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Anna Mueller (seated), Vanessa Guastella (clockwise) Ron Lang, Bill Gretzinger, Andrea Sinkunas, Alex Sudia, Rebecca Gaither, Adam Kolb and Marisa Bardley with some of the Beanie Babies they gave to Mott Childrens' Hospital. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## Giving up Beanies for Christmas

BY BRYON MARTIN

"Wouldn't it be nice to give up something to somebody who really needed it?"

Alex Sudia, who teaches Close Up, a government class at CEP, asked himself this question earlier this week. At the time, he was in the middle of a discussion with his students about the public-service component of the class when the question popped into his head. he put the question to the students.

"Wouldn't it be nice to give up something to somebody who really needed it?"

The discussion picked up.

It wasn't long before Sudia and the class had hatched a plan: why not make a donation

to benefit hospitalized children?

"Everyone thinks of the holidays as a happy time, but for kids away from their parents, away from their homes and Christmas," the holidays can be rough, Sudia said.

It was a gimmie — helping sick kids at Christmas time would be a great way for Close Up students to satisfy part of the ten hours of community service they're required to do each semester. This is who they would help. But how? What do high school students have that hospitalized kids would want for Christmas? The discussion continued, and the answer came quickly: Beanie Babies; soft

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## DDA hedges on Ford-Lotz project subsidy

### Canton board wants answers before giving \$4 million toward development

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) said they need more information before they commit \$4 million in funds toward a development proposed for Ford Road between Lotz Road and I-275, according to DDA chairperson Ralph Shufeldt.

The 125-acre mixed-use development would include four or five upscale restaurants and a shopping center with 250,000 square feet of commercial space, according to project manager Chuck DiMaggio.

Also included in the site would be a 15-10 screen multiplex theater and about 400,000 square feet of office or residential space.

DiMaggio estimates that \$4 million in initial infrastructure improvements are needed before the developers could begin the project. These improvements, coupled with the extraordinarily high cost of the land, would put the project out of Burton-Katzman's economic reach, DiMaggio said.

The DDA is interested in the proposal, but not ready to sink its teeth into it yet, Shufeldt said.

"There are a number of questions that need to be answered first," he said.

Shufeldt said traffic flow and environmental issues are among the DDA's primary concerns for the area.

"Traffic flow along Ford Road is a serious issue right now," he said. "We need to find out exactly how much traffic the development would generate. It's already a pretty congested area."

A road connecting Ford Road with Lotz Road is among the initial improvements DiMaggio requested. The road would

be the development's major thoroughfare, and Shufeldt said doesn't believe either road can handle the extra traffic.

*'There are a number of questions that need to be answered first.'*

**Ralph Shufeldt**  
Canton DDA Chairperson

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# Driver faces criminal charge

## Judge finds criminal elements in fatality wreck

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Chrisanne Miller appeared before 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald Monday for a preliminary examination on charges of negligent homicide.

The charges stem from a fatal car accident on Ford road earlier this year.

Miller, who was nine months pregnant at the time of the crash, was traveling eastbound in a blue 1992 Saturn on Ford Road. She allegedly swerved into the westbound lane and collided head-on with 27-year-old David Kelly, driving a 1987 Ford Mustang, according to witness Harold Floor. The Saturn then spun and hit another car driven by an 18 year-old Canton woman.

Kelly was pronounced dead at the scene.

Miller lost the baby as a result of complications from crash-related injuries.

Canton Police Ofc. Brian Darow, a member of Canton's accident reconstruction team, testified that he believed Kelly was trying to avoid the collision.

"He was about seven feet from the center of the lane," he said. "He was attempting to get off the road on the north side."

Darow said evidence at the scene, such as debris left in the road, the way fluid from the cars was splattered, and gouge marks in the pavement left from the collision supported his conclusion.

MacDonald ruled there was enough evidence that a crime had been committed, and bound Miller over for trial, to begin early next year.

# Traffic, runoff concern Canton DDA

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"All that traffic would have to go to Lotz, and the area just can't handle that type of use," he said.

Shufeldt was also concerned about the capacity of the development's proposed storm water system. Fed by water drainage from Carriage Hills and other subdivisions to the north, the site already has poor water quality, he said. The DDA would need to know if the development's sewer system could handle the additional pressure without adversely affecting Willow Creek.

"If you start to concentrate all those pol-

lutants into that small of an area you start to think that it will leak out into the creek," he said.

Despite the challenges facing the development, Shufeldt said the DDA will hold a special meeting sometime early next year to discuss their options.

"I think there are a number of engineering solutions out there," he said. "Problems are nothing but solutions in disguise and I think we can find them, if we start on this fairly quickly."

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# MAGIC trip could help students

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A group of CEP students are using a little magic to take a step in the right direction.

The group is the Mentorship Aftercare Giving In the Community (MAGIC) and the program is sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. Inc.

MAGIC consists of high school students who are either in substance abuse recovery or involved with the group as student support, according to Mike Forrest, S.T.E.P.S. challenge course manager.

"It's a special program," he said. "There's a lot of pressure in high school to take drugs or drink alcohol and it takes a lot of courage to resist it."

MAGIC seeks to promote substance abuse recovery by promoting the individual and providing community service, Forrest said. Their current goal is to raise funds for a week-long wilderness trip.

"I take them out in the wilderness for backpacking and rock climbing and canoeing," Forrest said. "The kids really learn to rely on each other and it gives them strength for recovery."

Forrest, a recent graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham, is in recovery himself. He first got involved with the program and CEP after a week-long trip organized by Northville High School's Charlie Stilec, he said.

"We went for a week in the upper peninsula," he said. "The trip was a total success. It's something the kids will never forget."

The week-long trips use outdoor challenge courses to enhance and support substance abuse recovery, Forrest said. Students will solve problems and overcome obstacles relying only on teamwork.

To raise funds for the trip, MAGIC and



CEP's MAGIC club, consisting of students in alcohol recovery and their supporters, are trying to raise money for a week-long wilderness that teaches them to "learn to rely on each other and... give them strength for recovery."

S.T.E.P.S. are selling a CEP Magicard. Sponsored by local restaurants such as Max & Erma's, Plymouth Coffee Bean Company and Pizza Hut, the card offers five buy-one, get-one-free meals or beverages.

Entertainment facilities such as Canton's Summit on the Park and Zap Zone laser tag offer two-for-one admission.

And the students are selling them the old-fashioned way: door to door.

"They really have a tough job. A lot of the kids are still in recovery and scared to

go out and sell them," he said. "They don't really have a choice, because there's not a lot of funding for this kind of thing at the schools."

Forrest said he hopes to sell 1,000 of the \$9.99 Magicards, which would completely fund the trip.

"I just want them to remember high school as a totally phenomenal place," Forrest said. "This should be a positive experience to take away from high school that will last their entire lives."

## Giving up Beanies

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stuffed animals sought like the Holy Grail. Everyone has a Beanie, even jocks. That's what the class would give.

Sudia pitched the project to Bill Gretzinger, his partner in teaching Close Up. Together, Sudia and Gretzinger saw about 300 students each day; the Beanie donation could be huge.

"Let's try it," Gretzinger said.

But was there enough time? With less than a week before the students went on holiday break, could they get it together?

Almost as quickly as Sudia had the idea, the students brought him an answer.

Wrapped in paper bags hand-decorated with holiday greetings in marker, glitter and paint, the Beanies started to come in; some store-bought, some from personal caches.

"My collection had one. Now it's none," Anna Mueller, of Canton, said. Mueller gave her only begotten Beanie, Curly the teddy bear. Others were more intrepid in their methods of acquisition.

"I stole it from my sister," said Adam Kolb, a two-sport Salem sophomore. "I told her I'd buy her a new one." For his classmates without the siblings or the guts to rob,



*Home for the Holidays...* Antonia Isenberg and Alice Stafffield sit bundled with blankets in the carriage that gave rides through downtown Plymouth during the Home for the Holidays event. Rides launched from in front of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, who co-sponsored the rides with Group One Mortgage. Plymouth retailers held extended hours, and Santa and carollers helped make the season bright.

Salem's student-run store was well stocked.

"I guess we're blessed with The Rock Shoppe," Gretzinger said. "(The response) stunned me. I didn't think we'd get that many in such a short time."

A group of 14 of Sudia's and Gretzinger's students got together with the teachers to take their haul to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann

Arbor. More than 225 Beanies had been collected by Thursday afternoon.

Sudia's question had been answered by that time, too.

"It felt good," Rebecca Gaither, of Canton, said. "It was nice to do something for somebody who couldn't be home for Christmas."

## Agenda

### THIS WEEKEND

- Through Jan. 4, the Canton Seniors program at The Summit on the Park, will be closed for the Christmas holiday.
- Students in the P-C school district are on holiday break. Classes resume Jan. 6.
- Santa welcomes kids and parents to Kellogg Park, today and tomorrow 12 - 5 p.m. Guests are invited to visit, tell Santa their Christmas wishes and sign the giant Christmas card.
- Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Plymouth Masonic lodge will host a Toy & Collectible show to benefit the Margaret Williams Fund. Williams was killed Nov. 26, was uninsured, and leaves behind two children. Admission, \$3. Call (734) 544-0050 for info.

