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## Police, gunshop owner disagree over weapon used in Ford slaying

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Was the gun used in the Jan. 7 homicide-suicide at the Sheldon Road Ford Plant sold illegally?

"Yes," imply the Plymouth Township Police.

"No," the Livonia gun dealer says emphatically.

According to Plymouth Township Police reports, Michael Brattin purchased a .40 caliber handgun and ammunition from Firearms Plus in Livonia on Jan. 3, although the permit application and police department filing by the gun dealer showed a Dec. 31 date, say police.

Police said Brattin had applied for purchase permits — the last valid date for a purchase being Dec. 31.

Brattin obtained his gun on Jan. 3 and registered it with Livonia Police on Jan. 4. He then took his new gun to work with

him that early Saturday morning, wounded his wife, Sandy, killed her alleged boyfriend Michael O'Brien, who also worked at the Ford plant, and then turned the gun on himself.

According to Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry, Brattin should have had to re-apply for a permit and that would have delayed his receiving the gun by three or four days. Ford officials have said that Brattin's wife, who was wounded in the shooting, was scheduled to be transferred to another work area three days after the incident occurred.

But the gun dealer says, "That permit was good."

Bruce Brickey, owner of the gun shop at 33475 West Eight Mile Rd., further said, "The cops are protecting themselves by throwing this on us. I do everything by the book."

According to Brickey, Brattin purchased the gun on Dec. 31 having paid for it and filled out the paperwork. When he went across the street to have a form notarized, he found the bank closed for the holiday weekend, the gun dealer said.

A new form was filled out on Jan. 3 when Brattin supplied the notarized form, Brickey said. "I even found the original (form) but police didn't even want to look at it," he added.

Berry said the police and federal agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agency are continuing their investigation into the gun sale legality. Although he said the rest of the incident's investigation is "completed, the weapon investigation is not not completed."

"We want to insure this type of thing doesn't happen again," the chief said.

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## Weather melts Plymouth Ice Festival fun

At last year's Plymouth International Ice Spectacular, it couldn't have gotten much colder. This year, it couldn't have been much warmer.

Temperatures reached the mid-60s to make the Ice Spectacular the "Slush Spectacular."

But organizer Mike Watts, owner of Watts Up, said the festival went well despite the warm weather.

"It went real good," he said. "We were able to get through all the scheduled competitions."

"Who knew it would be 60 degrees in January?"

The carving competitions still went on. The winners were:

### Team Division

First Place — Aaron Costic and Greg Butauski.

Second Place — Renee Odermatt of Switzerland and Anja Schneider of Germany.

Third Place — David Welke and Doug Ghans

### College Individual Carving

First Place — Marlin Dixon of the Culinary Institute of America

Second Place — Herbert Lorentz of Henry Ford Community College

Third Place — Sean O'Rourke of Oakland Community College

### Professional Individual Carving

First Place — Dean Carlson

Second Place — Jeff Stahl

Third Place — Greg Butauski

### College Team Competition

First Place — Herbert Lorentz and Robert Rusko of Henry Ford Community College

Second Place — Sean O'Rourke and Todd Stapnowski of Oakland Community College

Third Place — Tony Maggio and Scott Ryan of Oakland Community College

### High School Team Competition

First Place — Nicholas and Michael Watts of Catholic Central

### High School Individual Competition

First Place — Chantez Granger

Second Place — Nicholas Watts

Third Place — Nigel Johnson

### Junior High School Competition

First Place — Michael Watts of West Middle School in Plymouth

Watts said they estimate "several hundred thousand" spectators visited Plymouth this past weekend.

"The fireworks display went really well," he said. "People ringed the park. It was mostly people from town, but it's good that we got to do something for the people of Plymouth."



Dan Rowison, Chef-Instructor at OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, puts the final touches on Bugs Bunny at one of the warmest Ice Fests on record. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

## Agenda

### TODAY

- Canton Project Arts will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Treasurer's office at Canton Township Hall to plan for the Michigan Opera Theatre event on March 18. For more information, call the township at 397-3000.

### THIS WEEK

- Canton Parks and Recreation will host a teen ski trip to Alpine Valley for ages 13-18 from 5 p.m. to midnight on Jan. 20. The cost is \$21 for those with equipment, \$29 for those needing equipment — transportation and lift tickets are included in the price. For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-5110.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions at 7 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Tenors, basses and baritone are needed. For more information, call 455-4080

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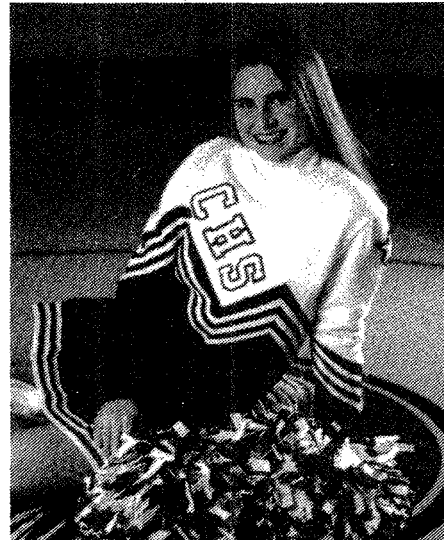
# Cheerleaders march in English New Year parade

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It wasn't a typical Christmas break for Canton cheerleaders Shannon Maironis and Amy Braun.

The two seniors spent a week in London, England taking part in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade and Spectacular.

"It was a lot of fun. I've never been out of the country, besides Canada. I wish



Amy Braun

I had more time there," said Braun, who is 17. Teammate Maironis, also 17, was as equally delighted about her experience. She said, "I loved it. It was so much fun. There was so much to see and do."

Braun and Maironis were given the opportunity to participate in the London Parade by becoming part of an elite group, called the All Star Cheerleaders.

It all started this past summer when the Canton cheerleaders were attending a Universal Cheerleaders Association(UCA) camp in Albion. Braun said, "We have camps every summer. They teach you cheers and dances. Try outs are at the end of the week for All Stars."

Competing four at a time, cheerleaders are taught cheers and specific jumps. They are then asked to perform a short time later.

"It was so much fun," Braun said. When camp broke, Braun and Maironis were informed of their results.

But before Braun and Maironis could make reservations and start practicing their British accents, they needed to raise \$2000. Their parents offered their financial assistance, as did the Canton Cheerleading Booster Club, Plymouth's Evening Kiwanis Club, the Canton Football Booster Club, Rose's Restaurant, the Romulus Rotary and numerous other local establishments.

The day after Christmas, Braun and Maironis boarded a plane for London. For the week the girls were there, they stayed at the Tower Thistle, in the shadow of the Tower Bridge.

They were extremely busy, preparing for the parade and sightseeing.

The cost of the trip included tours, so the girls were able to see a number of historic sites like Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. However, both girls singled out excursions to smaller cities as their highlight. Braun said, "I liked Stratford because I'm studying British literature." Maironis said, "I liked Windsor Castle. I always liked the castles."

Even the parade route was a sightseeing opportunity.

The ninth annual London Parade started at the banks of the Thames River and proceeded past Westminster Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, Berkley Square, Trafalgar Square and ended at Piccadilly Square.

The two mile course would have made for a pleasant walk, if the weather had cooperated. Braun said, "The whole time I performed it rained. Then it snowed. It



Shannon Maironis

was quite cold."

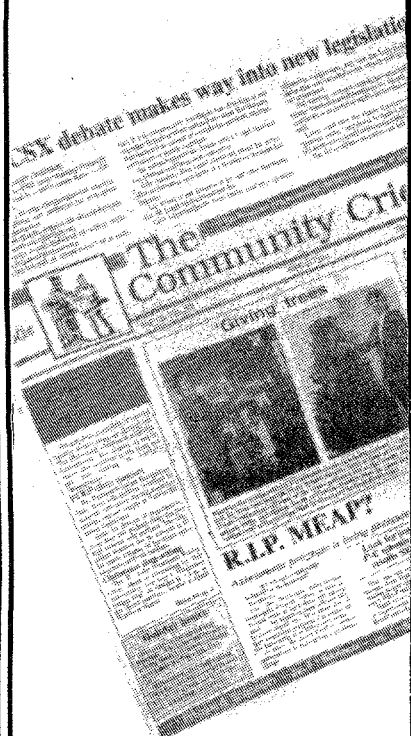
Unfortunately, Braun and Maironis didn't perform together.

The All Star cheerleaders were split into seven groups alphabetically, so the girls performed different routines. Braun danced to "Free Ride" by Edgar Winter and Maironis performed to the strains of "Rock'n in Paradise" by Styx.

The practice must have paid off because the cheerleaders stole the show. An impressive feat considering there were over 9000 participants from all over the world. Maironis said, "As soon as the music started (the crowd) was cheering. They had a lot of energy." The London Parade Times stated that the cheerleaders are an annual crowd pleaser. Both girls surmised that English schools didn't have cheerleaders and that's why they drew so much attention.

As the girls left to return to home sweet home, they brought more than just pictures.

They also brought back a tremendous life experience. Braun said, "I guess I'm more aware of the difference between the countries. I'm glad I went."



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# Twp. pounded, caves under pro-sledding onslaught

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With a near 180° turn from the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees at last Tuesday's meeting, there will now be limited sledding at Plymouth Township's McClumpha Park.

Sledding will now be allowed at the park with the introduction of volunteer supervisors and the moving of the sled runs away from dangerous areas.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said that the original move to ban sledding was motivated by safety concerns.

"We decided to discontinue use in the areas that were unsafe to use," Keen-

McCarthy said.

Keen-McCarthy also said that installing fences around dangerous areas in the past was not a solution. Nor was the use of bales of hay at the end of the runs.

"Some people were using the bales as a jump," Keen-McCarthy said.

"Others were hitting the bales too hard."

The solution to the sledding problem came from township residents, particularly Scott Lorenz. With some help from community volunteers minding the hills, township park will now be open for sledding.

"It's the volunteers that have made this a reality," Lorenz said. "We're also going to get volunteers from Close Up."

Keen-McCarthy said that the plan for supervised sledding at the park was OK in all of the correspondence from the township's insurer.

Later, Lorenz said that the decision to ban sledding at the park was purely a money decision.

"I've dealt with these municipal risk management people before," Lorenz said. "One year they tried to put warning signs on the ice sculptures in Kellogg Park."

Residents at the meeting still thought that the plans for sledding at the park

needed to be looked over, especially those connected to the re-landscaping of the park for next year's sledding.

"There has to be a clear understanding that you're not just going to make a 10 years old and under hill," said Linda Moodheart.

"We need a hill that is going to be challenging for older kids as well."

Resident Dennis Harlan didn't think that any supervision at all.

"Now that you're moving the sled zone, why does there need to be supervision?" Harlan asked. "The plan for next year should be safe sledding that needs no supervision."

# Township officers to carry new, more powerful pistol

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

What're you packing?

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry wants to give his officers a little more firepower when they walk the streets.

Plymouth Township police officers will be carrying the Austrian-made semi-automatic Glock 22 and 23, 40 caliber handguns within a few weeks.

