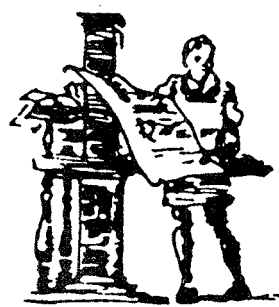


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Second woman assaulted; man similar to suspect in rape case

BY AMY KIDWELL

Although police remain uncertain, the description given by a Plymouth Township woman of the man who attacked her in her home Dec. 30 closely match that of a man wanted in the Dec. 9 sexual assault of a township high school student.

In the Dec. 30 attack, the assailant was scared off before the woman was harmed.

The 27-year-old woman told police that a man knocked on the front door of her Princeton Court apartment, located at Schoolcraft and Haggerty roads, at about

8:30 a.m.

She said the man claimed his car had just broken down, and he asked for jumper cables. When she said "no," the man then asked if her boyfriend or husband was home.

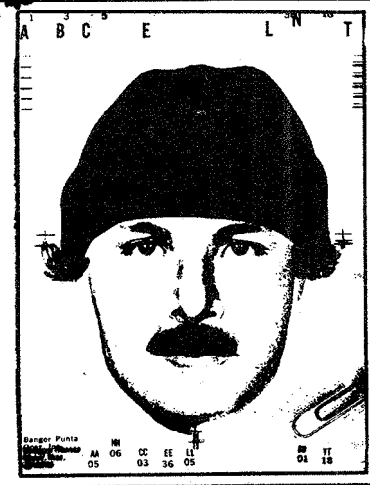
After she again said "no," the man pulled a knife and tried to force his way into the apartment.

Upon hearing the noise of the struggle, her boyfriend awoke and scared off the attacker.

She described the man as a white male,
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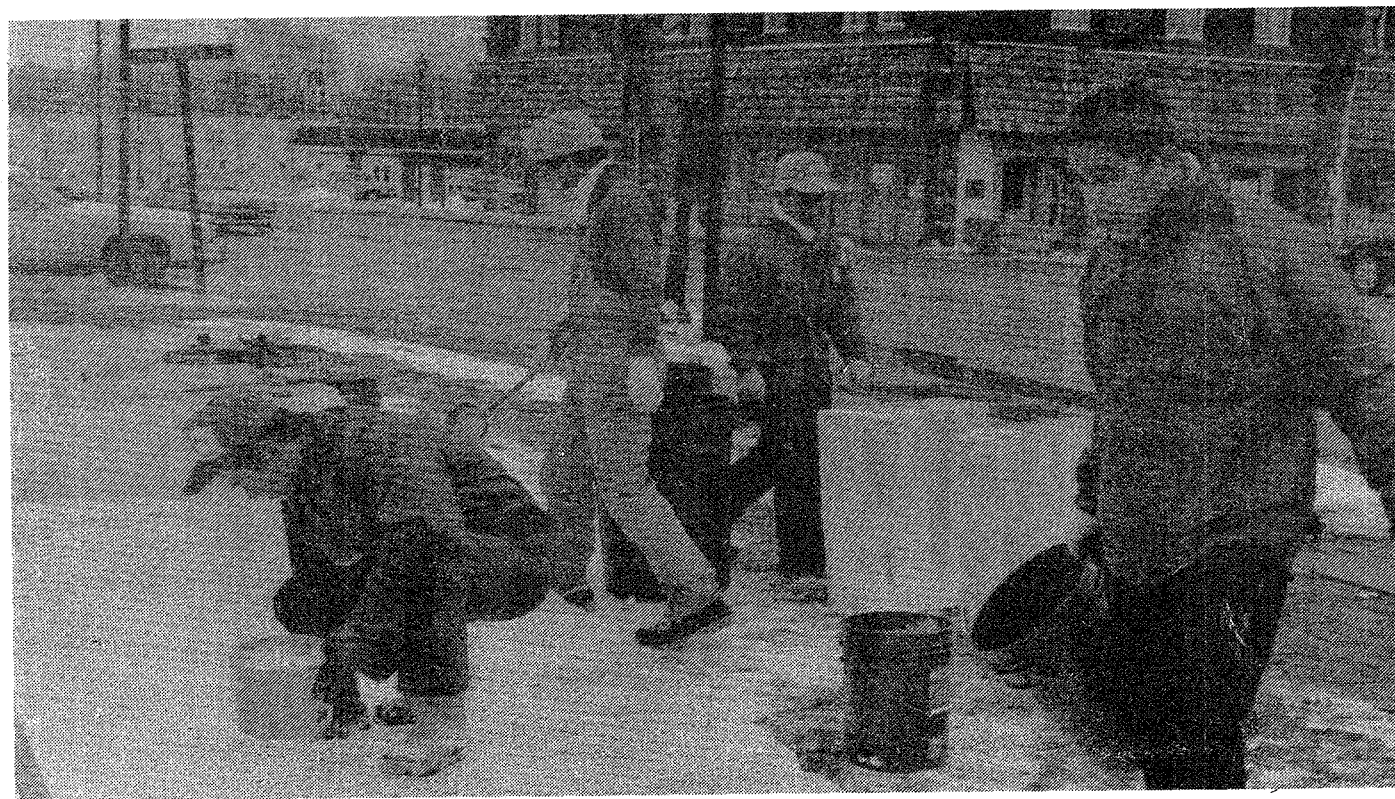


The same man?



The drawing on the left is from the Dec. 9 rape. The drawing on the right is from the Dec. 30 attack.

Ready, set...



The Ice Sculpting team from Japan started to set up on Monday along with other teams and competitors. The Ice Festival starts today and will run through next Monday. See the special section in today's Crier for more details. (Crier photo by Tim Shuller.)

Rec director leaves; residency rule cited

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The first shoe has dropped in the Plymouth City Charter residency for department heads issue.

Chuck Skene, the 18-year director of Plymouth Parks and Recreation, is leaving the city for the same post in Westland.

Skene, who was married a year ago, moved to his wife's Westland home after living in the city of Plymouth for 16 years. They have a daughter attending high school there.

The charter's residency requirement was under study at that time and was put on the ballot in November.

After voters overwhelmingly defeated the proposed amendment, which would have required only the city manager to be a city resident, Skene began searching for an apartment in Plymouth.

But the City Commission and City Manager Steve Walters discussed the
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MEAP test scores get mixed reactions

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The 1992 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test results are in and the reaction in the Plymouth-Canton School District is mixed at best.

Although youngsters performed better in eight out of nine categories when compared to last year's results, officials remained cautiously optimistic -- even about those areas that appeared to show marked improvement.

In addition, some officials are concerned that state lawmakers' intentions for the tests conflict with the educational intents, setting the stage for future clashes over curriculum standards.

The annual tests in reading mathematics are given to fourth-, sixth- and 10th-graders, while the science tests are given to fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders.

At the 10th-grade level, a student must pass the math, reading and science tests in order to earn an endorsed diploma at graduation. To do this, he must receive either a "satisfactory" or "moderate" rating in both math and reading plus reach the "category 3" or "category 4" level of accomplishment in science.

According to school officials, however, any child failing to pass any of these tests, has five additional opportunities to retake the MEAP exam and earn the endorsement.

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Thank You

The Salvation Army met its goal of "Working Miracles Everyday" this Christmas season as a result of the help of the many members of various organizations and many individual volunteers. These people were involved in the Bell Ringing and the Adopt-A-Family efforts.

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Heart in right place, but bike giveaway violates law

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Their hearts might have been in the right place, but the word of the law may not allow it.

An attempt by the Canton Police Department to offer recovered and unclaimed stolen to low-income families appears to be in violation of state law.

In Public Act 214, enacted in 1979, the state Legislature made it illegal for any unclaimed property seized, found, or recovered by police to be disposed of in any way other than by public auction.

According to one of the subsections of the law, a police department must publish a public notice announcing the time and place of "the proposed sale of the property."

According to the act, the property may only be sold by

auction to the highest bidder.

Under the township's "give-away" program, however, these bicycles are being offered to families who meet HUD income standards:

Household size	Annual income
1	\$15,800
2	\$18,050
3	\$20,300
4	\$22,550
5	\$24,350

As of Jan. 7, 1993, only four bicycles have been given away under the new program.

According to a press release issued by the township,

the program was established in order to not only dispose of the property, but to help brighten a youngster's life.

According to John Santomauro, director of public safety for Canton, the township had the best of intentions.

"The idea was to give these bikes to needy families, ones that normally could not afford them, rather than auctioning them off," Santomauro said.

"There are a host of confusing laws and gray areas in those laws concerning dispensation of property," Santomauro said.

According to the director, the laws are particularly difficult to apply to townships.

"Normally these bikes would be auctioned off to the
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This is only a drill



Members of the Western Wayne County Special Threat Response Unit proceed cautiously down the hallway of the empty Radisson. The unit was asked to go through the entire building when township police received reports of people entering the old hotel through the roof. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell.)

SWAT team uses closed hotel for security training

BY AMY KIDWELL

The exercise was part security check, part training opportunity.

And according to Plymouth Township police officials, both parts went extremely well.

Police Chief Carl Berry ordered a SWAT team into the empty hotel at Northville and Five Mile roads last Wednesday following reports that people were entering the boarded up building through the roof.

The empty building is owned by the Columbia Sussex Group of Fort Mitchel, KY, and closed two years ago while being operated as a Radisson Hotel.

According to township officials, the owners have not been taking care of the building and were recently cited for failing to secure and heat the building.

Apparently the pipes froze and caused a flood, forcing the township to shut off the water. With the water shut off, the sprinkler system is down which is fire violation.

Columbia Sussex Corp. is due in

circuit court Friday at 9 a.m. regarding the recent citations.

Security check aside, Wednesday's raid served the SWAT team well, beginning with a thorough check to ensure no one was left behind.

"We wanted to make sure we were not locking anybody inside," Berry said.

The SWAT team also had orders to take any trespassers into custody.

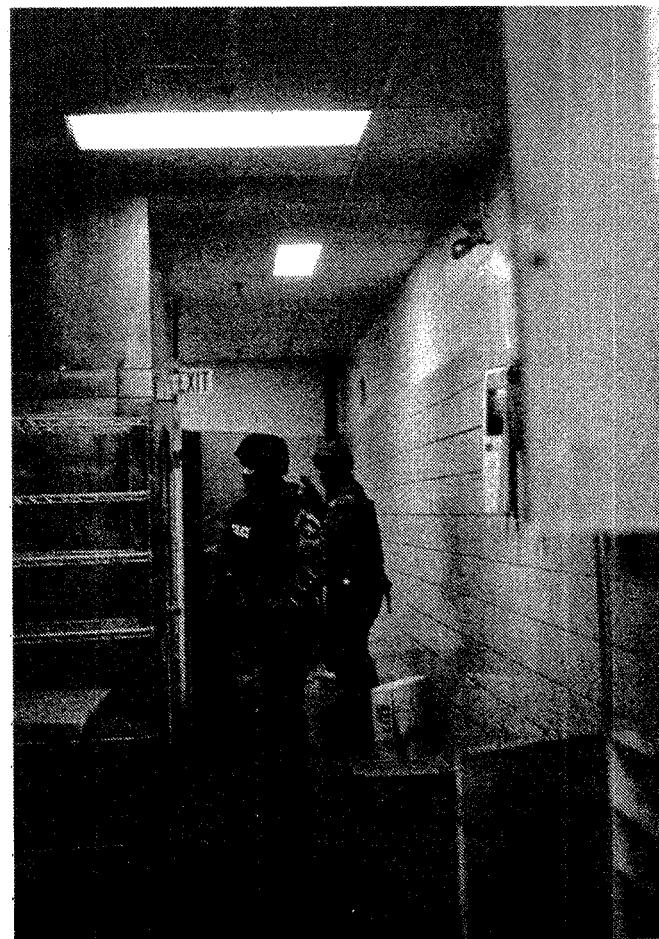
The armed unit stormed through every inch of the building and, after several hours of searching, found no one.

There were, however, signs, such as food containers and clothing, that undoubtedly suggested that people had been inside the building

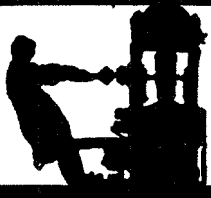
The SWAT team, officially known as Western Wayne County Special Threat Response Unit, serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Vanburen Township, the city of Wayne and has an agreement to cover Novi.

Each member of the unit has a separate job in one of those police agencies.

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Two members of the response unit thoroughly search a refrigerator in the kitchen of the old Radisson. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell.)



Public notices

The Board Report

A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of January 11, 1993

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with an "Extra Miler Award" presentation to Janet Dersey, an elementary school counselor. Dersey has been a dedicated employee in the District since 1985. Board Treasurer Dean Swartzwelter presented the award to her and thanked her for her outstanding service to the district.

Certificates of recognition were given to members of the Plymouth Salem High School boys' soccer team for their outstanding performance in the Class A State Championship. Special recognition was given to team tri-captain, Tom Baker, who was named the best soccer player in the state by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. It also was noted that team head coach Ken Johnson was named "Coach of the Year" by the MHSSCA.

