shannon Sullivan**, of Plymouth, has been appointed a user consultant I, university computing at Eastern Michigan University.

Sullivan is pursuing a bachelor's degree at EMU and has been providing technical support for university faculty, staff and students for the past year as a student user support specialist.

**Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center**, located at 8768 N. Territorial, held their second annual Free Golf Week Oct. 20 through Oct. 24.

Golfers donate cans of food or \$2 for the needy in lieu of golf fees. After extending the free golf for an additional week, more than 3400 cans of food were collected and donated to the **Plymouth United Way** and more than \$700 was donated to the Capuchin Kitchen.



**Dr. Mary Beth Leininger** has been selected as one of 24 1998 Michigan Political Leadership (MPLP) Fellows at Michigan State University.

The class consists of community leaders and local officials.

Participants learn leadership skills, public policy process and analysis, governance and political skills.

## Home cookin'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

There's no place like home to open a restaurant that specializes in home cooking.

That's exactly what Tom Alonzo and Randy Blaylock, owners of Central City Diner, did.

Central City opened last Tuesday, and Alonzo said it has been nothing but non-stop business ever since.

"I was expecting that when we opened everyone would come by and check it out, but this has been better than we'd hoped for," he said.

Alonzo is Central City's chef and kitchen manager. He's lived in Canton for 28 years, and never had a doubt of where he would open his restaurant, he said. His education in the culinary program at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI allowed him to travel through the world, working in hotels in Lake Tahoe and Jamaica.

Alonzo started his culinary career when he was 15 as a baker's assistant at the Mayflower Hotel, he said.

"I knew then that's what I wanted to do," he said. "I was working nights and going to school during the day, so it was a pretty demanding schedule, but I really loved it."

Alonzo has been friends with co-owner Blaylock since the fifth grade, he said.

Blaylock, also a Canton resident, has a business management background, including time as a construction manager and a degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"We had always planned to do a restaurant," Blaylock said.

Blaylock said a lot went into the preparation for their project, including research into diners, and a road trip visiting several in Pennsylvania.

"We took the best ideas and incorporated



Tom Alonzo (left) and Randy Blaylock (right) offer home-style meals at a reasonable price at Central City Diner in Canton (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

them into our design," Blaylock said. "We wanted a replica of diners in the '40s and '50s. A lot of people do '50s-themed restaurants, but we wanted to be more authentic."

That meant a black-and-white checkered tile floor, an open kitchen, music boxes at each table and lots of neon.

Pictures on the wall don't include Elvis, but rather photographs that show the evolution of diners from horse-drawn dinner wagons, to trailers beside the road to the

free-standing structures of the '50s and '60s.

Alonzo learned a lot about diners on their road-trip, he said.

"They originated more than 70 years ago as horse-and-buggy carts that would feed people who worked late-night shifts," Alonzo said. "Pretty soon they were so popular that other restaurants wouldn't allow them on the streets during the day."

"Owners found out then that if they parked their buggies, people would still come to them," he said. "That's how they got started."

Central City tries to stay true to the tradition by offering home-style cooking, according to Blaylock. The menu features such meals as open-faced sandwiches, meatloaf and homemade soups, he said. Beer, wine, and vegetarian dishes are also available.

"We tried to keep it simple. It's little things people like, and we wanted to do them right," Blaylock said. "We're trying to get people who normally don't go out during the week to come out and get something they'd eat at home and not spend a whole lot of money."

Alonzo and Blaylock have been working 18-hour shifts since the restaurant opened, but say they don't mind the extra work.

"It's really rewarding when it's running smooth," Alonzo said. "And it's always a very exciting thing."

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## Cafe Giverney opens soon

Cafe Giverney, originally scheduled to open near the end of November could be open sometime late next week, according to owner Nabosa Brankovich.

"Things are finally beginning to gel," he said.

Brankovich said problems with a contractor slowed the project down.

"The contractor I originally hired to renovate the ventilation up and quit abruptly," he said. "Since he was responsible for scheduling everything

with the health inspector, we had to start all over with a new contractor."

Brankovich said there was also some problems getting the Maint Street location up to code, but after a visit from the health inspector, he could be serving Crepes and Coffee as early as Dec. 15.

"It may be later in the week, but I'm going to shoot for the 15th," he said. "That's my strong desire and determination."



**Six pills, 10 bills...** Bill McMullen (left) owner of Beyer's Friendly Drugs gives Plymouth's George Johnson the \$1,000 in cash he won for being the closest guess in Beyer's guess the number of pills contest. McMullen had been collecting expired prescription drugs in an old apocathary jar on the counter, and gave customers a chance to guess the number last month. The actual number of pills was 13,656; Johnson had the closest guess at 13,650. Johnson, who lives on the across Ann Arbor Road from the drug store, is a regular customer, McMullen said. "I'm glad it turned out to be a regular customer who won. He's in here every week," he said. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

## Southfield firm to build court

### Aggressive construction timetable factor in choice

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Court Administrator Kerry Erdman, Chief Judge John MacDonald and Judge Ron Lowe represented the court.

CDPA had the best balance of court-building experience and in-house specialists, according to Erdman. At 14 months, the firm also presented the most aggressive timeline for the project.

Southfield-based CDPA has been in business since 1961, according to Stacy Peterson, the firm's president.

"Ninety-five per cent of our work is in the public sector," he said. "We're well experienced with public funds, public budgets and public time-frame."

The firm has a great deal of experience with similar projects, according to Peterson. On their resume are 14 court projects, including buildings in Woodhaven and the recently completed courthouse in Dearborn.

The firm also designed Canton Township's new fire station on Canton Center Road.

The interview panel's main concerns included security issues, technological experience, the image of the proposed building and the speed with which the project could be completed.

*'Time is definitely a factor... we are very pressed. Our lease is up in 24 months.'*

**Ron Lowe**  
35th District Court Judge

"Time is definitely a factor," Lowe said. "We are very pressed for time. Our lease is up in 24 months."

CDPA's proposal would have the new building ready for use by July of 1999, three months before the court's November deadline.

Dennis Dundon, CDPA vice president, said the aggressive timetable is the firm's experience and in-house specialists.

The firm's security expertise and familiarity with the technological and handicapped-accessibility needs of a courthouse needs mean less time required to finish the job, he said.

"We're not going to be learning on the job on (the court's) time," Dundon said. "We have a lot of experience with video technology and barrier-free accesses and we know three or four ways to do it."

CDPA was picked from a group of four finalists that included Troy-based Thomas Strat & Associates; George J. Hartman Architects, from Bloomfield Hills; and Dave Schaff's firm, Plymouth's Architects and Planners.

"It was a tough choice because everyone was such a strong candidate," Erdman said. "Everyone did a really nice job. I'm just glad we can finally get rolling."

# Northville narrows chief search to 3 candidates

Three candidates are now left in the City of Northville's search for a new chief of police, according to City Manager Gary Word. They are:

- Joseph George, Wolverine Lake, MI chief of police.
- Timothy Woelkers, Sandusky, MI chief of police.
- Capt. James Petres, Northville Police Department.

The three, considered finalists in the search, remain after Word narrowed the

field from six.

The candidates are now in a final round of psychiatric exams and personality tests.

Following completion of the tests, Word will then be left to choose the City's new chief; the appointment is his to make, but a panel of four others, including Assistant City Manager Nicolette Bateson and outgoing chief Rodney Cannon, have assisted in the interviews.

Word said he expects to make the appointment by the middle of this month.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Sean J. Fallon**, son of **Bileen** and **Patrick Fallon** of Canton, recently enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

Fallon is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force Sept. 28, 1998, and will receive technical training in the mechanical career field after basic training.

He is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School.

**Richard Jordan**, son of **Richard Jordan** of Canton, **Ben Szostek**, son of **Stanley** and **Meredith Szostek** of Northville; and **Dante Tucker**, son of **Victoria Tucker** of Plymouth; have been accepted into Michigan State University's Honors College.

Established in 1956, the college meets the needs of academically-gifted freshmen and sophomores by providing a four-year program in any major field of study.

Students were admitted on the basis of a strong academic record, letters of recommendation from teachers and a written statement on why they wish to participate in the honors program.

**Donald R. Hogaboom**, son of **Larry** and **Lynda Hogaboom** of Canton, is in the process of completing the student teaching requirement for the education program during the fall semester by teaching elementary instrumental music.

Hogaboom, a senior, is majoring in Music at Albion College.

**Andrew McDonald**, son of **Jay** and **Patty McDonald** of Plymouth, has been initiated into Beta Theta Pi International Fraternity by the chapter at Central Michigan.

McDonald is a graduate of Salem High School.

**Olivia Wofford**, 9, of Canton was among the 15 children chosen to win a dance lesson given by the the New York Rockettes at Detroit's Fox Theatre.

Wofford is a 4th grade student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth and at the Dancin' Feet Dance studio in Canton.

Army Pvt. **Connie L. Prince** has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

A 1990 graduate of Salem High School, Prince is the daughter of **Alan L. Prince, Sr.** of Plymouth; and **Judith M. Prince** of Westland.

## Photo Ambassador

*Jack Kenny is more than just a man with a photo shop; he's also a talented photographer and an impromptu ambassador*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

What started out as a Cuban photo exhibition could lead to something more if one Plymouth businessman has his way.

