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## Mayflower gives back tax gift

*City dissolves agreement with hotel at owners' suggestion*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth's City Commission voted unanimously Monday to dissolve the lease and tax agreement it had with Matt and Keith Karmo, owners of the Mayflower hotel.

Monday was to be the deadline for the Karmos to present to the commission an updated plan for the hotel renovation project.

But rather than renovate, the Karmos may decide to tear-down and rebuild the hotel. A decision on which route they will take may be as far as 90 days away, they said.

The Karmos did not ask for another extension on their agreement but, in a letter sent to

*'Now they can explore the costs without a City-set deadline hanging on them.'*

**Don Dismuke**  
Mayor of Plymouth

the commission last week, suggested that the City end it.

"I think they recognize the awkwardness of short-term extensions," City Manager

Steve Walters said. "We're just going to talk about it when they're ready."

"Now they can explore the costs without a City-set deadline hanging on them," Mayor

Don Dismuke said. "Then, they can set a firm deadline and come back to us."

Dismuke, who met with the Karmos last week, said he doesn't think that the dissolution of the agreement suggests that they are backing off from the project.

"I walked away from our meeting pretty encouraged that the project would go forward," he said.

Walters agreed, and said he thought the Karmos continued to have a vested interest in seeing the Mayflower open.

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## Home-away-from-Pole



Nick Paul and his mother were among the throngs of people who welcomed Santa to his Home-away-from-pole in Kellogg Park, Friday. Santa will be available for pictures every Friday from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon - 5 p.m. until Dec. 21. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## County puts hold on Hanford Road

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

So close, yet so far.

With about three days left before concrete could be poured on Hanford Road, Wayne County shut down the project for the winter, according to Tom Casari, Canton Engineer.

"It's typical for something like that to happen around this time of year," he said. "It's just shut down for the winter."

The Hanford Road project has been plagued with problems, both known and unknown, since the outset.

Engineers had to deal with condemning, demolishing and removing a building that sat on the property, relocating a Detroit Edison telephone pole and filling in an old, hand-dug well, Casari said.

The Township also had to replace an old inadequate storm sewer line that had been left in a thin layer of top-soil instead of proper fill, according to Casari. All totaled, the extra projects have pushed the cost of the extension to more than \$500,000.

But Casari said none of these obstacles

slowed the project significantly, and contends that the project still could have been completed before winter fully set in.

The county disagreed, and refused to allow township engineers to work on Canton Center Road, Casari said.

"We had to widen Canton Center and put in a left turn lane as part of the project," Casari said. "Their policy is, once you start it you have to finish it, and they were concerned that there was not adequate time to open it and close it before the cold weather sets in."

Casari said that since the Township couldn't complete the entire project, they decided to not pave even the portion of Hanford that was ready. The township will also avoid winter protection costs this way.

Protection costs include covering the poured concrete to shield it from the elements until it has time to dry, a process that would cost more than \$50,000, he said.

Engineers will clean up the site and wait

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# Canton planners block restaurant

*Property owner seeks use for odd-shaped parcel*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Township Planning Commission voted 3-2 Monday to deny special land use for a restaurant on Haggerty Road near Joy Road. Chairperson Vic Gustafson and Commissioner Catherine Johnson were absent.

The site for the restaurant is a sliver of land between Old and New Haggerty roads, just South of Joy, according to Rocky Yaldo, son of property owner Mark Yaldo.

The site currently contains a gas station and car wash. The restaurant would have occupied the southern most portion of the property and complete the development, he said.

"It would be a first-class business," Yaldo said. "We had planned a family restaurant that would enhance the look of the corner."

Yaldo would require a special land use for a restaurant on the site, which is currently zoned for light industrial, according to Jeff Goulet, community planner.

Goulet said that to be eligible for special land use, the restaurant must be on the corner of two major thoroughfares or as an accessory to an outdoor recreation site, such as a softball complex or park.

The commission's main point of contention was that the site was not located on the corner of Joy and Haggerty, according to Goulet.

"The intent of the ordinance was to not bring non-industrial traffic into an industrial area," he said.

Yaldo said that technically the site was on the corner.

"It's one project," he said. "It's no different than having a shopping center at the

corner."

The restaurant would have been a stand-alone structure similar to the Grecian Cafe on the corner of Main and Starkweather streets in Plymouth, which Yaldo also owns.

Melissa McLaughlin voted with Rob Lieberman against denying the request, because of the unique size and location of the site, she said.

"It's a difficult site to develop. It's hard to say that this land could support an industrial building with its size constraints," she said. "By denying this we may be denying him an opportunity to develop his land."

Greg Donovan, who sold the property to Yaldo, agrees. Donovan donated the property for New Haggerty Road, he said.

"It's difficult to conceive an industrial facility on the site, based on the shape of the property," he said.

The project faced other obstacles in addition to location and traffic concerns, according to Commissioner Bob Wade.

"They didn't demonstrate a need. There's a restaurant right around the corner," Wade said. "If I'm going to vote to override an ordinance I want to be sure we really need it."

The request goes to the Township Board of Trustees in January, and Yaldo said he hopes to persuade the board to overturn the planning commission's decision.

"Right now the site is vacant. It's a dumping site for people who want to get rid of their trash," he said. "We want to put a high-class restaurant there; something to enhance the nature of the community."

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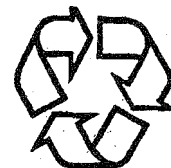
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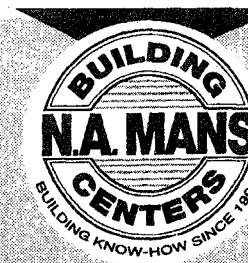
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# For a familiar face

*Fund started for accident victim's family*

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

As the holiday season approaches, Plymouth residents and businesses are pulling together to help out the family of Margaret Williams.

According to a City of Plymouth police report, Williams was struck and killed by a Jeep Grand Cherokee after leaving Einstein Bros. Bagels on Ann Arbor Road last Wednesday. She suffered severe multiple injuries at the scene, and was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. The driver of the Cherokee was not injured in the accident, the report said.

Williams, 50, was uninsured at the time of her death and was the single parent to daughter Carrie, 25, and son Brian, 20, a person with cerebral palsy.

"People were calling and connecting with a desire to do something for her family," said Bill Graham, vice president of Peoples State Bank, in Plymouth. Inspired by their plight, particularly during the holiday season, Graham and the bank have organized a fund to help Williams' family. "We realized her financial condition and thought it would be appropriate to contribute some money, mostly for Brian's welfare and benefit since he will be affected the most."

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A bouquet of flowers sits on the roadside near the spot Margaret Williams was hit last week (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

# Sign owner fined for graffiti

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton resident Patrick Ratchford will appear in 35th District court tomorrow for ordinance violations issued on a graffiti-covered sign at I-275 and Palmer Road.

The top of the sign is painted with bold black letters proclaiming freedom of speech.

The remainder of the message is less democratic, however. Nazi slogans and swastikas are scrawled on the sign, as well as phrases such as 'white power,' and 'Hitler yesterday, skinheads today.'

Ratchford was ticketed Oct. 21 for the sign under a Canton ordinance that prohibits graffiti, according to Russ Heatwole, Canton ordinance officer.

"This is just plain graffiti," he said. "It has to be removed."

Ordinance requires removal of the graffiti regardless of who wrote it, Heatwole said.

"If it's on your property, you're still responsible for the sign whether you put it there or not," Heatwole said. "It's the same for anyone."

It is Ratchford's second violation in connection with the sign, constructed last year out of plywood and an old trailer. The sign's original message accused Canton officials of biased hiring practices in the Public Safety Department.

The first violation concerned the size of the sign, according to ordinance office Russ Heatwole.

"It was a political sign, and Canton



Canton's Building and Inspection department has ticketed Patrick Ratchford, the owner of this sign, for the graffiti painted on it. The sign, which Ratchford parked in view of I-275 traffic in the summer of 1996, originally criticized Canton Police hiring practices. Ratchford appears in 35th District Court tomorrow (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

ordinances only allow a political sign to be six square feet in size," he said. "The sign was a little bigger. He didn't have to take it down; it was just too big."

Ratchford appeared before 35th District court on the violation, but pled not guilty as is awaiting trial. The process was hampered by the burning down of the courthouse, with no jury trials being scheduled before the court moves into its

temporary facility on Plymouth road early next month.

Instead of reducing the size of the sign, it was painted over and left with the Freedom of Speech disclaimer across the top.

Ratchford is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow at 35th District Court for the second violation, Heatwole said. The trial for the initial violation is still pending.

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- Tonight, Canton hosts the St. Nick Frolic at the Summit, its annual Christmas party for seniors. Call 397-5444.

## WEEKEND

- Friday at 5:30 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel's booster club will host a spaghetti dinner to support the school's athletics program. Admission is \$5. For more information, at 453-3053.
- Sunday at 6 p.m., it's an evening of hot chocolate and Christmas carols at the Kellogg Park bandshell as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the 4th annual Plymouth Families Candlelight Sing-along. Attendees can sing carols, see the walk of trees dedication and sign the giant Christmas card. Call 453-1540 for more info.