### THIS WEEK

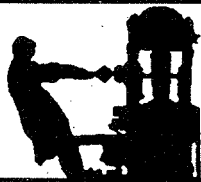
- Thursday and Friday, In Plymouth Township, rubbish pick-up day will be delayed one day for both Christmas week and the week of the New Year. Christmas trees and natural wreaths will be picked up — free of inorganic materials — from curbside Jan. 5 - 9 for compost disposal.

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The Crier's Plus sections take an interesting and informative look at issues of interest to The Plymouth-Canton Community. Next will be Year in Review Dec. 31.



# Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES-REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1997

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business Items J.16 1998 Compensation Adjustments for Non-represented Employees; J.17 Chief of Police Employment Agreement; and J.18 Amend 1997 Amended General Fund Budget Resolution no. 97-12-16-47. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the December 16, 1997 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted for the December 16, 1997 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Ron Loiselle, City of Plymouth, presented a framed poster for the 1997 Ice Festival to the Township Board of Trustees and announced the 1998 would be held January 14, 1998 - January 19, 1998.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. on the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Richards Development, Inc. (DADCO). Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Ron Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 97-12-16-44, granting a four (4) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Richards Development, Inc. for an addition to an existing facility, including machinery and equipment, located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the Residential Unit Development Agreement and Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Woodlore South Subdivision located north of Joy Road, south of Woodlore Subdivision, east of Beck Road, and west of Westbriar Subdivision No. 1. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Final Plat, P.C. App. 1409C/697, for Woodlore South Subdivision located north of Joy Road, south of Woodlore Subdivision, east of Beck Road, and west of Westbriar Subdivision No. 1 as recommended by the Planning Commission subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the amount of \$389,550 as recommended by the Township Engineer. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the application Jim Cooper/Timber Inland, Application 1473/697 to rezone property located south of Five Mile Road, west of Beck, east of Western Wayne Corrections Facility and north of Metro West-Beck Road Subdivision, tax identification numbers 005-99-0002-003, 005-99-0002-005, 005-99-0003-000, 005-99-0004-000, 005-99-0005-000, 005-99-0006-000, and 005-99-0008-001 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to IND, Industrial District. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Planned Unit Development Option for Regent Street for property located on the north side of Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty Road and east of Edwards Hines Drive, Tax I.D. No. 029-99-0004-000, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the 1998 Board of trustee regular meeting and work session dates as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

**REGULAR MEETING DATES**

**WORK SESSION DATES**

January	13 & 27	January	6 & 20
February	10 & 24	February	3 & 17
March	10 & 24	March	3 & 17
April	14 & 28	April	7 & 21
May	12 & 26	May	5
June	9 & 23	June	2 & 16
July	21	July	7
August	18	August	11 (4th, Election Day)
September	8 & 22	September	1 & 15
October	13 & 27	October	6 & 20
November	17	November	10 (3rd, Election Day)
December	15	December	1

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the following reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Greg Williams, term expiring December 31, 2000

William Steiner, term expiring December 31, 2000

Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the purchase of a Bell & Howell Scanner (Model 1000 Flat Bed) with IPU Card, Interface and Cabling, from Matrix Imaging at a cost of \$5,900.00. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the purchase of thirteen (13) personal computers from Access Computers at a total cost of \$20,985.00 including three years of on site maintenance. Seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the request from Canton Township to permit the residence located at 48575 Joy Road to connect to Plymouth Township's sanitary sewer system based on the request meeting the criteria established by the township board for connections to our systems from outside the boundaries of Plymouth Township and authorize the Supervisor and clerk to sign the agreement as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the purchase and installation of garage doors at Fire Station #2 as per the Township's specifications from Raynor Overhead Door, Corp. at a cost of \$18, 156.00. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-12-16-45 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit No. C-24394 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with developer of Country Acres of Plymouth Sub. No. 2 and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. The entire resolution is on file at the Clerk's office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance C-97-03, to amend Section 1, Chapter 20, Building Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance C-97-04, amending Section 1, Chapter 21, National Electric Code of 1996, of the Township of Plymouth. Adopted by N.F.P.A., September 1, 1995. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance C-97-05, amending Section 1, Chapter 25, international Mechanical Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Edward moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance C-97-06, amending Section 1, Chapter 26, CABO One and Two Family Dwelling code, 1995 Edition, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Ordinance No. C-97-07, repealing Ordinance No. C-94-06, Section 1, Chapter 27, National Plumbing Code, 9th Edition, 1993, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Ordinance No. C-97-12-16-46, Depositories for 1998 Calendar Year to be accepted of the Charter Township by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following banks be named as depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth Funds for the Calendar year January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998: Savings Accounts, Certificates of Deposits, and Pool Fund Investments Accounts beginning January 1, 1998.

Moneys received by the Charter Township of Plymouth shall be deposited at the Treasurer's discretion in the following depositories:

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Comerica Bank

Community Federal Credit Union

Michigan National Bank

Community Bank of Dearborn

Roll Call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Mueller moved to re-establish Public Hearing date on the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 96-020 from A.O. Smith to Tower Automotive, 49355 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., for the January 13, 1998 regular Board of Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to re-establish Public Hearing date for January 13, 1998 on the request from Tower Automotive for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for building improvements, machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures for their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the 1998 Compensation adjustments for the non-represented employees as follows: a) Make a lump payment of 2.3% of base pay to the following employees: all department heads (excluding the Chief of Police), Police Lieutenant, and Assistant Fire Chief. this payment will not be folded into base wages and pension benefits will not be calculated on this payment; b) Maintain the salary ranges in the Technical/Professional Matrix as approved in January 1997; c) Move the Building inspector position to Line D of the Technical/Professional Matrix and adjust to market. Move the Community Development position to the step closest to the CWW average for Townships. Move all other employees on this matrix, not mentioned here or above, one step up in the matrix; d) Delete Line F from the General/Clerical Matrix and move employees currently on Line F to Line E. Maintain all other salary lines as approved in January 1997. Move all employees on this matrix up one step; and e) increase salaries of all part-time employees by 3%. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mrs. Massengill voting no.

Mrs Mueller moved to approve the Employment Agreement between Police Chief Carey and Plymouth Township as presented. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 97-12-16-47 amending the 1997 Amended General Budget Fund from \$2,354,398 to \$2, 358,110. Seconded by Mrs. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

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# South Haggerty boom

Road's unfinished paving project doesn't slow development of commercial corridor

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The soon-to-be-crucial strip of Haggerty Road, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road, is just one piece away from being completely paved.

But development along the one-mile stretch of roadway isn't waiting for the concrete. Construction has already begun, and a research park with many large commercial buildings is in the works, according to Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner.

"It's a portion of Canton that has always been designated for industrial use on the township's master plan," Goulet said. "It's an extension of the zoning along the Michigan Avenue corridor."

Goulet said that a research park and a regional warehouse and distribution center for La-Z-Boy Furniture galleries are among the projects under development along the one-mile stretch of Haggerty.

"It will be a regional facility to support furniture stores along I-275," he said.

The La-Z-Boy warehouse will occupy 10 acres on Haggerty, which backs up to I-275, Goulet said. The company is also building a

furniture showroom on Ford Road near Lotz Road.

Abutting the north side of the La-Z-Boy site will be a research park, Goulet said, now under construction.

*'It's a portion of Canton that has always been designated for industrial use.'*

**Jeff Goulet**  
Canton Planner

Called Haggerty Research Park East and West, the development will consist of about 100 acres split by Haggerty Road, Goulet said. "There's 33 acres on the east and 67 on the west," he said.

The research park, approved earlier this year by the both the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees, will contain several buildings ranging in size from 100,000 to 200,000-square feet, according to Goulet.

And it is developments such as these that have paid for ongoing paving of Haggerty, Goulet said.

The final leg of paving, a small section connecting Haggerty to Michigan Avenue, will be completed by the State of Michigan, according to Canton Engineer Tom Casari.

The state is responsible because Michigan Avenue is a state-owned road, he said.

"I'm not sure yet if they're going to pave it with concrete or asphalt," he said.



## Community deaths

### Obituaries

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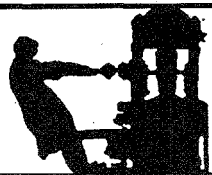
#### SHIRLEY ANN BUCK

Shirley Ann Buck, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 13, 1997 at the age of 50.

Mrs. Buck was born July 9, 1947 in Detroit. She was a clerk with Ameritech.

She is survived by her husband, William Buck of Plymouth; mother, Agnes Rewekant of Dearborn Heights; daughter, Amy M. Buck of Dearborn; son, Andrew Buck of Plymouth; sisters, Jane (Floyd) Buchanan of Florida, Reggie (John) Slowik of Madison Heights; and brothers, Larry (Diana) Martin Rewekant of Florida, Richard (Mary) Rewekant of Livonia. She is preceded in death by her father, William Vincent Rewekant; and her brother, Frank (Helen) Rewekant.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock, MI. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076 or The Capuchins 1740 Mt. Elliot Avenue Detroit, MI 48207-3496.