Recognition also was given to Jori Welchans of the Canton girls' soccer team and Kris Goff of the Salem girls' soccer team for being selected to the All State First Team by the MHSSCA.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hoben announced that January is School Board Member Recognition Month. He presented special certificates to each member of the Board and commended them for their dedicated service.

John Argenta and Brian Smilnak of Coquillard/Dundon/Peterson/Argenta Architects presented plans for the upcoming renovations at Allen, Bird, Smith, Fiegel, Isbister, Farrand and Gallimore Elementary Schools.

Dr. Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, discussed the 1993-94 CEP Course of Studies, which included the addition of one class and alterations to three classes. Superintendent Hoben distributed information on the Olmstead/Kearney proposal for school finance which is being considered throughout the state as a legislative initiative. David Rodwell, associate director of data processing, presented an analysis of the 1992-93 MEAP scores. The scores have increased in all but one category this year.

Under Citizens' Comments, Salem student Ben Hess presented a report on activities of the Salem Executive Forum. The students have participated in several service activities, including canned food drives and an adopt-a-family program for Christmas. Kathy Rucinski stated that she is working with Dr. Homes to collect information on abstinence-based sex education curricula from other Districts. Jim Mills reiterated his concerns about the District's developmental philosophy.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$7,331,532.72.

The Board granted approval for:

- Coquillard/Dundon/Peterson/Argenta Architects to proceed from design development plans to the working drawings for renovations at Allen, Bird, Smith, Fiegel, Isbister, Farrand and Gallimore Elementary Schools, as a part of the 1991 Bond Project.
- a series of resolutions for additions and renovations for East Middle School, as a part of the 1991 Bond Project.
- a four-foot chain-link fence to be installed along all sides of Miller Woods in Plymouth Township paid for by the Kiwanis Club. This decision was made after extensive discussion by board members and citizens. Citizens who addressed this issue were: John Hollowell, Mike Schmalhurst, Connie Tary, Emily Kemnitz, Joyce Holmes and Dorothy and Tivadar Balogh. At the conclusion of the four-to-three vote, Board President Roland Thomas commented, "I hope that as a community we can work together to preserve Miller Woods."

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth. The Board will consider approval of two videos for the high school reproductive health curriculum, a resolution in honor of Martin Luther King Day and taking a position on the Olmstead/Kearney proposal. On Saturday, Jan. 23, a Board workshop on the Budget will be held from 8 a.m. to noon in the Board Room. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating the actions of your Board of Education. For more information, please call Community Relations at 451-3188.

Western Wayne conference gets centralized 911 review

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

At their meeting on Jan. 8, the Conference of Western Wayne discussed the changes in the 911 services in region that will interconnect all separate systems and create a central dispatch.

Serving as pointman for the conference, CWW Director Daniel Gilmartin explained the changes in the coordination and information services of the "emergency telephone enabling act."

Part of the act includes "automatic location identification" which is a 911 service feature.

With this feature, emergency services would forward name, address, and any other information associated with the caller by means of number identification.

The supervisors, mayors, and directors of the communities of Western Wayne met at Detroit Edison's Wayne/Monroe Headquarters on Friday, Jan. 8.

Gilmartin presented the legislation on 911 services in the county but stated that the wording of the legislation was "changing daily."

The only concrete change in the wording of the legislation was the

conditions under which a community could levy cash toward the service.

"Before, only communities or cities under 500,000 residents could levy monies for the 911 service, now any community can regardless of population," Gilmartin said.

The legislation also stated that communities that had already created multiple-emergency telephone districts will have their operating costs covered by the service supplier.

•In other business, the group considered alternative means for housing and transporting prisoners.

Under the current system, communities pay between \$27 and \$65 per day to house, feed, and provide medical care for inmates.

Mayor Edward Bivens of Inkster suggested looking into a joint venture between the communities of Western Wayne to either meet with contractors to build a county-wide facility or to look into the possibility of utilizing an unpopulated prison in New Haven.

Skene leaves Plymouth rec job

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residency requirement and indicated that a department head must actually live in the city -- not just rent an apartment as a front.

Skene said he would actually stay at the apartment during the week, but the commission's working definition of residency included consideration of where the department head's family resided.

Then the Westland position came to Skene's attention.

According to a Walters' memo dated Monday, Skene will be confirmed as the Westland Parks and Recreation Director at next Tuesday's Westland City Council meeting.

"Although I was disappointed the voters turned down the charter (amendment)," Skene said, "I certainly

respect the wishes of the citizens.

"Due to extenuating circumstances, I cannot meet the requirements of residency (in Plymouth)," the 41-year-old recreation director said.

"I'm looking forward to the new challenges in Westland. It's a quality program there."

The other city of Plymouth department head affected is Police Chief Robert Scoggins. He said yesterday that he "is in discussions with (Walters)" on the issue.

One possibility, the chief said, is to seek an extension on gaining city residency. Scoggins has been chief of two years and on the city force for 18.

"We anticipate on moving into the city with our family," Scoggins said. "But the clock is ticking."

Rouge group chooses leader

Friends of the Rouge, an environmental group dedicated to the revitalization of the Rouge River, has named Jim Graham as its executive director.

Graham, former newspaper reporter and press secretary to Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, will be responsible for the administration, activities, fund-raising and membership development.

Friends of the Rouge was formed to give citizens opportunities to become involved in the restoration and development of the Rouge River.

The ultimate goal of the group is to make the Rouge a haven for clean water recreation.

The river network of streams passes through 50 communities -- including

those in The Plymouth-Canton Community -- three counties and more than 460 square miles of land in Michigan.

Friends of the Rouge is currently planning its eighth annual Rouge Rescue. The rescue draws thousands of volunteers each June to help clear log jams and debris from the river.

Another project will be the ongoing education of high school and middle school students on the importance of environmental protection and water quality monitoring.

The group will also work to design a way to control storm and sewer water overflows which are the major contributors to the river's pollution problems.

Cop injured directing traffic following accident involving officer

BY AMY KIDWELL

Two Plymouth Township police officers were injured Monday at the scene of a car accident.

Sergeant Jim Jarvis and Officer Jeff Felts were treated at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and released that night with minor injuries.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Northville Road and Hines Drive at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Jarvis was off duty and driving on

Northville Road when his car was struck from behind.

The driver who struck Jarvis' vehicle was arrested for drunk driving, according to Police Chief Carl Berry.

Another car struck Felts in the leg while he was directing traffic around the accident.

The driver who struck Felts has not been charged with anything.

The Wayne County Sheriff Department is handling the accident.



Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry (right) talks with another officer Monday at the scene of an accident where two township officers were injured. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell.)

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City still not notified about Mayflower status

BY AMY KIDWELL

The city of Plymouth still has yet to be officially notified of the Mayflower Hotel going into receivership, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

The hotel went into receivership Dec. 21 after almost a year of operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy. A court-appointed receiver is now in charge of operating the hotel.

The Lorenz family had controlled the hotel since 1939.

Two days after the appointed receiver took over, Creon Smith, part-owner and long-time general manager, resigned. He is now focusing his attention on raising the \$1.5 million needed to redeem the hotel.

The three owner, Smith and Randy and Scott Lorenz, have six months to raise the money.

The city is a major creditor being owed more than \$33,000 in back taxes and

water and sewage charges.

According to one banking expert notification of all creditors is part of the normal procedure. It "ensures that every creditor an equitable recovery (of money owed)."

Although not notified, Walters said the city's financial position with the Mayflower is not affected by the receivership.

When the bankruptcy started, the city had filed liens which guarantees that any one who purchases the property must pay the taxes.

"We don't have to do anything more," Walters said, "The back taxes have to be paid. It is not as important as the hotel's survival."

"I'm much more concerned, either working with new owners or the current owners, with helping the hotel be a success."

Pompon squad travels to Washington to perform

A dozen pompon girls from Plymouth and Canton have the opportunity to head to Washington D.C. on Jan. 20, and perform in the 1993 Inaugural Parade.

This rare opportunity was won by the all-star performers at the Mid American Pompon camp this summer.

The 12 girls are in a field on 120 Pennsylvania Avenue the day President-elect Bill Clinton is sworn into office.

Representing the Plymouth-Canton community in the parade will be Kathy O'Keefe, of Canton, from Mercy's squad. Christy Clinton, Dana Grondzieleski,

Danielle LaBlanc, Monica Shields, and Andrea Socall, of Canton, on the Canton squad.

Shannon Eddy, Jodie Emmett, and Michelle Kinney, of Plymouth, on the Salem squad.

Kelly Morgan and Wendy Vea of Canton, also on the Salem squad. And Tara Radcliffe of Plymouth, on the Mercy squad.

The All-Star Mid American Pompon squad is one of only two marching units from Michigan heading to the Inaugural parade.

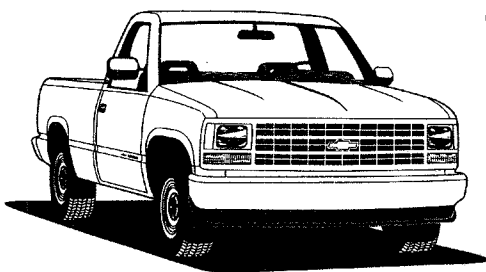
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Crier sponsors 'Kicks for Kids' charity event

The Crier is a media sponsor for the "Kicks for Kids" event sponsored by the Detroit Rockers and Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF), set for March.

The Kicks for Kids event is similar to the Punt, Pass and Kick in football, and competition will be held in six age categories, under 8, 8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 14-16, and 16-18.

Juggling, dribbling and scoring are some of the soccer skills that will be tested.

The competitions will be held at five sights throughout the metro Detroit area, including Central Middle School.

Semi-finals will be held March 7 and 14, with the finals Friday, March 19, at a Rockers game in Cobo Arena.

Look for entry blanks and more information in upcoming Crier issues.

Community births

Eric and Lorna Trager of Belleville announce the birth of their son, Calvin Neill Trager, at 6:36 a.m. on Dec. 19, 1992. The new addition to the family weighed in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was delivered at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Calvin has one sister, 3-year-old Riley Rachelle, and grandparents Nate and Zola Johnson of Plymouth and Kemp and Jeanette Trager of Canton.

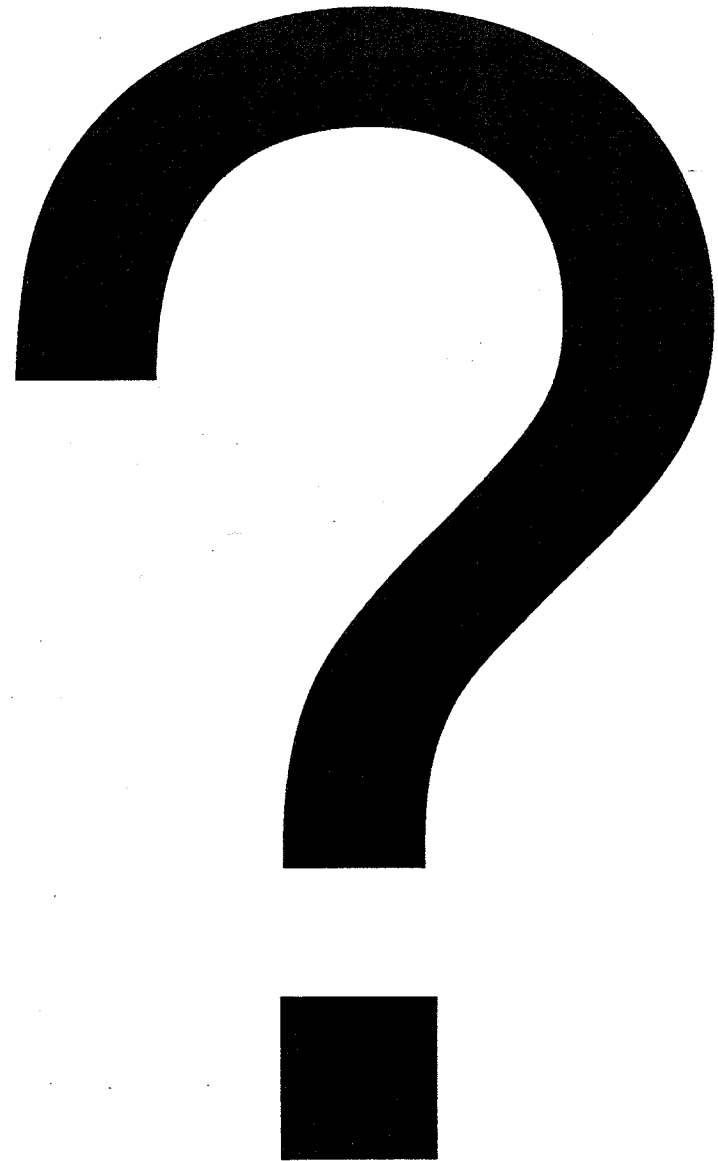
David and Joy Gutowski of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Kirsten Ann, at 12:08 p.m. Dec. 29, 1992.

Kirsten, who was delivered at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, weighed in at 9 pounds even.