## NEXT WEEK


- Friday, 7 - 10 p.m., downtown Plymouth hosts Home for the Holidays. Merchants will offer special discounts and free gifts; those who bring a canned good for the Salvation Army food bank will receive a special bonus.

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The Crier will print the winners of its 18th Annual Holiday Coloring Contest, and the messages to Santa that accompanied the entries. See it in next week's Plus section.



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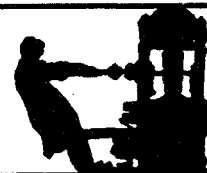
The Board will review the following appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors and Mutual Mistake of Fact.

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MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN  
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TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA  
City Treasurer

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# Promotion tax on hold

*Evaluation, spending concerns taxpayers, Plymouth City Commissioners*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Tax, but no tax.  
Plymouth's City Commission voted to delay implementation of the Downtown Development Authority's promotion tax, and to send it back to committee for reconsideration.

The commission was scheduled to set a second public hearing on the proposal Monday, but instead voted 6-1 to hold it back for a reworking.

Echoing concerns raised by downtown property owners, commissioners said they wanted to see a new method for evaluating the project's success, a more detailed plan for how the money would be spent, and the formation of a body to be accountable for the project.

"We need to come up with an appropriate resolution that would cover specific spending guidelines... and criteria for accountability," Joe Koch, mayor pro tem,

said. "It could be a good project, but not at the point that it's at."

Koch said he wants to be sure there is a benchmark set to evaluate the project's success, but at a cost lower than the three-year total of \$20,000 the proposal originally allotted.

*'It could be a good project, but not at the point that it's at.'*

Joe Koch  
Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem

"I had a tough time accepting it at first," he said, one of the project's most vocal critics.

The tax would raise \$120,000 in three years for advertising in nearby cities that would promote patronage of downtown Plymouth businesses. The tax would

be assessed to commercial properties within the Downtown Development Area.

Now returned to committee, the project is about two to three months further from implementation said Mayor Don Dismuke.

Dismuke was the only commissioner who voted to retain the proposal, with a few revisions.

# Plymouth Edward's closes

*Bakery owner says hectic schedule was getting stale*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Edward's Bake Shop on Forest Avenue in Plymouth closed its doors Saturday, according to owner Ed Postif.

Postif closed the shop, which opened in March, 1996 because he was having difficulty running the Plymouth location and the store's original shop in Northville.

"I personally couldn't do the two of them any more," he said. "I was too

stressed out. I was going to be in a hospital coronary unit before long."

Postif said another factor in the decision was his growing catering business in Northville.

"The catering side has been so busy that I don't have time for much else," he said. "We are staying in the community. I just want to focus on doing really good catering in Northville."

# Hotel freed from City deadlines

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"The motivation is their own economic welfare," he said. "The idea that the agreement with the City would commit them to the project is all backwards."

Under the original agreement, the City waived about \$28,900 in penalties and interest on back taxes, and leased to the hotel space above City-owned property. In exchange, the Karmos were to have completed the hotel renovation by last September.

Higher-than-expected construction costs lead them to extend the bidding process until Dec. 1.

The hotel is now responsible for paying the \$28,900 it owes.

And now, in the eyes of the City, the Karmos are under no deadline to advance the project or make any decisions.

Steve Guile, director of the Downtown Development Authority, said that a drawn-out decision could damage the Karmos' reputation.

"They're losing community support," he said. "There's some erosion of the support that was there initially."

"But I still believe they're going to do something there."

Dismuke said he expects that the Karmos are right, and that a decision and plan are about 90 days away.

Longer than that could become expensive, he said, but taking time to make the right decision would pay off in the long run.

"You don't want to overlook the fact that they're still business people."

# Residents reach out to Williams' family

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People who have lived and worked in Plymouth would likely recognize Williams, said Dolly Marzka, owner of Ye Olde Barber Shoppe.

"For 18 years she has walked by my shop at least three or four times a week," Marzka said. "She took her son everywhere. We all knew her and waved. She was a very nice lady who raised her two children alone. My heart goes out to her family."

Williams' mother, Clair Celvelli, said she was surprised with the outpouring of sympathy she has received.

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Att'n Bill Graham

"I didn't realize how many people knew her," she said. "I just can't believe the response. There were so many beautiful flowers at the funeral I almost passed out."

No ticket has been issued to the driver who struck Williams, Police Chief Bob Scoggins said, but the accident investigation is still open.

"We have exhausted all of our witnesses. If anyone saw anything we encourage them to call us. When forensics are back, then it will be put in front of the prosecutor."

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Margaret Williams with her son, Brian, now 20 years old.

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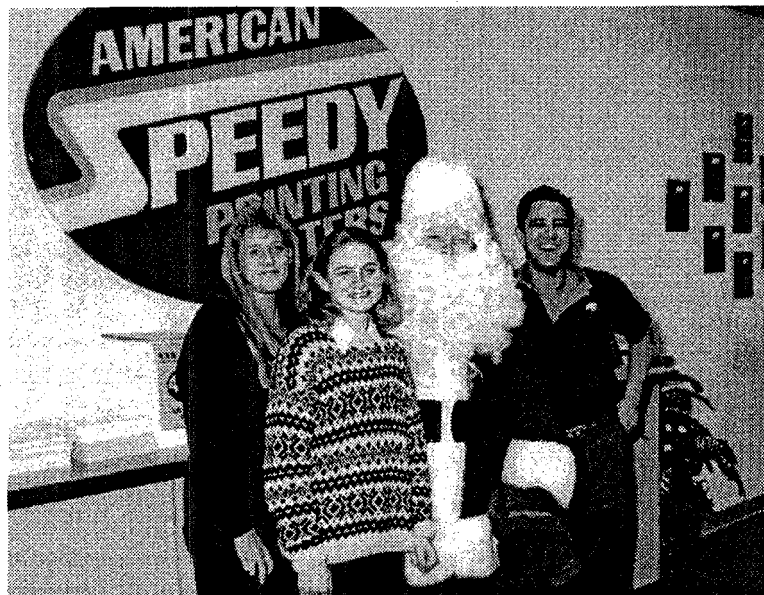
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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Marine 1st Lt. Douglas W. Smith, son of Nicholas and Joan E. Smith of Plymouth recently participated in Exercise Bright Star with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

The multinational exercise entailed naval, tactical air, amphibious assault, undersea, special forces and combat ground training.

Army Pvt. Phillip N. Jeffers, son of Phillip W. Jeffers at and Debra M. Norman, both of Canton, has entered basic infantry training at Fort Columbus, GA.

Jeffers is a 1997 graduate of of Salem High School.



Jillian Mitchell (above right, with instructor Victoria Schneider) of Canton, has been invited to study at the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, FL.

The Harid Conservatory was established in 1987 to provide high quality, professional training for gifted young dancers and musicians.

Mitchell is the daughter of Suzanne and Lauren Mitchell.

Air Force Airman Michelle T. Alcini, daughter of Barbara A. and George W. Holmes of Canton has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Alcini is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.

Army Pvt. Sara L. Plath, daughter of Diane and William Plath of Northville, has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

She is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School.

## OLGC scouts learn car care basics

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Chris Arden became an impromptu instructor Monday when 14 eager, Junior Girl Scouts visited his garage to learn the basics of car maintenance.

The girls, from Girl Scout Troop #363 at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC), were completing requirements for a new car care merit badge, according to Troop Leader Jen Genrich.

Arden's Auto Service, in Plymouth, hosted the girls for an hour-long lecture. Arden pointed out some rudimentary car care ideas and fulfilled most of the requirements of the badge. The girls learned how to change a flat tire, check tire pressure, oil and other fluid levels. They also learned about what to do in an emergency, and how to jump-start a dead battery.

It's all a part of the new girl scouts, according to Genrich.

"We're trying to teach independence," she said. "We don't want the girls to be dependent on their dad, their brothers or their boyfriends."

Genrich said the idea behind the new badge was to help the girls prepare for driving.

"This is the perfect time for them to learn," she said. "A few years from now they'll be concentrating on other things. Now they're just so eager and ready to soak up knowledge."

Arden has operated Arden's Auto Service for 25 years, he said. The idea to share his expertise first came from a trade



Left to right: Grant Musser shows Caitlin Porubsky, Kristina Hall and Laura Warbelow how to check tire pressure. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

magazine, he said "It's good for the community. It promotes goodwill and business."

That Arden himself is a 1958 graduate of OLGC probably didn't hurt the collaboration, either.

To Arden, however, the lecture represents more than simply showing the girls car care basics.

"I want to show them that driving is a privilege and carries a certain responsibility," he said.

"It goes beyond what they teach for Driver's Education at the high schools," Genrich added. "It prepares them for the road."

Each of the girl scouts received a package with safety glasses, rubber gloves and a tire pressure gauge for attending the workshop.

And this time, it was Arden who supplied the cookies.

## Holiday classic returns

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's like tinsel and roasted chestnuts, stockings and chimneys, family and friends.