The weapons have 15-round magazines and retail for approximately \$675. The township will be picking them up for \$412 with nightsights installed.

According to Berry, township officers have been using revolvers up until now.

"In the past we have used a lot of different weapons," Berry said. "We looked at different ones and decided on the Glock 22 and 23."

According to Plymouth Township Firearm Instructor and Armorer Officer Eric Anderson-Smith, the township will be moving to the Glock for a number of reasons.

"We chose the Glock for many reasons; its simplicity, accuracy and quick reload time," Anderson-Smith said. "We chose the 40 caliber because it has a low recoil, and it is a proven round."

Anderson-Smith said that by "proven round," he meant that in the event that an officer has to fire on an aggressor, the 40 caliber has a greater chance of stopping the aggressor than a 9 mm pistol.

"A .38 will bounce off a car window," Anderson-

Smith said. "The 9 mm is inadequate, after going through several layers of clothing it doesn't have the stopping power."

He also said that the Glock was recommended by the F.B.I., was better and more cost-effective than either the comparable Beretta or Smith and Wesson models and can be expected to fire over 500,000 rounds before needing service.

Anderson-Smith said that one of the advantages of the Glock was that it was physically easier to handle.

"The Glock is easier to shoot, it has a lower recoil," Anderson-Smith said. "It has a magazine, so that it can be reloaded quickly."

Anderson-Smith said that in a pressure situation, under fire for example, it can be hard to reload a revolver. Along the same lines, because fine motor skills deteriorate with age, the Glock is once again the better firearm for officers.

"It's hard to fit a bullet into a little tube when your hands are shaking," Anderson-Smith said. "You hear a lot of horror stories about officers found shot to death with an unloaded gun in one hand and bullets in the other."

By comparison, officers in the City of Plymouth are issued Smith and Wesson model 66 revolvers but are allowed to carry Glock 9 mm or 40 caliber guns. Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins said that the city would look at switching over to the Glock 40 caliber

within the next year.

Canton township officers are issued the semi-automatic Sig Sauer 9 mm. While the SWAT officers carry the Glock, regular officers cannot by department policy carry them or practice with a weapon that is dissimilar to their service weapon.



Officer Eric Anderson-Smith with the Glock model 22. The Glock is an Austrian-made semi-automatic pistol made from steel and polymers that is more reliable than the revolvers they carry now. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

# Canton special election dates set for early spring

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton will be the site of a special primary election on Tuesday, March 7 and a special general election on Tuesday, April 18 to fill the vacant clerk's office.

Governor John Engler called the elections at the request of the Canton Township Board following Clerk Loren Bennett's victory over Trav Griffin for the 8th State Senate seat in November.

Also on the ballot will be a library expansion and road improvement proposals.

Acting Canton Clerk Connie Roessler said voters will be reporting to the same polling places as the November election. Punch cards will be used for the elections.

Nominating petitions for the partisan clerk position are available in the clerk's office.

Candidates must collect at least 164 signatures from registered voters in Canton for the nomination from a political party in the primary. Candidates who garner the most votes from each party in March will advance to the general election in April. Those individuals with no party affiliation may fill qualifying petitions for the general election.

The candidate filing deadline for petitions is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The last day to withdraw is Friday, Feb. 10. It is expected that both Canton and the Canton Public Library will place their proposals before the voters during the general election in April.

Although formal announcements have not been made, a list of possible candidates for the clerk's position include: Terri Bennett, Mitch Howard, Melissa McLaughlin and Ralph Shufeldt.

# Schools discuss new graduation requirements for class of 1999

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The class of 1999, currently eighth graders, will have to know more science and math than the current crop of soon-to-be graduates.

At Monday's meeting of the Plymouth-Canton School board, members of the faculty of the High Schools laid down the requirements that the class of 1999 have to meet to graduate.

- Increase math requirement from two credits to three.
- Increase science requirements from two credits to three.
- Introduction of a human relations class in the junior or senior year.

Canton Teacher Sandy Downs, speaking for the math department, said that the exact changes would be forthcoming.

"We're looking at math in a completely different way," Downs said.

With the changes in curriculum, there will be money issues to be addressed. Patrick Barry, Salem English teacher, said that there would be financial needs in the future.

"The financial implications will be pretty small initially," Barry said. "But as technology is acquired and the science department fills up, in two to three years we are going to need more computers. No computers, nothing will happen. We need more science equipment, the resources that we have right now are pretty maxed-out."

He said that there might need to be a shifting of staff and possibly a necessity of new hiring as the changes in curriculum are implemented.

"There's not going to be any quality of education with 40-45 kids in a class," Barry said.

Also, as per state requirements, students would have the opportunity to test out of classes that they were already proficient in.

Board President Dave Artley said that there needs to be some kind of accounting for the possible costs.

"We need to get a flavor for this," Artley said. "I don't care what kind of theoretical ballpark it is, we need a figure to look at."



## Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1995

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:33 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill requested that the agenda be amended by adding Item G.1 Supervisor's Comments regarding Sledding at the Plymouth Township Park. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda as amended for the January 10, 1995, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy summarized for those residents present, the safety issues concerning the sledding hill at Plymouth Township Park, and why the Board came to the decision to suspend sledding for the 1994-95 season. Mr. Anulewicz, had at that time, been directed by the Board to prepare a site analysis showing physical adjustments that would lessen the risks associated with the sledding hill and to consider other modifications within the park that could offer additional winter activities to citizens. Upon request of residents who wanted to keep the sledding hill operable for the season, meetings were held and their suggestions on reducing the unsafe conditions were taken into consideration.

Following presentations to the Board by Mr. Anulewicz and the citizens involved in the meetings, it was agreed that the unsafe conditions could be substantially reduced if sledding were moved west of its current location which has an inadequate run area. The new location provides a slope not as steep, but has an adequate sled run. Volunteers have agreed to assist with installing fencing, hay bales, wrapping hay bales, etc., and assisting Township employees with supervision during the weekend sledding hours. Mr. Scott Lorenz will arrange for the volunteers, Mr. Anulewicz and Mr. Lorenz will meet to coordinate the issues that will allow for weekend sledding.

Additional comments were received from citizens. Mrs. Marilyn Bealafeld asked that the sledding hill not be restricted to weekends only. Mr. John Currie questioned the need for volunteers with the new safety improvements. Mr. Dennis Harlan stated that one of the safety issues seem to be misbehaved children and suggested removing those children from the park. Ms. Linda Moothart stated that the children in our community are in need of activities and any changes to the hill should include something that is a challenge to teenagers. Ms. Moothart further stated that she would like to see an expansion of activities within the Township park.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Residential Unit Development Agreement and the Declaration of Restrictions for Application 1034/1089, for Country Acres of Plymouth located north of Ann Arbor Road, south of Powell Road between Napier Road and Ridge Road. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the Final Preliminary Plat, Application 1034B/294, for Country Acres of Plymouth, Subdivision No.1 located north of Ann Arbor Road, south of Powell Road between Napier Road and Ridge Road subject to the final resolution of points raised in Resolution No. 94-10-25-20 prior to approval of the Final Plat and subject to the State's considering all safety design features such as right turn lanes and left turn passing lanes when reviewing for approval of the permit. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to consolidate the Omnicon of Michigan, Inc. Formal Renewal Proposal Administrative Proceeding with Canton Township, Plymouth City and Northville City, and to appoint Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy or her designee as hearings officer for purposes of conducting the administrative proceeding and returning a transcript or video tape of the proceedings to this Board for decision. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on January 10, 1995. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for approval at the next regular meeting on January 24, 1995.

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# Bennett takes State Senate oath of office

Freshman state Senator and former Canton clerk Loren Bennett took his oath of office Jan. 11 at the State Capitol.

Citing his appointment as chairperson of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, Bennett said, "One of the highest priorities before my committee will be working with various business and environmental groups in coming to an agreeable resolution regarding the Polluters Pay Law. We need to set defining standards once and for all that will facilitate clean-up for the redevelopment of industrial sites within

our urban areas."

In addition Bennett said he plans to keep spending priorities foremost in mind when dealing with all legislative issues.

"I received the message of the voters loud and clear," he said. "They need for state government to do more with less. We can find solutions to Michigan's problems and still stay within our allotted spending.

"It may require that we be a little more creative in our thinking, but I'm confident with a little determination we can do that."

## Patterson, McCotter given committees

Wayne County Commissioners Bruce Patterson and Thaddeus McCotter have received their committee assignments for the 1995-96 terms.

Patterson, who defeated Democrat Ken Warfield for the 11th district seat serving Canton, was named chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee. This committee reviews and recommends to the commission the annual county budget and approves all major expenditures throughout the year.

Patterson will also serve on the Roads, Airports and Public Services Committee, involving water, sewers, parks, roads, airports and all building needs.

Patterson was also picked for the Economic Development Committee, which is responsible for job training, land development, Port Authority affairs, the executive Department of Jobs and Economic Development and community development block grants.

He will also serve a vice chairperson for Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

McCotter, who defeated R. Karl Burnett to win the 10th commission seat serving Plymouth, is chairperson of the Economic Development Committee.

Along with Patterson, McCotter was also appointed to the Roads, Airports and Public Services Committee.

McCotter was named to the Drains

Committee, which considers all matters regarding storm and sanitary drains and sewers, and is the legislative branch liaison with the executive-branch Department of Public Services.

He was also named to the Legislative Research Committee. This committee monitors and recommends on litigation, handles certain purchasing and contracting procedures, and oversees proposed charter amendments. McCotter will also serve on the Legal Affairs Subcommittee.

## Joyner will staff Rivers' local office

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, the Democrat whose district includes The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, has opened a political office in Plymouth and hired a well-known political name to staff it.

Bill Joyner, former director of the Canton Community Foundation and former Wayne County Commissioner, has been hired as political director for the Lynn Rivers for Congress Committee.

The office is paid by Rivers' campaign funds and is not a U.S. government office, Joyner said. "She wants to have a presence in the community," he added. The office is located at Suite 107, at the P.M.C. Center, 42245 Ann Arbor Rd., directly across from Township Hall.

## Police, gunshop owner disagree on legality of weapon in Ford slaying

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According to Bill Carroll, spokesperson for Ford Motor Company, Sandy Brattin was scheduled to be transferred as the "low seniority" employe (versus her husband) working while "a stressful divorce was underway."

He said the company had no indication of any impending danger from Brattin working with his wife and her boyfriend. "There were no reports of dangerous situations or threats," he said.

Both Carroll and Berry praised the Ford Plant security and the police-rescue efforts.

Carroll added that Sandy Brattin would remain on paid leave and would be eligible to return to her job, although the company did not know her intentions. He

said that Ford had not heard from Mrs. Brattin's attorneys.

According to police, her attorney was present at a press conference held yesterday by Plymouth Township Police and Ford.

At that press conference, Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Robert Antal, who was the chief investigator of the case, said Mrs. Brattin was reported in fair condition at University of Michigan Hospital and was going to be released soon.

