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# P-C shocked following rampage at Ford plant

#### BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

"There's been an accident at the plant this morning," said a spokesperson for the Ford Motor Company to the 7 a.m. shift at the Sheldon Road plant in Plymouth Township Saturday.

Less than two hours earlier, one of their fellow employees, described as a "model worker" and "a quiet man," left his station, pulled out a .40 caliber Korean-made Daiwa pistol that he had purchased just one week earlier, shot and killed one worker and wounded another before firing a fatal shot into his own head

According to Plymouth Township

Police, the suspect, Michael Lee Brattin of Livonia, 44, began arguing with his estranged wife, 40-year-old Livonia resident Sandra Marie Brattin, at approximately 5:25 a.m. Michael Francis O'Brien of Canton, 49, who police witnesses said was dating Sandra, attempted

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The site of early Saturday morning's homicide/suicide in the Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road Plant is known as "Zone Q-12." Shoes and personal belongings such as a coffee cup lie scattered across the bloody floor. The shooting marks the first homicide in Plymouth Township since 1992. (Photo ©1995 PCCCrier Rob Kirkbride)

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### Canton library seeks bond issue for increased seating

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE For the past several years, officials at the Canton Public Library have looked for ways to solve overcrowding problems. The solution they came up with will be in the hands of the voters.

Jean Tabor, the director of the library said a bond issue would be on the ballot of a special election in Canton — where voters will also decide who will be the next Canton clerk.

A date for the election has not been set, but it is expected to take place early this spring. "With all the growth we are experiencing in Canton," Tabor said, "we are in desperate need for more seating."

Tabor said the cost of the project has

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not been determined, but said the outstanding cost for construction of the library six years ago would be added to the issue.

"Not only will we add 24,000 square feet to the library," she said. "We will also add our current debt.

"That will give us back our operating budget — a quarter of which goes into paying for the building at this time."

Tabor said one of the reasons the additional room is needed is because of the dramatic changes that are taking place technologically.

"We are the on ramp to the Information Superhighway," she said. Tabor said the success of the bond and

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millage issue for the Plymouth District Library has nothing to do with the plans for expansion in Canton.

We've been planning this for the past two years," she said. "Both communities need larger libraries. We have enough use in Canton where we need more space."

Plans will include an increase in seating by 220, more quiet study space, three new group study areas, drive-up book drop, genealogy room, gift shop and an advanced technology multi-media room.

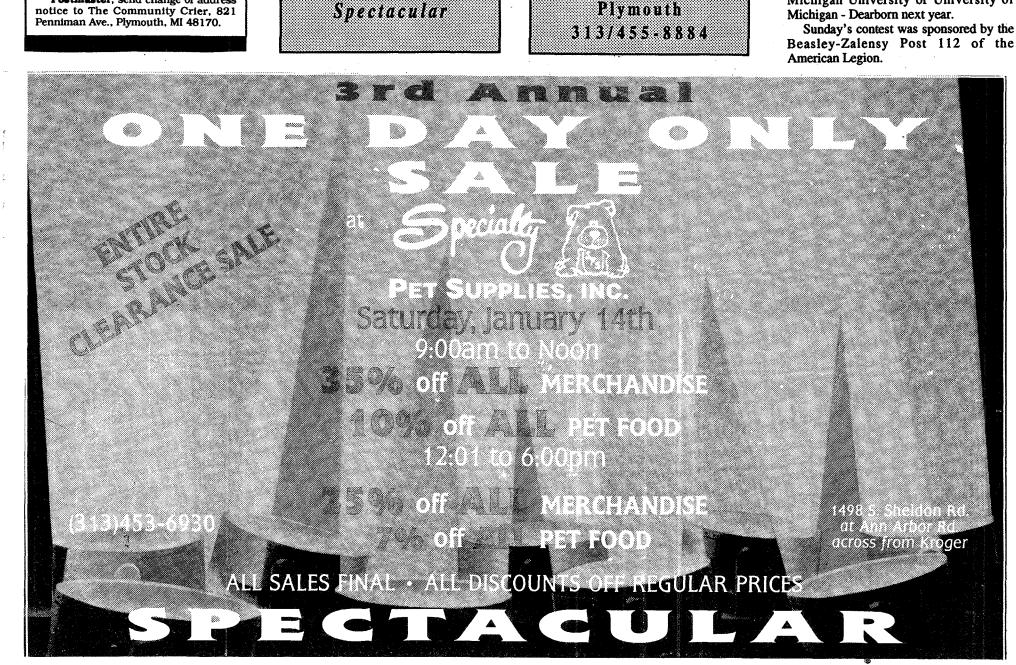
### **Canton** junior wins Legion speech contest

Mark Bray, a 17-year-old Canton High School junior, has won the local American Legion Oratorical Contest.

His prepared speech on extension of rights under the U.S. Constitution and then his extemporaneous discourse on the court system was judged the best of the entrants.

Bray concluded his oratory by comparing his soon-to-be-obtained voting rights with his responsibilities. He will now compete in the district finals.

The contest's runner-up was Christina Garris, 18, of Wayne Memorial High School. She plans to attend Eastern Michigan University or University of



# Ford homicide first in Twp. since 1992

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to break up the argument, when 10 shots were fired. Sandra is recovering from gunshot wounds to the legs and is listed in stable condition at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said there is a "consensus of opinion" that Sandra and O'Brien had been seeing each other outside of work. "Police are continuing to investigate to determine the motive," he said, "but it is becoming apparent the he was going to do something sometime.

"There are several pieces of evidence — something in the locker at the plant and an item found on his person."

Berry said that until the investigation was complete, the nature of the pieces of evidence would not be revealed. A warrant to search Michael Brattin's parent's house was executed Tuesday.

Ford spokesperson Bill Carroll said employees who worked with the couple informed the company of arguments on the job. "We were working on it," he said. Sandra's transfer date from the work station was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 16.

"We were working on a joint agree-

ment with the union to get the transfer through," he said. "It's (transfer) a tough thing to do, but it's not like the problems were going on for months."

Police said the homicide occurred in Zone Q12 of the plant, also known as the "Heater" area.

There were approximately eight employees at the work station and at least 30 in the immediate area. There are six eyewitnesses to the shooting.

Carroll said the company is offering counseling to all employees who were witness to the shooting or who knew the suspect and victims. Ford, the United Auto Workers Union and Plymouth Township had counselors at the scene of the shooting on Saturday morning to help cope with the grief.

"There are six eyewitnesses who have not come back to work and will not until they receive full counseling," Carroll said.

UAW Local 845 President Don Jividen said the union has met with employees to let them know help is available. "We had counseling in the plant as soon as Saturday," he said, "and they've been there since.

"We still have two funerals to go through. It's a tough, tough situation."



Local and national news media converged on the Ford Sheldon Road plant shortly after the shooting occurred. The story was broadcast on CNN later that morning. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Carroll said there is nothing security could have done to prevent the crime. "This is an isolated incident," he said. "No one else should be worried about a situation like this."

Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Antal, who is investigating the case, agreed with Carroll.

"I don't see how anyone could have prevented it," he said. "Ford obviously does not want to become a police-type corporation."

This was the third shooting at a Detroit area auto plant in four months. A worker at the former Western Electric plant was shot by her boyfriend in the late 60's, early 70's. Berry said this is the first homicide in the township since May 1992 when a man shot his wife during a domestic dispute.

## Highland building bought by Retico Realtors, will be leased to Office Depot, other businesses in future

#### BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After coming close to closing the deal to buy the old Highland Appliance building, Action Distributing has decided not to purchase the facility on Sheldon Road.

No problem though, the building has been purchased by Retico Realtors of Southfield and they have already rented out 200,000 square feet (160,000 sq. ft. of warehouse, 40,000 sq. ft. of office space) of the Highland property to Office Depot.

According to City Manager Steve Walters, Retico Real Estate of Southfield was waiting in the wings and stepped in when Action backed out.