Few things remind people of the holidays like Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," and few people can bring it to life like the Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet.

The two are teaming up for the seventh consecutive year to bring the classic fairy tale to Salem High School, according to Bonnie Holyoak, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony.

"It's a wonderful production," she said. "It's something we look forward to all year."

Dawn Greene, director of the Plymouth Canton Ballet, agrees. The ballet group solicits dancers from communities all around P-C-N in the beginning of August, she said.

"We get requests even earlier than that," Greene said. "I've had people ask me about it in June."

As in previous years, three shows will be scheduled, Holyoak said. The groups



Hilari Smith of Canton and Seth Miller of Grosse Ile, MI star in The Nutcracker at Salem High School Dec. 13-15.

will have an evening performance Friday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., and two matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

This year's Friday night show will bring a new feature to the annual event, according to Holyoak. Storyteller Ruth Burr will tell the story of the Nutcracker to children before the show.

"The Symphony committee thought if educated people better, they would enjoy the show more," she said. "If you know the music and you know about the composer you're going to be able to enjoy it better."

The ballet is also hosting the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea after the Saturday and Sunday Shows, according to Greene. Children can get together and meet the Sugar Plum Fairy, the King and other performers, including 12-year-old Hilari Smith of Canton, who plays the part of Clara this year.

"It's wonderful for the children to get to meet the performers," Holyoak said. "They get such a thrill out of it."

Anyone interested in tickets for the Nutcracker shows, the Tea or the Storytelling can get more information by calling the Plymouth Symphony at (313) 451-2112.

# Postmaster: 'Mail now'

*Ship packages early for holiday delivery*

BY BRYON MARTIN

As shopping season begins, so does shipping season: mail trucks and letter bags are quickly filling with holiday cards and packages.

Nationally, postal customers will bring more than 19 billion cards, letters and packages to post offices during the holiday shipping season, according to Plymouth Postmaster Joe Groff. Plymouth's postal workers have been so busy, Groff said, he hasn't even had a chance to mail his packages yet. "We're busy already. But that's the way we like it."

To handle its share of this December mail swell, the Plymouth post office has hired eight seasonal workers and put regular staff on overtime.

Plymouth's two post offices — on Penniman Avenue in the City, and at 47526 Clipper in the Township — have extended their Saturday hours until 4 p.m., Groff said. Mail trucks will also make additional trips to Detroit for processing. "It's a big effort."

But even with more trucks, longer hours and additional clerks and carriers, the best way to ensure successful shipping is by starting now, according to Groff.

"We're asking customers to keep it coming, but to please start early so we can make sure everything is delivered on time."

The Postal Service offers other shipping tips:

address neatly.

- Always use a return address.
- Always use the complete address information such as Ave., Blvd., and St. Always use the apartment or suite number. Always use correct directionals, such as N, W and SW.

- Get the zip code right: both Plymouth post offices offer zip code information; the Postal Service website does too, at [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov).

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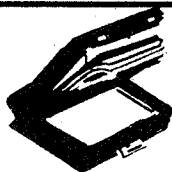


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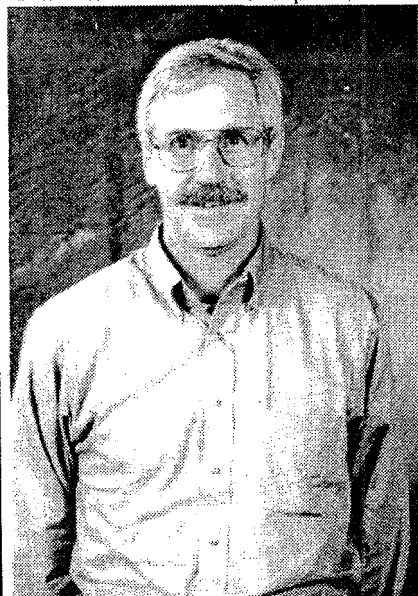
## Neighbors in business



**JOHN FIORI**

Johnson Controls, in Plymouth, has appointed several senior executives to new positions.

John Fiori has been named president, Europe and Emerging Markets Automotive Group.



**JAMES PELL**

He will manage automotive operations for the Johnson Controls business units that serve BMW, Fiat, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, PSA, Renault, Rover and Volkswagen. He will also lead the company's operations in Asia and South America.

James Pell has been named group vice president and general manager of Component Operations Worldwide. He is responsible for managing the company's seat trim, foam, structures and mechanisms operations around the world.

# Petal'er for a cause

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

You've heard of Toys for Tots; this is like Presents for Pets.

Claws for Cause is a program offered through the Michigan Animal Rescue League, local Humane Society Shelters and businesses like Piccadilly Petal'er in Canton.

"We've been talking with various animal shelters in the area, and they gave us the idea that it would be good to collect food and money for animals," Ray Mierzejewski, owner of Piccadilly Petal'er, said. "Most people hear of Toys for Tots and programs like it, but they all forget about our little furry friends."

Claws for Cause is designed to capture the giving spirit people generally feel toward the holidays, according to Mierzejewski.

Instead of collecting toys for distribution, Piccadilly Petal'er is collecting donations of money and canned food to give to animals that might otherwise be destroyed by shelters that can't afford to keep them alive.

"This is something totally different for us," Mierzejewski said. "Usually we work with the Goodfellows."

And while Mierzejewski continues to work with the Goodfellows, he is collecting for the animal shelters, too. His previous work with the Goodfellows included decorating Christmas Trees and donating them to the Goodfellows auction.

People coming in to the stores can put their donations under Mierzejewski's special Claws for Cause tree, or make



Betty Lavelly (left) and owner Ray Mierzejewski are collecting donations for unwanted pets this Christmas.

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some other kind of charitable donation. Those who make a donation will receive a brochure explaining the program, and what the funds provide at various

shelters in the area, Mierzejewski said.

This Saturday the Petal'er celebrates its five year anniversary at its location at Ford and Lilley roads, Mierzejewski said.

"We've survived our first five years here," he said. "We think it's time for a customer appreciation day."

Mierzejewski said Piccadilly Petal'er will serve refreshments and demonstrate some of their special services. They will be accepting donations for Claws for Cause, too.

"We'll keep collecting until we feel we have enough to donate."

# All they want for Christmas



Lauren and John Hasko (left) got all they wanted for Christmas when they won a two-year lease to a Ford Explorer at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction. The Chamber raffled off \$50-chances to win the lease at its auction, its biggest fundraiser of the year. Blackwell Ford, in Plymouth, donated the Explorer and Sales Manager Len Gossman (right) presented the Haskos with their Yuletide ride. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)



# New Internet line for Canton

*Fiberoptic line means quicker service at website*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Township Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the purchase of a special fiberoptic line dedicated to the Internet.

The new line should improve the level of Internet service to the township and to those who visit its website, according to Dan Durack, administrative and community services director.

Consisting of a phone line and a service contract with Internet Access Group (IAG), the new service will be tested for one year, Durack said.

"We're using the Internet now, but the systems we're using have been unreliable," he said. "This will allow us our own phone line dedicated for Internet access and a contract with a consistent Internet provider."

Durack said the Township currently uses several different Internet services to provide Internet connections such as IBM Internet Service and Compuserve, but they are unreliable and inadequate for the job.

The township also explored the idea of individual America Online and Compuserve accounts, but chose the dedicated line and IAG because it was less expensive in the long run, Durack said.

The contract with IAG includes installation of a 128Kbs burstable T1 phone service, which means a dedicated phone line

capable of handling vastly larger amounts of data than the lines Canton has now.

The Internet phone line will also be monitored by IAG, and upgraded in times of peak capacity to handle more information, according to Durack.

The Internet service is designed to consolidate all township employees into one service, and provide the groundwork for added services for residents in the future, according to Durack.

"Ultimately we're going to have more interactive uses for it," he said. "Our current web page is pretty static. We'd like to be able to have residents register for the Summit or pay their water and tax bills right over the Internet, to name just a few applications."

IAG will also provide "firewall" protections, which are safety precautions that provide protection against viruses that could potentially be downloaded through the Internet. The contractor will also screen certain areas of the Internet, such as adult sites and game sites would be inaccessible through the new system, Durack said.

The system, will cost about \$33,000 and will be evaluated at the end of next year, according to Durack.

"We'll be taking a look at it to see if we're really getting our money's worth," he said. "If not, we'll go somewhere else."

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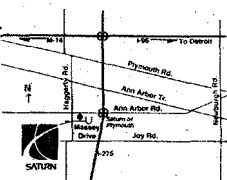
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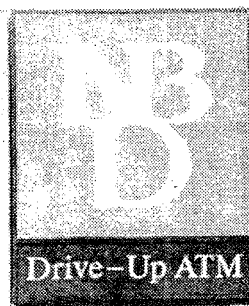


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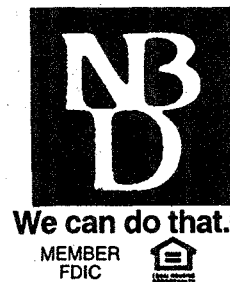
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# Canton may take control of county roads

*Would direct state, federal road funds too*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton officials will soon enter into negotiations with Wayne County to assume control of the township's roads, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Canton would then be in full control of where state and federal road funds should go, and which improvements should be made first within the township, Yack said.