He said that two letters Brattin left in a duffel bag at his parents' house showed "something was going to happen."

"There is no indication he was intent on killing his wife, soon-to-be-ex-wife," Antal said. "If he was going to kill her, he wouldn't have left her a letter."

# Canton to consider road improvement millage

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

As roads in the community continue to deteriorate, the Canton Board of Trustees is studying proposals to take matters into their own hands — by creating a road improvement program that would be funded and run by Canton.

The proposals — developed over the past four months by Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack along with other top Canton administrators, including Chief Financial Officer John Spencer, Township Engineer Tom Casari, and Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik — were brought before the board during a study session Tuesday night. A final decision regarding the proposals will not be made until the next regular board meeting on Jan. 24.

Several proposals were brought before the board Tuesday, including the option being recommended by the administration, calling for the creation of a multi-year bond program to fund a \$12 million road improvement package. The \$12 million bond program would have to be approved by voters since it would call for a millage increase of approximately .67 mills for use in paying off the bonds. One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 valuation of the taxpayer's home. The total tax increase on a \$120,000 home with a state equalized value of \$60,000 is \$40.20 per year.

Yack said something needs to be done to improve the roads in Canton — things the state and county have not been able to do.

"For the past 10 years," he said, "Canton has spent millions and millions of dollars on roads. There are problems (with roads) that Canton residents have had to live with for a long time."

The administration presented seven different options to the board Tuesday. They were:

**Option One: Depend upon Wayne County to fund road improvements.**

By law, Wayne County is responsible for road construction and maintenance in Canton. This approach would continue the dependency on the county for all services related to road maintenance and construction.

**Pro:** No increased cost to Canton taxpayers.

**Con:** The county's funds are limited

and must be prioritized to meet the needs of the 43 Wayne County communities. Additionally, federal funds for roads are now tied to criteria that favors developed communities and existing roads. These improvements would have to wait until the county had funds available.

**Option Two: Exclusive use of community improvement funds (landfill royalties) for road construction and improvement.**

The community improvement fund was established by the Canton Board of Trustees to fund capital improvements.

**Pro:** This is available to the board and community at any time. The timing of the revenue allows for planning.

**Con:** Canton has needs beyond those of building and improving roads: recreational, cultural and civic.

**Option Three: Use general fund revenues to implement a road improvement program.**

The general fund is currently at 1.1 mills. The total general fund revenue from all sources is \$8.5 million. The general fund currently carries a fund balance of approximately \$3 million.

**Pro:** Some funds are available immediately.

**Con:** The general fund is "growth dependent." It would also be the use of statutory funds for unmandated service. Other municipal services would probably have to be reprioritized or diminished.

**Option Four: Increase the general millage by one mill.**

The board has the statutory authority to increase the general millage. A one mill increase would raise the general millage to 2.1 mills — still well below the five mill cap placed on the general millage.

**Pro:** Funds would be available with each new budget.

**Con:** There would be a tax increase of approximately \$100 per year for homeowners with a \$200,000 house. It would also cut residents of Canton from the decision making process.

**Option Five: Use of a voted, dedicated 1 mill road improvement millage.**

This approach would utilize money from approval of a five year dedicated road improvement millage. The issue would be placed on the ballot of a primary, general or special election. The rev-

enue, in the range of \$1.3 million the first year and increasing at the rate of approximately \$100,000 per year would permit a consistent and steady number of road projects to be completed over a five year period of time.

**Pro:** The decision would be made by resident vote. It would also be a consistent and assured income with timing allowing for planning and a limited period of increased taxation.

**Con:** Again, it would mean a \$100 per year tax increase for homeowners with a \$200,000 home.

**Option Six: Use of General Obligation bond to fund a road improvement program.**

This issue — supported by Yack and the Canton administration — would ask voters to approve a bond issue in the amount of \$12 million. If the issue was voted upon favorably, bonds would be sold and invested. The proceeds of the bond sale and interest would be immediately available to fund a road improvement program.

**Pro:** Funds are available immediately. Residents are involved in the decision making.

**Con:** Taxes would increase in Canton.

**Option Seven: Become a city and assume responsibility for Canton roads.**

An election would be required to begin the process of changing Canton's form of government. A favorable vote by the residents would create a charter com-

mission that would take an extended time (usually one year) to develop a proposed city charter.

**Pro:** Community would own and be responsible for roads. Funds would be available to maintain the road system. Gas and weight taxes would flow to Canton.

**Con:** Canton would be liable for all suits related to roads. It is doubtful that becoming a city would provide enough revenue to do much more than maintain the current road system. Increased taxation would be likely.

Yack said he hopes the sixth option for a bond issue will be on the ballot for either the primary election or general election.

"We keep getting feedback that clearly indicates people want improvements to the roads in Canton," he said.

Yack said if the bond issues passes, the focus of the construction and improvement would be on the east side of the community.

Yack said the special election was not called with the road improvements in mind. He said it was called strictly to elect a new clerk, but since it is happening, administrators felt now would be a good time to proceed.

"We have been talking about this for quite some time," he said, "and we have an election in front of us."

Yack said he hopes the board approves the option to issue bonds and

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## Your Guide to Worship

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43065 Joy Road, Canton  
(313) 455-0022

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Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Michigan Technological University has announced the following degree recipients for Spring quarter 1995. Canton residents are: **Steven L. Dickie** (Biological Sciences, cum laude) and **Jeffery T. Musson** (Mechanical Engineering). Plymouth residents are: **Joel R. Kuhl** (Mechanical Engineering, cum laude) and **Kathleen R. McDonald** (Metallurgical Engineering, magna cum laude).

Eastern Michigan University has announced that **Tracy A. Meszaros** (Sports Medicine) has graduated summa cum laude. Also, Meszaros has successfully passed the national qualifying exams for board certification of the National Athletic Training Association.

Canton has been awarded its third straight Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report.

An award of financial reporting has been awarded to **Susan Koplinski**, who was primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning document.

The prestigious award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

**Army National Guard Pfc. Paul W. Thomas** of Canton has completed the chaplain assistant at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, NJ. The group-paced course stressed religious support, development of interpersonal skills, unit ministry support to soldiers and family members, provided for services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty care. Thomas is a 1993 Canton High School graduate.

**Marine Lance Cpl. Kevin D. Phail** of Canton recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Phail is a 1990 graduate of Canton High School. He joined the Marines in October.

**Richie Dyrja**, a senior at Salem High School, was recently honored by the Polish National Alliance Lodge 53 at the Presentation Ball in Westland. Dyrja has been a Centennial Dancer for seven years, working hard to preserve his Polish heritage.

## A local production

*Rick Young of Canton has turned passion into business, hitting the big time producing music and video*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plato said, "Music and rhythm find a secret place in the soul." And Rick Young has found it.

Young is part of an ownership team that operates Talent Live Studios: Recording and Video Productions of Canton.

A music fanatic for as long as he can remember, Young has turned his passion into a profitable lifestyle. "We started it as a production company a long time ago, back around 1978. It evolved into a studio and a talent agency. We're trying to bring talent out of Michigan," Young said.

A member of a musically talented family, Young started out as a musician before becoming involved in the production aspect of the business. He said, "When I was a child, I started playing jazz music, then classical. When I grew up, I started playing in a rock band."

What was a teenagers' dream and a parents' nightmare, soon became reality. Young and his band, Teezer, recorded an album and toured the U.S. The band included drummer Keith Johnstone, who had previously played with Ted Nugent and the Amboy Dukes.

After the disintegration of Teezer, Young went to EMU, where he still "kept

up with music" as he attended classes. "I started the studio on the side," he said.

Initially a small-time business run as a college student's pet project, Talent Live Studios expanded quickly beyond just recording music. It's now one of the most renowned and updated facilities in the state.

Young oversees a 48-track all digital recording system. "We're the first in Michigan," Young said of the digital process. Young and his six co-workers now do a variety of audio and visual work.

For example, Talent Live Studios produces television commercials, voice-overs, voice eliminations for karaoke and lighting and sound for live performances. However, music videos remain Young's speciality. "It's our forte," he said.

The sprawling recording complex has several types of studios, even a sound stage. Young said, "We're making it musician conscious. Musicians who are in need of that live environment and live sound come here. On a live stage, they feel like their performing."

Despite Young's rock music background, he doesn't hold any prejudicial feelings toward other music forms. Young said, "I don't have tunnel vision when it comes to music."

Which is apparent, when Young's

music library and work experience is exposed. He has recorded and written with many prominent musicians from all types of musical backgrounds. For example, he has worked with Savoy Brown, The Rockets, Greg Allman of the Allman Brothers Band, Stevie Wonder, Belinda Carlisle, Rare Earth and the James Cotton Blues Band. Very often Young has set up the lighting and sound systems for these acts at such local venues as St. Andrew's Hall, The Ritz and Harpos.

Currently, Young is working with Seattle rock group Queensryche, writing a song for them. He also is trying to promote local modern rock groups Surveillance and Mickey Strange and the Kings of Pain. "We're heavily into alternative music," Young said. Mickey Strange is a Canton native who will be performing at The Sanctum in Pontiac. Young said, "They're a very unusual, heavy band."

Talent Live Studios also has rap acts it's trying to develop. "We have one heck of a sampling studio. That's what attracts the rappers," Young said.

As busy as he is with production and promotion, Young and the rest of the Talent Live Studios employees have no desire to return to performing. "We'll stick to producing," he said.

## Canton kids to dance in winter festival

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Mikhail Baryshnikov look out.

Canton residents Kirk Tooley and Jillian Mitchell are students at the Mulligan School of Dance in Dearborn Heights and will perform with the Children's Ballet Theatre (CBT), an organization reserved for gifted young dancers.

They will participate in the Winter Dance Festival this Saturday in Dearborn, dancing in "Hansel and Gretel," "Peter and the Wolf" and other portions of the show.

The CBT is a non-profit, highly reputable organization that works in cooperation with Karen Mulligan of the Mulligan School of Dance. CBT provides a outlet for talented dancers and is very selective in its audition process. The fact that Kirk, 9, and Jillian, 13, are now members, is a statement to their devotion to ballet.

"She's very dedicated," said Sue Mitchell, Jillian's mother. Mitchell and her husband, Lauren, have watched Jillian dance since she was toddler. Mitchell said, "I picked up ballet slippers at a garage sale. She's been constantly twirling and whirling since."

Kirk got started the same way, through his mother, who was looking to keep her restless three-year-old busy. Madonna Tooley said, "It was just something for him to do. I just started taking him."

Both follow a strenuous schedule, that very few children their age could handle. They attend classes several days out of the week and spend Saturdays with the CBT, leaving little free time.

Mitchell said, "We encourage her, within reason. Dance pretty

much takes up all her free time. But she's of the mind set; 'I'm going to be a dancer.' She's very disciplined. She loves to dance. She loves performing."

Kirk occasionally finds time to build model airplanes. But he has to practice during Christmas and miss sporting events with his father, Rick, jr.

