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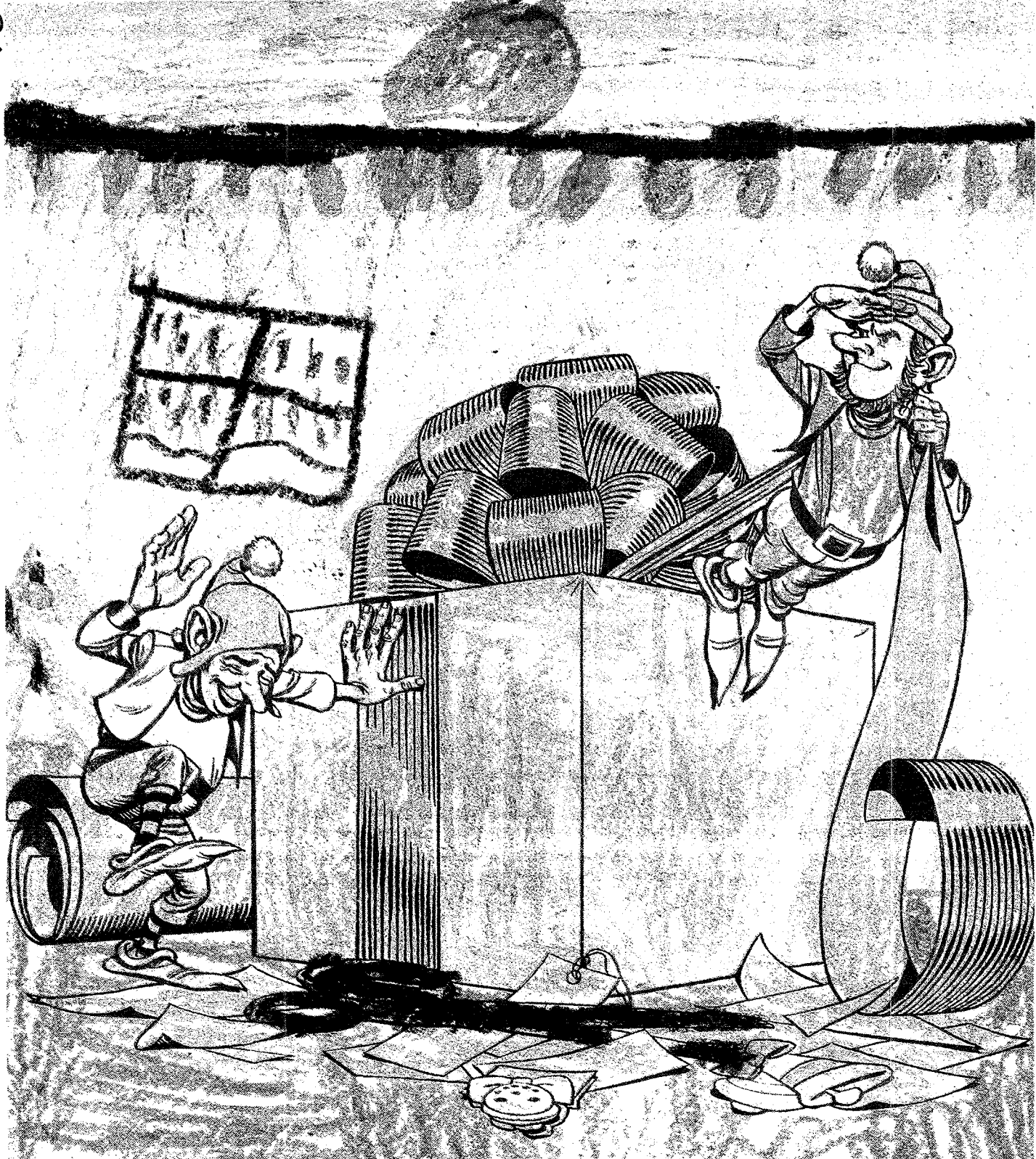
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Community Crier crowns Christmas coloring champ



Chris Rowley of Canton was the winner of The Community Crier's Holiday Coloring Contest in the first and second grade division. Valerie Stacey of Plymouth took first in the preschool/kindergarten division; Hannah Pate won in the third and fourth grade division; and Kyle Zink was the top artist for the fifth and sixth grade. In addition to the awesome coloring entries received by The Crier, Santa was treated to a mail bag full of holiday wishes, which can be found on pages 11-18.

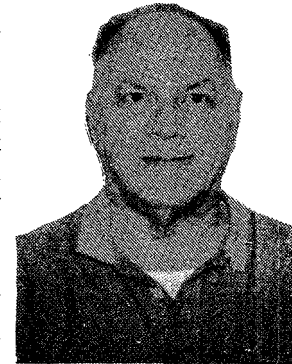
Former Postmaster dead at 65

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

John A. Mulligan, who guided the Plymouth Post Office through a period of incredible turmoil and change in the 1970s, died Dec. 4 at the age of 65.

Mulligan worked as Plymouth Postmaster for nearly 25 years and helped the post office through the transition from a department in the Federal government to the quasi-government entity it is today.

According to current Plymouth Postmaster Joe Groff, Mulligan was a dedicated post office employee. "I would say



JOHN A. MULLIGAN

this post office was very well run considering the changes that happened when John was Postmaster," he said.

In addition to the mammoth change when the post office became somewhat independent in the 1970s, Mulligan also oversaw the switch to automation.

He was appointed Postmaster by President Lyndon Johnson.

Groff said employees are planning a memorial service — possibly the planting of a memorial tree — but final details are not set.

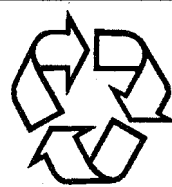
Mulligan moved to the Plymouth community in 1956 from Long Island, NY, where he became very involved in the community he served.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, a member of the Morning Kiwanis Club and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Mulligan served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and also served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

Mulligan is survived by his wife, Catherine V. Mulligan; son, Pat Mulligan of Plymouth; mother, Mary Mulligan of Plymouth; and uncle, Jerome V. Jerome of North Carolina.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.



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Elementary, high school in \$80 million bond forecast

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Based on three community forums, the Bond Steering Committee was scheduled to recommend last night to the Plymouth-Canton School Board the construction of a third high school and a new elementary school as part of an estimated \$86 million project, according to Superintendent Charles Little.

Recommendations were also scheduled to include complete electrical and

computer updates and structural repairs to the district's 21 school buildings, Little said.

A March vote to approve approximately \$80 million in bonds is anticipated. The money would be bonded over 25 years.

The proposed high school would be located at Beck and Joy roads, on the 175 available acres at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park site, but west of Canton and Salem high schools. Despite no plans to include swimming pool or auditorium, Little said the high school wouldn't be within walking distance of Canton and Salem.

Said P-C School Board President Mark Horvath about the location: "The corner of Beck and Joy, I don't know if we can get anymore specific than that."

The precise elementary school location is unknown, though the Bond Steering Committee was expected to recommend it be built in Canton. Currently, the school district owns four plots of land in Canton, excluding the PCEP property.

The Bond Steering Committee's presentation was also set to include a list of five-year projections by John Birchler, the district's director of business and operations.

"The complete recommendation in

Bond details:

- \$86 million total project cost
- 25-year bond life
- High school proposed for corner of Beck and Joy roads
- Elementary will be in Canton

total is about \$86 million bonded over 25 years with a millage increase, an approximate debt millage increase of 1.7 mills that would give the district a total debt millage of approximately 3.93 mills," Little said.

According to Birchler, it will cost more than \$1 million to open the two schools, and approximately \$1.8 million annually for operation expenses.

He said the school district is attempting to avoid what happened in 1993, when there wasn't enough money to open Tonda and Bentley elementary schools following the 1991 bond approval. "As for what happened last time, the school district had made projections to open the schools, but the state had made a lot of revenue changes that year (fiscal year 1993-94) right before that happened," he said... "Hopefully, they won't change the

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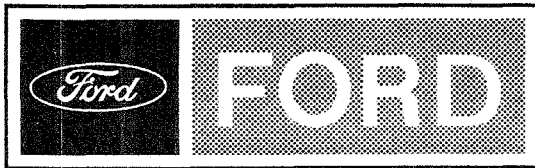
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Even small Santas get hungry

Tylor Wright, 7, found out that being a Santa-look-alike is demanding work. Linda Lutkus served him sausages to rebuild his strength. It was all part of Smith Elementary School's "Breakfast with Santa" celebration held Saturday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Despite drop in cases, drunken driving still enormous problem in P-C-N

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Drunken driving cases in the 35th District Court have dropped by nearly 100 cases in the past year, but it's still a problem of epidemic proportions in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Despite the drop, approximately 740 drunken driving cases have gone through

the court this year, according to 35th District Court Director of Probation Sue Ewing.

Even though drunken driving cases make up only a fraction of the 38,000 cases that go through the court each year, 35th District Court Administrator Marion Belding said the cost is still staggering.

"They (drunken driving cases) take up a tremendous amount of time on the docket," she said.

35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald said drunken driving cases have decreased as the proportion of enforcement has increased. "Another reason is stiffer fines and more probation programs," he said.

Stiff fines indeed. MacDonald said a first-time convicted drunken driver faces: a \$500 fine; \$250 in court costs; one year of probation, which includes a \$360 administration cost; \$75 for alcohol screening; an alcohol education program, which the offender must pay for; and most likely, an increase in automobile insurance. Repeat offenders face increased fines — and possibly some jail time.

According to Ewing, her goal is to prevent the convicted drunken driver from repeating.

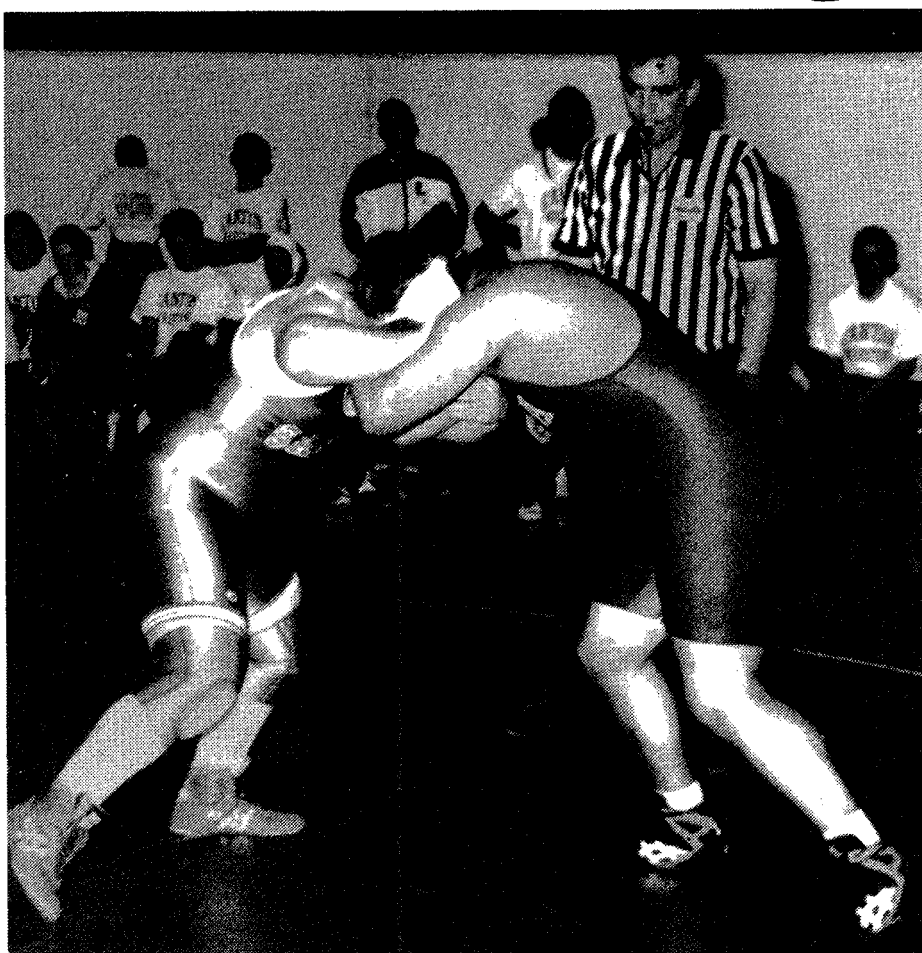
"I'd like to think that we are reaching people who need to be treated," Ewing said of the court's alcohol screening and probation program, which is accredited by the State of Michigan. "We do have an accurate screening and assessment program, which means we can come up with a good match for a treatment program."