## Public notices

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Roll Call:  
Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy reminded Trustees Curmi and Griffith there will be a recreation committee meeting Wednesday, December 17, 1997 at 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy reported that the traffic light at North Territorial and Ridge Road has been installed and is in operation.

Trustee Mueller welcomed newly appointed Police Chief Carey.

Trustee Curmi thanked the police department for the Custodial Arrest Report.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on December 16, 1997. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on January 13, 1997.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Kim Miller**, a 1993 graduate of Salem High School, has recently accepted a position as an assistant gymnastic coach at Bowling Green University in Ohio.

Miller, a First State All-Around Champion, will receive a B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University this month.

She has worked with the Splitz Gymnastic Center in Canton. In addition to being responsible for the balance beam and floor exercise events, she will also be recruiting on behalf of the gymnastic team.

**Jason Dean Hurley**, son of **Dean J. Hurley** of Plymouth, has begun studies at Southwestern University School of Law.



Air Force Capt. **Janette L. DeVenny**, daughter of **Dorothy F. DeVenny** of Canton, recently took part in Operation Bright Star in Cairo, Egypt.

Bright Star joined forces from the U.S., Egypt, the United Kingdom, Italy and France, as well as forces from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

As a surgical ward charge nurse during the exercise, DeVenny was responsible for coordinating patient care and providing support to patients that require aeromedical evacuation.

DeVenny, a 1982 graduate of Salem High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Madonna University in 1986. When not participating in military exercises, DeVenny is the OB/GYN nurse manager with the 6th Meidcal Group at MacDil Air Force Base in Tampa, Fl.

# Barbour's legacy lives on

*Plymouth residents create scholarship at Madonna University*

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

A scholarship created by a Plymouth couple can help students who may feel the need to put their education on the back-burner for a while.

"Stick with it," said Betty Barbour, who set up the scholarship as part of her late husband's estate plan. "It's very valuable and something that can never be taken away from you."

Robert Barbour of Plymouth passed away earlier this year, but he and his wife Betty gave a gift to future students that will be remembered for years to come.

As part of their estate plan, the Barbours established an endowed scholarship to assist students in their educational pursuits.

"I went to the college of 'hard knocks'. I graduated from high school in 1941 and took a job with Michigan Bell," said Barbour. "In 1943, I began working for the bank until my retirement in 1983. I learned mostly through bank training classes and dealing with people."

Barbour said anyone from the community is eligible for the scholarship, which is just a continuation of past generosity on the part her late husband.

"Robert and his first wife Lorraine have a scholarship currently at Schoolcraft College," she said. "He wanted us to have one also at Madonna College."

"Betty and Robert Barbour really meant to encourage students to pursue and try to finish their schooling sooner," says Sister M.Lauriana Gruszczynski, Madonna's vice president for advancement. "They wanted to give students a chance for a better opportunity than he had."

As a young man Barbour knew he wanted a college education. After high school he attended Penn State until he was called to serve in World War II.

When he returned home from the war, he attended night school while working at the Burroughs Corporation. His education was delayed once again when his job required him to travel. Still determined, he enrolled at different colleges, often losing



BETTY AND ROBERT BARBOUR

transfer credits each time.

Even though it took him 13 years to finish his bachelor's degree, Barbour never gave up.

"They wanted to help students with costly school tuition," said Gruszczynski. "The Barbours always thought of others first, not self-centered, always on the outreach of career oriented people with work and school."

## 2007: A picture of peace

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One Canton girl's vision of the future will be decorating Detroit Edison customer offices this fall.

Nine-year old Lauren Thompson won first place in Detroit Edison's United Way drawing contest.

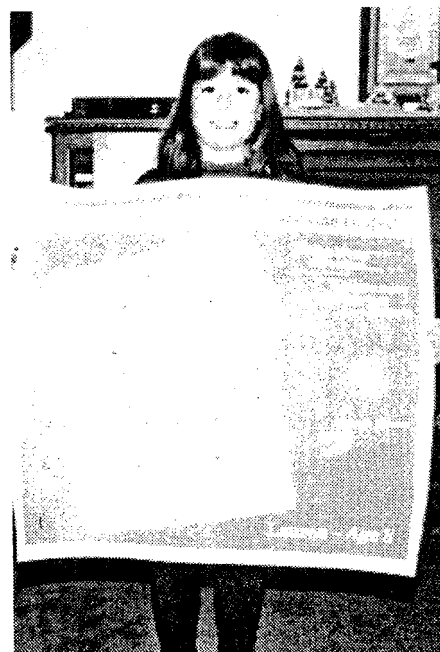
The contest, open for family and friends of Detroit Edison employees, asked children in four different age groups to draw what they believed the world would look like in the year 2007, according to Mary Kay Bean, spokesperson for Detroit Edison.

"This is a one-time shot to commemorate Detroit Edison's 50th year of donating to the United Way," Bean said. "we wanted to get some input from children."

Thompson, a fourth-grader at Hoben Elementary School, put a lot of thought into her drawing, she said.

"I had the idea in my head and I drew it," she said. "I wanted to make it interesting and unique and show the way people help each other."

Thompson does a lot of drawing in her free time, she said. She gets her ideas



LAUREN THOMPSON

from cartoon shows and coloring books.

"I learned from my grandma and lots

of practice," she said.

Thompson said she enjoys physical activities when she's not in school or drawing. She splits her time between jumping on her full-sized trampoline, when it's up, and swimming and playing basketball.

As far as schoolwork, she said she enjoys reading and science in addition to art.

"I like science because you get to learn about stuff and do fun things," she said. "I like learning about water and other chemicals. Plus we get to explode stuff."

Thompson will receive a \$25 gift certificate and her drawing will be made into a poster commemorating Edison's 50 year relationship with the United Way, according to Bean.

Other winners from Canton include eight-year old Steven Koch and Rachel Juco who won second and third for the 6-8 age group. P.T. Jakubik won third place for the 9-11-year old age group. All children attend Hoben Elementary.



# Engagements & weddings



## TYRA-ZENDEJAS

Julian Zendejas and Tiffany Renee Tyra were married September 6 at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, in Ann Arbor, by Father Roger Prokopp.

The bride is the daughter of James and Onalee Tyra of Canton. The groom is the son of Antonio and Sara Zendejas of Ripon, California.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and is graduating in May from Madonna University where she will receive a Bachelors Degree in Marketing. She is currently a competitive artistic roller skating teacher at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

The groom is a graduate of Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, California and has received an Associates of Arts Degree from Chabot College also in Hayward, California. He is employed at Blind X-Press in Livonia.

Following a reception at the Fox Hills Country Club, the couple honeymooned aboard the MS Sovereign of the Seas, Disney World, and in the Bay area of California. They make their home in Canton.

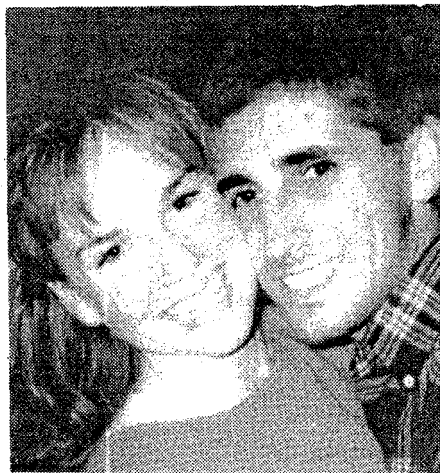


## HAMID-HULLER

Faridah Abdul Hamid and JP Huller were married September 14, 1997. Hamid is the daughter of Khatijah Badron and Abdul Hamid B. HJ. Anwar, of Singapore, China. Huller is the son of Erma Wilfred, DeBary Florida.

The couple were married in Bullhead City, AZ, Island in Colorado River. Clergy was Rev. Crystle Fayne Pender. The brides attire was purple lace blouse with gold and purple fastener, purple multi-color formal length skirt with slit up back. The flowers were fresh spring bouquet.

The bride is a correspondent for Travel Asia. The groom works for Johnson controls. The couple make their home in Plymouth.



## WEST-GARBY

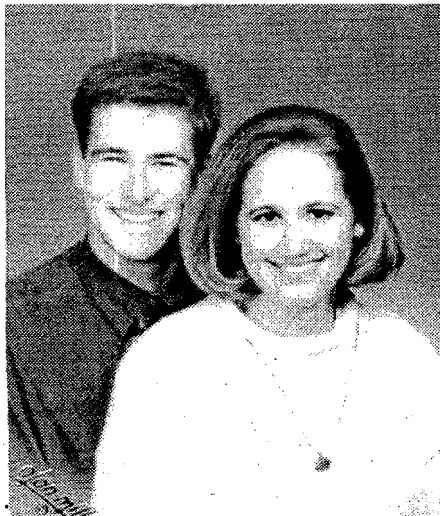
Amy West and Jay Garby announce their engagement and coming marriage, Sept. 6, in Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bonnie West of Canton and Richard West of Huntington Woods, MI.

The bridegroom is from Rochester Hills, the son of Patricia and Patrick Redmond of Shelby Twp, and the late Doug Garby.