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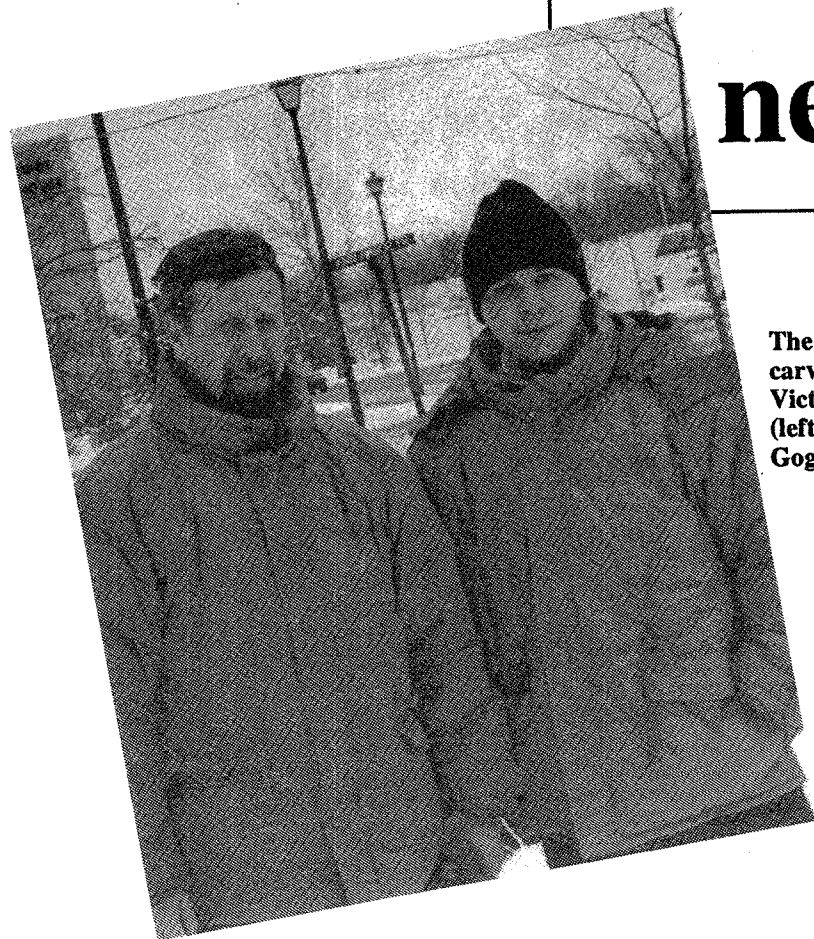


Friends & neighbors

Russia

Say hi to some new friends

Japan



The Russian ice carving team of Victor Chernyshev (left) and Victor Gogolion



The Japanese ice carving team of (left), Sumio Miagawa, Manubo Ito, Eiji Suezuwa, Hiroshi Kubota, Yumiko Amano, translator.

These visitors bring something old and wonderful...

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

This year's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will have some very special guests cutting and shaping the ice stacked up downtown.

One two-man team from Russia and a four-man team from Japan will set saws to ice this week in the annual Ice Festival.

The Japanese team (Sumio Miagawa, Hiroshi Kubota, Eiji Suezuwa, and Manubo Ito) has traveled to Plymouth as a team for the first time.

According to their translator, Yumiko Amano, all four men on the team are chefs in Japan.

"They learned to carve ice as part of their culinary training. Until now they have only participated in individual competitions as ice carvers," Amano said.

The Japanese team's plans for the ice carving are ambitious. Their carving of a Japanese geisha, which will be placed in the main fountain, is complex and

involves several 440 lb. blocks.

The Russian team, Victor Chernyshev and Victor Gogolion, bring the Russian tradition of ice carving to Plymouth.

"We're planning to make a Russian Eskimo," Chernyshev said, "with a pair of sea lions on the side."

Chernyshev stated emphatically that while one of the sea lions was going to be a baby that "the eskimo would not be beating it with a club."

While the work that Chernyshev and

Gogolion will be doing will be made from ice, Chrenyshev stated that snow carving is big in Russia.

"In Russian competitions, snow carvings should be slides for children as well as artistic pieces," Chernyshev said.

Both Chernyshev and Gogolion will be headed back to Russia in February for the All-Russian Winter Festival.

The competition, which will host competitors from 25 countries, is expected to bring a million visitors to Red Square during the competition.

... and an old friend is offering something new

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Ice carving is not an art that one learns on his or her own -- just ask Plymouth resident Richard Teeple, Executive Chef at Henry Ford Community College.

Fortunately, HFCC and Teeple offer a way out: Free lessons in ice carving if you take any other class at the college.

"As long as you are a registered student with at least one class you can be in the ice carving club," Teeple said.

"(And) it doesn't matter if it's phys ed or co-ed canoeing."

The HFCC Ice and Snow Carving club is open to all students at any of the college's campuses.

"We'll take anyone that wants to come and spend the time," Teeple said.

"We have culinary arts students, engineering students, art majors, drafting majors and others taking part in the club."

Teeple will be competing with and against his friend and fellow ice carver, Ted Wakar of Canton, in the team and individual competitions at this year's Plymouth Ice Carving Festival.

According to Teeple, the HFCC club has no membership fees and members do not have to supply anything other than their enthusiasm and time.

Even the time requirement is negotiable.

"The club is set up so that it doesn't have to cut into anyone's school or work time," Teeple said. "We'll take you whenever you can show up."

Teeple, a professional ice carver of 15 years and the Executive Chef Instructor at HFCC, said that the amount of time spent in the club has changed career choices in the past.

"I've had students that were members of the club go on to make a living making ice carvings."

Let there be light



Randy Adam from Fantasee Lighting sets up some of the laser lights that will be used during the ice show.

Civitan seeks entrants for AIDS essay contest

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is looking for high school students to enter its running 15th annual Citizenship Essay Contest.

Jerry Thompson, Canton high school English teacher and chairman of the contest, said this year's topic is "Examining the World's Fastest Growing Health Problem: AIDS --Where Do We Go From Here?"

According to Thompson, the purpose of the annual contest is to encourage students to take part in the public comment on the issues of the world around them.

Contest rules call for entries to be no less than 500 words and no more than

1,200.

Essays should be neatly typed, double spaced on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper.

The writer's name and address, title of the essay, name of high school and the name of the sponsoring club must appear on the cover sheet.

The deadline for entries is March 15. Prizes will be awarded to the top three essays with first place taking \$125, second place, \$75, and third place, \$50. To increase participation, for every five entries beyond the first 10, \$25 will be added to each prize level.

Prize awards will be capped at \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively.

Bike giveaway violates law

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highest bidder and the money would be put into the township's general account.

"The give-away program is a different idea but our attorneys assured us that it was legal," Santomauro said.

The bikes have been appraised as "property of minor value," he said, which means that the value of the bike is less than the total cost of a property report, storage, and negotiation of disposition.

Because the bikes have been classified as "property of minor value," the Canton police only have to hold on to them for three rather than six months before selling or donating them.

The waiting period allows for original owners of the property have a chance to come forward and make a claim.

According to Santomauro, one of the other advantages of this kind of property

handling is that honest people get a reward for their honesty.

"Before when someone brought in a lost or stolen article they got nothing in return. Under this system, if the original owner cannot be found, the finder gets to choose whether or not he or she wants the property," Santomauro said.

"There is also no more room to store the bikes anymore."

After the three months, the police department can dispose with the bikes in any way that they see fit, including public auction, retaining property for the use of the police department or donating to a licensed charitable organization.

According to Santomauro, if the bikes had been appraised as major value pieces there would have been an auction.

"In this case, we thought it would be better to give them to some kids who might not get them otherwise," Santomauro said.

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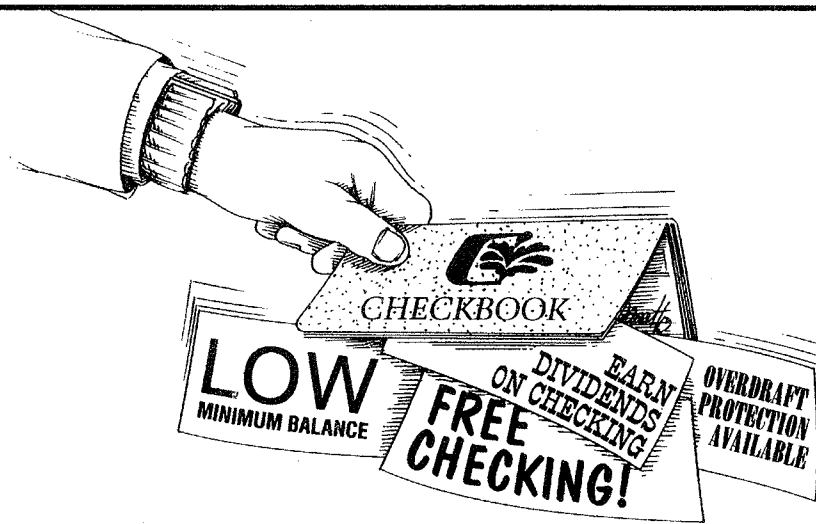


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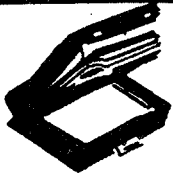
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Getting down to business

Ford beats Honda

Dealers crow about Taurus' top sales prize

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The battle for the No. 1 selling car in America is finally over, with the Ford Taurus beating the Honda Accord.

It was a close fight, but the Taurus edged out the Accord with sales of 409,751 to 393,477 vehicles sold in 1992.

And while Ford Motor Co. and Ford Credit did their part in offering incentives and sweet lease deals, area dealers were doing their part in getting the word out and courting customers.

Blackwell Ford on Ann Arbor Road went so far as to purchase an Accord and display it—side-by-side—with a Taurus in their showroom.

"We had a lot of fun with it," said Len Gossman, Blackwell general sales manager. "Customers came in and compared the cars. They saw that the Taurus was a quality product and a good value.

"That really showed in our fourth-quarter sales."

Those fourth-quarter sales, according to Gossman, were up 340 percent over the previous nine months -- in part, Gossman admitted, because of Ford incentives and lease rates that brought monthly payments down from an average of \$345 to \$275.

"Leasing was phenomenal," Gossman said, adding that, "people wouldn't have bought or leased unless we offered a quality product.

John Warner, general manager of Sunshine Honda, also on Ann Arbor Road said that even though Ford offered tremendous incentives with rebates and low interest rates, they're still to be congratulated.

"It came down to the wire, and they beat us," he said. "The margin was just over 16,000 but they still won."

He added, however, that if only pure retail sales were counted, the Accord would have won.

"Quite a few of their sales were fleet and rental sales. I know that in retail sales we still sold the most cars."

While Ford did ask dealers to buy up to six Tauruses for their rental or loaner fleets, area dealers said it wasn't necessary. Dave Rekuc, general manager of McDonald Ford in Northville, said Ford did mention buying vehicles for the dealership, but customers bought them all first.

"On January 5th, when this (Taurus Incentive) program ended, I had zero Tauruses," Rekuc said. "I bought as many extra as I could from the factory. We wanted to satisfy the demand to the retail public first."

Gossman echoed that sentiment: "We delivered everything we could get from Ford; we had none left over for the dealership to buy."

Rekuc and Gossman went on to say that they're both hopeful that this year



The Ford Taurus took first place in 1992 sales, knocking Honda (right) out of the top spot -- and out of the picture.

signals a return to the American product and especially the automobile.

"Consumer confidence in the American product is getting a lot stronger now," Gossman said. "That's why we had them (Taurus and Accord) side-by-side, to show people that we can compete."

Rekuc took that view a little further, saying, "people recognize the value and quality improvements in our vehicles, (that) we can compete with any manufacturer in any part of the world."

Warner said that although the Honda is a Japanese nameplate, 100 percent of the Accords he sells are manufactured in Ohio, and that two-thirds of all his vehicles are made in the United States.

He went on to say that although Ford

has bragging rights for a year, he also said to look at comparison commercials.

"Everyone compares themselves to the Accord," he said. "That says something about our product; we've set the standard."

All three men say it was a hard-fought battle for No. 1, and Warner good-naturedly admitted that Ford did a good job in 1992 regardless of the circumstances.

But, he added, "watch out for Accord in 1993."

Rekuc also admitted it was a close race, "but it's over now and the slate's clean. We're going out there right now to make sure our product is No. 1 again this year."

Neighbors in business

Madonna University will be conducting a series of five legal awareness classes, one each Tuesday beginning January 26.

The classes will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and will cover "Rights of the Consumer," "Landlord-Tenant," "Employment Law," "Buying and Selling a Home" and "Basic Legal considerations of Starting Your Own Business."

Cost is \$10 each class or \$45 for all five. For more information call 591-5188.

Westland resident Al Stephenson recently bought the Precision Tune facility located at 725 W. Ann Arbor Road. Stephenson had been manager of the operation for the last six years. He will continue his affiliation with Precision Tune.

Meijer, Inc. has begun construction on a 130,000 square-foot facility at the corner of Warren and Newburgh in Westland. The SourceClub store—a membership wholesale club—is due to open in late Spring. Meijer said SourceClub will charge \$20 for a two-card membership as well as offer special shopping hours for businesses and organizations.

Framework offers computer search for art

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The art world has met state-of-the-art at Frameworks on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth.

Owner Al Larson has recently installed a new laser disc system that allows the store to show customers more than 21,000 pieces of art.

The laser disc system is connected to a computer that allows the viewer to choose specific features about what type of art they're interested in, and displays choices almost immediately.