But both mothers believe their child's hectic schedule will be a positive effect on the development of their personality. Mitchell said, "She's very energetic. She needs an outlet." Tooley said, "I think personally, as a parent, a child needs some kind of activity. We've tried soccer, baseball, we've got a basketball net set up outside. None of those things appealed to him."

Ballet teaches coordination and balance, two qualities that could be useful if Kirk or Jillian decide to try another sport. Tooley said, "A lot of football players take ballet lessons."

But for now, the promising future of Kirk and Jillian is in the CBT, which has previously sent dancers Detroit Symphony Orchestra's production of the Nutcracker.

Jillian plans on entering many auditions to continue her advancement, with the full support of her parents. Mitchell said, "She wants to be a dancer. As a mother, I'm going to do anything I can."

Kirk is just starting to realize the talent that he possesses. Tooley said, "At this point, he's still real young. But he's telling his friends; 'I'm in the Children's Ballet Theatre. I'm a great dancer.' All I know is, this is really good for his confidence. Hey, if he winds up being the Mikhail Baryshnikov of Canton, that's okay."

# Canton to consider road improvement millage

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the voters agree with the proposal.

"If people want to reach in their pockets — that's great," he said. "If they say no, we will continue to do the best job we can."

Yack said administration has projects identified that need to begin in the community if the board and voters approve the bond issue, but a priority list has not been completed.

"I would rather have a commitment to the concept (of issuing bonds) before we decide what project comes first," he said.

Several projects have been proposed. They include:

**New roads:** Herby — extended to Michigan and end Geddes west of Sheldon; Maben — cul-de-sac Maben and provide additional outlet to Ford Road.

**Resurface:** Sheldon — from Ford Road to the church; Palmer — from Haggerty to Sheldon; Sheldon — north of Palmer (widen and resurface); Warren — from Haggerty to Sheldon (resurface and improve radius).

**Reconstruction:** Lilley — north of Ford Road; Canton Center — from Warren to Sheldon (reconstruct and widen); Cherry Hill — east boundary, realignment.

**Pave Gravel Road:** Koppnick; Lotz — north of Palmer; Haggerty — Palmer to Michigan.

**New Signal:** Joy Road at high school entrance; Palmer and Sheldon; Canton Center and Glengarry, Canton Center at high school entrance; Canton Center and Palmer.

**Intersection Improvement:** Sheldon and Ford; Sheldon and Palmer; Sheldon Center and Sheldon; Cherry Hill and Sheldon; Canton Center and Palmer.

**Widen Road:** Canton Center and Sheldon Center to Sheldon — reconstruct and widen; Lilley — south of Ford

widening; Saltz — east of Sheldon widening; Sheldon — north of Palmer widening and resurfacing.

**Landscaping Project:** Morton Taylor landscaping/berming — Ford to Warren (landscaping along new road); Proctor — at Township Hall (improvements and landscaping).

**Sidewalks:** Ford Road — east of Morton Taylor.

**Miscellaneous:** Purchase of various road rights-of-way; Cherry Hill — enclose ditches east of Canton Center.

This represents a list of possible projects that total between \$10 million and \$12 million.

## Gun group: abolish Canton

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BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Anyone want to buy a township?

Those interested in purchasing part of all of a township should keep an ear to the ground because the Gun Owners of Southeast Michigan (GOSM) is looking at the possibility of having Canton Township dissolved and sold at auction to recoup damages as a result of Section 60, Canton's dangerous weapons ordinance.

The ordinance reads "A person shall not possess...a machine gun or firearm that shoots or is designed to shoot automatically more than one shot without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger."

The ordinance also covers silencers, bombs or bombshells, blackjacks, slingshots, billys, metallic knuckles, sandclubs, sandbags, bludgeons and daggers with blades of three inches or longer.

According to GOSM President, Joseph Ditzhazy, a straw poll of the group's membership shows support for taking the township to court.

"A preliminary poll of the members said that we should proceed with Quo Warranto proceedings against both Canton and Southfield," Ditzhazy said.

Quo Warranto is a form of suit whereby a group may sue a municipality for breach of their charter with the state.

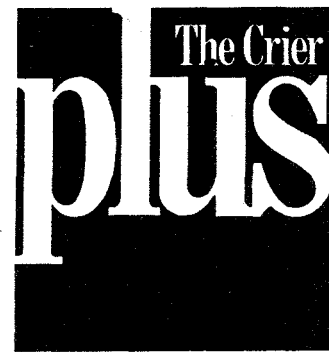
According to Ditzhazy, the ordinance is in violation of state law.

"The ordinance makes it illegal to own any kind of gun other than a single barrel shotgun. It violates the pre-emption statute," Ditzhazy said. "No city or locality can make an ordinance stricter than state law."

Canton Director of Public Safety, John Santomauro, said that the ordinance applies to automatic weapons only.

"The ordinance as written only applies to automatic weapons," Santomauro said. "It would not be used in any other way."

Santomauro said that the township would remove or rewrite any ordinance that was unconstitutional.



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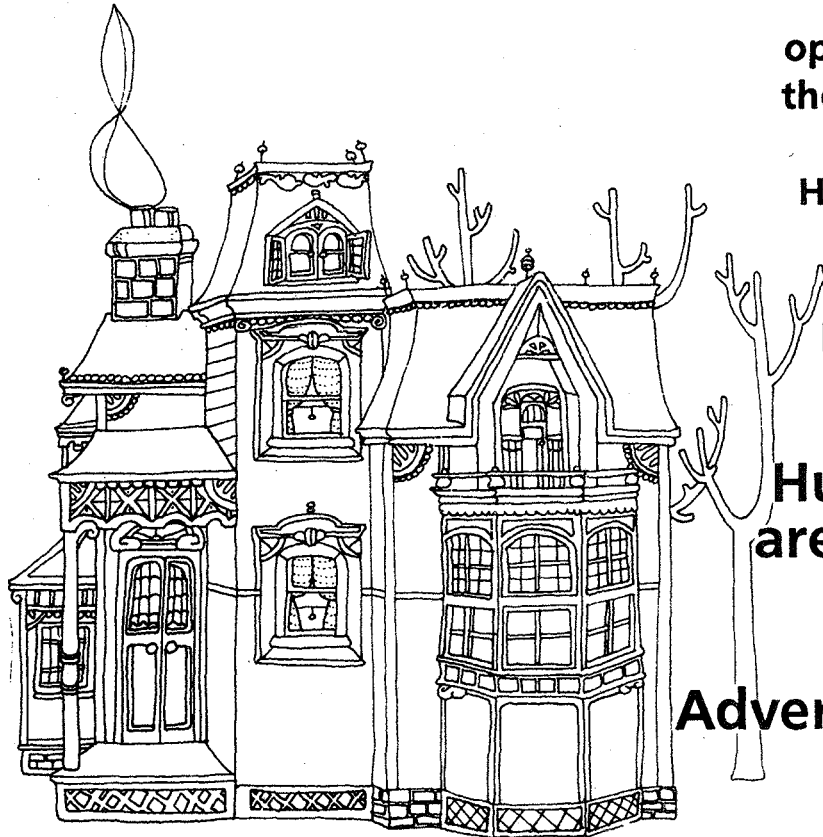
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Century 21 Suburban has just announced that Timothy J. Reilly has joined its staff as sales manager for its Plymouth office at 188 N. Main St. Reilly has extensive real estate management experience in the Plymouth and Northville areas. He plans on becoming involved in community service and civic activities.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is getting geared up for its annual Dinner Dance scheduled for March 11 at Fellows Creek Golf Club at 6 p.m. Area businesses are invited to donate items, or become a sponsor to this very popular event. Blackwell Ford has been awarded the Major Sponsor of the auction. The Chamber wishes to thank those businesses that have committed. There will be silent and bidding auctions. Call 453-4040 for more information.

Leadership Canton is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is designed to ensure a continuing source of skilled, motivated leaders for the Canton community. The program has been designed for current and potential leaders to refine their leadership skills and increase awareness of opportunities for leadership within the Canton community. The Steering Committee has planned the sessions and Cleary College and the Charter Township of Canton are co-sponsors.

The current class of 22 participants have attended sessions on the Growing Pains of Canton, the Quality of Life and Human Needs and Services. The following sponsors helped make the above sessions possible: Detroit Edison, Wade/Trim Associates, Dunkin Donuts, Olive Garden, Norrell Temporary Services, Applebees, Canton Township, U-M Health Care and Subway.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce invites all residents and businesses to join Thomas J. Yack, Canton Township Supervisor, for the State of the Township Address on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Fellows Creek Golf Club at 7:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce's Government Relations Committee and includes a breakfast buffet. Reservations are limited, please mail a \$12 remittance to the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center Rd. Suite 105 Canton 48187. For more information call 453-4040.

## Freudenberg-NOK names division head

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth resident Tom Takeda has been named President of the Seals Division for Freudenberg-NOK, 47690 E.



Tom (Tsutomu) Takeda, is the new president of the Freudenberg-NOK seals division, totalling 1,610 employees and \$200 million in sales.

Anchor Court, Plymouth.

"I'm more responsible. The job is tougher, but I'm very pleased to have the new job," said Takeda, who was previously Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Seals Division.

Takeda, who joined Freudenberg-NOK six years ago, will oversee three facilities with 1,610 employees. He said, "I'm responsible for the general management."

Based in Bristol, NH, the Seals Division produces a broad range of automotive underhood and chassis seals, as well as heavy-duty truck wheel-end seals. "Its use is quite wide," Takeda said of the seals. He mentioned oil seals, water seals and grease seals as other products of his division.

For a division that estimated sales at approximately \$200 million last year, a smooth transition was necessary. Takeda was the obvious choice since he already had knowledge of the Seals Division. He said, "There's no major change in responsibilities. My position had been Senior Vice President and, at the same time, General Manager of the Seals Division. I will pick up more responsibility, as the title suggests."

As President of the Seals Division, Takeda plans on maximizing the use Freudenberg-NOK's GROWTTH (Get Rid of Waste Through Team Harmony) initiative. He said, "I'm going to really get this GROWTTH settled into the deep

roots of the whole division, so everyone understands it. Production will and should improve tremendously. All employees will feel a much better sense of participation."

Born in China and a graduate of Keio Gijyuku University in Tokyo, Takeda has lived in the U.S. for 12 years. Since he understands the difficulty of an inter-continental move, Takeda helps out foreigners who are experiencing problems with the language barrier. As vice chairman of the Japan Business Society of Detroit, he makes donations to classes that teach Japanese the correct English dialect. The Japan Business Society of Detroit also contributes to other local activities and associations. Takeda said, "Each year we make donations to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra."

Freudenberg-NOK is a major manufacturer of precision seals, molded plastic and rubber components, vibration control devices and automotive rebuild kits. In November, it won the Society of Plastic Engineers' Automotive Grand Award and Powertrain Award for designing the intake manifold for the 1995 Cadillac Northstar. Headquartered in Plymouth, the company operates 14 major facilities and employs approximately 3,600 people in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The company's sales for 1994 are estimated at \$500 million.

