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A winner...

Pam Reynolds won the grand prize for this version of Santa and his toys. See pg. 15 for further details and the Letters to Santa PLUS Section.

Expect assessments to increase in 1989

BY PAUL GARGARO AND KEN VOYLES

What's up?

It's likely that next year's residential assessments for homeowners living in The Plymouth-Canton Community will increase, local officials contend.

"The northwest part of the county is probably the hottest part as far as property values go," said George McEachern, Wayne County equalization director. "It used to be Grosse Pointe that would lead the county in increasing value of property. The northwest now seems to be the highest market. The Pointes are now number two.

"It's probably the best investment grade (property) in the county. The bad news is that higher SEV's come with it," said McEachern. "But a tax increase shouldn't be that much because of the Headlee (Amendment)."

McEachern said 1989 assessments are currently being evaluated against 1986 and 1987 real estate sales figures. Those numbers are then compared against figures from 1985 and 1986 to determine assessments for 1989.

McEachern said Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton, are all heading for slight percentage increases over what they were last year. He estimated that last year's average assessment increases were ap-

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Dear Santa: wake Joey from a coma

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

You may want to consider adding someone to your Christmas prayers.

Isbister School first grader Joe Landelius lays in a coma at Mott Children's Hospital after he was struck by a car on the sidewalk while shopping with his father in Monroe on Oct. 30.

"I've cried every day since this happened," said Larry Landelius, Joey's father. "I see that scene over and over again."

According to Monroe Detective Alan Frank, Joey was struck that Saturday morning when a "car came out of nowhere, so to speak, from behind.

"I have tremendous sympathy for the family," said the detective, who was at the scene of the accident.

Joey was transported to Mercy Hospital in Monroe and was then flown to Mott, Frank

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JOEY LANDELIUS

Wants Canton's help

Nankin Transit pushes authority

BY KEN VOYLES

Supporters of the Nankin Transit Commission (NTC) went before Canton's Board of Trustees again last week lobbying for the township's support.

The NTC wants to dissolve itself before forming a new authority.

Glen Shaw, a representative of the NTC, told the board that an authority should be formed and that next spring should be the goal for holding an election to authorize one half mill funding for operation.

The board heard the NTC out during a study session. Elected boards cannot take action during a workshop.

"We want the right to ask for a half mill," Shaw told the board. "We need approval from the five communities to hold an election."

Shaw said that the NTC would ask for only a half mill funding, but the organization also wants the right to ask

for a ceiling of three mills.

"We can't do anything without your approval," Shaw told the board. "We have no power whatsoever to levy a tax without a vote."

Canton Treasurer Gerald Brown seemed opposed to the idea, however.

"In my opinion the last thing the people in Canton need is one more government," Brown said. "If we pass this it will be like saying we condone it."

Brown called busing companies an "open pit" when it comes to money. He also questioned the need.

"I think we've shown there is a need," Shaw said. "This is not your normal bus system."

The small bus ~~outlet~~ services Canton, Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Inkster.

Brown also expressed concern that Canton residents would have to go along with the proposal even if it were

rejected in the township, but approved in the other communities.

"I'm not opposed to letting the people decide," said Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter. Even if the board agreed to the idea, she added that it doesn't necessarily mean "we condone it."

Brown said he wasn't against the

Nankin Transit program, just the idea of setting up an authority.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the NTC was seeking a "more dependable source of funding."

"From their point of view they see that their funding is very iffy at this junction," Yack said.

Vorva faces charges, departmental hearing

BY PAUL GARGARO

Jerry Vorva, the Plymouth Police officer suspended with pay two weeks ago for his statements in the Nov. 30 edition of The Crier which alleged that the Plymouth Police maintained ticket quotas to raise revenue, will undergo a departmental hearing on the matter

tomorrow morning.

Among the charges to be heard against Vorva are allegations that he violated nine provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Plymouth Police Department, including acts of "Willful Malfesance... In-

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With love!

Sandy Preblich and Rick Collman get help from a jolly volunteer (Santa Claus) at Saturday's "Baskets Filled with Love" telethon/auction, sponsored by Omnicom and the Salvation Army, to raise money & collect food for the needy. Over 17,000 cans of food were collected.

TAG parents question cuts

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Parents of some of the community's gifted students are concerned about budget cuts that have left the school's Talented and Gifted (TAG) program without a coordinator, according to Joan Kotcher, acting president of the Plymouth Canton Association for Academically Talented (TAG parents).

Kotcher is concerned about the program's continuing effectiveness despite the loss of a full time coordinator due to budget cuts, she said.

"The coordinator of the program has been cut, and now there is no one to oversee the program on all three

Officer hearing

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subordination... failing to take grievances through the proper channels."

"They've had two weeks to prepare these allegations," said Vorva, "To allow me only two days to respond is ridiculous. It's evidence that I've hit a nerve. I'm not threatened by this, I'm offended by it.

"They're responding to being exposed. I'm not the only officer who has been counselled about issuing tickets," Vorva added.

Police Chief Richard Myers would not comment on the situation.

"I can't comment until this thing is over," said Myers. "It's not appropriate at this time."

levels (elementary, middle, and high school)," she said.

One teacher in each building has assumed the responsibilities of the former coordinator, Kotcher explained. The teachers receive an extra stipend, but no extra time to perform administrative duties, she said.

Cheryl Johnson, the former coordinator of the TAG program, now assistant principal at East Middle School, says the program continues to run effectively despite the cuts.

"A lot of my responsibilities have been put on the teachers, who have done an excellent job," she said.

Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, explained that many programs throughout the district lost some funding.

"It's not easy to go through cuts like this," Homes said. "I don't think they (cuts in the TAG program) were disproportionate."

Among the budget cuts made last year was a district wide 11 per cent cut in administrative costs, school officials said. The TAG program now operates without a coordinator or administrative support staff, they said.

Teachers in the program have had to assume the responsibilities of the coordinator and the secretary, Homes explained. "I've talked with staff (teachers) and they understand what position the district is in," he said.

Eve Overmars, of Plymouth Township, has a third grader in the TAG program at Allen School. She

Memorial backers plan fundraiser, seek names

BY PAUL GARGARO

Plans for a veterans memorial for Kellogg Park commemorating Plymouth area residents killed in the Vietnam and Korean conflicts are in high gear.

The memorial is the brainchild of the Plymouth Vietnam Veterans Association (PVVA), which formed this summer to pursue the project, according to PVVA spokesman Fred Brunk.

The memorial received the approval of the Plymouth City Commission late this summer to be erected near the veterans memorial rock in the northeast corner of Kellogg Park.

Originally, the PVVA had requested that the structure be erected in the park's southwest corner. Regardless, Brunk said the PVVA was pleased with the commission's recommendation.

"We're really pleased with that location. They've (the city commission) been very receptive and anxious to be involved," said Brunk.

Fundraising for the project is currently in progress and Brunk said it is going well.

"Our fundraising has been through individual solicitation and we're in the process of approaching the local service organizations," said Brunk. "It's better this way rather than having one or two individual (corporate) sponsors. At this point, we're trying to make it as broad based as possible.

"These were both unpopular wars and it's only now that the citizenry is really recognizing them and showing their support," Brunk added.

Later this winter, the project will get some help from the Plymouth Jaycees with a Feb. 10 dance and a Feb. 11 dinner with Jan Skruggs, a driving force behind the Washington D.C. Vietnam Memorial wall, as the keynote

speaker. Proceeds from both events will go to the memorial, said Brunk.

The cost for the project (materials) is approximately \$6,000, Brunk estimated.

To help employes

Canton considers new plan

BY KEN VOYLES

Canton may be starting an employe assistance program in the near future.

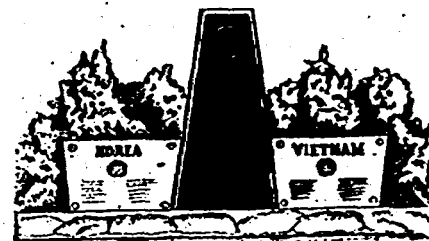
Last night the Township Board of Trustees was expected to approve a one-year program beginning in January with the Catherine McAuley Health Center which would provide confidential counseling and referral services to employes and their families.

The system would provide help in a variety of areas, including substance abuse, stress, family, legal and financial problems, said Dan Durack, personnel director in Canton.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack recommended approval of the plan.

The cost of a program, if approved, would be \$2 per month per covered employe. With 173 current employes that cost would be \$4,152 for one year.

The design, labor, construction, and installation are being donated by Detroit-based Simpson Granite Works through company co-owner and Plymouth resident David Blake.



This is a design for the memorial.

Blake said he expects to be able to deliver the project by spring. He added that a Vietnam veteran within the company would be doing the cutting and etching on the project.

According to temporary plans released by Simpson Granite Works, the memorial will be 10 feet long at its base and approximately six feet high.

The names of those Plymouth area residents killed while serving in both conflicts will be etched in granite on both sides of the monument.

"What we need is a direct appeal from the people in town for any additional names of those Vietnam and Korean (conflicts) casualties," said Brunk. "We've been in contact with the State Department, but they don't have a statistical (regional) breakdown of those who died in Korea."

So far the PVVA has seven names of those Plymouth area residents who died while serving in Vietnam. They are: James Patrick Eckles, James Thomas Fields, Richard Allen Larrick, Richard Loren Nowry, Hugh Henry Sarah, Harry Franklin Zalesny, Jr., and Harry E. Baker, Jr.

A July 4, 1989 dedication is anticipated.

Donations for the memorial may be forwarded to: Plymouth Vietnam Veterans Association, Inc. -- P.O. Box 292 Plymouth, MI 48170.

Questions can be directed to Fred Brunk at 459-5688.

Durack said the rationale for implementing an employe assistance plan was to increase productivity, reduce absenteeism and reduce health care costs.

McAuley has several assistance plans in operation but Canton's would be the first municipal program for the Ann Arbor based hospital.

Carolyn Stark, a representative of McAuley said the plan would "benefit a lot of people.

"It's a confidential system to help troubled employes," she added.

Durack said, "I think this is a program that could do a lot of good. I just thought this might be something that would be a benefit to Canton employes."

Yack added, "I think it will fly right straight through."



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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 1988
(PROPOSED)**

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the
ROLL CALL:
Members Present: Bennett, Brown, Kirchgatter, Preniczky, Shefferly, (Whalen arrived at 7:35 p.m.) and Yack
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 1988:
The following paragraph was added above Future Agenda Items on Page 8:
"Motion by Bennett, supported by Brown, to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously."
The words, "35th District Court", were added before the words, "Building Authority" on Page 2, second paragraph from the bottom.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Preniczky, to approve the Minutes as amended.
Ayes: Bennett, Brown, Kirchgatter, Preniczky, Shefferly, Whalen and Yack
Abstain: Kirchgatter
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 1988:
Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes as presented.
Ayes: Bennett, Brown, Kirchgatter, Preniczky, Whalen and Yack
Abstain: Shefferly

GENERAL CALENDAR:
Item No. 1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 106 — ANIMAL CONTROL
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett, that the Charter Township Board of Trustees resolve to adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 106, providing for the change of fees for when redeeming animals; providing for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances; providing for the severability of this ordinance and the savings of all pending matters; providing for the effective date hereof.

Ayes: Yack, Bennett, Brown, Shefferly, Kirchgatter and Preniczky
Absent: Whalen
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 106 ANIMAL CONTROL
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:
SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section 4 of Ordinance 106 of the ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton (Animal Control Ordinance) is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4. REDEEMING ANIMALS; FEES.

An owner may redeem an animal from the Animal Shelter by executing a sworn statement of ownership, furnishing a license and tag as required by this ordinance and state law, and paying to the Shelter the required fees of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per day or any part thereof for each animal impounded or sheltered.

SECTION 2 REPEAL.
As of the date this ordinance becomes effective, Ordinance 106 and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3 SEVERABILITY
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4 SAVINGS CLAUSE
This repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Item No. 2 PURCHASE OF TANDY PC8 PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS
Motion by Bennett, supported by Preniczky, to authorize the purchase of three Tandy PC8 Programmable Calculators from Donald Holmes, 840 Spring Mill Drive, Haslett, Michigan 48840, for the amount of \$300.00.

Ayes: Bennett, Brown, Shefferly, Kirchgatter, Preniczky and Yack
Absent: Whalen

Item No. 3 PURCHASE OF 9 MM SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS
Motion by Preniczky, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of 65, 9mm semi-automatic weapons, leather goods, and ammunition from the Michigan Police Equipment Company, Charlotte, Michigan, for a total cost of \$31,864.50, including trade-in. (Bidding process to be waived). Further, approval be given for the transferring of \$6,000 from the Reserve Account, \$9,284.50 from the Drug Forfeiture Account, and \$9,000 from the Fund Balance into the Police Capital Outlay Account.

Ayes: Brown, Shefferly, Kirchgatter, Preniczky, Yack and Bennett
Absent: Whalen

Item No. 4 RECREATION DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF COMPUTER DESK WITH HUTCH AND SHELVING UNIT

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Preniczky, to authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$300.00 for the purchase of a computer desk with hutch and a shelving unit. Funds for said purchase are to come from Parks and Recreation Department Capital Outlay Equipment line item Number 101-691-977-0000.

Ayes: Shefferly, Kirchgatter, Preniczky, Yack, Bennett and Brown
Absent: Whalen

ITEM No. 5 STAFF REORGANIZATION
Motion by Bennett, supported by Preniczky, to eliminate the clerk position in the Clerk's Department.

Ayes: Kirchgatter, Preniczky, Yack, Bennett, Brown and Shefferly
Absent: Whalen

Motion by Bennett, supported by Preniczky, to create and fill a Secretary III Position in the Clerk's Department.

Ayes: Preniczky, Yack, Bennett, Brown, Shefferly and Kirchgatter
Absent: Whalen

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Preniczky, to adjourn to a Study Session at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

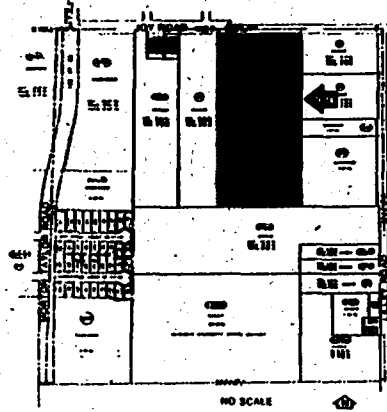
Staff and the Township Board discussed the following Agenda Items:
1. Nankin Transit
2. Employee Assistance Program
3. Department Reviews
Supervisor Yack adjourned the Study Session at 10:05 p.m.

Loren N. Bennett
Administrative Township Clerk

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 6, 1988. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next meeting of the Board, December 13, 1988.

**CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
THE REQUEST BEING TO REZONE PARCEL 71-006-99-0005-000 FROM R-4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-1, MULTIPLE FAMILY. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF JOY ROAD BETWEEN MORTON TAYLOR ROAD AND LILLEY ROAD.



The hearing will be held during the Planning Commission meeting of January 9, 1989, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

This notice is provided pursuant to the requirements of Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton.

Richard Kirchgatter, Chairman
Planning Commission

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Planning Commission will consider the terms of a proposed Consent Judgment Agreement and an amendment to the Pickwick Village Planned Unit Development Agreement to permit the development of a single family attached condominium on the land identified in property tax records as parcels 041-99-0021-000 and 041-99-0022-001. The legal description for the land is as follows:

DESCRIPTION

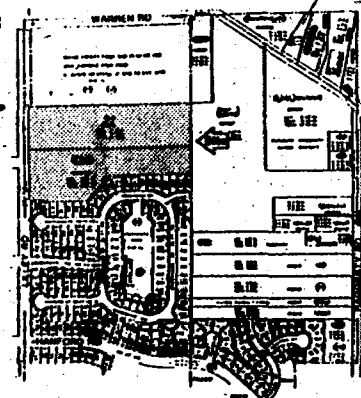
A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 11 T. 2 S., R. 8 E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE N. & S. 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 11 S. 00°01'43"E. 660.55 FEET FROM THE N. 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING N.88°50'02"E. 1308.84 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'59"E. 550.83 FEET; THENCE THE FOLLOWING FIVE COURSES ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF "PICKWICK VILLAGE" AS RECORDED IN LIBER 94, PAGE 62, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, S.88°50'02"W. 649.18 FEET MEASURES (649.40 FEET REC.) AND S.40°57'51"W. 260.97 FEET AND S.89°58'17"W. 300.00 FEET AND N.78°22'14"W. 64.33 FEET AND S. 89°58'17"W. 125.22 FEET; THENCE N. 00°01'43"W. 721.71 FEET ALONG THE SAID N. & S. 1/4 LINE SECTION 11 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 18.96 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The hearing will be held during the Planning Commission meeting of December 19, 1988, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

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Richard Kirchgatter, Chairman
Planning Commission

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School finance plan on hold again

BY JOHN BRODERICK

It looks as though school finance reform is on the far back burner once again. But some legislators and school officials agree that it's no big loss.

