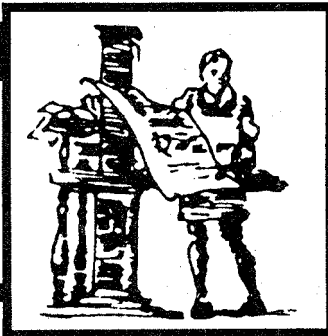


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# Stewardship



Ford employees at the Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township gather with recycled materials used in the manufacture of automotive components. All of the plant's raw plastic contains 25 percent (6.75 million pounds annually) of post-consumer recycled material content — a first for an automotive manufacturer. The 6.75 million pounds of recycled bottle caps, plastic strapping and cotton bale are used to produce air conditioner and heater housings for 19 different North American-built cars and trucks. (See complete story on pg. 6)

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*Schools,  
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BY BRIAN CORBETT

Problem solved.

At Monday night's P-C School Board meeting, held at Gallimore Elementary School, Superintendent Charles Little announced the school district will purchase touch screen voting machines in addition to borrowing similar machines from

Plymouth Township.

This plan saves the school district approximately \$40,000, and will place four PATRIOT touch screen voting machines at each of the school district's 18 precincts. "We anticipated spending \$75,000," said Little. "By working out this arrangement, we're only going to spend \$30,000 to \$35,000."

The City, Little said, will use the school district's old equipment, which will be declared surplus property. "It's a happy ending to a good story," said Little.

It wasn't so good earlier this month when the City Commission and the Township Board of Trustees were at odds

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## Rebuilding

*Plans developed to replace pavilion lost in  
devastating fire at Plymouth Township Park*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of the Plymouth Township Park pavilion at the Jan. 23 meeting.

The pavilion, built in 1979, was destroyed by fire Jan. 6. Police would like to question three suspects witnesses saw fleeing the scene to determine if the fire, started in the pavilion's fireplace and two 55-gallon drums, was an arson or an accident.

Township Engineers Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, who designed the original structure, are preparing to solicit bids. Included in the approved motion was an award date of March 26 and the expenditure of \$7,500 for services related to construction, which is tentatively slated to begin April 15 and be completed Aug. 1, according to Township Engineer Michael J. Bailey.

The replacement of the structure is expected to cost more than \$200,000; the township is liable for \$11,000 of the cost, but that may change if the age and intent of the suspects becomes known.

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## Pottery

*New group takes art form to  
the next level of excellence*

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## Do-si-do

*Canton dentist cleans teeth,  
teaches square dancing*

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## Dream fades

*Canton basketball team  
drops first game of the year*

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# High schools evacuated following bomb threats

BY BRIAN CORBETT

More than 4,300 students and teachers were evacuated from Canton and Salem high schools Friday morning because of a bomb threat.

A bomb sniffing dog was brought in by the Michigan State Police, but no evidence of a bomb was found in a search that also included Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Security, administrative staff, custodians and Canton Police, according to Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin and Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens.

According to Ostoin, there are no suspects. "I couldn't tell you who it is," said Ostoin.

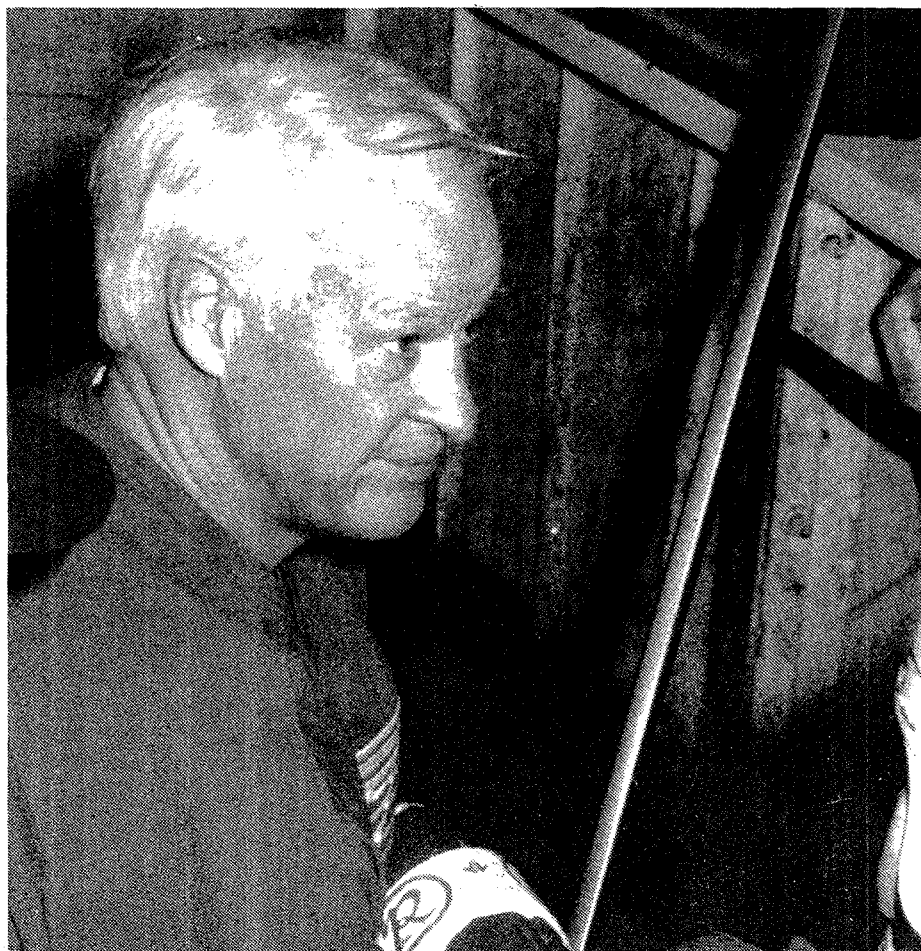
"We have police investigating, and I feel quite confident we'll find out who's responsible."

Ostoin said that several of the approximately 15 prank phone calls received had been documented.

Students were evacuated at approximately 9 a.m., during second hour, and remained 40 feet away from the buildings for about 20 minutes. Ostoin said that is text book procedure. "Whenever we have students outside the building for whatever reason," he said, "we tell them to stay 30 to 40 feet away from the building."

When students returned indoors, they stayed in their second hour classroom throughout third hour for precautionary reasons. In the threats, the caller had eluded to Phase Two, or the south end of Canton High School, which is full of activity in between periods. "We didn't want them crossing campus until we were sure," said Ostoin.

# Gordie!



Red Wings hockey legend Gordie Howe was in Plymouth Saturday at the Cultural Center. Howe and the other members of the Red Wing Alumni team played the Canton Police and Fire Union Team to raise money for the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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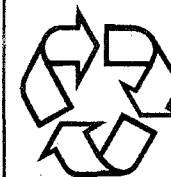
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# P-C Schools unveil new tests

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Gone are the days of number two pencils, scantron sheets, multiple choice and an auditorium full of students sitting every other seat.

In are tests that include peer discussion, investigation, outlining, communicating and supporting evidence, and holistic scoring.

At Monday night's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting, Executive Director of Instruction K-12 Tom Tattan unveiled the high school proficiency tests and fifth and eighth grade MEAP tests to school

board members.

The tests, which will be given the first two weeks of March after the school district's mid-winter break, are remarkably different from tests previously administered. "It was multiple guessing," Tattan said in reference to the SAT test, "we all know that."

Tattan said the new tests have not only changed in context, but also in presentation. "You can't jam kids into Salem Auditorium," said Tattan, "and say, 'Now talk about what you wrote.' It's not a good learning environment."

Area Coordinators Mary Kay Frey, Jerry Morris and Sharon Streat presented overviews of the new testing methods in the high school proficiency tests for math, science and communication arts.

The most noticeable change in math testing: no longer is providing the correct numbers enough, students must also write an essay on how they came up with their answer. In science, Morris said, "The difference now between proficiency testing and former testing is they have to learn the important stuff and they have to put it into context."

Morris called this HOTS, or Higher Order Learning Skills. In the communication arts, Streat said, students must reflect what they are learning, apply their knowledge in a practical situation and make a connection among several passages, instead just answering individual questions for each story.

Tattan acknowledged the junior class was the "guinea-pig" class because they've haven't had any experience with these types of tests. To help students, workshops will be held after school Feb. 12 and Feb. 19.

Fifth and eighth graders also face new challenges in MEAP testing, according to teachers Kathy Harenda and Sheila Alles. The new tests will involve more writing, problem solving, critical thinking, and peer and open discussion. The test results will be scored holistically, with "Mature" and "Capable" as some of the scoring terms.

Associate Director for Research and Technology David Rodwell said students need to take the new tests seriously. "They

## Plans to rebuild pavilion in Twp. underway

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The Michigan Arson Task Force is offering a \$5,000 reward for information on individuals responsible for the fire.

Trustee Kay Arnold said she would like to see some kind of monetary incentive offered to contractors to expedite the building process.

Trustee Charles Curmi disagreed. "I don't support any penalty to rush this," he said. "It's not an emergency structure."

Director of Public Services Jim Anulewicz said the bids will be designed in a segment that will ask contractors, if they were to consolidate, how much would they consolidate and what would they charge. Bailey said the tentative accelerated date is July 1.

"Is there anyway we could have a security camera put up?" Clerk Marilyn Massengill asked.

"There are a number of avenues. You raise a good point," said Anulewicz. "That is something we will consider."

"Are we going to have fire suppression?" asked Arnold.

"It's awful expensive," said Anulewicz.

Bailey said any fire suppression installed in the pavilion would have to be a dry system, because a regular sprinkler system would be set off by the smoke from fireplace and/or barbecues.