## Restaurant offers new winter menu

BY BRIAN CORBETT

As the snow piles higher and the temperatures plummet, area residents begin doing their best impersonation of bears; hibernating within the cozy confines of their house.

But Chuck Rachwitz, owner of Rocky's of Northville 41122 W. Seven Mile Rd, hopes to entice lazy locals out of their dens with a menu of hearty winter meals. "The snow and cold always seem to keep people indoors in January and they're missing some truly spectacular foods that are at their peak this time of the year," Rachwitz said.

Beginning Monday and ending March 9, Rachwitz will offer a "Winter Spectacular" menu, highlighting an unparalleled variety of entrees. There are broiled scallops, mallard duck, barbecued bluefish, shrimp and lobster fettucine and even venison. "We sell a lot of it," Rachwitz said of the venison. "It's all farm raised out of South Dakota. I cook it up a number of different ways."

Rocky's decor coincides with the menu items. Rachwitz said, "The thing with the restaurant is, it's like an upscale hunting or fishing lodge. There's fall, wintry type items."

Adorning the walls of Rocky's are intimate pictures of wolves, fishing paraphernalia and duck decoys. Rachwitz design and cooking tastes come from his love for the outdoors. "I've probably spent a lot of time hunting and fishing," said Rachwitz, who brought home a moose from Alberta, Canada and a six-point buck from Kensington this year.

For those folks who stomach's turn at the thought of eating venison, Rocky's has a full dinner menu. Rachwitz said, "We have a lot of pasta, fresh food, seafood, ribs and chicken. It's majority seafood."

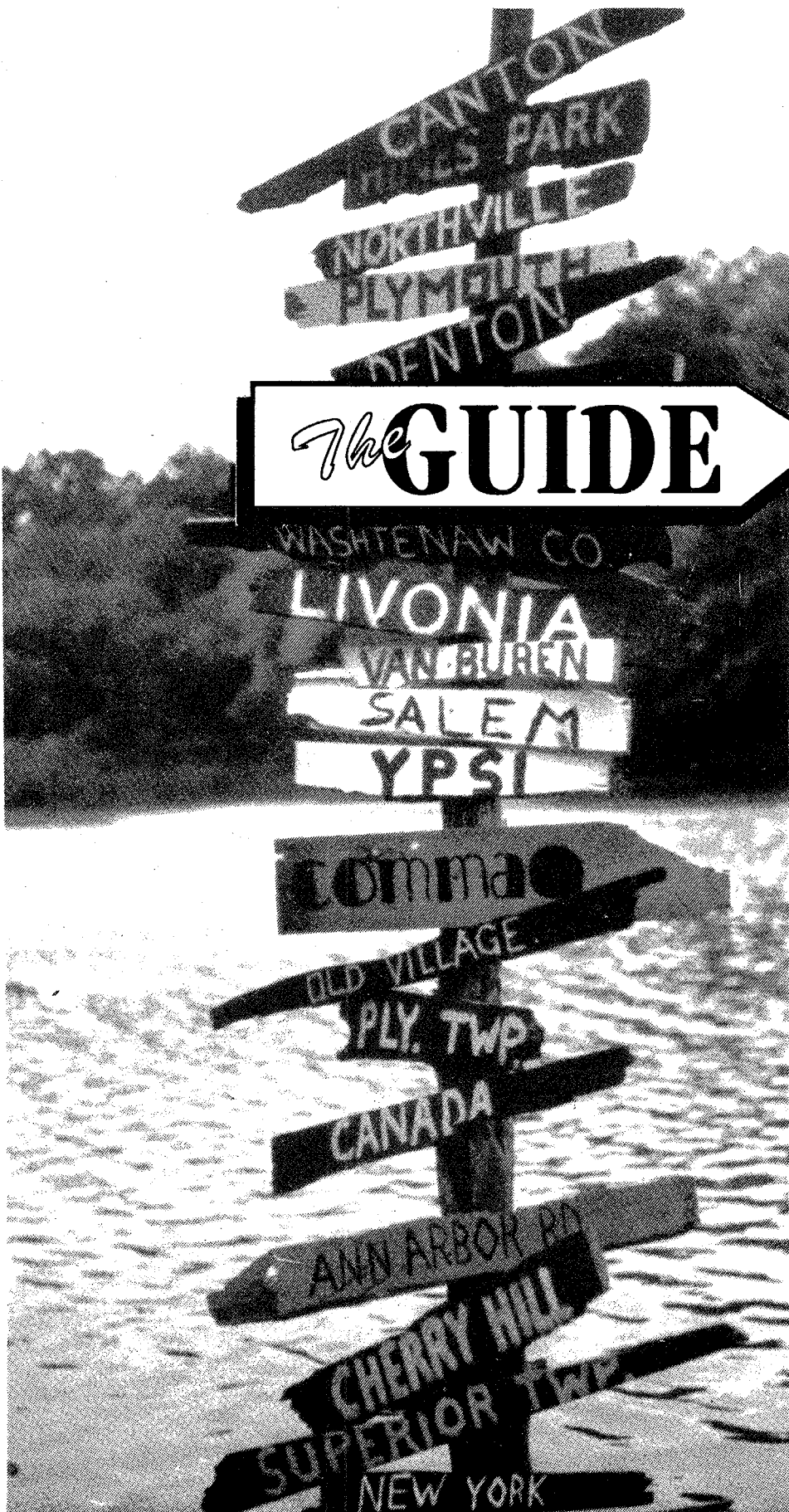


The weather outside might be frightful, but the food inside is delightful. Chef Rachwitz, owner of Rocky's of Northville, is offering a Winter Spectacular menu to keep the cold months tasty.



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# Ice Fest 1995

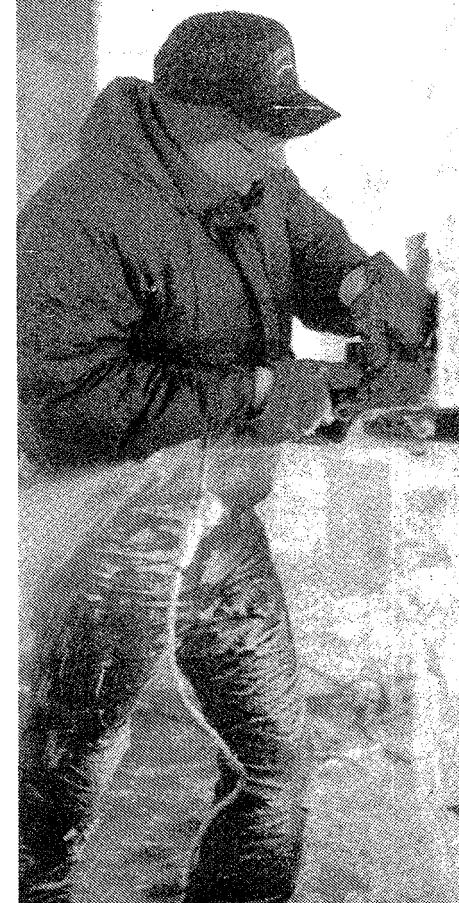
*It was called the Plymouth Ice Spectacular, but temperatures that soared into the sixties almost turned the annual event into the Slushfest. Despite the warm weather, the Ice Festival's organizers said hundreds of thousands came to downtown Plymouth to see what has become a regular southeast Michigan tradition*



**Freeze Earthling! Brett and Chris Harrison stand behind a sculpture of Warner Brother's "Marvin the Martian" in Kellogg Park. (Crier photo by Randy Eaton)**



**Jafar, the villain from the animated hit "Aladdin" was one of the sculptures under the Gathering. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)**



**Rich Bubin, of Pittsburgh, carves in The Gathering. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)**

# Ice Fest 1995



This year's Ice Festival theme was "The Sunday Funnies," and this entrant was the entrance to the cave in which the genie from "Aladdin" was found. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

*Organizers say that next year the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will be bigger and better than it was this year, cold weather providing...*




The Ice Fest, reported to have brought hundreds of thousands to Downtown Plymouth, is a favorite event for families. Here, Nancy and Noah Santer walk among castles made of ice. (Crier photo by Randy Eaton)



The Ice Fest also brought sculptors from all over the world to Plymouth. Roy Calo and Scott Fuernstein of Creative Ice Sculptures were taking part in their sixth and second Ice Fest respectively. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

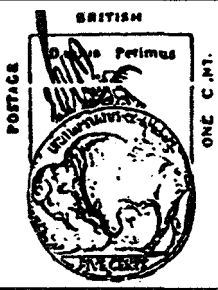
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**INTERPRETERS NEEDED**  
 United Home Health Services of Canton are looking for volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language to interpret for the ill, disabled or elderly. There are also needs for drivers, telephone reassurance and conducting patient surveys. For more information, call 981-8820.

**YOUNG MOTHER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
 The Young Mother's assistance Program is looking for female mentors from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities to help pregnant and parenting teens in your area. Training is ongoing. For more information, call 513-7568.

**4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL**  
 The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding a 4 on 4 beach volleyball tournament. Fee for full members is \$15, \$20 for program members, \$28 for non-members. Signup ends at 2 p.m. June 30. For more information and to register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

**ALPINE VALLEY SKI TRIP**  
 Canton Parks and Rec will be offering a teen ski trip for ages 13-18 from 5 p.m. to midnight on Jan. 20. The cost is \$21 for those with equipment, \$29 for those needing to rent equipment, transportation and lift tickets are included. Registration ends Jan. 19. For more information and to register, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
 The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Tenors, basses and baritones are especially needed. For more information, call 455-4080.

**"SESAME STREET LIVE"**  
 Canton Parks and Rec will offer a family trip to "Sesame Street Live" at the Fox Theatre from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 4. The cost is \$10.50 per person. Registration ends Feb. 2. For more information and to register, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

**CANTON PROJECT ARTS**  
 Canton Project Arts will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the Treasurer's meeting room at Canton Township Hall to plan for the Michigan Opera Theatre event on March 18. For more information, call Canton Township at 397-3000.

**FINE ART COMPETITION**  
 New Morning School will sponsor a fine art competition with the winning entry featured on the Annual Auction Catalog Cover, \$350 in prizes will be awarded. Deadline for entry is Jan. 20. For more information, call Diane Harrison at 420-3331.

**BLOODMOBILE VISITS**  
 The American Red Cross bloodmobile will visit the community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton and at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 22. For appointments and more information call 455-5910 in Canton or 453-0677 in Plymouth.

**COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL**  
 The Community Literacy Council is looking for individuals to tutor reading, writing and speaking skills. There will be a training program from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 and 26 and english as a second language training from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 30. For more information, call Jean Calabrese at 416-4900.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
 The Plymouth community Arts Council will hold auditions for their spring production "T.H.E. Club" on Jan. 18 and 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for performances in March. The participation fee is \$50 per person. For more information, call Jennifer Tobin at 453-5212.

**GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM**  
 The Vermeulen Funeral Home will be offering a grief recovery program from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4. Enrollment is limited to 20, registration is required. For more information and to register, call 459-2250.