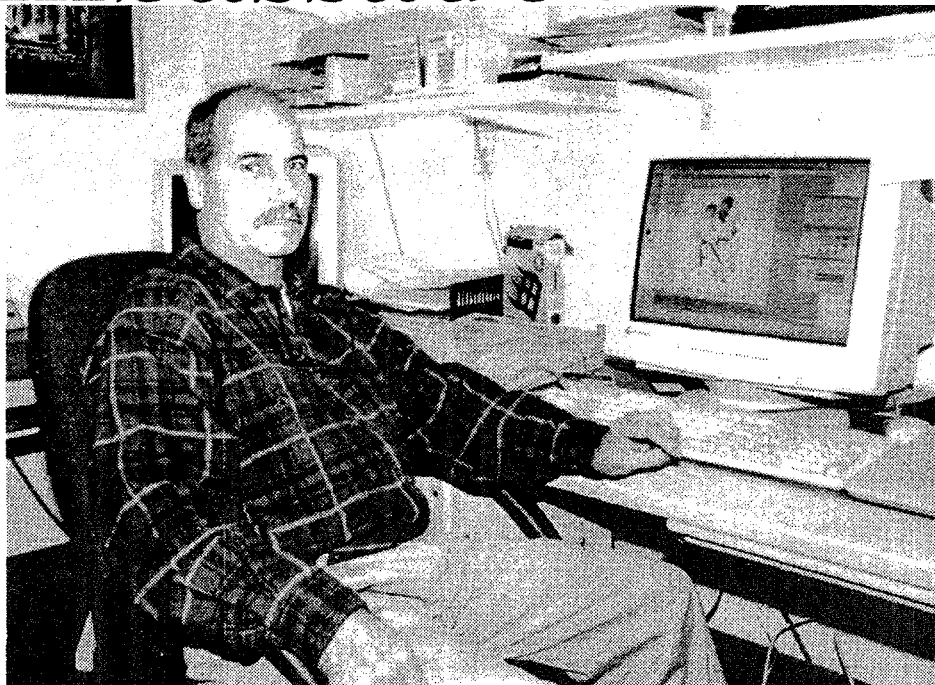
Jack Kenny, who owns and operates Quicksilver Photo in Plymouth, is hoping his personal photography can open doors between cultures and help break down embargoes against Cuba.

Kenny went to Cuba as a photojournalist, one of the capacities in which U.S. citizens are allowed to travel to the country, he said.

"I was down there taking pictures, and I just fell in love with the place," he said. "It's so vibrant."

While Kenny was in the country, he also met Roberto Salas, the national photographer for Cuba. Born in New York, Salas moved to Cuba with Fidel Castro in the '60s, according to Kenny.

The two shared a similar interest — nude photography — and Salas invited Kenny to show his work in an international exhibition in June of 1996, featur-



Plymouth businessman Jack Kenny has been satisfying the photographic needs of Plymouth with his business, Quicksilver Photo. Kenny recently found another need in Cuba. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

ing photographers from all over the world.

The exhibition was a first of its kind in Cuba. The more than 100 photographers exhibited works previously considered pornographic in Cuba — Nude photography.

"Until a year ago it was considered pornography," he said. "You could show paintings with nudity in them, just no photographs."

The exhibit was such a success that he was asked to do a one-man show later that year.

Kenny had photographed nudes for more than 25 years and had plenty of material to work with, he said.

"I started doing them for friends years ago when we were all hippies," he said. "I like photographing nudes because they present such striking images. They're enjoyable from 30 feet away or three feet away."

The Cuban public must have agreed, because Kenny's one-week exhibit had a record opening.

It was during the eight months between his two exhibits that Kenny learned of a need in Cuba.

"As I was reading more about the country I discovered more about the problems they

had," Kenny said. "A lot of them stemmed from U.S. sanctions against Cuba."

Kenny said U.S. restrictions against Cuba result in inadequate medical supplies, among other things.

He decided to team up with Susan Hurlich, a Boston-born writer living in Cuba with her husband to get the word out, he said.

"The hospitals in Cuba are wonderful. They're all clean and the doctors are wonderful," he said. "The problem is they can't get any supplies because they're made in the U.S. They have to pay more money and it takes much longer, if they can get them at all."

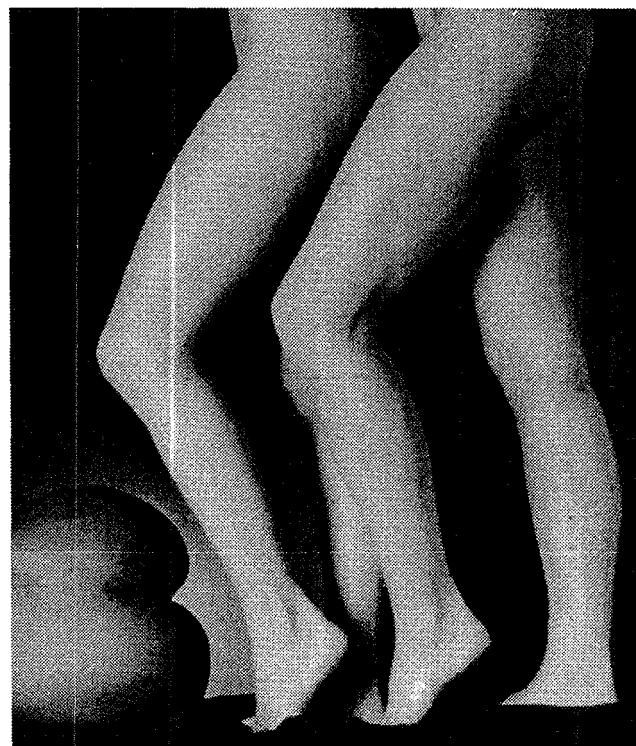
"I know of one point where all surgeries were put on hiatus for five days because they couldn't get supplies," he said. "There's no need for that."

Kenny said he is in the planning stages of his work with Hurlich, but because of the difficulty in communicating between the two countries, work is progressing slowly. It was also hampered by a momentary loss in email, which had been their primary source of correspondence.

"We're still in the planning stages of putting stories together for publication," he said. "We want to put her writing together with my photography to try and change some of those policies. The U.S. is the only country with any kind of restrictions against Cuba."

Kenny said he will try and arrange a showing of Salas' work in the U.S. as well as conceptualizing a book of his own photography. But for now, he's going to concentrate on Cuba's medical dilemma.

"The nudes are just an escape. It's non-work work," he said. "The other stuff is what's important."



Jack Kenny's personal photography explores the shapes and forms of nudes. (Photo courtesy of Jack Kenny).



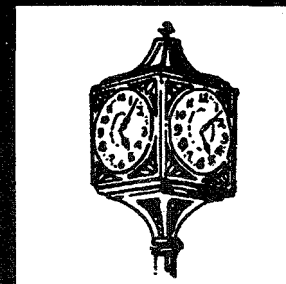




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- I want barbie dolls & SARAH N. JURY
- I had fun coloring. I thot I did good. See you soon. I love you and Merry Merry Chritmis. and a happy New Year.  
DANIEL STONEY JOSHUA EBY
- I hope you and your reindeer are doing good. I have been a good helper for my mom this year. I really would like a pair of bell-bottom pants Please feed the homeless. Please bring the gift of peace to everyone. I would like the Ninja turtle Blimp.  
KRISTY JESSICA ROCHELEAU
- I have a lot of toys so, this year I gave some old toys to an orphanage. The only two toys I would Like are a rocket ship and a bike. I wish everyone a good Christmas. I would like Star Wars and Hot Wheels and for tesus to Have A Happy Birthday  
ZACHARY OSBORNE MATTHEW
- I would like a C.D. player, a Beanie Baby, a puppy, a hamster, a radio, a Teddy bear for X-Mas. Anyone would be nice I hope you give poor people houses to live in. I hope I get a Super Nintendo game for christmas. Thank you Santa,  
LAUREN LAPENTA BRYCE DAVID
- I want bene babys. What I whated last year color stickon nays and that's all. the rest I won'tid to be surprised. Do you have a kid? I want an American girl doll. I wish all people would be nice to each other. p.s. there will be chocolate chip cookies at my house for you. I have to go right now. See you.  
RACHEL PAWLOWSKI. MARGERY SWAN
- I hope you don't give me coal, because I've been a very good girl this year I want for Christmas: some beanie babies, basket ball shoes, roller blades and babies. I would like Bend Magic, An American girl doll, a golden retriever, A pair of jeans, A Full House-Michelle book. and 2 beanie babies.  
KORTNEY MARSH LEAH VARGA
- I want a new bike for Christmas. I wot to get a gift of football year. I also wood like everone to have a merry Christmas.  
CATHERINE LORENZ JOWY SCANLON
- I love you because you come around on Jesus birthday, beacause God told you to! You are very nice. Thank you for the presents from the past years. I like them a lot.  
RAYMOND LARA KATIE HOPMAN.
- I love yoer toys thay aor fun. I evin love yor tadebars. I wot a canprto. I evin wot santa erings. thacs. xoxoxoxox I love you very much I don't caré what ever you get me for Christmas I will be happy  
ALANA RAUBACHER ALLISSA CONSTANTINE
- I miss you vray mouch. I hope to see you soon. I have cookeys for you and carrots for you'r deer. I love you and Christmas too. for Christmas I want playstation  
ASHLEY SHUNK MICHAEL BASHAWATY
- I wish that all the kids in the world had a family. food on the table, gifts under the tree, a home to live in, a lot of friends and lots of love. My Granpa has cancer I hope he gets betr for Christmas  
NATALIE DEMEYERE JON GAFFKE
- Please give me three gifts because jesus got three. I want rollerblades slinky and lazer challenge. I hope your not sick at Christmas Eve because it's really cold. I hope under my tree I will find a remote car. I hope you and Mrs Claus have a great Christmas too.  
ERIC DAKOTA BERGEVIN
- I want a coloring book. I want two free pizza hut tickets. This Christmas, I would like to have a picture of my Grandpa "kookie". He's had to go to a nursing home so he'll get special care. I miss him.  
JEFFREY SROKA NATHAN EIDSON
- I hope you have a Great New Year. I hope you have a merry Christmas too. I saw some Beanie Babies on the refrigerator one that had orange and Black stripez. were they from you?  
LISA PIERCE KATIE
- This year for Christmas I would like for everyone to live in peace and harmony. And also for everyone to remember the true spirit of Christmas. How Jesus died on the cross to save our sins. good-bye I like how you give all the children toys. Why can't Christmas be earlier? I'll have cookies and milk waiting for you.  
PAUL VOUGHT JONATHON GREEN
- I have been very good this year. I hope you can visit me and all the children in the world this year merry Christmas I would like a Giga pet, also Barbies Grocery Store. I want roller Blades. please send my mom flowers.  
AMY SHOEMAKER ERIKA SCHINGECK
- I look forward to Christmas. My wish is that all boys and girls have a safe and wonderful holiday season. I can't wait for you to come to my house. how are you I drew this picture. I hope you like it. I want a Remotecontrol air Plane. say hi to rudolph for me!  
NANCY DUNCANSON MIKE WHITE
- Can you please bring me a coloring book, a big map of America, a barbie of any kind. Please bring the poor people something to eat. Mery Christmas Love  
JENNA GAMBINO NICOLE
- I think you are good not because you bring us presents Because you make the children happy. I am looking forward to your visit. What I really want is a Barbie Car I wish everyone a good Christmas. I would like Star Wars and Hot Wheels and for tesus to Have A Happy Birthday  
CAROLYN BENAGES SABRINA IMAMURA
- I am looking forward to your visit. What I really want is a Barbie Car I wish everyone a good Christmas. I would like Star Wars and Hot Wheels and for tesus to Have A Happy Birthday  
ELENA VOYLES HAYLEY JURY