State senators and representatives last week failed to reach a compromise on a bill that would place a referendum in front of Michigan voters, to shift some of the burden of school finance to the state, by reducing property taxes, and raising the sales tax by one per cent.

Michigan's schools are now funded primarily through property taxes and by state aid. The measure debated by the legislators would have cut property taxes by 25 per cent, and raised the state sales tax by one per cent, to five cents on the dollar. The four per cent sales tax is written into the Michigan Constitution, and thus a change would require voter approval.

State Rep. James Kosteva, (D) whose district includes part of Canton,

was skeptical that the bill, had it reached voters, would really reform the school finance process.

"Personally, I would still have had some problems with the proposal," he said. "It is more accurately a property tax reduction proposal, not school finance reform."

State Sen. Robert Geake, (R) whose district includes The Plymouth-Canton Community, supported the (senate version of the) proposal, with reservations.

"I voted for it because I feel that the people of the state should have the opportunity to vote on the proposal," Geake said. "Although I personally feel that it was not in the best interest of the state or of The Plymouth-Canton Community."

Local school officials were equally skeptical.

Richard Egli, administrative assistant for community relations, explained, "We were not in favor of

the tax shift. Hopefully down the road there will be a chance for real reform.

"We are concerned that funding be equitable across districts, perhaps not entirely equal, but equitable," he said.

Kosteva said that the issue is likely to surface again in the next legislative

session, but was no more optimistic about the chances of 'meaningful' reform. "I'm increasingly skeptical that the legislature can pass a school finance reform bill given the power of

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Pursell will honor Overholt

2nd District Congressman Carl Pursell will attend tomorrow's (Dec. 15) meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth to make a special presentation to Kiwanis International President Gene Overholt -- a member of the Plymouth club.

Pursell, a former Plymouth Kiwanian, will present Overholt with a copy of a statement he entered into the Congressional Record concerning Overholt's international presidency. The international president is the highest ranking officer in the Kiwanis

organization.

A Plymouth Township resident, Overholt began his year-long term in October.

"It indeed is an honor for someone from Plymouth to serve as the international president of one of our finest civic organizations," Pursell said. "I look forward to presenting Gene with a statement which recognizes his accomplishment and leadership.

"I'm certain this will be an exciting and rewarding year for him," Pursell added.



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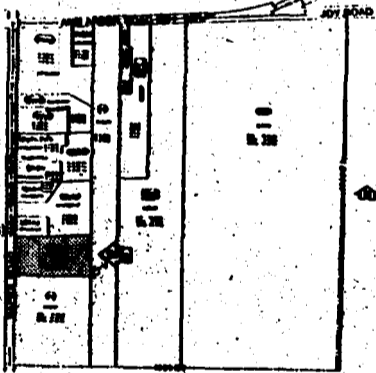
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

THE REQUEST BEING TO REZONE PARCEL 71 022 99 0009 000 FROM AGR, AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF NAPIER ROAD BETWEEN ANN ARBOR ROAD AND WARREN ROAD.

The hearing will be held during the Planning Commission meeting of December 19, 1988, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

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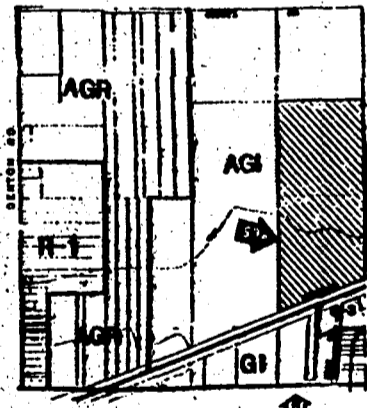
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 19, 1988, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road at 7:30 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCELS 125-99-0002-000 AND 128-99-0004-000 LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MICHIGAN AVENUE BETWEEN BECK ROAD AND DENTON ROAD FROM AGI, AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL TO LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.



Richard Kirchgatter, Chairman
Planning Commission

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Article 3.00

Section 3.01: Definitions

Add Wholesale Auto Auction Facility: A land use intended for the sale and distribution of used automobiles by a single business entity specifically to licensed wholesale automobile dealers by auction. This land use may include accessory uses such as repair, refurbishing and vehicle wash facilities for the subject automobiles on the premises.

Article 22.00

Section 22.03: Uses Permitted by Special Approval

Add F. Wholesale Auto Auction Facility. See Section 26.01 BB.

Article 26.00

Article 26.01: Site Development Requirements

The referenced Articles may be modified and additional Articles may be amended as required.

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JOINT MEETING PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOL BOARD

Plymouth Township

City of Plymouth

And Canton Township

November 30, 1988

Mr. David Artley, President, Board of Education, called the Meeting to order at 7:07 in the Library Viewing and Listening Room at Canton High School.

Present:

John Hoben, Superintendent, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education

Plymouth-Canton School Board

Plymouth Township Representatives

City of Plymouth Representatives

Canton Township Board

The following agenda items were discussed:

Elections

Sidewalks

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The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the Joint Meeting on November 30, 1988. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the study session of the Board on December 6, 1988.



Community opinions

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Yack faces management needs

The rumor mill grinds away. There's a heck of a lot of speculation in Canton that new Supervisor Tom Yack is trying to justify the hiring of an administrative assistant.

The name which keeps coming up is that of Bill Joyner, the local resident who ran Yack's supervisor campaign this year.

But both Yack and Joyner are playing down the idea at this point.

"Have I been offered a job? No, not at all," said Joyner. "Would I be interested? Yeah, I'd be honored and flattered."

Yack, who said he wasn't actively seeking anyone for such a position, added, "You can't offer a job if there isn't one."

He went on to explain that in his view an assistant might be someone who would collect information,

In the margin

By Ken Voyles



schedule meetings, and coordinate items which needed immediate action.

"I have a whole bevy of committees I want to organize and I won't be able to deal directly with them," Yack added. "I'm still trying to get a better perception of what an assistant would be responsible for."

Joyner, a teacher at Wayne State University, said he has a very good working relationship with Yack and that they talk every day. Still, though, he said hiring an assistant wasn't the "biggest issue in Canton" right now.

The issue is relevant, however, in light of the recent retreat in Canton in which elected officials and department heads met with the management consultant firm of Bartel and Bartel to consider management techniques and goals.

Yack said a whole variety of management issues were discussed during the two-day gathering.

Probably the most important result, he added, was the realization that a four-year "strategic" plan is needed for the township.

Canton officials will meet again with Bartel and Bartel in January to work out goals and further discuss a possible strategic plan.

Where is holiday spirit?

EDITOR:

The animals from my 30-year-old manger scene were stolen from my front yard Saturday night, near Ann Arbor and Sheldon Roads. The gray donkey, brown camel and two gray lambs, ranging in height from one to two feet, have sentimental value.

If you have any information, please contact the Plymouth Township Police. Charges will not be pressed if they're returned and we're offering a reward.

Where is the spirit of Christmas?

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Thanks for a good week

EDITOR:

I want to share with the community a recent lunch discussion at Salem.

As we chatted about National Education Week, we talked about ranking jobs (whether paid or unpaid positions) by importance. After some conversation, the top three named were: 1) parents — nurturers of physical, emotional and psychological development, 2) medical staff — because, to use a truism, if you have your health, you have everything, and 3) teachers — who touch the future by providing life skills in the present.

I also wanted to thank those who provided recognition to PCCS staff

during 'National Education Week: Scott Lorenz of the Mayflower Hotel; Jackie Powers of the Little Professor on the Park; Jim McKeon of McKeon Inc.; Anne Massey and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association; Dave Artley and the Board of Education; and my principal, Jerry Ostoin.

This was surely the most recognition I remember during my 11 years with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and I "appreciated being appreciated."

PEG GALL,
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Hire Pashukewich?

EDITOR:

Regarding Plymouth Township's search for a financial director: If present township personnel cannot adequately perform this function, and if consultants cannot be obtained to advise our elected officials on financial matters, then perhaps Pat Pashukewich would consent to take the job.

She did bring this matter to our attention quite forcefully during the last election and apparently is not without some knowledge of the subject.

Since she was so correct in her assessment of township needs, let's be good sports and ask her to take the position.

MERLE MOONEY

The last detail

by Paul Gargaro



Halftime's over, grab your beer and your sandwich and settle in for another round of action.

Granted this is the season for college bowl games, but stay tuned for the granchild of them all -- the proposed, and hotly disputed development of the Wilcox House.

Call your bookie and have a party. Plans for the development of Jack Wilcox's property on the northeast corner of Kellogg Park may be lurking in the future like an ambitious, if not unrealistic, New Year's resolution.

Last week, a lengthy (about three years) dispute among the Wilcox Development Association joint venturers was put to bed. The originally proposed development, a mid-rise condominium complex, sank like a brick bobber.

Liens against the aged, sagging property and disputes among some of the key players contributed to the downfall.

Today, a new sun has risen over the property and speculation regarding its future is popping up here and there. Unfortunately, not much of this speculation can be substantiated.

Wilcox said he has been placed under the code of silence on the matter by his attorney, Michael Madden.

And Madden won't offer a hint, not even a nibble save for a few cautious words about the next few months and how they'll be used to determine the future of the property.

Cutting through the gibberish, it's clear that the site is no closer to being developed than it was three years ago. And with the dissolution of the fractious joint venture, it's back to the drawing board.

Creativity and a sound game plan are now the points of order. No more lengthy litigation to blame the delay on. Let's get the show on the road, the aesthetics of downtown Plymouth hang in the balance.



Community opinions

New library an asset -- use it!

The new Canton Library has been open one month.

Already it has become clear that it's an asset to the community.

Additionally, it's a tribute to the Library Board, the library's staff and to the contractors involved that the project was completed on-budget, on-schedule.

When the new facility's millage issue was first proposed, there were many unanswered questions. For those reasons, this newspaper did not endorse the issue -- suggesting that a delay until the answers were in would serve Canton taxpayers.

But Canton voters narrowly passed the millage nonetheless and the project was started. That victory was a tribute to the Canton Library Board which had already established credibility, political stability and a record of providing service to Canton Library users.

Recently, the Canton recreation committee placed a millage proposal for a Canton Recreation Center on the ballot. The Community Crier staff, sensing that most of the important questions had been answered on that project, endorsed it strongly.

Canton voters rejected that proposal -- having not had experience with the Recreation Committee that they had had with the already-operating Canton Library at the time of that vote.

Some Canton Library officials have suggested that because The Crier did not endorse the library millage although it endorsed the recreation millage, the newspaper was "anti-library."

The record shows otherwise.

A Crier editor served on the first study committee which recommended that Canton form its own library and the paper backed the library's development even against Canton officials who tried to make the library subservient to township government.

The newspaper's responsibility to citizens, voters and taxpayers requires that answers to major fiscal issues be found.

Fortunately for Canton, despite The Crier's pessimism, the Canton Library Board saw its project through and properly resolved matters despite having hurried the issue to the ballot.

Now the Canton Library is open.

And a fine facility it is indeed.

The best thing now is for Canton residents to use it.

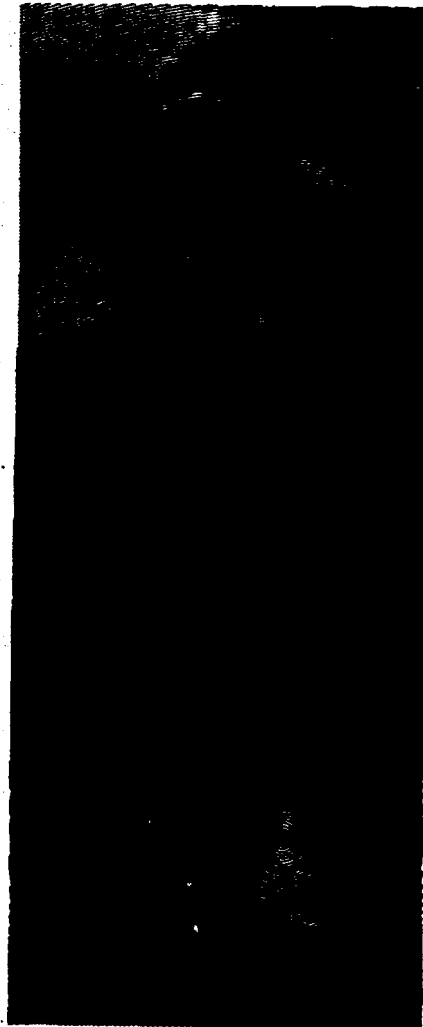
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Richard Jackson, of Canton, can't pass up the science fiction titles.



Rhiannon Crowe, 8, and her sister Lauren, 4, of Canton, use the audio visual machines in the children's section.



Heather Ludwig, of Canton, uses the card catalog.

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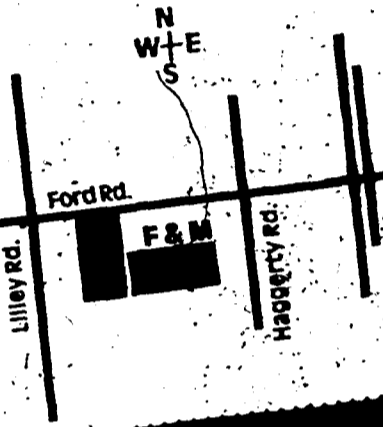


CEP students (l to r) Jenny Huckaba, Steven Shiner and Laura Gomez use the new library to study and research.

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Watch out! Holidays right time for thieves

BY PHYLLIS REDFERN

The holiday season brings with it an increase in household break ins. It is common knowledge that everyone buys gifts, said Dave Boljesic, community relations officer with the Canton Police Department.

Residents should use more caution during the holidays, he said, since they probably have more (new items) in the house than usual.

While out shopping or attending a family function, Boljesic advised residents to not only lock the doors, but to take other precautions as well, including leaving the lights on, closing the curtains and leaving a TV set on at night (it gives the appearance of movement in the room).

Boljesic also suggested leaving the radio playing during the day to make it sound like someone is in the house.

When people are at Christmas Eve mass it seems to be a popular time for thieves to come out, but residents who have lights on and a dog in the house are less likely to get broken into, said Boljesic.

If residents are planning to be out of

Budgetel robbed

Canton Police are continuing the hunt for an armed robber who fled the Budgetel Inn on Ford Road in Canton Friday morning with more than \$200.

Police said the suspect -- described as a white male, age 25-30, 155 pounds, and wearing a fake wig, beard and moustache -- entered the hotel at 12:25 a.m., produced a "shiny revolver" and demanded money from the register.

The suspect jumped the clerk's counter, said police and forced the clerk to lie on the floor. He then ordered the clerk to help him open the register, said police, but when that was done the suspect said, "This isn't good enough. Where do you keep the rest?"

Police said the clerk then offered his wallet and the suspect was ready to flee when two customers entered the hotel.

"They thought he was the clerk," said David Boljesic, Canton Police's community liaison officer. "He told them all the rooms were taken."

At that point the suspect jumped over the counter, made the customers lie down on the floor and robbed them also, said police, before fleeing.

Boljesic said a Quality Inn in Livonia was held up in a similar fashion about six hours later and that Canton police are working with Livonia police in the investigation.

Dept. closed

The Records Division of the Canton Police Department will not be making any gun inspections during the holidays except on Wednesdays Dec. 21 and 28, according to David Boljesic, the department's community liaison officer.

The division will be closed on Dec. 22-23, Dec. 29-30 and Jan. 2.

someone picks up any newspapers or mail.

"If you can do it without cancelling the paper, do it," Boljesic said. "The fewer people (other than a trusted neighbor) who know that you are going to be gone the better."

He added "Some people never use porch lights. If you don't use them when you're home, don't use them when you've gone away."

However, he did recommend that residents keep all entrances into a home well lighted, whether they are at home or not. If someone is going to break in, they obviously don't want to be seen.

Alarms also have advantages, as well as disadvantages.

Boljesic suggested a good reliable alarm that is not affected by the weather. The disadvantage is the kind of alarm that is not installed properly or is set off easily by the wind or a homeowner's forgetfulness.

If an alarm goes off frequently the "cry wolf" syndrome comes into effect.

"If you have an alarm system -- post it! If they know ahead of time, they might not take the chance," said the Canton officer.

Once a house is broken into, Boljesic said residents should still be concerned

about getting robbed a second or third time. However, he said that is less likely if good security practices are followed.