"This system can save a person hours of searching through catalogues," Larson said. "All they have to do is specify what they're looking for and it appears on the screen."

Customers can choose by price, color, subject, size, artist or any number of variables.

"Let's say someone has a blue room," Larson said. "They can choose animal art, for example, with blue background and the laser disc will display all art with animals and a blue background.

"It'll tell the size, shape and price."

Larson then just looks the piece up in his index, and can have it delivered within a week or two.

"This takes a lot of the legwork out of looking for a specific piece," he said, "and quite often people are looking for a very specific type of art to match their decor or tastes."

Larson said that the disc is updated every three months, and for a \$25 fee individuals looking to sell pieces they no longer want can list their own pieces on the system.

He said he's looking forward to leasing a portable unit which can be taken to a home or business to view art in the environment where it will be displayed.

"This takes the guesswork out of trying to match art with someone's decor. Now we can bring samples to the customer."

Larson said this is one of only three such machines in the metro area, and expects the curious as well as the serious to come see this high-tech addition to the art world.

Recent attack linked to rape?

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28 to 32 years old, 5-foot-9, 160 to 170 pounds and with brown eyes and hair.

The Dec. 9 rape occurred as a 16-year-old girl was walking to her school bus stop at 6:45 a.m. She said the man pulled a knife, forced her into the woods and assaulted her.

She described her assailant as a 25 years old white male, 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds.

In each case, police made a composite drawing.

Anyone who was in those areas on those dates is asked to call township police at 453-3869.

The details of the Dec. 9 rape and the Dec. 30 attack are similar, said police Chief Carl Berry and Inv. David Hayes, but they could not say "for sure" that it was the same man.

In addition to the physical similarities, each attack occurred on a Wednesday morning approximately one half mile from an expressway. In each case, the assailant did not have a car visible. However, that does not mean that a car was not used, police said.

Hayes said that he is taking the two cases to the Michigan State Police to get their input.

In light of the twin attacks, the two officials made some suggestions for safety:

•Don't open a door to someone you don't know.

•If you do open a door, call a neighbor first. If something goes wrong, the neighbor will hear it and call police.

•Finally, speak through the door and tell the person that you will call police to assist.

2 men arrested in Township

BY AMY KIDWELL

Two men in their early 20s were arrested Saturday and substances thought to be marijuana, cocaine and crack were found and seized by township police.

The township officer noticed the vehicle exit M-14 and drive into the Ford parking lot on Sheldon Road. The officer then observed the car drive at approximately 5 mph through two rows of cars.

The officer stopped the vehicle and

asked for identification. The driver stated that he had no ID, was lost and looking for I-275.

During the process, the officer observed what looked like marijuana cigarettes. Upon further investigation, the officer found two bags of what looked like marijuana, a pipe and a clear, glass "crack pipe."

The suspects have not yet been charged.

Police are waiting for a lab analysis.

MEAP scores draw mixed reaction

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Only in 10th grade reading, did the level of "satisfactory" performance drop below 1991 figures -- with 48.8 percent of students receiving that rating in 1992, compared with 53.2 percent the year before.

The biggest jump in improvement came in fourth-grade math, where pupils went from a 38.3 percent "satisfactory" in 1991, to 51.2 percent in 1992.

Almost to a person, school board trustees Monday night said they were "cautiously optimistic" about the outcome, with many saying only that they were "encouraged" by the signs.

In the reading tests, students were given two types of comprehension exams, one dealing with information reading and one dealing with story-telling. A "satisfactory" rating was earned by passing both portions of the exam; a "moderate" rating, by passing one or the other; a "low," by failing both.

In mathematics, only one test was issued, with "satisfactory" and "moderate" referring to the degree of success on the exam.

In both math and reading, the youngsters were tested on what experts call "essential skills;" that is, those critical thinking and problem solving skills necessary to handle new tasks.

In science, however, students were tested in "basic skills;" that is, the knowledge and expertise acquired by the end of the previous school year. Those meeting 75 percent or more of the science test objectives fell into category 4, while those meeting at least 50 percent fell into category 3.

The most troubling aspect of the MEAP scores to some officials, however, is not the structure of the tests, but their intentions.

According to one administrator, the problem is that state lawmakers look at the MEAP exams as "high stakes" tests measuring the validity, for example, of endorsed diplomas.

As a result, he said, districts could end up altering their curriculum to appease the "high stakes" component, but lose the harder to quantify critical thinking components.

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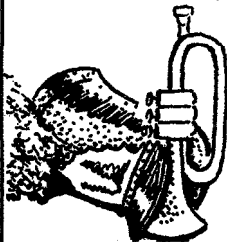
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Community deaths

Murphy, systems analyst

Terrance Joseph Murphy of Plymouth, a security systems analyst, died Jan. 1, 1993, at the age of 41. He was born Nov. 5, 1951, in Southfield, and moved to the Plymouth area 12 years ago.

Mr. Murphy worked 17 years as an analyst for Ford Motor Co. and received his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University in 1975. He was graduated from Salesian High School in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene; daughter Diane; sons Michael and Kyle; mother Catherine; four brothers and three sisters.

Services were held Jan. 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, where he was a member. The Rev. John Sullivan officiated. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Blair, Ford supervisor

Albert J. Blair of Canton, who retired in 1981, died Dec. 31, 1992, at the age of 77.

Mr. Blair worked as an engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Co. and came to Canton in 1977. He was a member of Unity Church in Livonia, the Plymouth Eastern Star and a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge in Howell.

Mr. Blair, who was born April 28, 1915, in Detroit, is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter Penelope, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Private services were held by the immediate family.

Balasubramanian, engineer

Nagarajasarma Balasubramanian of Canton, a pollution control engineer, died Dec. 27, 1992 at the age of 52.

Mr. Balasubramanian was born in Madras, India, May 17, 1940. He is survived by his wife, Saraswathi, and son Aravindan and Arunan.

Services for Mr. Balasubramanian were held Dec. 28 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Buchkowski, VFW member

Violet I. Buchkowski of Plymouth, and who came to the area in 1940, died Jan. 1, 1993, at the age of 65.

Mrs. Buchkowski, who was born Jan. 10, 1927, in Detroit, was a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary in Plymouth and worked for 22 years at the Adistra Corp.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; daughter Sharon Birdsall of Grand Rapids; son, Larry Garrison of Arizona; two grandchildren; and a brother.

Services were held Jan. 5 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Myers Jr. officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Clarke, administrator

Genevieve Frances Clarke of Plymouth, a Detroit nursing home administrator for 25 years, died Dec. 31, 1992, at the age of 57.

Mrs. Clarke, who was born Feb. 22, 1935, in Detroit and moved to Plymouth in 1989, was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She is survived by sons Douglas, Philip and Thomas Abraham; daughter Regina Abraham; six grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

Services were held Jan. 4 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Sullivan and Rev. Klaus Mehrl officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Lewis, retired nurse

Edna P. Lewis of Plymouth, a retired registered nurse, died Jan. 1, 1993 at the age of 80. Mrs. Lewis was born April 16, 1912, in then-Dearborn Township, and moved to the Plymouth Community in 1930.

She was graduated from the University of Michigan Nursing School and worked at Ridgewood Hospital until her retirement.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her daughter, Jean Cahill of Florida, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a brother.

Services were held Jan. 5 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Myers Jr. officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Wilson, AMC worker

Marvin P. Wilson of Novi, and who was born and raised in Plymouth, died Dec. 30, 1992, at the age of 73.

Mr. Wilson worked for American Motors Corp. for 26 years and then for 10 years with Management Recruiters. He was born Sept. 21, 1919.

Mr. Wilson was graduated from Plymouth High School and served in World War II as part of the Alaskan Territorial Guard. He is survived by his son, Thomas of Plymouth; daughters Pamela VanBeekum of California, Patti Heleva of Pennsylvania and Peggy Harbach and Penny Carey, both of Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held on Jan 4 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Leland Seese Jr. officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations can be made to the Arbor Hospice and the Michigan Cancer Society.

Brown, homemaker

Mary Sophia Brown of Canton, a homemaker and mother, died Jan. 3, 1993, at the age of 91.

Mrs. Brown was born Dec. 1, 1901, in Detroit, and moved to the suburbs 14 years ago. She is survived by sons Gerald of Canton and Harry of Traverse City, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a sister.

Services were held Jan. 6 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Violi, Canton resident

Joseph R. Violi of Canton, died Dec. 31, 1992, at the age of 76. He was born March 19, 1916, in Adena, Ohio.

Mr. Violi is survived by his wife, Nelda, of Plymouth; sons Joseph of Canton, Michael of Lansing and Phillip of Colorado; seven grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services were held Jan. 4 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with the Rev. Matthew Ellis officiating. Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Township.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hospice of Washtenaw.



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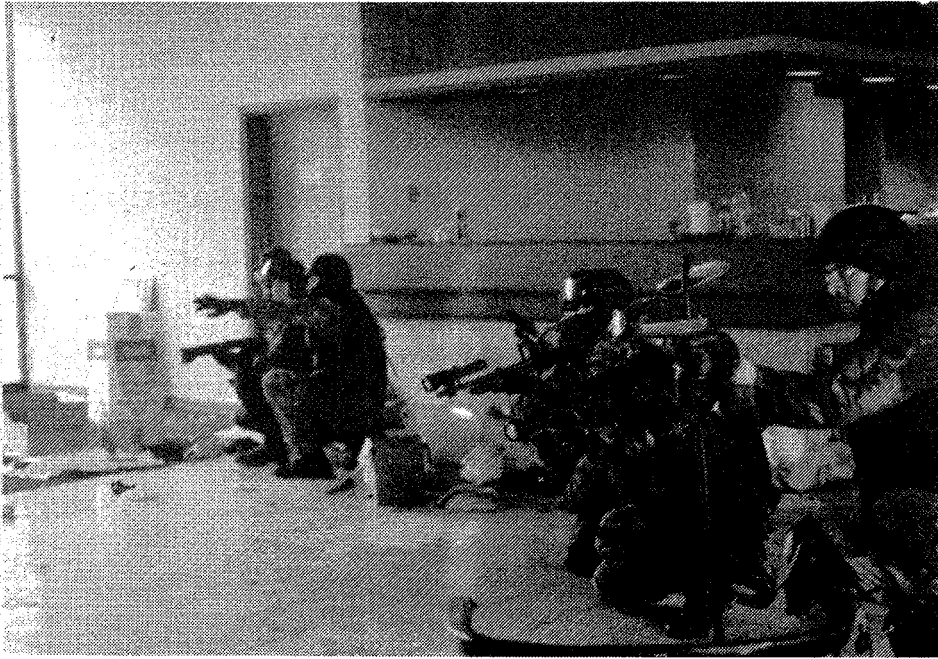
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SWAT team members recon the lobby area of the former Radisson Hotel during training exercises. (Crier photo by Amy Kidwell.)

SWAT team gets practical training

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The unit is made of two teams, one for special operations and one for hostage negotiations.

Sgt. John Sherman, who led the group last Wednesday, said that teamwork is one of the major differences between ordinary police officers and members of the SWAT team.

"A police officer is usually alone in a squad car and is used to operating alone. Members of this unit learn to rely and

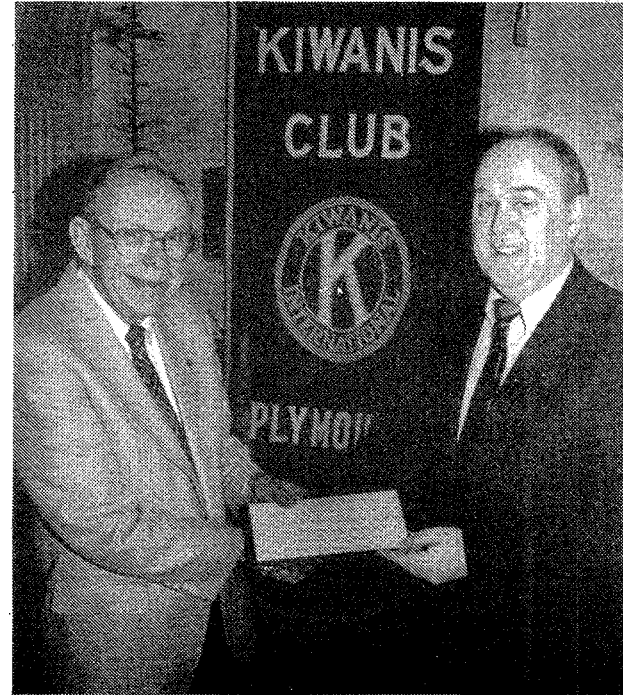
depend upon each other."

Members of the team are required to go through three weeks of basic training and continuous training each month.

Some of the most common situations that the unit deals with, according to Sherman, are barricaded gunman, hostage situations and suicide subject.

Sherman said he did not expect a hostile situation at the empty building last Wednesday, but "we always prepare for the worst."

Bob Evans, president of the Plymouth Kiwanis, accepts a check for \$5,000 from former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)



Pursell gives \$ to Kiwanis, others

Former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell has become a Robin Hood of sorts in the past week -- although, instead of taking from the rich, he's merely been taking from himself.

In short order, Pursell was honored by his fellow Kiwanians last Tuesday and donated a check for \$5,000 to the non-profit Kiwanis Foundation.