**UNITED WAY AIRLINE RAFFLE**  
 The Plymouth Community United Way will wrap up their 1994 drive with a raffle for two round-trip tickets to anywhere Northwest Airlines flies. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing for the tickets will be at the Plymouth Community United Way meeting on Jan. 17. For more information, call 453-6879.

**AARP TAX AID PROGRAM**  
 Volunteers are needed to do tax returns for seniors (IRS provides instruction) for 4 hours a week from Feb. 1 to April 15 at locations in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. For more information, call Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

**AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS**  
 The Beasley-Zalensy Post of the American Legion is offering two \$500 scholarships for children of veterans. Information on applicants should be received by the post by Feb. 1, 1995. For more information, call the post at 451-3574.

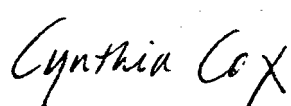
**YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run, clerical, babysitters, and program assistant. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

To the Publisher: W. Edward Wendover 2/5/95  
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*Just a word of appreciation to you and your staff for publishing "The Guide". It was a valuable resource book to us last summer as we prepared to move to Michigan from Oregon. We found information on local businesses, utilities, schools and events. Having phone numbers on hand made arrangements much easier.*

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## What's Happening

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

### CLASS OF 1990 REUNION

The Canton and Salem Classes of 1990 will hold their five-year reunion on June 17 at the Ristorante Pomodoro in Farmington Hills. For more information, call Reunions Made Easy at (810) 380-6100.

### HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING

There will be a meeting to plan the 20th high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975. For more information about the meeting, call 455-1230

### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

### SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Symphony League will be selling Entertainment 1995 coupon book as a fundraiser for the symphony. Books are \$40. For more information, call 453-3016.

### CLOTHING BANK

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

### NURSING HOME PLANNING

Financial expert Paul LeDuc will hold a discussion of the "Catastrophic Care Act of 1990" and alternatives to prevent spousal impoverishment by nursing homes at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Feb. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. The discussion is open to the public and is free of charge.

### LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

Ladies golf leagues are now forming at Oasis Golf Center for spring and summer of 1995. Space is limited. For more information, call 420-4653.

### PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at 459-6896.

### KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners are also placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

### ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

### MOMS IN THE MIDDLE

Moms in the Middle, an informal coffee and discussion group in the Plymouth area for mothers with kindergarten through eighth grade-aged children will hold their next meeting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 25. For more information, call 455-8336 or 453-7867.

### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-0782.

### C.H.A.D.D MEETING

C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mellissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

### DIAPER COLLECTION

Michigan Made Inc. of Northville will be collecting disposable diapers for First Step through December. First Step is an agency to assist victims of domestic violence. For more information, call Michigan Made.

### PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

### GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.



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## Community deaths

### **Karin E. Saxton, 38, advertising manager**

Karin E. Saxton, an advertising manager from Leoni, died Jan. 16, 1995, at the age of 38.

She is survived by her parents; William and Valerie, brother; Christopher (Terry), and two nieces.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 21 at St. John's Episcopal Church.

### **Michael L. Brattin, 43, Ford employee**

Michael L. Brattin, a Ford employee formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 7, 1995, at the age of 43.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, both parents and a sister and brother.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. Burial is at Glen Eden Cemetery.

### **Hugh J. Miller, 61, engineer**

Hugh J. Miller, an engineer with the Chrysler Corp from Canton, died Jan. 9, 1995, at the age of 61.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, sons; Hugh and John, and sister Edith.

Services, arranged by McCabe Funeral Homes, were held at the St. Thomas A' Beckett Catholic Church. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery.

### **Laurence M. Shisler, 50, Ford employee**

Laurence M. Shisler, a worker at the Ford Glass plant from Wayne, died Jan. 9, 1995, at the age of 50.

He is survived by his daughter, two sons, three sisters, brother Claude (Viola), and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at Munith Cemetery.

### **Sue Ellen Fields, 43, former resident**

Sue Ellen Fields, a graduate of Salem High School, died Jan. 8, 1995, at the age of 43.

She is survived by her mother; June, father; David, two sisters and one niece.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

### **Catherine E. Smythe, 82, homemaker**

Catherine E. Smythe, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Jan. 7, 1995, at the age of 82.

She is survived by her husband; Clifford, daughter; Judith (David), six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery.

### **Pauline C. Leckie, 77, medical secretary**

Pauline C. Leckie, a part-time medical secretary from Plymouth, died Jan. 11, 1995, at the age of 77.

She is survived by her husband; Herbert, a daughter, a son, a brother and four grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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

### Etta May James

Etta May James, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Jan. 11, 1995, at the age of 88.

Mrs. James was born in Clones and raised in St. Johns New Brunswick, Canada. She came to the Plymouth community in 1959 from Detroit. She was active in the Women's Circle at the First United Methodist Church. Mrs. James was a very loving, caring wife and mother for 65 years.

Mrs. James is survived by her husband; Roland, sons; Gordon (Lois) and Douglas, sister Phyllis (Alan), and grandchildren; Todd James, Sarah James, Steven James and Philip James.

Services for Mrs. James were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin Miles officiating. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Foundation.

### Margaret O. Hefkey

Margaret O. Hefkey, a homemaker formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 10, 1995, at the age of 92.

Mrs. Hefkey was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and a member of the Women's Society - Ruth Circle.

Mrs. Hefkey is survived by her daughter; Marsha (Thomas), son; James (Beverly), seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, were held at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Morton Seymour officiating. Burial was at the First United Methodist Church. Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church.

### Reginald Pierce (Reggie) Cameron

Reginald Pierce (Reggie) Cameron of Westland, died Jan. 11, 1995, at the age of 2 and-a-half.

Cameron is survived by his mother; Brenda, father; Glen, brothers; Shane, Avery and Laron, grandparents; Ralph and Donna Cameron and great-grandparents Ethel Heady and Magnolia Broom.

Services for Cameron were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Elder Charles Close officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Memorials can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

### Melvin Barton Storms

Melvin Barton Storms, a stillman for Texaco Oil refinery, died Jan. 12, 1995, at the age of 92.

Mr. Storms is survived by his daughter; Jacqueline (Leland), grandchildren Jill, Jan, Andrew and Ruth.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Morton Seymour officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lawrenceville Nutrition Center, Lawrenceville, Il.

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### John S. Turk, 99, businessman

John S. Turk, a former self-employed businessman from Plymouth, died Jan. 5, 1995, at the age of 99.

He is survived by sons Stephan (Irene) and Albert, two daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Detroit Memorial Park.

### Elsie M. Secord, 87, homemaker

Elsie M. Secord, a homemaker from Plymouth, died Jan. 9, 1995, at the age of 87.

She is survived by her sons; Harold (Rita) and Arthur (Marie), one brother, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Hazel A. Lyke, 80, homemaker

Hazel A. Lyke, a homemaker formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 7, 1995, at the age of 80.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

### Samuel T. Hallman, 66, professor

Samuel T. Hallman, a professor at Schoolcraft College for 20 years from Livonia, died Jan. 8, 1995, at the age of 66.

He is survived by his wife; Adelle, daughter; Mildren, two sons and a sister. Services, arranged locally by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home were held at the Floyd Funeral Home in South Carolina.

### Crescentia E. Kullman, 92, homemaker

Crescentia E. Kullman, a homemaker from Williamsburg, died Dec. 24, 1994, at the age of 92.

She is survived by sister; Laura, two sons, two brothers, and three grandchildren. Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



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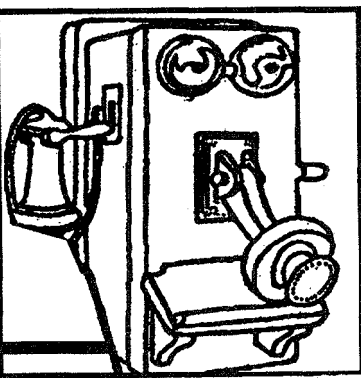
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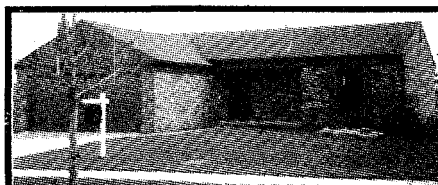
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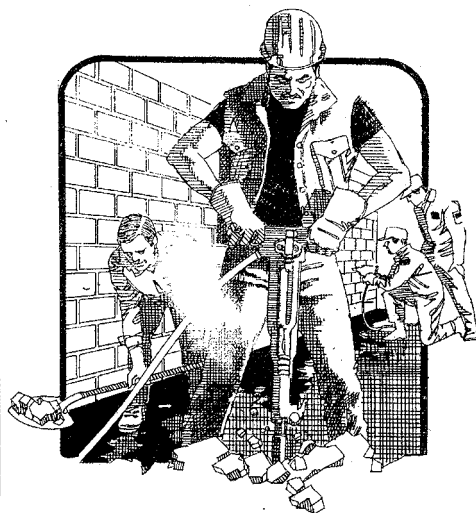
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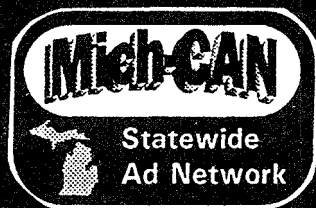
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

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The Detroit Red Wings Alumni, with "Mr. Hockey" Gordie Howe, will play a benefit hockey game against The Canton Fire Union and Police Union on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Plymouth. Proceeds go to Greg Unger of Canton to help pay expenses for a double lung transplant operation. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Johnson's Restaurant and Canton Fire Station #1 (Corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill). Call Mike Caruso at 981-1113 or Jim Davidson at 453-4114.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring numerous upcoming events and classes. There are no residency requirements for any of the events listed here. Another Teen Ski Trip to Alpine Valley is planned for this Friday. Registration ends tomorrow. Ages 13 to 18. Fee: \$21 with equipment and \$29 needing rental equipment. Fees include bus transportation, lift tickets and rental equipment (if needed). The bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately midnight. Call (313)397-5110 for further information.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with D & M Art Studio, is sponsoring a cartooning and painting class, as well as a new preschool class. Registration ends tomorrow. \$32 per student for the preschool class (ages 3 to 5) and \$42 per student for other classes (1st grade and up). Starts Jan. 21 lasts five weeks. Both classes are a hour long in duration. The preschool class will explore art materials, beginning with basic shapes and color mixing. The drawing and painting class will feature basic shapes and cartoon panels. Call 397-5110 for more information.

A beginning cheerleading class for girls will begin Jan. 25. Registration is ongoing and will end Jan. 24. Fee: \$25 per person. Students will learn pom-pom and dance routines, basic cheers and jumps. Call 396-51110 for more information.

# Game of the Decade

*Rocks beat Chiefs in what may be the greatest game in P-C sports history*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two hours and fifty minutes.

No, that's not a marathon time, it's the duration it took to complete the five-overtime ordeal between arch rivals Canton and Salem. In the longest game in both schools' history, the Rocks outlasted the Chiefs, 75-69.