Engraving a driver's license number on household items can also help police identify them later and trace them back to the owner. It also helps police press charges when someone is caught with those items in their possession, he said.

Canton police also offer a service to residents who want to have their houses checked for potential security problems. For a resident to have a Crime Prevention Survey done they should call Boljesic at 397-3000, ext. 329.

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State school finance plan is delayed for now

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interest groups," he said. "There is slim chance of an honest to goodness school finance reform bill."

Geake agreed that this is not the last we've seen of a school finance reform bill. "I believe legislation will again have to address the problem of inequity between richer and poorer school districts," he said. "But I doubt the people will support an increase in the state sales tax to do it."

State Rep. Gerry Law (R) whose district includes part of Plymouth and

Canton, voted in favor of the (house version of the) proposal, "basically, to keep it alive.

"I feel that discussion and debate between the house and senate should continue," he said. "I don't think that this was the best proposal. I don't think we've arrived at the best proposal yet."

Law continued, "The best part of the bill was that it would have constitutionally earmarked more funds for education; taking them out of the brutal budget process, where they have

to battle other programs for funds."

What might real school finance reform look like?

"It would mean an increase in

Ypsi-man held in robbery

Talk about bad luck.

The Hopin Gas Station at Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road in Canton was robbed twice within a six hour period on Monday and Tuesday, according to Canton Police

general fund support to the low SEV (state equalized valuation) districts, to bring them closer to the level of spending enjoyed by out of formula districts," Geake said.

spokesperson Dave Boljesic.

Jeremy Warren Carter, 17, of Ypsilanti, was arraigned in 35th District Court yesterday, in connection with the second holdup, which occurred at approximately 2:45 a.m. on Tuesday.



Friends & Neighbors

Just 'friendly' people

Schizophrenics face isolation

BY KEN VOYLES

To be labeled schizophrenic is to be regarded as dangerous or frightening.

That's a fact of life for Tim and Frances, both recovering schizophrenics, who otherwise try to enjoy normal lives and make themselves a part of the fabric of our society.

"We're not dangerous people," said Tim. "To say it even (schizophrenic) is frightening. As a rule we're not combative or threatening."

Living a normal life is as important to Tim, a 32-year-old college graduate who lives in Canton, and Frances, a 61-year-old Westland mother, as understanding their mental disorder.

"We want to live normal lives," she said. "We work, we have families."

Both area residents live in group homes. Tim works for a Wendy's. Frances was a medical secretary for many years.

They have just started a self-help group which meets in Westland -- Schizophrenics Anonymous -- and is loosely based on Alcoholics Anonymous.

Frances called SA a place where schizophrenics can talk, gain insight, exchange fears and even socialize. Seven showed up for the first meeting.

"It's a real stigma to be labeled schizophrenic," she said. "Definitely a stigma."

Both Tim and Frances have spent nearly a year in one hospital or another.

Tim, who has also been diagnosed a manic-depressive, has what he calls an "inner voice." The voices he hears bring out anger, frustration, hate and alienation. Many schizophrenics, in fact, act out behavioral patterns which are "chaotic."

Frances, who believes she is a "recovering schizophrenic" (although Tim does not think this of himself), suffered from feelings of paranoia

and went on what she called a wild spending spree, even giving money away.

"You have to be very controlling of your emotions," she said.

"Without medication we couldn't survive."

The medication is often used to correct chemical imbalances in the physiological makeup of the individual, though to be medication free is the goal of many recovering schizophrenics.

Tim, an English major in college,

Where to turn for further help

According to the latest statistics there about two million schizophrenics in the United States. Nearly 59,000 will suffer symptoms of schizophrenia in any given year in Michigan.

What is schizophrenia? It is a physical as well as emotional disorder, possibly involving chemical imbalances which affect normal brain functions. There is no precise cause or cure.

There are as many as 100 forms of schizophrenia, and it can affect those of all age in all social circumstances.

Some of the common symptoms:

- Auditory hallucinations in which voices speak one's thoughts aloud.
- Feelings of apathy.
- Belief that thoughts or feelings have been inserted into the mind by others. Belief that thoughts may be broadcast by oneself to others.
- Delusions of perception -- paranoia. Belief that a normal remark has a secret meaning for oneself.

For help there is the Mental Health Association In Michigan, the only statewide, non-governmental agency concerned with the broad spectrum of mental illness across all age groups. Local Schizophrenics Anonymous (SA) chapters have been formed in cooperation with that body.

Contact Ms. Joanne Verbanic, consultant Schizophrenics Anonymous, at the Mental Health Association (557-6777).

There is also a toll free number to call for help: 1-800-482-9534.

holds degrees in English and education. He had what he calls the first incident when he was 13 years old. But by 28 it had reached the "worst."

"There's a lot of fear involved. Mostly it's fear," he said. "I think it's chaotic."

"One of the deepest fears is going back to a hospital."

Tim's biggest aspiration currently is getting out of the mental labor force where he has been forced by the schizophrenic label.

Frances added that some recovering schizophrenics would prefer the "cloistered" environment of a hospital, but that most want to live a typical existence.

Besides the mood swings, and acting out of unusual behavioral patterns, schizophrenics can be friendly souls. Many want to know the world and have the world know them.

"I find most schizophrenics are friendly people who want to be loved and understood," Frances said. "Most of us have some talent."

Tim's talent is for organization. He single-handedly formed the SA chapter in Westland, and now wants to make the support system work.

"I'm just enjoying it right now," she said. "It was a lot of work."

Both Tim and Frances sounded a warning as well. The symptoms a schizophrenic experiences can be (and probably have been) felt by everyone.

"I think there are things normal people have experienced that are similar," said Tim. "Sometimes you just don't know."

There are currently SA chapters in seven different states, with four here in Michigan. The organization, which is affiliated with the Mental Health Association In Michigan, has been around for about three years.

Call it a safe harbor from the storm or a place to stop the world spinning, either way both Tim and Frances have found a home away from home.

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



As we get ready for the holidays, a thought that sticks out in my mind is something I've heard a lot this year, "I can't seem to get into the mood."

It's as though we're all sitting around waiting for the Christmas spirit to come up and hit us on the head.

Being human we are affected by the circumstances that surround us. In other words if the boss is a grouch, it doesn't take long for the mood to contaminate everyone.

It works the other way too: if someone is in a good mood, it's contagious.

At least we know how to spread the holiday spirit if we could only figure out a way to find it. I was in a great mood Saturday morning when I saw the snow. In fact, it must have been the Christmas spirit that made me wake the kid up while singing Frosty The Snowman.

Christmas isn't celebrated on just one day.

Churches started lighting the advent candles a couple of weeks ago and most of us have enjoyed parties and get togethers with friends. If we've already started celebrating how come we're still complaining about not being in the mood?

I've often said I'm a big kid at Christmas. I love all the old traditions of baking cookies, having a real tree, hanging up stockings and celebrating with friends and neighbors. I'm even the first one downstairs on Christmas morning to see what Santa left.

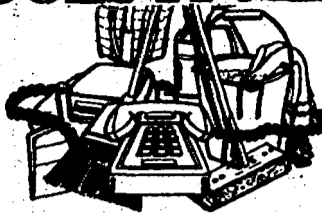
I think I've figured out one of the reasons why it is important for me to be a kid at Christmas time. Think about it -- kids are free to express themselves without having to qualify or give second thoughts to everything they say and do. Kids show their excitement, and they're not afraid to give someone a hug or share their love. Kids also aren't afraid to share ideas or their thoughts. They don't stop and try to second guess how others perceive them. It's okay for a kid to sing Frosty The Snowman and not worry about being able to carry a tune.

Have you ever heard a kid say they had trouble getting into a Christmas mood? I think we should take a lesson from the kids. Happy Holiday hugs to all of you!

Marjorie Daniels was the winner of the Northville "Save the Well" raffle. Congratulations Marjorie!

Julie Heller, daughter of William and Christine Heller of Hines Court in Plymouth, entered the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. A 1988 graduate of Canton High School, she will enter the Regular Air Force in February.

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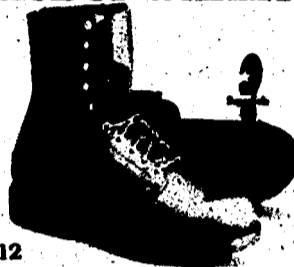
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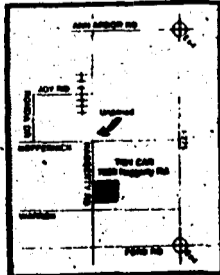
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GUARANTEED WHITE CHRISTMAS
The entry deadline for the Fourth Annual "Guaranteed White Christmas" contest for Canton residents is Dec. 16. The winning home will get snow dumped in the yard on Dec. 20. Entry forms at the Canton Parks and Recreation 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Call 397-5110 for further information. There is no age limit.

WINTER SURVIVAL CAMP
The Living Science Foundation will host a Winter Survival Camp on Dec. 28-30 at the Northville Community Center. The three-day camp runs \$40 per day or \$100 for all three days. For information call 349-0203.

EMT COURSE
The Canton Fire Department in conjunction with Huron Valley Ambulance will offer an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course starting on Jan. 9, 1989 at the Canton Library. The 180-hour course is for those interested in public safety professions. Sign-up by Jan 4, 1989. For information call Tom Ayers at 971-7760.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB MTG
The Oral Majority Toastmasters Club will host its next regular dinner meeting in the banquet room of Denny's on Ann Arbor Road at 1-275. Begins at 5:45 p.m. For reservations or information call Phyllis a 455-1635.

NEW YEARS SINGLES PARTY
Bethany (Plymouth-Canton) will host a New Years Eve Singles Dance Party at the the American Legion Hall in Garden City. Tickets are \$20 per person. Deadline is Dec. 17. Call 981-1365 or 422-8625.

NEW YEARS EVE GALA
A New Years Eve Gala is planned for Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. by the Mayflower-I. Gamble VFW Post 6695 at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth. Catered dinner, cash bar, live music, party favorites. Cost is \$16 per person. Reservations by Dec. 26. Call 981-1231.

DRAMATIC SEASON COMEDY
Canton Calvary Assembly of God will host Ken Lee as a special guest performer on Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 18. Complimentary tickets are required. Call 455-0820 for further information.

PCAC HOLIDAY CARDS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) has holiday greeting cards for sale. A package of 25 cards and envelopes costs \$10. The cards may be purchased at the PCAC office on Main Street (455-5260). They will also be available at a variety of shops in Plymouth.

HOLIDAY LUMINARIES
Holiday luminaries will be sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the Westchester Square Mall and at the K-mart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth on Dec. 17. Price is \$2.50 for a set of 10 candles with white bags. For further details call 459-1999 or 455-7494.

ADULT STUTTERING GROUP
An Adult Stuttering Therapy Group is being formed by the Dept. of Speech Pathology at the Oakwood Canton Health Center in Canton. The group meets on Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For details call 459-7030.

HAM RADIO GROUP
The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society meets at the City of Plymouth City Hall once a month on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Call Dick Hill at 453-8123 for further details.

LIVING TREE CONCERT
Vickie Potter, of Canton, will be the featured soloist in the Temple Baptist Church presentation of the "Living Christmas Tree" concert on Dec. 16, 17 and 18. Shows start at 7 p.m. The church is located on West Chicago in Redford.

LUMINARY SAND
City of Plymouth residents wishing to obtain sand for their Christmas luminaries can do so at the city's Department of Public Works between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on Dec. 12. The DPW is located at 1231 Goldsmith.

HUDSON ARCHIVES
The Schoolcraft College Archives Office is now holding historian Sam Hudson's collection of research notes from the history books he published. They can be studied by calling Shirley Connors at 462-4400, ext. 5313. The Archive Office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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What's happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI. 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

There will be a Christmas concert and drama, "Christmas At Home," by Ron Hamilton on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Plymouth Baptist Church on Ann Arbor Trail. For further information call 453-5534 or 531-8456.

EAST CHRISTMAS CONCERT

East Middle School band students will present their Christmas concert on Thursday (Dec. 15) at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. The community is welcome to the show. Call 451-6565.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING MTG

The City of Plymouth Municipal Building Authority will hold a regular meeting on Thursday (Dec. 15) at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the City Manager's office in Plymouth City Hall.

P-C LALECHE LEAGUE

Mothers interested in information about breastfeeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Plymouth-Canton La Leche League on Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Dunning-Hough Library in the City of Plymouth. For further information call 464-9714.

OLGC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Third Annual Christmas Concert by the Our Lady of Good Counsel choirs will be held on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The free show features selections from Handel's "Messiah," handbell choirs and the 35-voice Singasons. Our Lady is located on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The new Canton Public Library is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. It is also open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday during the school year. Call 397-0999, or stop by the new library.

DAR MEETING

The Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter will meet at Kings Mill at 1 p.m. for their Christmas tea on Dec. 19. Mrs. Louis Hopping will speak on "Dolls, a Little Girl's Fantasy." For more information call 453-4425 or 348-2198.

START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

The University of Michigan Medical Center is offering medically approved maternity fitness classes at the M-Care Health Center in Northville beginning on Jan. 9. Call 936-5186 for more information and class fees.

MITTEN TREE

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will again have their Mitten Tree in downtown Plymouth this year. The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has donated space at their office on Main Street. Residents are encouraged to donate mittens, scarves and hats to the trees which will be donated to the Salvation Army for the needy during Christmas.

COLLECTION OF TOYS

The Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson Collection of Toys will be on display from Jan. 8-30 at Madonna College's Exhibit Gallery. It is open to the public, free of charge. For information call Professor Ralph Glenn at 591-5102.

EAST MIDDLE CONCERT

The East Middle School chorus is presenting its Christmas Concert on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. There is no charge for the show -- "Love Is The Meaning of Christmas." Call 451-6565 for further details.

AMHAL AND THE VISITORS

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will present "Amhal and the Night Visitors" along with the Opera Lite company on Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in K-12. Tickets available at Beitner's Jewelry in Plymouth, Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton and at the PSO office (9430 S. Main in Plymouth). Call 451-2112 for further information.




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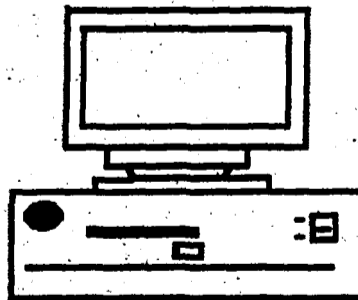
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Students, community touched by Joey

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said. The accident is still under investigation by the prosecutor's office, Frank said, and no charges have been filed.

Larry Landelius said they hold no ill will about the accident and are concentrating on their son's future.

"God can do anything," Landelius said.

Recently, Joey cried for several hours. He also was able to sit up and hold up his head -- both positive signs, said his father.

"God is the healer," Landelius said several times. "God's been listening to our prayers."

Sandy Landelius, Joey's mother, said, "Every day you can see something; yesterday it was a little more brightness in his eyes."

"I put up a tree in his room -- I swear he smiled," she said.

The Landelius family praised the strength and help of friends and strangers -- including the many children at Isbister School who have written and made tapes for Joey.

"Those kids really care," said Sandy Landelius, who has worked as an aide at Isbister for three years.

Three students asked Santa to help Joey in their letters to Santa appearing in this edition of The Community

Dear Santa:
 All I want for Christmas is my little friend Joe to wake up out of his coma so I can play with him.
 From David M. Russell

Above, one of several Santa letters received by The Crier concerning Joey's plight.

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Phillip Schulte, of Canton, said, "Dear Santa: I would like cars, Joe to get well, a tree that grows money, a go cart and drawing books."

Michelle Russell, of Plymouth Township, wrote, "Dear Santa: all I want for Christmas is something special. It's that Joey would come out of the coma. I'd rather have that than anything else."

David Russell said, "All I want for Christmas is my little friend Joey to wake up out of his coma so I can play with him."

Joey's father said, "It's really touching... the kids' letters. Christmas

isn't just bucks." His wife knew those three children from her work at school.

Larry Landelius also praised the strength of Our Lady of Good Counsel's Father Joe Plawcki. He related one touching moment where at Joey's bedside, Priest Joe met Joey's male nurse Joe. "There were these three Joe's."

"The spiritual end of this thing has changed me," the boy's father said. "I didn't know where strength came from

-- it's God."

Both parents said Joey's brother, Steven, and sister, Kathleen, have also been supportive.

Sandy Landelius thanked the many friends -- a woman at the supermarket, the family dentist -- and even strangers.

"We've gotten letters from the 616 area code, one from a woman in Brighton... people we don't even know. They heard through their churches.

"I want to thank everybody for the touches, the money offers," she said.