"We know better than the county which roads and intersections need improvement. We know our priorities," he said. "We're closer to the problem. If Canton residents are unhappy with the roads, they call me. I can't do anything. Until now we haven't been involved in the process."

After repeated requests and complaints, Cameron Priebe, Wayne County director of roads, sent a letter to Yack's office stating the county would work with the township.

"It's a foregone conclusion now," Yack said. "All we have to do is get something scheduled and away we go."

Although the township has pursued this goal for some time, Yack said they will still be careful when they discuss the details of the takeover.

A big part of the negotiations will be ensuring the townships doesn't have to pay the local match for projects that have been federally funded for years, according to Yack.

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**Canton Twp. Supervisor**

"Canton Center and Morton Taylor roads have had federal funds for years, but the county hasn't put up the local match," he said. "I can see them trying to make us pay it. It'll be our contention that they should pay it, because those projects should have been completed years ago."

If the township gains control of county roads within

Canton, all state Act 51 funds for those roads would flow directly into Canton, Yack said. The Township could also gain additional federal funds for road improvements.

Yack said he isn't sure exactly when the county will relinquish control of the roads, only that it will be soon.

"The letter suggested that we move quickly," he said. "We would certainly agree. It's all about service; being responsive to the people. I say we're ready."

# Police, schools team up

*Community policing effort reaches to early grades*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Public Safety has expanded its community policing philosophy into each of Canton's elementary schools.

The department and the schools new partnership is based on proactive law enforcement, according to John Santomauro, Canton director of Public Safety. Establishing a strong public safety presence before crime occurs is their continuing goal, he said.

"It's a continuation and evaluation of the community policing philosophy," he said.

Community policing teams will work directly with the elementary schools to provide added services, and will continue to work with the D.A.R.E. and Growthworks programs.

Classroom can be a shortcut into the community, a logical step in the evolution of community policing, Santomauro said.

"Elementary schools are focal points in the neighborhoods," he said. "In a larger community like Canton, a lot of identity forms around the elementary schools."

Santomauro said the partnership will pro-

mote communication between police and the community, and will also help get the public safety department more involved with the schools. Each school has its own needs.

"There are problems generic to all schools in Canton, but specific needs can vary with each neighborhood," he said. "The program allows each neighborhood to address them with the department."

It is hoped that more positive contact between police officers and youth will foster better relationships, Santomauro said. "We want to offer police and fire personnel to the children as role models," he said.

Community policing team leaders are in the process of meeting with elementary school officials to outline each of the schools' concerns, and organizing public safety awareness assemblies, Santomauro said.

"It's a monumental step forward in bringing community policing directly into the elementary schools," he said. "Any time you can foster a one-on-one relationship with police and members of the community, it's a good thing."

# Court may open Dec. 15th

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If all goes well, the 35th District Court will be back under one roof and open for business Dec. 15, according to Kerry Erdman, court administrator.

"We're almost there now," he said. "We've just got a few little things to do."

Erdman said the sewer and water had been connected to the site, the parking lot has initial striping done and most of the electrical work is complete inside the trailers.

"The rooms are all partitioned off; we're basically ready to go," Erdman said. "All that's left is some clean up and minor electrical work."

Erdman said the furniture and computers

could be moved in and the phone lines hooked up next week in preparation for the opening Monday, Dec. 15.

When completed, the modular, 26,000 square-foot structure will house the 35th District Court until a new courthouse is completed.

Erdman said he expects to solicit bids from architecture firms next week as well, and hopes to have a firm picked by January so work on the new building can begin as soon as weather permits.

No major grand opening event is planned for the temporary building, Erdman said.

"We'll probably do a little something to recognize everyone who has helped," he said.

# Hanford extension delayed

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for warmer weather to complete the project, Casari said.

He said he believes that the project still could have been completed this year.

"We were only a day or two away from

pouring the concrete, and we just had recently had that week of warm weather," he said. "We would have liked to have the flexibility to get the project done."

The county has also closed the Canton Center realignment project, according to John Roach, public information manager for Wayne County's Department of Public Services. The road was scheduled to be realigned with with Belleville Road, south of Michigan Avenue.

"Because of cold weather and precipitation we closed up construction of road projects," Roach said. "It's unfortunate. We don't like to have projects left undone, but the timing and the elements conspired against us."

## Addenda & errata

Tim Cronin has not been demoted to Township Trustee; he remains the Township Attorney.

Bob DeMattia is not a member of the Fred Hill Eriecase Drill Team; Harley riders don't carry briefcases

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**HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
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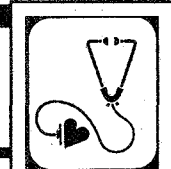
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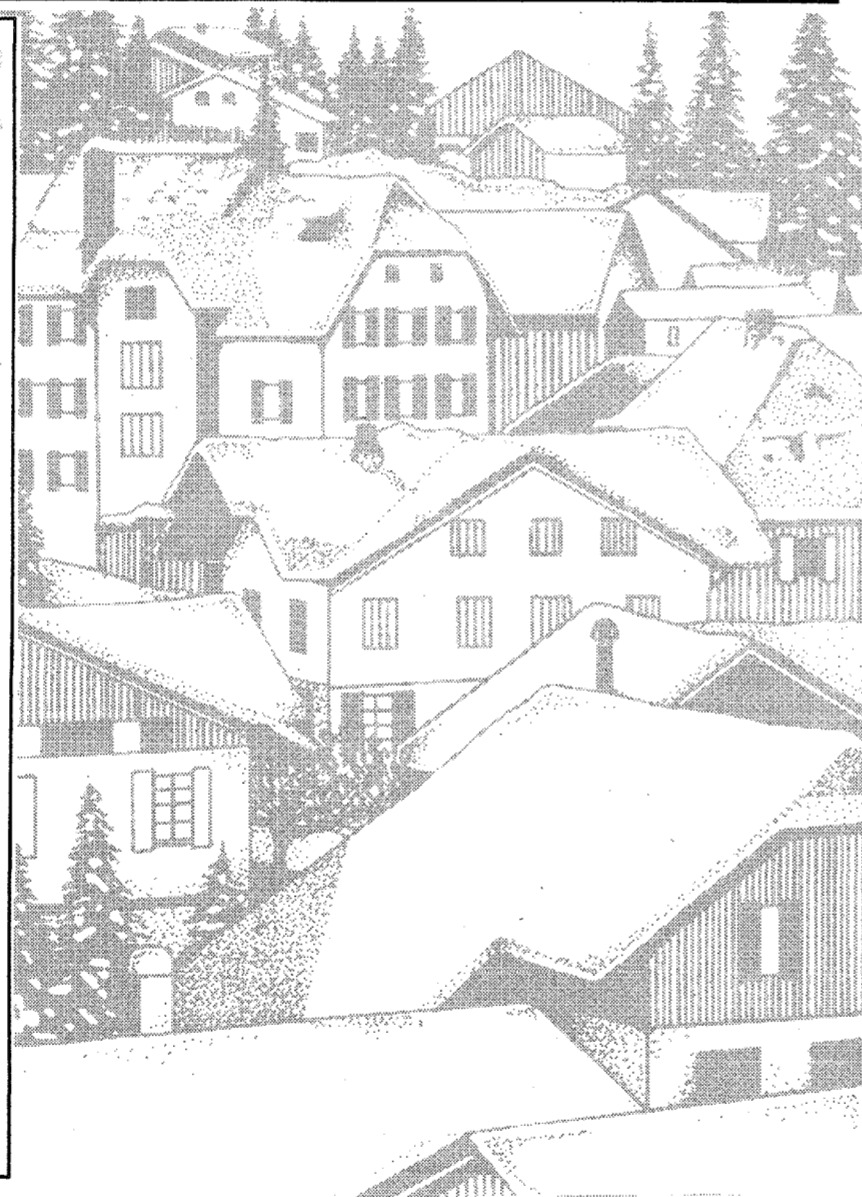
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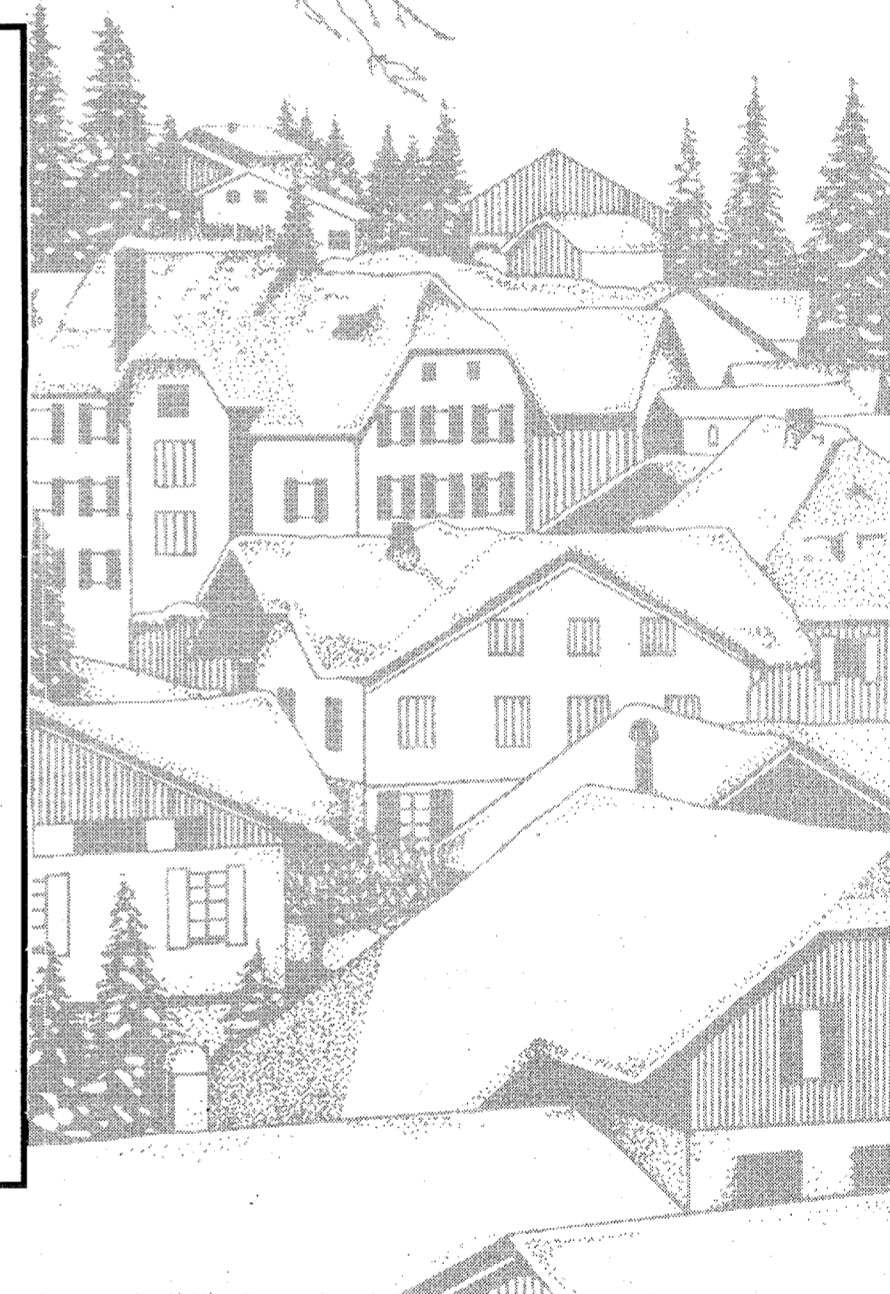