West graduated from Lawrence Technological University in 1993. She is an Electrical Engineer at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

Garby graduated from General Motors Institute in 1993. He is a Mechanical Engineer at Textron Automotive Company in Troy.



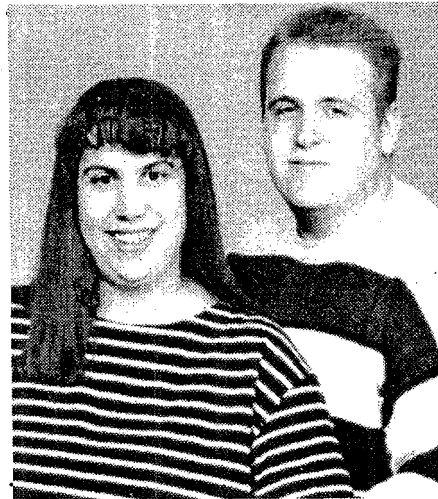
## MCWHIRTER-PRESTON

Will and Carolyn McWhirter of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonya Marie, to Leigh Alexander Preston, the son of Janice Preston of Broken Arrow, OK and grandson of Opal and Lyle Bailey of Tulsa, OK.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and will graduate in this month from Purdue University in Psychology.

Her fiance graduated from Purdue University with the highest distinction in Honors Physics. He is pursuing his PhD in Geophysics at the University of Washington at Seattle.

A summer 1998 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.



## PASECHNIK-STEWART

Kristin M. Pasechnik and Brandon J. Stewart announce their engagement.

Pasechnik is the daughter of Craig and Suzanne Pasechnik of Wayne. Stewart is the son of Don and Mary Helen Stewart of Canton.

The bride-to-be graduated from: Madonna University in 1996, is pursuing a Masters Degree at Eastern Michigan University and is employed by: Maxey Training School-Whitmore Lake.

The groom-to-be attends Madonna University and is employed by Tru Green-Chemlawn, Livonia.

The couple have set the wedding date for May 2, 1998 at St. Mary of Wayne.



## ATCHINSON-LOHMAN

Susan Margaret Atchinson, daughter of Patricia Atchinson and Rick Atchinson of Plymouth, married Matthew James Lohman May 3 at Our Lady of Providence.

Lohman is the son of Janice Lohman and the late Jim Lohman of Twin Pines Point, Elkhart.

Atchinson graduated with majors both in Management and sociology from the University of Notre Dame. She works for Cook Associates, Executive Recruiter Inc.

Lohman graduated from University of Notre Dame and works for Executive Search executive recruiter

Father Thomas Lumpkin officiated the ceremony, and the reception was held at the Mayflower Meeting House. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and make their home in Chicago.



## RILEY-CAMPBELL

The Rev. Emily Eaton Riley and the Rev. Matthew Douglas Campbell were united in marriage July 19th at the Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. A luncheon reception was held at the Edgeworth Club.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Malcom David Campbell of Plymouth, Michigan. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Riley of Bloomington, and formerly of Sewickley.

The officiating ministers were the Rev. David J. McFarlane, pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, PA, the Rev. William Gibson McCoy, Jr., pastor of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church of New Wilmington, PA, the Rev. Alastair Henderson Symington, pastor of New Kilpatrick Parish Church of Bearsden, Glasgow, Scotland, and the Rev. Dr. George Bryant Wirth, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Georgia.

The bride received a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

The bridegroom earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

The newlyweds reside in Bearsden, Glasgow, Scotland.

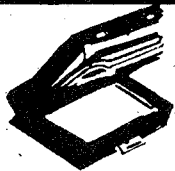


## BRANCHEAU-WILLIAMS

Monica Lynn Brancheau and Bryan Joel Williams, of Plymouth, were married Sept. 20.

The couple met while students at U of M and were married at St. Joes Catholic Church in Dexter. The reception was held at Polo Fields Country Club in Ann Arbor.

Brancheau hails from Allen Park



# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Lawrence Technological University recently honored several Plymouth employees for their contribution to the school.

Honored for five years of service were **Louise Garrett and Richard Srodawa**, honored for 10 years of experience were **Betty-Lou Stover and Glenn Greenfield**. **Douglass Koch** was honored for 15 years of service, and **Richard Hall** was honored for 20 years of service.

**Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME)**, announced that **Michael T. Herbert, CPG, CHMM** has joined the firm as a project consultant in the Lansing office.

**Laurel M. Johnson**, a project engineer in Plymouth, has successfully complete Part II of the professional engineering registration and has become a registered Professional Engineer in Michigan.

The HEALTHSOUTH corporation has acquired **I.S.H. Therapy, P.C.** located at 42801 Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth.

The location will operate under the name **HEALTHSOUTH SPORts Medicine & Rehabilitation Center** and will specialize in sports medicine, spine rehabilitation and aquatic therapy.



**Linette Popoff-Parks**, of Plymouth, has been appointed chair of the music program at **Madonna University**.

Her additional responsibilities include interviewing and auditioning faculty, instigating new initiatives and developing a plan for the direction of the department.

## The crepe-d crusader

*A different kind of eatery opens today in downtown Plymouth*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

You may not know how to pronounce it, but now you can eat there.

Open at 11:30 a.m. today, **Cafe Giverney** (jee-vir-nee), also known as **Crepes-N-Coffee**, will open its doors.

The restaurant is only the first of many someday be a chain of restaurants, according to owner **Neb Brankovich**.

"This is my flagship operation," **Brankovich** said. "I want to see how the idea does before I start it somewhere else."

The idea was to provide an alternative to typical delis and fast food restaurants, **Brankovich** said. By offering quick, healthy food in a pleasant surrounding **Brankovich** hopes to fill a niche not represented within the Plymouth Community.

**Giverney**, like the restaurants that will eventually follow it, is modeled after a city in France, **Brankovich** said. With impressionist paintings on the walls and gigantic, market parasols adorning the pillars inside the restaurant, he hopes to evoke the atmosphere of a French Cafe.

"I will try and maintain the uniqueness in each store," he said. "Europeans really dislike uniformity in dining establishments."

Originally designed to be a small creperie, **Giverney** was expanded before it even opened to offer full meals, including soups, crepes and desserts.

"Crepes are very versatile," he said. "You can create any kind of filling."

**Brankovich** said his crepes will feature recipes learned from his mother while



Owner **Neb Brankovich** hopes his restaurant, which opens today at 11:30 a.m., will fill a need in downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

growing up in his native Yugoslavia. They include a cheese filling, a

Mediterranean, pizza type filling and other choices such as spinach. **Giverney** will also feature meat filled crepes, with either chicken or ham for the heartier appetites.

Add in a choice of soup, made fresh daily, a variety of fruit based dessert

crepes, and **Giverney** offers a full dining experience.

And its one that **Brankovich** hopes will

fill a need in Plymouth.

"It's the right type of community for this style of restaurant," he said. The bookstore and the shops nearby will all compliment each other."

**Brankovich** is not sure exactly what his hours will be yet, he said. For now, he will open the shop at 8 a.m. to satisfy a breakfast crowd that the **Mayflower** formerly served, and stay open until 10 p.m.

He may decide to expand his hours to provide a place for people seeing the late show at the **Penn** to go after the movie, he said.

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## Kmart, Goodfellows, grant Xmas wishes

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

With a little extra help from **Kmart**, the **Canton Goodfellows** will have a happy Christmas after all.

The corporation came through for the organization in holiday fashion, just a little later than usual, according to **Donna Smith**, **Kmart** employe and **Canton Goodfellow**.

"We've a number of blessings that came through this week," she said.

**Smith**, who works at the **Kmart Distribution Center** on **Joy Road**, said the corporation went beyond their usual tradition of 'Giving Trees.'

The **Giving Tree** is a tree set up in the distribution center covered with paper angels, each bearing the name of a needy child. Workers pick a name and volunteer to supply the child with Christmas presents, she said.

"These are not just little toys," she said. "But we buy them complete outfits as well. They're magnificent prizes."

**Dave Vogel**, manager of the distribution center, okayed the donation of an additional \$2,400 worth of toys to ensure that children whose names weren't on the tree did not go wanting, she said. The names of children come

primarily from teacher recommendations and names on the reduced-price or free lunch program.

The **Goodfellows** spent the last few days packing, wrapping and sorting their donations out, and will deliver them to the children today. They packages, coupled with 100 laundry baskets full of food donated by the **Super Kmart** on **Joy Road**, will help ensure the **Goodfellow** motto: No child without a Christmas, **Smith** said.

"A lot of people think this is just a big, cold place, but there are people with hearts here. Everyone cares."