A trust fund for Joey's future needs is being set up through the family's attorney, Robert L. Ferriby, Jr. of Kazul, Houston and Ferriby, 3900 Penobscot Building, Detroit 48226 (965-0710).

"It's going to be all for him," Sandy Landelius said, "but we don't know yet (what he'll need).

"I think he's going to walk out (of the hospital), but even if he rolls out (in a wheelchair), I can see him rolling in and bringing smiles to faces."

Assessment increase

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proximately 13 per cent for Canton, 11 per cent for Plymouth Township, and 12 per cent for the City of Plymouth.

Officials in the City of Plymouth were hesitant about predicting an increase in assessment over 1988.

"Residential has been selling at pretty brisk rates, so I would guess that assessments will be up some," said City Assessor Kenneth Way. "We're still trying to get through the research and their are still a lot of numbers to crunch."

Predictions regarding this year's assessment figures met with the same response in Plymouth Township.

"We really don't start looking at (assessments) until after the first of the year," said Township Assessor Barbara Pray. "Residential depends on sales in the area, but at this point I really don't have any idea of what it will be."

Township Treasurer Mary Brooks said it's likely that assessments will rise.

"I know that the residential is selling for more and that's what the county goes by. I hope that they won't go up because tax bills and assessments are already high," said Brooks.

John McLenaghan, of Wayne County Appraisals and assessment consultant for the township, said he expects to receive the county's property sales analysis "almost any day now."

But Canton Treasurer Gerald Brown wasn't at all hesitant about letting residents know what they may be facing come next spring.

"Officially I have nothing," said Brown, "but if I had to make an

overall observation I would say the pattern will be similar to 1988 with substantial increases in assessments."

Brown speculated that residential assessments in Canton will increase on an average of 13 to 14 per cent next year, but added that the picture was still "kind of cloudy."

"We have to assume Headlee will come into play," he added.

A Headlee rollback is mandated when property values increase at a rate higher than inflation. At that point the law says some forms of millage have to be rolled back.

"We know it won't result in much of a tax increase, but we'll have to wait and see what is rolled back," said the treasurer.

Brown said township real estate prices have been way out in front of inflation, adding that property values have gone up nearly 35 per cent in the past three years while the inflation rate has risen less than 20 per cent over the same period.

"Those (property) values have leveled off or come down in the last six months," he added.

Assessments are based on property values in the community as of Dec. 31, said Brown, which then determines a resident's tax bill for the following year.

"We've got a double whammy here," Brown said. "We have high assessments and relatively high millages." He added, though, that the only millage rolled back in Canton last year was for the library. Police, fire and debt millages are not affected by the Headlee Amendment, Brown said.

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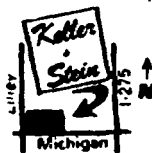


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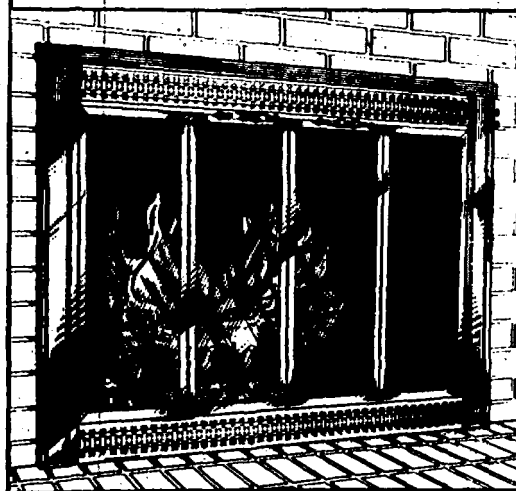
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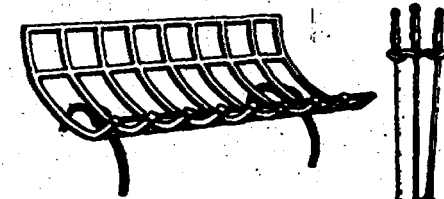
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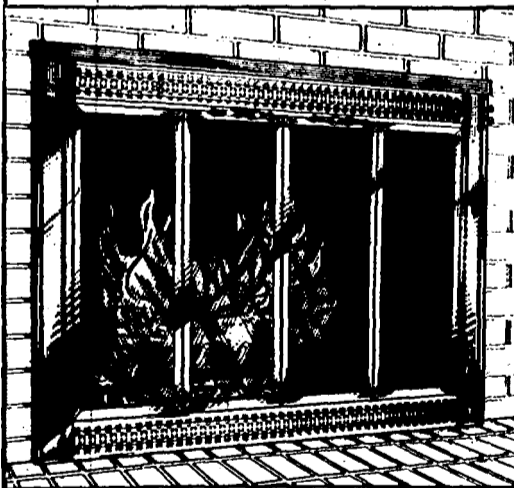
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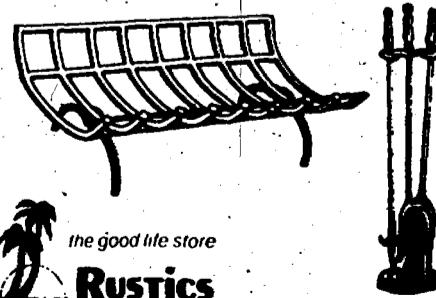
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I would like you to get me some doll things. Maybe a crib. I would also like stuffed animals. I've been very good this year.

I am six years old. My name is Marnie. I like Christmas because you get many presents. I hope I can see you this Christmas.

MARNIE JONES

I want you to bring me a Timex watch because I go to the Resource Room at Eriksson school and I need to get there on time. Make it digital.

KEITH GASINSKI

For Christmas I want a little bit of games, I want a rare doll, I want a teddybear. In my stocking I want a Oliver and candy in it.

LINDSEY BETH ROBERTO

What I would like most of all, is for each child in the world to get at least one present.

Love,
MICHAEL CALLANAN

I had the chicken pox. I want a new bike, I want a Nintendo and Sega, I want a Pogo ball, I want a new remote control car, I want a good Christmas, I want a big present, and I hope I get a big Christmas. Amen.

EDDIE SCHARF

I would like to meet you. I would like a bike, a 10-speed.

Love,
TIFFANY KAROL

I want a Barbie Ferrari & a new dollhouse & Barbie Dream House and more dollhouse stuff & stuffed animals. I hope people are happy with what they get! Merry Christmas!

JAMIE JOHNSON

All I want is a surprise!

Todd Evans

This Christmas I wish that everyone will be happy and healthy the world over.

ADAMA A. DAILIDE

I want a cordless phone, clothes, stuffed animals & books. I hope that everyone in this world gets what they want for Christmas.

Love,
LINDSAY JOHNSON

For Christmas I would like for my Uncle Glenn to come home. I would also like a locker answering machine.

JULIE GLUTTING

Hi Santa! I would like a big camcorder, a color T.V., a camera, a V.C.R. and a good time at Christmas. Thanks!

Love,
DAVID KARRAS

I want snow. I want Molly doll, I want Joey to get better.

From
MOLLY STRAND

Hi, my name is Rhonda Hirsch. I am 11 years old. My mom doesn't work and were kind of poor, and for Christmas I really want a Nintendo. So will you please give me it.

RHONDA HIRSCH

I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you have lots and lots of toys for children ALL around the World. Thank You Santa.

GREG HOLMAN

For Christmas I want clothes for me and Nintendo for my family.

NICOLE DUGAS

I'd like to meet you. I would like a bike 10 speed.

Love,
TIFFANY KAROL

I wish I had a puppy. And I wish I had some makeup. And I wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

Love,
ANNE RUCINSKI

This is what I want for Christmas: I want a ten-speed bike, Girl talk that's a game, a new born baby doll, a remote control car, or a walkman.

MARI KATHRYN KUSHNER

I have been a good girl this past year. Please bring me everything I want. Also bring my mom and dad just one gift. Merry Christmas Santa, I love you!

JENNIFER KRONNER

I hope Christmas comes. I hope you bring me a good present. I hope you put it under the Christmas tree.

Love,
TRACY ODROWSKI

Will you bring more reindeers so I can hear you on the roof? I will leave Oreo cookies and milk for you!

Love,
STEVEN RAPSON

I want an Easy Bake Oven, Barbie furniture and Hands Down and Hungry Hippo's. P.S. Have a Merry Christmas

Love,
KATY PREW

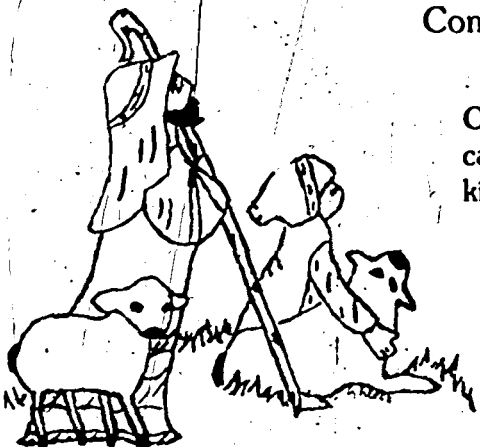
For Christmas I want a cement mixer, army stuff and a basketball hoop.

Love,
MICHAEL PREW

I believe in you. I really want some shiny white sparkle boots. Stephen really wants a gun. But not a real one. See you soon.

DANIELLE PORTELLI

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For Christmas I want to get a my child.

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I would like a Winnie the Pooh train. I love you.

AMY FRY

Race car set is what I want.

ROBBY CABLE

I want a train, a new car & Play Dough. Merry Christmas.

From,
RYAN JOHNSON

I was a good boy. Please bring me a speed '500' race track and a Nintendo. We will leave yummy cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
ROY CHAPMAN

Hi my name is Kimberly Kereluk. Do you want to be my friend and pal, we will have a good time.

KIMBERLY KERELUIK

I would really like an easy bake oven, a baby doll, and anything else you'd like to give me. I've been pretty good.

P.S. A bouncing baby would be nice, too.

Love,
HEATHER WADE

I wish my grandpa Pawlik would get well.

Love,
SARAH PAWLIK

Please bring me a gift I will like. Bring my family one too. Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa.

Love,
JASON RAMBO

I really want all the "Poison" tapes, a growing hair doll, Barbies, posters, a magic touch doll, and surprise me with the rest. I've been good this year.

Love,
TAMARAN N. WADE

My name is Lesley Whiting. I am 4 1/2 years old. I would like a Barbie doll, a down vest, clothes, a high chair for my doll Sissy. My brother Brian is only 2, so I will tell you he would like a little kids baseball mitt. Thanks & Merry Christmas!

LESLEY WHITING

I would like a race track, a Chevy car, the game Fireball Island, and Torpedo Run game. Please remember to take food and presents to the poor people too!

Love,
RYAN MORRISON

Thanks for being Santa Claus. I hope I get a remote control fire engine, a race track, a new bird house and food for the birds, and some snow.

RYAN JACKSON

Thank you for all my presents last year. I like you. I hope everybody has a happy Christmas. I'd like a race set and a remote control turbo airplane.

JEFFREY JACKSON

I want ALOT of LEGO'S, a Turbo-Ruba, Pipeworks, and a check-out scanner. Say Hi to Rudolph — I'll be looking for his light up nose in the sky! Merry Christmas!

ZIMOTHY CASEY

I would like a unicorn for Christmas please, and also a Dolly Surprise. We will leave you cookies and milk in the living room. But try not to get our floor messy.

Love,
MEGHAN NISCH

I don't care what you bring me because you always know what I like.

Love,
KIMBERLY PAUIMEECHA

Merry Christmas!

ANDREA MEIER

I have been a good girl this year! I am a new big sister! I hope you will bring my sister and I lots of toys.

Love,
THERESA L. OLSON

I love my mom and dad, and all I want for Christmas is the ice cream center for Barbie, and some other stuff.

From,
LINDSEY ANN ALEXANDER

Please may I have Dress and Dazzle and Barbie. Have a nice Christmas. Please something nice for my brother Christopher.

Thank you,
RACHEL HARDY

I want to share my Holiday Spirit with other children who need things I already have.

NICHOLAS STROHMAIER
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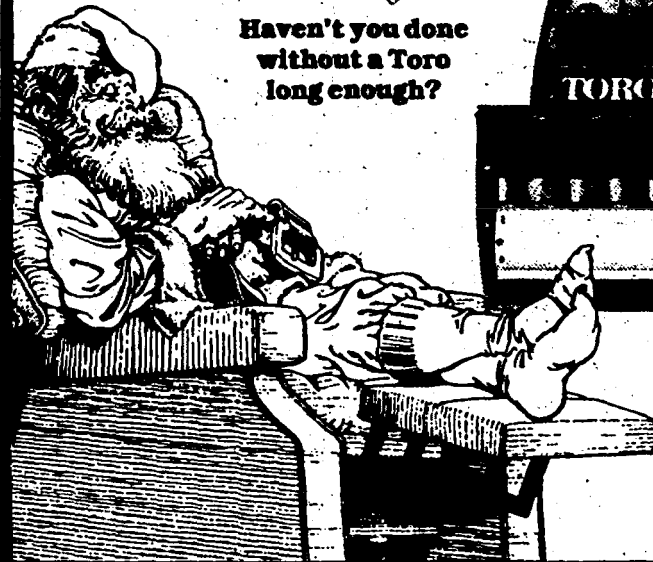
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 PETER A. BUFFA

I like fur coats but I am not allowed to have one so please bring me a drum, Little Miss Make-up, Dress & Dazzle. I love you very much.
 MARY JEAN TEMPERLEY

This year for X-mas could you please bring me and my mom a winning lotto ticket, so she won't have to work anymore and we could have all the things we want.

Thank you,
 NATHAN BEALE

Please may I have glow in the dark race cars, and something for my sister.
 Thank you,
 CHRISTOPHER HARDY

I don't want anybody to get hurt or injured during the holidays and after the holidays.

Love,
 ANGELA WEBER

I would like some new clothes, a basketball, clock radio, a new watch and a White Christmas.
 KEVIN DEJAGER

I know what your getting me, you dropped your list when you were spying on me, and you guessed right!

BRIAN TIBURZI

I really hope your Christmas is a jolly one. And all the little kids get what they want.
 MELISSA SMOKOVITZ

What I want for Christmas is a walking & a watch & a cat. But most of all I am thankful for the success of mothers operation.

GEFF MACKWRIZ

I would like a new truck and a racetrack. I've been a good boy.
 Love
 SCOTT KOEHLER

Christmas is a time of joy, a time of fun and smiling faces when people share and give the most valuable gift anyone could wish is love.

JENNIFER MUNFAKH

I want new toys. I saw you on vacation (in Bracebridge, Ontario at Santa's Village).
 Love,
 KRISTEN KOEHLER

For Christmas I would like lots of clothes, and a television set. I would also like one big surprise gift.

JENNIFER BARNES

Christmas Eve, do not observe, Santa's putting toys under your tree. Then in the morning with your eyes open wide, Merry, Merry Christmas to all nation-wide.
 SHARI LYNN HINES

My wish for Christmas would be for a new Nintendo cartridge delivered to my door every week for a year.

CHRIS CAMPBELL

I love you Santa. You are the best this is what I would like for Christmas: an Easybake Oven and a Barbie Hotdog Stand.
 LAUREN BAKOWSKI

My wish for a Disney World vacation for my whole family and that my cousin, Justin would not be sick anymore. Then we would all have a very Merry Christmas.

CANDICED DAWN CAMPBELL

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 S — Season Greetings
 ADAM BAKOWSKI

My name is Marla, I am 3 1/2 and have been a good girl. I want a Barbie (a momma Barbie) 5 coloring books, and a pretend microwave.

Thank you,
 MARLA KUEHN

I would like to have a walking dog, and a watch. Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I wish my Mommy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And my Daddy too! I love you. You are so special to me!

From,
 MARIE MCTAGGART

Love,
 ANYA DAY

I want a dog, a game called Life, Hotel, girl that talks.
 KRISTIN KOPENSKI

Dear Santa:
 I would like a ticket to Aurora Colorado because my best friends just moved there. No present I can't do that is them to come back to Plymouth Mich.
 Sincerely, *Usha Olson*

Dear Santa...

I would like a telescope for Christmas. Also something different would be peace for one year. If everyone in the world worked in harmony. All homeless would find homes. All drugs will be destroyed. We would start over.

KAREN RANDINITIS

I would like a AM/FM radio with a cassette player.

From,
JOANNE RANDINITIS

Most of all I want a kitty. But first, I have to wait until my poppy says "yes". If poppy says "no", I would like most anything else.

Merry Christmas,
ELISA MIESOWICZ

Please bring me a big screen T.V. for my bedroom and a Michigan State shirt for my dad, also a pray for peace.