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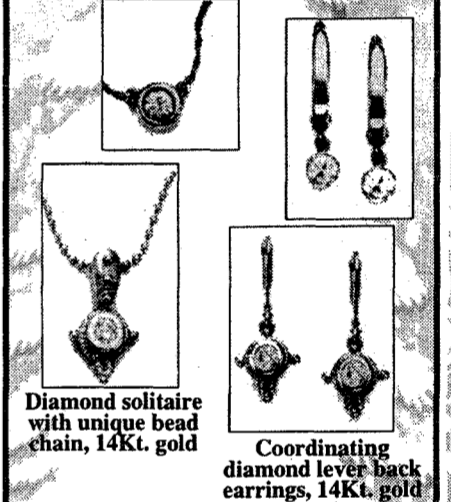
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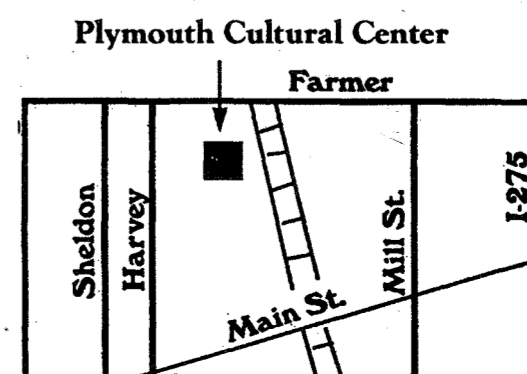
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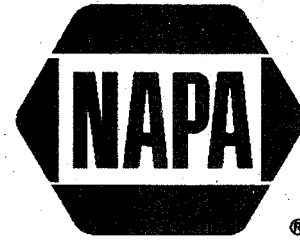
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<p><b>SALEM VARSITY &amp; JV BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>Tues. 12-9-97 Monroe T 5:30                  Fri. 12-12-97 Ann Arbor Huron T 5:30                  Tues. 12-16-97 Belleville H 6:00                  Sat. 12-27-97 Grosse Ile JV/V Tourn. T 6:00                  Mon. 12-29-97 Grosse Ile JV/V Tourn. T 6:00                  Tues. 1-6-98 Milan T 6:00                  Fri. 1-9-98 Franklin H 6:00                  Fri. 1-16-98 Harrison T 5:30                  Fri. 1-23-97 Farmington T 5:30                  Tues. 1-27-98 Northville H 6:00                  Fri. 1-30-98 N. Farmington H 6:00                  Tues. 2-3-98 WL Central H 6:00                  Tues. 2-10-98 Plymouth-Canton H 6:30                  Fri. 2-13-98 John Glenn T 5:30                  Tues. 2-17-98 Churchill T 6:00                  Fri. 2-20-98 Stevenson H 6:00                  Fri. 2-27-98 Playoff H 6:00                  Tues. 3-3-98 Playoff H 6:00                  3/6 or 3/7                  3/17-3/21 Districts                  3/24, 26, 27, 28 State Finals                  Var. Coach: Bob Brodie JV Coach: Rick Wilson</p>	<p>Thur. 2-5-98 Farmington H 7:00                  Sat. 2-7-98 Dexter 9/10 Invit. T 7:00                  Thur. 2-12-98 Stevenson T 7:00                  Sat. 2-21-98 MISCA Meet EMU                  Fri. 2-26-98 Conf. Prelims H 1:00                  Fri. 2-27-98 Conf. Finals H 2:30                  Sat. 2-28-98 State Finals H 12:00                  Tues. 3-10-98 Regional Diving EMU                  Sat. 3/13 &amp; 3/14 State Finals</p>	<p>Thur. 2-19-98 John Glenn H 7:00                  Mon. 2-23-98 Canton "B" Meet T 6:00                  Thur. 2-26-98 Western Lakes Conf. T 6:00                  Sat. 3-7-98 MISCA Meet EMU                  Fri. 3-13-98 State Finals H 1:00                  Sat. 3-14-98 State Finals H 2:30                  Coach: Melissa Hopson</p>	<p>Mon. 2-23-98 WL Central H 5:30                  Coach: Candi Gilles</p>	<p><b>CANTON FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL</b></p> <p>Wed. 12-17-97 Ann Arbor Huron T 6:00                  Sat. 1-10-98 Brighton Invit. T 9:00                  Sat. 1-17-98 Ann Arbor Pioneer Invit. T 8:30                  Mon. 1-19-98 WL Central H 5:30                  Mon. 1-21-98 Stevenson T 5:30                  Sat. 1-24-98 Dexter Invit. T 8:30am                  Mon. 1-26-98 Northville H 5:30                  Wed. 1-27-97 Madonna Invit. (JV) T 9:00                  Portage N. Invit. T 8:00                  Sat. 1-10-98 Salem Fest. Invit. H 8:00am                  Mon. 1-26-98 Farmington H 9:00                  Sat. 1-17-98 Plymouth-Salem Classic H 8:00                  Mon. 1-19-98 Northville T 5:30                  Mon. 1-19-98 John Glenn H 5:30                  Sat. 1-24-98 Temp. Bedford JV Invit. T 8:00                  Mon. 1-26-98 Farmington H 5:30                  Wed. 1-28-98 Churchill H 5:30                  Mon. 2-2-98 WL Western T 5:30                  Wed. 2-4-98 Stevenson H 5:30                  Sat. 2-7-98 Schoolcraft Invit. T 9:00                  N. Farmington H 5:30                  Wed. 2-11-98 Harrison GRapids 8:00                  Creston Classic Invit. T 5:30                  Wed. 2-18-98 Plymouth-Canton T 5:30                  Fri. 2-20-98 U/M Dearborn JV Invit. T 9:00am                  Mon. 2-23-98 WL Central H 5:30                  Mon. 2-28-98 Conf. Meet H 4:30                  Sat. 2-14-98 JV Tourn. H 4:30                  Fri. 1-16-98 Team Districts 3/6 or 3/7 T                  Sat. 2-21-98 Indiv. Districts H 9:00                  3/17, 20, 21 State Finals                  Varsity Coach, Brian Gilles Asst. Vars., Allie Suffey                  JV Coach Candy Gilles</p>	<p><b>SALEM FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL</b></p> <p>Sat. 1-3-98 Brighton Invit. T 7:30am                  Sat. 1-10-98 Salem Fest. Invit. T 7:30am                  Wed. 1-14-98 Franklin H 5:30                  Sat. 1-19-98 Northville H 5:30                  Sat. 1-24-98 Dexter Invit. T 5:30                  Mon. 1-19-98 Farmington T 5:30                  Fri. 1-28-98 Churchill H 5:30                  Fri. 1-30-98 U/M Dearborn Tourn. T 5:30                  Mon. 2-2-98 WL Western H 5:30                  Sat. 2-7-98 Madonna Tourn. T 5:30                  Mon. 2-9-98 N Farmington T 5:30                  Wed. 2-11-98 Harrison T 5:30                  Sat. 2-14-98 Madonna Tourn. T 5:30                  Wed. 2-18-98 Plymouth-Canton T 5:30                  Coach: Lorena Sanford</p>	<p><b>CANTON GYMNASIICS</b></p> <p>Sat. 12-13-97 Freeland T 2:00                  Thur. 12-18-97 Quad Meet H 7:00                  Wed. 1-7-98 Hartland H 7:00                  Sat. 1-10-98 Rockford Invit. T 9:00am                  Wed. 1-14-98 John Glenn H 7:00                  Sat. 1-17-98 Holland Invit. T 11:00am                  Wed. 1-21-98 Northville H 7:00                  Mon. 1-21-98 Farmington T 6:30                  Sat. 1-31-98 Plymouth-Canton Invit. H 10:00am                  Thur. 2-19-98 Walled Lake H 7:00                  Sat. 2-24-98 MISCA Meet EMU                  Sat. 2-26-98 Conf. Prelims Salem 1:00                  Sat. 2-27-98 Conf. Diving Salem 2:30                  Sat. 2-28-98 Conf. Finals Salem 12:00                  Tues. 3-10-98 Regional Diving EMU                  3/13 &amp; 3/14 State Finals                  Coach: Kyle Lott</p>	<p>Thur. 1-15-98 Plymouth-Salem H 7:00                  Sat. 1-17-98 Rock Invit. H 1:00                  Thur. 1-22-98 Northville H 6:00                  Sat. 1-24-98 Monroe Invit. T 9:00am                  Tues. 1-27-98 Stevenson T 7:00                  Thu. 2-29-98 Harrison H 7:00                  Thur. 2-5-98 Franklin T 7:00                  Sat. 2-7-98 Dexter 9/10 Invit. T 7:00                  Thur. 2-12-98 Church H 7:00                  Thur. 2-19-98 Walled Lake H 7:00                  Sat. 2-21-98 MISCA Meet EMU                  Sat. 2-26-98 Conf. Prelims Salem 1:00                  Sat. 2-27-98 Conf. Diving Salem 2:30                  Sat. 2-28-98 Conf. 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Coach: Dan Young JV Coach: Jeremy Rheath</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL</b></p> <p>12-16 T 7:00                  12-13 T 9:00                  12-13 T 9:00                  12-16 T 7:00                  1-10 H TBA                  1-16 H 6:00                  1-19 H 7:00                  1-22 H 7:00                  1-27 H 7:00                  1-29 H 7:00                  2-1 T 6:00                  2-2 H 7:00                  2-27 H 7:00                  3-3 H 7:00</p>	<p>12-29 T Lenawee Christian Tourn.                  12-30 T Lenawee Christian Tourn.                  1-9 T Franklin Road                  1-15 T Southfield Christian                  1-20 H 7:00                  1-23 H 7:30                  1-27 H 7:00                  1-30 T Baptist Park                  2-3 H 7:00                  2-6 H 7:30                  2-10 T Inter-City Christian                  2-13 T Roper                  2-17 T Oakland Christian                  2-20 H 7:30                  2-27 H Cardinal Mooney                  3-3 H Greenhills</p>	<p><b>JV BOYS BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>12-16 H 5:30                  12-29 T Lenawee Christian Tourn.                  12-30 T Lenawee Christian Tourn.                  1-9 T Franklin Road                  1-15 T Southfield Christian                  1-20 H 5:30                  1-23 H 6:00                  1-27 H 6:00                  1-30 T Baptist Park                  2-3 H 5:30                  2-6 H 6:00                  2-10 T Inter-City Christian                  2-13 T Roper                  2-17 T Oakland Christian                  2-20 H 6:00                  2-27 H Cardinal Mooney                  3-3 H Greenhills</p>	<p><b>ST PETER'S LUTHERAN DAY SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>Boys A 8:00, Boys B 6:15                  GIRLS A 7:00, GIRLS B 5:30                  1-9-98 Zion, Monroe T                  1-16-98 St. Stephen's, Adrian T                  1-23-98 Dearborn Christian H                  1-29-98 Salem, Ann Arbor T                  1-31-98 Trinity, Jenera, OH H                  2-6-98 Peace, Livonia H                  2-13-98 Michigan Lutheran Seminary Tourn. H                  2-20-98 Martin Luther School, Madison Hts. H                  2-27-98 St. Paul's, Livonia T                  2-28-98 Cheerleading Competition, Monroe T                  3-7-98 Boys' Tourn., Adrian H                  3-14 Girls' Tourn., Jenera, OH T</p>
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## Events

### USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

**Saturday** from 10:00am-1:00pm the Canton Parks and Recreation Services will be sponsoring its annual used sports equipment sale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse location on Thursday, Dec. 4 between 6:00- 9:00pm. Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15%. For more information call 397-5110.

### "EVERLASTING LIGHT" CONCERT

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

### HANDCRAFTERS ARTS AND CRAFT SHOWS

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

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### WINE TASTING PARTY

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

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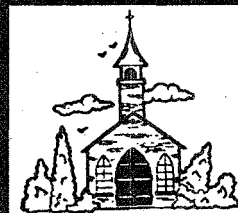


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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### PETER WOLAK

Peter Wolak, a former Plymouth resident, died Nov. 24, 1997 at the age of 83.

Mr. Wolak was born Aug. 15, 1914 in Centerline, MI. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1963 and worked as a farmer for Angelo DePonio. After that he was a construction worker with Ernie Berger, and then Don Bidwell. He worked on various buildings in Plymouth and Ann Arbor and retired in 1978. He attended Calvary Baptist Church and Berean Bible Church.

He is survived by his wife, Louise A. of Houghton Lake, MI; sons, David Wolak of Plymouth; daughter, Bette (Brad) Meininger of Colorado; four grandchildren; sister, Lottie Polsliet of Centerline, MI; and brothers, Frank Wolok of Hamtramck, Walter Wolak of Armada, MI, Stanley Wolak of Armada, MI.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Shinn officiating. Burial was at Washtenong Cemetery in Ann Arbor, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

### DENVER W. BARKER

Denver W. Barker, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 17, 1997 at the age of 94.

Mr. Barker was born July 7, 1903 in Blue Creek Township, OH. He was a custodian in the Farmington Public School System for 13 years, retiring in 1977. He came to the Plymouth community in 1925 from Blue Creek Township, OH. He loved to fish, farm and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters, Ruth (Charles) Richard of Livonia, Mary Ann Burk of Plymouth, BetterBarker of Plymouth, Rose (John) Scott of Detroit; sons, Duane Barker of Plymouth, Richard (Ruth) Barker of Farmington, Robert Barker of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Norma.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

### ARDIS R. ATKINSON

Ardis R. Atkinson, a Westland resident, died Nov. 28, 1997 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Ardis was born Feb. 18, 1916 in Cadillac, MI. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, William (Wilma) G. Atkinson of Canton, Donald J. (Janet) Barbersek of New Windsor, NY, Ralph E. (Nancy Ann) Barbersek of Lakeland, FL; and sister, Lorna Duckering of Ann Arbor. She is preceded in death by her parents, Oscar J. (Anna-Belle) Chapman.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Thom Burbridge officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorial contributions can be given to Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard Rd. Suite 200 Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

### GENEVIEVE A. STEPHENSON

Genevieve A. Stephenson, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 26, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Stephenson was born April 1, 1917 in Royal Oak, MI. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1956. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Westland. She was Michigan State Champ in the Detroit News Spelling Bee Contest in 1929 (6th grade.) She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Bill of Plymouth; son, John L. (Barbara) Stephenson, M.D., of Canton; daughter, Carol (John) Vos of Plymouth; grandsons, Jay (Brette) Stephenson of Ft. Bragg, NC, Lynn Stephenson of Canton, Jeff (Jamie) Vos of Northville, Christopher (Jennifer) Vos of East Lansing; great-grandchildren, Emily Vos and Conner Stephenson.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix Road, Westland. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

### GRACE E. BRENNAN

Grace E. Brennan, a Westland resident, died Nov. 30, 1997 at the age of 95.

Mrs. Brennan was born Sept. 13, 1902 in Victoria, IL. She lived in Plymouth for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Wilma L. Sedore of Westland; grandson, Leslie (Barbara) Sedore of Westland; and great-grandsons, Aaron and Jason Sedore of Westland. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Brennan; and her sister, Margaret Hjorth.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Drex. Morton officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400 Southfield, MI 48975-3680.