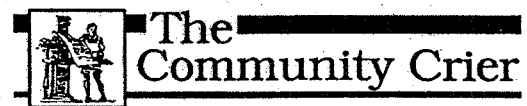




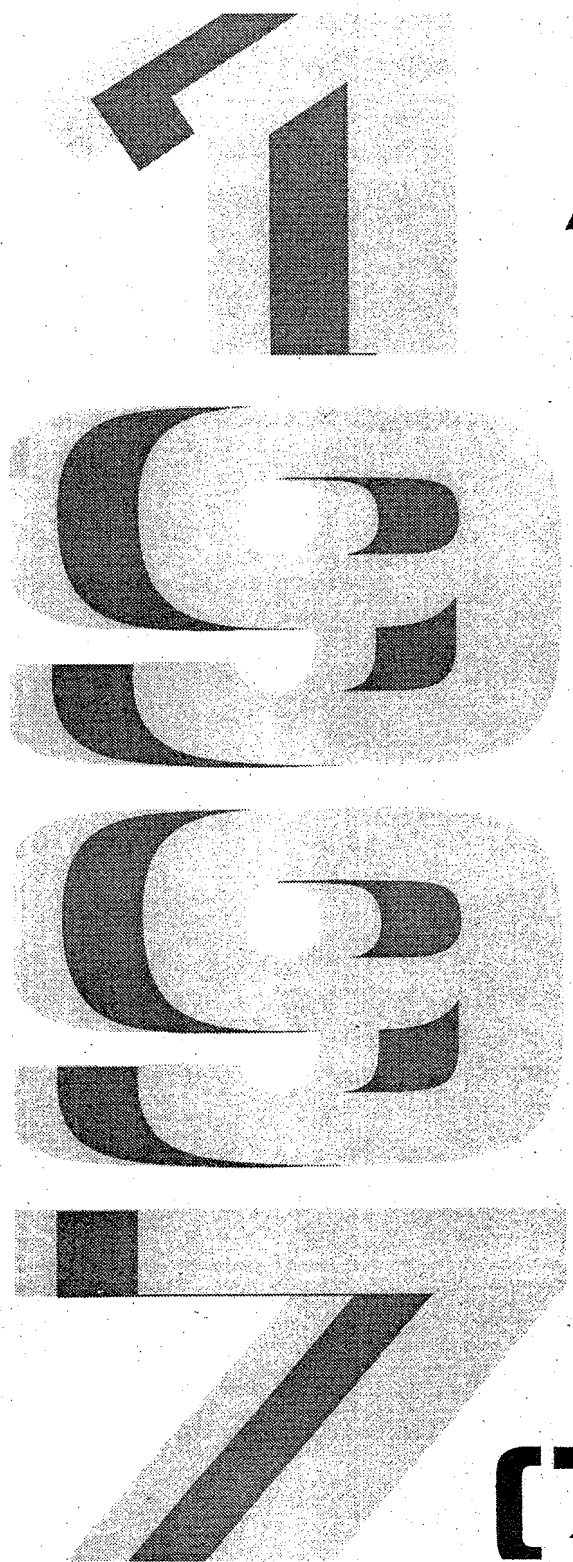
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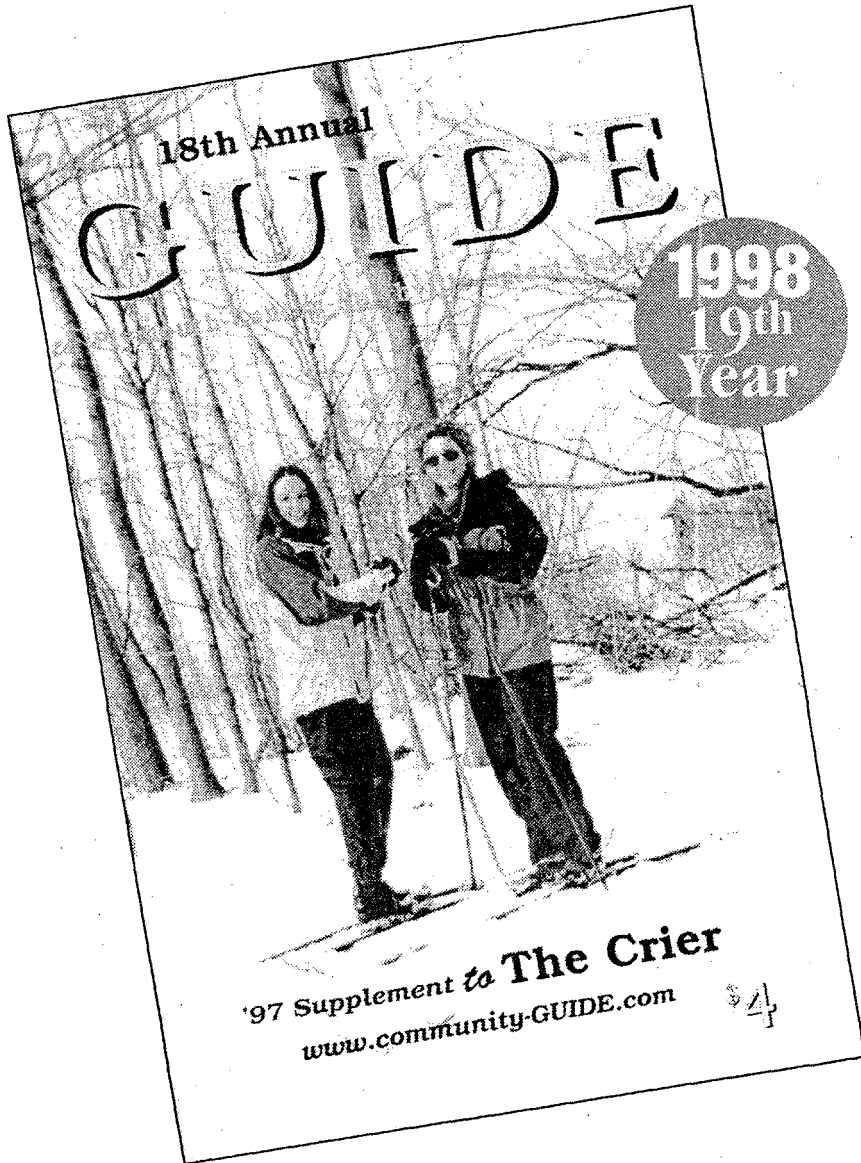
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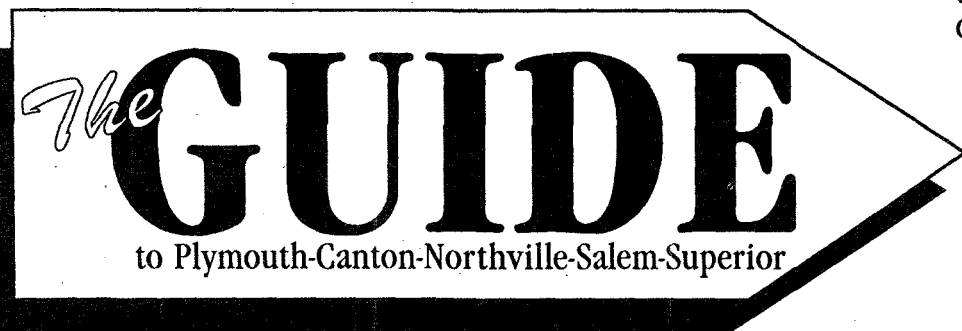
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 mind, we'll make up for it next time. Ed  
 and I both received packages from you.  
 You're so great. If mine contains what I  
 think it does, I'll gain another ten pounds,  
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 and I'm having fun wearing it (to work too).  
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 dear  
 lean close to the frosty panes  
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 as they peek out of castles in the snow  
 that look like puffy patches of cotton candy  
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 Carolyn - How about another hug?

## Curiosities

To be Scottish is the ultimate. Scotch is a beverage in a bottle.  
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## Neighbors in sports

Individual results from the Canton girls gymnastics team tri-meet at Freeland last weekend.

Vault: **Marcie Emerick**, third (9.05); **Amy Driscoll**, eighth (8.45).

Bars: **Liz Fitzgerald**, third (8.55); Emerick, fifth (8.15); Driscoll, eighth (7.65).

Balance Beam: Fitzgerald, first (8.4); Emerick, sixth (7.7); **Nicole Vaagenes**, eighth (7.45).

Floor: Fitzgerald and Driscoll, tied for fifth (8.5); Vaagenes, seventh (8.05); Emerick, eighth (7.9).

All Around: Fitzgerald, second (33.75); Emerick, fifth (32.8); Driscoll, seventh (31.45).

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

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15 and under: Jan. 6 at Pioneer Middle School from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Dates for tryouts for players 12 and under will be forthcoming.

For more information, call Fred Thomann at 459-7315 or Bob Blohm at 459-1763.

# Sports

## Salem pins down tourney title

*Rocks edge out Holt for impressive Salem 8 Invitational win*

### WRESTLING

BY TIM DAVIS

It's the holiday season, and the Salem wrestling team sure has reason to celebrate after winning the Salem 8 Invitational last weekend.

The Rocks claimed the tournament championship by finishing with 251 points, four points ahead of perennial state power Holt.

Wyandotte Roosevelt finished in third with 179 points.

Saline took fourth with 173.5; Catholic Central came in fifth with 158 points and Adrian (157) was sixth.

Brighton finished with 124 points and in seventh place, and Ann Arbor Huron placed last with 91 points.