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# Dear Santa, plus



Mollie Dobersek, Valerie Stacey and Margery Swan won gift certificates for having the best entries in their respective age categories in The Crier's Annual Holiday Coloring contest (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

I have been a good boy this year. I would like a Bat man utility belt and some surprises. I hope poor people get a furnace to keep them warm.  
JORDAN HENDRICKS

I hope you don't get cold. And I hope you don't drop your bag full of toys. I hope the toys don't get frozen by the ice. I hope your reindeer don't get cold I am a young artist.  
BRIANNA JILL PORRITT

On Christmas Eve we will leave you milk & cookies and a lot of sugar for the reindeers. You can bring me whatever you want just not girl toys.  
JEREMIAH BARRY

I want some toys. I love Santa. I happy & I want one dalmatian. When you come to my house, I'll give you some cookies. Also, I want a Santa hat.  
CHRISTOPHER PIERCE

I wish for \$100.00 becus I want a dog.  
DOUGLAS SHEPHERD

For Christmas I would like Lego's, Video games like Donkey Kong 1, 2 and 3! I would also like Beanie Babies - Baldy if you could, or Quackers. Merry Christmas!  
JACOB MAGNUSSON

I would like a Minnie Mouse bean bag chair. I have been very good. Thank you.  
CALLA ZIVIKOWSKI

I would like a baby doll  
KAILA LIVERNOIS  
Please let the poor people have money and a job. Please bring me a Millineum Falcon, and a new Luke Skywalker. My other one lost his head. I'll leave you some cookies  
EVAN GAMBINO

I would like a tape dispenser and stapler, stamp with my name and trash can all for my desk area. Merry Christmas Santa  
ANDREW GREEN

"How are you? How's the reindeers? I wish you would give me a present. I would like a racecar and track. I've been a good boy. See you at Christmas!"  
NICK WHITE

Hee Hee Hee Wah Dee Ho Ho  
MADELINE BILA MICHELS

I have been trying to be Good I have. Been trying to do my chores for a puppy a Golden Retriever  
KELLY MACDONALD

Merry Christmas to Dennis, Missy & Michael  
HARRISON BILA MICHELS

Amber would like: a Barbie new crayons, color book, new paints & paper and new shoes  
Amber Sciba

I would like a Rocket man, A Horse, Buzz lightyear, Woody, clothes and a car. Will leave Christmas cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Be careful up on the Rooftops!  
TYLER LANIER

Brooke would like: Toys, presents, a baby doll, color books, paints and Santa  
BROOKE ARIANNA SCIBA PRICE

I love You Santa  
SAMANTHA PARTAIN

Can you please bring me a puppy for Chirstmas I love you very much.  
BAILEY ANDERSON-SMITH

I was good. I want 12 bullet Nerf of Nothing Gun. I also would like the fastest little racecar in the world. I really want Chip-Beanie Baby  
HANK ECKARDT

I want a baby snow suit for my doll you can get me anything you want.  
MARGARET MURPHY

I would like animals for Christmas, I love tigers, lions, elephants, giraffes and panthers. I like books about animals too. Thank you very much.  
NICK GORDON

I want a fire truck.  
NICHOLAS PAUL

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I have been a good girl this year. I would like Star Castle for Christmas. I hope you and your reindeers are having a good time.  
ALISHA BEYER

I like the toys you bring me. I hope you have a Merry Christmas I have been good all year and I would like a present and I hope you get a present too. I love you Santa Clause  
CHELSEA ANN PRESTON

I wish I had a kitten. I wish I could read.  
ASHLEY MEADOWS

Happy New Year. You are so good I want to bring you a present. I want Socker Doppers and a bat-man and gator golf.  
GEORGE PRESTON

Merry Christmas. Ho Ho Ho What are you doing Santa? I like your beard  
JIMMY MEADOWS

I want tye dye bear and other stuff. I hope our tree is beautiful. Bye.  
CLARICE

I hope you had a nice time working with the elves. For Christmas, can I please have some nice toys. Mery Christmas  
EVA DEBELISO

I want nintendo 64 and Red Wings hockey things.  
KYLE ROCKOV

I wish for 2,000 toys!  
JOSEPH SIMOWSKI

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KELSY ZEMANSKI
- "I been good and played with my baby sister and know how to tie. I want that Barbir car and either a rubber duckie. I love you"  
SARAH A. DONEGAN I wish that there could be more peace and nicer people.  
NICHOLAS COLE
- I have been a good girl. I help my mom and my grandma's. You can bring me anything you want.  
EMMA ROSE ANDREWS I wish I could have a picture of you, Mrs. Claus, and your reindeers so I could show it the kid who don't believe in you.  
DONALD WU
- My name is Rachel. I am very excited even though I won't be at home, I will be in Disney world. Get me whatever you think I'd like!  
RACHEL STONEY Hi! I am very excited that Christmas is just rolling around the corner. My wish for the world is world peace. I hope you can make this happen  
REBECCA BIRMAN
- You give toys that make everyone joy. I use to think wonder how you got around the whole world but I wasn't right.  
ERIKA HENAUGHEN Thank you for reading my letter. This Christmas I would really like a pet lizard, because I'm allergic to othr animals. I've been a good kid and student all year.  
CAITLIN BURT
- I hope you have a grate time at the gouses and that no dogs chase you and no cats chase you too. And have a Merry holiday  
NATALIE MAURER I wish my famly could have a big Christmas party at my house with ever one I know. I wish for world peace and for a big Christmas dinner.  
MICHAEL ELDRIDGE
- My name is Emil Saif. I want most for Christmas if for my aunt to heal from her sickness, so my cousins will be happy this year. And also do good in school. Thank you  
EMIL SAIF I love Christmas! It makes everyone happy. IOT's my favorite time of year. My wish is for everyone to be happy then I will be happy too!  
ADAM FORESMAN
- I sure hope when you get to my house you give present not just to me but to my whole family. Thank you very much Santa Clase.  
PAUL WIITANEN I want eveyone to hav a nice warm home, hug, kiss, warm cosy fire, mony, friends, Dad, mom, sister, brother, snowmen out sid, unkul, ants, cusins, grandpas, grandmas, christmas lits, tree, ornaments and presints.  
CHRIS GRELIK
- Please bring my family Dad-wrench set Mom-a nap Elijah-play vet set Gabriel-diapers Me-Zachary 5 tickets to see the movie flubber  
Thank you  
ZACHARY JACOB I wish people that are poor would get a home and get one million dollra. I wish they would get food like vegetables, fruit, and snacks  
MIKE HESS
- I would like more close and a bed for my america girl doll, and a barbie car, and walkie talkies, and a 1998 callinder Thank you,  
ANNIE MURPHY I wish for world peace. I also wish for people to be very nice to each other.  
SARAH KRUPANSKY
- Hi! My name is Amy. But you probably already knew that. He-He! I would like some things for Christmas this year. (Not to be greedy or anything!) I would like things such a a thomagothii.  
AMY BENSON I wish there were peace around the world because then it would be a nicer world to live in.  
James Pomerson
- How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year. On Christmas Eve my stocking will be waiting to be filled with enjoyebel cany and treats.  
JENNIFER PISANI What I wish for Christmas is an air Hockey table because my dad said we could get. We want to wait till Christmas. My dad will get it for me.  
BRITTNEY SCETO
- my name is Amber Battle. Dear Santa, I hope all the kids get presents for Christmas poor and rich, nice and special, mean and horred.  
SINCERLY, AMBER BATTLE My Wish is for my family and I to be healthy and have a wonderful Christmas and for everyone to Merry Christmas  
STEPHANIE SIMONOVSKI
- I want to see how you are doing at the North Pole. Do you have all the presents ready yet? Is Mrs. Claus baking the cookies and the pies yet?  
CRYSTAL SCHAFFER My wish for Christmas is that I want to be with my family and have a really fun 'ime. And to get really nice presents and definitely not coal.  
JENNY SUTHERLAND
- Since last Christmas, I have been waiting for you. I thought you might come early so, I already bought cookies for you.  
BRAD SHANKIN For Christmas I would like to ride in your sleigh and help you deliver presents around the world. P.S. Ill bake extra cookies for ther rids.  
ALEX CLARK
- Can I have Chip, Nonook, and lizzy the beanie babys and my brother wants chip, flip, nuts, Velvet, Waddle, and speedy the beanie babys. I also want speedy the beanie baby  
ALEXANDRA ECKARDT I really want a house and that I do well in school like get A's. I also wish that the poor can have food, and shelter thats my special wish. Thank you santa  
RJ DAVID
- Thank you for keeping our family together during the holidays. And all the toys you give us we will promise to take care of the toys you give.  
MATTHEW SHERIDAN How does it feel like to ride in a sleigh and raindeer driving. I will be in Florida for Christmas so please bring my presents there. P.S. I'll meet you in Florida also give food or cloths or booth to poor.  
KRISTIN
- did you like my picture no and I hope you will get me a dog for christmas  
ALYSSA HARDING On Shirstmas I wish to get stuff from American Girl Doll magazine, From Samatha section anything would be nice. My brother whoes name is Mike, he wants playstation with some of his video games.  
ALICIA BAHAWATY
- My Wish for Christmas is for my whole family to be happy on Christmas and my whole family to get good presents and have the best day they evr had.  
NATALIE SUTHERLAND Mery Christmas! On Sunday I helped my dad put up christmastree lights Happy Holidays!  
CHRISTINA EBY I would like I have Nintendo 64, with goldeneye, Mario cart, DittyKong racing, and turock Dinosaur Hunder. and A Rumblepack and sav-cont.