In short order, the former congressman also donated \$5,000 to the Rotary Club and another \$5,000 to the Salvation Army.

And to cap things off, he made a final \$15,000 donation to the University of Michigan "Pursell Fund" for student nurses.

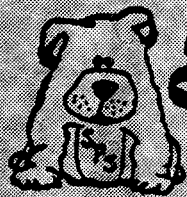
And he's not done yet: Pursell plans three more donations to the scholarship funds of Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft Community College, and Madonna College.

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CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

The Canton Newcomers Club will hold its 2nd annual Children's Carnival on Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event, to be held in the cafeteria of Canton High School on Canton Center Road, will feature games, prizes, a raffle and craft booth and refreshment.

All proceeds will benefit Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, located in Garden City and Plymouth.

AUTHOR TO SIGN BOOK

John Vraniak, a Plymouth resident and author of The Polish Trivia Book, will be at Little Professor on the Park Jan. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to sign his book.

The bookstore is located on Main Street in Downtown Plymouth. Call 455-5220 for more information.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

College bond high school students and their parents are welcome to the college financial aid workshop that will be held Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy.

The class will cover how to fill out a financial aid form and go over federal and state regulations. A Q/A period will follow.

This free workshop, sponsored by Northwood University, has limited seating. For reservations, call 1-800-457-7878.

POST 391 REGULAR MEETING

Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold a regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 at 173 N. Main St. in Plymouth.

For more information, call Commander Jim Maahs at 455-5541 of Adjutant Jam Barbour at 451-8659.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Girl Scout Cookies go on sale this month. This year, seven varieties are on sale for \$2.50 each. Scouts will be selling door-to-door and at booths.

Orders will be taken through Jan. 24 and cookies will be dropped off between Feb. 27 and March 14. To order, call 483-2370. All proceeds support special activities for the girl scouts as well as Council facilities and services.

CARDIAC REHAB MEETING

The Plymouth Cardiac Rehab Group will hold a meeting Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arbor Health Center, on Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street.

The speaker, Diane Philpot, will address dietary supplements and their impact on health. Family and Friends are welcome.

CANCER PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society will sponsor a patient education program called I Can Cope, a program designed to help cancer patients know more about their disease and to aid them on meeting the everyday challenges of life.

The Program will be offered at Beaumont Hospital in Troy on Mondays from Jan. 11 through Feb. 15 starting at 6:30 p.m. and running for two hours. For more information, call Mary Plots at 828-5100.

A second program will be offered at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne on Tuesdays From Jan. 19 through Feb. 23 starting at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Pam Howch at 467-4365.

There is no fee involved. Anyone interested should call the hospital if their choice.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet Jan 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Mill Race Historical Village, on Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street. Peter Schaldenbrand will present "The Community and Genealogy."

All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 348-1718 or 349-6370.

DIABETES CLASSES

A six-week series of Diabetes Education Classes will begin Jan. 27 in Wayne County's Westland Health Center on Merriman Road next to Annapolis Hospital. The program, which is taught by a registered nurse and dietician, will continue on consecutive Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Classes are free and pre-registration is required. Call 467-3355.

SAFE PROGRAM

The Main Street Baptist Church in Canton is hosting Setting Addicts Free Eternally (SAFE).

The recovery group meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for the chemically dependent and their families.

The group offers help to those with drug and alcohol problems and gives family members support with overcoming problems of co-dependency.

For information, call Pastor Mike York at 453-4785.

GED TESTING

GED testing will be offered will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. Testing will take place Jan. 18, 19 and 20 in room 130 of Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road. Testing begins at 6 p.m. and runs for four hours.


Cost is \$25 and any one interested must register by Jan 15. Call 451-6555 to register.

BABYSITTING CLASSES

The Plymouth District Library is offering a seven week babysitting class which will lead to a Red Cross certificate. Class size is limited and participants must be between 11 and 15 years old.

Registration begins Jan. 28 at the library. Classes begin Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.


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1pm to 2pm - Cooking Demonstrations at Sideways Gifts and Savory Fare on Forest Avenue

5:30pm to 9:30pm - Two-Man Professional Team Competition in Kellogg Park. Winners qualify for U.S. National Restaurant Association Ice Carving Classic

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1pm to 2pm - Cooking Demonstrations at Sideways Gifts and Savory Fare on Forest Avenue

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10am to 8pm - Gingerbread House Contest and Display in Westchester Mall on Forest Avenue

Noon to 4pm - Huron Valley's "Andy The Ambulance" will perform a children's safety show at the Westchester Mall

1pm to 2pm - Cooking Demonstrations at Sideways Gifts and Savory Fare on Forest Avenue

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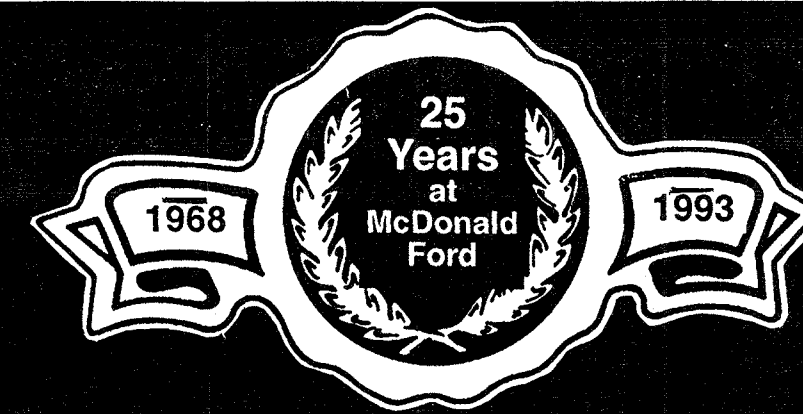
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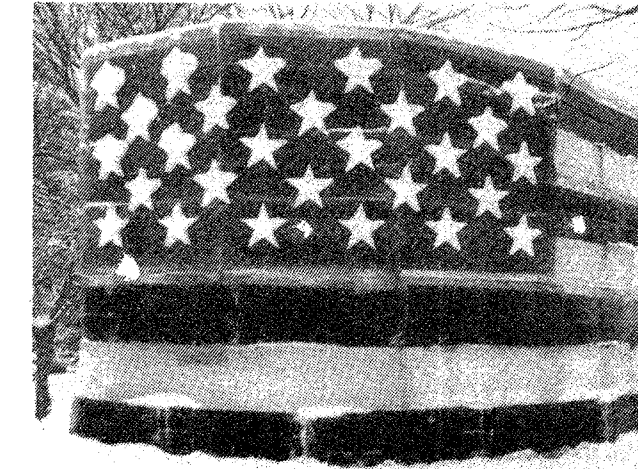
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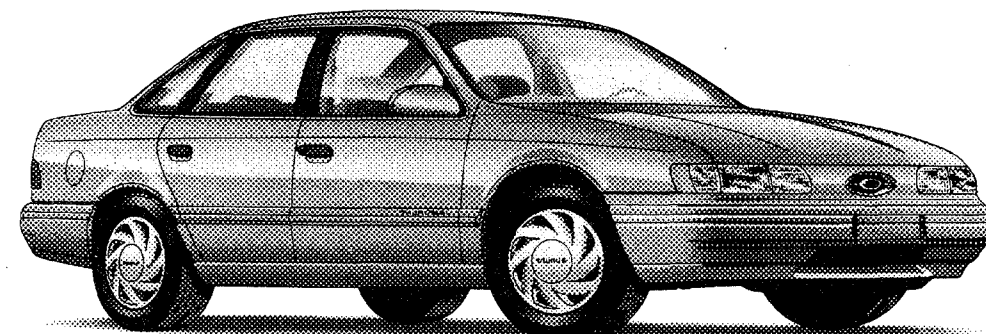
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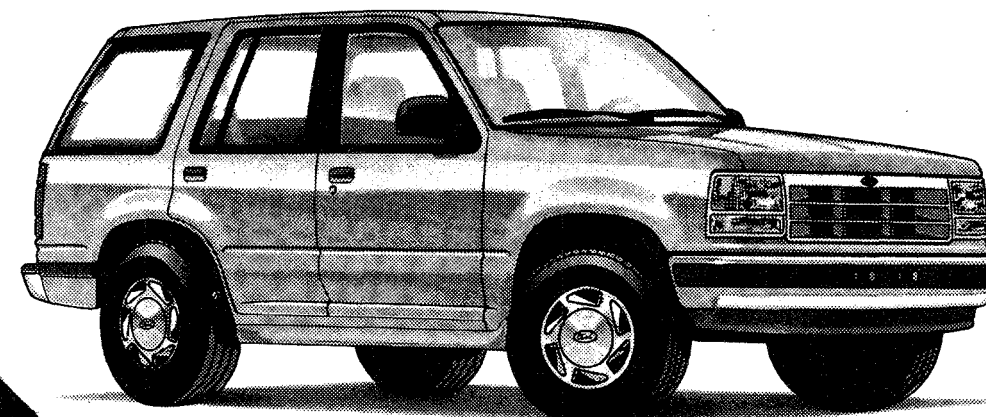
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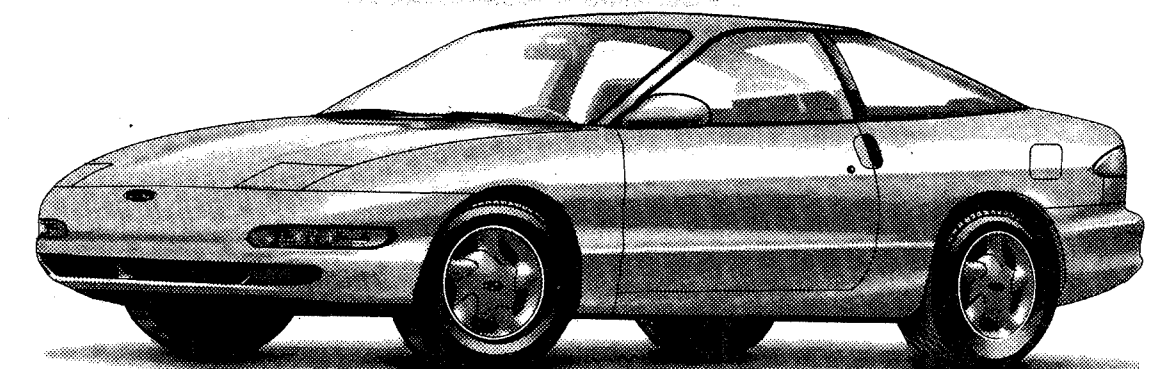
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 4 The Wilcox House

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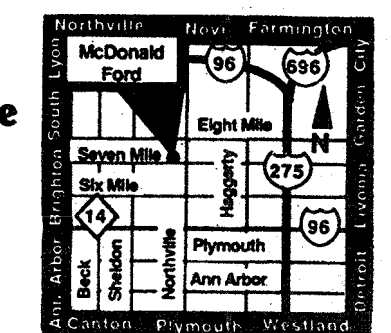
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CHEERLEADING CLASS

Teens can enjoy a trip to Alpine Valley on Jan. 15. Cost is \$23 without equipment. Call 397-5110 for details.

A cheerleading class will be offered to girls ages 5 to 12 starting Jan. 20. The half hour classes are offered every Wednesday evening and last for ten weeks. Cost is \$25. Call Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-5110 for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist in Physical Therapy and in the Urgent Care Office at the Canton McAuley Health Building on Ford Road. One four shift a week is requested.

Please call Volunteer Services at 572-4159 for more information.

CINDERELLA

The Plymouth branch of the A.A.U.W. will present "Cinderella" at Salem Auditorium on Jan. 21, 22 and 23.

Tickets are \$2.50 and go on sale at all Plymouth Canton Elementary Schools on Jan. 12 and 13. All remaining tickets will be sold at the Rainbow Shop beginning Jan. 17.

For more information, call 455-7153.

RACQUETBALL

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a 15-week men's racquetball league beginning Jan. 13.

Players are divided into divisions based on their playing ability. Matches will be held at 7:30 and 8 p.m. at Rose Shores of Canton.

Total cost per person is \$95. Space is limited. Call 397-5110.

MCAULEY CPR CLASS

Two adult CPR classes will offered at McAuley Health System, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Classes will run Jan. 13 and 20 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. Call 455-0405 to register

ART CLASSES

Canton Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with D&M Art Studios, is sponsoring two five-week sessions of Fine Art Classes for all abilities and age groups. Classes will be held on Saturdays. The first session begins Jan. 23 and the second begins March 6.

Cartooning is \$42, runs from 9 to 10 a.m. and is for kids in first grade and up. The next hour long session, Beginning Drawing, begins at 10:15 a.m., is for students in first through fourth grade and is \$42. The final \$52 class, Advanced Drawing, requires kids to be in at least fourth grade and starts at 11:30 a.m. is for kids.

Register in person or call 397-5110 for more information.

YMCA NEEDS HELP

The Plymouth Community YMCA is asking for the public's help. It is collecting UPC/Proofs of Purchase from a wide selection of name brand products. They will then be used to obtain new equipment.

Anyone willing to participate can call 453-2904 for more information.

FAMILY SHOW

Parents and children will enjoy a new event during the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular when Neil Woodward performs at the Penn Theatre Jan. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Tickets for the family oriented show are \$4, with the proceeds going to the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington.