# Happy Birthday!



Canton resident Irene Oberect celebrated her 101st birthday last week. For dinner, she went to Bill Knapps, where she received 8 cents BACK from the restaurant. Eat your heart out, George Burns. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Schools, Twp. will share equipment

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over which type of equipment should be purchased. Talks over a joint purchase broke down when the township voted to buy the PATRIOT touch screen system from the California-based company UniLect, while the City remained in favor of the more widely used optic scan voting equipment.

Little suggested the school district borrow the township's equipment and purchase additional machines, but even he admitted his frustration with not reaching a joint agreement. "It's pretty hard when one-third of the situation is closed down," Little said at the Jan. 15 school board meeting.

With the current agreement, Little has

apparently put the school district in a desirable position by acquiring state-of-the-art voting equipment, but spending less money than originally planned since the township purchased a majority of the equipment by itself. Also, the school district will get a trial run before its June elections with the township set to go to the polls in March. "So they can test this all before we have a run at it," Little said.

The school district will share the cost of a software license with the township and free up storage space by giving its old equipment to the City. Little also said back up PATRIOT machines could probably be borrowed from the City of Tecumseh, who uses the PATRIOT but is on a different voting schedule.

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- The Canton Economic Club is hosting Susy Heintz, the state chairperson of the Republican Party and former Wayne County Commissioner at their meeting tomorrow at noon at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

## THE WEEKEND

- "Variety Is," a multi-talented show, will be held Friday and Saturday at the Salem High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door on both evenings, \$4 for balcony and \$6 for the main floor.
- The Women's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church. The program will be a discussion of the key issues facing the greater Plymouth Community.
- Sen. Spencer Abraham will speak at a fundraiser at the Summit on the Park in Canton Saturday. The reception will benefit the Wayne 13th Republican Committee and will run from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple.

## NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

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Watch how the community grows. The Crier's Growth Section is coming next week!

# Chess champions

**Charles Bolter of the Chess and Checker Foundation of Michigan held an exhibition match Saturday against 16 inmates of the Western Wayne County Correctional Facility. Bolter played all his opponents at one time. The inmates were worthy chess opponents. They won several matches. Bolter said he faced some great players. Most importantly, both Bolter and the inmates learned from each other. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)**



## Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1996

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

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 9, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 16, 1996, Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the January 23, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the amended Final Plat for Application No. 1185C/695, Andover Lakes Subdivision, located south of North Territorial Road, north of M-14, west of Ridge Road, east of Napier Road, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$190,725.00 as originally recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the application of Marcello Scappaticci, Application No. 1343/995, to rezone property located on the southwest corner of Powell Road and Ridge Road, tax identification number 045-99-0001, as described on the attached amended zoning map, from AG, Agricultural District, to R-1-E, Single Family Residential District. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize changes in the Technical/Clerical and Managerial Matrices, and approve adjustments to compensation as recommended by the Finance Director effective January 1, 1996. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the purchase of a C600 copier from Pitney-Bowes of 24590 Lahser Road, Southfield Michigan in the amount of \$13,050. The purchase order will include maintenance at a cost of \$140/month for 12,000 copies, plus \$0.012/copy for any overage. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Letter of Understanding between between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Plymouth Community Professional Firefighter's Association (I.A.F.F. Local 1496) regarding the waiver of medical benefits as presented. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to award a contract for janitorial services to Office Master Cleaning Systems of 44627 Albert Drive, Plymouth, MI and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign same. The contract shall be for one year with a one year extension at the Township's option and shall be in the amount of \$841.75 per month plus \$15.00 per hour for cell cleaning on an on-call basis. The term of the contract shall be February 1, 1996 through January 31, 1997. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to establish February 27, 1996 for Public Hearing for an Industrial Development District for the Industrial Zoned properties located north of Joy Road, east of Lilley Road to the north boundary of Plymouth Township, west of the C&O Railroad to Ann Arbor Road, south of Ann Arbor Road and west of Haggerty Road. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to authorize Dietrich, Bailey and Associates to advertise for bids for reconstruction of the Park Pavilion to be brought back to the Board with an award date of March 26, 1996 and approve the expenditure of \$7,500 for post bid professional services related to construction. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Arnold moved to postpone the approval of the Contract Agreement between American Golf Corporation and the Charter Township of Plymouth of Plymouth for the operation and management of Hilltop Golf Course to a Special Meeting to be held February 6, 1996. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the appointments to the Planning Commission as recommended by the Township Supervisor of Carol Davis to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gregory Williams, Kay Arnold replacing Charles Curmi as Township Trustee designate, and the reappointment of Donald Skinner with terms ending June 30, 1997; and the reappointments of Nancy White, Donald Sprogeil and Marcia Sayles with terms ending June 30, 1998. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy introduced Nicole Wright, EMU Senior. Ms. Wright will be here as a Public Administration intern for 14 weeks.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy also updated the Board regarding WTUA.

Mrs. Mueller stated the Plymouth Symphony is celebrating its 50th year and would like to see them play at the Township Park over the July 4th weekend.

Ms. Arnold informed the Board that the cable companies still have vehicles that are not marked appropriately.

Ms. Carol Steffani, Deputy Director to Ed McNamera, introduced herself stating she and Mr. Thaddeus McCotter will be available to serve the surrounding communities in any way they can. Mr. Curmi stated he would like to see the shelters on Hines Drive restored by encouraging companies to donate a percentage of their tax abatements to this cause.

Mrs. Mueller noted the PA 280-HB 4818 allows local governments to accept credit cards as a form of payment for property taxes, however the Township can not pass on to the bill payer the fees charged by the credit card company. Mrs. Mueller stated she would like to see the credit card companies approached to see if they would waive the fee for municipalities.

Mrs. Massengill moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on January 23, 1996. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on February 13, 1996.

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# Physical education decision expected Feb. 12

*P-C School Board to outline physical achievement requirements, goals for students*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board may render a decision next month regarding high school physical education requirements.

That decision will include consideration over the required swim class, a problem since the school board instituted a test out option in the 1994-95 school year to try and allow students more options in choosing their curriculum.

The issue is scheduled to be placed on the Feb. 12 agenda.

P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little strongly urged that physical education remain a requirement. He said it

would be "ill-advised" not to require a full credit of physical education in students' curriculum. "A physically fit individual is very desirable," he said, "for their own good and for the collective good."

Treasurer Michael Maloney said since the state requirements have changed — from a core curriculum to a model curriculum — it would be a good idea to provide students and parents an opportunity "to come to us and tell us what they think."

The school board heard from many residents on the issue, including Tom Moshimer, who recently retired after

teaching in the district for 28 years. He said he was concerned about any idea to eliminate physical education from the curriculum, and that the swim class is excellent. "I would certainly request you don't dilute that in any fashion," he said.

Resident Carol Bollman suggested students should receive credit for extra curricular sports, which would increase curriculum options. Executive Director of Instruction K-12 Tom Tattan said that possibility was researched and a committee had recommended against it.

Resident Connie Reeder said she

thought the swim requirement should be dropped. "Physical education is like a break (from class) for these kids," she said, "so let them take what they want."

**where...**  
is the nearest  
emergency room?  
See Page 176 in  
The '95 GUIDE

# LaVictor named Lowell Middle School principal

The Plymouth-Canton School Board unanimously approved the hire of Roche E. LaVictor as Lowell Middle School principal.

The vote was 6-0. Treasurer Michael Maloney was absent.

LaVictor will replace Larry Miller, who came out of retirement to serve as interim principal until a replacement was found for Patricia Patton, who left the

middle school for Canton High School. Miller was honored by school board President David Artley. "We were very fortunate in our our time of need when we needed an administrator," he said.

LaVictor, currently central office administrator-executive director of intermediate curriculum and instruction for Bay City Public Schools, will begin at Lowell within two weeks.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will perform the musical "Oklahoma!" Feb. 16 to March 2 at The Water Tower Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$9 in advance. Performance times vary. Call (810) 349-7110 for more information.

Army National Guard Pvt. James B. Huntsman completed basic training at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK. Huntsman is the son of Rainell R. Nordquist of Canton.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeannette M. Jimmerson arrived for duty at the 339th Squadron in Waterford. Jimmerson, a recruiter, is the daughter of Judy Hopper and Jim Jimmerson, both of Canton. She is a 1980 graduate of Salem High School.

Navy Airman Jeffrey E. Thursby, a 1992 graduate of Salem High School, returned from a four-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific Ocean aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence.

Craig A. Finley was promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of major. Finley, a brigade fire support officer, is the son of Foy and June Finley of Plymouth.

Army Pvt. Matthew J. Blankenship completed the basic field artillery cannoner course at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK. Blankenship, a 1995 graduate of Salem High School, is the son of Mary A. Blankenship of Canton.

Mark E. Warmbier, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, was named to the dean's list of Calvin College. To earn a spot on the dean's list, Warmbier was required to maintain a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) for the semester and have a 3.3 GPA cumulative average. Mark is the son of Paul and Susan Warmbier of Plymouth.

Michelle Renee French of Plymouth was named to the campus honor roll for the fall 1995 semester at the University of Oklahoma.

## Creating art from the Earth

*Village Potters Guild will sculpt, mold and spin their way into The Plymouth-Canton Community*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The newly-formed Village Potters Guild is up and running — ready to turn clay into brilliant works of art.

Recognizing the need for an artistic outlet for potters in The Plymouth-Canton Community, Village Potters Guild founders Kris Darby and Ruth Price turned their dream for the guild into reality.

"Kris Darby put an ad in the newspaper asking if there was an interest in a potters guild," said Price. "We went from there."