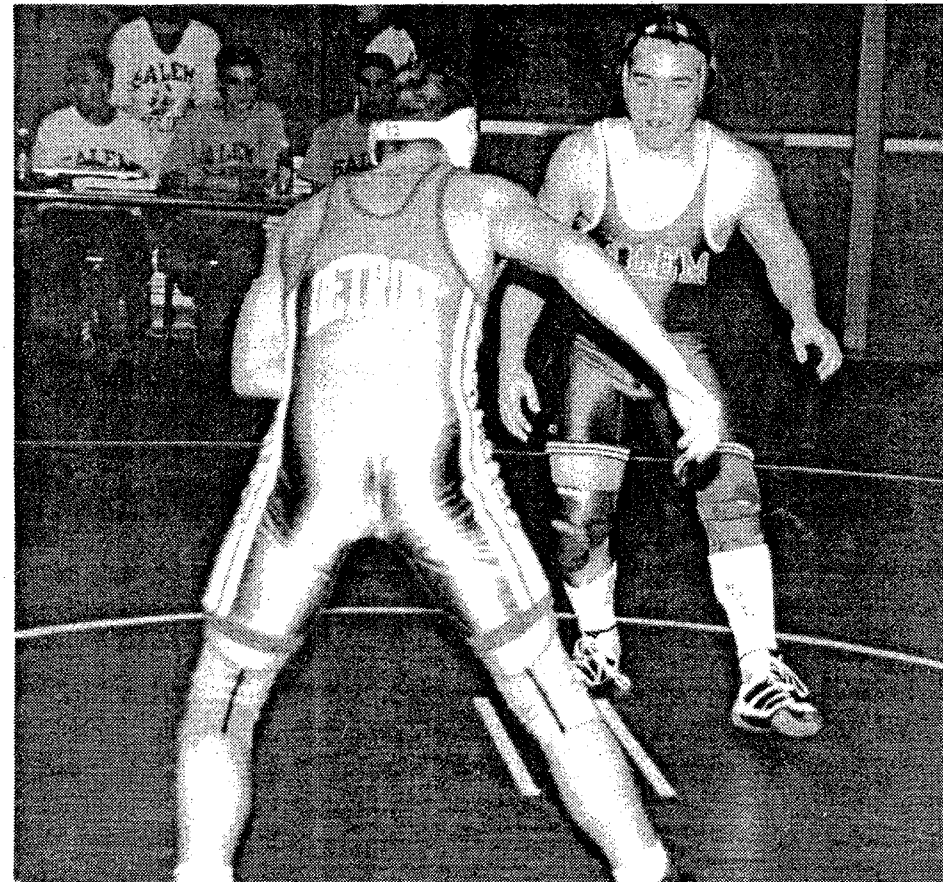
At 103 pounds, Salem's Jon Mervyn finished first by winning all four of his matches.

Dan Morgan (119 pounds) and Teono Wilson (189 pounds) also took first place for Salem, which wrestles today at the Canton Invitational.

Heavyweight Charlie Hamblin went 3-1 in his matches and finished second; his only loss was in the finals.

Josh Henderson (125 pounds) experienced the same fate, winning all the matches in his pool before losing in the final in 3:12 to Brighton's Adam Kushner.

Rob Ash (112 pounds) was the third second-place finisher for Salem. He won



The Rocks' Sam Boyd moves in on Matt Barnett of Catholic Central during the Salem 8 Invitational last weekend at Salem High School. Salem won the tournament, finishing ahead of Holt, a perennial state power. The Rocks won three weight classes — Jon Mervyn (103 pounds), Dan Morgan (119 pounds) and Teono Wilson at 189 pounds. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

two matches, was awarded another by a void, and lost in the final to Eric Jones of Adrian.

Dan Hamblin (140 pounds) took third place for Salem, so did Sam Boyd at 145 pounds.

## Tigers caged by Rocks, 68-50

*First win of season for Salem (1-2)*

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Salem basketball team defeated the Belleville Tigers, 68-50, on Tuesday for its first victory of the young 1997-98 season.

The Rocks (1-2), who led 23-21 at halftime, broke open the close, non-conference contest by outscoring Belleville, 20-13, in the third quarter.

Salem, led by Bhavin Patel (15 points, nine rebounds) and Tony Jancevski (15 points), widened the lead in the final frame to ensure the victory.

Salem opened the scoring with a basket in the game's first 30 seconds for an early lead.

But Belleville's John Edwards scored two three-pointers in a row with 20 seconds left in the first quarter. He evened up the score, 13-13.

Throughout the second quarter, both sides played great defense. However, the

### BASKETBALL

Rocks managed to score six points in the first 30 seconds of the quarter. Tony Bernhardt gave the Rocks a 23-21 half-time lead with a basket in the second quarter's final 10 seconds.

The Salem Rockettes, who were named state champions, performed their routine during half time.

Salem widened the margin during the third quarter, and took a 43-34 lead into the final frame.

Several clutch fourth quarter baskets ensured the win for the Rocks. Rob Jones scored with 6:38 left in the game. Then, Andy Power made a three-point shot with 6:10 remaining. After a foul on the Tigers, Power made both free throws.

With 3:32 left on the scoreboard, Bhavin Patel scored on an assist from Jeff McKian.

Patel then dunked the ball with 2:56 remaining in the game.

While the Rocks looked confident with their playing strategies, the Tigers were having a harder time scoring. Throughout the last two minutes of the game, Salem widened the spread.

Mike Korduba scored the last basket, making the final score, 68-50.

The Rocks held the advantage over the Tigers in defensive rebounds.

Despite their 17 turnovers, Salem finished with 18 assists, seven steals, and two blocks.

Jancevski finished with seven rebounds. Matt Mair pitched with 10 points, and Jeff McKian had eight assists and five rebounds.

Andy Power added nine points and four assists.

*Salem's next home game is Monday Jan. 6 with Milan.*

# With stars gone, sky's the limit for some Whalers

Imagine the Red Wings losing Brendan Shanahan, Chris Osgood, Nicholas Lidstrom, Sergei Fedorov, and Scotty Bowman for two weeks in the middle of the season, and you've got a pretty good idea of the situation currently facing the Plymouth Whalers.

Sounds bleak, huh?

## WSDS: Whalers, Windsor swap 5 players Thursday

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Whalers acquired defenseman Paul Mara and the rights to forward Rick Smith in a multi-player deal with the Windsor Spitfires Thursday, according to broadcast reports on WSDS-AM.

In return, the Spitfires reportedly received defensemen Luc Rioux and Mark Ridout and forward Andy Burnham in a deal finalized just prior to the Plymouth-Windsor game at Windsor Arena.

In a first intermission interview on WSDS, Whaler Assistant General Manager Kerry Kerch said Head Coach/GM Peter DeBoer, who is in Sweden with Team Canada at the World

Early this week, four Whalers left the club to join Team USA at the World Junior Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

Gone is grinding winger Jesse Boulerice, one of the Whalers' assistant captains.

Gone is goaltender Robert Esche. He's

Junior Championships, approved the deal in a telephone conversation with associate coaches Steve Spott and Greg Stefan.

The teams also reportedly swapped draft picks in the 1998 European Draft.

Mara is considered a premier offensive defenseman. Smith is injured and may be out for the rest of the season.

**Plymouth 5, Windsor 4 (OT)** — Steve Wasylo scored 3:42 into overtime to lift the Whalers (19-9-3) — playing without seven regulars — to their fifth win in five games against Windsor.

Harold Druken, Yuri Babenko, Eric Gooldy and Andrew Taylor also scored for Plymouth.

Scott Holsinger recorded his second OHL victory in net for Plymouth.

taking with him his 16-5-1 record, and a 3.09 goals against average.

Gone is Nikos Tselios. The Whalers' leading scorer among defenseman with 21 points and two power play goals.

Say goodbye to Dave Legwand and his machine gun scoring ability, too. The Grosse Pointe native leads the OHL with 36 goals in 30 games.

Head Coach/GM Peter DeBoer went with his players to serve as an assistant coach for Team Canada.

They will return in early January. Until then, the Whalers have lost their splash. Or have they?

Instead of tucking their tail between their legs and diving deep to calmer waters for four or so games, the Whalers could take the next couple of weeks as an early test-trial for the playoffs.

After all, what is the post-season about anyway? Adversity. Determination. Verve. Team work.

If several Whalers don't take this opportunity to prove their worth as a regular in the lineup, they likely will become expendable in this trade happy year.

As for the team, an uninspired holiday

## Truth is Tough

By Brian Corbett



performance might mean the only time they'll see the Memorial Cup this year is on the wall of their dressing room, barring a galvanizing late season win like the Red Wings had in March.

With Boulerice gone, opposing teams might be more tempted to take luxuries against some of the Whalers more finesse players. Rookie forwards Jamie Lalonde and Brian Passmore and veteran Eric Gooldy have a chance to fill the role of enforcer and powerful forechecker.

Will they be ready to take on the likes of Erie's Adam Nittel and Jeff Zehr? Their tolerance and bravery will be tested, but look for the players to answer to anyone who comes knocking; they thoroughly enjoy physically challenging opponents. Captain Andrew Taylor, who, like Boulerice, is willing to take and receive hits along the boards and in front of the net, should be counted on for gritty, hard-earned goals.