### Margaret S. Williams, 50, dental assistant.

Margaret S. Williams, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 26, 1997.

She is survived by her daughter, Carrie Williams of Plymouth; son, Brian Williams of Plymouth; mother, Clara Cervelli of Plymouth; one sister; and one brother.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Lance Rubringer officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

### Viola Bernette Mott, 84, independent construction contractor

Viola Bernette Mott, a Livonia resident, died Nov. 25, 1997.

She is survived by one brother; two sisters-in-law; and three nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

### Daniel Joseph DeLaGarza, 47, exporter for Ford Motor Company

Daniel Joseph DeLaGarza, a Canton resident, died Nov. 25, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Lyn DeLaGarza of Canton; sons, Michael and Daniel DeLaGarza; daughter, Ann Marie DeLaGarza; one brother; and two sisters.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

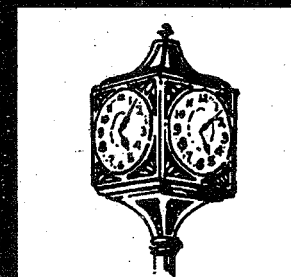
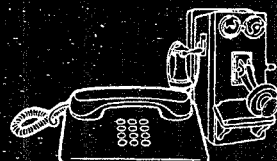




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JACK KENNY (OF QUICKSILVER fame) was a hit with his photo exhibition in Cuba. Viva Jack -Ed

Mary Lou: I shall treasure Jennifer for always, not only because she is so beautiful, but because she came from you at a time when I needed a lift rather badly. Blessings.

Oops - Connie's catered the great reception at Georgia's two weeks ago. It was a lovely occasion and Connie helped make it so.

(The poor typesetters have a dreadful time with my writing. I do apologize for the caterer being mis-spelled.)

## Curiosities

happy holidays (hăp`ē hōl`e-dăz`) an old expression among family and friends celebrating the cluster of several observances occurring in late November to early January. Far beyond religious, historic and cultural significances, this time period has become a more generalized event that reminds us all of the true meaning of friendship, family, community and thanksgiving. May your holidays be happy and 1998 a good year. Love: Sally Repeck, Beauregard, Jess and Ed Wendover.

Creon - You are the greatest!  
Thank you for being! Bless you, Geneva  
The Pie Record has been broken! It now stands at 43.

Oh my cute Gingerbread Man!  
You were the highlight of the parade.

Rod - the answer should have been - NO - you don't have the wrong number!!

## Curiosities

Lisa L. - Is there anything you do that doesn't bring joy to the recipient? Happy me! A day with lunch, Cobo Hall Festival of Trees exhibit and one of the forty-three pumpkin pies you made. (I ate the whole thing, and that's the truth.) Thank you. Love you, Geneva

Carolyn - I saw Santa Claus and he said I should give you a hug and you should give me one, because we're both so nice.

DEAR MARTHA ET AL - Your call was most welcome. This Thanksgiving was a bit hard. I wish there were some magic that would let our friends would know how often we think of them - Ernie Archer and his sister Eileen, Jack Murdock, the Archers, Doris Hoffmeyer, Anne Featherstone, the Pedersens. The list goes on and on. God bless us all said Tiny Tim, and I do too. Love, Geneva

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Ed is a dictator.

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association will hold High School Registration Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9am to 12 pm. This is for girls and boys in grades 9-12, the cost is \$90. The location is at the East Middle School.

The Ambassadors game against the Soo Indians will air on WSDP. WSDP, 88.1 FM will air the Friday, Dec. 5 hockey game between the Compuware Ambassadors and the Soo Indians at 6:20 pm.

The Ambassadors beat the Indians on Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22 to tie for the first place spot. The rivalry between the two teams has begun to grow and Nick Gismondi, a Salem Sophomore, and Sam Plymale, a Canton Senior, intend to bring listeners all of the action.

During the first intermission of the game listeners will hear "Velucci's Views" an interview with Ambassadors Coach Mike Velucci. Gismondi will also feature other interviews during the 2nd intermission.

WSDP's broadcast is sponsored by Wordhouse Financial Planning and Education, Madonna University and World Wide Net Premier Internet Services.

The 33rd Great Lakes Invitational to be held Saturday, Dec. 27. The first game is between Michigan and St. Lawrence at 3:00 pm. The second game on Dec. 27 is between Michigan State and Michigan Tech at 6:30 pm. Sunday, Dec. 28 at 1:30 pm the third place game is scheduled and the Championship Game is to be at 5:00 pm the same day.

The University of Michigan now has the **number one Club Soccer Team** in the country.

Last weekend the soccer team won the Round Robin Games in Phoenix ensuring the NCA National Championship for College Club Soccer. Their opponents included: U of Texas, U of Missouri, U of Tenn, Weaver State, and the U of Arizona. Led by Coach Steve Burns the team included Junior Jeff Cohen from Plymouth/Canton High School and Freshman Matt Sarkesian from Plymouth/Salem high School.

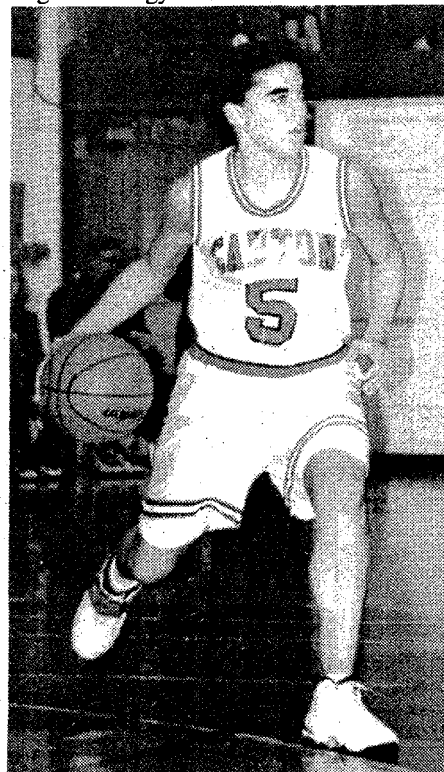
# Chiefs bounced

*Girls basketball knocked from playoffs by Class A champs, end season strong, 19-5*

BY TIM DAVIS

The Chiefs fought hard against defending Class A Champion Birmingham Marian Wednesday, but Marian was too much.

Both teams had an almost overpowering desire to win, which accounts for the low scoring high fouling game at the Salem High School gym.



For the first three quarters it seemed Canton was the team with the will to win. Their trademark slow, deliberate style seemed to be breaking Marian's momentum.

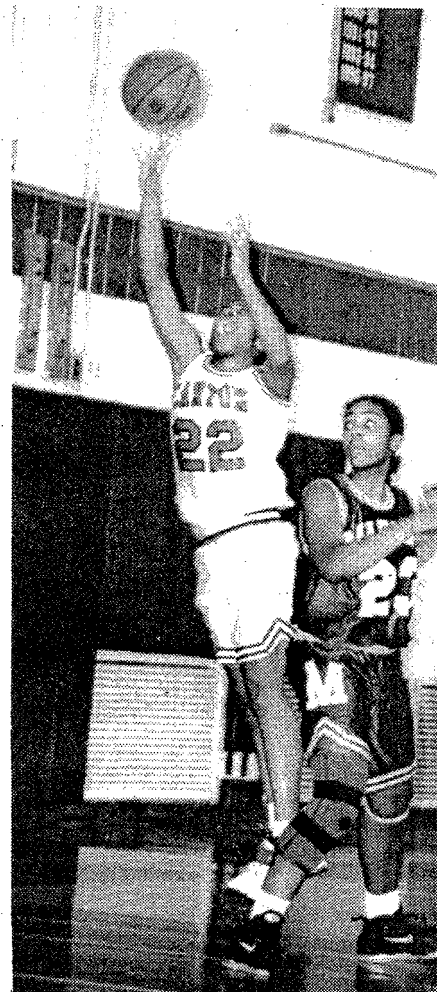
They came out of the first quarter with a 7-4 lead which they kept through halftime beginning the third quarter with a 16-15 lead over the Mustangs. With only 2:55 left in the game Janell Tweitmeyer put up two free throws and Canton's score to 32-26.

This six point lead seemed inescapable for the Mustangs but they refused to give their title without a fight. They stepped up the pace and scored some important points in the last three minutes to win the game 42-36.

According to Blohm the Chiefs just couldn't handle the pressure in the end. He is very proud of his girls despite the loss and said that they always give championship effort.

The best scores of the night were Breean Walas with the game high of 16 points and Kellie Byers had 10. Both scores were for the Mustangs. The Chiefs got 10 from Mellissa Marzolf and eight from Nkechi Okwumabua.

This was a hard fought battle to end an outstanding season for the Chiefs (19-5). It also gave the Mustangs their ticket to the state Quarter Finals this week at Waterford Mott.



Canton girls basketball fought a low-scoring battle for the Regional Title against Birmingham Marian Wednesday. Despite contributions from leading scorers Mellissa Marzolf (left) and Nkechi Okwumabua (above) the Chiefs lost to Marian, 42-36 (Crier photo by W.H. Dean).