The Village Potters Guild is open to all potters in the community. The group is also offering classes for those with an interest in the art. Although the Thursday evening class is filled, there are openings for the Wednesday morning and evening classes. Classes are taught at the Village Potters Guild studio, located behind the Plymouth Landing restaurant. The cost

for the class is \$150, with a limit of eight students per class. The classes run for eight weeks, beginning Feb. 7.

The classes will be taught by Darby and Rachail Laine.

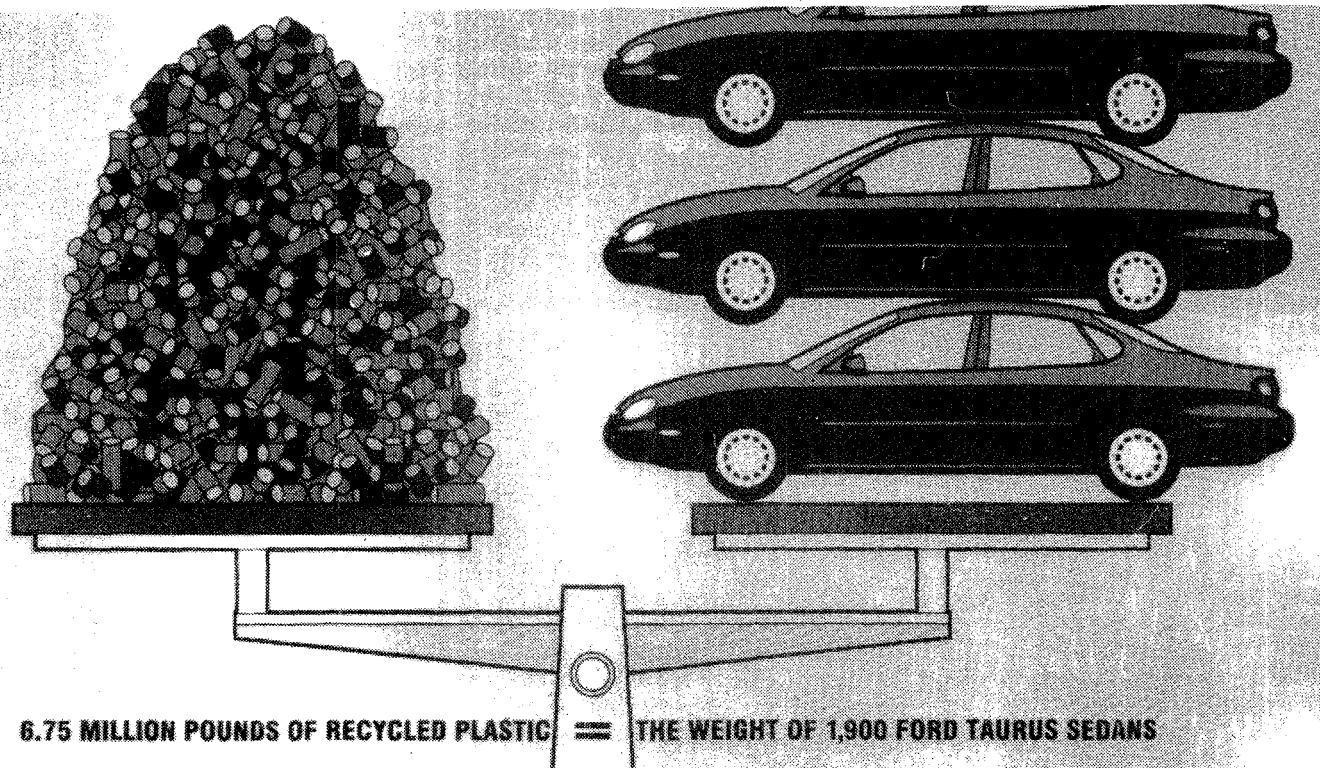
Price said the need for a potters guild is twofold. "The Ann Arbor Potters Guild has something like a years waiting list," she said.

"Also, the arts council (Plymouth Community Arts Council) is the only other thing we have."

Although the group is up and running help is still needed. The non-profit group is in need of donations of a microwave oven, a working refrigerator, short stolls hand mixers, paint mixers and any donation of money.

A grand opening celebration will be held in the future, along with fundraiser and pottery sales.

Call Price at 454-4122 or Darby at 453-2281 for more information.



More than 25 percent (6.75 million pounds annually) of the plastic that Ford's Sheldon Road Plant uses to make automotive components is from post-consumer recycled plastics — bottle tops, strapping and cotton bale — equivalent to the weight of approximately 1,900 Ford Taurus sedans. If not recycled, the material would be deposited in landfills.

## Recycling effort at Ford Sheldon Road Plant helps company, environment

Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant is believed to be the first automotive manufacturer's plant in the world to use at least 25 percent post-consumer recycled material in all of the plastic parts it makes.

The plant, part of Ford Automotive Components Division, is using more than 6.75 million pounds of recycled bottle caps, plastic strapping and cotton bale wrap to produce air conditioner (A/C) and heater housings for 19 different North American built Ford cars and trucks. The plant uses a total of about 27

million pounds of plastic annually.

"To help visualize how much recycled plastic we're using, imagine four football fields filled with plastic bottle caps, waist deep," said Cliff Dawson, manager, Sheldon Road Plant.

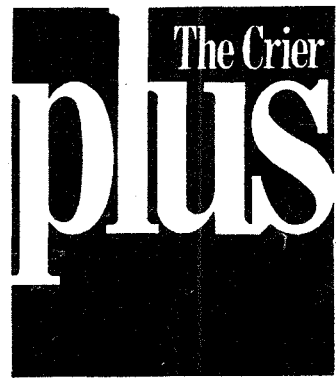
"We're excited about this because it's a win-win situation for both the environment and Ford."

Using the recycled plastic has created a savings exceeding \$1 million per year at the plant. If not recycled by Ford, the plastic would have been headed for landfills.

"Our plant has been very active identifying and implementing recycling initiatives," Dawson said. "We're continuing to look for new opportunities, but key issue is finding reliable suppliers recycled plastic, who are as committed recycling as we are."

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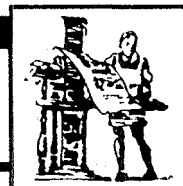
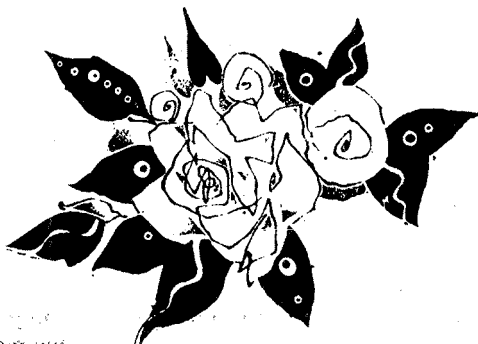
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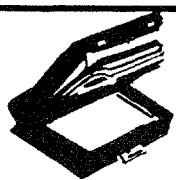
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will present the **State of the Township** address Feb. 7 at noon at the Summit on the Park community center. The address will replace the monthly Canton of Chamber of Commerce member luncheon, and is sponsored by Alphagraphics. Reservations must be made by Friday. \$12. Twenty-four hour cancellation required. For more information, call 453-4503.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce welcomed four new members this month: Care Choices/Mercy Health Plans; Diverse Recovery Management Inc.; Great Lakes Business Solutions, Inc.; and S & L Cleaners.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's **Third Thursday Update** is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet. Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson and township Supervisor Tom Yack will speak.



**RANDY REDMOND**

Canton resident Randy Redmond has recently earned his Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant and Licensed Insurance Counselor designations. Redmond is a graduate Eastern Michigan University and a member of the Million Dollar Roundtable.

Mark F. Guidobono, chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville has been elected treasurer of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA).

James S. Bonadeo, president of Bonadeo Corporation in Plymouth, has been elected president of emeritus of BIA.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's new member orientation will be held Feb. 7 at the Summit on the Park at 11 a.m.

## From co-op to corporate:

*Niles promoted to president of marketing support services at Adistra*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Terry Niles was a Madonna College co-op at Adistra, 101 Union St. in Plymouth, 13 years ago.

Two weeks ago, Niles was promoted from chief operating officer to president of the marketing support services division. "I'm a success story for co-op programs," she said.

The promotion was part of a reorganization of Adistra this month into two sectors, the Automotive and National accounts, which was necessary because of the dramatic growth the company has experienced since it joined Gage Marketing Group in 1992. In Niles' previous position, she handled both accounts and was involved in the reorganization effort. "So I knew it was coming," Niles said of the promotion. "It's still very rewarding."

While coworker Jim Pfleider was promoted to executive vice president and general manager of the newly formed Gage Automotive Division, Niles will head the Non-Automotive/National Account, which will be a change of scenery for her. "This is really interesting," she said, "because it's so very different from what I'm used to; I spent a lot of time on the automotive side."

The variety of work is one of the reasons that Niles has been a fixture at Adistra for 13 years, an impressive commitment in the 1990s considering a majority of people change careers and work for numerous companies.



*"Some people have trouble with change. I like it...I've learned more about the auto industry than I ever thought I would, all because I stayed in one place."*

*—Terry Niles*

"(Adistra) has really been changing," she said.

"Some people have trouble with change. I like it. I'm learning more now about fast food than I ever thought I would. I've learned more about the auto industry than I ever thought I would, all because I stayed at one place."

As president of the marketing support

services division, Niles will work with clients such as, Taco Bell, Whirlpool, Armstrong, Motorola and Mattel. "We will help our clients market their products," she said. "We create a data base of their customers. We create a direct market for their clients, and tell them what customers are buying their products."