The quest speaker will be Barbara Snow, a librarian at U of M's School of Law, who will talk about how to use the U of M library for research.

Admission is free and all meetings are open to the public.

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available in Canton, Plymouth and Northville from Feb. 8 to April 15 through the Tax-Aide program of AARP.

Counselors will be available by appointment at the following locations: Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave, call 397-5444; Royal Holiday Trailer Park, 39500 Warren Rd., call 397-5444; Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, call 349-4140; Tonquish Creek, 1160 Sheridan, call 455-3670 and the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., call 455-6620.

For home visits, call Canton at 397-5444, Northville at 349-4140 and Plymouth at 455-6620.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY

For boys and girls ages 1 through 6, Canton Parks and Recreation and Wayne-Westland YMCA are sponsoring floor hockey. The program, which starts Jan. 25, will consist of 6 skill clinics and 5 Saturday games. Cost is \$26 per child.

Call 397-5110 for further information.

MUSIC SHOW AT CANTON LIBRARY

The Friends of the Canton Public Library will present David Reynolds as part of their Musical Variety Series. He will appear in the library meeting room on Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the library's reception desk for \$5.

Reynolds is a Canton resident and has studied music and performed worldwide. The show will consist of classical and Valentine music and free refreshments will be served during intermission.

Proceeds are used to support programs and projects at the library.

For further information, call Maria Barker at 397-0999.

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Fifth grade:

Year	1989	1990	1991	1992
Cat 4:	79.4	78.5	76.0	76.6
Cat 3:	17.8	18.9	21.3	21.1
Total:	97.2	97.4	97.3	97.7

Eighth grade:

Year	1989	1990	1991	1992
Cat 4:	66.7	67.0	66.0	74.8
Cat 3:	25.9	25.8	27.5	21.2
Total:	92.6	92.8	93.5	96.0

Eleventh grade:

Year	1989	1990	1991	1992
Cat 4:	46.5	46.1	49.8	54.1
Cat 3:	34.2	37.3	33.1	34.0
Total:	80.7	83.4	82.9	88.1

READING

Two tests were given in reading. According to district officials, those receiving satisfactory ratings passed both tests; those who received moderate ratings passed one of the two tests. Only those receiving a satisfactory or moderate rating in reading (plus passing math and science) can receive endorsed diplomas. (All figures are percentages.)

Fourth grade:

Year	1989	1990	1991	1992
Sat:	47.1	44.7	34.1	45.2
Mod:	34.8	33.3	41.4	27.6
Total:	81.9	78.0	75.5	72.8

Seventh grade:

Year	1989	1990	1991	1992
Sat:	47.2	44.6	46.0	50.2
Mod:	28.3	34.4	30.0	33.3
Total:	75.5	79.0	76.0	83.3

Tenth grade:

Year	1989	1990	1991	1992
Sat:	40.7	47.3	53.2	48.8
Mod:	30.1	32.8	26.0	30.9
Total:	70.8	80.1	79.2	79.7

MATH

One test was given in mathematics. According to district officials, those who received a satisfactory rating met and exceeded the test requirements; those who received a moderate rating met the test requirements. Only those receiving a satisfactory or moderate rating in math (plus passing reading and science) can receive endorsed diplomas. (All figures are percentages.)

Fourth grade:

Year	1991	1992
Satis:	38.3	51.2
Mod:	28.8	25.9
Total:	67.1	77.1

Seventh grade:

Year	1991	1992
Satis:	50.5	59.7
Mod:	30.1	31.0
Total:	80.6	90.7

Tenth grade:

Year	1991	1992
Satis:	25.8	30.0
Mod:	28.9	34.5
Total:	54.7	64.5

MEAP scores get mixed reaction

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"When you have high stakes tests," he said, "districts begin to align their curriculum to match (expectations)."

The clash over intent arrived, he said, when the state Department of Education pushed for emphasis on MEAP essential skills as a driving force in curriculum development while the Legislature was viewing MEAP exams merely as tests for diploma endorsement.

Although the overall impact of the 1992 scores was encouraging for nearly all district officials, Supt. John Hoben called for the future introduction of other forms of testing to help enhance the conclusions.

In addition, board President Roland Thomas was concerned about the increase in the "low" rating among fourth-graders

in reading -- from 24.6 percent in 1991 to 27.2 percent this school year.

The explanation raised a few eyebrows at the board meeting: According to an elementary school principal in attendance at the meeting, fourth-graders taking the information reading test at the beginning of the school year are asked questions concerning facts found in fourth-grade social studies textbooks.

The problem is, she said, that the children don't even use the textbook until later in the semester.

This situation, according to the same administrator, caused an almost comical situation last year when many pupils, faced with questions concerning the Roman Empire -- which they had yet to learn about -- gave answers instead about the fictional Empire found in the Star Wars movie trilogy.

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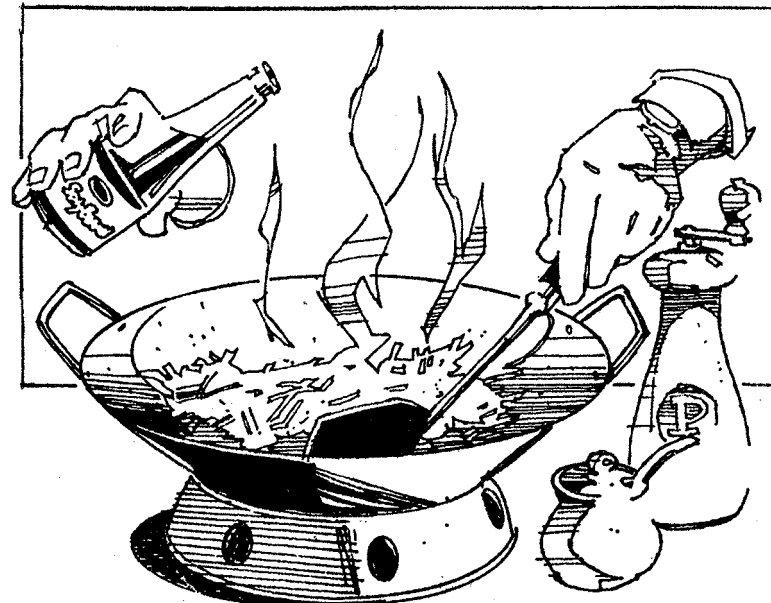
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Sports

Ist at Athens Salem gymnasts open with victories

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Opening its competitive season this week, the Salem gymnastics team gave a stellar performance, showing why they are ranked as one of the top gymnastics teams in the state.

In its first dual meet, Salem captured a 139.45-103.4 win over Farmington. The Rocks then went on to capture first place in the traditionally tough Troy Athens Invitational on Saturday.

Salem earned 140.80 points at Troy. "Our total score improved from Wednesday," said first-year Salem coach Johanna Anderson. "I didn't think we'd be able to do that, usually at an invitational the scoring is harder."

Starting off the season Wednesday against Farmington, Kim Miller awed the audience with her performance on the beam. Incorporating a front flip and a back layout into her routine, she earned a 9.4.

Courtney Gonyea captured an 8.85 and Melissa Hopson earned an 8.8 on the balance beam.

Although the Rocks won their first meet of the season handily, Anderson learned just how much harder her squad has to work to keep the scores high on the vault this year with the new judging guidelines in this event.

The opening event proved to be the toughest for the squad, as it was the only event the Rocks didn't top 9.

Divers highlight meet Salem finishes second

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem swimmers secured second Saturday at the Stevenson Invitational, at the Salem pool.

Rock tankers earned 154 points, finishing behind Birmingham Groves with 166.

In a series of heats, Salem's top four swimmers and top two relay teams competed against the same from Groves, Andover, Stevenson, Lahser and Rowe.

The meet provided Salem coach Chuck Olson the opportunity to see how his number one, two, three and four swimmers and number one and two relay teams compare with the same from other schools.

Olson learned his depth is good, as the tankers in the slower heats took first place, but most of his top two swimmers did not fare so well. Something Olson hopes to rectify.

Diving was the highlight of the meet for Salem as the Rocks chalked up first place wins in each of the four heats.

Also on the vault, Sofios scored 8.60, Makins earned 8.55, and Gonyea scored 8.45.

"We were weak on the vault," said Anderson. "We're working on the vault to make it stronger."

Miller led her team on the vault, scoring 8.65. Alysia Sofios scored 8.35, and Gonyea earned 8.2.

On the bars, usually a strong event for Salem, Miller earned 9.1. Sofios scored 8.8, and Sarah Makins scored 8.35.

Recently the floor has been a strong event for Salem and last week was no exception. Sofios earned 9.15, Hopson scored 9.1, and Miller earned 8.9.

In the all-around, Miller scored 36.05, Sofios was 34.55, Hopson came in at 34.35. Gonyea earned 34.0 and Makins scored 32.85.

At their first invitational of the season, Salem claimed first place, and Anderson found her team was consistent in its strengths and weaknesses.

Hopson led the team in points in two events, on the vault with 8.75 and on the bars with 9.05. She also scored the highest all-around score of any Salem gymnasts, earning 36.4 points.

Miller was second for Salem on the vault (8.70) and on the bars (9.0).

Gonyea earned a 9.3 on the beam, Salem's highest score, and 9.0 on the floor to lead her team in that event. She also chalked up the second highest all-around score, earning 35.15.

Woody Thomas scored 362.25 points in his competition. Justin Richardson earned 345.80 points. Chris Obudinski earned 297.45, and Chris Gioia scored 260.70.

Salem's best performance by the fastest Rock swimmers was a second place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. Scott Helmstadter, Phil Hoffmeyer, Matt Erickson and Fred Locke qualified for the state meet with a time of 1:42.80.

Medals were awarded for first, second and third place in all competitions.

Aaron Berlin earned two medals in the fastest heats, taking third in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:55.28, and third in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing in 5:06.51.

Helmstadter earned a medal finishing the 100-yard backstroke in 58.64, good for third.

The second 400-yard freestyle relay team of Tim Nixon, Ryan Petroskey, Chris Lynn and Helmstadter took first in 3:36.85.

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On the bars, Sofios scored 8.85, Makins earned 8.50, and Gonyea had 8.45.

Makins was second on the beam for Salem, scoring 8.95. Teammates Hopson and Sofios each earned 8.9, and Stefanie Angiulo scored 7.0.

On the floor, Hopson was second for Salem with 8.75. Sofios was right behind her with 8.7, Makins scored 8.25, and Angiulo scored 7.85.

Others scoring in all-around include Sofios with 35.05 and Makins with 34.20.

Salem remains undefeated and travels to Midland for the Midland Invitational, where they will face Muskegon Mona Shores.

Anderson will have a chance to see how the two teams stack up. Salem finished second in the state to Mona Shores for the last two years.



Salem's Alysia Sofios maneuvers through her bar routine at the Rocks season opener. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Chief Gymnasts perform

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton gymnastic team claimed second place honors at the Troy Invitational meet Saturday. The Chiefs finished with 131.95 points, behind Salem.

Kim Rennolds placed in the top 10 in all events Saturday for Canton. She was second on the floor scoring 9.05; fourth on the bars with an 8.9; seventh on the vault scoring 8.6; and ninth on the beam with an 8.7.

She was fourth in the all around with 35.25 points.

Adrienne Brenner had her best performance of the day on the balance beam, scoring 8.05.

Kim Lewke placed fifth on the vault with an 8.65. She was Canton's third highest in the all around with 32.30.

Also giving impressive all-around performances were Jenny Tedesco with 32.65, earning 8.2, 8.4, 8.35, and 7.2 in her events.

Kim Nowak chalked up a 31.15 all-around score Saturday.

In its first dual meet of the season, Canton defeated Walled Lake, 131.55-111.6.

On the vault, Lewke took first place with 8.8. Rennolds was third with 8.5, and Tedesco was right behind her in fourth place with 8.45. Kari Jackson earned 7.6 and took sixth place.

Tedesco was first on bars with 8.65, Rennolds was second with 8.35, Lewke was fifth with 7.15, and Brenner was sixth with 7.1.

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Salem grapplers perform at tourney

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was an opportunity to run with the big guys for the Salem wrestling squad Saturday, as they competed in and hosted the Salem Varsity Invitational meet.

The tournament is hosted by the Salem squad with the help of the Plymouth Rotary and LOC Performance, which donated the award.

The parent group provides a lot of support for the event, according to coach Ron Krueger, especially alumni parents Russ and Norah Morrell.

At the tournament, the Rocks claimed ninth place out of 16 teams and earned 101 points in the tournament.

Medals were awarded through fifth place in two divisions of competition.

"We were in with the real big dogs," said Salem Coach Ron Krueger. "We got underfoot and were stepped on a little."

Krueger views this tournament as one of the toughest competitions his young squad has seen this year, and he is pleased with the performance of many of his grapplers.

Ryan Giuliani placed fifth in the heavyweight class, and he held his own in the tournament.

The top four heavyweight grapplers in this tournament were all-state seeded wrestlers, and Giuliani finished right behind them.