# Dear Santa, plus

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ing pack. My sister would like a pooh movie. Thank you

**BETHANY JURY** Everone should have the same amount of money. a horse someday. Please give the homeless kids some toys and foor.

**EMMA VOIGHT**

**MEG MADOLE**

**JIMMY GLICK** I'm not asking for much this year, I don't want to be selfish. Really, my only wish is to have a safe, fun, and loving Christmas Day.

**KENDALL HENAUGHEN** I would like a 1) CD player, 2) CD's, 3) Blind Skateboard belt, 4) Flame boy sweatshirt, 5) independent sweatshirt, 6) Nhl hockey video game for S.M. have a merry Christmas

**BRIAN WHITING** My Christmas wish is that every homeless kid had a home. I would want them to have someone who loves them, and a warm bed, and food to eat.

**STEPHEN G. YOUNG**

**JAKE MALONEY** Folr Christmas I would like a lot of toys and I would like the people I give gifts to, to enjoy their gifts

**COLLEEN WHATELY** For Christmas I would like Beanie Babies, and CD's. I would also like clothes and Porcelain Dolls. Hope you have a Merry, Merry Christmas Santa.

**MARY MAGNUSSON** The one thing I wish for this Christmas is that know one is lone. I hope everyone has a place to go and has a good dinner with other people.

**KATIE BARNWELL**

**TOMMY WOODERSON** This year for Christmas I want elderly people to be happy. I want every single one of them to receive a gift. I also want no Scrooges this year.

**ADRIAN LUCERO** I hope you have a great Christmas. I hope you stay warm while your delivering presents to the Kids. Well I'm nine years old. My birthday is 10 days befor Christmas (Dec. 14)

**AMY CAVES** I want a Red wing Jursey or if you can a new hock-ey stick thanks

**RAYMOND**

**JUSTIN SHERIDAN** My wish for you this year is to help all those who need help first. Then if you have toys left over, I would like Star Wars of legos. Merry Christmas

**JIM GUTKOWSKI** How do you get to every house in ne night? Well I am 10 years old and I still believe in you as the real Santa Clase. P.S. Kayla is my little sister (3 1/2)

**KARI A. SMITH** I'll believe in you, even when I grow up. I wish I could see you someday. P.S. I'll give you some coca-cola at Christmas. Mery Christmas Santa.

**ANDREA BURDETTE**

**ELIZABETH CIANCIOLO** If it's not to much trouble please send me a CD player and some CDs.

**AMANDA LORENZ** I wish all people have homes on Christmas I also wish all stray animals have homes on Christmas.

**SARA FRY** All I want for Crismas is a gegapet, some candy, a jump rope and a pupy that will stay small like Tane Bety's dog.

**SARAH ANGLY SMITH**

**KATHRYN SHEPHERD** I wish for peace in the world.

**AMY BURNHAM** I'm sailing around the world with my family. We are already half the way. I would like it if we could have a safe and wonderful journey. Thank-you

**JENNIFER NOELLE HORST** I welly wan't a go-cart if you can't call me when you get this letter 4----- my adress ----- our you can wake me up at 24 day

**JUSTIN PACKMAN**

**KATE MUSSON** I wish the poor will have a happy christmas and a safe one too.

**JOHNNY MAGNUSSON** For Christmas I would like Legos, Video games, and any kind of alien stuff.

**NICOLE OSIER** How many times have you been spotted by a kid? I would like Mortal Combat game. P.S also world peace would be good too.

**MITCHELL MADOLE** All I want for Christmas is Rollerblads, Jump Pope, Fankatc nals, and I Spy sooky night, calerd string, box for string, gril talk, tikel me Elmo, thats all

**KELLY GALEIN**

**STEPHANIE O'CALLAGHAN** Your the best! It is soo nice that you care about all these people! I like you a lot! I think thats nice of what you do!

**JOEY PILARZ** I wish that I will have a happy Thanksgiving.

**ERIC BRZEZINSKI** What I would like for Christmas is a dog.

**ALLISON RUDA**

**TATIANA MAMURA** For Christmas could I have: A Spice World movie, Liar Liar, Barbie Weding Doll, J.T.T. poster, Jingle All The Way, High Heel Shoes, Friendship Bracket string, Limited Too Silky Pajamas.

**JOEY PILARZ** I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. And I don't care what other people say, I believe that you're real. Merry Christmas, Santa!

**MICHELLE ARIEL EBY** I wint a rasing car and a 20000 water guns and a rasing car. And bike.

**ZAC TAMS**

**JOSH ANSON** Hi am Joshua Anson and I have one little question for you "Why do you eat cookies and drink milk, is it like a diet or something like it.

**JOEY PILARZ** All I want for Christmas I would like for everyone to be happy & kind. I wish for no riches & poorness.

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- I want Nintendo 64 and A puppy of my dog lexuses, She is doing fine thanks.  
LINDSAY DEMETSENERC
- How are you doing am doing. Will you give me a Nintodow 64 game it is a modersacol and raasoling and football whath a guy throing football oka.  
NATE NIEDMEYER
- Hope you and the reindeer have a Merry Christmas! P.S. Jesus is the reason for the season!  
ERIN ANDERSON
- Christmas I want everyone to get along and for people to believe in Jesus. P.S. Plus anything dalmation!  
AMY ANDERSON
- I relly relly what to play football if I can play footbat. I relly relly what to have a new bike if I can.  
MICHAEL THOMAS
- I what shannhans jersey, bene babys and Samantha's trunk  
MARIE SHEKO
- your cool santa.  
JOEY PERKOVICH
- I would like to have a four lane race track. I won't forget to leave milk and cookies for you. I want Tantrum the race car oh and i would like Playstaion.  
GRANT ANDERSON
- I will like a volcano blow out. The same that I relly want a 48 inch Red Wings loker. I also want is a crayola kit. I really belev in you santa  
JACOB CHARLES PAPAZLON
- I wish: I could like for the poor to have more. Here is a idea shelter, food, and money. Thank you for your time.  
JENNIFER ADKINS
- For christmas what I am going to give is close to the humans aside. And I will give some of my toys to the kids at the humen aside.  
SAHIL ARORA
- I wish for my famaily to be happy again. Some of my members are very rude. please make my wish come true.  
JASON BAGLEY
- How are you? I'm fine. could you please send some food to shelters (orphanage, homeless etc.) PS: I Think it's nice what you do  
ALIJAH BANISTER
- You can give all my presents to poor people and leave some to cheerup unhappy people. Christmas is a special time of the year for World Peace and happiness.  
KELLY BARNA
- I hope I be good and obey my mom and Dad and be good freindy with My friend Chris.  
ANDRES CARDENAS
- What I want is to get a good grade on my meap test on spring. I wish to get a good grade on it, same with my sister Sharon.  
JANICE CHRISTIAN
- I wish that the family's that can't afford or can't have Christmas will have one. That way they can enjoy Christmas the way I do. That is my wish.  
JENNIFER FURNISS
- I really don't need a present, but give my presents to those who really need it, and wish them a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for me. Merry Christmas!  
SHARLA GILLSPIE
- The only wishes I would like for christmas is peace on earth and people to stop litering and abusing animals.  
LINDSAY HOUDEK
- For Christmas I dont want anything because I dont celabrate Chrismas. Foir Christmas I want the poor to have presents.  
KOMAIL KANJI
- I want a real horse and some other things.  
JOHANNA ALEXANDER
- It would mean alot to me if you could help the poor. Here are some ideas, give them food, and shelter. They would be more Happy if they had that.  
AMBER KELLY
- The only thing I want for Christmas if sor my grandpa to get better. He is very sick and it's hard for me to see him this way.  
NIKI KLAUZA
- My wish that I want to wish for is for peace, family and the earth. Also I hope that the pore people get mondy & food. Also to help my dogs too!  
LISA KOHL
- I hope I get good grades in school and hope every-body is safe and well this holiday.  
CHRIS MADDEN
- What I wish for Christmas is peace for the World and my family. I also want all the wars to end that are going on right now and the future.  
GULREZ MAHMOUD
- I wish for peace on earth. Please give food, clothing, shelter and something for them to play with. also I would like warm weather so they don't freeze.  
SARA NICKELL
- I want to know if you will give homeless people a home or give them some money for a home. For the people that have cancer should get better soon.  
SARAH NILES
- I wish only on one wish this year and that is for my puppy not to die  
RAJ PUMPHREY
- I wish for world peace. I wish you would help Jason with family problems. Also keep me safe. Help the persacuted church. P.S and eletic trains.  
ANDREW RADAMIS
- What I really want for christmas is my old best friend to move back to where I live. I dont even know where she is!  
SHERI SCHNEIDER
- For Christmas I would like nothing. Instead I think world peace would be nice. Also give homeless people homes, presents and money. This is my Christmas wish.  
COURTNEY SMITH
- I wish for the people that has cancer, aids, the Hungery, Homeless and that thay get better, and it from my heart.  
CHELSEA STAATS
- I would like a horse, 2 tickets to Italy or Ireland, and peace on earth.  
ELIZABETH ALEXANDER
- I like my Garntma but she in peckton and shs cand ce and I had 7 sister and one berther and I dont no hou santa I come last year I came Ameriak  
SADIA TAYAB
- I want to donate some gifts for homeless kids and people with cancer and who are sick, and sick animals, and for schools all over the world.  
TREVOR TENNANT
- I really don't want anything this year, but I would like one thing for everyone that everyone has a happy and Merry Christmas.  
LINDSAY WIECZOREK
- I wish that I could visit my cousins Kara, Sam and BJ because I could play in their playhouse when I was in backyard with them. I like them.  
RILEY KENNSMITH
- I have been a good girl this year. I wvll leave a carrot for Rudolf. Please be careful when you come on Christmaseve.  
LAUREN LOCKHART
- How are you up in the North Pole? Is it always cold there? I just want to tell you I haven't been that good this year, but here are some of the good things I've done. 1. Help my mom 2. Clean my room 3. Help my brother and sister.  
KAILA LOCKHART
- Please help the poor people get some money. I would like these games, Life, Easy money, Payday and The Lost World Jurassic Park board game and battling raptors  
JASON MARK HENDRICKS
- How was your summer? Thank you Santa Clause for the gifts last year. I hope you leave me lots of toys because I was very good this year. Hope you like the cookies we left for yopu, say "Hi" to Rudolf for me!  
MELANIE DEMMER
- What I want for Christmas is a new club house with a basement with some play furniture. I also want a bell right from your sliegh.  
AMANDA KARBV
- I wish everyone got at least four books for Christmas.  
STEPHANIE SIMOWSKI