Salem coach Bob Brodie said, "I've never been in one that long. The good thing about it is that it was a Canton-Salem game and the place was packed. It's a fun game to be a part of and, it's draining." For Canton coach Dan Young it was too long. He said, "You know the game went on and on and on. I actually lost count on how many OTs there were."

Canton's Ted Docks led all scorers with 28 points. Teammate Ron Hunter posted 16 points and Matt Ammons had eight. On the Salem side, Dan McKian led with 23 points. Justin Marcis had many clutch baskets and finished with 13 points while fellow guard Doug Herriman had 10 points. Dave Bol came off the bench to pitch in 10 points, most in the overtime periods. Salem is 7-1 and Canton is 5-3.

The Chiefs entered the game looking for revenge over last year's two defeats at the hands of the Rocks. And they entered the game with momentum after big wins over Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer. Docks appeared poised to lead his team to another big victory by hitting his first two shots, both triples. As a result, the Chiefs were out to a 6-2 lead.

But the Rocks soon fell into their two-three defensive scheme, using their height advantage to shut down any hopes Canton had of penetrating to the basket. Young said, "They took away the drive and allowed us the shot from the perimeter." With Herriman and Marcis all over Docks like white on rice, the star senior's offensive output was silenced for the time being. Brodie said, "I thought we did a real good job with it. We told them: 'Don't give them the easy basket.'" Frustrated, Docks was called for three fouls in the first quarter and was forced to play conservatively for the remainder of the half. Young said, "I grabbed him and I told him: 'You're going to have to play and you can't foul out of this game.' He can't put himself in that situation."

Meanwhile, dominating inside with outstanding play from Dan McKian, Bol and James McDonald, Salem led at the end of the first quarter, 13-9.

Even with Docks on the bench for a good part of the second quarter, the Rocks were unable to widen their lead because of Canton's awesome defense, which limited Salem to four shots. "They tightened the defense up a little. In fact, they tightened it quite a bit," Brodie said. "We didn't get many shot opportunities."

At the half, Canton was up 20-19.

Attempting to overcome the Chiefs' defense, Salem went to a run and gun style of play. Brodie said, "We stepped our pressure up a bit."

It seemed to be working as the Rocks went up 27-22 halfway through the quarter. But then Hunter started becoming a force inside for the Chiefs, grabbing rebounds and rejecting shots. Young said, "He's playing more consistently at the defensive end. So he plays more consistently at the offensive end. When he gets rolling, he's hard to guard."

Hunter singlehandedly got the Chiefs back in the game with a crucial three point play. After putting in the rebound from a Rocks' shot, he was fouled by Bol. He made the free throw to close the gap to 27-26. With the seesaw battle continuing into the fourth quarter, the noise from the standing room only crowd rose to near deafening levels. Canton posted a three point lead, 32-29, only to see it quickly disappear when Marcis hit a pivotal basket late in the quarter. After McKian sunk both shots from the charity stripe with less than a minute left to give Salem a 39-36 lead, the game appeared to be over. But someone forgot to tell Docks. With just 30 seconds to go, he hit one of his seven three-pointers to tie it up 39-39. The Chiefs had a chance to win it after Salem turned the ball over with a five second violation trying to inbound the ball "We had our inbound play. We thought we could do a better job executing our inbound play," Brodie said of the mistake. But as the buzzer sounded, Canton's Bryan Smolinski missed a shot and the game went into overtime.

Salem came out cold in the first overtime stanza as Herriman and McKian both were misfiring from the field. When sophomore Rob Johnson made good on a free throw with about a minute left, he put the Chiefs up 43-39. This time it was Salem who had their backs to the wall and it was their star guard who answered for them also as Herriman connected on a three-point bucket and then hit a free throw.

Canton had their chance to put it away, but fumbled the opportunity as Docks and Hunter both missed free throws.

With just nine seconds on the clock, Salem got the rebound from Hunter's shot and quickly went down the court needing three points to tie the game. Brodie said, "I told them anybody could shoot it." Marcis found an opening, took the pass, lined up the shot and there was nothing but string music. Brodie said, "Marcis took charge."

He wanted the rock. He's a gamer." It was 46-46 and the drama was only beginning.

In the second overtime, Canton suf-

fered losses to their front line when Hunter and forward Marc Sanborn fouled out. Hoping to wear down the opposition, the Rocks switched to a possession oriented attack. "We were just trying to spread the defense out a little bit," Brodie said. The defensive struggle went on, as each team only made one field goal during the second four minute overtime period. It was tied again, 50-50.

Determined to end the prolonged game, Docks hit back to back triples to put his team up 56-52 early in the third overtime. Salem lost one of its starters when Marcis fouled out with one minute on the clock and Canton winning, 58-56. Shuffling players in and out to combat fatigue, Brodie was hoping his inexperienced players would thrive in the high intensity situation. He said, "I told them in the huddle: 'This is fun. It's a great high school opportunity.' The problem was keeping players in the game. There were a lot in foul trouble."

Salem had the ball and a chance to win with five seconds left, but missed the shot, ending overtime number three at 59-59.

The teams continued their conservative type play with crisp passing, inside shooting and ball control offense. After another four minutes the deadlock remained, 63-63.

It was clear that the physically and mentally draining game had begun to take its toll as both teams missed easy layups and committed mental errors. But the punishing style of McKian was unrelenting as he fought for positioning to hit a key basket in the paint with 1:18 left to put the Rocks up 67-63. He widened the lead to six when he made both free throws on the one and one. But Docks wasn't going to let the contest end without just a little more excitement. He dropped in two three-pointers within 25 seconds to make the score 71-69.

In a tenacious effort to get the ball back, Docks fouled out. And when he checked out, so did Canton's hope of winning the game. Moments later, Bol slammed home the ball and the final, bringing an end to an unbelievable game. Young said, "It was heroics after heroics by both teams. In the end, we didn't get it done." Brodie credited a great team effort for the victory. He said, "Dave Bol came in big for us."

We had a lot of players contribute. Doug Herriman did a great job for us, staying in there and leading us." It was certainly a game that anyone who witnessed it, won't soon forget. Brodie said, "That was a fun game. It's too bad somebody had to lose." And Young admitted it was special to be a part of the game, despite the outcome. He said, "It was one of the greatest games I've ever been involved in."

# Rock wrestlers enjoy successful week

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Salem wrestlers enjoyed a busy, but successful week by defeating North Farmington at home 46-21 and then finishing second among 17 teams at the Berkley Invitational on Saturday. It was a dramatic turnaround for the Rocks, who finished 10th out of 18 teams at its own invitational a week earlier. "I hope they keep improving, stepping up like they're doing," said coach Ron Krueger.

North Farmington entered the dual meet coming off a big win over Novi, a respectable team from the Kensington Valley Conference. Krueger said, "North Farmington isn't too bad. They did pretty well this year." But the Rocks proved too much to handle, dominating with numerous pins on their opponents. "I thought we did real well," Krueger said.

The Rocks caught a break in the early going when Sean Hughes (119 lbs.) and Bric Coburn (112 lbs.) had their matches voided, winning automatically. When the meet hit the heart of the Rocks' roster, North Farmington was punished. Phil Mitchell (134 lbs.) and Jeremy Breithaupt (160 lbs.), who were both standouts at the Salem Varsity Invitational, pinned their opponents.

At 119 lbs. Craig Mitchell destroyed North Farmington's grappler, pinning him in just 34 seconds. Krueger said, "He took him down and pinned him."

Dave Poppney (151 lbs.) earned his victory in a marathon 8-4 win. Clayton Walker (215 lbs.) wrapped up the meet with a victory in the heavyweight class.

Two days later, the Rocks hit the road for the Berkley Invitational. There were 17 teams there, including Western Lakes Activities Association members, Walled Lake Western and Farmington. The back-breaking competition provided a number of tests for the young Salem team, who were able to overcome their inexperience with several magnificent matches. Krueger said, "It was a very tough tournament to compete for first place. It was a good tournament." Flint Northern, one of the top teams in the state, won the tourney. Salem finished second, Western was sixth and Farmington placed seventh in what was a very good showing for the WLAA. "I was really pleased with how we did there," Krueger said.

The Rocks had eight wrestlers finish fourth or better and there were several more key performances that contributed to Salem's high placement. "I don't know if we just matched up well or what. But on that day you could just tell we were wrestling well," Krueger said.

Sean Hughes was tenacious in finishing third, as was Coburn who placed third as well. Phil Mitchell had the most dramatic matches of the day battling a Novi grappler in consecutive matches. In the

initial match, Mitchell lost in overtime by one point. But he kept his composure and got revenge in the next match to finish third overall. "To me that shows improvement," said Krueger.

Breithaupt was again reliable and was the fourth Salem representative to finish third. The highlight came when Walker continued his winning ways all the way to the heavyweight finals, where he was turned back, finishing second. Walker was the only Salem grabbler to get to the finals. Also at 215 lbs., Nate Moreland was a pleasant surprise with a fourth place finish. Krueger said, "He's doing real well."

A close race with New Lathrup for second place made every match important. Krueger said, "We edged out New Lathrup by a point and a half, which is equivalent to one pin." Scott Hughes, one of the teams captains, had some crucial victories. And Craig Mitchell and Ed Abdullatif (106 lbs.) each added victories that were important to the Rocks' placement. "He had three or four wins during the day," Krueger said of Abdullatif.

Despite having an inexperienced roster, the Rocks are progressing very quickly and Krueger is optimistic it will continue for the rest of the season. He said, "We hope to keep moving in the right direction."

# Chiefs gymnasts place fourth in Rockford

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Closely resembling a battered group of soldiers returning home from battle, the injury plagued Canton gymnasts still had a fine showing at the Rockford Invitational on Saturday. The 131.3 team score placed the Chiefs fourth out of 13 teams.

Holland won the invitational, Freeland and East Lansing also finished ahead of Canton. Coach John Cunningham said, "I'm happy to be in the 130's. If we're in the 130's without Katey Gilles in the meet, we're doing okay."

Gilles, the defending all-around state champion, is out with a sore elbow. Joining her on the injured list are Mindy Sophin and Brie Wall, who are out with back problems. Cunningham said, "We're walking wounded. I call my kids the ice bag brigade."

But Cunningham has prepared his team for such problems and is delighted to see other gymnasts stepping forward to fill the void created by the injury laden roster.

On the floor exercise, the Chiefs didn't lose a step. Brooke Larson scored an 88 and Angie Lamarato scored an 85. Cunningham said, "We had a real strong floor exercise." These performances are even more impressive, considering Larson and Lamarato were competing in front of west Michigan judges, who had never seen their routines before. "It's one of the minor problems when you're an east team. They don't know your routines," Cunningham said.

Cunningham believes traveling around the state to see other schools prepares his team better for the state competitions. He said, "I'm one of these coaches who likes to travel. You see them now to prepare for them later in the season."

It also provides Cunningham, who ranks gymnastics teams from across the state, a chance to update his information on several of the top teams in the state. He said, "Rockford, who finished right behind us, has really improved."