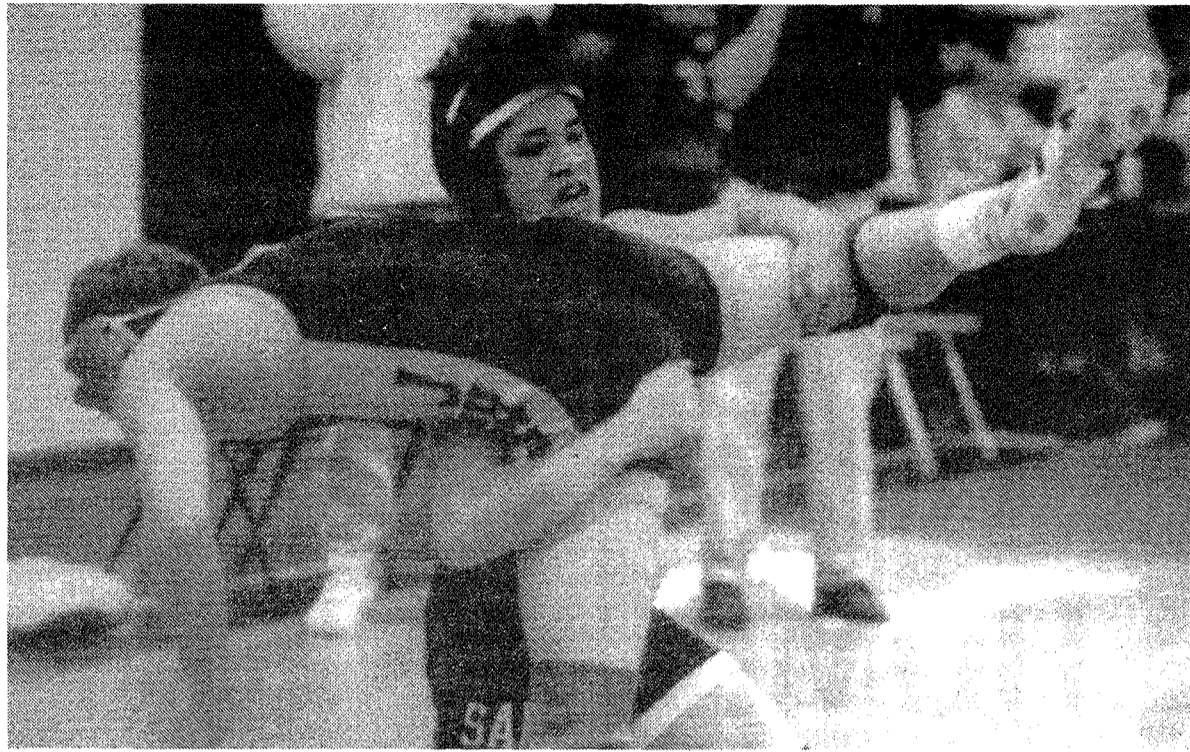
He was 3-2 for the day, winning two matches on pins, and his third 6-3 by decision.

Scott Hughes (103) finished third and was 2-2 for the day. He won both of his matches on a pin, the first was 27 seconds, the second was 1:30.

The two matches he lost were by decision, 8-6 and 9-7.

Romeo Cairo (12) was 1-2 on the day. His win was a pin in 1:55.

Bryan Herrald (119) finished seventh and was 4-1 on the day. He lost his first match on a pin in 56 seconds, and competed in the consolation matches, where he won each match.



Salem's Romeo Cairo in dual against Jenison's Eric Bruning. Cairo lost the match 1-0. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Three of his four wins were pins, the fourth was on a 10-4 decision.

Phil Mitchell (130) took eighth and was 3-2 for the day.

He won two matches on a pin and the third 3-0.

John Svec (152) was 1-3 for the day. He won his first match on a pin in 55 seconds.

Wade Langdon (160) was 3-2 for the day and finished in fifth place.

He won his first match on a pin in 1:04, beat the number two seeded grappler 12-2 and won his third 7-3 by decision.

Phil Haynes had a void in his first match, won two and lost one. His first win was a pin in 3:30, the second by decision, 6-4.

The Rocks compete tomorrow against Stevenson.

PCJBA hoop

Tournament play began last weekend for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association's Girls "A" league teams. In the first round, it was the Lakers over the Rockets 43-42 and the Kings beat the Hornets 67-58.

In girls "B" league competition last weekend, the Lakers defeated the Nets 24-22. The Lakers remain undefeated, with a 4-0 record. The Nets are 3-1. The Celtics are also 3-1, they defeated the Rockets 30-28. The Rockets are 1-3. And it was the Pistons over the Kings 23-18. The Pistons are 1-3, the Kings 0-4.

In the boys "B" league, national division as of Jan. 9, the Jazz and 76ers are 4-0. The Celtics are 3-1. Magic, Pistons, Lakers and Nets are 2-2. The Bulls are 1-3. The Blazers and Kings are 0-4.

In the American League, the Rockets and Pacers are 4-0. The Spurs and Suns are 3-1. The Hawks, Knicks and Warriors are 2-2. The Sonics, Bucks and Hornets are 0-4.

Canton gymnasts

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Michelle Cimeot took second on the balance beam with 8.5. Rennolds was fourth with 7.95, Nowak was fifth with 7.85, and Lewke was sixth with 7.8.

Canton took first, second, third, fifth and sixth on the floor.

Rennolds took first with 9.2. Nowak was second earning 8.95, and Lewke was third at 8.4.

Brenner was fifth with 8.3, and Cimeot was sixth with 7.5.

In the all-around, Rennolds was first with 34.00 and Lewke was third with 32.25.

"We had a good meet," said John Cunningham, Canton coach. "We had a number of falls on the beam, but it was one of those things where it was our first (dual) meet, it was away, and the equipment was strange."

The Chiefs will compete against Farmington today at home, then in the Rockford Invitational Saturday.

CEP Highlights

Basketball

Canton, 1-5 overall, 0-1 in league.

The Chiefs were defeated 59-54 by North Farmington Friday night.

Canton's Matt Paupore tossed in 23 points and was 12-12 at the free throw line.

Bryan Whittle added 15 points.

Canton fell to Ypsilanti last week, 73-49.

The Chiefs face John Glenn Friday. Salem, 6-0 overall, 1-0 in league.

The Rocks defeated Livonia Churchill 48-38 last Friday.

James Head tossed in 17 points, grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Rocks were 16-20 at the free throw line.

Against Waterford Kettering earlier in the week, Salem won 58-34.

Mike Slone tossed in 21 points.

Volleyball

Salem, 5-8-2.

The Rocks were 2-8 at the Portage Invitational, beating only Forest Hills 15-11, 15-11 in Saturday's tournament.

Salem's seniors performed well. Cyndi Platter had 32 kills, with seven block stuffs.

Caryn Tatterton had 19 kills, 49 assists on 213 attempts, two block stuffs, and 20 service aces.

Jenny Garvey had 17 kills and 15 service aces.

Jenna Stanton had 15 kills and four block stuffs.

Swimming

Canton, 1-1 dual meets.

The Chiefs beat Brighton 107-79 last Tuesday, taking eight first place finishes.

Craig Steshetz was first in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:12.31, and in 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.19.

Jeff Clark was first in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing in 23.73, and the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 51.58.

Todd Gillihan, Steshetz, Foster and Clark won the 200-yard medley relay, with a time of 1:50.37.

Steshetz, Foster, Ryan Hinkel and Scott Mulder took first in the 200-yard freestyle relay, with a time of 1:39.83.

Foster was first in the 100-yard butterfly in 59.63.

Wrestling

Canton, 0-1 in dual meets.

The Chiefs finished 14th place with 67 points Saturday at the Salem Varsity Invitational.

Nick Spano (135) won all his meets and was 4-0 for the day. He is 19-0 for the season.

Two wins were pins, the first in 44 seconds, the second in 1:33. The other two wins were by decision, 8-6 and 15-8.

Bill Buslipp (152) placed fifth and was 3-2 for the day. He won his first match on a pin in 1:02, and two by decision.

Dan Grunewald (103) was seventh and finished 4-1 for the day, winning two matches by pin and two by decision.

Frank Toramina (112) took eighth. He was 2-3 on the day, winning his first match on a pin, and his second by decision over Salem's Romeo Cairo.

David Smith (140) was eighth. He was 2-3 on the day, winning his first match on a pin in 2:49, the second by decision, 16-9.

EMU skates

A busy and important weekend is fast approaching for the Eastern Michigan University's Club Hockey team.

Two big Conference games are scheduled for next weekend at their home court, the Plymouth Cultural Center. EMU will face off against Minnesota on Jan. 22, and Iowa State on Jan. 23. Both games are important for the EMU team if they want to stay in contention for the national competition this year.

As of last week, EMU is 6-3-0 in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League. Cost to attend is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, and \$1 for senior citizens.

Local club skater heads to nationals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Not many people get the chance to compete against the best in the nation, but Carrie Wolak will have that opportunity later this month when she heads to the National Figure Skating Championships in Phoenix, Jan. 16-24.

Wolak, 14, has been skating since she was two years old, and competing since age five.

A member of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club, this is the first time in her skating career that she will compete nationally.

To earn a spot among the nation's best novice figure skaters, Wolak competed in and won the Eastern Great Lakes Regional competition and the Midwestern Championship.

At the nationals, she will be competing in two programs, the original program which is a two-minute routine and must include a series of required elements, including jumps and spins.

Her second program is a three-minute free skating, which will be judged on technical merit, composition and style.

Wolak skates three hours a day, six days a week at the Cultural Center.

"She is very fast and has big jumps," said Theresa McKendry, one of her coaches. "I think that sets her apart from the other girls, she is pretty consistent."

Wolak is a Livonia resident, and a student at Churchill High School.



Carrie Wolack

Salem Swim

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Eric Seidelman, Andy Dettling, Chris Lynn and Mark Levitt were first in their heat of the 200-yard medley. The quartet finished in 1:47.42.

Salem claimed seven additional first place finishes in various heats of the individual races.

Petroskey took first in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 2:01.46.

Seidelman was first in the 200-yard individual medley, completing his race in 2:16.33.

Drayke Shackelford swam the 50-yard freestyle in 25.34, to take first.

Nixon was first in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing in 59.07.

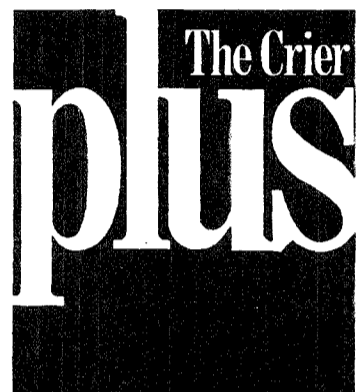
Dave Bracht swam the 100-yard freestyle in 53.74, good for first.

Lynn was first in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing in 1:00.13.

Marcus Sakesian finished the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:10.51, taking first in his race.

The Rocks are 1-1 in dual meets.

They swim tomorrow against Novi at home.



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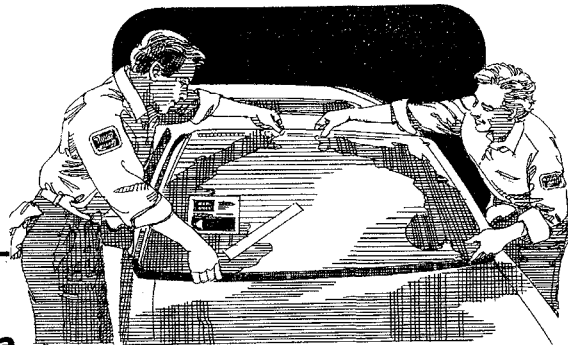
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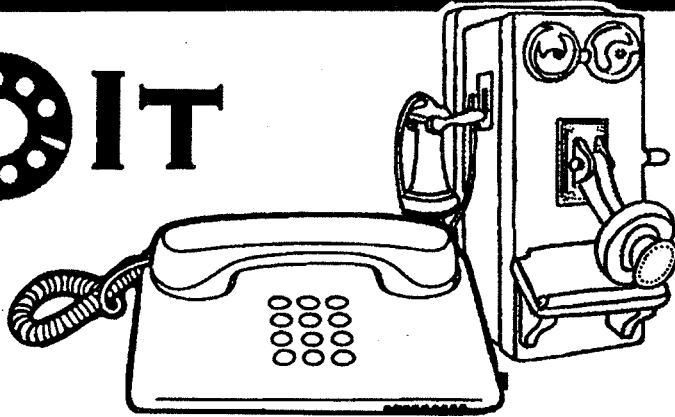
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Community opinions

Citizens made mistake by passing proposal 3

It's been on the books for some time, and in November Plymouth residents had a chance to alter it -- but they didn't. The end result was an endorsement of the city's residency requirement for department heads.

But the results didn't end there: Chuck Skene, who has served 18 years as recreation director for Plymouth, is going to work for Westland as its recreation director. Why? Because when Mr. Skene got married and settled down with his wife and daughter in Westland he made himself inelligible for his own job.

It is nice to think that Plymouth is an island and all the necessary great minds are here already. But that isn't true, and the city might have to look at the ugly possibility that it tied its own hands by not passing Proposal 3 and altering the residency rule.

Ask around, how many recreation directors with 18 years of experience are willing to relocate completely to Plymouth?

How many recreation directors *have* 18 years experience. Don't wear yourself out looking.