Probation is almost always given to convicted drunken drivers. Ewing said the 35th District Court takes a conservative stance on probation. "The offender will be given an order not to drink or go to any bars," she said. "There is a number of people who report to probation smelling of alcohol. If we find they've been drinking, chances are they'll be spending a week in jail. It adds teeth to an order."

MacDonald said avoiding fines and jail time is simple: Don't drive after drinking. "Sure, it's frustrating to see people come in on their second or third offense," he said. "They may end up going to jail or to an in-patient program."

"People need to remember not to drink and drive. If they do decide to drink, they should have a designated driver."

Battle of the Big



Salem's Charlie Hamblin tangles with Canton's Ryan Sarrach in a heavyweight division battle. Hamblin won the match as the winter sports season began. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The annual St. Nick Frolic Christmas program will be held for Canton senior citizens today. Call 397-5444 for times.
- The Community Federal Credit Union is collecting hats, gloves, socks, scarves and canned goods under their "Woolly Trees," located at each of the credit union offices.

WEEKEND

- Matt and Carol Adams are collecting food and new clothes and toys at the Canton Kmart parking lot Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. This is the second year the Adams have collected for the needy. They are attempting to help 400 families.
- Don Schneider's York Street Glass Studio will be open to the public for the next two Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Follow Liberty Street east to York Street and head one block north. Look for the weathered sign that reads, "York Street Glass"

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday at 7 p.m. The meeting room is on the second floor of City Hall.

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What do the good little girls and boys of Plymouth and Canton want from Santa? See the "Dear Santa" section on pgs. 11-18 of this week's Crier



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

GORDON L. DETTER

Gordon L. Detter, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 8, 1996 at the age of 68.

Mr. Detter was born Sept. 3 in Dearborn. He came to this community in 1979 from Farmington Hills. He is the co-founder and vice president of sales for World Manufacturing in Wayne from 1962-92. They supplied precision aerospace parts and assemblies to Boeing, McDonald Douglas, Lear and many other aircraft companies. He was also co-owner and president of Thread Grinding Service from 1978-95. He was a member of Masonic Lodge Dearborn #172; member of the Moslem Temple Shrine; member of the Scottish Rite; and 25-year member of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Detter is survived by his wife of 46 years, Elizabeth A. Detter; daughter, Laura Shearer of Plymouth; sons, Brian Detter of Plymouth, Jon (Sandra) Detter of Plano, TX and Kevin (Sharon) Detter of Farmington Hills; sister, Mildred Shuel of Springhill, FL; and grandchildren, Justin, Lindsey, Sarah, Korinn, Sabrina and Matthew.

Visitation is today from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. James Skimins of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Michigan Chapter, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-2254.

WILMA M. KAISER

Wilma M. Kaiser, a Stockbridge resident, died Dec. 4, 1996 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Kaiser was born July 16, 1916 in Cheboygan County, daughter of William H. and Minnie (Zander) Scheppe.

Community involvements include Lyndon Township Planning Commission Board for 17 years, Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, Washtenaw County Extension Board, Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge member both of Stockbridge, Monday Club of Stockbridge, and the Fun and Study Neighborhood Club. She and her husband Norman owned the Kaiser Greenhouse for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Kaiser is survived by her husband, Norman Kaiser; son, Ronald (Arlene) Kaiser of Stockbridge; daughter, Arlene (Richard) Koker of Gregory; sister, Mildred Dempsey of South Lyon; grandchildren, David (Wendy) Koker, Daniel (Shona) Koker, Tracy (Scott) Collier, Jennifer and Michelle Kaizer; two nephews; two nieces. She is preceded in death by her brother, Warren Scheppe.

Services were held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge with Rev. Robin Clair officiating. Burial was at North Waterloo Cemetery. Memorial tributes can be made to Stockbridge Area Ambulance or Dayspring Ministries.

JAMES R. GREENSHIELDS

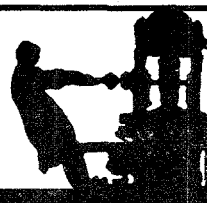
James R. Greenshields, a Plymouth resident and seasonal resident of Big Bay, died Nov. 24, 1996 at the age of 67.

Mr. Greenshields was born Feb. 23, 1929 in Detroit, the son of James S. and Emily (Liska) Greenshields. He was raised in Wayne, attending the Henry Ford Trade School and later the journeyman's school for diemaking. He was also a graduate of Lawrence Tech, where he received his mechanical engineering degree. He was

employed with the Ford Motor Company for 38 years, retiring in 1986 after serving as a supervisor for the Rouge Steel Division. He resided in Plymouth for 35 years and along with his wife, had been a seasonal resident of Big Bay since 1955. In 1969 the couple purchased their home on Lake Independence, continuing to be seasonal residents. An avid car buff, he enjoyed boating, fishing and numerous building and remodeling projects at his homes. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Army from 1951-53.

Mr. Greenshields is survived by his wife Frieda (Beachum) Greenshields, whom he married in 1950; daughters, Carol (Dale) Hill of Niles, Susan (Larry) Blan and Julia (Todd) Teasdale, both of Westland; sons, James W. (Susan) Greenshields, Tom (Cheryl) Greenshields, David Greenshields, Phil Greenshields and Dan Greenshields — all of Plymouth — and Michael (April) Greenshields of Wayne; 13 grandchildren; sister, Mary (Rodney) Johnson of Westland; brothers, Richard (Pat) Greenshields of

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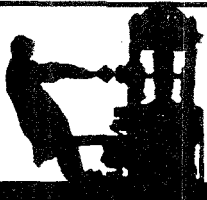
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Ron Edwards
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NOTICE 1996 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CITY OF PLYMOUTH 201 S. MAIN ST PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (313) 453-1234 X 222

The December Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The Board will review Homestead or Hardship Appeals, Clerical Errors and Mutual Mistake of Fact corrections.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the board of Review.

Mark Christiansen
Assessor

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Marine Lance Cpl. Romeo G. Cairo, son of Anthony J. and Paula M. Cairo of Canton, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the slips of the USS Nassau Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG). He is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School.

Four Plymouth-Canton educators have been nominated for the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators (MAMSE) Teaching Team of the Year Award. Nominated from West Middle School were team teachers: Jodi Ring, sixth grade social studies; Lynnette Gordon, sixth grade math; Cheryl Holten, sixth grade science; and Lori Grady, special education instructor. Finalists will be announced in January.

Navy Lt. Gregory Buck of Plymouth recently departed on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 117, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. He is a 1986 graduate of Canton High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. David C. Smith, son of Linda C. Drury of Canton, recently returned from a six-month overseas deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans, and Persian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group. He is a 1993 graduate of Canton High School.



BRANDON SLONE

Canton resident **Brandon Slone** and **Caroline Clapper** of Plymouth, who are attending Madonna University in Livonia, will be among the students listed in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Christmas celebration in Plymouth

Clara Alexander and her family have gathered for a Christmas celebration in Plymouth for the past 70 years. Alexander, 97, said Plymouth has always celebrated the holidays in grand style. Many of the retail shops were decorated to attract shoppers in downtown Plymouth and in Lowertown. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

When Clara Alexander and her friends would happen upon a shiny penny during the holidays in Plymouth, there was little doubt where it would be spent.

The children would run as fast as they could to Lapham's Store on Holbrook Street in Lowertown to buy ribbon to decorate their dolls.

That was more than 90 years ago, but Alexander's child-like joy over the holiday season remains unchanged. For the 70th consecutive year, Alexander is hosting a family Christmas celebration at her Mill Street home.

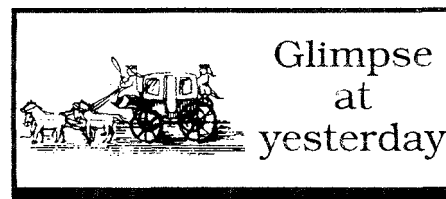
Although she's 97 years old and can't do all the cooking or decorating herself, the family still looks forward to the annual celebration.

Table leaves will be dusted off and card tables will be pushed together to create the makeshift banquet hall. Relatives will arrive from as far away as Gartner, MT.

"I must say that it gets better every year," said Alexander. "It's just nice to get some of the family together that we don't often see."

Love of family is the glue that has held the Christmas celebration together for the past seven decades.

Family has always been important for



Alexander, who was born in a house on Liberty Street and who hasn't lived more than a half-mile from there in her life.

"I remember going to the Lutheran church on Spring Street during Christmas," she said. "You had to tilt your neck back as far as you could to see the top of the Christmas tree they had there."

"There was a man who would stand near the tree with a big pail of water and a long bamboo stick with a sponge on it, just in case the tree would catch fire."

Life was simpler then. And according to Alexander, the holiday season was just as important.

"Back then, the trains ran to Detroit," she said. "A streetcar used to run from Northville to Plymouth and then go on to Wayne, where you'd have to change cars. One train would go on to Detroit, the other went to Ann Arbor."

Although Alexander said shopping in Detroit was a treat, most of the holiday buying was done right here in Plymouth.

"Christmas was very special in town," she said, "and boy, did they ever decorate. There was always something going on."

Alexander said she remembers stores like Shingleton's, a men's clothing store, and Heide's Flower Shop, which used to be located on the corner of Liberty and Mill streets, decorated brightly for the holiday season.

She too would decorate her house for the holidays. Although she's not able to string the garland or Christmas lights anymore, her holiday spirit remains unchanged.

She and her family will gather again at Alexander's house on Mill Street on Dec. 22.

She hasn't cooked her special "Chicken and Rice" dish for three years now, but other family members have stepped in to provide the meal. There will be the traditional honey-baked ham, scalloped potatoes and green bean salad.

There will also be memories of Christmas past. The family will remember their loved ones who have died. They will celebrate the new additions to the family.

Most importantly, they will spend Christmas together in Plymouth for the 70th year, celebrating what's most important in life — family.

PSO looking for instrumental soloists

The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to \$600 in awards to instrumental soloists and provide the opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Chamber Music Recital.

The recital will be held in the Canton High School Little Theatre on Jan. 25, 1997. First prize winner may be invited to perform as a soloist with the PSO.

"This is a wonderful opportunity being provided to area young people by the Plymouth Symphony," according to Youth Artist Competition Chairperson Peggy Price Heiney. "Applicants only have to reside in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville, Northville or Novi, but not necessarily attend schools in those areas. We want to provide this opportunity to all of the talented youth in these

communities."

Applicants must meet the requirements for entry in the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. Solo piano applicants will not be eligible. Students must complete an application and perform at the competition on Monday, Dec. 16.

"We want to use this award to build confidence in those talented young people who study music," said PSO Music Conductor Russell Reed. "The success of our orchestra depends on fostering new talent."

Applicants wishing more information can contact the Plymouth Symphony at 451-2112.

Parents call for reinstatement of West Middle science camp

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The West Middle School sixth grade science camp is one experiment that has worked. But a lack of teacher involvement at the Plymouth-Canton school has left the science camp a fiasco, students disappointed and parents angry over its apparent cancellation.

The Plymouth-Canton School Board heard pleas from residents at its Nov. 26 meeting to continue the three-day, overnight camp.

Superintendent Charles Little said he was working to reinstate the camp. "Everybody's trying to pull this together," he said.

West Middle School Principal Judith Stone could not be reached for comment.

Little said he was talking with teachers, who apparently refused to volunteer for the camp this fall after years of doing so. "I'd like to get the teachers involved. They've done such a great job in the past, and it's been such a success with the students," the superintendent said.

At the board meeting, parents suggested the teachers' decision to not supervise the camp was linked to the lingering affects of a three-month contract squabble between the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the school district. Out of the six teachers needed, only two agreed to go, parents said.