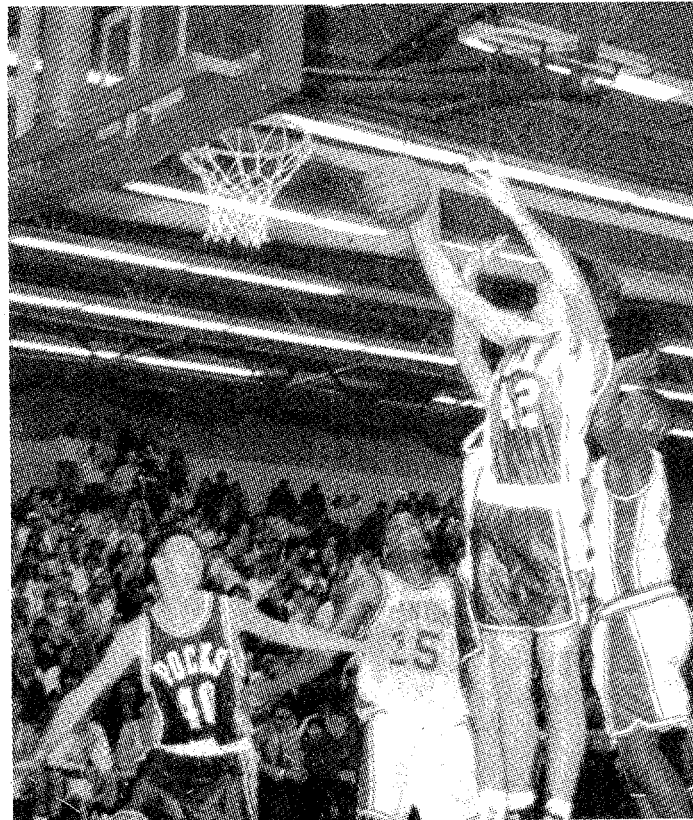
On the balance beam, the Chiefs were inconsistent. Out of four girls, two finished in the top ten. Michelle Cimeot finished eighth and Kim Nowak was ninth. Cunningham said, "They did their routines very well."

But then there were two less than desirable performances, including a spectacular fall by Wall. "The balance beam hurt us. We had two good and two bad. It would've changed our overall team score, but it wouldn't have changed our placement."

Cunningham is anticipating being without several of his key

gymnasts for days and weeks to come. But he is confident his team will persevere and continue its goal of returning to the state finals. He said, "The strength of this team is its depth."

## 5 overtimes!



Salem senior Dan McKian goes up strong as teammate James McDonald screens-out Canton sophomore Rob Johnson. Salem beat Canton Friday in what will be known as one of the greatest sporting events in the history of the rivalry. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

## On deck

### SALEM BASKETBALL

The Salem Varsity Basketball team will look to blast the Rockets of John Glenn on Friday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at home. Next up for the Rocks is the Churchill Chargers at home at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

### SALEM SWIMMING

The Salem Boys Swimming team takes on Stevenson on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at home. Then hosts the Spartan-Rock Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 21. The Brighton Bulldogs come to town on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

### SALEM WRESTLING

The Salem Wrestling team grabbles with the Farmington Falcons on the road at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. Then will try its luck at the Romulus Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 9 a.m.

### SALEM GYMNASTICS

The Salem Gymnastics team next meet is Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. against Farmington at home.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Salem Varsity Volleyball team has a busy schedule. The Rocks will host Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. Then host the Plymouth Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 21 with the starting time to be announced. On Monday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. the Rocks will be at Stevenson. A week from today, Monday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. Salem hosts North Farmington.

### CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chief cagers take Northville on Friday, Jan. 20 on the road at 5:30 p.m. Their road trip concludes with a visit to North Farmington on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

### CANTON SWIMMING

The Canton Boys Swimming team travels to Livonia Churchill on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. The Chiefs then will take part in the Monroe Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 21.



# Community opinions

## Open comment

### School board should let residents speak their mind

I wasn't going to say anything. I was content to keep my silence on this one. At Monday's meeting of the Plymouth-Canton School Board, a parent got up to speak to the board about the inconvenient way that they handled public comment from visitors to the meeting.

The woman who spoke up said that she was not allowed to speak at a previous meeting because she did not fill out a speaker's card and her questions about changes in testing policy went unanswered.

Board President David Artley explained why the card system for addressing the board was in place.

Artley said he didn't like the card method when he was on the other side of the board either, but that there were reasons for the policy. First — that when someone comes to the board with good questions the board does not always have a good answer and the cards allow the board to get back to those questions later. Second — that there were time constraints to consider. Third — that it would give the media a chance to catch up with the names of the people that spoke to the board.

Thanks Dave, thanks from the bottom of my heart, but that's a load of USDA, Grade-A bull.

The real reason that the board has all guests fill out the cards is so they don't have to take real questions from residents of the school district. With the questions they do take, they get to think about and get an answer ready.

That's not the way the game is played. You made a promise to the district to take responsibility for the course of the schools, you cannot avoid off-the-cuff questions while on the record.

Time constraints cannot be cited as a problem for the most pointlessly talkative board in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. The school board talks for hours without a point, endlessly asking questions that have already been answered. I used to cover Canton and compared to the School Board, Tom Yack is a short-winded and brutally brief man.

An example (parody) of the typical school board discussion:  
**BOARDMEMBER ONE:** "And furthermore, after thanking the guest of the board again and reiterating everything he said, I would like to thank him for coming and sharing his ideas. Please come again."

**BOARDMEMBER TWO:** "Yes, thank you for coming and sharing your opinions and ideas. I hope you'll come again."

**BOARDMEMBERS THREE THROUGH FIVE:** (Individually) "Yes, thank you very much. We hope that you'll come again."

**BOARDMEMBER TWO:** "If I may, can I say everything that was said by the other boardmembers but change it just a little so that it sounds only a little different?"

**BOARDMEMBER ONE:** "Yes, and thank you for sharing your ideas..."

**BOARDMEMBER TWO:** "But they're your ideas — not mine, I'll just be saying them

## Wordsmith

By Alex Lundberg



a different way."

**BOARDMEMBER ONE:** "Oh Good, thank you for coming and sharing my ideas and opinions."

Get the picture?

All of this false praise from the board and fawning over the guests does nothing more than cement the feeling of condescension people get from the board.

And none of this "helping out the media" garbage either. Don't put your back out for me, Dave. If I can't keep up that's my own bad luck, isn't it.

P-C School board, if you don't like the policy of using cards (Artley says he never has), then change it now. Artley is the board president, that is within his power. Have one period for questions at the beginning and one at the end of the meeting, and don't get huffy when valid questions from the public you serve arise.

Answer the questions, don't patronize the people asking them.

Did you every wonder why the words "Open," "Honest" and "Trust" were at the top of the Goals Committee lists submitted to you last year?

Because, by making no effort to be "Open" to questions on the fly it makes you look less than "Honest" and that makes for a sorry excuse for a public body that people are supposed to be able to "Trust."

Thank you very much for sharing your opinions and ideas.

Please, come again.

## What a game!

The basketball game between Canton and Salem Friday night will be one to remember. Both teams played their hearts out — sending the game into five overtime periods.

Salem finally came away with a six point victory.

The Salem and Canton players, coaches, fans and community should be proud for what will be remembered as the best game in the history of P-C sports.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER





# Community opinions

## Ford, UAW disagree with photo use

EDITOR:

Considering the traumatic events experienced by the people of this plant over the past several days, we were appalled by the gross insensitivity of your editors in sensationalizing the matter with a front page picture of the scene. Your actions caused emotional pain to the people of the plant who were friends, relatives

and coworkers of the victims. In our view, the disrespect and disregard for the victims, their families and the employees of this plant breached the boundaries of journalistic ethics.

CLIFF DAWSON

PLANT MANAGER

EARL TAYLOR UAW LOCAL 845 CHAIRMAN

## Counselor expresses anger over plant photo

EDITOR:

I am a Labor Relations Representative and Employee Support Services counselor at the Ford Sheldon Road Plant. Having been on the scene of Saturday's tragedy, words cannot adequately express the anger and contempt I have for The Crier and its editorial staff for printing a picture of the crime scene.

For those of us present Saturday morning, the image you printed will be forever imprinted in our minds.

It is constantly in my thoughts and has invaded my dreams every night since. Regardless of how many calls or visits you get regarding the publishing of that

picture, you will never fully realize the amount of pain and suffering you and your paper has caused for the people in our plant, including the witnesses, rescue team and coworkers of the victims.

The media, with its speculation and second hand facts has created an atmosphere of turmoil and finger pointing. Because I realize the media has its job to do, I can overlook the news coverage and seemingly endless articles. What I cannot rationalize is The Crier's need to print a photograph of a bloodied scene where two good men died. You have overstepped the bounds of decency and compassion.

I have always felt you and the

paper have tried to be an asset to our community.

I am deeply saddened that the greatest violation by the media has occurred within our own community "family." Please stop for a moment to consider the feelings and emotions if you were presented with this photograph where your brother, father or son died or where you saw a close friend and coworker's life ended. If you can look within yourself to empathize with the feelings of those people who had to experience this, I hope you use The Crier and its voice in the community to help us heal, not further the pain.

HOLLY CONNOR

## Rivers' behavior in Congress is inexcusable

EDITOR:

(Letter to Representative Lynn Rivers — 13th Congressional District)

It is with interest that I read your comments concerning U.S. Representative and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich in the Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994 Ann Arbor News. You were quoted as calling Mr. Gingrich "highly irresponsible and dishonest." I find your comment to be very irresponsible and ill advised.

As a freshman representative in the minority party, you have done disservice to yourself and your district by belittling the Speaker of the House. I believe this comment will hurt the entire Michigan 13th District, which you represent in Washington. After all, you were elected to represent the district and to act properly and responsibly on its behalf in Washington. You were not sent there to provide your opinion, but to represent the dis-

trict that voted for you. Your behavior is inexcusable.

It would seem to me that you should work hard to obtain the trust of the leadership of Congress to enable yourself to be placed on a choice committee and to assist our district. As a resident and a local businessman in the 13th District since 1970, I have had the opportunity to deal with local elected officials, Congressmen and Senators from both sides of the isle, and have never had to write a letter such as this to any of them. Everyone I have dealt with has

been responsible, congenial and responsive. We may have had differences in opinion; however, I have never heard of a freshman Congressman calling the Speaker of the House "dishonest."

If you intend to represent our district in this manner, I believe your tenure in Washington will be very short. As you know, 1996 is less than two years away. I would be interested in hearing your opinion concerning your behavior, and I am always available to discuss this matter with you at any time.

ABE A. MUNFAH

## Area service groups deserve praise

EDITOR:

The service groups of Plymouth are often unsung heroes as they work behind the scenes to provide basic needs for those in need. I'd like to acknowledge and thank the Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth for helping me purchase a Fisher Price table and chairs for one of the families I work with.

KAREN A. TRIPP-OPPLE

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