Because of the band

Plymouth is on the map

EDITOR,

First it was the "Plymouth Band," then (in) the Fiesta Bowl National Pageant of Bands it was the "Plymouth Centennial Education Park School Band" of Plymouth, Michigan.

Now we know who is the greatest. How proud we are to have had you in Arizona where you have many Plymouth friends and supporters.

We watched you in the parade with pride and cheered you on; you showed your class and we thank you for your presence so far from home.

Now everyone here knows where Plymouth, Michigan is because you put us on the map. Thanks again.

BUD MARTIN

PAST MAYOR OF PLYMOUTH

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EDITOR,

Traveling to Arizona with the Centennial Education Park Marching Band was a privilege I shall not soon forget and it has left me with a sincere feeling of pride for each of its members.

Capturing the first-place award in the Fiesta Bowl Pageant of Bands was exciting, but almost secondary to the fine example they set for youth today. Their behavior was exemplary!

Their dedication to the band program as well as appreciation and respect for other participating bands has unquestionably been inspired by their director, Glen Adsit.

I have watched the band program grow over many years and am one proud Plymouth resident -- and grandparent of one of its members.

BUNNY MAURER

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Wordsmith

By Alex Lundberg



Word to the wise: Spend only what you have

The Rolling Stones say "you can't always get what you want."

In the case of the proposed Canton Community Center, you may not be able to pay for it.

Whether or not you want it, the availability of money should always be the bottom line.

Canton Township is currently planning to build a multi-million dollar community center. The proposed center will boast an indoor track, racquetball courts, multi-purpose gymnasium, weight room, fitness area, aerobic/dance area, four different pools, banquet facilities, conference rooms, and a kitchen and catering area.

Basically, it will have all the amenities of a community on the upswing.

But why build an expensive new building when all but the banquet facilities are within a few miles of the township hall?

Everything that Canton plans to build into its community center can be found in the neighboring schools.

Pools, endless conference rooms that are empty after 3 p.m., all of the fitness, sports, and weight training paraphernalia needed to get an army entertained and fit, and gymnasia ad nauseum.

Why spend hard-generated green energy to build redundant facilities? Why not work out a deal to share the existing equipment with the local schools? Renting is always cheaper than building or buying.

Arranging to share the schools' facilities with the whole community seems to me to be the best alternative to spending the \$13 million that Canton is prepared to pay for the proposed community center.

The \$13 million figure doesn't even factor in the tentative yearly budget of \$484,680 to staff and maintain the facility.

Township officials aren't even sure how they'll raise the money anyway. One

of the ideas being thrown around the table is a membership fee.

That might work, but to go ahead and build the center hoping that enough people will join to make up the cost sounds iffy at best.

At the very worst, if not enough people sign up for membership the township will be forced to pay its debts by passing tax increases.

And nobody wants that, right?

Something to keep in mind is the Student Activity Center (SAC) that was built at Central Michigan University. The idea was that the board of trustees wanted to build the be-all and end-all of athletic facilities.

The university already had everything that the proposed SAC was going to furnish. The only difference between the SAC facilities and the existing ones was that they would be newer and all in one building.

The CMU board of Trustees decided that the existing facilities at Finch Fieldhouse and the Rose Center were not what they wanted and money was no object when it came to building a state-of-the-art anti-drug and alcohol showpiece for the university.

When all was said and done, the SAC was what it was planned to be.

The problem was that the plan for the funding and payment of the SAC's \$16 million building and furnishing costs was ludicrous (a \$90 per year mandatory user fee, payable whether or not the student *could* or did use the center) and were eventually insufficient.

Just because Canton officials want a community center is not a good enough reason to have one.

Learn a lesson from CMU, be sure that you can pay for it first. Be sure that you can't get the same product at a cheaper price.

Make sure you don't already have what you want.



Community opinions

Cable coverage not covered well in Crier

EDITOR:

About your editorial concerning cable bidding on 12/19/92, you couldn't have been more wrong.

1.) The last two issues of The Crier (12/16-12/19) you have included Northville Township in the cable consortium meeting of 12/14/92. Not true, they chose not to be a part of the consortium and have not attended any of the meetings.

2.) Speaking for Canton, the franchise

agreement with Omnicom specifically says a non-exclusive franchise. Had any cable company come forward in the last 13 years, Canton would have given serious consideration to a second franchise.

3.) The technology breakthroughs you refer to in your statement about competition border on a "laffer," DBS (Direct Broadcast Satellite) although it sounds like it is getting closer still doesn't exist. When is does show up the

equipment will cost \$400 to \$600 and the service charges will be comparable of higher than cable.

Getting yourself a 10-foot dish and the equipment that goes with it can cost \$2,000 to \$3,500, and you still have to pay a broker more than the cable company charges for the same service.

Ah yes, the telephone company, when will they come to our rescue? Believe me when I tell you, they have no idea when

they will be able to deliver a video signal to our homes.

Further more, they will NOT have to have a franchise, they will not have to have a studio in our communities, they will not have to broadcast ANY local events, they will not be subject to ANY local regulation and they will not pay franchise fees for the public right of ways.

This, obviously, will give them a financial advantage over the local cable companies and may well put them out of business. ANY local input, as we know it today, will be gone.

4.) In regards to your statement about "Let The Bidding Begin," this is where you are most uninformed. The cable act of 1984 specifically orders Franchisers to bargain in good faith at renewal time. It gives four reasons you can deny a franchise (which I won't go into here) that historically Omnicom has not violated. However suffice to say, the consortium has the knowledge and ability to come up with a good franchise renewal. You can take that to the bank.

You've sat back in your ivory tower for the last 13 years, jump in at the eleventh hour and pass yourself off as experts to the local communities. We here in Canton have had active cable committees for the past 11 years, spent hundreds, maybe thousands, of hours educating ourselves on this subject, and you never even talk to any of Canton's cable committee members or, to my knowledge, any of the other communities to verify any of your "facts" before printing this editorial.

Canton-Plymouth-Northville Communities deserve better from The Crier.

JIM KRONBERG
CANTON CABLE COMMITTEE

Regarding cable,

Leaders need a new attitude

Hello P-C,

Great to see that at least one local official isn't afraid to consider the possibility that the future of cable TV in the area doesn't have to remain at the mercy of the current cable operator.

In Plymouth Township, Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy is actually contemplating an alternative to Omnicom -- an approach that certainly runs counter to some of her contemporaries in the area.

One local leader, for example, has chastised The Crier for its stand on suggesting that cable negotiations should include offering the entire system up for rebidding.

Although I won't go into detail concerning all his points -- let his letter speak for itself -- one point stuck out from all the rest: that we weren't there at the beginning and therefore don't have a clue about the original negotiations nor the entire issue of cable TV.

Wrong, wrong, wrong.

I realize that none of you know me yet, but maybe I should take a moment to paint you a clear picture of who I am -- or, better yet, what I know.

Having covered the Downriver area of suburban Detroit for more than 15 years, I was almost intimate with cable TV negotiations in the late '70s.

I knew -- and reported -- which local politicians took free plane rides to Colorado to see one outfit, and which Canadian company hired local front men to sell their outfit.

I knew -- and reported -- which councilmen took gifts beyond plane rides, including substantial contributions to their campaign funds.

I wrote stories detailing the grandiose promises made by one firm after another to salivating city councils; promises of two-way emergency systems, stereo sound and a global view of the world.

Oh, and every town would reap a monetary percentage of the benefits, would have access to a specific channel for cablecast of meetings or for a bulletin board and -- finally -- would have final say in any rate increase request for the life of the franchise.

What most of us got, of course -- especially following deregulation -- were ever-escalating and confusing rates, poor service and often snowy pictures (bring back the rabbit ears).

Emergency systems? Nope.

Stereo? Down my way, one channel was simulcast briefly on a companion FM frequency. Didn't last long.

Good reception? In rainy weather or high winds, kiss a good picture -- and sometimes any picture -- goodbye.

Got a problem with an in-and-out reception of TNT? Good luck: Mine's been fluctuating for four months and in the only visit we had by a repair man ended with a single strand of cable being replaced -- and the picture back to abnormal a month later.

And one final point to all of this is that, while the 15-year franchises granted by local communities weren't exclusive in the legal sense of the word, they most certainly were exclusive in every practical sense.

Gatekeeping By Craig Farrand



Period.

Every player in the game 15 years ago knew darn well that once the franchise was granted, no subsequent competitor was going to attempt to enter the territory.

Being an infant technology (in the United States, anyway) no one wanted to create a marketing battlefield over an untested concept.

As a result, for all intents and purposes, these franchises have been exclusive locks.

But now all of that has changed.

No longer is cable an infant technology (it's not even the only technology) and towns like Canton, with houses popping up like dandelions, make cable operators drool with anticipation over future hookups.

Competitors? Heck, who wouldn't enter a market now?

In fact, with the advent of new technology -- and I'm not talking about everyone putting up a satellite dish in his or her backyard -- there are some new players in the game that just didn't exist 15 years ago.

The telephone company is poised to enter the game, for one, but lets not rule out any other cable operator as well.

Already, engineers are talking about new compression technology that theoretically can expand 50 channels to 1,500

And then there's fiber optics -- a technology the phone company is already committed to installing nationwide this decade: Using glass fibers no thicker than a human hair, all types of information can be transmitted over surface lines -- including two-way transmissions via television connections.

If you've kept up on the technological explosion in HDTV and fiber optics, you certainly have read about sitting at home and actually being able to select the camera angle from which you'd like to watch a football game!

In the end, then, Keen-McCarthy has the right attitude: A new day has dawned for the cable TV consumer and there's no good reason to pursue negotiations that are as dated as leisure suits.

If The P-C Community wants to enter the 21st century in style, it makes far better sense to help lead the way than it does to follow behind the cable TV elephants.

And that means that every person involved with these negotiations better bone up on the subject, get their feet out of clay and make sure they put the best interests of their constituents ahead of those of the friendly neighborhood cable-meister.

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Community opinions

Hotel's 'future is a bright one'

EDITOR:

Thank you for the article updating the Mayflower Hotel's status. A very important point should be reinforced that the employees at the hotel and restaurants will continue to serve the community as the hotel gains momentum.

As many of your readers are probably aware, the Mayflower Hotel, with the consent of the Mayflower II Partnership (Scott and Randy Lorenz and Creon Smith), has been placed in receivership by the court. The Lorenz's and Heritage Federal Savings Bank have mutually agreed to the appointment of a receiver over the hotel. To further strengthen the hotel's operation, I have appointed Randy Lorenz as general manager of the hotel.

The Lorenz family has proudly operated the Mayflower Hotel for the last 53 years of the hotel's 65 year history. Heritage Federal Savings Bank is cooperating fully with the Lorenz family and the City of Plymouth to reach a solution that will preserve the Mayflower as the heartbeat of Downtown Plymouth.

The Mayflower's future is a bright one. The hotel's reputation of providing its guests the finest food, service and accommodations was hard earned, and we are re-dedicating ourselves to improve upon that solid foundation.

Sincerely,

RON WILSON, PRESIDENT
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To solve this crime; Police need information

With the attack of another woman, possibly by the same man who raped a 16-year-old girl on Dec. 9, one cannot help but to think of how he could get away with it.

A man who stalks our streets and attacks women is not invisible. There are people who saw him before and after his crimes.

The problem is getting those people to realize that what they saw is extremely important to police and the two known women who were attacked.

Think back.

The first known attack occurred on a Wednesday, very early in the morning, approximately 6:45 a.m. Were you or anyone you know traveling in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and I-275 that cold morning? Do you know anyone who lives or works in that area?

If you answered yes, talk to these people. Did they see a lone man walking on the street? If so, from what direction was he walking? What was he wearing and what did he look like?

Did you see a parked car on a nearby street, one that is not normally there?

If something about that morning strikes you as even slightly unusual, call township police. Let them be the judge of whether your information is significant.

Witnesses are more probable to come from the second attack, which happened again on a Wednesday morning. This time the man attacked at 8:35 a.m. in Princeton Court apartments.

A new notion By Amy Kidwell



If you know anyone who lives in that area, ask them if they saw anything unusual. Plenty of people must have been driving to work. Think back.

The attack occurred near Schoolcraft and Haggerty, directly behind LakePoint subdivision. Anyone driving up the hill of Wilcox Road to get on I-96 may have very well seen something.

Police cannot be expected have eyes on every street corner 24 hours a day, and despite their training and resources, they cannot solve crimes with out accurate information.

Information that is supplied by witnesses. Witnesses who are the key to solving these crimes.

One thing you can bet on: This man has attacked before and he will attack again.

Sexual violence may not be a pleasant topic for discussion, but people in the community need to be aware of the dangers around them, and witnesses need to know that their information is needed.

Read the attack story one more time and take a good look at the composite drawings.

Most importantly, If you have information or see the man, call township police at 453-3869.

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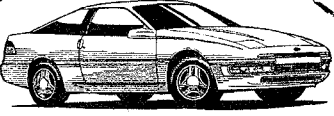
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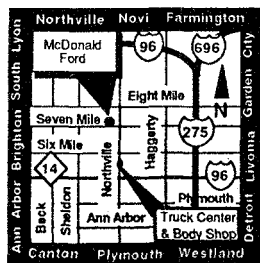
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