"Retico had been interested in the property as a renting landlord from the beginning," Walters said. "They had been looking at the property but went to the sidelines when Action began showing interest. They had all of the information on the site already."

Bob Sosnick, owner of Retico, said that Office Depot is not the only business that will

be renting from him. "We have leases on almost all of the space," Sosnick said. "Office Depot is the only

# Frozen magic



Last year's ice festival brought more than 500,000 to downtown Plymouth to gaze on art in ice. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

company that has definitely signed on at this time."

According to Ed Draugelis, of Draugelis and Ashton Attorneys at Law, Action Distributing backed out of the deal after one of their partners backed out on them.

"From what I understand the numbers were not there," Draugelis said. "Action had a tenant that was going to lease the unused portion of the building but they backed out."

According to Draugelis, Action Distributing backed out of the deal during the "due diligence" phase of the deal, which is the time between the acceptance of the offer and the close of the deal.

During that period, Draugelis said, Action decided that the purchase would not be profitable and decided not to buy.

When it came to the "auction" where Action would bid on the property, they did not appear.

appear. "The city bent over backwards to make this happen," Draugelis said. "Mayor Miller did yeoman's work."

# **Diebolt chooses Twp. for new home, receives 6 year abatement**

**BY ALEX LUNDBERG** 

After deciding that Redford was too small, Diebolt Inc. will be moving its operation to Plymouth Township.

For all of its trouble, and the promise of creating more jobs and expanding their operation further, the township board unanimously granted Diebolt a five-year abatement.

Diebolt makes nitrogen-filled pressurized cartridges for stamping operations (cartridges used instead of coils). One of their chief contracts is with the auto industry.

Speaking on behalf of Diebolt was John Thomas.

"The owner of the company lives in Plymouth," Thomas said.

"We've outgrown Redford, we could go elsewhere."

Thomas explained that Diebolt is a growing company with new employees

that has a clean, quiet operation.

"We'll be adding at least 10 ne employees," Thomas said. "As many as 30 more."

Thomas also said that the new site, which is 50,000 ft of industrial space and 20,000 ft. of office is expected to be expanded in the future. Trustee Chuck Curmi asked what type of jobs would be created.

"About half office — half industrial," Thomas said. "The employees will be skilled in math, but we're willing to train. The jobs will be typically in sales, marketing and accounting."

Thomas also said that there were currently nine Plymouth residents out of the 65 they currently employ.

Originally, Diebolt asked for a sixyear abatement but that suggestion way voted down almost automatically by the board.

# On the job

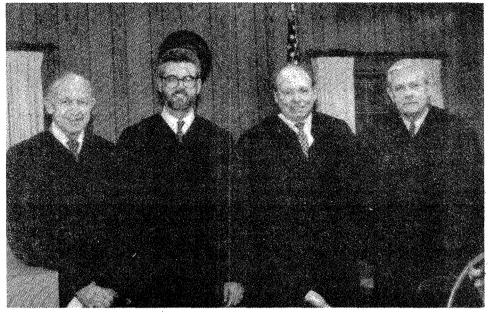
# After a year of campaigning and talking about it, Judge Ron Lowe takes the bench as 35th District Court's newest judge, only the fourth in court's history

BY PETER BRODERICK AND ROB KIRKBRIDE

Welcome to Ron Lowe's dream.

After 13 years as Plymouth's city attorney, Ron Lowe will be seated on the other side of the bench in the 35th District Court.

Lowe was elected judge in the 35th District in November, to replace a seat left open



(left to right) Judges Kaufman, Lowe, MacDonald and Garber. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

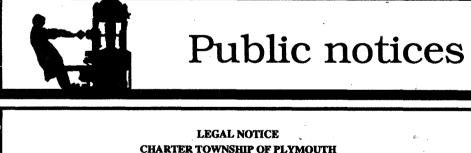
by retiring Judge James Garber. Garber heard his last case Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Lowe heard his first Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Lowe joins Judge John MacDonald as the second official jurist in the 35th District, which serves Canton, Plymouth Township, the City of Plymouth, Northville Township and the City of Northville.

Although Lowe was sworn in by MacDonald early last week, the official ceremony, where friends and family packed the court, occurred Thursday night.

When he spoke at the ceremony, MacDonald said he will be working closely with Lowe. "I think we will continue one of the best courts in the state — the 35th District Court." he said.

In addition to MacDonald, Garber also spoke at the swearing in. "I am very confident in the future of the 35th District Court," he said.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH DOG LICENSES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE beginning January 1, 1995, Dog Licenses are available for \$5.00.

Dog Licenses are available in the Treasurer's Office, at the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan. Telephone 313/453-3840.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To obtain a license, you must show proof of a current rabies vaccination.

The above is in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth Dog Ordinance.

Mary A. Brooks, Treasurer

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Lowe's father, Charles Lowe, presented his son with the Bible that will be used in the court. Ron's wife Jeanine and sons Ronnie and Robby presented Ron with his robe and his brother, Charles Lowe Jr. gave Ron his gavel.

"It is a very proud moment for your friends and family," Charles Jr. said. "It didn't surprise any of the members of the family because we knew you could do it."



Robby Lowe gets a kiss from his father after being helped into his new robes by Janine Lowe. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

Mel Meck of the Plymouth Police Officers Association presented Lowe with a flag that will sit in the courtroom. "Hopefully," Meck said, "this flag and you will remain in this courtroom for a very long time."

In a tearful speech, Lowe thanked his parents and rest of his family for their support.

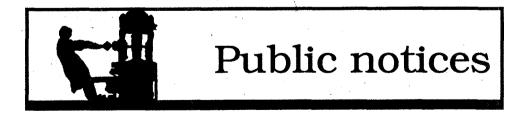
"I have dreamed about this moment for a very long time," he said. "I'd like to thank my wife who spent 10 weeks on her back during the campaign to deliver Robby. My

family has been there for me since the outset. They made me what I am. "I would like to thank my father and mother, who without their guidance and love, I would not be here."

Lowe renewed his campaign promise. "I will work tirelessly to make this the type of court this community deserves."

He also pointed to the inside cover of the program used for the ceremony as a guide to the type of judge he will be.

It says, "I ask that attorneys and parties remember three rules when appearing before me: Be honest, be fair and be friendly."



#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, January 17 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following

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# Do you want ice with that?

13th Annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular kicks off today

BY PETER BRODERICK Today is the day for the 13th annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. From now throughout the weekend, downtown Plymouth will be converted into a virtual winter wonderland, as the city welcomes the expected 500,000 visitors to the event.

According to Mike Watts of the show's production company Watts Up, Inc., the Plymouth show was started by Scott Lorenz, son of the owner of the Mayflower Hotel.

The show was a way to get people into the downtown area during the period after the holidays, which had traditionally been a slow time of year for downtown businesses.

Now, over a decade later, the post-holiday lull is Plymouth's busiest time of the year.

Sculptures will cover Kellogg Park, the Gathering and line most Downtown streets all weekend. Theatrical colored lighting will be used in the "Icehouse Light Fest," to enhance the sculptures in the evening. "What you see in the day will look totally different at night," said Watts.

The Gathering will house First of America's Fantasyland: A Salute to the Sunday Funnies. Kids of all ages can enjoy frozen-art renderings of their favorite comic-strip characters all weekend long.

Over the past twelve years, Plymouth's ice show has grown to become one of the most well-respected shows in the country. "Ice Sculpting was a dying art in this country," said Watts. "Now there are shows all over."

Watts said that the Plymouth show resurrected the art of ice sculpting in the United States. "Some call this show the 'Grand-Daddy' of all ice shows," he said. "It's definitely one of the best in the country."

Watts also said that the Plymouth show is comparable to the national ice carving championships, held three of every four years in Chicago.

What started as a unique art show, quickly became a theater for competition, attracting the best artists from all over the globe.

From local high school students, all the way to professional chefs and sculptors from as far away as Japan, competitors will come to Plymouth wielding chainsaws, picks and axes.