## Canton's 'Western' dentist

**Do-si-do  
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good  
hygiene,  
square  
dancing**

Dentist John Robison of the Robison Dental Group, 8504 Canton Center Rd. in Canton, had given away enough toothbrushes. He had given away enough floss to his patients to express his appreciation.

Robison wanted to extend his relationship beyond parting gifts and a postcard to remind them of their next visit. "We were kicking around some way to have fun," he said, "and show them that we appreciate their business and one of our patients happened to mention that he's a square dance caller. We thought, 'Whoa, that's it.'"

Square dancing? That's right — square dancing.

"We rented a UAW Hall on Michigan Avenue and, basically, invited our patients to show up," said Robison. "It didn't matter if they knew anything about square

dancing. There were people there to teach them."

Along with lessons, the night also included desserts baked by the dental staff, hay bales and chaps. Approximately, 100 patients attended. "It was a way for all of us to have some fun," said Robison, "and get to know the people beyond the professional relationship we have."

It worked. "They want to know what we plan to do next," said Robison.

Not even Robison knows how to top the success of this year's event, just promising it will return in some fashion.

"Well, we plan to make it an annual affair," he said. "But we're not sure of next year's theme. I'm sure one of our patients will mention something, and it'll ring a bell and start the planning process."



# Hands tied

## Legal opinion sides with Canton decision on Cherry Hill PUD

A legal opinion sought by Canton advises that the municipality should not attempt to impose further new zoning regulations on the Cherry Hill Court Shopping Center because of language in the original Cherry Hill PUD (Planned Unit Development) agreement.

The attorney's opinion from the firm of Hemming, Polaczyk & Cronin was sought by the administration after residents of the Cherry Hill Orchards subdivision raised two issues with the Canton Board of Trustees during debate over the proposal. (Site plan approval for the shopping center, which includes a supermarket and other retail lease space, was granted by the board on Dec. 12).

The subdivision residents asked the board to investigate whether or not Canton could apply current zoning standards and requirements to the 23-year-old PUD agreement. More specifically, the current C-1 zoning on the site, which does not allow a building the size of the proposed supermarket (some 45,700 square feet). C-1 zoning requirements at the time of the PUD did not impose such size limits.

The residents also felt that language in the "recital" part of the PUD agreement referring to "adequate open space and improvements to circulation, light, air and service needs" provided the board with an opportunity to resist the project.

According to the legal opinion, any attempt to impose more recent and strict zoning development would violate paragraph two of the PUD agreement that states, "subsequent enactments to or amendments of this zoning ordinance"

cannot apply to the approved PUD "without the consent of developer or their successors or assigns" and that the PUD will remain subject to the "standards and regulations upon which approval was based and to the terms of such ordinance existent on the date of such approval."

The opinion states that there is "no legal basis upon which Canton could avoid or ignore this contractual provi-

sion."

As for the "recital" language, the legal opinion notes that such language is "interpreted merely as the general reasons or rationale of the parties for entering into a contract" and is not binding "or the basis to consider a contract enforcement action on this issue."

Through negotiations with Canton's Planning Division staff, the developers of Cherry Hill Court made an effort to

design the project in accordance with the current regulations, said Canton Planner Jeff Goulet.

Cherry Hill Court Shopping Center is proposed to be located at the corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill roads. The project has not yet gone through the permitting process and is subject to state and local development regulations and any conditions recommended by both the Canton Planning Commission and staff.

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## Community births



### TRENTON COTY DOW

Trenton Coty Dow was born Dec. 8, 1995, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz. to Lisa and Theodore Dow of Canton. Trenton was 20 1/2 inches long when born. Trenton has a three-year-old brother, Tyler, and is the grandson of Dan and Brenda Harvey and Ted and Judy Dow. The great-grandparents are Eugene and Jean Aston and Walter and June Harvey.



### HOLLY ELIZABETH GARRISON

Holly Elizabeth Garrison was born Sept. 28, 1995 weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz. to Patricia and Daniel Garrison of Plymouth.

Holly is the granddaughter of James and Diane Garrison of Northville and Robert and Yvonne Morrison of Farmington Hills.



## Community weddings, anniversaries and engagements



### SPRING—BARNES

Terry and Carol Spring of Delphos, OH announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Kathleen, to Michael Charles Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Barnes, Jr. of Plymouth.

Kimberly is a 1990 graduate of Delphos Jefferson High School and attended Bowling Green State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is currently employed as an assistant teacher at the UAW Ford Child Development Center in Livonia.

Michael graduated from Canton High School in 1986 and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. He is owner of Mike's Lawn Service and currently teaches fourth grade in the Wayne/Westland School District.

The wedding is set for Feb. 24 at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

### MARIE AND MARVIN CRIGER

Marie and Marvin Criger were married on Dec. 22, 1945 in Plymouth and celebrated their 50th anniversary by renewing their wedding vows. A reception was hosted by their children, Nadine Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Dane Criger of Troy.

### MILTON AND CELIA KRIEG

The 50th anniversary of Milton and Celia Krieg (Tharp) was celebrated on

Aug. 1, 1995.

The couple celebrated with a northern Michigan camping trip, which included all of their children and grandchildren: Ronald and Darlene Krieg and son Scott; Randy and Patty Krieg and daughter Voletta; and Robert and Cathy Krieg and daughters Carly, Renee and Natalie.

Their children also presented them with the gift of a trip to Mackinac Island, which they enjoyed in October.

Milton is retired from the General Motors Corporation, where he was a reliability engineer. Celia is retired from the Avon Company, where she was a district manager.

The couple, who was originally from Charlotte, reside in Plymouth.



(Above) Milton and Celia Krieg on their wedding day and (below) as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.



## Baby!

# A n n o u n c i n g !

The Crier will print basic information about local births. (Street addresses will not be published, but we would like them for our records). Sorry, photos will not be returned. *Polaroid or Xerox photos will not be accepted.* If you need additional room, attach a piece of paper.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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

### Theron F. Hicks

Theron F. Hicks, a Canton resident, died Jan. 23, 1996, at the age of 79.

Mr. Hicks was born March 12, 1916 in Detroit. He came to Canton from Troy in 1978. Mr. Hicks worked for General Motors, Ford Motor Company and American Standard as an automotive foreman.

Mr. Hicks is survived by his daughter, Barbara (Kenneth) Huband of South Lyon, MI; sons, Douglas (Judy) Hicks of Canton and Paul Hicks of Livonia, MI; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. Mr. Hicks was preceded in death by his wife, Jane; son, David; brothers, Chuck and Richard.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. K.M. Mehrl officiating. Burial was at the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorial tributes to the American Diabetes Association, Ste. 2255, 30600 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4532.

### Leon T. Scharmen

Leon T. Scharmen, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 23, 1996, at the age of 93.

Mr. Scharmen was born Dec. 13, 1903, in Mayfield, MI. After graduating from Benzie High School in 1921, Mr. Scharmen taught school at Inland Corners. His interest in early radio led him to the Detroit area, and in the 1930s Mr. Scharmen began his own radio service business in Dearborn, which he operated until his retirement in 1968. During W. W. II, Mr. Scharmen worked with the Army Signal Corps to develop military radio equipment. Gardening, reading, and time with his family occupied his retirement, which spanned almost 30 years.

Mr. Scharmen is survived by his wife, Clara Tyler Scharmen; sons, Charles (Sandra) of Plymouth, Donald and James (Rosemarie), both of Traverse City; grandchildren, Michael, Tracy and Amy of Plymouth and Sarah of Seattle. Mr. Scharmen was preceded in death by his parents and 10 brothers and sisters.

A memorial service was held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral

Home in Plymouth with Rev. Kenneth Gruebel officiating. Memorial tributes to the Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard Rd., Ste. 200, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108.

### MAGDALEN "DOLLY" GERLACH

Magdalen "Dolly" Gerlach, a Canton resident, died Jan. 24, 1996, at the age of 80.

Mrs. Gerlach was born March 7, 1915, in Buffalo, NY. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Gerlach was a member of St. Theodore's Catholic Church, the Royal Holiday Park Seniors Association and the Royal Holiday Park Craft Club.

Mrs. Gerlach is survived by her son, James (Carol) Gerlach of Livonia; and three grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Gerlach were held at St. Theodore's Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry Cupple officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Dearborn West Unit, 3807 Monroe St., Dearborn, MI, 48124.

**Betty I. Ross, 89, teacher**  
Betty I. Ross, an Ann Arbor resident, died Jan. 6, 1996. She was a former Plymouth resident. She is survived by two daughters; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Phillips Funeral Home. Burial was at South Lyon Cemetery.