BRYAN KISABETH

Please bring me a phone for my room & a Michigan State jacket. And please see that the poor receive Christmas gifts.

SHEA KISABETH

My wish would be that all the people in the world would give time to help the poor people & to help find homes for them so the world would be a better place.

KATHY BURCHACKI

Will you please give a job to everyone's father who needs it and bring world peace.

PAUL MOORE

For Christmas I would like a diary. Please give me Baby Grows. If you can get me Perfume Pretty Barbie

Love,
KELLY MOORE

I like to wish you a Merry X-mas and may I have a keyboard and if not I will have a new chalk board with some chalk.

Thank you Santa,
KARRIE JOHNSON

I would like a Explorer 7 Sub, Micro Machines Tool Box Playset and a Micro Machines Aircraft Carrier Playset and some Micro Machines cars, trucks, boats.

Thank you Santa Claus
KEN JOHNSON

I would like a ticket to Aurna Colorado because my best friends just moved there. The present I want the most is them to come back to Plymouth, Mich.

Sincerely,
MELISSA OLSON

How are you doing? I want a remote control care for Christmas. How is your wife doing?

From,
MIKE HADDAD

Dear Santa: M E O P Y
X A N A B E A

ANDREA MEIER

How are you doing? I'm not sure what I want this year. I've already seen you twice (in parades).

GINNY HADDAD

This Christmas I would like a Chemistry set and a microscope and some slides.

Truly yours,
MANDI RAS

I have been good. So I would like a turbo train and a jam box, ans alot of surprises. I am going to give you some cookies and milk and you reindeer some milk and carrots and for Santa Mouse some cheese and milk. Thank you.

A.J. MALONI

I want some Nintendo games and Legos this year. I will leave cookies for your reindeer. Don't forget our address. I love you!

CHRISTOPHER CASEY.

For Christmas I would like comic books, tapes, G.I. Joe, the game Fun House, Michigan State football, Legos, a new bike, Sega tapes and cool clothes. Thank you.

From,
BRANDON ANULEWICZ

On Christmas I want Etch-a-Sketch, pocket rockers with tapes and a doll.

From,
CHRISSEY HIBMA

I really want skates and some tapes and a scooter and a pocket rocker with tapes and a doll.

From,
MANDY FOURNIER

If you can for Christmas I'd like these things: Tico Turbo Train, Nintendo, Clue VCR game and would also like a trip to the Rose Bowl or tickets.

KEVIN KOPENSKI

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This Christmas I would like; clothes, toys, and money. Thank you for all my last years presents. Merry Christmas.

Love,
KATHRYN JACKSON

I want Maxie a Barbie & a bike, clothes, a swing set, and Growing Hair Cabbage Patch doll.

From,
COLLEEN MICHELLE FOLEY

I would like a Pocket Rocker and tapes for it, the game "Girl Talk", Dolly Surprise, a new jazz outfit, a clock radio and anything else you think I'd like.

Love,
WENDY DEJAGER

I would like for Christmas, clothes, toys, like double pierced ears and that is ir for now but I want more than that.

From,
AMANDA EDGE

For Christmas I want my family to be happy and healthy. For everyone else I want peace and houses for the people who don't have any.

From,
JASON SCHMITT

I would like Aja from Jem, I would like a stuffed dinosaur, Jem car, drawing books, a drum set, a stuffed lamb, a stuffed dog and cat, and a stuff horse.

From,
ELIZABETH KNOX

I would like for Christmas a toy baby kitchen. And a toy baby dog. And a toy horse. And a horse barn. And a game Hands Down.

From,
JAMIE SCHMITT

This year, what I would like to have is a Nintendo and a G.I. Joe, a Starcom Jet, and a Lego castle that's all.

From,
CHRIS MARSHALL

I would like a Nintendo, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for Nintendo. And food for the poor for Christmas.

From,
BILLY RUEHR

My wish is that everyone should give money to the poor so they can have a great Christmas like people in Plymouth and Canton do!

Love,
STEPHANIE SKEPPSTROM

I want Baby Grows and Nintendo.

From,
LAINIE COOPER

Hi. My name is Dawn. My friends say you're not real. But I know you are. I want alot for Christmas. But most of all I want a computer.

Love,
DAWN HILL

I would like a ten speed and a Nintendo and games and clothes and a soccer ball.

P.S. I wear a size 10/12
COURTNEY ZOCHOWSKI

I would like 3 Nintendo games, Super Mario Bros II, CastleVania II, Ninja Turtles. Nintendo Contrrollers, 10-speed, telephone, Sega games.

Thank you,
ROBERT LENTZ

Please send me for Christmas a Nintendo Super Mario Bros. II. And for someone who won't have a Christmas to have a happy one!!!

JONATHAN HUSLOPE

I want a Nintendo, Cabbage Patch Kids with growing hair, foot notes, tapes for my pocket rocker, magic touch, and I wish that Joe gets better by Christmas.

From,
STACEY BISHOP

My wish for Christmas is that everyone be happy, friendly and polite all year round. Some people have a reputation of being rude: I just wish we were always happy.

JESSI HYSLOPE

For X-mas I would like please, an indoor golf set, a little red-hated bear, pt-10 Casio..

From,
ERIN TAYLOR

This is my last Christmas here. My mom says not to ask for alot so, all I want is the Nintendo, clothes, jewelry & stuffed animals.

P.S. Have a safe trip.
BRIDGET O'DONNELL

I want a soccer ball, Nintendo games, spy hunter or bases loaded, gole stick, hockey skates.

From,
MARK RUNCHEY

I'm writing you this letter to thank you for all the wonderful gifts you have given me over the years. I have enjoyed them all! Thank you again!

JENNIFER KELLEY

I want a new soccer ball, Nintendo games, a electric guitar, Starting lineup, hockey stick, ice skates.

From,
KURT BERLIN

We just moved in to a new house. For Christmas I'd like to have as much happiness in our new home as everyone has had in theirs.

Love,
KRISTIN HONECKER

I would like cars, Joe to get well, a tree that grows money, go-cart, drawing books.

From,
PHILLIP J. SCHULTE

This Christmas season I would enjoy being with my family to share the true spirit and meaning of the Christmas Holiday. May everyone enjoy the togetherness of this Christmas season.

AMY MAZURKIEWICZ

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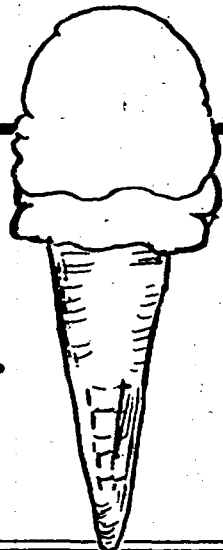


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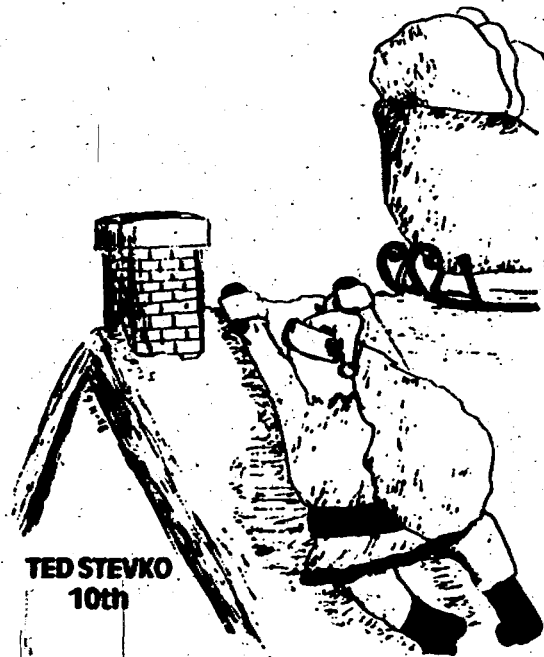
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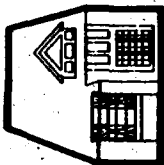
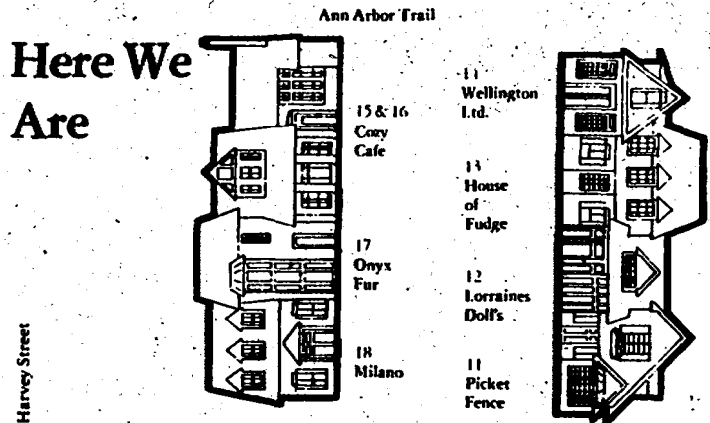
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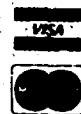
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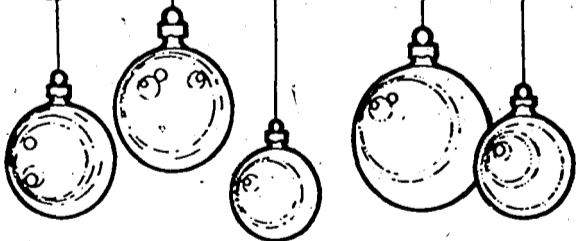
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Dear Santa...

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Love,
KELLY STEVENS

How are you? I colored this picture for you the best I could. I love you.

MICHELLE NAWROT

I love you. I can't wait until Christmas and I lost a tooth in bed.

KAY KERSTENS

I've been real good. Please bring me a G.I. Joe men and vehicles, dinosaura game, dynamite, airplane with guns, farm animals, candy and a Christmas book.

Thank you,
PETER NEUROTH

I hope you have a good flight on your Christmas Eve ride. I'll leave cookies out for you as usual. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
CHARLIE SCHMIDT

I wish that everyone will get their wish. I wish the hungry will get food and the homeless will get homes. I wish everyone will be happy.

SARA SCHOENEMAN

I wish all my relatives could be here for Christmas so they can share the happy feelings together. So we could give presents and receive presents.

SEAN ALLAN

I love you! I saw you at the Thanksgiving Parade. I wish to go to your house. Bring me three toys -- a G.I. Joe, Teddy and a Hot Wheel.

CASEY CALLANAN

I hope every body believes in you, and I hope everybody has a nice Christmas, even you!

CHRISTOPHER MARTIN

I wish that this Christmas will be a good one for me and my family. I know you are busy during Christmas, but don't forget my Nintendo games.

Thank you,
JUAN CARLOS MUNAZ

I want 2 muppet Babies and these are who I want; Baby Piggy and Baby Kermit.

From,
RENEE SCHAWINSKY

I want new clothes, stuffed animals, and a scooter. Bye! Merry Christmas!

Love,
KATHLEEN KELLY

I want a choo choo trainset. Slapsh-Kid and a bike and a Barbie-House along with a corn silk doll.

Love,
MEGAN KELLY

I want for Christmas, a real remote control car, a big box of worms, a boat, a pair of Reebok, my mom to feel better, and I hope we have a Merry Christmas.

JASON BUCHANAN

How are you? For Christmas I would like a Gerber Baby. How do you deliver all those presents in one night? I bet its hard work. Merry Christmas.

ALISON BUSHROW

I'd like to have a Nintendo game. It is called Super Mario Brothers II. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas.

BRETT KONLEY

I hope you have a nice Christmas. I will leave a treat for you, and your raindeers. Merry Christmas!

JULIE ANNE LOCK

I wish animal abuse would stop.

SEAN ZELEK

I wish that everyone gets what they want for Christmas. I like Santa.

TARA BRENNAN

What I want for Christmas is: blank cassettes, some fun game like Mousetrap, magic tricks, famous hockey jerseys, and some surprise gifts. That's mostly what I want. Thanks!

CARA FONTANA

This Christmas I would like the following things please. I would like drums, brushes, about two Nintendo games, and the Nintendo game pack holder. Merry Christmas Santa.

Your friend,
ALEC RAS

I would like a Nintendo Super Mario Brothers II, Top Gun, and Gengie II, and a PXL 2000 Camcorder, sewing set, and a Jam Box.

Signed,
WESLEY KERTENS

When we celebrate Christmas what we really celebrate is Jesus' Birthday. Some people think of Christmas as getting presents, others think of Christmas as being with their relatives.

KRISTA BENNETT

I want a puppy, Nintendo, a pony, and lots more for Christmas! Please, anything really.

SUESMITH

I want a Playschool dinosaur that is named Spinosaurus and an Indian costume and a few surprises.

From,
WESLEY GEORGE FARROW

My wish for Christmas is peace on Earth & the homeless to have food & clothes. I also wish that people traveling for Christmas to have a safe trip.

GINA MACHIO

Since I won't be in Michigan for Christmas this year, please stop and give my Grandma Carol a big hug and kiss for me. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love,
SHERRY DODGE

I love you. I have cookies for you. I want clothes, books and coloring books.

Love,
KATHLEEN BOND

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Dear Santa...

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I would like you to let my sister & me get back together. A couple days ago, we got into a fight. I want to be friends again.

SHANNON GLUTTING

I am a good girl. I want 2 tapes and some Barbie clothes, some clothes too.

ERICA SPENCER

I would like to see my grandpa for Christmas and Friends. Also a horse for our back yard. And some toys. Thank you.

Love,
BRYON MAYCOCK

I know who you are, you're my grandpa. And I love him a lot, Merry Christmas.

SARAH HOLMES

Thank you for having my family healthy and happy. I wish every Christmas could be as happy as this one.

CLAIRE GYORKE

I wish my family would be in good health forever and all those I love.

JOEY WHEELER

I would like to come home to Plymouth for the holidays to visit my friends and grandpa. I would also like a new VCR for Christmas.

Love,
RAYMOND MAYCOCK

I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.

KIM REYNOLDS

I would like a keyboard, and tapes (Bangles, Bon Jovi, Tiffany, "Cause in Commotion" and "Now You're Cookin.") Don't eat too much.

Love,
JENNY MARIE PREW

I want Nintendo & a half million dollars! With a win of a coloring contest, and a Turbo helicopter and a Merry Christmas! And world games for a computer.

From,
KEITH EVANS

For Christmas I would like a teddy bear and a video tape with a nice story. Also a Ceramic Ballerina Doll with a musical stand. Please send me a large picture of yourself.

JACLYN RODRIGUEZ

I would like a Nancy Drew book for Christmas. I would also like a Pogo Ball and peace for the world. I would like cherry candy canes and gingerbread houses.

KELLI ZINK

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following coloring contest entrants didn't include a Letter to Santa.

KARI REMSBURG
JARED NISCH
THERON TINGSTAD

I would like a Santa Bear with the tuxedo, and lots of clothes. I would like a Labrador Retriever for the main Christmas present, for the family.

Love always,
ERIN JACKSON

Please bring me a black Labrador Retriever. I would also like clothes and stuffed animals & a huge manger scene. That I will also win this coloring contest.

KARI JACKSON

I wish to get the mona rail and the Lego train and som G.I. Joe things and I am thankful for my family, and I am for our country.

MIKE A. DRAKE

For Christmas I would like a radio/cassette deck and a television. Anything you have in your bag of gifts would be a nice surprise too.

KRISTEN BARNES

How are you. I have been real good. I will make you some cookies with my Buzzie. Happy Christmas.

Love,
JULIE HEFFNER

I want a lot of toys this Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Love,
GREG KARRAS

I heard alot about you and I heard you were a nice guy. I want clothes for my Cabbage Pich kids, clothes for my Barbies, a pair of boys Reebok, and some clothes for me.

DENA BUCHANAN

Christmas is my favorite holiday because you get together and you have fun.

DAVID R. ROUSSECU

I love you very much. Thank you for the presents last year. Thank you for Snuggles.

Love,
LARISSA TENOFF

I want a Barbie house, Barbie and the Rockers can. Also a ten-speed bike, Splashin Kid. Looking Smart Maxie. Growing Hair Corn Silk.

Love,
ERIN KELLY

I want a pair of leather boots and a 40 dollars for a present!!!!!!

KERRY IACONELLI

I want everything I ask for like a piano and some new skates and more.

RACHELLE SMOKOUITZ

I think my dog, Alex needs a friend. Will you please bring him a puppy. I would take good care of it. Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

Love,
SUZANNE RODE

I would like for Christmas all of the Poison, Def Leopard and Guns & Roses records. I would also like all of those albums on C.D. with a C.D. player.