Thousands of dollars in both prize money and scholarships are available for the winners of several competitions. The Meijer, Inc., Individual College

and High School Competitions will take place Saturday in the Central Parking Structure.

The team competition for the students will be held Sunday in Kellogg Park.

Highlighting the professional competitions will be the international squads, including a team from Japan that will construct the main centerpiece in Kellogg Park. Ford Motor Co. will sponsor a 20-Hour two-person team competition which will begin Friday in Kellogg Park and end Saturday afternoon.

The individual professional competition does not begin until Sunday morning in the Central Parking Structure.

Judges for all competitions will be provided by the National Ice Carving Association (NICA).

The Plymouth show is sanctioned by NICA, and acts as a qualifier for the National Competition. The National Championships are not being held this year, making Plymouth's show the largest competition of the year.

What is sure to be a tiring weekend for the competitors is also sure to be a wonderful weekend for spectators, despite what mother nature may offer.

The Ice Spectacular is not just ice carving anymore. The festival's first fireworks display will be sponsored by "Young Country" WYCD-FM 99.5, and will kick off at 7 p.m. Saturday, in Kellogg Park.

Downtown businesses will also be holding special events during throughout the weekend.

Westchester Square Mall will hold a daily cake competition and gingerbread house contest all weekend long inside the mall on Forest Ave. Also on Forest Ave., Sideways Gifts will have food and beverage demonstrations through the weekend.



Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller practices firing up her chainsaw as a guest carver at this year's ice fest. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

# **Downtown businesses, shops ready for festival**

As sculptors and staff of the 13th annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular gear up for the cold with wool hats and mittens, downtown businesses are gearing up for a boom with extra stock and added personnell.

"We've got lots of extra supplies," said Dave Kaplan, owner of Uncle Frank's Chicagos and Coneys. "We're used to being busy, but this is supposed to be the biggest event of the year.

"We're doing some heavy scheduling and modifying our hours. We've even added another cash register," he said. Kaplan said that Uncle Frank's will be stocking up with plenty of soup and hot

chocolate for the ice festival. Kal Jabara, owner of Wild Wings Gallery, also expects a business boom. "We're gearing up with a lot of merchandise," he said. Jabara said that the gallery is stocking up on special items that he feels will appeal to the ice fest crowd, such as crystal art.

Wild Wings recently moved from its location on Ann Arbor Trail to the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street. Jabara said that the move was timed with the gap between the holidays and the ice fest. "This is probly the best corner in town," he said.

"We'll be having a clearance of all our fall and winter stock," said Rich Orlandi of Steve Petix Men's Clothiers. He expects a rush in sales throughout the ice show.

"Our Semi-annual sale will be going on the entire weekend," said Orlandi. He said there will be items in the store marked down as much as 50 per cent for the frozen-art spectators.





# Friends & neighbors

### Neighbors in the news

Air Force Airman David E. Foy,

a Canton resident and a 1992 graduate of Salem High School, has graduated from Air Force basic training. During his six weeks of training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tx., Foy studied Air Force missions, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

**Daniel S. Millward**, a 1994 graduate of Canton High School and a resident of Canton has enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. He will leave for San Antonio, Tx. on Jan. 18. Upon graduation from the sixweek basic training course he will receive technical training as an imagery interpreter apprentice.

Navy Seaman Recruit David Washenko of Canton recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. During the eight-week program, Washenko completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Washenko learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft. Washenko is a 1992 graduate of Canton High School.

Marine Cpl. Derek S. Snider of Canton recently returned from duty in Haiti. He was part of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Caribbean. Embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, Snider was one of 1,800 Marines who landed on the northern shore of Haiti in September. Snider participated in various humanitarian missions such as distributing food, resupplying the hospital in Cap Haitien and maintaining security.

Navy Seaman Steven A. Edford of Plymouth recently completed a historic mission in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Belknap, which included two rescues at sea. In August, Edford and fellow crew members saved six people of the coast of France. In November, Edford again assisted in a rescue. This time sending survival provisions to a boat off the coast of Spain. Edford also participated in the in the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

# **Icestock?** *Ice Fest-Woodstock comparisons aren't that far fetched*

Get left out in the cold.

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular will freeze the traffic on the streets of downtown Plymouth from Thursday to Monday as pedestrians meander about various carvings lining the sidewalks.

Over 500,000 people will visit during that short period of time to gaze upon the arctic beauty created by carvers, chefs and culinary art students from across the country.

A half-million people in Plymouth? Wasn't that the attendance at Woodstock? As a matter of fact, this whole thing bears a strange similarity to that hippie commune on some farmland. Let's see.

Woodstock was free. Ditto for the Ice Festival.

Woodstock had hostile weather, but continued anyway. So will the Ice Spectacular.

Johnny Winter was at Woodstock. Well, winter is here too.

Tired Woodstock attendees were offered food and refreshments from the venders. On Saturday and Sunday the Arbor Health Building is offering free cider for weary festival goers.

Woodstock had its share of music personalities. As will the Ice Spectacular



when various radio personalities come to town tomorrow. JJ and the Morning Crew, from the classic-rock station WCSX-FM, will take part in the celebrity carving competition. Maybe they'll make a bust of Country Joe McDonald.

They'll compete against Mark Pasman, host of WCSX's Sunday blues program. Dr. Don of WYCD-FM will try his luck at ice carving. So will Rich Anderson and Robin Sullivan of WMUZ-FM. Judy Coy of WJR-AM will also be there. I can't wait to see the face behind that soothing voice.

Woodstock had The Band. The Ice Spectacular has the (Canton Marching) Band, who along with many other sponsors, will offer a commemorative poster for the first time ever.

There were fireworks and pyrotechnics for The Who's stage show 25 years ago.

The Ice Spectacular will equal those dazzling effects on Saturday with a

ground display consisting of fountains, florals, waterfalls and pinwheels.

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A "spectacular finish" is promised by the folks at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Inc. Just as Hendrix closed Woodstock in a stirring fashion back in 1969.

Speaking of Woodstock, the tiny little yellow bird who shares his shares his name with the moniker of that immortalized 1969 shindig, he might just make an appearance in Kellogg Park. Everyday is First of America's Fantasyland, "A Salute to the Sunday Funnies." Perhaps somebody will be inspired to carve Snoopy's best buddy.

The Experience performed at Woodstock. The Ice Festival is an experience.

There was a movie about Woodstock so all the people who couldn't make it, could see what they missed.

There's no movie for the Ice Festival. Don't miss it.

## Janda named to NFLPA Injury Committee

**BY BRIAN CORBETT** 

A twisted knee on the astroturf.

A sprained ankle on second base.

Or a bruised leg from soccer.

If Plymouth resident Dr. David Janda continues his current rate of progress with injury prevention, these afflictions will be limited to isolated incidents.

Janda has been named to the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) Injury Committee after several clinical studies on why injuries occur. He was one of three people appointed.

"A lot of people don't want to admit injuries happen," Janda said. "You have to understand why they occur."

He was appointed by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, which was approached by the NFLPA to conduct the research.

"There has been speculation of more injuries on synthetic turf versus natural turf, or knee braces versus no knee braces. We're going to get to the bottom of a lot of these injuries," Janda said. "We're going to conduct this research critically, factually and analytically."

The NFLPA Injury Committee was formed as part of the collective bargaining agreement with the owners of the National Football League.

The NFLPA will supply the Injury Committee with information on individual player injuries by team, position, game/practice date and other categories. There is no term length for Injury Committee members. They will remain on duty until their study is complete.

A member of the medical staff at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and the director of the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, Janda has done previous studies to impede injuries. The Institute has redesigned equipment and improved various training techniques for recreational and professional sports.

For example, Janda and the Institute were instrumental in the research of break-away bases in baseball. Janda said, "We discovered 70 per cent of recreational softball injuries happened sliding." With the creation of the special bases, injuries have declined by 96 per cent.

"Not only did we prevent all that pain and suffering. But we saved \$2 billion in health care costs nationally," Janda said. "It(prevention) should be the foundation of any health care form proposal."