"The rumors are it is in response to contract negotiations," said City resident Del Templeton.

He said he was upset three out of the five middle schools in the district are going to science camp, and so did previous years' sixth graders at West. "It's not fair when someone gets to do this, and others don't," said Templeton.

Great gift



Larry Bird, owner of Gabriela's, donated hundreds of canned goods to the Salvation Army's Lt. Randall Van Landingham. Bird offered a discount to shoppers who brought in the food for the needy. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Schools create 2 administration positions

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Despite an hour of questioning led by Vice President Michael Maloney, the Plymouth-Canton School Board approved the creation of two administrative positions at the Nov. 26 meeting.

In lieu of increasing technology needs and a new contract that includes three health care coverages as opposed to one, the schools will hire a telecommunication clerk and a fringe benefits clerk.

Maloney was the lone opposition in the 6-1 votes.

He asked for the positions' priorities and objectives to be defined, and more work to be done on the budget. "I'm concerned we're too eager to throw people at the problem," Maloney said.

He asked for the S.M.A.R.T. objectives for the telecommunication position. Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations and Personnel Errol Goldman provided three of five requirements, but he couldn't guarantee "Achievable" and "Time-bound."

Goldman said Donna Aveck, the director of computer services and instructional technology, is overworked and not performing tasks equal with her experience.

Board Trustee Liz Givens agreed. "We're wasting Donna," she said.

Said Treasurer Sue Davis: "Donna should be blending technology with curriculum. Right now, she's putting wires together."

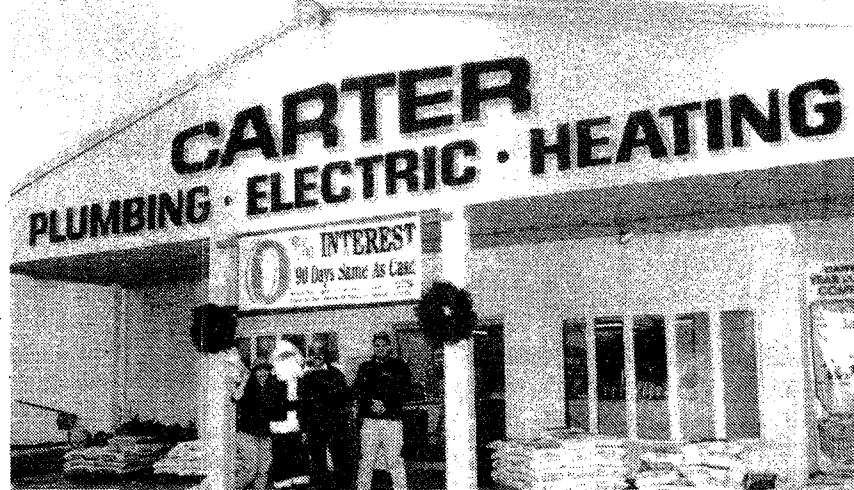
Goldman said Aveck, who has worked for the Plymouth-Canton Schools since 1991 and was not present at the meeting, is overburdened creating mail boxes and voice mail for the district's 1,600 lines.

"The communication clerk will get her back to doing a manageable job," said Goldman.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction K-12 Patrick O'Donnell said the communication clerk would allow Aveck to help him integrate uniform technology throughout the district.

Salaries and benefits for each position weren't discussed.

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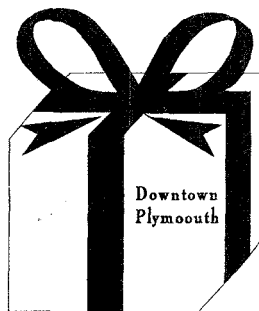
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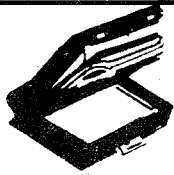
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

MedHealth Systems Corporation, a medical, rehabilitation and wellness services company based in Plymouth, recently announced the appointment of Dennis A. Christen as executive vice president for the Wellness Centers. Christen will oversee development of all programs and services at centers currently operating in Plymouth and Riverview as well as plans for future centers.

Services include cardiology, orthopedics, fitness and aquatic centers, physical medicine, sports medicine, cardiac rehabilitation and wellness programs.

Christen has 14 years of executive management experience in health care with a strong emphasis in outpatient programs. He graduated from the University of Chicago and holds a master's degree in health care administration from Ohio State University.

Sunny J's Lingerie, in the Westchester Mall on Forest Avenue, will host a holiday fashion show tomorrow as part of the celebration of their move and expansion in downtown Plymouth. The ribbon cutting ceremony will get things started at 6:45 p.m.

Lee Leroy took employment at First of America Corporation four months ago and recently earned his license as an investment executive. He will be offering investment services including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities and other financial services to individual and business clients. Leroy, a Salem High School and Central Michigan University graduate, was previously associated with Labadie Oldsmobile, Cadillac, and GMC Truck.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced that the grand opening celebration for **Dr. James Glinski, D.D.S.**, will be held Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. at his new office located at 44968 Ford Rd, Suite X.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening celebration for **Lai Thai Restaurant** yesterday. Located at 44928 Ford Rd., Lai Thai is owned and operated by Rattakarn and Pavana Thanupakorn. Rattakarn's brother, Chanyout, also serves as chef at the restaurant and brings more than eight years of experience in the restaurant industry, having worked as a chef in New York and Iowa.

AFO boss: overzealous assistant misplaced information during sting

BY BRIAN CORBETT

American Financial Options of Plymouth, charged last month with violating Michigan's Consumer Protection Act for operating a "pyramid scheme", is disputing the accusations and considering legal action against the state Attorney General's Office, AFO Chief Executive Officer David Schuhardt said.

"There is going to be some type of legal procedures. I mean, this is terrible," said Schuhardt, a Plymouth resident.

Schuhardt, a licensed builder, said clients have backed out of deals following the disclosure of the charges. He blames an overzealous assistant attorney general for misplacing important information and not completely reviewing paperwork in the investigation, part of a national sting operation called "Operation Missed

Fortune."

And he has a Michigan State Police Officer on his side to prove it, Schuhardt said.

But the Attorney General's Office is still pursuing its Notice of Intended Action (NIA), which could result in \$25,000 in fines said Spokesperson Chris DeWitt.

It all started a year ago when Schuhardt and AFO President Darren Neely were independent sales representatives for National Credit Repair, a company regulated by the Federal Trade Commission that helps people with credit problems to consolidate debts and attain lower mortgage rates.

It's a "very reputable" business, Schuhardt says, citing a flawless record with the Better Business Bureau since 1988.

Then, late last year, a fellow worker

told them about Creative Financial Options, an Indiana-based direct telecommunication sales company. The two men thought phone service would be a good match in their dealing with struggling new homeowners, Schuhardt said.

It offered good rates and a travel plan sales incentive, Schuhardt said.

Intrigued, Schuhardt began what he calls "our due diligence process" earlier this year. He contacted the BBB in Indiana, the Direct Selling Association, and the Internal Revenue Service. He found CFO to be a "well established, reputable firm" that uses a method of distribution similar to Amway and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

In early November of this year, Schuhardt said he handed information pertaining to CFO over to a friend, who is also a Michigan State Police Detective that has experience investigation "pyramid schemes."

The police officer then turned the information in to the Attorney General's Office approval of CFO and AFO. And that's where the problem occurred, Schuhardt said, because an early November voice mail message left by a newspaper reporter soon informed Schuhardt and Neely of the NIA and cease and desist order against CFO and AFO. "We said, 'What?' How can you cease and desist when you haven't even begun yet? AFO had not signed up with CFO because our due diligence was not yet complete," said Schuhardt.

Days later, on Nov. 20, Schuhardt traveled to Lansing to meet with Marilyn McEwen, the franchise administrator for the Consumer Protection Division. "The information that had been given to (the Attorney General's Office) was mysteriously missing, Marilyn McEwen didn't have it," Schuhardt said.

Schuhardt said an assistant attorney general flubbed the investigation. "He did not investigate at all, as far as we know," said Schuhardt. "He did not follow guidelines set out by the Attorney General's Office for investigating 'pyramid schemes,' or whatever you call them."

DeWitt is aware of AFO's claims. "They're not too happy, but the fact is, they're involved in this," he said.

The Attorney General's Office, CFO and AFO are having ongoing discussions, and DeWitt said the status of the charges could change. As for AFO's threat of legal action, DeWitt said: "They are certainly welcome to try that."

Canton, Northville Township Home Depot stores charged with deceptive advertising

Home Depot stores in Canton and Northville Township have been accused of deceptive advertising and violating item pricing laws by the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

According to the Attorney General's Office, Home Depot, Inc. had 10 days to respond to a Notice of Intended Action (NIA) filed Dec. 2 or face a lawsuit to halt the alleged violations of Michigan's Consumer Protection, and Item Pricing and Deceptive Advertising acts.

The Home Depot Public Relations Department said the Atlanta-based hardware superstore is "vigorously working to comply with the State of Michigan's item pricing requirements" and is meeting with the Attorney General's Office to ensure compliance.

The maximum penalty for knowing and persistent violations of the Consumer Protections Act is \$25,000.

The NIA said that in 1995 investigators from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division found that Home Depot stores in Canton, Northville, Pontiac and Utica were failing to item price almost all consumer goods as required by the law. According to the Attorney General's Office, when Home Depot was informed of the failures to comply with the law, they gave verbal assurances that the stores would be brought into compliance.

In October and November of this year, investigators returned to the Home Depot stores in Canton, Northville and Saginaw and found that the stores had failed to come into compliance with the item pricing law. Also, it was discovered that those items that were properly priced did not reflect the correct price when scanned at the cash register.

Home Depot is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville, and in Canton at 39825 Ford Rd.

"Home Depot's record on compliance with Michigan's item pricing law is abysmal. Store managers have had more than enough time to properly price items in their stores," said Attorney General Frank J. Kelley.

Home Depot's Public Relations Department noted that Massachusetts and Michigan are the only states where Home Depot does business using unit pricing. Further, the company said that all of its stores have merchandise clearly and conspicuously marked by shelving pricing and UPC bar codes.

"The Home Depot abides by the Michigan law and will quickly put in place the additional pricing information," said the Public Relations Department.

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Health...

NEW BEGINNINGS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss because of death or divorce is welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-7630.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

WARM CLOTHING FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

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

RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE

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

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

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

OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

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

Upcoming...

SANTA CLAWS

For a \$5 donation pets and children can have their picture taken with Santa at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1498 S. Sheldon Rd., all proceeds will go to local animal shelters. For more information, call 453-6930.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL XMAS CONCERT

"A Cappella Alleluias and Handel Hallelujahs" at the 6 p.m. service. Christmas carols and songs during the first half; the second half will be solos and choruses from the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah." The church is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton. For more information, call 455-0022.

CROSSROADS CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH BEGINS HOLIDAY TEACHING SERIES

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

HANDCRAFTERS ANNUAL XMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

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

TOY DRIVE UNTIL DEC. 18

Mel's Golden Razor, 595 S. Forest Ave. in Plymouth, will begin collecting new or used toys for needy families. First Step and Mott's Children's Hospital. For more information, call 455-9057.

CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH

Canton is beginning a search for talented residents who are interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who would like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications office at 397-5472 or Scott Zuchlewski at 397-5360. Residents can also send a resume to Zuchlewski at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Interested residents will be interviewed and auditioned for various programs. Voice-overs, narration, writing, producing, on-camera, etc.

SATURDAY STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN

Story times are open to children in kindergarten through third grade. Dates are Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are 45 minutes long. No registration required. For more information, call 453-0750.

Groups...

PLYMOUTH UNITED WAY AND ROTARY TOY DRIVE

The United Way and Rotary and Midas Muffler of Plymouth are collecting new, unwrapped toys at various locations through the holiday season. Plymouth locations include: Community Pet Credit Union, First of America, Midas Muffler, NBD, Papa Romano's Eatery Tavern, P-C Schools District Office, Bird Elementary School, East Middle School, Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth Cultural Center, Plymouth Township offices, Township Police Department, United Way and Water Club Seafood and Grill. For more information, call 454-4130.