Love,
MIKE LAVANDER

For Christmas I would like a new radio, a keyboard, and a telephone and also some hair supplies. Maybe some new jeans or a couple more things, a spree bug spirit, clothes, maybe some blouses.

Sincerely,
JAYME RESLER

I wish my parents will wake up early so I can see what you left. And if you can give your elves a little extra work for the poor kids.

Love,
CLARE AVERY

What I want for Christmas is skies, a bike, a trainer, clothes, jewerly, new perfume, a new watch and someone to help the homeless by giving them food and shelter.

Love,
CHER WALIS

I want a new bike, and I want a radio. I want Lisa Webby to just be my friend.

WILLIAM CAYDILL

I want a walking doll, a small computer, a keyboard and new clothes. I've been a very good girl. See you soon.

Love,
ERIN VANDUSEN

Please bring me a Barbie Doll, Barbje Swimming Pool, Barbie and the Rockers Doll, Barbie Shower Doll & anything you would like me to have. Thanks.

Love,
JESSICA LAVANDER

I want Dolly Surprise and Fazz. And please bring Jimmy Ghost Busters and Transformers. P.S. How are you doing? I am doing fine, got to go, bye.

APRIL KRAL

Thank you for all the Christmas presents you have given to me. How do you get the bag through the chimney? This year I want Miss Makeup.

Love,
LINDSY HABER

I've tried to be the best I could be this year. What I wish for the most is: classic books, a keyboard, and a computer. Don't work too hard!

Your friend,
CHRISTINE BRODA

I love you. I want Precious Moments "How to Draw" books, Bobby Mcfarrin, Dirty Dancing VHS tape, cassette player, clock radio, Dolly Surprise and a backpack, pocket rockers.

Love,
JENNIFER JOANNE BOND

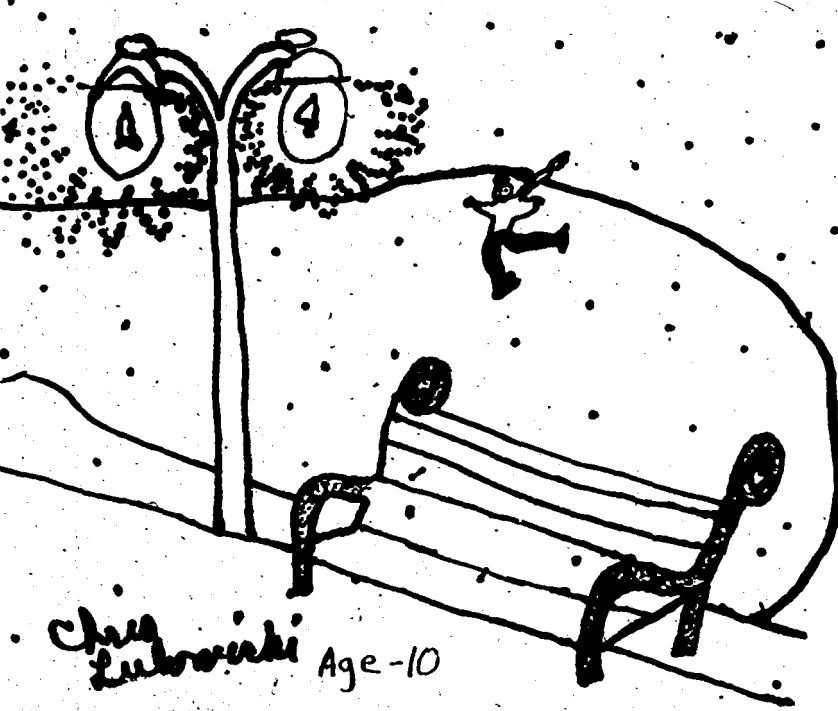
My name is Aaron. I'm 7½ years old. Thanks for all the toys you brought me last year. I want a remote control car. Please bring my brother something too.

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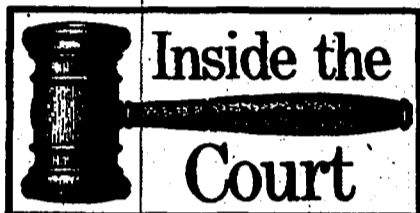
All in a day at court

BY PAUL GARGARO

It's Thursday morning and the line at the 35th District Court's tickets and fines window is long.

Today is Plymouth, Northville, and Canton townships day. Plymouth and Northville city and State Police cases are handled on separate dates.

Excuse me...pardon me...is anyone sitting here?



The benches outside the judges' (Garber and MacDonald) courtrooms are crowded with people -- lawyers, victims, witnesses, and defendants.

For the most part, their faces (except for the lawyers) are disconsolate. The idea of going before the judge has most shuffling their feet and examining their fingernails. They wait to speak with their attorney and grumble in soft tones to friends and family.

For the court staff, which is primarily female, it's business as usual. File cabinets open, computer keys click, and phones are answered.

And then there's the paperwork, shuffled from here to there, sorted, stamped and stuffed. It's the fuel for their industry and there's never a shortage.

Quiet and well-lit, the court rooms seem far removed from the commotion in the buzzing hall, only a swinging door away. The cases come quickly. The tough and indignant, the meek and ashamed stand humbled before the judge. This room accommodates no personalities.

"Do you understand what a plea of 'not guilty' means?" asks MacDonald.

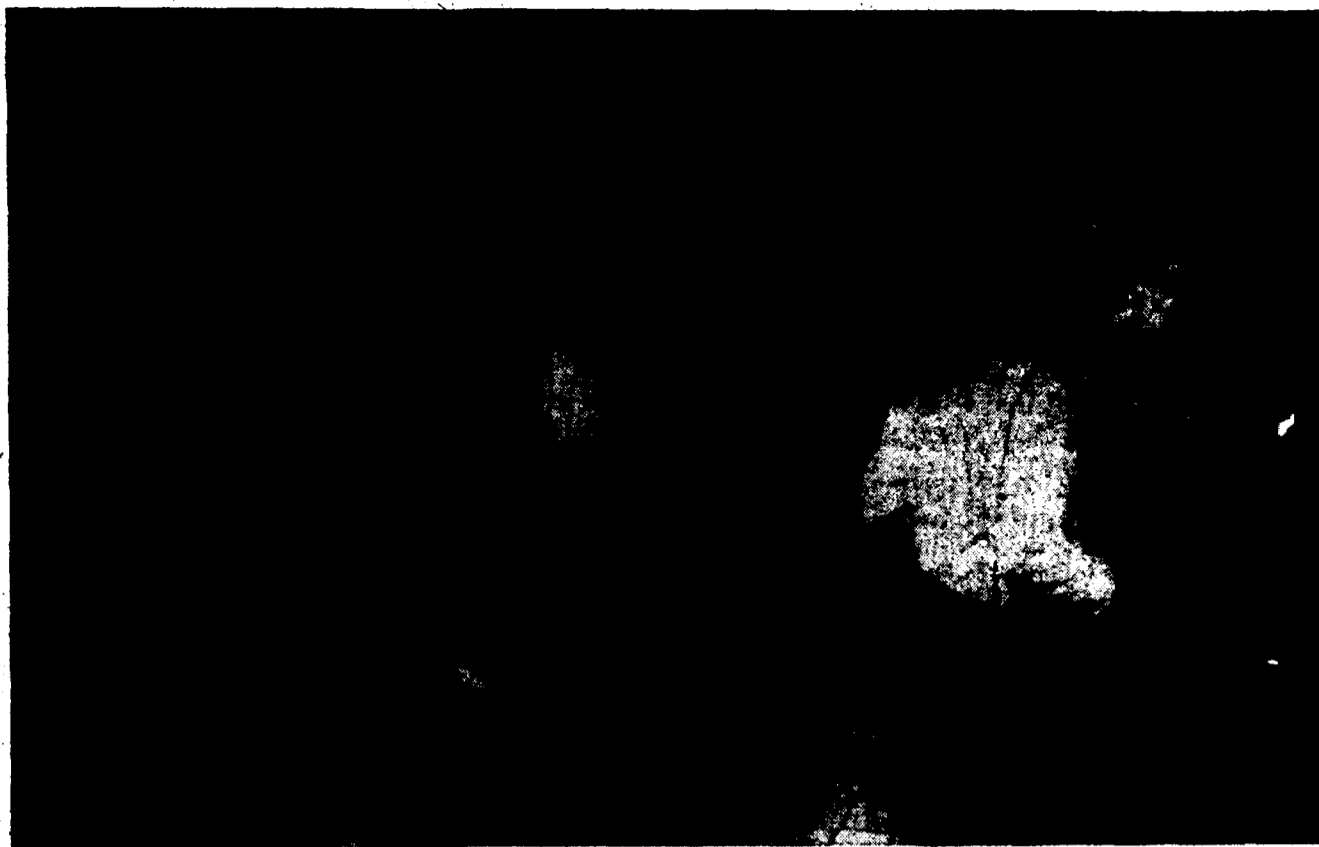
"Yes sir," the defendant responds.

Across the hallway, Garber explains procedures to the jury. They smile back sheepishly and a little uncomfortably in their peculiar roles.

Some will be dismissed, while others will go on to reach a verdict later in the day. But for now, all are swept up by the novelty of the jury box.

The bailiffs keep the cases rolling through and the court recorder and reporter work away -- hands buried behind their desks -- seemingly oblivious to the action before them.

It's not yet noon, and there's still much to be done.



Above, the day starts with a full house of defendants, witnesses, victims, lawyers, police officers to name a few of the players. Left, lines begin to form at the tickets and fines window where Pat Korte keeps busy. Below, the day is finished for Judge James Garber but the work continues ...



Lytle Daugharty begins to clean up after a busy day.



Crier photos by Chris Farina



Community Deaths

Toth, arts enthusiast

John F. Toth, 62, of Northville Township, died Dec. 7, in Livonia. Services were held Dec. 10 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with Dr. David A. Hay officiating.

Mr. Toth, an arts and crafts enthusiast, was a truck driver for about 30 years, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He came to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1960 from Flat Rock.

Survivors include: wife June, of Plymouth; sons John of Canton, David, of Melvindale, and Kenneth, of Plymouth; daughters Karen Hirth, of Plymouth, and Darlene Tedesco, of Ferndale; brother Gus, of Southgate; sister Margaret Karako, of Allen Park; and seven grandchildren.

Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Schroeder, 4th grader

Jamie Schroeder, 9, of Canton, died Dec. 6, in Plymouth. Services were held Dec. 9, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Freier officiating.

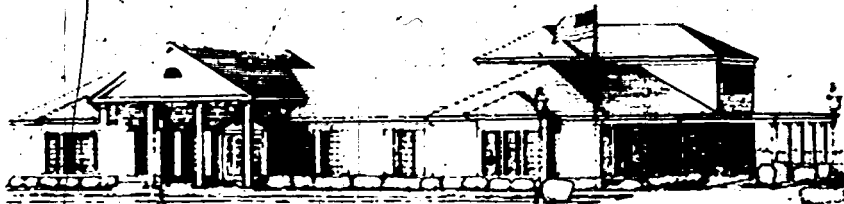
Jamie, who was a fourth grader at St. Peter's Lutheran School, was active in dance classes, Lutheran Girl Pioneers, and was practicing to be a cheerleader. Besides enjoying time with her family and friends she loved to sing and dance and care for her animals.

Survivors include: parents Gary and Ellen Schroeder, of Canton; sisters Terri and Anne; brother Nathan; grandparents Audrea Kuhfeldt, Donald and Louise Schroeder, all of Plymouth; great-grandmother Helen Csircsu, of Plymouth; three uncles and one aunt.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

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Carroll, gallery owner

Dorothea E. Carroll, 76, of Plymouth Township, died Dec. 6, in Livonia. Services were held Dec. 9, at our Lady of Good Council Church.

Mrs. Carroll owned and operated the Littlist Gallery in Northville, was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and a homemaker. She came to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1979 from Northville.

Survivors include: daughters Marilyn Paul, of Plymouth, Patricia Carroll, of Plymouth, and Diane Vogel, of Centreville, VA; and grandchildren, Curtis Paul, Douglas Vogel, and Christine Vogel.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Ashby, retired salesman

The Rev. Jesse F. Ashby, 81, of Canton, died Dec. 5, in Wayne. Services were held Dec. 8, at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Richard D. Linderman officiating.

Mr. Ashby, a retired salesman with Gorno Brothers Ford Dealer, was a member of the Bethel Full Gospel Assembly Church of Detroit. He moved to Canton from Dearborn Heights in 1986, where he had lived for 40 years.

Survivors include: daughters Anna Jean Orrys, of Canton, Doris V. Goins, of California, and Joyce A. Clark, of Carleton, MI; sons Robert F., of Dearborn Heights, and Jesse J., of Florida; brothers Rev. James Ashby and Rev. Lloyd Ashby, both of Tennessee; sister Mary Ashby, of Florida; and 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Ferndale Cemetery, Riverview, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Ray, sales rep

Rachael V. Ray, 86, of Canton, died Nov. 29, in Westland. Services were held Dec. 2, at the Geneva Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Kenneth F. Gruebel officiating.

Mrs. Ray retired from the J.L. Hudson Co. in 1970, where she had worked as a sales representative for more than 20 years.

Survivors include: sister Cecille MacDougal, of Florida; son Ralph Schufeldt, of Canton; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home, Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Skoldemark, from Sweden

Etty E. Skoldemark, 81, died Dec. 4, at her home in Plymouth. A memorial service was held Dec. 9, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Mrs. Skoldemark, originally from Sweden, was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sister Inga Hagvall, of Stockholm, Sweden.

Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermuelen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

Sober, portrait artist

Marion E. B. Sober, 79, of Northville, died Dec. 2, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. A memorial service was held Dec. 9, at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, with the Rev. Lloyd Brasure officiating.

Mrs. Sober was a portrait artist, author, and craftswoman. She was concerned with American Indian issues, and had travelled to Africa to help feed starving children.

She studied at Wayne State University, Wellesley College, Eastern Michigan University, and the Yale School of Fine Arts, specializing in history of art, and occupational therapy. She also taught art in the Northville Public Schools.

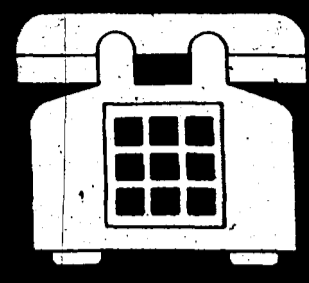
Mrs. Sober was a member of the Northville Historical Society, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the American Crafts Council.

She is survived by her brother, Charles Burr, of Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Church Division of Overseas Ministry, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN, 46206, or to the Plymouth or Northville Historical Societies.

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The challenge is as follows: "We challenge the residents of The

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To make a donation stop by Shurgard's office at 41877 Joy Rd., and drop off canned goods and other non-perishable food items during office hours. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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Winter survival camp offered in N'ville

A Winter Survival Camp will be held at the Northville Community Center through the Living Science Foundation on Dec. 28-30.

The cost of the three-day camp is \$40 for each day, or \$100 for all three days.

Among the topics for discussion will be "Ice and Snow," "Animal Survival," and "Winter Skies." Campers should wear comfortable indoor and outdoor clothing. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but campers should bring a sack lunch.

The Living Science Foundation is a non-profit education organization recognized statewide for its hands-on science programs for elementary school students.

For further information or to reserve a spot call Traci Johnson at the Northville Community Center (329-0203).



Members of the Opera Lite Company will perform "Amhal and the Night Visitors" with the PSO on Saturday.

A holiday experience PSO performs

An enriching holiday experience awaits during the dramatic production of "Amhal and the Night Visitors," a vocal and orchestral presentation by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO).

The PSO has invited the Opera Lite company to perform the classic seasonal story at the Salem High School Auditorium on Saturday (Dec. 17) at 8 p.m.

The story centers around a poor boy and his mother who are unexpectedly visited by three kings following the star of the East.

Tickets can be purchased in advance and cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in grades K-12. Tickets are available at Beitner's Jewelry in Plymouth, Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton and at the PSO office at 9430 S. Main in Plymouth.

For further information call the PSO at 451-2112.

East chorus presents concert

The East Middle School Chorus is presenting its Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The show is entitled "Love Is the Meaning of Christmas."