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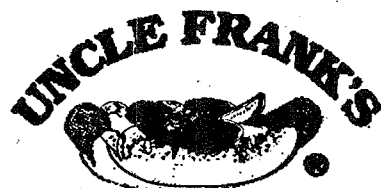
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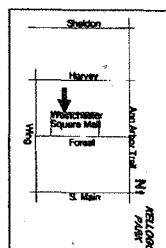
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# Dear Santa, plus

How is Mrs. Claus and the Raindeer. I would like to meet you. How many elves do you have? Do you ever get to play with the tows? I do. I would like some book's. I Love to read.

I think that you are the jolliest santa in the world. I "have" been the best little girl. Please give me something good!

SARAH ALEXANDER

KELSEY HYLAND

here is what I want for christmas...Califnrya roller girl, rainbow bright, bead magic, flutter the beany baby, markers and crayons; 2 spice girls movies, have a merry christmas, and say hi to your elfs and raindear for me.

Please bring me a Toaster and a little mermaide and a treuck or car for my brother. Thank you. We love you Santa

BRYTNIE BUNDON

JESSICA VAN RIPER I Love you Santa, I think your sweet. I hope you'll enjoy the milk and cookies. They will be chocolate chip cookies.

JUSTIN FURMAN

May everyone find peace and warmth in their heart in the true meaning of "Holiday" and a meal and a family to share it with.  
Lauren Delapaz

I would like to thank you for the presents that you brouht me last year. I enjoyed them.

SHANNYN HYLAND

I want no toys or stuffed animals. I want two things. First, I want for all children to have a merry x-mas, Second, I want all the poor poeople to have food. That's it!

For Christmas (I would like World PEACE and a V.C R. a feww Humongous stuffed animals. Merry Chirstmas

VALERIE STACEY KATE CALILLE

Please bring me a silver sleigh bell from Rudolph's harness.

I want another Dr.Barbie and a stroller backpack like the one I saw in the magazine. I love you.

TARA STACEY REBECCA LAWTON

Please bring me a construction set because I love to build things. That's all.

I hope that you and all the reindeer have a safe trip visiting all us kids! I love you Santa and Rudolph!

STEPHEN WERNER TAYLOR FISHER

I want Star Wars toys. I want a new bike, I am now riding without training wheels. I have been a good boy this year.

JOHN WELCHANCE I love Santa and his toys. I like when Santa brings me toys because that is very special for kids. Please bring my brother and sister a special toy!

NICOLE CORNELIUS

I thanck you for all the toys you give me. You are the best Oh yes. I love you, Santa

KRISTEN SABATINI

I wish that the poor could have money. I wish that the red wings would win and that Konstinov would be better.

My sister wants lots of clothes, my brother wants a gocart so be good to them. I just want to ride in your sleigh and help you.

MATTHEW SZMYTKE CHRISTOPHER LEACH

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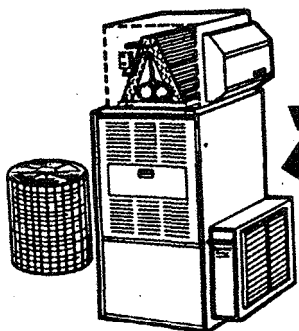
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Tues. 12-9	South Lyon	A 7:30	Tues. 12-9	South Lyon	A 7:30	Sat. 2-28	Ind. Regional	A TBA	Mon. 12-15	Novi	H 5:30	Fri. 12-12	Berkley	H 7:00
Mon. 12-22	Winter Tourn.	H 7:00	Mon. 12-22	Winter Tourn.	A 5:30	Fri. 3-6	Team Finals	A TBA	Wed. 12-17	AA Pioneer	H 5:30	Thurs. 12-18	Intersquad	H 7:00
Tues. 12-23	Winter Tourn.	H TBA	Tues. 12-23	Winter Tourn.	A TBA	Fri. 3-13	Ind. Final	A TBA	Wed. 1-7	Harrison	H 5:30	Thurs. 1-8	Brighton	A 7:00
Tues. 1-6	Brighton	H 7:00	Tues. 1-6	Brighton	H 5:30	Coach: Garnett Potter			Sat. 1-10	JV Tourney	H 9:00	Mon. 1-12	Hartland	H 7:00
Fri. 1-9	WL Central	A 7:30	Fri. 1-9	WL Central	A 6:00	BOY'S FRESHMAN BASKETBALL			Mon. 1-13	N. Farmington	A 5:30	Sat. 1-17	Hartland Invit.	A TBA
Tues. 1-13	J. Glenn	A 7:00	Tues. 1-13	J. Glenn	A 5:30	Tues. 12-9	S. Lyon	H 3:45	Mon. 1-19	Salem	H 5:30	Wed. 1-21	Canton	A 7:00
Fri. 1-16	Stevenson	H 7:00	Fri. 1-16	Stevenson	H 5:30	Tues. 12-12	Franklin	A 3:45	Wed. 1-21	WL Central	A 5:30	Wed. 1-28	Salem	A 7:00
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Fri. 2-20	Franklin	A 7:00	Fri. 2-20	Franklin	A 5:30	Tues. 2-3	N. Farmington	A 3:45	Mon. 2-23	Franklin	A 5:30	Fri. 3-13	State Finals	A TBA
Tues. 2-24	Howell	A 7:30	Tues. 2-24	Howell	A 6:00	Fri. 2-6	Churchill	A 6:00	Mon. 3-2	WLAA	A 4:30	Sat. 3-14	State Finals	A TBA
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Thur. 3-5	WLAA(5-12)	A 7:00	Thur. 3-5	WLAA(5-12)	A 5:30	Fri. 2-20	Franklin	H 3:45	Tues. 12-16	Saline	A 6:30	Wed. 11-19	Stevenson	A 6:00
Fri. 3-6	WLAA(1-4)	A 7:00	Fri. 3-6	WLAA(1-4)	A 5:30	Coach: John Briningstool			Thurs. 12-18	Stevenson	A 7:00	Fri. 11-21	Stevenson	H 4:00
Mon. 3-9	Districts	A TBA	Mon. 3-9	Districts	A TBA	GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			Sat. 12-20	WLAA	A TBA	Mon. 11-24	Churchill	H 8:30
Coach: Scott Baldwin			Coach: Stan Szostek			Sat. 12-13	Gull Lake	A 8:00	Tues. 1-6	Brighton	A 6:30	Sat. 11-29	WL Western	A 5:20
GIRLS FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL			BOYS WRESTLING			Mon. 12-15	Novi	H 7:00	Thurs. 1-8	S. Lyon	A 7:00	Fri. 12-5	Milford	A 8:20
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Wed. 1-7	Harrison	H 5:30	Wed. 12-10	Howell	A 5:30	Sat. 1-10	Cereal City Inv.	A 8:00	Thurs. 1-22	Canton	A 7:00	Wed. 12-17	Churchill	A 8:00
Mon. 1-12	N. Farmington	A 5:30	Sat. 12-13	Garden City	A 10:30	Mon. 1-12	N. Farmington	A 7:00	Wed. 1-28	Franklin	A 7:00	Mon. 12-22	Flushing	A 6:00
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Wed. 1-21	WL Central	A 5:30	Tues. 1-6	S. Lyon	A 6:00	Wed. 1-21	WL Central	A 7:00	Thurs. 2-12	Harrison	H 6:30	Fri. 1-9	WL Central	H 8:30
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Coach: Kate Woodrich			Sat. 2-14	WLAA	A TBA	Sat. 2-28	WLAA	A TBA				Wed. 2-18	Cranbrook	A 5:00
			Wed. 2-18	Team District	A TBA	Sat. 3-7	Districts	A TBA				Fri. 2-20	WL Central	A 8:00
			Sat. 2-21	Ind. Districts	A TBA	Sat. 3-14	Regional	A TBA				Thurs. 2-26	Districts	A TBA
			Wed. 2-25	Team Reg.	A TBA	Fri. 3-20	Finals	A TBA				Coach: Brad O'Neill		



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## Events

### "EVERLASTING LIGHT" CONCERT

The Plymouth Baptist Church will present the Christmas concert entitled, "Everlasting Light, Dec. 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00pm.. There is no admission charge, but a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations following the concert. Children under the age of 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium. Full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information call (313) 453-5534.