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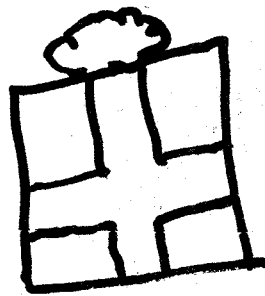
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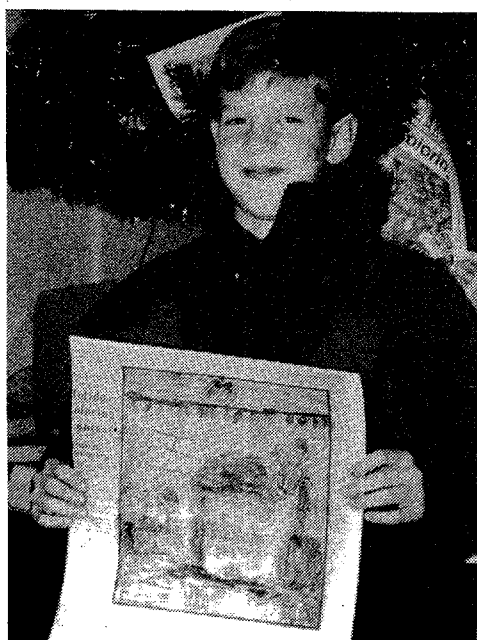
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Megan and Meredith Beems

Dear Santa: I would like hockey stick, micro machines, new shoes.
I want gameboy games. I hope you have a good Christmas Eve.
Love, Patrick Nolan

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves are doing good. I would like a remote controlled race car, a million dollars for Miss Carr, my teacher.
Bye Santa,
Love Eric G. Barrera

Dear Santa,
I would like baby tumblers. A big Barbie Corvette. How is Rudolph?
Love,
Erin Quinn

Dear Santa,
I would like some fake nails, and a new squirt gun, Barbie's & Barbie Jeep. Make me a new riding horse.
Love,
Stephanie Pervine

Dear Santa,
Can I have a gak lab? I would like an army truck. I want some souvineers.

Love,
Danny Jeong

Dear Santa,
I want haunted Highway, nightmare alley, talking battleship. The Karate fighters that make sounds.

Love, Kevin Hickey

Dear Santa,
I would like a fancy Philly; fun barbie & kelly; bathbabies 101 Dalmation stuff animal.
Love, Samantha Offerman

Dear Santa,
I want a hammer head streetshark, a water gun a new chair.
Love, Chadly Liss

Dear Santa,
Good Santa; I love you. I want the Batman cave. I love your elves.
Love, Matthew Allen

Dear Santa,
I want a Nighattach, also a light up Laser. I think I want a clock.
Your friend, Garrett Rogers

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a lot of elves to make the presents. I want a string colors, and magic attic clothes for my doll Allison.
Love, Katie Schirle

Dear Santa,
I would like cris-cross crash.(that's a race carset) hotwheels, a romote controll car & hotwheel white car like miss michelle's car.
Love, John Bills

Dear Santa,
I would like Shopping fun barbie & kelly, a new ballerina barbie.
Love, Kelly

Dear Santa,
I want a Doodle bear, doodle pet, mermaide barbie. Dolphin barbie.
Love, Courtney Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I would like a doodle bear, also a doodle pet. I would also like a Barbie.
Love, Katherine Negele

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I made a picture for you. I would like Mermaid Barbie and a doll house.
Your friend, Barbara Wolohom

Dear Santa,
I want a sky dancer barbie. I would like some puzzles. I really like them. I miss you.
I want Christmas,
Love, Emily Meade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a barbie and a rocking horse.
Sophia Daly

Dear Santa,
I would like a cookie maker and shopping fun Kelly. I would like a bike.
Your friend, Alyse Anderson

Dear Santa,
I wish I could eat breakfast at Smith School with you. I wish I could see your reindeer. I wish I had a pet for a dog.
Sammi Boggs

Dear Santa,
I like you. I miss you. I love you and the whole wide world. I like you better than my dog. I like you in the whole, whole, whole wide world
Neil Brennan

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I love you. I miss you and whole world. You are the sweetest Santa in the whole world. I will give you a surprise and I will love you in your heart.
Crenesha Foster

Dear Santa,
I love you I love you in the whole wide world. I love Rudolph too. I wish I had a dodilly pet. I love you in this whole country.
Kristie Muxles

Dear Santa,
I love you. I wish I had a walking pup. You are my favorite Santa. I will leave you a surprise when you come. You are my best friend.
Devon Fischer

Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling good. Its only 22 days until Christmas. I hope you have a good night. I hope you are having a good time there and I want a big Buzz Lightyear doll.
Denny Rose

Dear Santa,
I want a Another Dog for Christmas and a

doll like my cuosin Alina: I also want Beni Babey's, And a nice unpoluted world.
Love Alison McNuff
P.S. Stop at my house

Dear Santa,
I would like to win but if you can't get this; I would like a letter from Florida to be an artist when I grow up.
"I love you Santa"
Anna Quinn

Dear Santa,
I would like more Beanie Babys, One more gunie pig. Another cat a big trapaleen. I would also like to give a lot of gifts for Christmas. I would like to have a nice Christmas.
Sincerly, Heather Hicks

Dear Santa,
I want "take care of me twins" baby dolls. Barbie fun shopping with Kelly. A Big trampolleen and magic attic doll Meagan and A white christmas
Love, Maddy McDuff

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want my own room but I have to share with my sister. OK Thanks!
BYE!!!!!!!
Have a great Christmas!!
Heta Menta

Dear Santa,
PLEASE come to my house. I ned a pansut for my mom and dad and for christmas and fothe tree. Dear Santa Please come to my house.
Hope Martin

Dear Santa,
I woule like a Sega game Please & some more clay. I made a lot of stuff out the clay.
Your friend,
Kayla Bacyinski

Dear Santa,
I want a Electric gritar and a New CD player a lot and I meanlot of money. I New house and a baby sister. I want a New and huge stereo. And tons of presents.
Bryan

Dear Santa,
This is what I want. I want my grandpa to learn leverything book. Because he had a stroke.
Jenna Olexsey

Dear Santa,
I wishu got lotsof beenee babys for christmas.
Love, Justin

Dear Santa,
I want a esey bake oven, and a amarican girl doll.
Candace Kral

Dear Santa,
My name is Cory guse what my wish list cost all to geater my wish list cost about 1.167 I used a calculater to count. But form you is NHL 97!
Cory Hames

Dear Santa,
There is nothing I would like more than to have a lap top computer and a telephone but if I can't get those I want my dog to have puppies.

Dear Santa,
What i want for Christmas is that we ge

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Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a nice year. Thanks for all you have done for me and everyone else.

Sincerely,
Alex Bersinger

Dear Santa,
I think I was good this year. I would like five or six valuable things this year. I am ten years old. I don't want plastic toys that will break easy. I like jewelry. Butt I know you want cookies n milk.

Sincerly, Nicole Jones

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a nice small little puppy. Or Santa you could get my brother and me a sega.

Your friend, Marcy Teodoro
P.S. or Nintdo64

Dear Santa,
I would like a boombox to play cds and I would like cds for Christmas

Love, Kendra

Dear Santa,
I want a raido control car for Christmas, and I want anew J.F. and a game for nintendo and it is Yoshio Island.

Justin McDuff

Dear Santa,
You new sometimes I think is there really a santa. I don'tnew and I wnat to new. my picture stinks and I never will win but In want to win my picture looks like a 1st grade picture.

Matt McClendon

Dear Santa,
I want an Adreanaln Skatebord. Spite five weeks. Independence Trucks, and Bone Barryngs. Plus \$100 from the Newspaper.

Kevin Coumoumoundourous

Dear Santa,
I wish for everyone to have a merry christmas. I also wish for peace on earth.

Stephanie Simowski

Dear Santa,
for Christmas all I want is a wiled and wacky painter and the rest can be a saprises.

Alexandra Clark

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a camara and some computer programs. Thank you very much.

Your Friend,
Natalie Clark

Dear Santa,
I would like a stereo and some C.D.s and I would like a C.d. player on the stereo.

Jennifer Brown

Dear Santa,
thank you for using elfs to make presents, and I love you. Thank you for the really nice present your going to give me.

Kate Montgomery

Dear Santa,
I hope you like my picture. Be careful driving that sleigh.

Sincerely,
Janine Korovesis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Gak
Love, Jacob Burustein

Dear Santa,
if you cod bring Me Twins that would be great. I Love You, Brooke

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause. I am doing fine. How are the reindeer. i hope that you get a lot of sleep and not catch a cold.

Your friend, Alex Wood

Dear Santa,
I Love you, and your elves.
Love, Shannyn Hyland

Dear Santa,
I Love you. Please bring me a Phoebus doll and Tuagles the walking pup. Thank you.

Love, Sarah. Baumann

Dear Santa,
I have bean really good all year. I'm looking coward to Cristmas morning. You will find my list an our chess table.

Kelsey Bailey

Dear Santa,
I would like super Nes withdonkelikon 93 I would like tmer for siaga and a marcy chrsmas.

Matthew Szymthe

Dear Santa,
My size dancing Barbie. Fluffy my come here puppy. Barbie mini van. Barbie dream house. Barbie carry away house. Neptune star castle. A new prayer book. Dogs from Wild wings.

Leah Varga

Dear Santa,
I would like lots of Beny Babys
Ronnie Vinson

Dear Santa,
Mary I have peace on earth
Paige Hanson

Dear Santa,
Please, bring me 101 Dalmations movie. A new pair of shoes that fit, and don't hurt my toes! Fancy Fingernail Polish kit. Some snow to make a snowman.

Thanks, Amanda

I Love the presant that you give. Christmas is so fun becas I like the snow. and play in the snow it is so fun and it is my sisters birthday. I Love you Santa.

Angela Wang

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year this is my list of toys. a fat pack of magic cards. 5 beany baby dalmations. Night mare ally.
from Daniel Corliss

Dear Santa,
I want a new power wheels car.
Brian Fifeld

Dear Santa,
I please want a big trampoline and a good family. I want super nintendo.
David Cords

Dear Santa,
I would a Buzz Light year and the one that talks. i would like an RC racer.

Sammy Maples

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy and some games and the one on the streets. I want a toy castle, and tickets to go to a Red Wings game and one ticket to go to the Pistons.

John Michael Heinrichs


Dear Santa,

How are things at the North Pole? I hope you're having a nice winter. I love you and celebrating Jesus' birthday is good! I would really like some hockey skates.

Love, Zac Haar

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bull Beanie baby and a Penguin Beanie Baby. I love you. Santa Claus.

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Matthew Rowley

Dear Santa,
I want a sega genises. a remote car and a stereo. I want all of them plece. Daniel Crocket

Dear Santa,
Hi My name is Hillary Kind. I am in 5th grade. All of my life I've wanted to meet you. When I grow up I want to be just like you.
Yours truely,
Hillary Kind

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sled for Christmas and a dog bone for my dog Kashka.
Love, Johanna Alexander

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is some C.D.'s and books. I would like some earrings.
Love, Sarah Alexander

Dear Santa,
I would like Snow for Christmas.
Love, Elizabeth Alexander

Dear Santa,
Please bring me pound puppies and Baby Borne, and a Polley Packet game. I've been a good girl.
Love,
Valerie Stacey

Dear Santa,
I want the game Dream Phone, I also want a bag pack purse. I also want Girltalk. And the last thing I want is a Walkman.
Marry Christmas
By Amrita Jhaji

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a happy Christmas. I tried to be good this year. Tell Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer to have a happy Christmas too.
Love, Amanda

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice Christmas. Do you go all the way around the world? Keep the reindeers safe and warm. I hope you don't fall of the roof.
Chris Rowley

Have a Merry Christmas!
From, Erin Anderson

Dear Santa,
We hope you have some nice toys for all the good children. Hope you have fun riding in your sleigh with all your reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa
Love, Michael Garrett

Dear Santa,
I would please like some Genises games. My mom and dad would like a new exercise bike. My sister would like some new clothes. Please bring happiness to the poor.
Kyle Zink

Dear Santa,
I have been extra good this year. Please bring me a lava lamp, a c.d. walkman.
P.S. I helped my daddy clean ou the fireplace.
Love, Carolyn

Dear Santa,
I wish families would spend time together this Christmas because you never know when you won't be able to.
Megan Montogemery

Dear Santa,
Merry X-mas! I'd like mainly surprises. Football, and calligraphy, and a remote control car are some ideas. Cookies, milk and carrots will be waiting for you at our house!
Sincerely, Erin VanDusen

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like to have world peace, like every year, but I would also like the Barbie Fashion Designer, a floss collection and something for Addy.
Sincerely, Katie Welch

Dear Santa,
This year I would like some football cards and a Barry Sanders or Kordell Stewart football poster.
Jeffrey James Lake

Dear Santa,
I wish you a mary Christmas.
Derek Anderson

Dear Santa,
I wish that everyone would know that Jesus is why we have Christmas.