**Lodema M. Schnurstein, 86, homemaker**  
Lodema M. Schnurstein, a Detroit resident, died Jan. 18, 1996. She is survived by her sons, Dale (Veronica) and James (Carol) both of Plymouth; one daughter; grandchild, Susan (Kevin) Montsalon of Canton and three other grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

**Jean Laux Hill (Knechtges) 84, homemaker**  
Jean Laux Hill, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 19, 1996. She is survived by her son, Robert (Toni) Knechtges of Plymouth and one other son; one daughter; 11 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and one sister. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Gary P. Franken, 50, financial analyst**  
Gary P. Franken, a Canton resident, died Jan. 15, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean; sons, Jeffrey and Jason; one mother; and three sisters. Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Local arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Fern C. Moore, 88, homemaker**  
Fern C. Moore, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 27, 1996. She is survived by her daughter; one son; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and one sister. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Dean H. Klump officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

**Frederick C. Heidt, farmer, 81**  
Frederick C. Heidt, an Ann Arbor resident, died Jan. 26, 1996. He served on the school board of the Frains Lake School District for 12 years. He is survived by his wife; one son; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister; and four brothers. Services were held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville with Rev. Lawrence A. Kinne officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Cecilia Nedolski, 80, automotive supervisor**  
Cecilia Nedolski, a Canton resident, died Jan. 14, 1996. She is survived by her daughter, Aurelia (George) Webb of Canton and one other daughter; seven grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and sister, Mary Klimczak of Canton. Services were held at the Divine Savoir Catholic Church with Fr. Andrew Kuras officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

**Dorothy P. Zak, 62, homemaker**  
Dorothy P. Zak, a Canton resident, died Jan. 21, 1996. She is survived by her three sons; four grandchildren; and two brothers. Services were held at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

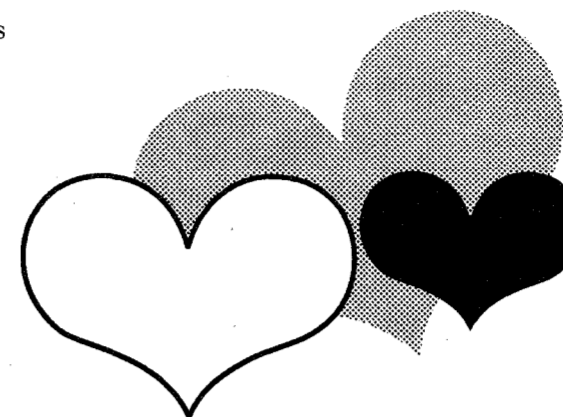
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— February —

- 5-29: Plymouth Historical Museum Exhibit "Miniatures of Many Sizes" and Collection of Doll Houses
- 6: Chamber Mixer—Skatin' Station II 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- 8: Plymouth Symphony—"A Carnival of Animals"
- 16-25: Plymouth Theatre Guild—"Oklahoma"



Feb. 7

## CANTON

— February —

- 7: New Chamber Member Orientation, 11 a.m., Summit on the Park
- 7: State of the Township, 12 noon, Summit on the Park
- 13: Five Star Expo, Luncheon Seminar, 11 a.m., Woodlands of Van Buren
- 15: Third Thursday Update, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Old Country Buffet—Free
- 28: "How to Conduct an Interview," 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Summit on the Park—Free

— March —

- 16: Annual Auction Dinner / Dance 5:30 p.m. Summit on the Park



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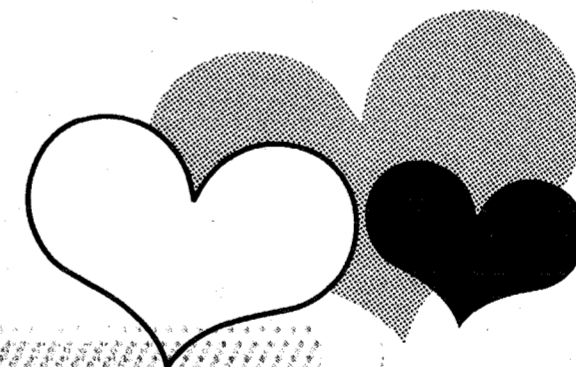
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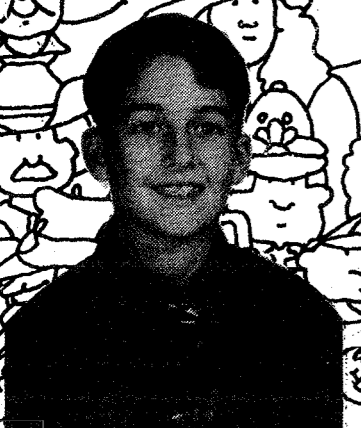
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**Schools...**

**CANTON/SALEM SENIOR CLASS PARTY**  
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**GREENHILLS SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION**  
At Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth Township, Feb. 29 and March 2 (main auction.) \$80 per person, includes dinner. Fifteen students from The Plymouth-Canton Community attend Greenhills. The auction will benefit the school's financial aid and enrichment programs. For more information, call 995-5172.

**PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 REUNION**  
The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller, Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

**VOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chorus; one \$800 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior, and two \$400 scholarships to sixth-11 graders. The deadline to apply is March 1. For more information, call 533-4796.

**WSDP RADIO CONTEST**  
Open to all ages. The theme is "Radio." Writing may be in story, essay, or poem form, fiction, non-fiction. Entries will be judged on originality and creativity. The winner will receive an alarm clock and will be invited to help produce and broadcast their entry on WSDP. Writers should include name, address and phone number and send entry to: Radio Writing Contest, WSDP Radio, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187, no later than next Wednesday.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
The Plymouth Township American Legion/Auxiliary Post 112 is currently accepting applications for two \$500 scholarships from local area students who are the dependents of veterans. Scholarship applications may be obtained from the office of local high school counselors or by calling the Post 112 at 451-3574 or P.O. Box 701134, Plymouth, MI 48170-0959. Applications must be received by Feb. 1.

**NEW MORNING SCHOOL**  
Registrations are being accepted for the winter sessions of Me & My Shadow classes, an introductory preschool class. Ages two to four. Music, activities, art, snack and story time. Monday sessions started Monday. Friday sessions start Friday. For more information, call 420-3331.

**PLYMOUTH SALEM LINEBACKERS MEETING**  
The next meeting for general membership will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. For more information on upcoming meetings or activities call Dan Lehane (455-3179) or Henry Schlusler (455-4348).

**WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION**  
WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

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Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12 noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

**AEROBICS CLASS**  
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes weekly beginning Tuesday. \$40-one day a week, \$54-two days a week, \$69 unlimited, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

**EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM**  
Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. For an appointment, call 455-7526.

**Upcoming...**

**LIVING TRUST SEMINAR**  
Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 1-3 p.m. Free of charge. "How To Reduce Taxes To Heirs," presented by financial expert Paul Leduc. Question and answer session will follow. For reservations, call 455-6623.

**ARBOR HOSPICE CARE FOR KIDS**  
Children's grief support group Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Open to ages five to 18. Groups are age specific. \$30 per week. For more information, call 677-0500.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**  
St. John Neumann's Singles Group, located on Warren Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center roads, is having a Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 10 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dance, pizza, pop, raffle, tickets, prizes and music by James Dunn BYOB. No jeans please. \$8 admission. For more information, call Pat at (313) 277-6083 or Marilyn at (313) 591-9269.

**SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**  
Hosted by the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., March 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 24 from 12-5 p.m. 65 crafters. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 455-6620.

**BABYSITTING CLASS**  
The Plymouth District Library is offering a seven-week program of training for ages 11 to 15. A certificate will be awarded to those meeting attendance requirements, but CPR is not included. Registration begins Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet Wednesdays, Feb. 14 through March 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

**FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS**  
The tax aide program sponsored by AARP is entirely free. From Feb. 1 to April 15 at the Summit on the Park, the Cultural Center and the Northville Senior Center. Home visits are available. Appointments are a must. In Canton, call 397-5444; In Plymouth, call 455-6620; In Northville, call (810) 349-4140.

**CHARLES COLSON: RELUCTANT PROPHET**  
Pastor Roland F. DeRenzo and the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., invite the community to attend the film "Charles Olson: Reluctant Prophet" Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. The movie follow the journey of Colson from Washington insider to inmate to his conversion to Christ and his subsequent ministry. For more information, call 455-0022.

**CANTON ECONOMIC CLUB**  
Jan. 31 at 12 noon at the Summit on the Park. Susy Heintz, state chairperson of the Republican Party and former Wayne County Commissioner, will be the guest speaker. To make a reservation, call 981-3002.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**  
Feb. 9 at the newly renovated St. John's Seminary, time and communication between spouses will be discussed. There will be six more meetings this year. For more information, call 882-5959.

**Groups...**

**60+ CLUB**  
Monday at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass for the potluck. Bring old Valentine's for display. Everyone welcome.

**DETROIT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE CONCERT**  
At the First Plymouth United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., at 6 p.m. Feb. 18. There will be something for every musical taste. A free offering will be taken. There will be a reception following the concert.

**THE CANTON SENIOR SINGLES CLUB**  
Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, something red such as, cherry pie. Also wear something red. Games and bingo. Single Canton residents 55 and older welcome.

**WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH**  
12:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. The key issues of the Plymouth Community will be discussed and moderated by City Commissioner Stella Green. Guest speakers will be township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and City Commissioner Douglas Miller.

**THE PLYMOUTH YMCA ANNUAL MEETING**  
Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the YMCA office at 248 Union St.

**ANNUAL V.F.W. #6695 LADIES AUXILIARY BOWLATHON**  
At Plaza Lanes, 42001 E. Ann Arbor Rd., Feb. 10 at 12 noon. Proceeds will go to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association. Pledges and all bowlers welcome. For more information, call 728-7619 or 459-2394.

**THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE**  
Registration begins Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, register Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria, ages seven to 15 for boys and ages seven to 16 for girls. Fees vary from \$55 to \$65 per player. Family plan available for \$140. Birth certificate required. Playing age as of July 31, 1996. Adult help is needed. Call 453-2040 or 455-1402 for baseball and 455-3422 for softball.

**PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB**  
The club is offering two scholarships for women who live in the City of township, are a single head of household, have financial need, high school or GED diploma; and be accepted to or attending school. Apply throughout the year. Awards based need. For more information, call 453-4845.

**NORTHVILLE REUNION**  
A Northville reunion if Florida Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. in Sebring, FL at the Holiday Inn. \$12.50 per person. Rooms available at the hotel at a discount if reservations are made by Feb. 1. For more information, call Douglas at (491) 482-2865 or Connie at (407) 334-3715.

**SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER**  
Reservations for tomorrow's gala dinner for the restoration of the Stone School should be directed to Don Riddering (810-349-3550) or Jerry (459-7103).