Janda also has tested head and chest protective gear for baseball and is currently concluding an analysis on soccer injuries.

The Institute also has an advisory board, which provides assistance for Janda and his staff. "We have a number of folks from all walks of life that help with what we do and where we go," Janda said. "They lend a lot of insight."

Football players Walter Payton, Johnny Unitas and Mel Blunt, baseball players Willie McCovey, Tommy Davis and Dave Dravecky, U-M hockey coach Red Berenson and basketball player Oscar Robertson all serve on Janda's advisory board.

Janda believes that his facility has become a leader in sports medicine research.

It's the only independent sports research organization in the country because he does not accept funding from sportswear companies. "It has to be tested critically and independently. If you perform high quality scientific research, corporate America will support you," Janda said.

Janda currently serves on Gov. John Engler's Council on Physical Fitness and serves his patients at several offices, including Plymouth.

# Twp. Supervisor looks at state of township

#### BY PETER BRODERICK

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy visited the Plymouth Rotary Club Friday, where she addressed the club regarding the township's agenda for the new year.

In what could be called a "State of the Township" address, McCarthy outlined where the township is, and where the township expects to be in the near future.

"Before 1985, we had no police," McCarthy said. The township was patrolled by Wayne County Sheriff and the City of Plymouth Police Department.

Since then she said, the Plymouth Township Police Department has developed into what it is today - an autonomous and efficient law enforcement agency.

The Plymouth Township Fire Department is in the process of merging its services with the City of Plymouth. McCarthy said that 1995 will be a time of ironing out details and making the merger as smooth as possible for residents of both communities.

With over 35 per cent of all land still vacant, the township still has plenty of room to grow. McCarthy said to expect an increase in single family living units, and a decrease in vacant property.

Development will most likely be concentrated in the western end of the township, where most of the vacant land is

Industrial areas will continue to be developed in the future. The north and west areas of the township have been growing at a fast pace in the past few years, and McCarthy said she expects the trend to continue.

Commercial development in the township --- especially the Ann Arbor Road corridor - will also continue to be developed. "We want to compliment and support Downtown Plymouth, rather than compete with it," said McCarthy.

McCarthy said that the township expects to be at "full development" between 2015 - 2020. "By then, we expect to have about 30,000 residents in the township." she said.

McCarthy emphasized the difference between areas that are developing, and those that are "maturing." She said that the township has areas that are both developing and maturing, and that each has its own challenges and problems.

Roads in the township are owned by either Wayne County or the state. Legislation has made it possible for residents to create "Special Assessment Districts," which allows residents around a certain piece of road to vote on whether or not to pave that road. If the vote passes, residents would be taxed to pay for the paving, saving the rest of the township from having to pay for the road.

McCarthy also outlined several issues that will be immediate concerns of the township in 1995.

She said that the township is looking at the development of the township hall into a facility that would better suit the needs of the people.

A major issue of concern for township residents especially the children — is the ban of sledding at the township park. "The sledding hill is a very short run that ends at trees and a creek," said McCarthy.

Last year, bails of hay were put at the bottom of the hill as barriers from the various hazards, but McCarthy said that children could still be hurt.

This year's ban on sledding follows a trend of sledding bans all over Wayne County and the Detroit area, including Hines Park.

McCarthy ended by inviting the Rotarians to join in the building of the township's "Playscape," to be constructed in May at the Township Park.

# Financial firm moves to new downtown location

The intense property market of Downtown Plymouth has witnessed a change in ownership as Ann Arbor Building, L.L.C has purchased the mortgage of the structure located at 729 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Mark T. Wira is president of Ann Arbor Financial which conducts its financial services out the building. He hopes the move will establish his company's image as a major contributor to the

successful Plymouth business market.

"We're hoping to gain trust and commitment from those residents of (Plymouth-Canton-Northville community)," Wira said, who is also a member of Ann Arbor Building, L.L.C.

The building was previously owned by A. Kraft Bell, president of R.K.B., Ltd. Wira said, "Buildings don't usually go up for sale. It's really a tight market here

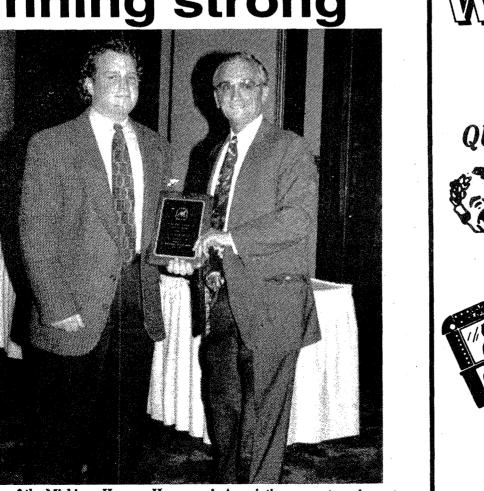
It was the first major Downtown Plymouth purchase for a born and raised local family. Wira said, "Plymouth has always been my hometown."

Wira anticipates improvements to be made to the structure in order to keep up with the fine image of Downtown Plymouth. "We had a new sign put up front. We're going to get a low-interest

loan... to beautify the building," Wira said.

Ann Arbor Financial is a financial planning firm that provides services in the areas of estate, retirement and charitable planning. It has operated out of Plymouth since 1990, specializing in investment management and no-load mutual funds





Larry Mallar of the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association presents a plaque to Crier Managing Editor Rob Kirkbride for outstanding coverage of harness racing in Michigan . (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt)



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#### **JAYCEE FOOD BASKETS**

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for volunteers 21 to 39 years old for their holiday food basket program. They need help with the food baskets, food and toys donation, gift wrapping and basket delivery. For more information, call either 453-8407 or 455-8676. **MOTHERS OF TWINS** 

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins club will meet at 7:30 Jan. 16. New members are welcome. For more information, call Shelly at 326-1466.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions on successive Thursdays Jan. 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Tenors, basses and baritones are especially needed. For more information, call 455-4080.

#### CANTON PROJECT ARTS

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

The Canton Newcomers will hold a moms and tots outing for bumper bowling from 10 a.m. to noon at the Canton Super Bowl on Jan. 17. For more information, call either 459-9064 or 416-0171.

#### FINE ART COMPETITION

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

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual All-Members Planning session from 8 to 10 a.m. on Jan. 11 at the Mayflower Hotel. There is no fee to attend but reservations are appreciated. For more information, call the chamber at 453-1540

#### **BLOODMOBILE VISITS**

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

#### **COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL**

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

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

The Plymouth community Arts Council will hold auditions for their spring production "T.H.E. Club" on Jan. 17, 18 and 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for performances in March. The participation fee is \$50 per person. For more information, call Jennifer Tobin at 453-5212.

#### UNITED WAY AIRLINE RAFFLE

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

#### **PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS**

The Plymouth Newcomers will hold their general meeting on Jan. 12 at the Water Club bar and grill at 11:30 a.m. with speaker Randy Lorenz. For more information, call Bev at 454-3663 or Kathy at 455-8336.

#### AARP TAX AID PROGRAM

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

#### **AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

#### LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

The Plymouth Cultural Center will host financial expert Paul LeDuc to answer questions about reducing taxes for heirs through a living trust from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, free of charge.

#### HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING

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

#### **PRESCHOOL OPENINGS**

New Morning School will take registrations for 4 and 5 year-old children for M, W or M, W, F preschool classes. For more information about enrolling in the parent cooperative, call 420-3331.

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#### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

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

#### SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

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

#### **CLOTHING BANK**

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

#### NURSING HOME PLANNING

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

#### LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

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

#### PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

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

#### **KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE**

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

#### **ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS**

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

#### MOMS IN THE MIDDLE

Moms in the Middle, a new group forming in the Plymouth area for mothers with kindergarten through eighth grade-aged children is looking for members. For more information. call 455-8336.

#### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

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

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

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

#### **DIAPER COLLECTION**

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

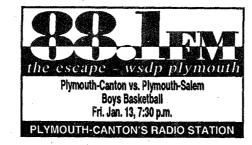
PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

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

#### **GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS**

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

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

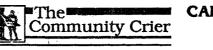






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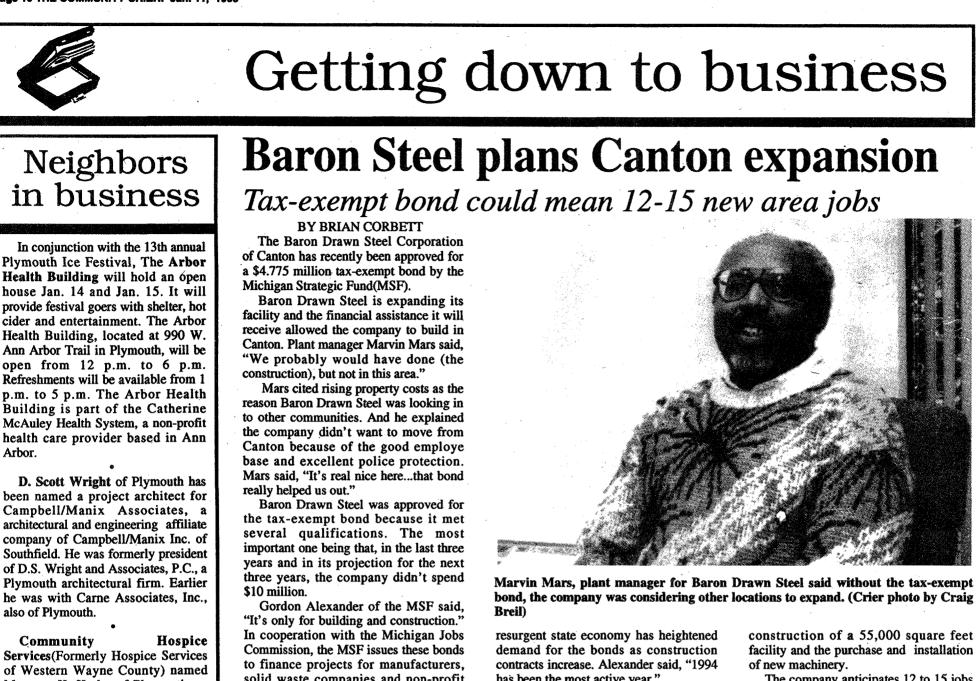


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Maureen K. Karby of Plymouth, as their new Director of Marketing. Joining the organization two years ago, Karby holds a BA in English/Speech and Pastoral Ministry from Madonna University.

Marcia Horngren of Plymouth, Director of Fund Development with United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit has been selected as a member of Leadership Detroit XVI. Leadership Detroit was one of the 40 original community leadership programs in the country. Currently, there are almost 900 graduates of Leadership Detroit who serve in many key community leadership roles through the metro Detroit area.

The Oakwood Healthcare System Facility of Canton Township has launched a transition process that will make it the prototype for the integrated healthcare systems of the 21st century. The transition process will include employers, insurers, physicians, employes and management. And it's designed to gain cost efficiency and expand services while maintaining quality and improving customer satisfaction. The 22 representative transition team hopes to complete the process in 18 months.

solid waste companies and non-profit corporations. "Surprisingly, it seems fairly easy," Mars said of the application process.

"In 1994 we issued \$395 million in all categories," Alexander said. The has been the most active year.'

Mars said Baron Drawn Steel will break ground on its expansion approximately June 1 with completion set for an undetermined date in October. The project consists of acquisition of land,

The company anticipates 12 to 15 jobs will be created.

Baron Drawn Steel is located at 8455 Ronda Drive in Canton and produces bolts, screws and fittings for automobiles. It has been in Canton since 1987.

# **Sayles retires from Ameritech**

#### **BY BRIAN CORBETT**

After 34 years of service with Ameritech, Plymouth resident Marcia Sayles has announced her retirement as public relations director for the company.

The decision was both personal and financial to leave when I did," Sayles said. She accepted an early buyout because the pension rate is the best it has been in years. Also, Sayles was eager to move on to new things in her life, such as, the new house she has purchased with her husband.

But Sayles' resolution to leave her job wasn't as easy as dialing the operator. She said, "I loved my job. It was a very difficult decision to make. But the pension buyout looked good, the opportunity looked good."

Sayles started as a service representative in Flint in 1960. She spent 12 years there before hopping from city to city around the state, serving in Saginaw, Southfield, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Holland and Hastings. She managed several offices in that tour of duty before arriving in Plymouth 15 years ago and assuming her role in the public relations department.

"I've had a great opportunity to live and work throughout the state. The people I've met throughout Michigan, I've really enjoyed that opportunity," said Sayles.

As Director of Public Relations, Sayles had several responsibilities. She acted as a liaison between Ameritech and local officials, handled media contacts and served as a ombudsman to help solve problems.

She will be replaced by three public relation officers, who will split up the communities Sayles worked in. She said, "Ameritech

is continuing to consolidate and get smaller. The territories are going to be divided in to three people."

With a career spanning three decades, Sayles has witnessed dramatic changes in the phone business. "When I started out we didn't even have touch tone phones. Now we have touch tone phones and fiber optics," Sayles said. She added that Ameritech will be instituting video dial tone, a system that allows callers see each other, within the next year. Sayles said, "It's a very exciting time."

Sayles also experienced the federal break-up of the Ameritech phone monopoly in 1984. She said, "We were a monopoly. We've gone from a monopolized environment to a competitive environment. We have tremendous competition." But Sayles added Ameritech has actually benefited from its profound competitors. "Ameritech has done an outstanding job training its employes," she said.

As a retiree, Sayles is planning on remaining active in many areas. She said, "I'm going to do some consulting work, I hope to do some consulting work for Ameritech. I'm going to take a computer class. I have a lot of contacts in the service community and I also like marketing.'

Sayles is a key figure in civic activities as well, currently serving on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission and the Livonia Rotary Club. "I've always been involved in the community," Sayles said. But no matter what the future holds for Sayles, she is proud of her past accomplishments. She said, "I've just had a terrific career with Ameritech. I loved every minute of it."

# City, Twp. share planning goals

#### BY MIKE McGLINNEN

Recent efforts to standardize zoning policies along the Ann Arbor Road corridor and other developments could lead to an new level of cooperation between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The two communities have clashed many times in the past over a number of issues, but a new era seems to be on the horizon.

The recent combination of fire services and police dispatch within the two communities along with attempts to standardize the appearance of Ann Arbor Road could merely be a precursor of further cooperative efforts — a combined building department or even the creation of one "Plymouth," eliminating the city and township distinctions.

Plans for improving the appearance of the Ann Arbor Road corridor have come and gone over the years, but hope exists that changes can be more lasting this time around.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services, praised the combined efforts of both communities as well as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, which serves both the township and city.

"It is unusual to get such cooperation between the private sector and two different communities — it's unique," Anulewicz said.

Anulewicz said a basic premise to the success of the group is realizing the importance of Ann Arbor Road to each community.

"We have to get each municipality to recognize there is an interface and how the environment is created does have an impact on both communities," he said.

The Ann Arbor corridor group will decide if a formalized theme is desirable or if a set of "do's and don'ts" needs to be established to best improve the appearance of the road.

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"We will talk to business people and see what they want and then come to some conclusion," Anulewicz said.

Among the issues under consideration for standardization are utility poles, signage, mailbox locations, and building sizes and frontage, said Kay Arnold, a Plymouth Township trustee and a member of the chamber of commerce board of directors.

An Ann Arbor Road "charette" (a student competition) conducted last summer enabled members of the Ann Arbor Road Committee to summarize some of their concerns. The six major problems identified within the corridor were: (1) insufficient quantities of landscaping; (2) signage; (3) no recognition of major points such as the entry to the city; (4) visual pollution; (5) lack of commercial property depth between Sheldon and Main streets; and (6) Ann Arbor Road as a conduit for traffic.