## Season wrap-up:

# Canton kickers' losses not easily explained

BY BRIAN CORBETT

While it's easy to explain every one of the Canton boys soccer team's six losses this season, the outcomes are not easy for coach Don Smith to accept.

"We gave up too many ball games. We lost three to Salem, one to Livonia Churchill, one to Livonia Stevenson and one to Troy. They're all top teams in the state, too," Smith said. "I don't know yet if I didn't get what I expected out of the kids, or maybe I expected too much."

No one's ever accused the long-time Canton skipper of being easily satisfied. There's too many souvenirs in the Chiefs' trophy case for that.

This year's squad, which finished 13-6-1, didn't add to that collection, but the season still included several highlights worthy of Canton's rich tradition. It also laid the groundwork for a possible championship run next year.

Canton started out the year at home for the Gary Balconi tourna-

ment, defeating Portage Central, 1-0, in the season-opener. The Chiefs lost to season-long menace Salem, 4-1, in the tournament championship game, before going on a 8-0-1 run. The victories included a 4-3 triumph at Stevenson on Sept. 10, and 1-0 win three days later at home against Novi, one of the Kensington Valley Conference's best teams.

The Chiefs followed that up by blasting North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison by a combined score of 18-1, setting up Sept. 27 showdown at Troy.

"We were playing well. We scored first, then they scored, and we took the lead again. But they got another goal on us and then they really opened it up and won, 4-2. They were scoring goals from 20-25 yards out, up in the corner, unsavable shots. You don't see that

many of those (types of shots) in a season as we did in that game," Smith said.

Canton seemed to never fully recover. The Chiefs went 4-5 in their

*"I don't know yet if I didn't get what I expected out of the kids, or maybe I expected too much.."*

**Don Smith**  
Canton Head Coach

# Whalers win squeaker in Oshawa, 4-3

Whalers down 3-1 with less than 10 minutes to play, battle back to win in overtime

BY PETE KRUPSKY

Are the Plymouth Whalers contenders, pretenders or somewhere in between?

The way Whalers' general manager Pete DeBoer continues to reshuffle his talented deck of players, you get the feeling he thinks Plymouth is ready to take a serious run at first place in the tough OHL West.

The way the Whalers are playing, you get the idea they're ready to take a run for it, too.

A couple of days after resigning Russian defenseman Sergei Fedotov, the Whalers were down 3-1 to the Oshawa Generals with 9 minutes left in regulation before they snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in a hard-fought, 4-3 overtime victory.

Plymouth spotted the Generals a 3-1

lead with 9 minutes left in regulation before going to work.

A deadly transition game is a Whaler staple this year and it brought Plymouth to 3-2 at 14:06 of the third period when Shaun Fisher, motoring out of his own zone with the puck and carrying it deep into Oshawa territory, hit David Legwand with a pinpoint pass at the lip of the crease.

Legwand made no mistake with the shot and scored the second goal of the game

and his 26th of the season.

The Whalers tied the game 1:38 later when Harold Druken banked a shot in tight off Oshawa goaltender Mark Cairns.

The game-winner came 27 seconds later when Andrew Taylor followed up a long shot from center that Cairns kicked into the left wing corner.

Taylor beat an Oshawa defenseman to the puck in the corner and took a

hard shot that deflected off Cairns and into the net.

"All you can do on a play like that is follow it up and throw it at the goaltender," Taylor said after the game.

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*'All you can do on a play like that is follow it up and throw it at the goaltender.'*

*This time it went in.'*  
**Andrew Taylor**

## OHL sets schedule for All-Star game

The Ontario Hockey League is making the final preparations for their own brand of all-stars.

The Bell All Star Cup will be played in North Bay January 13th.

Team East — coached by Ottawa's Brian Kilrea — will face team West, coached by North Bay's Greg Bignell.

Team East will be joined by Central League teams Barrie, Sudbury and Owen Sound; Kitchener,

Guelph and North Bay will join the Western Division for the game.

The teams will be stocked by players with the most three-star selection points after 33 games.

Management teams for the games, include Owen Sound's Ray McKelvie and Oshawa's Wayne Daniels for the East. Sault's Dave Mayville and North Bay's Bob Ertel will manage the West's All-star team.

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PLYMOUTH	14	7	3	6-2-2	31
ERIE	14	11	1	5-4-1	29
SARNIA	12	10	6	3-4-3	30
S.S.MARIE	7	16	4	4-4-2	18
WINDSOR	7	21	1	3-6-1	15

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
KINGSTON	17	9	3	2-6-2	37
OTTAWA	16	9	4	5-3-2	34
BELLEVILLE	16	11	1	9-1-0	33
PETERBOROUGH	11	13	3	5-5-0	25
TORONTO	7	14	5	1-7-2	19
OSHAWA	8	20	0	1-9-0	16

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
BARRIE	20	9	1	7-3-0	35
GUELPH	18	5	3	8-1-1	31
KITCHENER	9	12	5	3-6-1	20
SUDBURY	10	12	2	4-5-1	18
NORTH BAY	9	14	4	2-5-3	16
OWEN SOUND	8	17	3	4-5-1	15

### WHALER STATISTICS

Current leaders:  
Goals: Legwand (24)  
Asst: Legwand (15)  
Pts: Legwand (41)

### CATCH OF THE DAY

The Whalers improved their home undefeated streak to 11 games by posting a 4-3 overtime win against the visiting Oshawa Generals on Saturday. The victory puts Plymouth into second place (14-7-3) in the West Division.

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# Community opinions

## Hanford, other roads belong with Canton

*The time has come for Wayne County to let Canton have its own road network*

When Wayne County shut down Canton's Hanford Road extension project, it gave us another prime example of why Canton would be better off looking after their own roads.

The county shut down the project because bad weather is coming. But the week of relatively good weather we have had in the interim would have been enough to finish the project, according to Canton engineers.

But how were the county decision makers to know this? They are too far away. These are the same people who too ignorant of or unconcerned by a road system that is clogged with traffic and falling apart to heed any of the township's requests for aid. They haven't even answered the question of where state and federal road money is being spent. In fact, Wayne County has ignored several township-initiated Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests to find out where county road funds go.

*It's easy for the county to ignore the problem and send road improvement money elsewhere; they don't have to drive here.*

It is easy for the county to ignore the problem and send road improvement money elsewhere; they don't have to drive here. It is also easier for them to ignore the problem and harder for the residents to make something happen.

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Take last Sunday for one Plymouth-Canton couple.

First item: a tree. Not just any tree, either. A tree that would stand tall and fat.

Found: in Canton. And it was not just the tree, but helpful (clean cut, trim lower branches, bunch it, load it) friendly service to go with it. The owner actually yelled out: "Have a great holiday!" as the couple drove out of sight.

Second item: an address book. Not just any address book, but one that would finally hold ALL the holiday card addresses, faxes, cell phones, business and home numbers for dual and triple income-winning households.

In the sixth Plymouth-Canton store (not counting a second stop back at the winning shop which wasn't going to open on the fourth Sunday before Christmas?), the book was found.

Meanwhile, cheerful shopkeepers and clerks recommended another store to the couple when it was clear the available items there wouldn't fit the bill.

It seemed like the famous scene in the real "Miracle on 34th Street!" Imagine Macy's sending customers to Gimble's. There is a Kris Kringle!

With only 21 shopping days until Christmas, many more shoppers will be jostling for just the right gifts. (Hopefully, every shop will be open every day from here out.)

Shopping advice for everyone looking for just the right gift:

Shop only in the many wonderful Plymouth-Canton stores that offer such friendly, customer-satisfaction-oriented service.

## Off the cuff By Scott Spielman



The further away a governing body is from the people, the less responsive it is. Even if a resident wanted to take their complaints to the county level, it is difficult for Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson to respond with tangible impact; he is only one commissioner among many.

Having the Township assume responsibility for its own roads would have another benefit: it would be easier to hold them accountable. The weight of resident's concerns will weigh more heavily on township personnel and the Township Board is nothing if not accessible.

For many of these same reasons, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack has been saying that Canton would be better off controlling the destiny of its own roads.

He also argues that Canton's work standards will be higher, the timetable for improvements much clearer and road information will be readily available for the public.

It's time to put him to the test. A community's road network is a good indicator of the community's prosperity and identity.

It's time for Wayne County to let Canton have its own.



## 'No kiddie without a Christmas!' Goodfellows reach out to P-C-N Saturday

The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will man local streets and intersections Saturday for their annual newspaper sale fundraiser.

Donations will be accepted throughout the one-day sale, with proceeds going to buy food, clothing and toys for selected needy families during the holiday season and the rest of the year.

Give 'em a break!

And help give a happy Christmas to needy kids in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

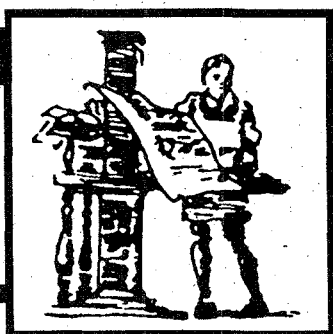




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