Legwand's temporary departure means

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SUDBURY	13	16	4	3-7-0	30
OWEN SOUND	12	16	2	3-5-2	26
NORTH BAY	10	19	4	3-6-1	24

**WHALER STATISTICS**  
Current leaders:  
Goals: Legwand (36)  
Asst. Legwand (23)  
Pts: Legwand (59)  
PIM: Boulerice (111)  
+/-: Legwand (+20)

**CATCH OF THE DAY**  
Plymouth's 5-4 overtime win Thursday in Windsor was the Whalers' second overtime victory this season. The 4-3 overtime win over Oshawa Nov. 29 was their first regular season overtime victory since the 1994-95 season.

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# Start slow, finish fast; Chiefs defeat Rats

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Last Thursday the Canton girls volleyball team was victorious in its first game of the season, defeating the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats, three games to one.

The winner of the match was based out of the best of five games since Ann Arbor plays in a league that hasn't changed their game format to the best of three games.

The first game was the only one Huron was able to take, winning 15-11.

Huron was able to get a good start, scoring six points before Canton had a chance to serve.

However, after the ball was turned over to Canton, the Chiefs were able to quickly get themselves on the board. Canton's Amy Plagens and Elizabeth Elsner both made sharp spikes that Huron was unable to save.

Despite their strong offensive effort, Canton lost after hitting the ball out and failing on attempts to save the ball from hitting the ground.

In the second game, Canton dominated, winning 15-4. Canton seemed to constantly be scoring this game; they were able to get points off of spikes by Plagens and co-captain Stephanie Chefan, as well as serves by Elsner.

The few points Huron was able to accumulate were by errors made by Canton, such as hitting the ball out and hitting the net.

In game three, the teams seemed to

## VOLLEYBALL

play with equal skill, but Canton emerged the winner again, 16-14. Play in this game went back and forth with neither team able to grab a strong lead.

The first seven points made by Canton were came off of errors by Huron. On Canton's eighth point, a serve from setter

*'We were a little bit nervous, it wasn't us. But we came back,'*

**Christy Evens**  
Canton senior  
volleyball player

Angie Germain was unable to be saved.

Canton's 10th point was again scored on an unreturnable serve from Elsner. The score was tied, 14-14, when Canton took the last two points on bad hits from Huron.

Again, in game four, Canton easily dominated play and proved the River Rats were no match for the Chiefs, win-

ning, 15-2.

The majority of Canton's points were made on mistakes by Huron, but players Chefan, Plagens, Jennifer Sciberras all had scoring spikes.

The night went well for Canton, who only seemed shaken up in the first game. Plagens and Chefan proved to be some of the teams best all around players, and senior Christy Evens made numerous saves throughout the evening.

Elsner had strong serving through all the games, and setter Germain made it easy for her teammates to score.

Many of the players were satisfied with their performance.

"We were a little bit nervous in the first game, it wasn't us. But we came back. We worked together and were able to bring it in," said Evens, a second year varsity player.

"We had really good serving, I think that's what got them," she added.

Plagens felt a lot of the team's success was owed to their first year coach, Cynthia Montgomery. "She knew how to handle it. We had great serving, she really got us to hustle," she said.

Montgomery was pleased with the teams performance as well.

"They're a great bunch of girls, they're real easy to coach. They listen well, I knew they'd come back. They really showed what they had," she said.

# Short-handed Whalers head into holidays

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the loss of Plymouth's only consistent offensive threat all season.

Julian Smith and Harold Druken, until the last few games, have slumped in recent weeks. They could use the upcoming games as an offensive spring board into the second half of the season.

Keep an eye on European import Yuri Babenko and veteran Steve Wasylko. How will Babenko, who often rides shot-

gun with Legwand, react without his speedy partner? Wasylko, who had 25 goals last season, is returning from a pre-season shoulder injury. He just scored his first goal of the season this month, and could use the increased ice time to get into midseason form.

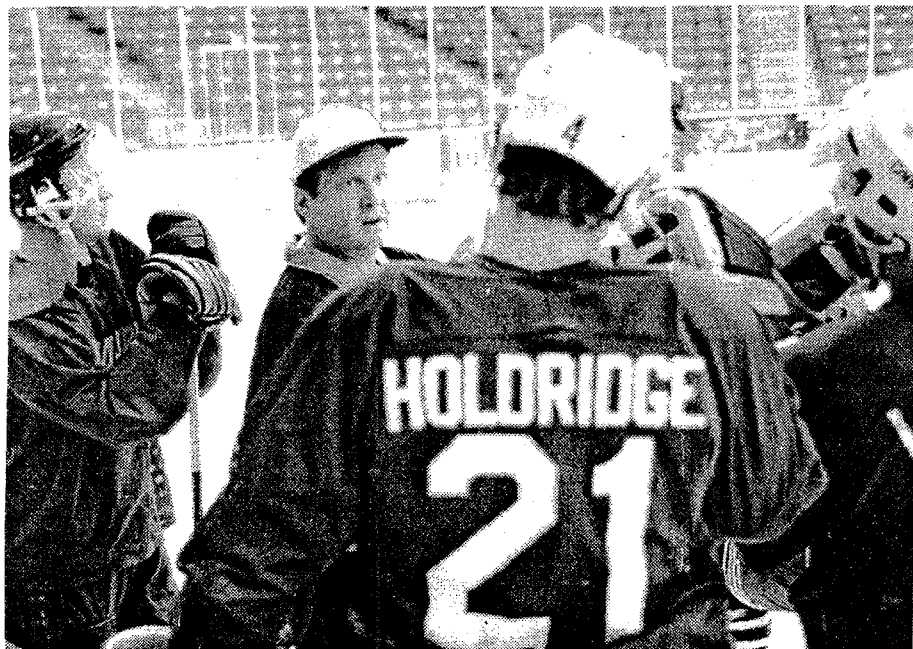
The blue line will miss Tselios' passing, but with the recent return of Sergei Fedotov and the early season arrival of Shaun Fisher, the defensive corps should

continue unabated. What two weeks without Tselios would've done was open up a spot for rookie Mark Ridout, who didn't post the most impressive stats in 16 games this season, but he challenged and frustrated opponents with his antics. Ridout, however, was traded to Windsor Thursday.

The most watched position during the weeks of the World Junior Championships — and every other week of the season for that matter — will be the goaltending. If the absence of Esche, an OHL all-star, wasn't enough, the Whalers lost a highly experienced and talented back up in Stevie Lyle, who left the club upon Fedotov's return.

That leaves the team with Scott Holsinger and Brandon Sacco, neither of whom have any legitimate OHL experience. Holsinger reportedly was outstanding playing Tier II hockey for the Compuware Ambassadors. But the OHL is a different level of hockey with a different level of pressure. If Holsinger continues to play like he did in a 5-4 overtime win over Windsor Thursday, Sacco will likely spend his entire time in Plymouth on the bench.

The changes aren't all on the ice. Associate coaches Greg Stefan and Steve Spott are serving as interim head coach and general manager, respectively. Any thought that Stefan and Spott would simply put the team on cruise control was erased when they put together a multi-player deal with Windsor that brought Paul Mara, a speedy defenseman, to Plymouth. And those guys thought they'd have all the fun spending Christmas in Scandinavia.



Whaler Associate Coach Greg Stefan, defenseman Kevin Holdridge and the rest of the Whalers will be tested while four of their teammates and Head Coach/GM Peter DeBoer spend the holidays in Scandinavia at the World Junior Championships. (Crier photo R. Alwood Jr.)

## On deck

### SALEM BASKETBALL

Dec. 27-29 at the Grosse Ile Invitational. JV begins at 6 p.m.

### SALEM SWIMMING

Today at noon at home for the WLAA Conference Relays. Jan. 8 at home versus Novi at 7 p.m.

### SALEM WRESTLING

Today at the Melvindale JV Invitational. Dec. 27 at home for the Salem "B" Tournament at 9 a.m. Jan. 3 at home for the Salem Varsity Invitational at 9 a.m.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Dec. 27 at the Madonna Invitational (JV). Jan. 3 at the Portage Northern Invitational.

### SALEM GYMNASTICS

Jan. 7 at Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at home for the Salem Invitational at 9 a.m.

### CANTON BASKETBALL

Dec. 27-29 at the Grosse Ile Invitational. Jan. 6 at Milan. JV begins at 6 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Today at Salem for the WLAA Conference Relays at noon. Jan. 6 at home versus Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m.

### CANTON WRESTLING

Today at home for the Canton Invitational at 9 a.m. At the Salem "B" Tournament at 9 a.m. Dec. 27. At the Salem Varsity Invitational at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 3.

### CANTON GYMNASTICS

Jan. 7 at home versus Hartland at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Rockford Invitational at 9 a.m.

### CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Jan. 3 at the Walled Lake Central Invitational at 9 a.m. JV at the Brighton Invitational Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. At home for the Salem Varsity Invitational Jan. 17 at 8 a.m.