**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB**  
The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418.

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

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There are good deeds and lengthy acts of kindness that have accumulated through the years reading like laundry lists. No doubt this might equate boredom and perhaps falsely convey an egocentric "smugness" to the readership. That is not our intent.

My position as Secretary for the chapter has provided me the benefits of not only recording significant events, but witnessing an epidemic of compassion by our members toward serving and assisting the needy and less fortunate of Plymouth/Canton.

This compassion has extended to Windsor, Ann Arbor, Allen Park & as far as Battle Creek.

Christmas-A particularly stressful time for some of our residents has been softened by our chapter's gifts to children and food baskets for families.

Our participation in "USA Weekends", Make-A-Difference Day yielded clothing for the homeless.

Of course we serve our own by donating time & funds to VA Hospitals and Organizations. But our roots are never cast aside.

Funds were recently donated to a girls' softball team within the community. Our Adopt-A-Road Program targets litter on Joy Road from the high school to Haggerty. The Chapter's scholarship program awards local students for academic success.

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Sincerely,  
 Robert Cohen, Chapter 528

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Barbara Armstrong.

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

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### Girls "B" League.

Magic 6-0; Celtics 4-2; Kings 3-3; Pistons 2-4; Bulls 2-4; Lakers 1-5.

### Boys "B" League.

American: Pistons 6-0; Bulls 5-1; Nets 4-2; Sonics 4-2; Hawks 3-3; Magic 3-3; Kings 2-4; Bucks 0-6.

National: Knicks 6-0; Jazz 6-0; Spurs 4-2; Pacers 2-4; Lakers 2-4; Rockets 2-4; 76ers 1-5; Celtics 1-5.

SCORES: Knicks 58 - Pacers 37. Lakers 67 - 76ers 41. Pistons 50 - Magic 42. Rockets 50 - Celtics 24. Hawks 40 - Bucks 26. Bulls 27 - Kings 24. Jazz 47 - Spurs 43. Sonics 57 - Nets 45.

### Boys "AA" League.

National: Kings 3-0; Bulls 2-1; Celtics 2-1; Rockets 2-1; Pacers 1-2; Sonics 1-2; Hawks 0-3; Spurs 0-3.

American: Knicks 3-0; Pistons 2-1; 76ers 2-1; Bucks 2-1; Magic 2-1; Lakers 1-2; Jazz 1-2; Nets 0-3.

SCORES: Bucks 98 - Nets 75. Jazz 79 - Lakers 74. Bulls 94 - Magic 82. Spurs 102 - 76ers 78. Rockets 82 - Hawks 71. Kings 102 - Pacers 99. Knicks 69 - Pistons 65. Celtics 76 - Sonics 52.

The Plymouth store for skate, snow, and street sports — Underground — is co-sponsoring a Park and Pipe Snowboard Competition this Sunday at the Alpine Valley Ski Resort. Registration is from 8-10 a.m. with the contest lasting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of \$10. Call (810) 656-5740 for more information.

The Plymouth YMCA is currently taking registration for the following classes.

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The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is looking for crafters for its 20th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show scheduled for March 22-24 at the Cultural Center. Plymouth will also be hosting a performance of the "Velveteen Rabbit" on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Tickets are on sale at the Cultural Center at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Call 455-6620 for more info.

## Canton volleyball continues to dominate

BY MATT HUCAL

Traveling last Saturday to the U of M Invitational in Dearborn, the Canton volleyball team made their way through 32 teams to finish in fourth place after a semifinal loss.

The Chiefs upped their record to 14-5-5 as they continued their up and down play in tournaments that has plagued them all season.

Beginning in pool play their first opponent was Chelsea, and Canton split that match 15-7, 12-15.

Their second match was versus West Detroit and the Chiefs won handily 15-2, 15-0. In their third and final match of pool play Canton split with Ypsilanti 5-15, 15-8.

It was time for the playoffs as Canton lasted through a North Adam Jerome match 15-8, 11-15, 15-10. In the quarter-final they beat Rochester Adams 15-9, 3-15, 15-12 and that brought them to a tough Dearborn team in the semifinals. Canton lost both games to Dearborn by the scores of 7-15 and 15-17.

Although the Chiefs were beat by Dearborn, coach Steve Anderson believes his team played their best match of the year.

"I have no problem in losing sometimes, but I get frustrated over this play good here, play good there," Anderson said. "We have to be more consistent."

Anderson's girls' strengths all season have been aces (averaging four a game) and digging (15 per game). Helping them a lot in those departments and showing it

throughout the tournament, Kristie Drinkhahn and Jessica Orleman, who were picked to be on the all-tournament team. They are two of the four players on Canton who play all positions.

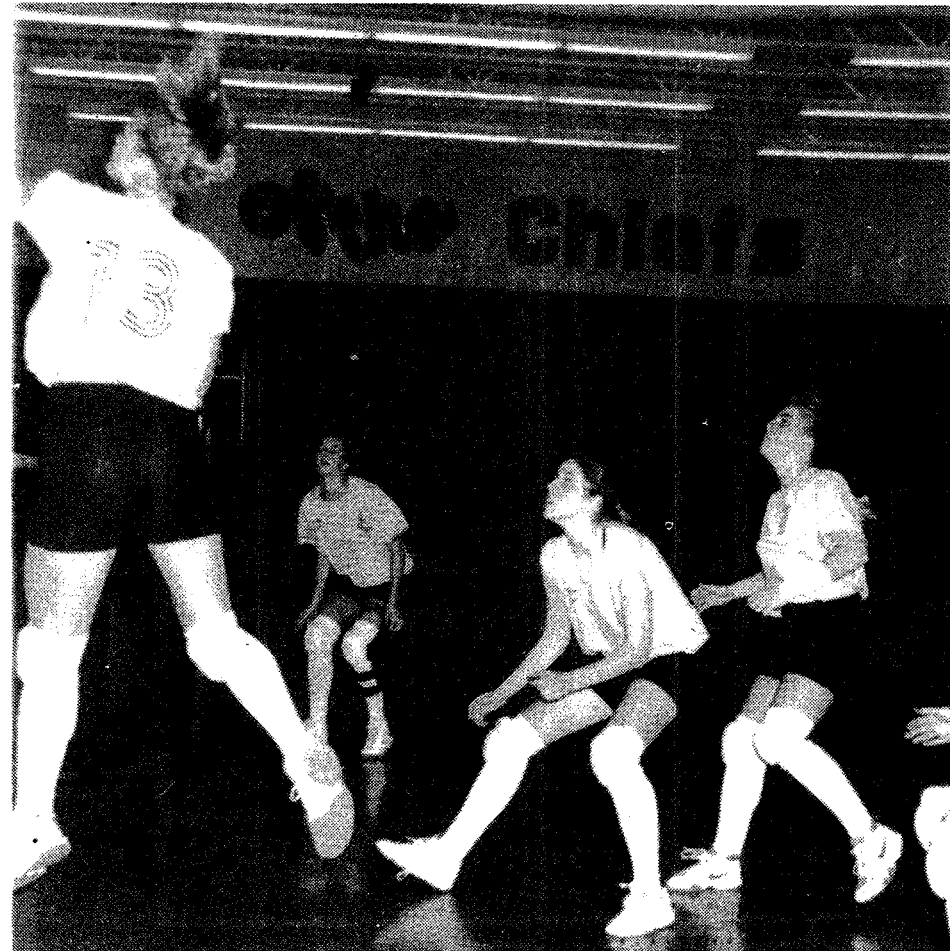
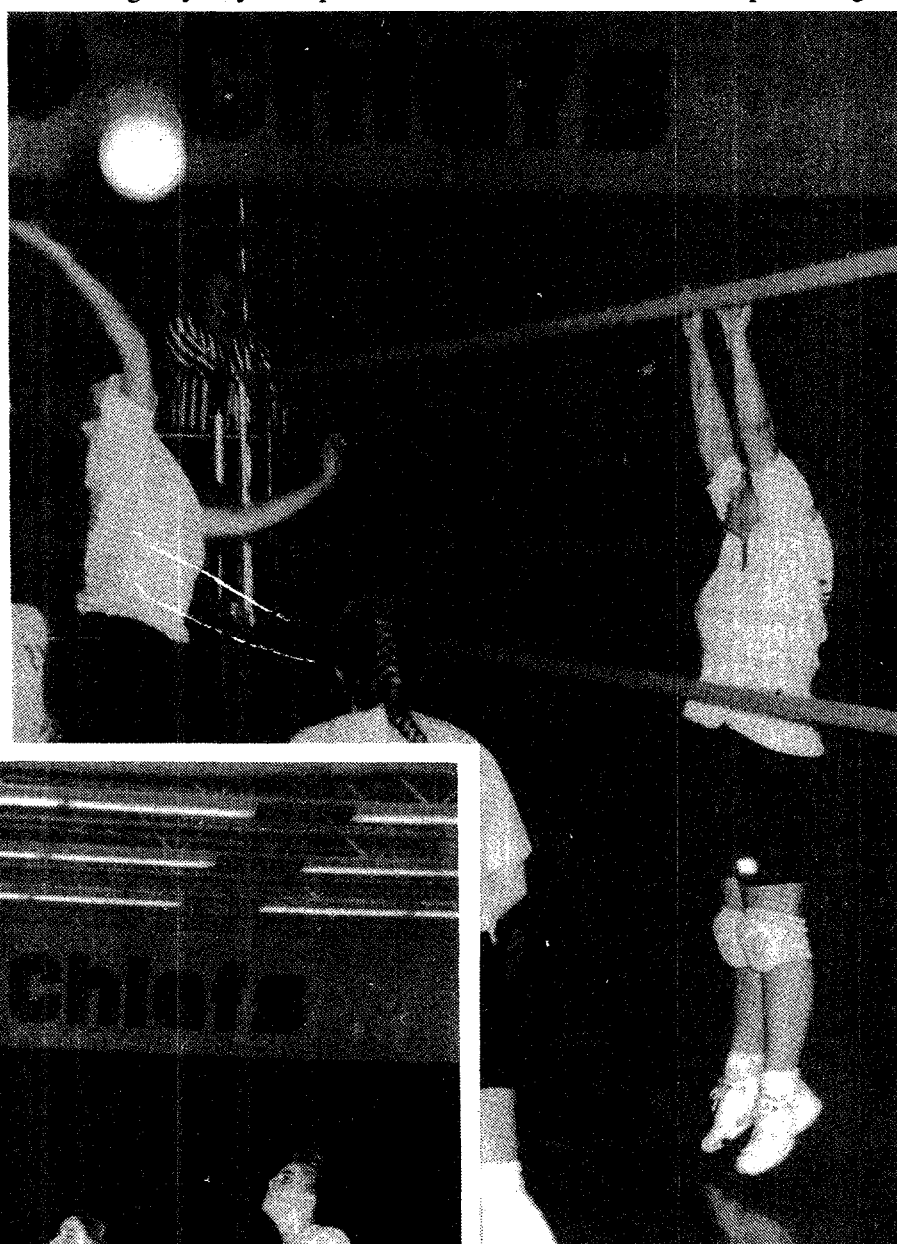
Individually, Orleman led the Chiefs in kills with 35, as Beth Ostach and Drinkhahn had 28 each. Amber Welles led in assists with 41 and Ann Alioto had 16. Amber's sister, Courtney, came off the bench in tight situations and set eight assists in 25 attempts.