#### Ann Arbor Road circa 1957



**ZONE "A"** The City of Plymouth "Downtown" area is a distinct commercial center, specifically oriented toward the pedestrian user.

**ZONE "B"** Main Street is a connector between the Ann Arbor Road Corridor and is an introduction zone to the City "Downtown" area. This zone is mainly auto oriented, however, it is of a different scale and scope than the Ann Arbor Road Corridor. Buildings front onto the street with parking located to the rear of the buildings.

-ZONE "C" Ann Arbor Road Corridor is an auto (destination), one-stop shop oriented area. Anulewicz said these designs have been analyzed and the best aspects of each have been distilled into a plan which will be submitted to the city and township planning commissions in the near future.

Maurice Breen, former Plymouth Township supervisor, discussed some of the problems encountered during previous efforts at standardizing the appearance of Ann Arbor Road.

He emphasized that entities such as the Ann Arbor Road Corridor Zoning District are somewhat limited in what they can do.

"Beyond the type of buildings, brick or frame, there is a limit to what they can do," Breen said.

The nature of many of the businesses along Ann Arbor Road (fast food franchises) limits the ability of property owners to conform to any standards which are established.

Since each of these franchises has an established "look" and design style, totally revising the structure is often impossible to do, Breen said.

Another difficulty encountered in the past is giving business owners a reason to participate in such programs, Breen said.

"Owners are looking for the best return on their property and if there are no incentives for people, they will not want to participate," said Breen.

Breen said it has traditionally been easy to get business operators along Ann Arbor Road excited about making changes, but it has been difficult to sustain.

What does all this mean regarding additional joint planning efforts in the future?

Anulewicz said anything is possible, and establishing uniformity along Ann Arbor Road could be an important step to future cooperation between the two communities.

"If I want to learn to ski, I don't go down the toughest hill, I start with the bunny hill ... right now, we are going through the basics," he said.

"Although there are differences between the communities, at least within that district, there are similarities," Anulewicz said.

"If it works out, then who knows," Anulewicz said.

## A2 Road

Arnold believes an Ann Arbor Corridor Zoning District is critical because it enables both the city and township to know what is taking place in the community right across the street.

"If there is going to be a huge asphalt plant or some kind of factory going in, we want to know," Arnold said.

She said this is also important for neighboring communities such as Northville and Canton, as well.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy has supported the efforts of the Ann Arbor Corridor group since the thoroughfare is crucial to the well-being of each community.

She emphasized at a Rotary Club meeting last week that Ann Arbor Road is the primary path to downtown Plymouth not only Plymouth Township's "main drag" Improving the appearance of the street is beneficial to both communities, Keen-McCarthy said.

A number of university students recently submitted designs for improving the road to the Ann Arbor Road group. Arnold believes having more definite plans of this nature will improve the chances of the making changes to Ann Arbor Road.

"Once the businesses see what we're planning and what it might cost them, I think they will become more interested in the project," Arnold said.

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# businesses consider development options

#### **BY MIKE McGLINNEN**

Two business owners along Ann Arbor Road discussed the potential impact of the efforts made so far by the Ann Arbor Road Corridor Zoning District. Jack Kenney, owner of Quicksilver Photo, moved

from Plymouth Township to the City of Plymouth in 1993.

He thinks the Ann Arbor Road group will need to find a happy medium to appease business owners.

"They will be kind of splitting the difference between having individuality and consistency along the road," Kenney said.

He explained that it is important to have some general rules, but also that each business should still be distinguishable.

Kenney believes consistent signage is one area which the group could easily have an impact, along with some other general "common sense" policies.

"You don't want to have a dump across the street," he said.

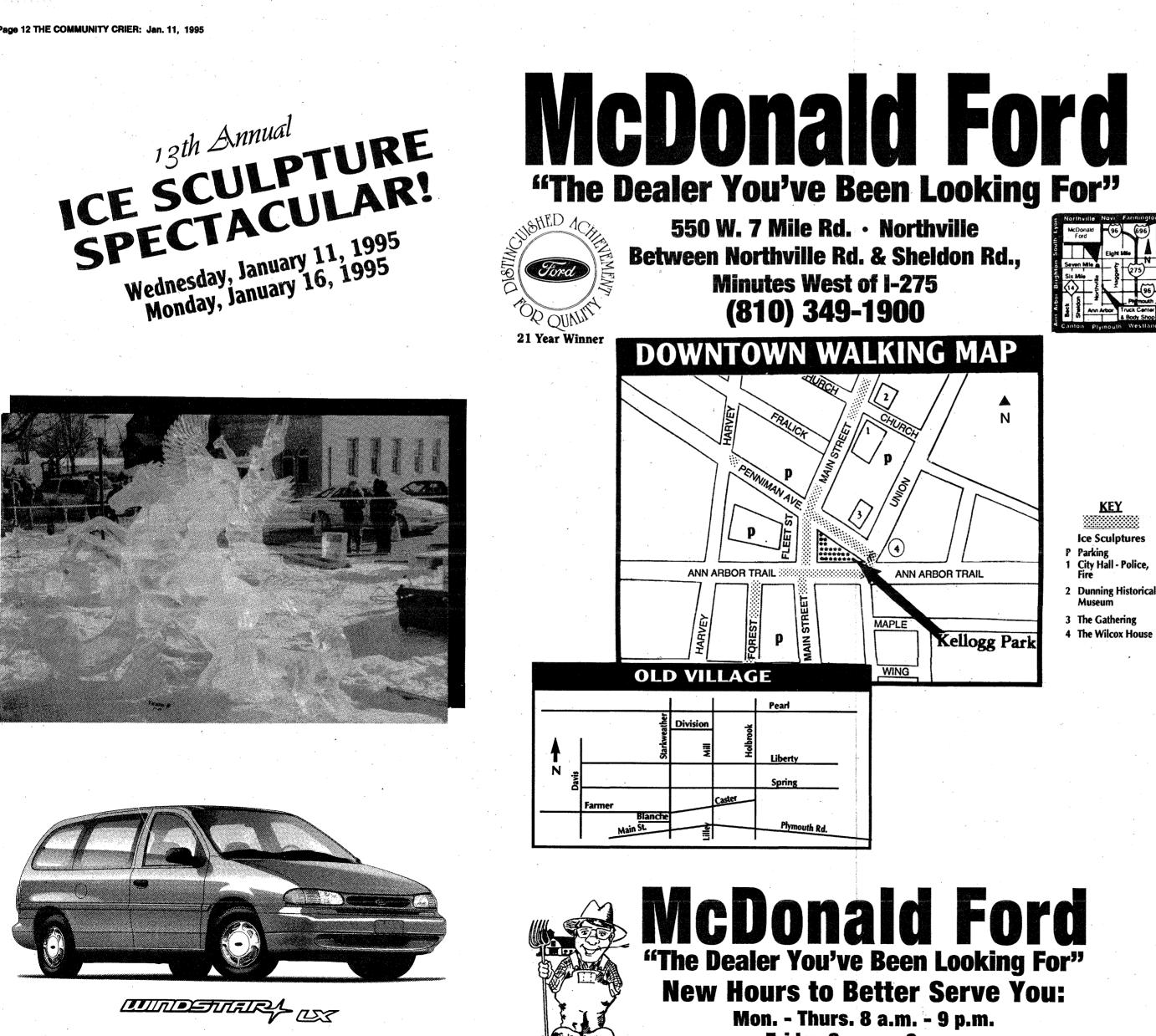
John Warner of Sunshine Honda plans to expand his business soon, possibly going across Ann Arbor Road. Although his plans have not been brought before the planning bodies, he does not forsee much of a problem.