# Community opinions

## Holiday reversal

*To avoid September resolutions look to the reason for the season*

The way I see it, the holidays are backwards for Christians. First, we celebrate Christmas, occasionally with an entire week of get-togethers. We celebrate with friends, we celebrate with family and we celebrate with co-workers. If your family is like mine, one family celebration isn't enough. Both sides of the family are worth a party, presents and eggnog (ugh). Then, after a week of touching base with relatives you haven't seen since last Christmas, and explaining everything that happened to you in the year and hearing how good you look with the extra weight you've picked up from your first desk job, you're ready for New Year's. It's prime time to make some promises about what you're not going to do in the coming year on. You've heard them all before, maybe even said them: lose some weight, cut down on the drinking, stay in touch with the family, be nice to the cat for a change. The ironic thing about this is that we — and I'm talking to the Christians now — celebrate Christmas because it is the birth of Jesus; a birth which, on its own, signifies a

*Why do we wait a full week before making a commitment to start anew, and make positive changes in our lives?*

### A holiday wish:

## White Christmas, safe roads

It may seem trite, but the weather is often hot topic for discussion, especially when it's cold. It comes up as a conversation piece that gives strangers something to talk about. Students learning a second language are given key phrases so they can discuss mother nature in a foreign land. In December, the big focus always is on whether or not we'll have a white Christmas. Most people say they want one. And we live in Michigan, so the conditions are pretty favorable. But we don't always want what we wanted once we get it. Take our last surprise blast from the north pole, for example. I wasn't ready for the weather to send me sliding down the road. I hadn't even done my yearly doughnuts in an

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## Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman

new beginning and a new era of hope. Why do we wait a full week before making a commitment to start anew and make positive changes in our lives? There's a lot of reasons. Convenience, for one; and the way the days fall on the calendar, for another. But the human urge to procrastinate and the desire to relax and have fun are probably the most influential reasons. I'm no different. In fact, I usually make it a habit to get to my New Year's resolutions by the third week of September, providing it's a nice sunny day and I'm not doing anything else. This Christmas, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and the new beginning it heralds for everyone. Relax with family and friends and make up your mind to make a new beginning for yourself. And, if you can keep whatever resolutions you make for a week, then it's time to celebrate. Make Christmas a new beginning for you, and celebrate the new beginning for everyone. After all, it is the reason for the season.

## 15 minutes...

By Linda Kochanek

empty parking lot yet. My confidence was lacking. Winter driving is not my favorite pastime. I hate to see multiple-car accidents and stranded travelers, particularly among friends. My roommate Lesley came home from class that day with a mishap of her own. On her way to take an exam, she ever so slightly cracked the window on her Escort. She lit a cigarette and was concentrating on staying in her lane. Meanwhile, a large truck going the opposite direction splashed a wave of heavy sludge right into her window. That tiny crack let slush shoot up her nostrils and whip all of her hair over to one side of her head. Trying to wipe the freezing muck out of her nose, she realized that she couldn't change into dry clothes before school. She was already running late for her test, so she decided to continue on her way to school, laughing about it. She handled Jack Frost better than I did that day. I'm not a scrooge about snow. I like snowball fights and sliding on ice as much as the next person. I enjoy seeing children building snowmen. I just wish that everyone I knew was safely home in front of a fire with a mug of hot chocolate, not on the roads. Keep in mind that arriving a few minutes late is better than not arriving at all. Happy Holidays and may all your Christmas's be white.



# Community opinions

## What direction from Canton's DDA?

# \$4 million, or else

Growth in Canton not only strains local governmental services, it can sometimes strain the imagination too.

Take the recent request of developer Burton-Katzman for Canton's DDA to add \$4 million in improvements to its proposed 123-acre parcel development at the prime vacant corner of Ford and I-275.

Say what?

Without the DDA kicking in, the project won't happen, says the developer. Yup, that's what they said.

The community has been entirely blessed by the Canton DDA streetscape down Ford Road — a perfect example of how a "little" seed money can benefit many property owners-tenants and the public at large at the same time.

Many years ago, Canton risked its full faith and credit to pave industrial area roads rather than wait for Wayne County to realize there's anything this side of I-275. (Of course, many argue that The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community

would be better off if Wayne County believed that the county line was just east of John Cleveland's Waterclub Grill.)

There certainly are projects worthy of Canton governmental participation. Extending the DDA up and down Ford is unquestionably a community benefit. Linking the major shopping of both Canton and downtown Plymouth by opening Morton Taylor will help customers, retailers and school bus drivers alike.

And after all, both the downtowns of Plymouth and Northville have also benefitted from local governmental "seed" money in streetscapes and paving.

But provide seed money to benefit a new project at the last vacant major expressway interchange? No way does that make sense.

## With malice toward none



The Canton DDA is already helping that project with its streetscape extension. Any local participation beyond that is unfair to all the other Canton businesses which will compete with the new tenants of the proposed development and who "paid" for their own properties' improvement.

If Burton-Katzman says again at the meeting being scheduled early next year that they'll take their project and go home unless they get Canton's \$4 million, the DDA should say:

"The fastest way back to Bingham Farms from your property is right up that North I-275 entrance ramp, keep going to I-696 East, exit at Telegraph North..."

## Putting the wraps on another year

Canton Goodfellows wrapped-up presents for 101 families

Thursday morning at the Canton Public Library. The deliveries will be made this morning to ensure that there's

"No kiddie without a Christmas." Evelyn Aksamit wraps toys and other gifts for her third year, with the help of two-year-old Benjamin VanCamp.

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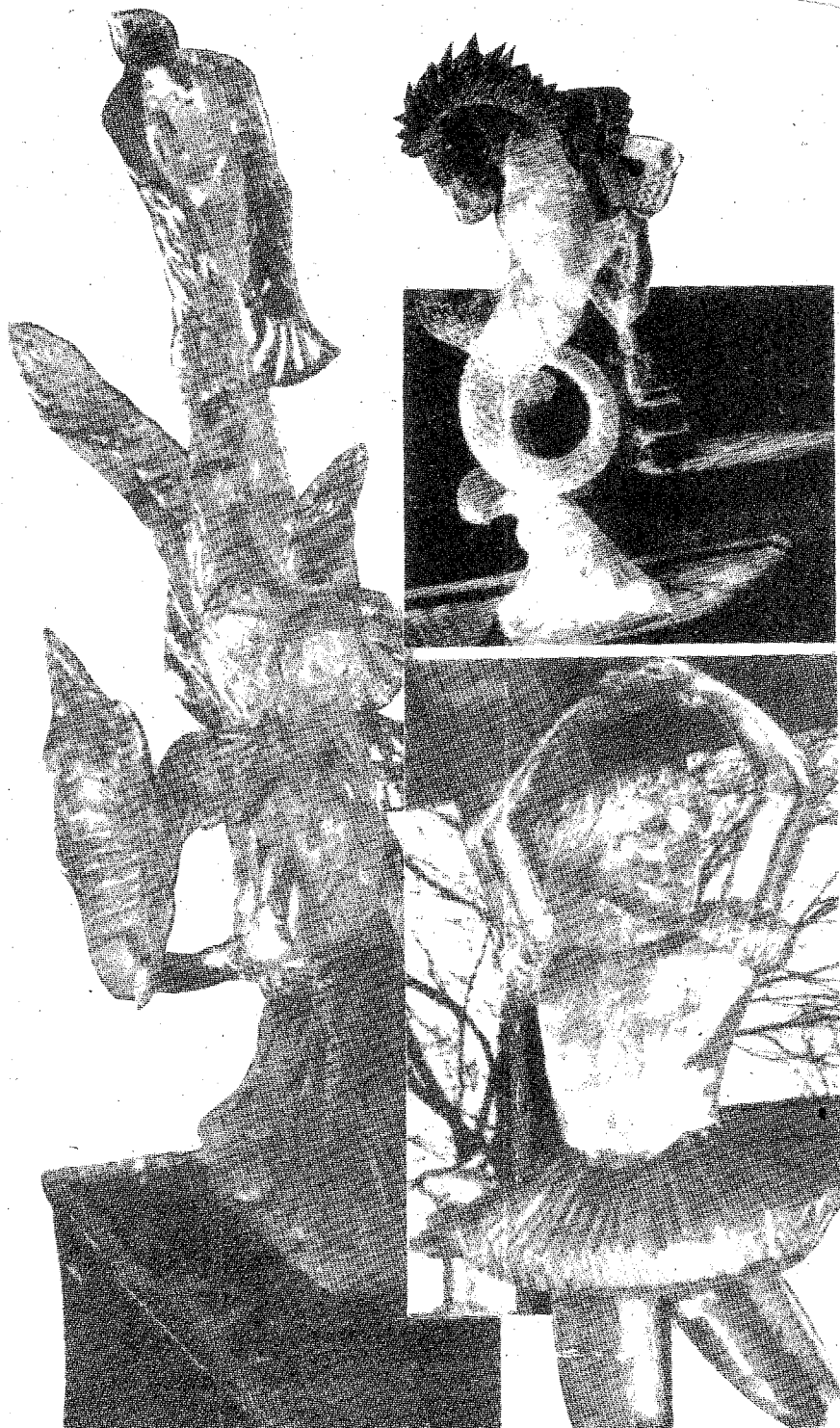
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