Dear Santa,
How was your summer? Mine was great. All I need is some beads for necklaces and CDs. My family is great. They are happy.
Your friend, Brittany Summers

Dear Santa,
Is their such thing as Rudolph? And how dose his nose light up? What will I get all together of toys? Can I get 20 things?
Love, Anthony Sasinowski

Dear Santa,
You know my favorite year is Christmas and I hope I win.
I hope you know I love you.
And Santa, we might call you sometime. You are very sweet.
Love, Maria Sasinowski

Dear Santa,
"I want a ring around the rosey doll, thats all!"
Clariece Swan

Dear Santa,
I wish my grandma and grandpa will be happy when thay move. into their house, because when my grandma moved she was vary sad.
Sincerely, Hailey Laird

Dear Santa,
My wish is that my mom and dad, sister and I will move back to Norfolk Virginia. Because all of my friends and fmaily are there. That's my wish.
From, Tony Buntino

Dear Santa,
This year my Christmas wish is to make it

snow and have white Christmas. I also want to have the best Christmas ever!
Sincerely, Julie Greeneisen

Dear Santa,
My special wish is that my uncle Danny and Sandy live happily together when they get married.
Sicerely, Sean Stowell

Dear Santa,
I am Paul Blanchard. may I please have either a small portable T.V. or a plug-in color T.V. Please bring presents to the bad kids too!
Sincerely, Paul

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish this year is I hope everything will go well in my new house.
Santa Don't let anything happen Please.
from, Matthew Brown

Dear Santa,
I wish I had Ninetehdo64. I wish I had No Mad. I wih I had Game gaer. I wih I had Sega Saturn. I wih I had Sega c.d.
from, Ben Zehner

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a medical kit. Thera's a medical kit in a catalog named Toy to Grow On.
from, Lauren Halpin

Dear Santa,
My one wish is, that I hope my half brother marrieshis girl friend, because she is nice, and pretty and she does my hair for me.
from, Laurie Ekru

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish this year is lots of snow, Playstation, and Sega saturn.
from, Kevin Roelofs

Dear Santa,
I wish this year there would be a white Christmas and Ninetendo64 and Sega Saturn
from Joshua Gingell

Dear Santa,
I wish I can go to Florida because my dad said maybe or mabe not.
from: Raymond

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wish for a lot of snow because I like to build snow forts and sled, and hav snowball fights. I also wish for Sega saturn and nintendo 64. And Hockey.
From Andrew

Dear Santa,
My big wish is to have lots of snow on Chritmas, because last year we didn't have much snow, and it is fun to play with snow.
Sincerely, Emily Bliss

Dear Santa,
I wish I had the movie Toy Story because the toys really come to life and it looks like a really good movie. And Happy Gilmore that is really runny.
From, Cory Mervyn

Dear Santa,
I would like my cousin to stop cheating in ice hockey on his little pond.
Your good little boy,
Matthew Schultz

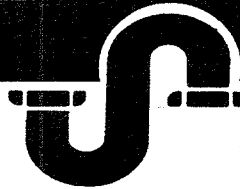
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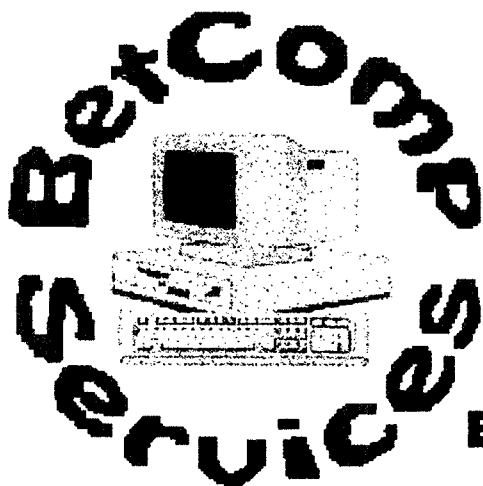
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Dear Santa,

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My special wish for Christmas is...I really hope my dog Spankey gets better. I hope Spankey gets more fur and doesn't scratch himself. Thank you! From, Kaleigh Rays

Dear Santa,
I wan't the movie angels in the Outfield for Xmas. It is one of my favorite movies. All ofmy friends have the movie. And I also wan't the movie Happy Gilmore.
Chad Rentenbach

Dear Santa,
I wish it will be a white Christmas. My brother wants a skateboard. My other brother wants pants. I want it to be a white Christmas.
Sincerely, Crystal

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have the movie Happy Gilmore. I would also like to have Jumanji and Twister, and a Toy Machine Skateboard. From Chris Calleja

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been a vary good girl. I hope you give my sisters something too. I will leave some cookies, milk and carrots.
Your friend, Danielle Fazica

Dear Santa,
I hope you are o.k. up there with your elves and reindeer Is it cold? Is it warm? Is it snowing?
Sincerely, Chelsea Williams

Dear Santa,
I hope you have lots of snow. how is the Reindee?by the way I would like a guitar and a snowboard how is Mrs. claus? Is it cold please make me a model car
Sincerely, Elijah Lonsdale

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer doing? I will leave you some milk, cookies, and carrot for you and your reindeer. I want only ten plastic golf balls.
Love, Nick Hersey

Dear Santa,
How is the weather in the North Pole? I wish that I can get lots of toy on Christmas and I wish you can make it on Christmas night.
Your friend Keisha Jackson

Dear Santa,
Has Rudolph's nose burned out yet? Anyway you and Mrs. Santa should go together on the sleigh I want a Red Wing coat.
Your friend, Rachael Beaudoin

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is everyone? I want Wizzer for Christmas. He's cool. Wizzer drinks water. Wizzer is a stuffed animal.
Snowily yours, Kathleen Baohrer
P.S. How's Rudolph?

Dear Santa,
I hope you are not freezing like an ice cube. By the way, how are your reindeer especially Rudaloph the red nosed reindeer? I want the poor to have all the things they need.
Sincerely, Caitlin Kellman

Dear Santa,
I'll leave you milk and cookies. I hope Rudolph still has his red nose. How do you fit all the toys in your bag. I would like a Playstation.

Sincerely, Craig Werner

Dear Santa,
I hope you are alright and your Reindeer. I want Sega and a hockeyney too.
your friend, Michael Palmer

Dear Santa,
Everyone has been good. How is the weather in the North Pole? I hope it is not cold there. I want a Nintendo sixty-four.
Your friend, Joey Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control helicopter
I want to see Santas
I want Nintendo64 the newest one.
Love, Hunter Poole

Dear Santa,
I'm 8 and I'm in third grade. How are you? How cold does it get at the North Pole? Iwish I could have a locm and Hook.
Your friend, Shannon Spehar

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? How are your reindeer? How tall are your elves? Why do you live in the North Pole? I want Nintendo64.
Sincerely, Jeremy Klemann

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? How are your reindeer? I hope there's snow in the North Pole.I hope you and your reindeer aren't very sick. I want Clue for Christmas.
From, Tony McDuff

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am good, how are you? What is the North Pole like? I want a really cute puppy. Whatis the weather like in the North Pole?
Your friend, Cory Kelley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I hope you are doing very well. Can you help my big plant grow some roses? And can I have a stuffed dog?
Your truly, Rachel Delatore

How are your elves? And how are you? I hope you have a nice Christmas. How do youkeep warm in the North Pole? Please bring me some clothes.
Sincerely, Vinh Tran

Dear Santa,
How can you visit all the kids in the world. I forgot how many reindeer You have. I want GameGear for Chirsmas Can you get GameGear.
Your friend, Patrick Gallagher

Dear Santa,
how are you? How many raindeer do you have I wood like to have the Batcave from Batman forever it is almost winter and crismas remember o.k.
Luis Hirschlieb

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring me an egyption hirogliph book, and my brother something sheshel.
Lierin Holly

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Kitchen little, Scrunch'n' war, and last but not lest I would like a cool clothes. Do you know that some people do't belive in you. Angela

Dear Santa,

this year I don't want mast this year but I want cD's and a cD player. I all so want a Little bit aof molly colos. thank you
kimberly Pagan

Dear Santa,
I relly want a elf, some candy, and some money. Please give me as much money as you can thank you for all the things you got me.
signed, Theresa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, if you have time in the workshope, I would please like a porcelain clown. Merry Christmas!
Love, Andrea Martin

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me what I deserve for
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Dear Santa,

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Christmas.
Lisa Marie McLellan

Dear Santa,
I want a dog for Christmas and a cat and for my teacher a Bag for her stuff and a Bike for me and a Hamster and a Barid and a good thing to have for school.
Ashley Thayer

Thank you for letting me write to you. I could use one hundred dollars to be a doll I really like. Its a American girl doll.
from, Amber

Dear Santa,
Did you have a good summer this year? I would like to have a roller blades that are size three. How is Mrs. Cluas doing?
From Johnny Grant

Dear Santa,
I hope your doing well at the North Pole. This year I don't care what you give me. I also will have some good cookies for you.
Sincerely, Hannah Pate

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Santa, can I have a toy for Christmas? I hope you don't get sick.
Love, Duane

Dear Santa,
I hop you don't get sick from all of the cookies you will eat. Please getme a computer. I hope you have fun.
Sincerely, Marian O'Neil

Dear Santa,
I hope you didn't eat too many cookies? I hope you don't catch a cold. I've been ok this year.
Love, Kristen Hajduk

Dear Santa,
I hope you're alright. I still live on Princess Drive. I hope Mrs. Claus is alright. I want a C.D. Player.
Love, Katie Hale

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. I would really like a soccer ball and a goalie net and puck and a stick. I'll be good.
Sincerlely, Polly Angela Jackson

Dear Santa,
How was your summer. I won't akeem army camo for at kurts calin.
Steven LaTulip

Dear Santa,
I hope you are feling up to Christmas. I hope you'll like the cookies. Santa, please get me a mouse and pad. Thank-you.
Your friend, Nicole Widrosky

Dear Santa,
One thing I want for Christmas is a remote control car. Then I want to go to my Grandma and Grandpa's house, because I want to see them for Christmas.
Your friend, Mark Tomasso

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is to go to my Grandma and Grandpa's. It is fun at my Grandma's. That is why I want to go there for Christmas.
From, Melissa Almaraz

Dear Santa,
I would really like to go to my Aunt Kathy's house for Christmas. My Aunt Kathy lives in an apartment. She probably misses me. I miss her

too.
Your friend, Michelle Stuart

Dear Santa,
I want to go see my Grandpa, because my dog is there. My Step Grandma And my cousins are there too. I can play with my cousins and dog.
From, Lindsey Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like to go to my Grandma and Grampas nice looking house after Cristmas. I want to because I havn't seen them since las year.
From, Eric Sue

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a pair of rollerskates, and a skateboard for Christmas. I like to skate fast too.
Your friend, Chris Cuz

Dear Santa,
I am wishing for a Vipers' jersey for Christmas. If I get a Vipers' jersey, I could playstreet hockey in it with my friends. Also itmy favorite team.
Love, Sean

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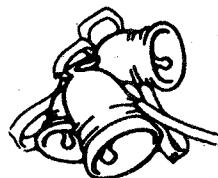
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Dear Santa,
I would like to see my Aunt Mable for Christmas. I haven't seen her in a long time. She's fun to be with. I really like my Aunt Mable.
Sincerely, Beth Gutowski

Dear Santa,
I wish to get a Susie Stretch doll for Christmas. You can dance with her, and she plays music when you dance. My sister likes her too.