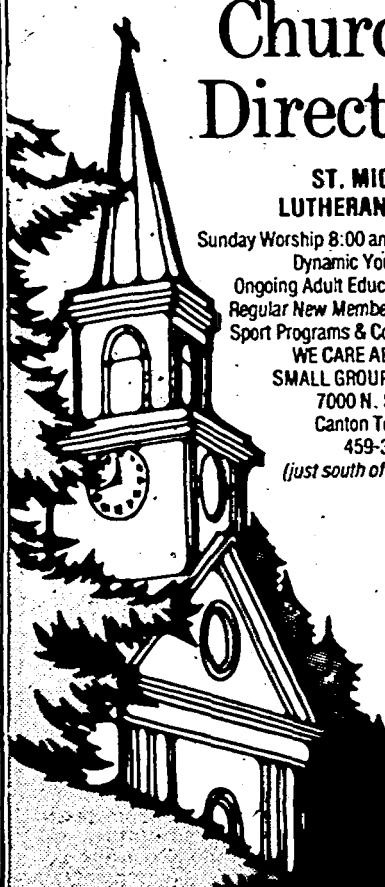
The free concert features songs of

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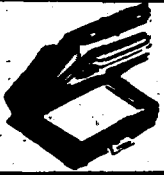
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Getting down to business

Knit your way to a holiday present

BY JOHN BRODERICK

It's not too late to knit that Christmas sweater, stocking, or at least, scarf, but residents will have to hurry if they want to get it under the tree before the big night.

And they'll have to hurry to the Knit Shop, 550 Forest, to get a project underway.

That's where residents will find everything they need to make hand-made knitted gifts: everything from needlepoint materials, to yarn, knitting needles, patterns, and other various accessories.

One of Plymouth's newest businesses, the Knit Shop has done quite well in its first three months, according to Angela Kheir, owner of the shop.

"October was slow, but November really picked up. Now we're doing quite well for Christmas," she said.

In addition to supplies and materials, the Knit Shop offers a series of classes, both for beginners and experienced knitters and

needlepointers.

Kheir decided on locating in Plymouth for a number of reasons. Besides being a big demand for a shop of this sort, Kheir said, "Plymouth does so much for its people.

"I had a choice between Plymouth and Northville," she said. "There's a lot more going here."

While the shop may be relatively new, the teachers certainly don't lack experience.

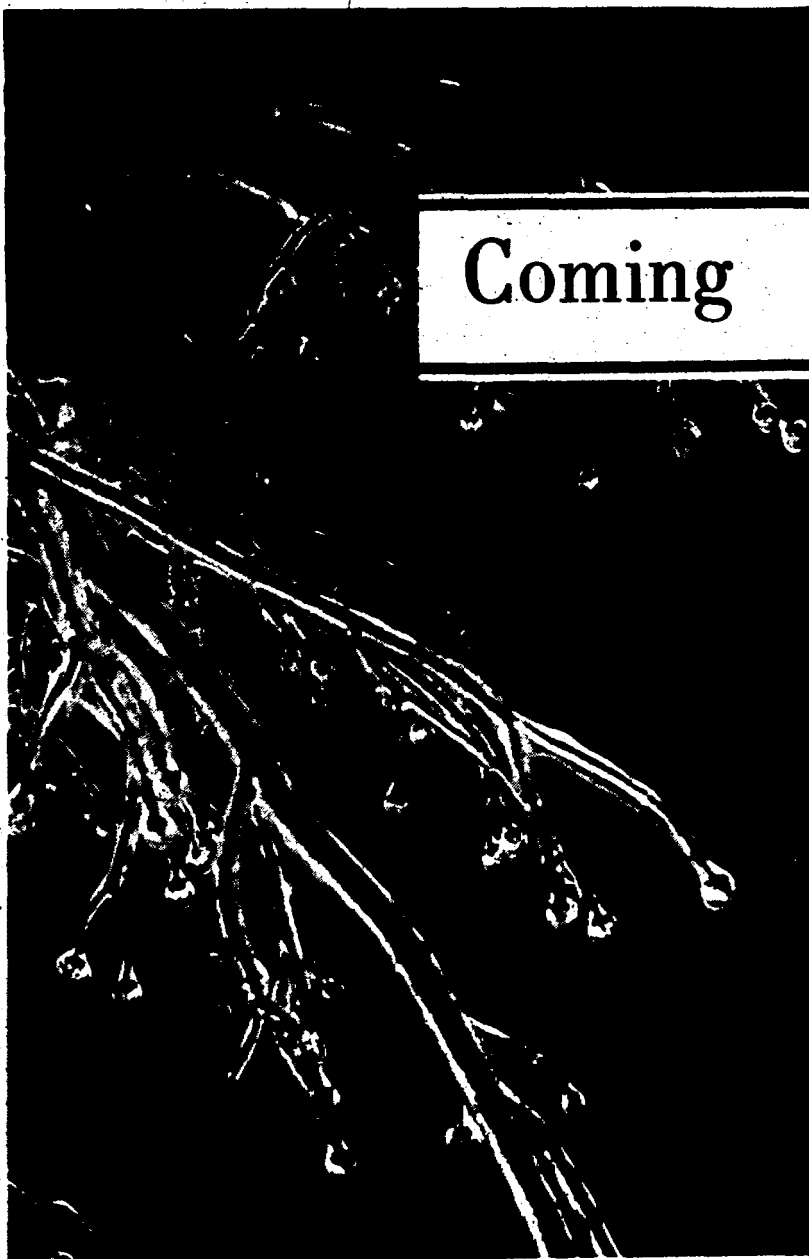
Joan Scrutton, an employe of the shop, has taught needlepoint for many years, in various parts of the country. "I'm certified to teach needlepoint, while Barb Hayes (another employe) is an expert in knitting primarily."

"There used to be a knit shop in Plymouth, but they closed," said Kheir. "So a lot of women have been coming in saying, 'I'm so glad you're here.'"

Classes have ended for the year, but will resume in January. So for last minute gifts, or to find out about classes check out the Knit Shop in the Westchester Square Mall.



Joan Scrutton, June Proctor and Barb Hayes, from left, show off some knit work at the Knit Shop in Plymouth. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)



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Krueger celebrates 200th

Rocks dominate invitational

BY RITA DERBIN

Saturday's win at the North Farmington Invitational for the Salem wrestling team was a special occasion for coach Ron Krueger, who celebrated his 200th victory as varsity coach.

The invitational featured eight teams.

The Rocks defeated Walled Lake Western in the first round, 39-31, and then beat Milford in the semifinals, 37-29.

The Rocks then beat Westland John Glenn, 33-28, in the finals to win the tournament.

For the day, Craig Richardson (112 lbs.), Julian Sell (125 lbs.), Mike Shumate (130 lbs.), Ed Barlage (140 lbs.), Pete Israel (153 lbs.) and Steve Burlison (160 lbs.) won all three of their matches.

Krueger also noted that Steve Burlison defeated his nemesis, John Glenn's Craig Kuben, 10-9. Kuben had defeated Burlison twice last year.

Also on Saturday, Matt Konenski (103 lbs.) and Brian Burlison (171 lbs.) won two of three matches with Burlison's loss coming on a technicality.



All tied up

Matt Konenski, bottom, gets caught up in the action during Thursday's meet with Saginaw. Both Konenski and the Rocks were victorious. The Rocks also placed first at the North Farmington Invitational. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

"I think we wrestled well on Saturday," said Krueger. "We have a young team and mixed in with three seniors are lots of first year players. We're doing well at this point and will get better."

Salem also participated in a dual meet on Thursday and lost in the first round to Hazel Park, who finished second in the state last year, 49-20. John Glenn won the meet by defeating Hazel Park.

In that match Richardson (112 lbs.) and Ken Stopa (119 lbs.) pinned their opponents while Barlage (140 lbs.) and Brian Burlison (171 lbs.) won on points.

In Thursday's second round, Salem defeated Saginaw 72-6. Rock winners were: Konenski (103 lbs.), Ian Kage (112 lbs.), Richardson (119 lbs.), Stopa (125 lbs.), Shumate (130 lbs.), Ron Miller (135 lbs.), Barlage (140 lbs.), Mark Addy (152 lbs.), Steve Burlison (160 lbs.), Brian Burlison (171 lbs.), Tony Perkins (181 lbs.) and Scott Brighaupt (heavyweight).

The Rocks' next match will be at home versus North Farmington tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Drop first meet to Milan

Canton tankers look to experience

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Some say the key to good leadership is experience.

If that's the case, then Canton boys swim team is in for a heckuva season.

Canton had a solid season last year — 7-3 overall and division champs for the second year in a row. They placed third in the league.

Losing only two seniors to graduation, Salem will have a nucleus of 12 seniors to guide its team of 42.

Senior tri-captains Jim Hartnett, Scott Swartzwelter and Jeff Homan are the swimmers Canton coach Hooker Wellman said he is looking on to lead the 1988-89 team.

Homan holds the league record in the breast stroke.

Wellman said he is also looking for seniors Marc Levesque, Brad Flowers, Mitch Timberlake and Jeff Schwinn to contribute a great deal to the squad.

Flowers qualified for the state meet last year in diving.

In addition to this year's seniors, Wellman said he is looking for juniors Bryce Anderson, Steve Geddes and Andrew Lang to be key components in this year's squad.

The Chiefs got their first test from Milan last week, but were unable to

come out winners. Canton lost to Class B powerhouse 69-103.

But the Chiefs weren't without some fine performances.

Anderson came up a winner in the 100-yard butterfly, with teammate Levesque finishing in third place.

Tri-captain Hartnett also left his mark on the meet finishing with a second in the 100-yard backstroke and a third place finish in the 200-yard freestyle.

Captains Homan and Swartzwelter also placed solidly in the meet.

Homan took a second in the 200-yard individual medley, while Swartzwelter captured a third in the 100-yard backstroke.

Also placing in the meet for Canton were Brad Flowers, who took third in the diving competition, and Steve Geddes, who captured third in the 500-yard freestyle.

"I was really pleased with how the kids swam," said Wellman.

Wellman said he would like to see his kids finish up division champs for a third straight year.

"We should make a run at the division," said Wellman. "And we have a decent shot at the league title."

But according to Wellman, the Chiefs will face some stiff competition in the Western Lakes Activities

Association.

"Salem is a favorite with a great team returning," said Wellman, "especially with Ron Orris returning who can swim anything."

Canton will have the chance to see some of these teams Saturday in the Western Lakes relay at the Salem pool.

The meet is scheduled to start at 7 a.m.

Chiefs grapplers hurt by injuries, illness

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

With only one meet down, the Canton boys wrestling team is already plagued with injuries, said Canton wrestling coach Ray Kossakowski.

Going into Saturday's Belleville Invitational, the Chiefs had four varsity wrestlers out with minor injuries or illnesses.

Among those injured is Tim Nardini, a wrestler Kossakowski noted at the beginning of the season as being a major key to Canton's success this year.

But even with four substitutes competing, Canton was able to make it through the meet respectably, said Kossakowski.

Leon Rentz was the top grappler for Canton with a second place finish in the 135 lbs. weight class.

Also placing were Nick Purzer (152 lbs.) with a fifth place finish. Mike Golchek (145 lbs.) also captured a fifth place finish.

"I think you'd always like to do better," said Kossakowski. "But for the experience level of the team we did well."

Canton wrestles against Northville on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Northville.

River Rats roll, 65-55

Huron clips Canton

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

For a few minutes it looked like a great comeback, but then it stopped short.

The closest the Canton boys basketball squad came to beating Ann Arbor Huron Friday was a four points, but even that didn't last very long.

After being dominated by Huron's rebounding in the first half, the Chiefs, who are 1-1 on the season, found a way to shutdown Huron's inside game in the second half, said Canton coach Tom Niemi.

According to Niemi, Canton came within four points of Huron in the fourth quarter, but was unable to capitalize. Huron went on to sink three three-point shots, and hit nine of eleven shots from the foul line to win the game.

"They hurt us in the first half," said Niemi. "They got a few fast breaks, and out rebounded us."

Niemi said he attributes the loss to an assortment of things, including

poor rebounding by his team in the first half.

The Chiefs were out rebounded 18-8 at the end of the first half.

The other problem mentioned by Niemi was the play off his bench.

"The bench played well, but we didn't get the points from them like we usually do," said the coach.

Niemi said he was pleased with the play of seniors Brian Paupore and Troy Waldron.

Paupore led the game in scoring with 26, while Waldron racked up 19 points in the game.

Paupore also led the Chiefs in rebounding with 10.

Niemi praised the River Rats strength.

"They're extremely big and physical," said Niemi. "And we had a problem early on."

The Chiefs played Dearborn yesterday and play Walled Lake Western on Friday at Western, game time is 7:30 p.m.

Salem tankers look tough in dual meet, invitational

BY RITA DERBIN

The boys are off to a fast start in the Salem pool this season.

The Rocks defeated Dearborn, 105-67, on Thursday and then finished first (326 points) at the Belleville Invitational on Saturday to start their season at 2-0.

At Saturday's meet, Salem had four first place finishes, all of which were meet records, to edge Redford Catholic Central (274 points) and Belleville (271 points).

First place finishers were: Mike Hill in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.45); Ron Orris in the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.66) and the 500-yard freestyle (4:52.56); and the 400-yard freestyle relay of Orris, Fred Seidelman, Rick Steshetz and Hill (3:24.91).

On Thursday there were eight first-place finishes: the 200-yard medley relay of Sean Fitzgerald, Mark Erickson, Orris and Hill (1:45.05); and Seidelman in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.51).

Also, Orris broke the Salem varsity record and set a new pool record for the 200-yard individual medley (1:56.18) and broke a varsity record in winning the 100-yard butterfly (52.12).

Also, winning were Hill in the 50-yard freestyle (23.25); Pat McManaman in diving (157.3 points); Steshetz won the 100-yard freestyle (54.43); and the 400-yard freestyle relay of Steve Wells, Rick Shimmel, Craig Wilsher and Chris Caloia (3:46.01).

"A win is a win," said coach Chuck Olson. "But we need to be better against the conference on Saturday (at the Western Lakes Relays) to do well. We've always done well at the relays," Olson added. "And I expect us to do well again."

The Rocks are a rebuilding team after losing 13 seniors but, according to Olson, the team should still be considered the favorite to repeat as conference champions.

"There are a lot of good teams out there and many people will differ with me," the coach said. "But we won last year and should be favored to win again."

There are a lot of new swimmers this year that show some potential but no one stands out, Olson said.

"A lot of guys have an opportunity to swim this year," he added. "Some have already stepped out and have done well, but others are not quite ready for the responsibility."

According to Olson the one true standout on the team is Orris, who finished in the top six last year in both the 100 and 200-yard freestyle at the state meet.

"He has already had pretty impressive times in breaking varsity and meet records," said Olson of the junior swimmer. "Ron should be even be better this year than last year."

Also expected to provide leadership and experience to the underclassmen on the team are senior tri-captains Seidelman, Hill and Fitzgerald.

The key to the season, however, will be Christmas practices.

"Christmas vacation will provide major practice time," said Olson. "The boys will swim longer and those practices will be a good indicator of what will take place the rest of the season."

The Rocks will take on the rest of their conference rivals in the relays at the Salem pool at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Salem spikers steal 'Yuletide' tourney

BY RITA DERBIN

'Tis the season to be jolly ... and the Salem girls volleyball team was just that after winning the Henry Ford Community College Yuletide Volleyball Invitational on Saturday.

Saturday's win marks the first time the Rocks have won a tournament in the five years Betty Smith has been varsity coach.

After the 10-team field was divided, Salem split matches with Wayne Memorial (15-9, 10-15); Dearborn Edsel Ford (15-10, 10-15); and Westland John Glenn (15-8, 14-16).

The Rocks defeated Troy Athens 15-8, 15-4 and defeated Edsel Ford in a 15-10 tiebreaker to reach the semifinals.

In semifinal action, Salem defeated Dearborn Aquinas (15-1, 15-5) before defeating Garden City 15-7, 15-7 in the finals.

Several girls shared the spotlight in the victory. Senior Maria Wordhouse had 29 service aces and 34 kills for the day and juniors Asaka Motoyama and Aimee Rutan came through with key plays and, according to Smith, "The whole winning experience wouldn't have been possible without junior setter Candy Woitas.

"I commend the whole team," said Smith. "They have been working hard with three-hour practices ever since I made cuts.

"Saturday was more of a mental victory," Smith added. "The girls learned what they can do, one of the girls commented, 'We learned we were a lot better than we thought we were'."

The Rocks will open their conference schedule Jan. 11 against rival Canton.