Showing why they were picked to the

all-tournament team, Drinkhahn led in digs with 49 and Orleman had 36. Jessica Bradley had 30 digs and Nikki Kovachavich had 28.

"Although the teams at the tournament were not elite, they were strong competitive wise," Anderson said. "We may have mental blocks sometimes, but I'm happy with where we are."

Canton plays at the prestigious Schoolcraft Invitational this Saturday, but Ostach will not be able to make it so the Chiefs will have to replace a big hitter.



The Canton volleyball team continues to excel, ripping through opponents that get in their way. The team improved their record to 14-5-5, following some big wins in tournament play. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Another classic

## Hunter beats buzzer in overtime as Canton tops Salem

BY MATT HUCAL

Incredible.

On a night when electricity was in the air throughout, the Salem and Canton basketball teams nearly topped last year's dramatic five overtime game in the Chief's 65-64 overtime win Jan. 23.

With the stands packed with fans on both sides of the gymnasium, it was the perfect setting for a classic high school basketball game.

The Chiefs went into the clash ranked in the top ten in Class A and holding a 9-0 record. Salem held a 5-4 record and seemed to be improving steadily.

So the stage was set, and looking at the score it would seem that the game was close all night, but actually it was the underdog Salem who led throughout. They took a 21-10 lead after the first quarter led by the scoring of Andres Lopez and the hustle that seemed to put Canton out of sync.

As each quarter arrived and left, the Chiefs got closer to tying up the game. At halftime the Rocks lead was cut to 27-22, and after the third quarter it was 38-32.

Usually in a fourth quarter a team has already pulled ahead comfortably, or the game is tight. Salem did grab a ten-point lead, but it wasn't a comfortable one.

As the game wound down, Salem held a 53-47 lead with 1:30 to go. Canton's Ron Hunter, who was mostly quiet the first three quarters, started to roll, and with a minute left he hit a three-point shot to make it 53-50. After a run downcourt by Salem, Canton got the ball back and Hunter nailed another three-pointer to tie the game at 53. Lopez then came down court and made a basket to give a 55-53 lead to the Rocks. After a steal by Salem, then a steal back by the Chiefs, Hunter had the ball with time running out. He took a three-point shot with a few seconds remaining as most of the Rocks ran out to challenge him. He airballed, but

Brandon Hartke was wide open under the basket and layed it in at the buzzer to force overtime.

The overtime was chaotic. Canton got two points (57-55), Salem made one free throw (57-56), Canton scored (59-56), Salem scored (59-58), Canton made two free throws (61-58), Salem converted a three-point play (61-61).

With a minute left, Hunter made a shot at the top of the key to make it 63-61. As time elapsed, the Rocks were looking to tie the game inside the free throw arc when the ball was knocked loose out to sophomore Andy Power, who nailed a three-pointer with ten seconds left to make it 64-63.

Canton then raced downcourt and found Hunter, who took almost the exact same shot as the last trip down the court, and he buried it as the buzzer went off.

65-64. A score that shows that this game could have not been any closer.

Hunter led all scorers with 23 points as his teammate Mark Bray had 12 and Brandon Hartke and Matt Ammons each had 11 points.

Salem received scoring from Lopez with 19 points, Power had 15, and Phil Parker had 11.

Salem coach Bob Brodie knows his team let one slip away.

"It was a great basketball game and we played well, but we should've finished better and made more of our free throws," Brodie said.

"I give Canton credit for hanging in there and making a shot at the buzzer to tie and to win."

Salem made 6 free throws with 14 attempts.

Last Friday Salem lost to John Glenn 67-55 and Canton lost their first game of the season, with Hunter out most of the second half with a foot injury, as Northville won, 42-40.

Canton plays at North Farmington and Salem hosts Stevenson Friday.

## On deck

### CANTON BASKETBALL

At Harrison on Friday at 7:30 p.m. At John Glenn on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

### CANTON SWIMMING

At home versus Walled Lake tomorrow at 7 p.m.

### CANTON WRESTLING

At Salem for a four-way meet with Franklin and Stevenson tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. At Garden City for the Observerland Invitational on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

### CANTON GYMNASTICS

At home versus Hartland today at 7 p.m. At home for the Plymouth Canton Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. At John Glenn on Monday at 7 p.m.

### CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At Franklin today at 6 p.m. At the Schoolcraft Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. At home versus Churchill on Monday at 6 p.m. At home versus Salem on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### SALEM BASKETBALL

At home versus Stevenson on Friday at 7:30 p.m. At home versus Franklin on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

### SALEM SWIMMING

At home versus North Farmington on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.

### SALEM WRESTLING

At home versus Stevenson tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. At Garden City for the Observerland Invitational on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

## Rock grapplers gain experience, victories

BY MATT HUCAL

In a year when the Salem wrestling team is stacked with youngsters who are rapidly gaining experience, they went to the 16-team Holt Invitational and placed sixth as a team last Saturday.

With a few teams participating ranked in the top of the state, Holt was the eventual winner with St. Johns and Bay City Western taking the next places.

Salem had many wrestlers place. At 119 lbs. Eric Coburn came in fourth place. At 135 lbs. James Greene was fifth with a 2-2 record. At 140 lbs. Dan Hamlin was fourth and at 145 lbs. Dave Popeney was fifth. At 152 lbs. Jeremy Breithaupt won his first three matches, but had to stop because of an injury and

so he finished in fourth place. At 171 lbs. Teono Wilson was sixth and at 189 lbs. Clayton Walker was fifth. Finishing in seventh place was heavyweight Charlie Hamlin and Craig Van Camp at 160 lbs.

Coach Ron Krueger sees his team rolling and doing better.

"We did well and I see improvement, but I also see room for improvement. Our inexperience shows against the cream of the crop," Krueger said. "We'll see if we can get it going now or have to wait until next year. I think if we can get it together soon we'll have a good chance at the league meet."

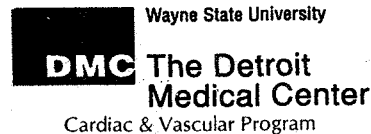
Salem wrestles at home tomorrow versus Stevenson.

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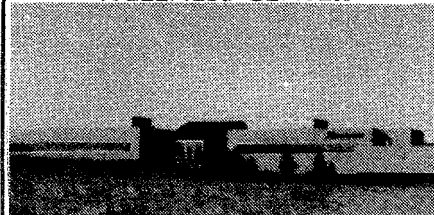
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# Community opinions

## Bennett's leadership will guide Canton through 'dry' period

The liquor supply is drying up in Canton. The burgeoning community is down to their last liquor license, which, if the current growth rate continues, will be gone in the next few months.

Although many would argue Canton doesn't need any more establishments selling liquor, the fact remains that without available liquor licenses, Canton growth will slow.

That's where Canton Clerk Terry Bennett comes in. Bennett has single-handedly brought the liquor license issue to the attention to the public — and possibly more importantly to the state legislature.

Bennett has lobbied the state legislature to release the Detroit liquor licenses currently held in escrow — and she should be commended for her efforts.

Although the unnecessary politics involved in obtaining a liquor license in the State of Michigan may block Bennett's efforts, her work has not gone unnoticed.

Canton might have several options to solve the liquor license dilemma. They could undertake a mid-decade census, which would be costly and might fail. If the legislature loosens its grip on resort licenses, Canton may gain. Although it's a long shot, Canton might gain some licenses if those currently held in escrow are released.

Regardless of the outcome, Canton has Bennett to look out for the community — hopefully continuing Canton's incredible expansion.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## P-C Community not immune to gang activity, violence

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Community Crier welcomes letters to the editor. When writing, please include your name, address and phone number. Remember to sign the letter. Under certain circumstances, The Crier will not publish the author's name if requested.*

EDITOR:

I am writing to all of you who have recently read of the gang activity in our community — to you who read it and shrugged it off as not an issue, and to you who said that it couldn't happen to your sons and daughters.