### HANDCRAFTERS ARTS AND CRAFT SHOWS

Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 16th annual Christmas arts and crafts show Dec. 12, 13, and 14 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center. More than 70 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, Christmas ornaments, Santas, wood items, and clothing. For more information call (313) 459-0050.

### WINE TASTING PARTY

Join Plymouth Newcomers for a wine tasting party Dec. 11 from 7:30-9:30pm at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. There will be an informational presentation by a wine expert and an opportunity to sample several wines. Call 416-0300

### LUMINARIA

Luminaria kits on sale Dec. 13 and 20 from 10:00am- 4:00 pm. \$4.00 per set of 10 candles with white bags. Sand is available, but bring your own bag.

### "MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT"

We are looking for girls ages between 17-23 years old of Irish descent for the "Maid of Erin" Pageant to be held Feb., 28th 1998 at the Gaelic League. The "Maid of Erin" wins a free trip to Ireland, participates in all Irish activities during Irish week. For further details please contact Bridie Flynn (313) 464-8556 or Peggy Bolland (313) 255-5677

### "WHY AGE?"

A free one hour talk given by Cynthia A. Neely Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:00 pm. This lecture is a gift to the community and the ideas shared are relevant no matter what faith you believe. Child care will be provided. for more information call (313) 453-1676.



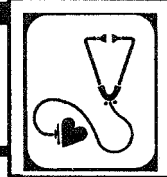
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### GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

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## Health

### RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday each month, Arbor Health building, Plymouth, 2-3 p.m. Free. Call 712-5367.

### DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS

St. Mary Hospital to offer diabetes education class from 1 to 3 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 16. The \$75 fee includes all materials and allows the participant to bring a person with no extra charge. For more information call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650. Pre-registration is required.

### SENIOR EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTIONS

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors offers aid to seniors over 65 when: individual/couple monthly income less than \$968/\$1295, with at least 10 percent spent on prescriptions. Area MEPPS sites are Plymouth Twp. Hall, 455-7526 and Northville Area Senior Center, 349-4140.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL PROGRAM

Domestic violence Legal Advocacy Program for victims of domestic violence. Call Judy Ellis at 981-9595, voice mail #203.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

### HELEN D. NEFF

Helen D. Neff, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 30, 1997 at the age of 85. Mrs. Neff was born July 11, 1912 in Detroit. She retired 20 years ago from the Tank and Automotive Commandry in Warren, MI. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She was active in the Ladies Circle at Church. She was an excellent seamstress and loved arts and crafts. She loved to play tennis and ride horses.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, William F. of Plymouth; son-in-law, Warren Krick of Canton; grandchildren, Janet Krick of California, Ken Krick of Canton, Karen (Chester) Miller of California; three great-grandchildren; sister, Charlotte (Maurice) Kime of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Krick; and her sisters, Elizabeth Brock and Venice French.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Alzheimers Disease Association or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

### ULYSSES "BUBBA" HALE, JR

Ulysses "Bubba" Hale, Jr, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 29, 1997 at the age of 58.

Mr. Hale was born April 24, 1939 in Birmingham, AL. He was a chef at the Novi Hilton. He was a member of the Hartford Memorial Baptist

Church in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon L. of Plymouth; daughters, Dorene Nicole Hale McGuire of Salem Township, Donella Hale of Ann Arbor; Dorian Michael Hale of Ypsilanti; step-children, Bruce Coutts, Brian Coutts, Heather Babstock, Omar Williams, Season Williams; six grandchildren; mother, Edna Hale of Inkster; four sisters; and two brothers.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Wilma Johnson officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Mt. Clemens, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

### KAY M. LONG

Kay M. Long, a Ypsilanti resident, died Dec. 2, 1997 at the age of 60.

Mrs. Long was born Dec. 9, 1936 in Haxtun, CO. She was a data processor with High Scope Educational. She was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, a member of the church choir, and a substitute teacher at New Horizons.

She is survived by her husband, Norman D. Long of Ypsilanti; mother, Reta Lou Chaney; son, Lloyd (Coral) Long of Manchester, MI; daughter, Cindy (Bill) McCarthy of York, ME; brother, Wayne (Naomi) Chaney of Berthoud, CO; sister, JoAnne (Ed) King of Coarsegold, CA; grandson, Brandon Long of Pittsburgh, PA; and granddaughter Jessica Long of Pittsburgh. She is preceded in death by her father, Lewis Chaney.

Services were held at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Arthur C. Magnuson and the Rev. Daniel Whitney officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to New Horizons for Children Learning Center at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 41550 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

### ALEJANDRA OLIVAREZ SETHI

Alejandra Olivarez Sethi, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 3, 1997 at the age of 53.

Mrs. Sethi was born Feb. 28, 1944 in the Philippines. She was a nurse anesthetist. She was a member of St. Aiden Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Subhash C. Sethi of Plymouth; mother, Felisa Olivarez of the Philippines; daughter, Andrea Sethi of Plymouth; son, Ravi A. Sethi of Plymouth; sisters, Guillerma Angeles of Georgia, Rufina Lozada of the Philippines; and brothers, Juan Olivarez of Livonia, Leovigildo Olivarez of Westland, Valentin Olivarez of the Philippines. She is preceded in death by her father, Cipriano A. Olivarez.

Services were held at St. Aidan Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald K. Flannery officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

### DONALD MILTON KIMMEL

Donald Milton Kimmel, an Ann Arbor resident, died Dec. 8, 1997 at the age of 74.

Mr. Kimmel was born Jan. 1, 1923 in Northville. He was a serviceman at Detroit Edison. He was a decorated WWII veteran of the European Theater. He was an associate member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a 1941 graduate of Northville High School.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Thelma Kimmel; daughter, Donna (David) Halman; and daughter-in-law Jenny Kimmel of Flushing, MI; and grandsons, Shawn Halman, Matthew Kimmel. He is preceded in death by his parents, Leonard D. and Lena Kimmel; son, Gary Kimmel; and sisters, Helen Heintz, Evelyn Huyck.

Services will be held at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church 1343 Penniman Ave. Plymouth, 48170 or American Heart Association West Metro Region P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072.

### Claude R. Yoe, 96, retired salesman for Montgomery Wards

Claude R. Yoe died Dec. 8, 1997.

He is survived by his sons, Timothy (Marilyn) Yoe of Plymouth, Harry Yoe of Plymouth; one brother; 6 grandchildren; and nine-great-grandchildren.

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## Curiosities

If you don't have anything nice to say about anyone, come sit by me.  
 Beauregard - Thanks for the engine & transmission work - you made our month, the Gang from Crest Lincoln-Mercury Shooter, what do you want for Christmas? Lisa Fawl Down and Go Boom!  
 NEW PLYMOUTH CITY SERVICE: the Mayor Pro Tem escorts errant limousines. THANKS!  
 BOB LEPPING: to lock or not to lock? Running cars in Detroit but tightly locked house in Plymouth?  
 Coffee Bean - Thanks for supporting Girl Scouts Troop 184,  
 Liz, Margery, Emma, Erin, Stephy, Amanda H., Rachel, Amanda K.  
 I'D DISPLACE TOO MUCH WATER."  
 --Rob Kirkbride The Shy  
 ERICA & JENNIFER:  
 thanks for tree trimming! S & E  
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## Curiosities

BEAUREGARD sticky buns baked fresh by JIM GARBER recovers from the "Friday night flu" with help from The Whalers.  
 PAUL & PHIL: your next "weekend" is Tuesday-Wednesday --Beauregard  
 ANNETTE HORN and JESSE VARGA both offered Santa hats for a cold head. Thanks! (What a coincidence.)  
 KAY ARNOLD'S lip prints?  
 JEANINE LOWE got older once again. But she still makes fewer wrinkles.  
 LISA FILAR gains age soon ...wisdom when?  
 THE SILLY TAX MET its first two obstacles: who's in charge? and, how to evaluate it?  
 MANY THANKS TO ALL the generous donors and volunteers for the Canton and Plymouth Goodfellows.  
 Beauregard - "A friend loves at all times and a brother is born from adversity." Proverbs 27:10. It's Christmas - Let's renew our friendship & do lunch soon - Richard

## Curiosities

If you say "Glaz-go" and not "Glass-co" If you say Edinborough and not "Eden-burg" If you roll your "r's" just a bit  
 If you think tartan is of classic design and not a conglomeratin of straight lines and strong colors representing your "clan"  
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 You would enjoy attending the Plymouth Presbyterian Church  
 There was a young man from the east Who prepared a magnificent feast For three old ladies all in their eighties Who longed to be first on his list (Doesn't exactly rhyme, but you try it.)  
 Charlie Stilec of Northville is "Citizen of the Year" and his Plymouth friends are basking in the reflected glory. Congratulations, Charlie  
 Diane - feel like you're stuck in Groundhog day?

## Curiosities

Mickie Beyer - A chicken would consider it a privilege to be a contributor to your soup. I have no fetish about food, and therefore it takes a good deal to impress me. However, your chicken soup is the best I ever tasted. The world will beat your door if they ever become aware.  
 Who'd believe you could leave a car running, unlocked & unattended in Detroit for 3 hours and it would still be there!  
 Way to Go Bob!!!  
 Bob got to celebrate his birthday 3 times - Many More! Love, Me  
 ?Locked out of the house, too?  
 Mike Came's in Margaritaville without us!  
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Aunt Lisa - I hope your foot feels better soon. Love, Nicole "Have a nice trip, Grace?" Darcy's B'day will soon be here! Just before Santa comes to town.



# Sports

## Sports shorts

New Soccer Referee training will be held at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. You must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take the class. To register send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made out to the Michigan Referee Committee to: P.O. Box 700260, Plymouth, MI 48170-0945. If you have questions, please call 454-7335.

Class size is limited.

The Ontario Hockey League announced that rookie centerman **David Legwand** of the **Plymouth Whalers** is the OHL Player of the Week for the week ending Sunday, Dec. 7.