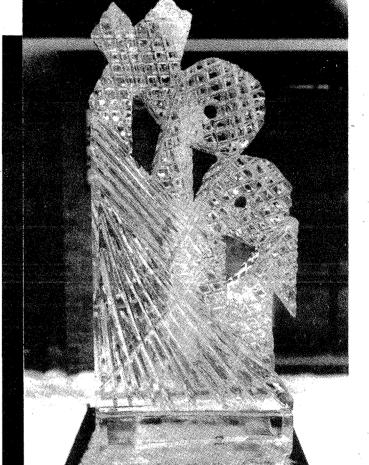
"Our plan kind of fit right in with the group's plans so far ... we didn't have to change anything to fit in, it is kind of like 'great minds thinking alike,'" Warner said.

Warner, who is a member of the Ann Arbor Road Corridor Zoning District, believes the group will have a positive impact on area businesses in the near future.

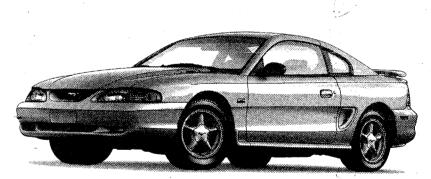
"It really hasn't influenced our business yet, but it will," Warner said.

Once some conclusions are formulated soon from a brain-storming "charette" with college design students the Ann Arbor Road group will have much more of an impact, Warner said.



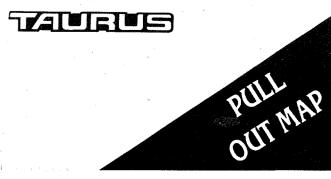


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#### Gerald R. Croteau, 61, electrician

Gerald R. Croteau, a retired 35-year electrician from Northville, died Jan. 4, 1995, at the age of 61.

He is survived by his wife; Mary, sons; Gerald Jr., Michael, William and James, daughters; Cherie, Koren, Dawn and Sharon, one brother, his parents and 9 grandchildren. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

#### William E. Wassenaar, 57, trucking manager

William E. Wassenaar, the manager of Waterland Trucking Service from Plymouth, died Dec. 31, 1994, at the age of 57.

He is survived by his wife; Carole, two sons, his mother and five grandchildren. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Lapham Cemeterv.

#### Carole K. Kalmbach, 50, business owner

Carole K. Kalmbach, former owner of the Country Cat in Plymouth, died Jan. 2, 1995, at the age of 50.

She is survived by her parents, John and Lona.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

## Obituaries

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#### **Alice Violet Spear**

Alice Violet Spear, a former employee at Raal Industries in Southgate from Plymouth, died Jan. 5, 1995, at the age of 86.

For Mrs. Spear, family came first and she loved birds and animals. She came to Canton from Wyandotte in 1988 and later moved to Plymouth.

She is survived by her daughters; Carol Quinn and Gail LaRochelle, and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery. Mass offerings can be made to St. John Neumann Catholic Church or to the Alzheimer's Association.

#### **Gabor Orris**

Gabor Orris, a set-up man at Kelsey-Hayes in Romulus from Westland, died Jan. 6, 1995, at the age of 85.

Mr. Orris was an active member of the Westland Friendship Center and was honored as Senior of the Year in 1992.

He is survived by his daughter; Evelyn Lombardo, son; Ronald, sister; Betty Kovach, brothers; Frank, Albert and William, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Orris were arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

#### George Alfred Horner, Jr.

George Alfred Horner, Jr. of Farmington Hills, former deputy finance director for the city of Royal Oak, died Jan. 6, 1995, at the age of 86.

Mr. Horner was a member of the Redford United Methodist Church and very active in its Calvary Guild. He and his wife, Glenna, were members of the church for 54 years.

He is survived by his wife; Glenna, sons; Don (Marge), Jack (Danetta) and William (Mary Lou), four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Horner were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. George Covintree, Jr. officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Redford United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

#### Ann Demetriou, 58, restaurateur

Ann Demetriou, owner of the Golden Boy restaurant in Wayne for 35 years, died Jan. 5, 1995, at the age of 58.

deaths

She is survived by her husband; George, daughter; Thekla (John), two sons, two sisters and five grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Pawlus Funeral Home, were held at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox church, burial was at Parkview Cemetery.

#### Aurora R. Dolar, 82, homemaker

Aurora R. Dolar, a homemaker from Canton, died Jan. 5, 1995, at the age of 82.

She is survived by four sons, one daughter, three brothers, five sisters, 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the McCabe Funeral Home, were held at the St. Thomas A' Beckett Catholic Church, burial will take place in the Phillipines.

#### Edward J. Rutkowski, 90, resident

Edward J. Rutkowski, a resident of Canton, died Jan. 4, 1995, at the age of 90.

He is survived by two sons, three sisters, one brother and four grandchildren. Services, arranged by the Pawlus Funeral Home, were held at St. Thomas A' Beckett Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

#### Myrna L. Horvath, 55, resident

Myrna L. Horvath, a resident of Canton, died Jan. 4, 1995, at the age of 55.

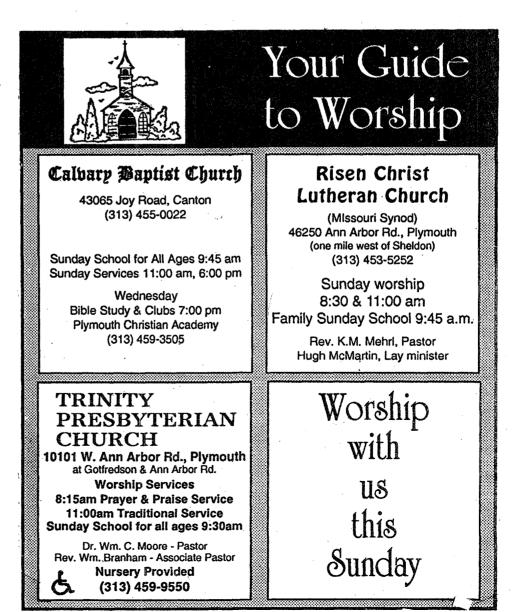
She is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Pawlus Funeral Home, were held at Sherwood Village Community Center.

#### Michael F. O'Brien, 48, Ford employee

Michael F. O'Brien, a quality control worker at Ford Motor Co. from Plymouth, died Jan. 7, 1995, at the age of 48.

He is survived by his wife; Barbara, daughters; Kelly and Kristine, one brother and one sister. Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home.



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LIZ HARTWICK- I wish you wrote for the Crier. You would know what to say and how to say it in an interesting way, as you did for the Plymouth Mail. All the world was young then and the Beyer Family was busy with Sunday dinners and birthday celebrations. You added a wonderful dimension to the lives of many of usl

KATHY PETLUSKI of the Library- has her front room full at the moment. Her two boys were in an automobile accident. Both had breakage and are now enjoying poor health in the confines of their home,- in living room. Any Entertainment suggestions are welcome. Good luck, kids!

#### Curiosities

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# Sports

### Sports shorts

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Looking for some hockey action during the current National Hockey League lockout? Look no further, the action is coming to Plymouth. The Detroit Red Wings Alumni will play a benefit hockey game against The Canton Fire Union and Police Union. On Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Plymouth. Proceeds go to Greg Unger of Canton to help pay expenses for a double lung transplant operation. Limited seating is available so buy tickets in advance. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Canton Fire Station number one (Corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill.) Remaining tickets will be available at the door the night of the game. Raffle tickets for a drawing the night of the game will also be sold for \$1. Prizes include a Florida vacation. Donations are still needed to cover expenses. Call Mike Caruso at 981-1113 or Jim Davidson at 453-4114.

**Canton Parks and Recreation**, in conjuction with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring youth floor hockey clinics and a Saturday game program. Registration is currently going on and will end Jan. 19. It's \$35 per child, for boys and girls, grades 1-5. There are no residency requirements.

At the Salem Varsity Inviational on Saturday the Rock wrestlers finished 10th and Canton finished 17th among the 18 teams attending. Stevenson won the invitational, with Catholic Central, Holt, Brighton and Portage Central rounding out the top five. Scott Hughes (119 lbs.) had the best performance for Salem finishing third. Other Salem standouts included Phil Mitchell (134 lbs.) who placed fifth and Jeremy Breithaudt (160 lbs.) who finished sixth.