Your friend, Molly Howard

Dear Santa,
I really want army talkie-talkies for Christmas. I can play on dirt hills and talk. Rob and I can play army too. We can go in houses that aren't built.

Dear Santa,
I would like to go to my Aunt Carol's house and have a nice Christmas day. I would like to go there because I haven't seen her in a long time. I come over every Christmas, but not last year. I miss her, and I bet they miss me too. I get to spend the night with them a lot when I go there.

Your friend, Dana Drysdale

Dear Santa,
The thing I want for Christmas is to be with family and friends. I want to see my Uncles Jim, Dave and Joe. We will have fun playing games.
Your friend,
Lauren Martin

I am in the third grade I live in Canton Michigan I would like a Sega for Christmas.
Love, Jairo Bustos

Dear Santa,
I want to go to my grandma and grandpa house on Christmas eve I can spend time and play with my dad grandma grandpa and my dog.
Love, Katie Cicotte

Dear Santa,
I really want NBA Jam. that would be cool to have. That is what I want for Christmas. I have lots of games, but hope I get it.
From, Michael Edwards

Dear Santa,
I'm wishing for a Red Wings' jersey for Christmas. They are my best team and it is a good present. Please!

Your friend, Kyle Graham

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. The one I have now is too small for me. I also want a new book. I've read the ones on my shelf.
Love, Danny Hesse

Dear Santa,
The thing I wish for Christmas vacation is to go to Milwaukee, Wisconsin again to see my dad. I have not seen him in two months.
From, Adam Martinez

Dear Santa,
I wish that on Christmas. I will go to my grandma's. I will have fun because she has toys and cards there. She makes good ham.
From Andrew Mussio

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control airplane for Christmas. It can fly, you can control it, and you can land it. It's name is Flying Blue Yonder.
Your friend, Kyle Ross

Dear Santa,
I would really like to go up North for Christmas. I want to see my Aunt Joyce and my

favorite dog Tasha. It will be fun to see the deer.
Sincerely, Shannon Rusin

Dear Santa,
I really want a gold fish for Christmas. It doesn't need an air tank and the food doesn't cost much. You do have to clean his tank and I will.
From, Rob Schneider

Dear Santa,
I would really appreciate it if you gave me a Game Boy track. Then get me a movie called—"Ace Ventura, When Nature Calls." I'd like a truck and some money.
Love, Christian Smith

Dear Santa,
This year I want lots of CDs for my cd player. I also want earrings from my favorite store Clairs. And I just want superizes. Well thats about it. By.
Brittany Charnock

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for my family to get better and that we can have a great Christmas and everyone does to, and good luck to

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I hope you are doing well on your sleigh and eating your milk and cookies. I wish you would bring me a baby tumbles!
Thank you, Michelle Lee Horn

Dear Santa,
I want Toy Story, Millennium falcon. And I want to be happy. I hope that the poor kids are happy too.
Your friend,

Brennan
Dear Santa,
I wish that all people will have enough to eat and praise God at Christmas and forever.
Paige Austin Babala

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everyone!
Julie Vaughn
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I please may I have a puppy like reggie.
Thank you Sanda,
Love Kelly
Dear Santa,
I want have good presents and I hope the people I give presents to like their presents and I hope my dog Bambi likes the presents I give her.
Colleen Noelle Whately
Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is something not to much, but just right. I relly dont know what I want. I just remember its not what you get its why you get it.
Alex Enright
Dear Santa,
I hope you're fine and well. Please give me a huge train set of Thomas the Tank Engine. With the turn-table and 2 sheds and freight cars and sodor mail coaches. Also all of the engines.
Love,
Morgan Byrd
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a jolly Christmas and. Bring lots of presents. Especially the poor people.
Love Natalie Maurer
Dear Santa,
I would really like a basketball hoop for Christmas and I would real badly like 800 hockey cards.
Kyle Horn
P.s. Please may I have a turbo remote-control car! Thank you Santa.
Dear Santa,
I want 101 toys for my sister, my brother and me.
Thank you and I love you,
Jonathon Green
Dear Santa,
I can't wait till Christmas. I put a lot of things on my list. Please bring me what you can. Bring something, maybe a bone, for my dog Boo.
Love, Tara Stacey

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Volunteer...

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

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

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS

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SALVATION ARMY NEEDS BELL RINGERS

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

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

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

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

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

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

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

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

Schools...

TAG SCREENING IN JANUARY

The Plymouth-Canton Schools will be screening for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program for the 1997-98 school year. The TAG Department screens all third graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January. Parents of eligible third graders will be contacted by mail. Parents of second and fourth through seventh graders need to contact their school office for a nomination form, available starting Dec. 16, and return the completed form to their building principal no later than Jan 17. Nominating forms for second graders need to be sent to the TAG office no later than Jan. 31. There is an informational meeting regarding the TAG program scheduled for Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Rd., in Canton. For more information, call the TAG office at Miller at 416-4867.

MANAGING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

Parents of children ages 2 to 12 are welcome to attend a two-night presentation on the 1-2-3 Magic Program, a system for managing children's behavior and re-establishing the parent's authority at home. The program will be facilitated by Bill O'Connor, the Plymouth-Canton Schools elementary school social worker. The program is free of charge, and will take place in the Media Center at Fiegel School, 39750 Joy Rd. in Plymouth, from 7-9 p.m. today. The event is sponsored by the Fiegel PTO, and child care is available. Space is limited. Parents can register by calling Ellie Hunt-Goebel at 420-7004.

FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration will take place Thursday. At 2:30 p.m. activities kick off at the Field School Gym. A dedication will take place from 6-6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The PTO will sponsor a Bake Sale from 6:30-7 p.m., and from 7-8 p.m. the classrooms will host an Open House of Holiday Festivities.

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLDS BOOK FAIR

A variety of book titles will be offered. Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pioneer, 46081 Ann Arbor Rd.

FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

State-funded program offered to families who meet income guidelines or "at-risk" factors. Children must be four years old on or before Dec. 1. Classes begin in January and run for 20 weeks Monday through Thursday at Hoben and Truesdell schools. For more information, call 416-6190.

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Computers, tutoring, games, etc. The program runs Monday through Friday and begins after school ends and concludes at 6 p.m. \$5 per student per session with a minimum of two sessions per week. For more information, call 420-7040.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION

25th anniversary of the P-C Schools' preschool program. June 4 at the Canton High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. All former staff and students are invited. To make a reservation, call 416-4927.

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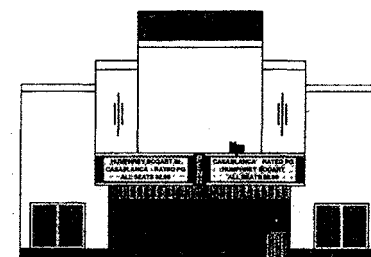
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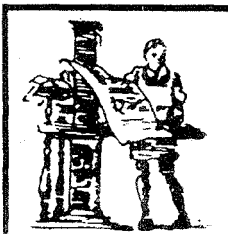
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Obituaries

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Tawas and Curtis (Pat) Greenshields of Westland.

A memorial service was held at the Prayer Baptist Church in Westland. Burial will be at the Big Bay Cemetery in Big Bay. Arrangements were made by the Fassbender Funeral Home in Marquette.

LINDA JANE LUKER

Linda Jane Luker, a former Plymouth resident, died Dec. 3, 1996 at the age of 89.

Ms. Luker was born Feb. 14, 1907 in Obion, TN. She moved to the community in 1946 from Union City, TN. She retired from Evans Products in Plymouth.

Ms. Luker is survived by her sons, Calvin (Elizabeth) Wilbanks of Whitmore Lake and Hesley Guy (Mildred) Wilbanks of Memphis, TN; and grandchildren, Diane (Brian) Mullins of Webster Township, Sherry (Jim) Lowrey of Memphis, TN and Donna Poston of Memphis, TN.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. David Leist officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

VELMA V. RICE

Velma V. Rice, a former Plymouth resident, died Dec. 5, 1996 at the age of 85.

Ms. Rice was born Dec. 25, 1910 in Detroit. She lived in Plymouth from 1984-94 and worked as a homemaker. She attended Calvary Baptist Church.

Ms. Rice is survived by her daughter, Carrielle (David) Eckert of Ann Arbor; sisters, Helen Hanna of New Baltimore and Carole (Oliver) Knick of Florida; and grandchildren, Emily, Rachel, Noah and Stephen Eckert.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Tom Hovermale of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial tributes can be made to the Animal Welfare Society, 29081 Dequindre, Suite E, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Letha (Georgie) Hiller, 68, secretary/treasurer

Letha (Georgie) Hiller, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 2, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Hazen G. Hiller; daughters, Vicki Hiller of Plymouth and Susan (Robert) Bartkowiak of Canton; three brothers; four sisters; and one grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, with Rev. Steven R. Rottgers of All Saints Episcopal Church officiating.

Elsie G. Rowland, 89, homemaker

Elsie G. Rowland, a Westland resident, died Dec. 1, 1996.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia Rowland and Nila Rowland, both of Plymouth; and one grandchild.

Services were held at Abington Manor in Westland with Rev. David Bevington officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Pauline Lois Owens, 97, homemaker

Pauline Lois Owens, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 3, 1996.

She is survived by her sons, Cecil Owens and Lee (Marian) Owens, both of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating.

Eldred L. Willman, 89, engineer

Eldred L. Willman, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 5, 1996.

He is survived by his friends, Mary Ann and George Funke of Plymouth. He is preceded in death by his wife Elsie Willman.

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



Sports

Sports shorts

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

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

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

Western Lakes Activities Association All Conference Girls basketball team for 1996-97 includes Canton High School senior Kristi Fiorenzi and Salem High School sophomore Angie Sillmon.

The All Western Team includes Canton High School juniors Kristen Lukasik and Melissa Marzolf.

The All Lakes Team includes Salem High School junior Amanda Abraham and sophomore Andrea Pruett.

Honorable Mentions went to Canton High School seniors Mary Anderson and Tiffany Williams and junior Nkechi Okwumabua, and Salem High School seniors Laurel Weinman, Merritt Walker and Janelle Sterling.

Free Street Hockey nights for all ages at the Michigan DekHockey Center, 45109 Michigan Ave., in Canton. Free hockey instruction and skill clinics for all ages. Participants are asked to bring their own equipment. Thursday-Saturday. For ages and times, call 1-800-335-4254.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with D & M Art Studio, is offering a **"Kids Only" Christmas Workshop** Friday (ages 3-5) and Saturday (ages 6 and up.) Kids will opportunity to create art, paint ornaments, sand painting and more. For times and cost, call 455-6620.

Zis, boom, bah

Salem cheerleaders head to national competition in Orlando

The Salem High School cheerleaders have done it again. They will be traveling to the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL in early February to try and improve on their 11th place finish last year. The competition will be televised locally by ESPN.

The varsity co-ed and junior varsity teams earned the right to make the trip following their outstanding performance last month in Joliet, IL at the Upper Midwest regional Cheerleading Competition.

A total of 29 teams competed. Salem's junior varsity team, competing for the first time at the regional level, won the first place overall championship, competing against five teams.