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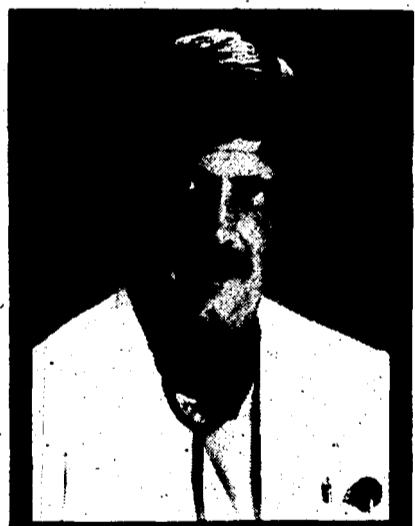
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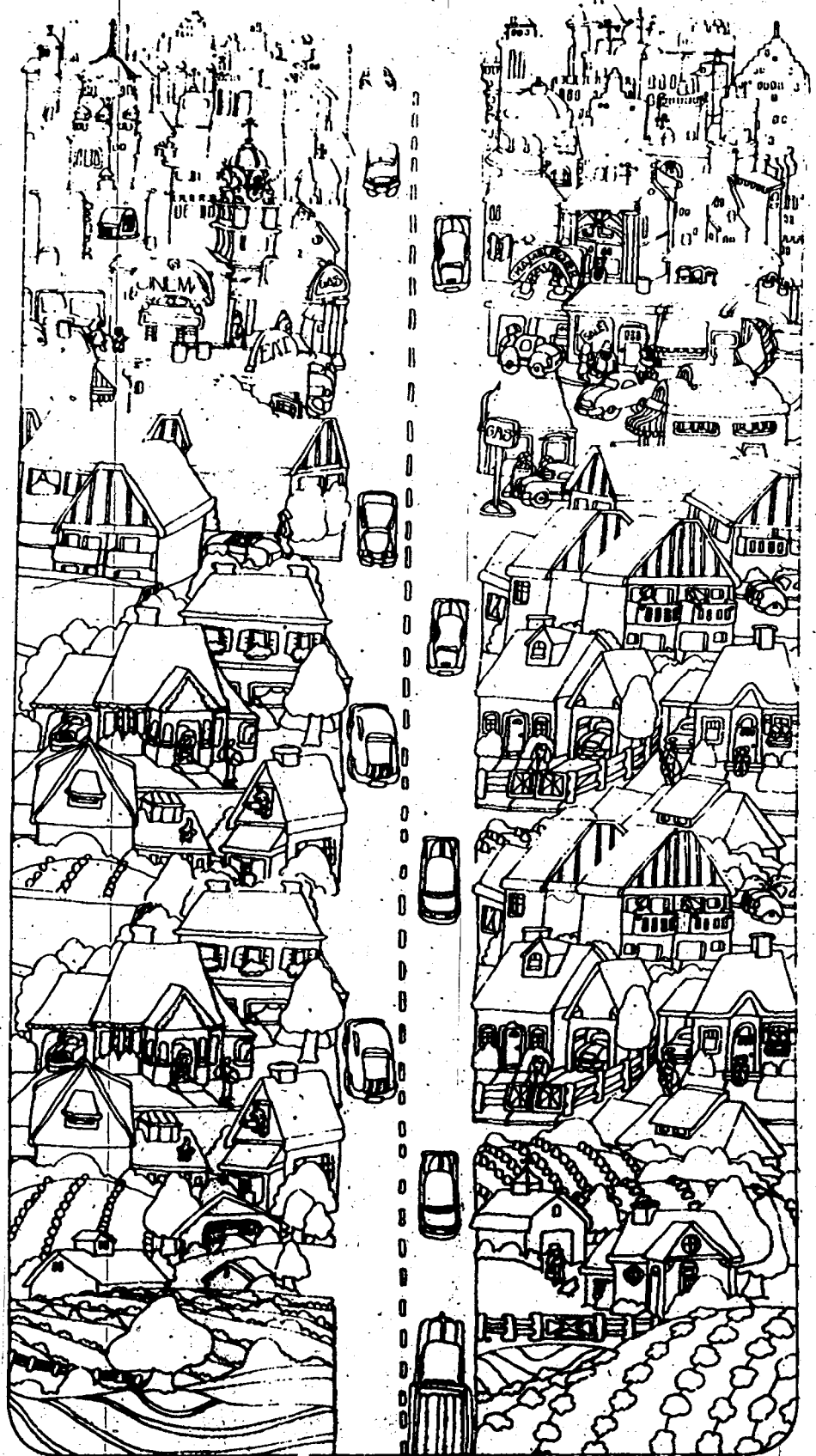
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Take Trenton, too

Salem hoops downs tough Southfield

BY RITA DERBIN

Whoever said there was such a thing as a sophomore jinx was not talking about Salem basketball player Jake Baker.

The Rock sophomore helped put two wins in the book for Salem by dominating the boards in the team's first two games of the young 1988-89 season.

Last Tuesday, the Rocks defeated Southfield, which was a preseason top-25 team, by the score of 79-57 and in the season opener on Dec. 2 the Rocks defeated Trenton 68-59.

In both games Baker led Salem in rebounds -- 10 against Southfield and nine against Trenton -- while scoring 12 and 18 points against the two teams, respectively.

"I'm not surprised with the way he's contributing," said coach Bob Brodie who was concerned about his sophomore standout's lack of varsity experience before the season began. "Baker knows what to do with the ball.

"He can jump out of the gym and is gaining more confidence each game," Brodie added. "He's going to be one of the better players around by the time he's a senior."

The leading scorer in both games was senior Jeff Elliott who came up with 25 points against Southfield and

27 against Trenton. Elliott also led the Rocks with seven assists in the Trenton game, while Craig Marshall had eight assists against Southfield to lead the team.

Junior Jeff Gold also added 10 points in the victory against Trenton.

Brodie said the season opener against Trenton "was not pretty or smooth" but he said he was pleased with the outcome.

The Southfield game was a total team effort.

"The kids came out to play," said the coach. "It was two or three-point game until we wore them out in the fourth quarter with our fast break.

"The team played all four quarters," added Brodie. "Everyone contributed and we got lots of help off the bench."

One player off the bench in par-

ticular rose to the occasion.

Junior guard Tom Noonan came off the bench when the team needed a lift and contributed four assists and four points in a short span. "He did a great job and was a pleasant surprise," according to Brodie.

The Rocks played Monroe yesterday and will host defending league champion Walled Lake Central at 6 p.m. on Friday.

PCJBA leaders shoot for top

In the Girls A League of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA), the Celtics held off the Lakers to maintain their grip on first place with a record of 5-2.

They are followed closely by the Lakers (4-3); the Suns (3-4); and the Kings (2-5).

In last week's action, the Celtics downed the Lakers, 47-35, and were then eclipsed by the Suns, 32-33. On a roll, the Suns also stopped the Kings, 36-21. The Lakers also beat up on the Kings, 35-27.

In Boys B League action, the Nets, Lakers, and Sonics, all 2-0, hold the top spot in the American Division. They are followed by the Spurs and the

Knicks, both 1-1. The 76ers, Rockets and the Kings, share last place with 0-2 records.

In the National Division, the Celtics, Bucks, and Jazz, all 2-0, remain deadlocked in first place. They are followed by the Pacers and Hawks, both 1-1. The Suns, Pistons, and Bulls are in last place with 0-2 records.

In last week's action, the Nets clipped the 76ers, 35-11; the Sonics crushed the Kings, 66-27; the Jazz smoked the Suns, 55-28; the Hawks pecked the Pacers, 27-25; the Knicks dunned the Spurs, 37-31; the Lakers swamped the Rockets, 54-51; the Celtics rode the Bulls, 38-22; and the Bucks stopped the Pistons, 41-26.

In the Boys A League, the 8-0 Pistons remain undefeated in the National Division. They are followed by the Bulls (7-1); the Jazz (4-4); the Bucks (3-5); and the Knicks and the Nets, both 1-7.

In the American Division, the Rockets remain perfect at 8-0. They are followed by the Suns (6-2); the Kings and the Spurs, both 3-5; and the Celtics and the Lakers, both 2-6.

In last week's games, the Bulls stomped the Knicks, 66-48; the Pistons tangled the Nets, 71-51; the Spurs kicked the Kings, 65-58; the Jazz beat the Bucks, 50-42; the Suns burned the Celtics, 84-67; and the Rockets blasted the Lakers, 83-63.



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Bobby LaRiche — what, no response this week? I'm SO sad ... Boo hoo, Boo hoo.

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I'm seeing Red over Christmas. Blue, without you!

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Mark wants Santa's reindeer & Dan wants his sleigh so they both can deliver both the mail & The Crier to aliens in outer space.

Jack, wake-up, I think you're dreaming.

John, welcome back to Michigan. I hope you brought some nice warm weather with you. Jack

Congratulations Mary P. on your new home!

Jane! — For heavens sake — get a secretary!

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) Focus on your children and their close friends. Keep an open mind and be nice. Beware of calling friends during the early morning hours as this can be cause for difficult connections. You will be the center of attention when out with your mate, Christmas green will attract numerous glances.

Dad — Thanks for the surprise visit last Tues. It really brightened my day! — Peg.

BOBBY LaRICHE — should we try for 3 weeks in a row? Have you found out who I am? Here's a clue — I'm 30 years old! Have a great day & SMILE!!!

Tim — it is a strange world we live in. People suffering from the same pain can have opposite reactions. For example one could be grimacing and the other up with a smile on his face.

Great X-mas party — thanks Phyllis & Ed!

Happy 28th Jen!! (from sister No. 1)

Ed and Phyllis — Thanks for the great party. A good time was had by all. Merry Christmas.

Jenny wants Santa to bring her a bouncing baby doll.

Julie feels old at 17! How did all your cousin's children grow up so FAST?!!

Red — I need a sponge, a mop, a bucket and a plunger quick! Red? Red? HELP!

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Paul, thanks for letting me borrow your jacket.

Marge Bidwell turns 50 this weekend. Happy Birthday Mom.

S.L. had the privilege of having dinner with H.T.

Grandma and Grandpa Wessel — you can come to Plymouth — Even without your eggs!

Happy Birthday Alex! You will soon be old enough to knock the tree over.

JERRY and NEAL will be back in town for the Holidays — Look out! Mom

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Jayne — Somebody out there loves you. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Everyone would like to thank J.A. for putting up & decorating the office tree.

"I'VE KNOWN a lot of dogs — human and animal — but Beaugard's a great one." — Paul McCormick, 1988 (OK — but don't keep him out too late, Paul)

Red likes lights, lights, lights, and more lights! Blue

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) Not worry, things are changing for the better. Spotlight for '89 will be good health and it will be a financially rewarding year. Although you will continue to look "UP" to people there will be more people you can look at eye to eye. Remember to always sit on the highest bar stool.

HoneyBunny — So what do you think? Phony, huh!? — JamBunny

DOES PAMELA BROWN read Curiosities?

BrightEyes: Did you like it or was it — (you know the word I'm thinking of)! **DarkEyes.**

Jack — 'Tis the season to what? Remember, timing is everything!!

Welcome Jack Devries and Family — new Plymouth residents.

JOE LANDELUIS and family: the staff of The Community Crier and COMMA, include you in our prayers.

I apologize to S.L. for messing up her rendezvous with H.T.

Jack — you give me "goose bumps"!!!!

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Who is "the Fat Man"?

Remember the princess?

Ron, how will Santa recognize you with that hair cut?

The winner of the prestigious Woody Merchant Award for 1988 is — **MICHELE BUSS!** Congratulations, Michele!

MOM: sorry you don't like these cigars.

Hurricane — Shopping with you: nothing better I like to do ... except ... Tomado.

Rich, congratulations. YOU MADE IT. Now you got it easy, all you have to do is face the real world.

CINDY BURGESS and **BILL JOYNER:** a great time was had by all.

Nice to see you Jean, take me back to Florida with you!

Only two more days until Christmas break starts for Purdue students!

Miki — Isn't it great to be home for Christmas? Maybe you could spend some time there between jobs! Where do you get your energy?

HoneyBunny: "Your the Best," Love you always! — JamBunny

IF YOU DON'T believe Jack Wilcox, read the lips on his Christmas card.

BrightEyes: It will be the same-o, same-o, here — (as usual)! — **DarkEyes.**

Jack is trying to be good because he doesn't have any place to burn coal.

Guess who is a walking, talking Christmas tree? Her initials are P.R.

Happy Holidays! All Crierites!

Thanks Chuck and Larry at the Skatin' Station — I love my new wheels!

Now it is time to panic! Only 11 days left for shopping.

Lynn thanks you for the moose.

Jessica Dean was born to Bodgie!!

Let It Snow, Let It Snow!

LISA FILAR made it to 35.

Ed and Phyllis — Great Party! Thanks!

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Curiosities

Shawn — How did you feel the morning after?

Ed and Fred, I'm still waiting. Jack.

Nice to have you back John Broderick!

Chris — Was that you I saw driving on the wrong side of the road last week? Bimney!

Is Joy shorter than Paul?

Oh my gosh! Curios?!!?!?!?

Are back problems contagious?

Jane! — Gorbachev says "Sorry we missed you at lunch!"

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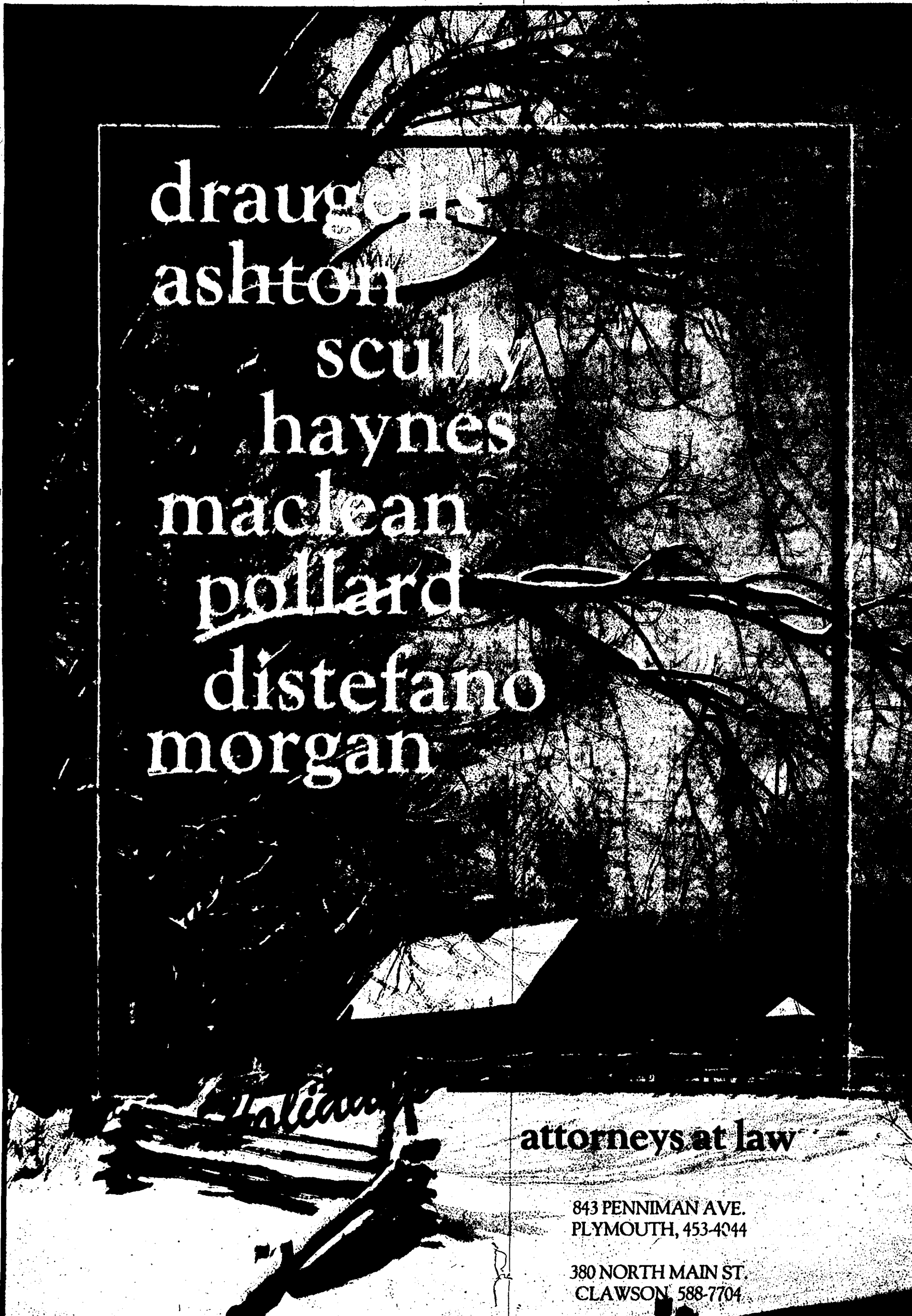
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