Legwand, the Whalers' 1st round selection in the 1997 OHL Priority Selection, led the Whalers in scoring last week, collecting five goals and six assists for 11 points in three games.

Legwand leads the Whalers and all OHL rookies in scoring this season with 31 goals and 21 assists for 52 points in 27 games. He is currently third in the league in scoring and on a five-game goal scoring streak. He is also second in the OHL with 31 goals, including 10 power play goals and five game-winning goals.

Canton and Salem High School representatives to the Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Basketball All-Conference and All-Division teams include: Salem senior **Amanda Abraham** (All-WLAA), Canton senior **Melissa Marzolf** (All-WLAA), Canton senior **Nkechi Okwumabua** (All-WLAA), Salem junior **Andrea Pruett** (All-WLAA), Canton senior **Kristin Lukasik** (All-Western Division), Salem sophomore **Tiffany Grubaugh** (All-Lakes Division), Salem junior **Christine Philips** (All-Lakes), Canton senior **Kristin Mayer** (Honorable Mention), Canton juniors **Elise Thornell** and **Janell Twietmeyer** (Honorable Mention) and Salem sophomore **Bree Pastalic** (Honorable Mention).

## New coach, game format await Chiefs in 1997-98 season

*5 seniors lead team coming off most successful campaign in school history*

### VOLLEYBALL

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

The Canton girls volleyball team has a lot to look forward to this year, including a new coach and a new game format.

The team has 12 members this year, including senior captains Amy Plagens and Stephanie Chefan.

The team has six seniors, five juniors, and one sophomore.

They will be led by their new coach, Cynthia Howard Montgomery.

She also has a positive outlook on the teams upcoming season.

"We have our strengths and our weaknesses. We know everything we need to know, but there is always stuff to work on," she said.

Plagens also has confidence in her new coach. "She knows what she's talking about and she knows about what she does," she said.

Along with the new coach, all Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball teams will have a new game format.

The teams used to play so the winner is named by winning three out of five games.

However, WLAA member schools voted to change the format to the best out of three games.

"We don't even know why they wanted it changed. We think it might be because people complained about getting home too late after games," said Plagens.

"I'd really like to play five games, three is too short," she added.

Some area teams who are against the new format are working together to get it changed back, including Canton and Salem, who both voted against the change.

## Chiefs pinned down in dual match

*But Canton grabblers show promise for 1997-98 season*

The Canton wrestling team lost to Farmington, 54-24, and Salem, 66-18, in a dual meet last week.

Several junior varsity wrestled well in the 30-point defeat to Farmington, "which shows good hope," says assistant coach John Demslk. "We have a lot of freshmen and we've done a lot to get them started on the right foot."

Despite the lopsided loss to cross cam-



Cynthia Howard Montgomery replaces Steve Anderson (top right) as coach of the Canton volleyball team this winter. The Chiefs hope to repeat their success last season when they won the Western Division crown. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"We're talking to members on the Salem team and trying to get a hold of players from Novi and Northville," explained Plagens.

The volleyball team will have their first tournament this weekend, where Plagens, as well as the whole team, hope to get things off to a good start.

### WRESTLING

pus rival Salem, Demsick remains encouraged.

"It's important to remember Salem has a very developed program. We're trying to build a better one. We're in a good position to do better than last year," Demsick said.

The Chiefs have a very solid nucleus of five wrestlers, seniors Brent Buttermore, Brian Musser, John-Peter Demsick and juniors Roger Demsick and Kevin Stone.

"We'll be a much better team, and, of course, we'll have other kids also contribute," Demsick said.

*The Chiefs continue their season tonight with a dual meet at Novi against the Wildcats and Ann Arbor Pioneer.*

# Erie gets holiday gift from Whalers, win 8-5

## Whalers revenge loss with 6-1 win Sunday over Otters

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Whalers were in the charitable holiday spirit Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena, giving Erie an easy 8-5 win, the Otter's first-ever victory in Plymouth.

It was the most goals Plymouth has allowed all year, and it ended the Whalers' 11-game (9-0-2) home unbeaten streak.

Plymouth's four-game winning streak also came to a screeching halt.

"We got a good lesson tonight (Saturday)," said Plymouth Head Coach/GM Peter DeBoer. "They basically beat us at our own game."

The Otters challenged the Whalers physically early in the contest, and took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

Patrick Dovigi did the rest, stopping 41 shots, including 23 in the third period when the Whalers peppered the Otter netminder with several shots in close. The Otters took advantage of the Whalers' open-style offensive gambles in the final 40 minutes, and scored on several break-aways and odd-man rushes.

Vadim Sharapov (one goal, two assists) and Colin Pepperall (two goals) led the Otter offense, while defenseman Jeff Paul (one goal) played perhaps his best game of the season, drawing the ire of Whaler players throughout the night.

Plymouth rookie forward Dave Legwand continued his season-long scoring binge with two goals and two assists. Fellow rookie Yuri Babenko had two assists for Plymouth.

Erie improved to 1-5-1 all-time at CSA.

"I think because we've had their number the past couple of years they came out a little fired up," said second-year forward Harold Druken. "They outworked us all night. They deserved to win."

"We gave up a lot of chances," said forward Steve Wasylo, who played in his third game since returning from a shoulder injury, "but also we should've scored more on (Dovigi). We had 46 shots, we should've scored more goals than we did. We've got to score on our chances. We were passing off when we should've shot. But I guess we'll have to learn from that."

Trailing 3-1 early in the second period, the Whalers pulled within one when Kevin Holdridge scored his second goal of the year from the left circle.

Erie ensured its first victory, however, with four answered goals in nine minutes of the second and third periods. Goalie Robert Esche (11 saves) was pulled in favor of Scott Holsinger at the beginning of the final period.

**Plymouth 6, Erie 1** — Just like old

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The Whalers rebounded from an 8-6 shellacking by the Otters Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena by whipping Erie, 6-1, Sunday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# WHALER WATCH

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SARNIA	13	12	6	4-4-2	32
ERIE	15	13	1	4-6-0	31
S.S. MARIE	9	17	4	5-3-2	22
WINDSOR	7	22	1	3-6-1	15
<b>EAST</b>					
BELLEVILLE	19	11	2	9-0-1	40
OTTAWA	17	9	4	6-3-1	38
KINGSTON	17	12	3	1-8-1	37
PETERBOROUGH	12	15	3	4-6-0	27
TORONTO	8	16	6	2-6-2	22
OSHAWA	9	22	0	1-9-0	18
<b>CENTRAL</b>					
BARRIE	22	9	1	7-3-0	45
GUELPH	19	8	3	6-4-0	41
SUDBURY	11	15	4	3-4-3	26
KITCHENER	10	13	5	3-6-1	25
NORTH BAY	10	17	3	4-5-1	23
OWEN SOUND	10	15	2	4-5-1	22

**WHALER STATISTICS**  
 Current leaders:  
 Goals: Legwand (31)  
 Asst: Legwand (21)  
 Pts: Legwand (52)  
 PIM: Boulerice (100)  
 +/-: Legwand (+22)

**CATCH OF THE DAY**  
 Through 27 games, the Whalers are outshooting (937-777) and outscoring (124-95) their opponents. Plymouth's best period is the first; they have outscored the opposition, 38-23, but they have scored the most goals (43) in the third period.

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## Season wrap-up:

# High-n-dry

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

Here's one for the record books: The Canton girls swim team won the Western Division without a pool to swim in.

Well, for half of the season anyway. It was a tough season for the Chiefs, and it wasn't because they were forced to practice in their rival Salem's waters after the Canton pool was closed in the fall.

It was the unrelenting competition from

## GIRLS SWIMMING

the rest of Western Lakes Activities Association teams, who night in and night out were hoping to upset the division favorites.

The Chiefs had a few memorable meets. Their meets against Northville, Churchill, and Walled Lake were diffi-

cult. However, Canton was able to defeat these powerful teams.

Canton sent one swimmer, Terri Hanson, to the state meet. Hanson swam the 50 freestyle and the 100 fly. Other outstanding swimmers included Jaclyn Bernard, Megan Dowd, Kristin Kalymon, Sue Fanning, and Angela Frost. Kalymon, Fanning, and Frost were the team captains this year.

# Hockey players head for Helsinki

## Whaler coach, players leave for World Junior Championships

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Call them the Plymouth Patriots.

Four Whalers — Robert Esche, Dave Legwand, Jesse Boulerice and Nikos Tselios leave this week to join Team USA for the World Junior Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

So does Whaler Head Coach/GM Peter

DeBoer, who will serve as an assistant for the team north of the border that has won the last five world junior titles.

But don't think that has the young Americans intimidated. They hope to continue their country's high-speed skate into the world's hockey elite, started last year when a team comprised of NHL stars won

the World Cup.

"I think Canada is a little scared of us right now," said Tselios, a defenseman who is a first round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes. "We're going to have a surprising lineup. I think we're going to do really well."

Just how well will likely depend on Esche, the probable starting goaltender for Team USA.

"I'm going to control my own destiny," said Esche, who has a 2.97 goals against average and a 14-5-1 record with Plymouth this season.

"I think I'm going to be the first one to start, and it depends on how I play. If I mess up, I'm sure I'll be out. If I stay strong and solid, I'm sure they'll stay with me."

Starting or on the bench, Esche has one goal in mind. "Hopefully, we can come out of there with a gold medal," he said.

Standing in the way will be DeBoer and Team Canada, which is seeded in a different tournament pool and won't play Team USA unless both clubs make it to the finals.

"It would be a great way to get them," said Esche.

Team Canada is loaded with talent, including Sarnia goalie Patrick DesRochers, and Vincent Lecavalier, a center for Rimouski of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League who is the No. 1 rated draft prospect.

But no one is about to hand Team Canada the gold medal. "I don't know if they're heavy favorites," DeBoer said of Team Canada. "They've won five golds in a row, but it hasn't been easy. It's come right down to the wire."