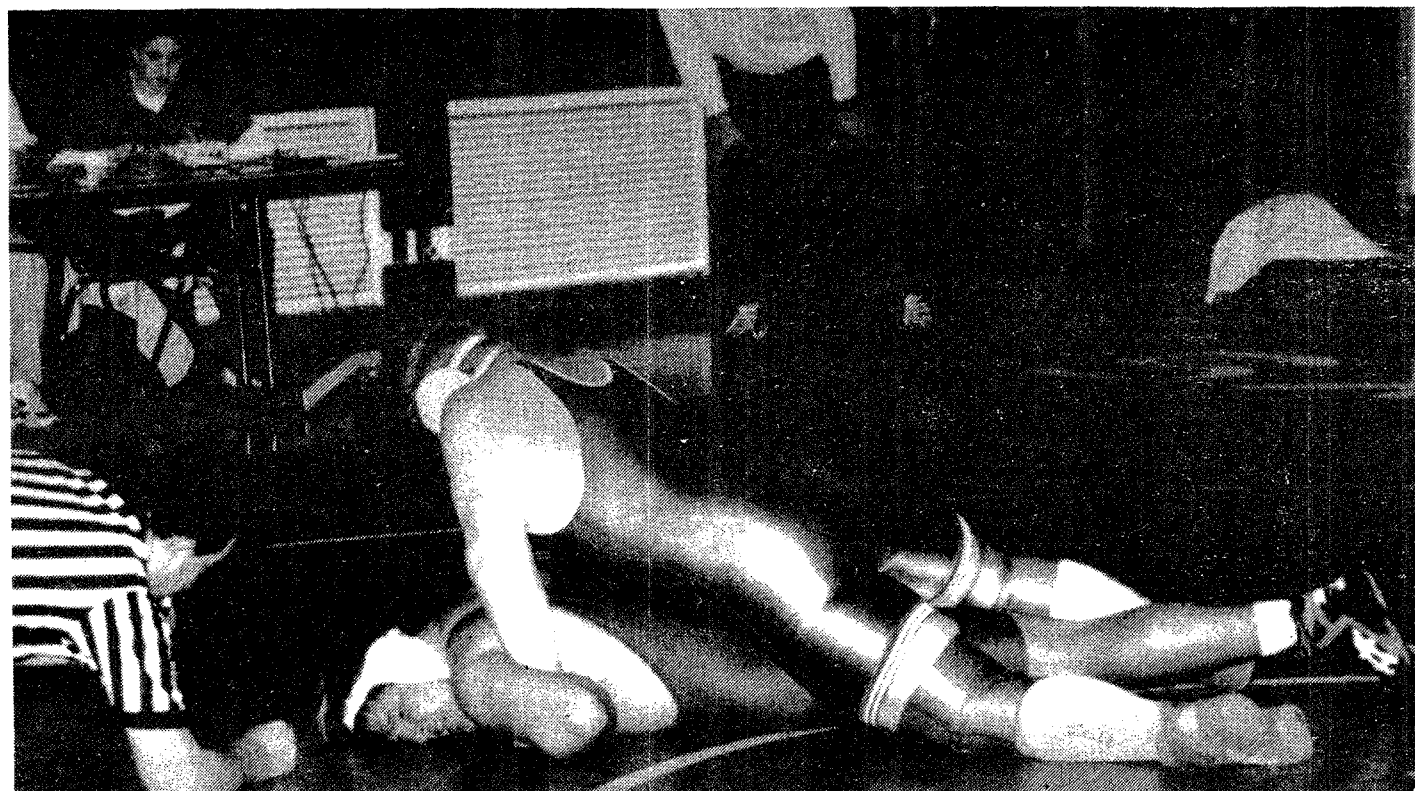
Along with the junior varsity victory, the varsity Co-ed

Division overall championship was captured by the Salem team.

The 1996-97 Salem Junior Varsity team coached under Angie Cudini and Rocky Johnson are Kelly Colangelo, Elizabeth Cox, Erika Healy, Courtney Leaym, Haley Menard, Mistie Morgan, Carrie O'Rear, Nicole Reno, Taylor Robinson, Melissa Timte, Mary Umney, Kristen Walsh and Lori Wolfe.

The 1996-97 Salem Varsity Co-ed team coached by Jodee and Paul Dillon include Latoya Allen, Alison Betz, David Cleman, Anwar Crutchfield, Otto Geisnan, Melissa Gillespie, Nicole Gosik, Tara Hamet, Linday Hawraney, Nicole Jacobs, Brooke Kilby, Scott Kingslien, Rachel Menard, Tom Michalski, Laura Miedlar, Elizabeth Murphy, Phil Schulte, Kristen Taylor, Jessica Teran, Teono Wilson and Kelli Zink.

All tied up



The Canton and Salem wrestling teams met last week at Salem High School for an early-season warm-up. The Rocks face Catholic Central and South Lyon tomorrow at home and the Chiefs take on Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi today at Novi. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Pistons lead PCJBA Girls A League

The scores and standings are in for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association:

In Girls A League action, the Pistons played tight defense and beat the Kings, 29-18. The Celtics pulled a trick or two on the Magic, and won, 42-34. The Lakers tamed the Bulls, 54-38.

Girls A League Standings: Pistons, 5-1; Celtics, 4-2; Lakers, 4-2; Magic, 3-3; Bulls, 2-4; and the Kings are 0-6.

In Boys A League games, the Celtics made like fighting Irish and tied up the Bulls for an easy 66-44 victory. The

Pacers outhustled the Spurs, 78-60. The Lakers drowned the Magic, 59-44. The Knicks blew by the Rockets, 70-63. The Sonics boomed the Kings, 52-49. The Hawks nearly upset the Pistons, but lost 60-59. The 76ers nearly scored as many points as their nickname in a 73-58 bebop of the Jazz. The Nets hunted down the Bucks for a 80-58 win.

Boys A League National Division Standings: Pistons and Pacers are tied for first at 7-1, but the Sonics aren't far behind at 6-2. The Celtics are two games back of the divisional leaders at 5-3, and

the Hawks and Spurs are playing .500 ball at 4-4. The Kings are 3-5 and in fifth place. The Bulls (0-8) haven't won yet, but are planning a late season comeback.

Boys A League American Division Standings: The Knicks (7-1) are a game up on the second place 76ers, who are 6-2. The Rockets (5-3) are in third place but are about to overdrive. The Lakers are 4-4 and could be the dark horse team of the league. There's a three way tie for fifth with the Bucks, Jazz and Nets all 2-6. The Magic (0-8) need to find something up their sleeve to get their first win.

Whalers pound Erie, 7-2, Sunday with unusually potent power play

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Whenever Detroit hits a scoring slump, which has already happened a few times this season, they should just schedule a game with the Erie Otters.

The Whalers, who are the lowest scor-

ing team in the OHL with 91 goals, beat Erie Sunday night, 7-2. In four meetings this season, Detroit has a 3-0-1 record against the Otters and has outscored the OHL's only other American-based team 20-9.



The Whalers fought their way back into the game against a tough Ottawa team Saturday, but it proved to be too little, too late as Detroit fell to the first place 67's. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Inch separates loss from tie

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Ottawa 67's may own first place in the OHL, but they were only an inch better than Detroit Saturday night.

That's how far the puck was from crossing the goal line after Ottawa goalie Tim Keyes' skate stopped a rebound shot by Steve Dumonski with 7:17 left in the game, and the 67's up 4-3. Detroit celebrated and the sold out crowd thought it was a goal, but the red light never went on and the 67's went on to win their 22nd game of the season.

It was a valiant effort by the Whalers, who battled from a 3-0 second period deficit by outshooting Ottawa, 21-12, in the final 40 minutes.

Julian Smith had a goal and two assists for the Whalers. Teammate Jesse Boulerice had a goal and assist, and forward Harold Druken scored perhaps his biggest goal of the year — a late second period goal that pulled Detroit within one.

Ottawa forward Joel Trottier scored the game winner, and assisted on a power play score in the second period.

Coach Peter DeBoer said his team's uninspired first period was probably because of inexperience. "When you've got 10 rookies in the line up you have a tendency to stand back," he said. "But I thought we played good enough to deserve a point."

That may have happened had Dumonski scored, but DeBoer wouldn't second guess the call by Referee Todd Anderson. "The referee had a good vantage point, and he said the puck partially crossed the line, but not completely," DeBoer said. "He came over to the bench, and he said he was positive it didn't go in. And that's what he's paid to do."

The Whalers were scrambling in the first period, falling behind 2-0 while being outshot 15-9. The big, strong and quick 67's had Detroit missing checks and relying on the spectacular goaltending of Robert Esche.

Early in the second period, the Whalers began to mount their comeback. At 5:52 Boulerice batted in the loose puck in the midst of heavy traffic in front of the 67's net following a pass from the right corner by Mark Cadotte.

With less than two minutes left in the period and the two sides skating four on four, Druken took a pass near center ice from Julian Smith, skated in over the blue line and used an Ottawa defender as a screen to blast a slap shot by Keyes. Ottawa led, 3-2.

Trottier's goal 3:55 into last period appeared to put the game away. But Julian Smith's goal at 9:36 with assists from Bryan McKinney and Boulerice, and Dumonski's phantom goal, put a scare into the 67's.

Sunday night added a new twist to Detroit's domination. The Whalers' powerful power play, ranked 14th in the OHL, scored on its first three chances with the man advantage to open up a 5-2 first period lead. Detroit added a goal in each of the remaining periods before the game turned into a brawl with six fights and four misconduct penalties in the last 13 minutes.

Detroit's Steve Dumonski, never one to shy away from the rough stuff, was named the game's number one star with a goal, two assists and 12 penalty minutes. Several other Whalers had big nights. Defenseman Bryan McKinney had three assists, assistant captain Andrew Taylor and defenseman Jan Vodrazka both had a goal and an assist, and Jesse Boulerice had two points.

"When I found out we were playing them eight times this year I was little a disappointed because they were supposed to be pretty good," Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer said of Erie, who moved from Niagara Falls during the offseason... "They are a pretty good team, we just seem to have some luck against them. I think they're a better team than they've shown us."

Erie did jump out to a 1-0 lead on a power play goal at 1:34 by Chester Gallant. And the Otters tied the game at 2-2 later in the period after power play goals by Detroit's Julian Smith and Taylor.

But after goals 1:13 apart by Randy Fitzgerald and Vodrazka, goalie Ryan Penney was pulled in favor of Pat Dovigi after allowing four goals on 10 shots.

Vodrazka's goal was a textbook two on one rush, with Dumonski flying down the right side as a decoy and Vodrazka ripping a shot off the crossbar and in. "Everyone on the bench knew he was going to shoot it," said DeBoer. "He's got the hardest shot on the team."

The loss was Erie's 12th in a row on the road.

London, Ontario — On Friday night, entering the third period trailing 3-1, the Whalers scored three unanswered goals to rally for the win. Dumonski, Boulerice, Taylor and Fitzgerald scored for Detroit.

Chatter

Boulerice, Robert Esche and Sergei Fedotov are preparing for the Junior World Championships in Geneva and Morges, Switzerland. It's the first trip to Europe for Americans Esche and Boulerice, but obviously not Fedotov, who is from Moscow. He left last week for training camp...

...Defenseman Kevin Holdridge of Novi will play for the US Select 17 Team in Red Deer Alberta, Canada...

Captain Mike Morrone had back surgery last week and is up and walking with the assistance of a cane. According to DeBoer, the doctors found more damage to Morrone's ruptured disc than they expected. "The doctor was surprised he was even walking around," said DeBoer...

On deck

SALEM BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats. Tuesday at home against the Ypsilanti Braves. JV games begin at 6 p.m., varsity follows immediately after.

SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

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

SALEM WRESTLING

At home tomorrow at 5 p.m. to host Catholic Central and South Lyon. Saturday at home for the Salem 8 Invitational, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Always one of the best teams in the state, the Salem gymnastics team next meet is Jan. 8 at home versus Hartland.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

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

CANTON BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday at Monroe to take on the Trojans. Tuesday at home versus Ann Arbor Pioneer. JV starts at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows immediately after.

CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

The EMU Invitational begins the season at 1 p.m. Saturday

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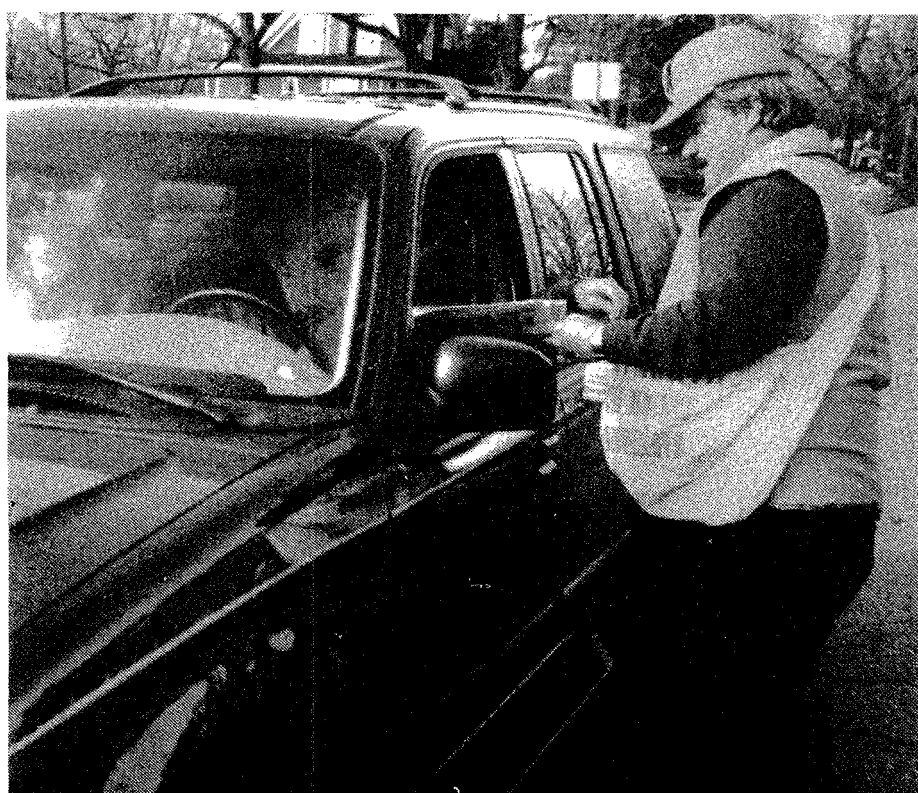
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HOME GAMES IN CAPS



Community opinions



Bob Stone and the other Plymouth Goodfellows volunteers raised \$5,000 for needy families. Canton Goodfellows collected \$4,400. More help is needed. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

More charitable help is needed

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

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

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

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Do you know a needy family in Plymouth or Canton?

If you wish to suggest a family to be considered for Goodfellows Christmas assistance, fill in this form and mail it to:

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

Writing blank checks

Local officials should take job seriously

Dissolve the Plymouth-Canton School Board. That's what should happen if we all listened to Jack Farrow's comment at Nov. 26 board meeting.

Farrow, a trustee with the second longest tenure of any current board member, didn't just approve the creation of two new administration positions, as five other board members did, he effectively wrote Superintendent Charles Little a blank check.

Just prior to a vote on the creation of the fringe benefits clerk and telecommunications clerk, Farrow spouted off with a comment that should make residents shudder with fear of wasteful spending, and it solidified my belief that a majority of actions by The Plymouth-Canton Community's boards are spineless.

"We hold Chuck Little responsible for the administration and operation of the school district. My bottom line is really simple: If Dr. Little says he needs another person, that's good enough for me," Farrow said.

Attention all 1997 school board candidates: Keep that in your notes for your campaign literature.

Farrow isn't up for re-election then, David Artley is — and he'll be hard to beat if he decides to run again

Truth is Tough

By Brian Corbett



— but an effort by a concerned and informed individual who is willing to, at times, face the administration and/or make "unpopular" decisions would be a tremendous addition to the school board during one of the most important times in its history (dealing with a bond campaign, student population and budget problems and future school buildings.)

Not everyone is at fault here, although everyone has been guilty in the past. Vice President Michael Maloney voted against both measures. He asked for each position's responsibilities and objectives, and expressed concern about the budget.

An excellent thought considering the school district's administration was streamlining itself just six months ago.

That kind of inquisitive insight, line-item work done by Maloney is something every board member could learn from.

And if they don't, we might as well save ourselves some money and time and let the supervisors, mayor and superintendent make all the calls, since they're doing that most of the time anyway.

Article brought back memories

EDITOR:

Would you please forward the following letter to Mrs. Clara L. Gayde-Alexander. Thank you.

I read your article "Glimpse At Yesterday" in the Plymouth Community Crier and wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed it!

I too remember when the Plymouth School and Methodist Church burned down. We rode by wagon drawn by a team of horses from our farm in Livonia to see the damage. I was about five or six years old at the time.

The Gayde name is very familiar to me. My aunt and uncle, Mettie and Isaac Gunsolly, lived on Holbrook and Plymouth Road. Their garden was located facing Plymouth Road and their house was on Holbrook, just past the garden spot. The Gunsolly's

later moved to Livonia and owned a farm at Newburgh and Joy Roads. Mr. Gunsolly worked at the Markham Gun Factory.

I remember the Gayde Store and Meat Market. Also remember Dr. Patterson and Dr. Cooper, Lapham's Store and Wilcox Mill — Lover's Lane off Mill Street. My best friend was Gertrude Granger.

We moved from the farm into Plymouth when I was in the seventh grade. Attended business school in Detroit after graduating from Plymouth High School in 1927. My first job was in Detroit in the Maccabee Building working for a doctor.

I enjoyed the article very much and just had to write you a little note.

VERNE E. KEETH

Community Editorials



Community opinions

Give special gift for holidays

Today's riddle: A man goes to a bank to make a withdrawal. He's never been to the bank before, and has never made a deposit, but his situation is quite desperate. The bank recognizes his predicament and immediately takes action. Using its limited reserves of other people's deposits, the bank clips into its vault and provides the man with what he needs. The End.

Wait a minute — what about those people who made deposits? Do they know this is going on? How do *they* feel about it? Well, they feel great about it. The bank depends on their benevolence to operate, and the depositors gain the satisfaction of knowing that each deposit will help someone in need. Here's the best part: Each time someone makes a deposit, they're reimbursed the full amount within days. So, as they participate in this cycle, they continuously provide benefits to others, at no cost to themselves. Their lives are richer from the experience. Everybody wins. What kind of bank is this?

The Red Cross blood bank, of course. Established to provide a reliable supply of blood from willing donors, it helps millions of people every year. Now, a dose of reality. Institutions that depend on individual sacrifice for the "common good" are at the mercy of the public to keep them viable. So, their campaigns to encourage more involvement are carefully designed to avoid offending.

I'm under no such restrictions, so I'll say it straight: When it comes to giving blood, our level of participation is pathetic. Now sit down, be quiet, and listen up. Remember those story problems we all hated in math class? Well, here's an easy one — if you know the answer, please shout it out.

The Southeast Michigan Red Cross needs 1,000 blood donations per day to meet the needs of the area hospitals. On a good day, they get 567. How can they make up the shortfall?

Anyone? Anyone? Did someone say "more donors?" Take

Pure Speculation

By W.H. (Bill) Dean



a wild guess at the percentage of eligible donors who donate. The answer is almost zero, folks. Five crummy percent. The sad fact is, the same loyal group keeps rolling up their sleeves to make a difference, while the rest of us make excuses.

Choose one or more from the following list: "I'm too busy". "I'm afraid". "Needles make me queasy". Sorry, no sale. The Red Cross bends over backwards to make the experience fast, painless, and convenient. You don't like needles? Tell the eight-year-old girl who's waiting for a liver transplant about your discomfort. By the way, here's the answer to the story problem: The Red Cross makes up the shortfall by importing blood from other regions. They use your monetary contributions to buy it. That's a shameful waste.

There's been a lot said about performing random acts of kindness — putting money in an expired parking meter, paying the toll for the car behind you, and so forth. None of these remotely compare to the lifesaving act of donating blood. Besides, that car behind you might be full of escaped convicts. If one of our children needed emergency surgery, and blood was not available, we'd jump up and down and demand that something be done. We might even consider donating blood. Is that what you're waiting for?

Merry Christmas. See you at the donor center.

You can donate blood at Wonderland Mall or Laurel Park Place on the following days: Dec. 13, 14, 20-23, 26-30 and Jan. 2-4 from noon to 6 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make an appointment.

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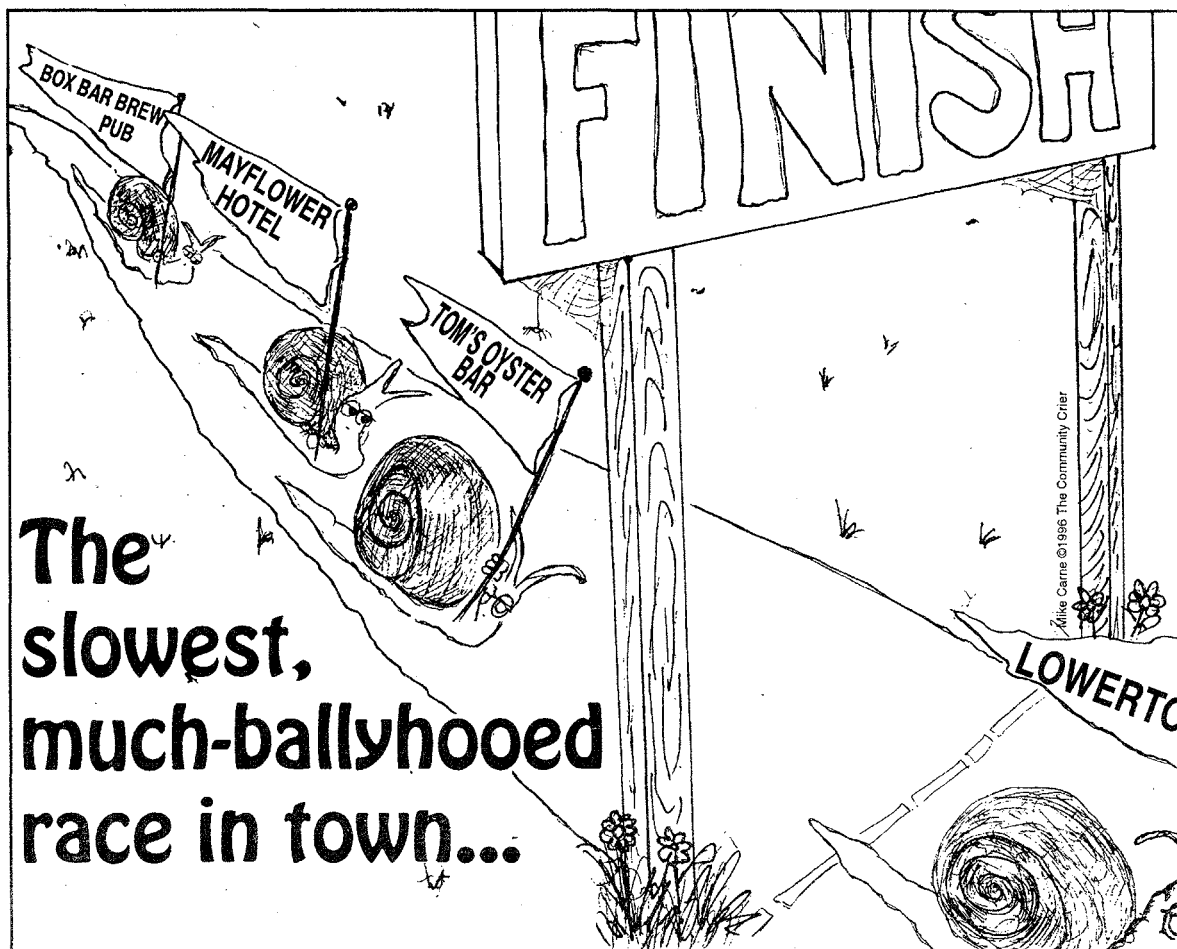
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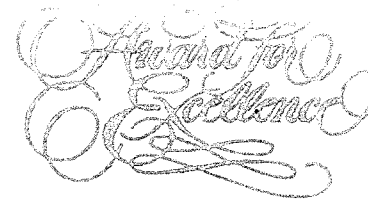


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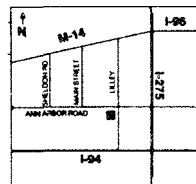
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