Gangs are here, and they are rampant on the high school campus and present in the middle schools. With gangs also come drugs and violence, not, of course, to the extent of the inner city gangs we fear so much; but this is just a beginning.

Along with garage raids and beatings, gang graffiti is also being found on street signs and

sidewalks — not just on expressways — but in our own quiet neighborhoods.

I know this to be true, because I've just found out that my son is in a gang. This was a shock, but I know now that the signs were there. No, I'm not a single parent, not poor or black, I am here before and after school, and attend church regularly. The stereotypes just don't fit anymore, so please open your eyes. If your adolescent has been seeing new friends, isn't around so much, has a sudden drop in grades, wears certain colors in clothing details, and has lost interest in most things, please seek help. Talk with teachers and counselors — they may know more about your child than you do.

For those of you who know what's going on, please contact your city or township, and let them know that this is a serious problem, and we cannot accept it without a fight. Our community is suffering. Ask those moving away why they feel Plymouth-Canton is no longer appealing. Ask if your house will sell when you need to move. Who could know the safe community we chose would now be on such a downhill slide?

I love my son, and I will fight those who try to harm him. It's not too late to tell your children you love them and to give them the support they seek from gangs. It's not too late to keep our community for ourselves. Please know that these new suburban gangs are affiliated with a large inner city gang. Will we let them have our children and bleed us dry? I'm not prepared to give up on even one child. Are you? It could be yours. One final important note: It's not too hard to join a gang, but almost impossible and extremely dangerous to get out.

It sounds like a plague — let's treat it as such.

NAME WITHHELD

## 'Creative' rules would clean up problems at Summit on the Park

Canton has their hands full with the new Summit on the Park community center. It's definitely a mixed blessing.

The Summit opened recently with much hoopla — and for good reason. It's an absolutely amazing facility. Everyone seems to think so.

In fact, the Summit is opening its doors to nearly 2,000 people per day during peak times. Unfortunately, there are drawbacks to the Summit's popularity.

Large crowds sometimes bring questionable characters. Community centers sometimes turn into upscale babysitters. Parents drop off their rug rats with little or no supervision.

In response to some behavioral problems, the Summit staff and Canton administration have teamed up to develop a "code of behavior" for Summit patrons.

Basically, if you mess around at the Summit, you're out. It's a good set of rules that will help keep the family feel at the facility.

I've come up with some additional penalties that could be use for Summit offenders. Here they are:

1. Anyone caught spitting would be responsible for cleaning all the windows in the aquatics area. That would teach them a lesson.

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



2. Anyone using the pool as a bathroom would forfeit their aquatic area rights and be forced to swim in the pond out front (assuming there are no vehicles in the water).

3. Anyone caught littering would be forced to wash and wax all the wood flooring in the gym, dance rooms and racquetball courts. There's a lot of wood in that building!

4. Anyone caught smoking in the building would be required to wear a used ash tray around their neck. Pew.

5. Anyone caught defacing Summit property would be responsible for painting the parking lines in the Summit lot.

The list of "alternative punishments" could go on and on. They could also teach some slobs the lesson they deserve.

Next time you visit the Summit remember: The Community Center Police will be watching!





# Community opinions

## Voting victory or defeat?

Monday night, the P-C School Board voted to "donate" their voting equipment to the City of Plymouth. For school elections, the school board will use Plymouth Township's new voting equipment (along with some new machines the schools will buy for themselves).

Although the additional voting machines will help the City keep their antique equipment working, the voting machine problem has not been solved.

The losers in this election are the members of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Unfortunately, the elected officials here ignored the community ties.

The P-C School Board, Plymouth Township Board of

## 'Chameleon political phenomena' is everywhere

EDITOR:

1996 has brought us another election season. In recent years, there have been much discussion of America's growing distaste for politics, particularly of the partisan variety. Meanwhile, we are being inundated with public opinion polls.

Public officials at all levels seem to have an uncanny knack for aligning (or realigning) "their position" with the majority opinion reflected by the most recent poll. Does anyone see a correlation here?

One doesn't have to look far to see the effects of the chameleon politician phenomena, (the budget impasse, our inconsistent foreign policy, etc.). Wouldn't the public be better served if voters elected officials who have demonstrated principals, integrity and accomplishment, rather than those who mimic popular opinion?

MICHAEL J. GEROU

Trustees and Plymouth City Commission had the chance to save everyone money by jointly purchasing machines.

Talks broke down and each bought their own.

Now, there is talk of more joint purchase and joint service plans.

The question becomes: Can the various government officials agree upon something as complex as recreation services even though they failed to agree on something as simple as the purchase of new voting machine equipment?

THE COMMUNITY CRIER



Mike MacLeod receives the keys to his 1996 Ford Escort he won at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party from Raffle Chairperson Tom Adamusik. Canton Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Development Ginnie Hauck looks on along with Jim Demmer and Ted Ploch of Jack Demmer Ford — who donated the car for the raffle. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Generosity made chamber raffle success

EDITOR:

I want to personally thank all the generous people that helped in supporting the Canton Chamber of Commerce's first-ever car raffle.

The winner of the 1996 Ford Escort was Mike MacLeod from Canton, ticket number 191. Congratulations Mike!

The effort and support from within the community and our businesses certainly made this a success. The proceeds from this fundraiser are going to the building fund.

We, as the Canton Chamber of Commerce, are constantly working on our visibility in the community. We are growing at a tremendous rate and our needs in the business community and residents would be much better met if a chamber office was built.

Our vision for the near future is for this to be a reality. Unfortunately, our dream is still not in our reach, so you may see some more building fundraisers. This way, all involved in the wonderful community of Canton would be winners.

Speaking of winners, Jack Demmer Ford sponsored the car for this event and I can't thank him and his staff enough for their time and dedication.

THOMAS V. ADAMUSIK  
CAR RAFFLE CHAIRPERSON

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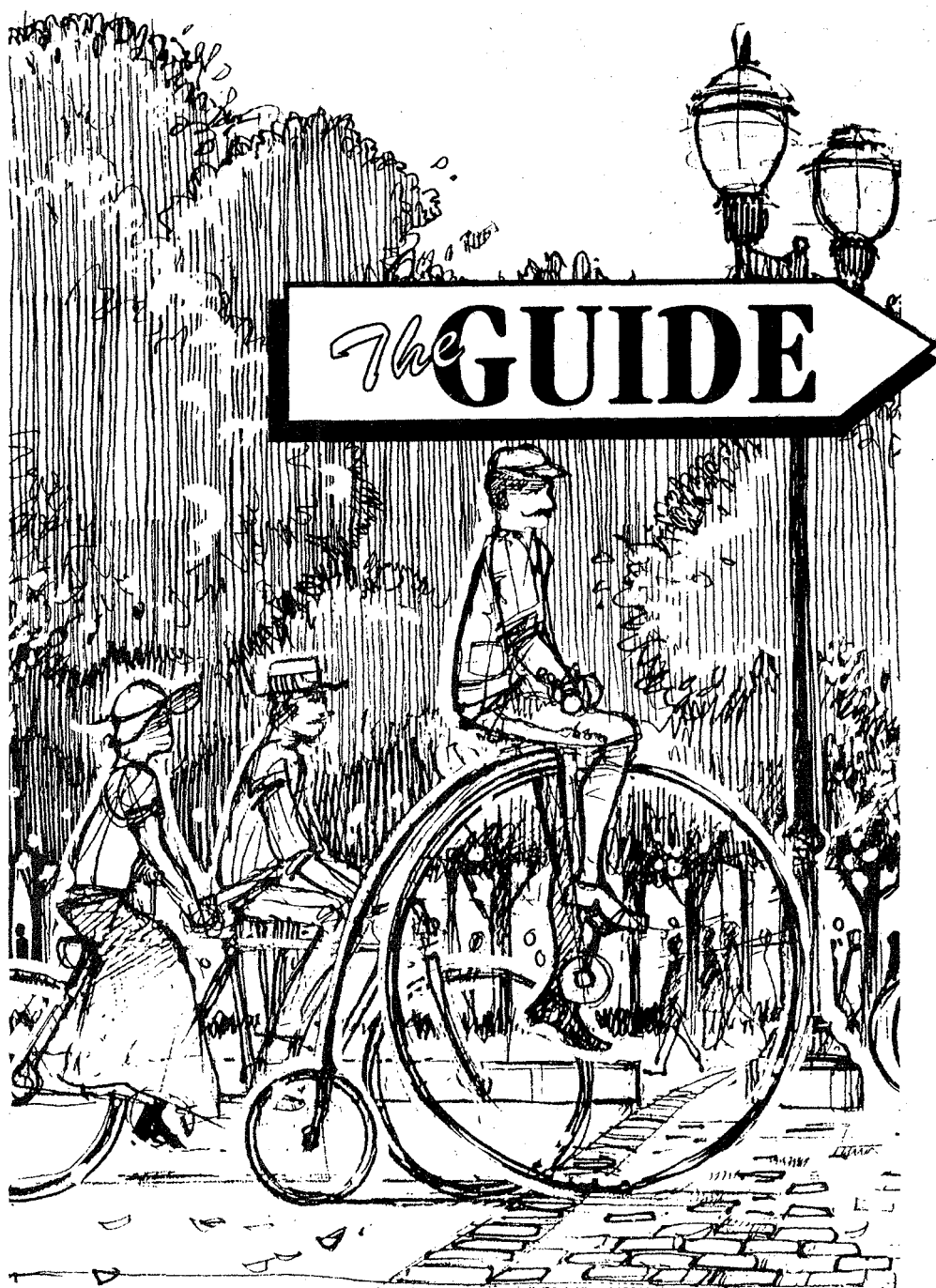
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