If the four players have any advantage over their mentor going to Helsinki, it's travel experience. They've all made trips overseas, DeBoer hasn't. "I'm really looking forward to it," said the third-year coach who is five wins away from becoming the winningest regular season coach in franchise history. "I've never been there. So I'm really excited."

The tournament starts in Stockholm before moving on to Helsinki and wrapping up after the holidays.

"It should be fun this year," said Legwand, the Whalers' leading scorer with 31 goals and 52 points. "This will be the first time away from home for Christmas. It should be a different experience."



Plymouth split its weekend series with Erie at Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers are in second place in the West Division. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Whalers split with Erie

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times. The Whalers returned to their hunting grounds for a convincing five-goal victory Sunday night.

Jesse Boulerice had two goals and the Legwand had three points for the Whalers, who were sparked by the physical play of rookies Andy Burnham, Kris Purdy, Mark Ridout and Jamie Lalonde.

Following a goal midway through the first period by Geoff Peters, the Whalers scored six unanswered goals, three on the power play. Nikos Tselios (two assists), Harold Druken (one goal, one assist) and Shaun Fisher (two assists) also had multiple point games for Plymouth.

Burnham, Purdy, Ridout and Lalonde — along with captain Andrew Taylor — ignited the team by confronting the

ornery Otters. "We always come in with really big intensity because we want to be back for sure," said Burnham, part of the locker room's Crash Corner with Purdy, Ridout and Lalonde. "You never know when your last shift is going to be so you want to give it your all."

Lalonde dropped the gloves twice, the first time in the opening period after he delivered two heavy body checks. "It's my style. I've got to work hard to get in the lineup. I just do what I've got to do," said Lalonde, an 11th round draft pick last summer.

**Plymouth 8, Windsor 2** — On Thursday, the Whalers extended their winning streak to four games on a hat trick from Tselios.

## On deck

### CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Saturday at the Allen Park Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

### CANTON GYMNASTICS

At the Freeland Saturday at 2 p.m.

### CANTON WRESTLING

Tonight at Novi versus the Wildcats at Ann Arbor Pioneer. Saturday at the Berkley Invitational.

### CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Dec. 18 at Dexter at 6:30 p.m.

### CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus Monroe. JV begins 6 p.m.

### SALEM BASKETBALL

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

### SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

Dec. 20 at home for the Conference Relays at noon.

### SALEM WRESTLING

Saturday at home for the Salem 8 Invitational at 9 a.m.

### SALEM GYMNASTICS

Dec. 18 at home versus Canton, Ann Arbor Pioneer, and Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Saturday at the Madonna Invitational at 8:30 a.m.



# Community opinions

## Free speech vs. municipal appearance

*Canton has the difficult task of balancing upscale looks with First Amendment rights*

About six weeks ago a Canton landowner was ticketed for having a sign covered with race-oriented graffiti on his property.

Canton ordinance officers said that he would have been ticketed regardless of whether he was responsible for the sign's message or not; an ordinance against

ins with the law, or a business such as Arbor Drug.

Now, one side of the sign at Palmer and I-275 has been painted over, the graffiti covered. But some questions still remain.

Would the township have been so quick to ticket Patrick Ratchford if the sign had been covered with a different message?

*Some questions remain. Would the township have been so quick to ticket Ratchford if the sign had been covered with a different message? Probably not.*

graffiti prohibits it within the township, and property owners are all treated the same whether it's one man with many run-

What if the graffiti on the sign suggested world peace and racial harmony instead of the opposite. Would he have had to paint



*The intersection of need and goodwill...* With Saturday's newspaper sale the Plymouth Goodfellows doubled last year's amount; The Plymouth Community United Way surpassed its 1997 goal, the largest ever set, and the drive isn't even over yet. Charitable work goes on throughout The Plymouth-Canton Community — proof that, as the Holidays approach, P-C-N residents haven't forgotten their neighbors in need. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

### Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



over the sign or appear in court.

Probably not.

The location of the sign, so close to Canton's southern border, probably had an impact, as did its visibility from I-275, and, of course, its message.

It's doubtful that Ratchford would have heard anything about it if the sign had read 'Don't worry, be happy,' or some kind of religious message (unless it involved the church of Satan).

The message itself was what people complained about. With as many advances in a nice, beautiful, respectable neighborhood like Canton, no one likes to think there may be bigots among us (except for the bigots, who probably don't like to think there are people who promote

racial harmony among them.)

That's what makes the First Amendment a doubled-edged sword. The fact that Congress can make no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, means that we will be exposed to opposing viewpoints.

Canton has the difficult task of ensuring that the township retains its upscale appearance. Graffiti-covered buildings, or signs, just look bad, despite what message the graffiti might display.

As for freedom of speech, there are no easy answers. It is a delicate line we all must walk; for everyone has the right to express themselves.

Even the unpleasant ones.

## Court progress hits 1st (political) bump

It was too smooth.

The progress toward a new 35th District Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice was just too smooth.

Everyone expected a bump in the road on the location of the rebuilt courthouse... but that issue sailed on by. The decision to rebuild on the same footprint left by the July 2 fire came off smoothly with all five local governments signing on.

It turns out that Plymouth City Manager Steve Walter's "morning after" comment alongside the smoldering ruins was prophetic: "This is just going to be a large remodeling project." The same site idea won out.

Some thought Canton would flex its muscle... but Tom Yack and crew showed leadership in regional government and surprised the doubters.

Once that issue passed, many wondered if the new courthouse would magically appear without any hitches at all..

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



But NOOOOOO!

With many political folks serving on several committees, the City of Plymouth serving as host, and two sitting judges plus the courthouse staff having input, it was too easy to fan political intrigue.

Ruffled feathers flew briefly leading to the selection of the new architect for the rebuilt courthouse. Or as the rumor said, "There were three votes for anybody but so-and-so."

With the announcement on Page One today and with the court busy getting ready to open for business Monday morning in the "temporary" trailer court, the minor political thunderstorm is over and the courthouse rebuilding is underway.

But in the two years it'll take to occupy the new facility, will another bump come along?

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# Community opinions

## Columnist tours new Plymouth Library site:

# Paige Turner's secret plan

Brick by beautiful brick, the new Plymouth Library is shaping up. Each trip down Main Street finds further progress, and at the current rate, we'll be pulling books from shelves by March. Today, I'm visiting the construction site with the venerable Miss Paige Turner, a long-time literacy supporter and part-time efficiency expert. As usual, she has her own perspective on the subject, including a "secret plan" for the library's Grand Opening.

"My plan will promote literacy, save taxpayer money and introduce residents to this wonderful new facility," she tells me. "But I'm not sure how to present it — the city fathers and mothers already think I'm ten pages shy of a chapter. My reputation is still recovering from the 'ARP' fiasco."

You may remember Miss Turner as the creator of the controversial Acronym Reduction Program, a.k.a., ARP. I don't recall the exact details, so I ask her to refresh my memory about the world according to ARP.

"Well, it was one woman's attempt to halt the reckless proliferation of acronyms and abbreviations which has turned our written language into alphabet soup," says Paige. "Of course, I don't object to all of them. Some are quite useful," she adds. "Wouldn't you rather say 'CPR' instead of 'Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation', especially if you needed it?"

I admit that I would, but take a step back.

"There are a few other acronyms that I find worthwhile, like ASAP, RADAR, SCUBA, MADD, and SNAFU," she says. "They're the reason I created the AHF."

"The AHF?", I wonder aloud, not completely sure that I want to hear her answer.

"The Acronym Hall of Fame, of course," says Miss Turner,

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By W.H. Dean



"in Akron, Ohio."

With some difficulty, I manage to steer the conversation back to the subject of the new library. I'm anxious to hear about her "secret plan." Thankfully, she remembers the reason for our visit, and decides to confide in me.

"Think about it," she begins. "At some point, the books at the current library will have to be removed from the shelves, boxed, and hauled here by the truckload."

I nod, and take a step closer.

"Books are pretty darn heavy," she goes on. "Moving a library takes time and effort, and I'll bet there's taxpayer money involved, to boot. Well, I've got a better idea. Why don't WE move the books? That's right — you, me, and everyone else in The Plymouth-Canton Community."

I begin to explain my chronic back spasms when she continues.

"Just go to the current library during its final days, find a book, and take it home for a couple of weeks. When it's time to return it, bring it to the new library. If everyone joins in, we can move the entire library to its new home, one book at a time."

Hmmm. That's just crazy enough to work.

"And what about the literacy improvement?" I ask.

"You silly boy," she replies, "when you take the book home, you're supposed to read it!"

Hey, now that's a novel idea.

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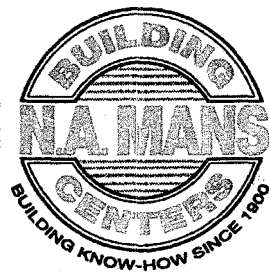


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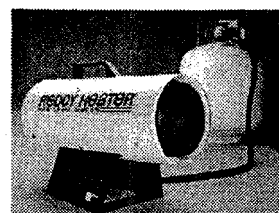
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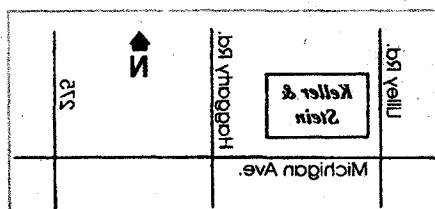
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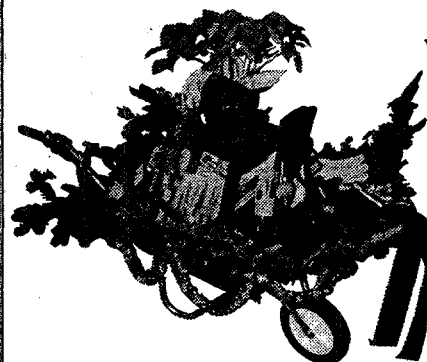
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