# Stingrays

Even though NHL season is all but over, good hockey can be found in Plymouth

BY TAMMY FULTON Although the NHL season has not started for hockey fans, there are some good hockey games going on in town.

The Stingrays in the Little Caesars Hockey League are having a great season.

They are part of a travel team in the Squirt A division. Their record is 34-2-4, which puts them in first place.

On December 21, they played the Livingston Lightning, and shut them out 5-0. That was the 40th game of their 75-game season.

In the first period, J.J. Daratony and David Rolfs scored to put the Stingrays out in front, 2-0.

Two goals made it by the opposition in the second period also, scored by Eric Giosa, assisted by David Rolfs and Josh Sciba on both goals.

Livingston was aggressive, but could not score on the Stingrays. At 2:05 of the third period, David Rolfs scored the fifth goal to seal their fate.

Jim Nagel, head coach for the Stingrays said that the team is doing better this year on passing. "Passing is the most critical thing in the game," said Nagel.

"This year they've learned to pass the puck...learning to play as a team," he said.

Nagel said the kids don't even care about the score sheets anymore — who scored the most points or the hat trick is not important to them. Playing and supporting each other as a team is most important.

"We don't even read the goals off in the locker room...as long as they get the win that's all they care about," said Nagel.

The goalie, Derrick Woodwring, has 13 shutouts this season. Nagel said that is unusual for his age and level. "He's played exceptionally well this year...he's worked hard."



The Stingrays are (front row, l to r): Eric Giosa, Tommy Mullen, David Rolfs, Chris Ryan, Derrick Woodring, Mark Nagel, Brian Genrich, Josh Sciba (middle row) J.J. Daratony, Sean Tackett, Matt Krug, Kevin Hallett (coaches) Assistant Coach Daryl Sciba, Head Coach Jim Nagel, Assistant Coach Jim Daratony.

The Travel teams put together tournaments to play each season, and the team can pick and choose which ones to play in.

Nagel said, "We've played in five so far this year, winning four...including the Silver Stick Tournament."

The team played in Sports Weekend, where they went up against a Double A team. Double A is a division with players a year older — but the Stingrays beat them too.

The Stingrays have qualified for the International Stick Tournament this month, where they will face teams from all over the United States and Canada.

There are 16 different regions between Canada and the U.S. "We are representing the southwest Michigan region," Nagel said.

There will be teams from Alaska, California, New York, Minnesota and South Carolina to name a few.

There are eight or nine regions in Canada. They will be sending down a representative. Nagel said this is probably one of the most prestigious tournaments. "If you can win it, it wou

"If you can win it, it would be a real feather in your cap," Nagel said.

The Hockey Association in Plymouth has grown and gotten more powerful throughout all the teams this year, he said.

When the teams representing Plymouth went to Chicago on Thanksgiving, the four teams that went returned winners. They played 20 games, winning 19 and tying one.

Nagel said that if has taken the travel teams two to three years to get to the point they are now in Plymouth. They are all at the top of their divisions, with the exception of one. There are nine teams in Plymouth from the Mites (six-year-olds), to the Midgets (16-17-year-olds).

Nagel has been a head coach for four years now and said it is a "Lot of fun...a lot of headaches, mostly with the parents."

He has three sons playing hockey, two on the Pee Wee A team and one on his team. "I'm at the rink almost every night."

# **Rock hoopsters destroy Warriors, move to 5-1**

#### BY BRIAN CORBETT

A group of Warriors invaded Salem's stronghold on Friday. Only to be turned away by the rolling Rocks basketball team.

In their sixth game of the season and the Western Lakes Activities Association(WLAA) opener, Salem defeated the Walled Lake Western Warriors, 54-38. It was the Rocks' fifth consecutive win. Coach Bob Brodie said, "We're happy with 5-1, but we have to get better. We can't get complacent."

Guard Doug Herriman had 16 points and forward Dan McKian pitched in 12 points and 11 rebounds. Eight other players scored for the Rocks. Brodie said, "We were pretty balanced."

The first stanza started off slow, a typical beginning for the Rocks, who always let the opposition expose their game plan and then adapt to it. Brodie said, "We had a tough time stopping one their inside players. And one of their outside shooters was hitting from the perimeter too." Despite being unable to shut down the the two man attack, Salem still led, 14-7.

A series of turnovers and impatient play prevented the Rocks

from pulling away in the second quarter. And it turned Brodie's concerns to his offense, what had been the strength of the team earlier in the season. "We rushed the ball a bit," he said.

Also, the Warriors' unstoppable pair accounted for all of Western's 12 first half points, leaving Salem with a 23-12 halftime lead.

Brodie told his players during the halftime adjustments to pass up the tougher outside shot, in favor of going inside. He said, "We told them... look for the lay-up opportunities."

It was in the third quarter that Rocks' superiority began to establish itself, with consistent offense and staunch defense. "Dan McKian got fire," Brodie said of the forward who got 10 of his 12 points in the quarter. If McKian was the fire, than Herriman was the spark, scoring nine points.

With a comfortable lead, Salem hit cruise control in the final quarter, outscoring the Warriors, 11-10. Brodie said, "We held the status quo with our lead.

"At times it looks good, at times it looks terrible."

## **Canton police, fire union members will hit ice against Detroit Red Wing Alumni Team**

#### BY BRIAN CORBETT

If Greg Unger made a wish today, it would be for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. But before he leaves Canton for St. Louis to try and make that wish come true, he will receive a going away party that will cure his disappointment over the current National Hockey League lockout.

The Canton Fire Union and Police Union, in cooperation with the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team, will play a benefit hockey game on Greg's behalf at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Friday, Feb. 17. "We've always loved hockey. Sometimes I'd get tickets for Joe Louis Arena and go down there. It's one of his favorite pastimes," said his father, Bill Unger of Mt. Clemens.

Greg, 14, was diagnosed with the respiratory disease when he was six months old. "It's basically a genetic disease that attacks the lungs. Basically, there's no cure at this time," said Unger. Cystic Fibrosis is a condition when an excess amount of mucus accumulates in the lungs, hindering breathing.

The situation has reached a critical point for Greg, his father and mother, Barbara of Canton. The family has decided to move to St. Louis, a premier center for lungs transplants, in order to obtain the best treatment for Greg. "They have great physical therapy down there," Unger said of the hospital where Greg will receive his operation and recuperation.

But to cover the \$100,000 for travel and medical expenses, the Ungers need help. Working with the Children's Organ Transplant Association(COTA), the Ungers sent out a press release explaining their situation.

Enter the Canton Fire and Police Union.

When Tom Caruso, a Canton firefighter, learned of the Unger's struggle, he wanted to help. He gathered his friends, who brainstormed for the idea of a benefit hockey game between the Fire and Police Union teams and the Red Wings Alumni team. Caruso said, "I've played against them before. I knew they did benefits. When I read about Greg, I knew he liked hockey. So I called John (Ogrodnick) and I said: "Who can I get in contact with?"

Ogrodnick, a former NHL All-Star and Red Wing, now works at Kemper Securities in Plymouth. And he has just begun skating with the Alumni team. With Ogrodnick's contacts, Caruso was able to organize the benefit in a short period of time. Caruso said, "He (Ogrodnick) was real quick with it. He was real good."

The Plymouth Cultural Center has a capacity of approximately 1,300. And with tickets only \$5, Caruso stresses the need to buy tickets in advance. He said, "We're really trying to get the word out there."

Tickets are available at Canton Fire Station number one and Johnson's Restaurant at the corner of Lilley and Ford roads.

There will also be a variety of prizes given away during a raffle. Johnson's Restaurant, Home Depot, Outback Steakhouse and Olive Garden are just some of the participants donating gift certificates and the Alumni team will sign memorabilia. A Florida vacation to a Daytona Beach condo is in the auction, as are two rounds of golf at the prestigious Indianwood Country Club.

Caruso said the help he has received has been overwhelming.

"The Police Union came in big for us. They know a lot of people. There is some cost involved. It was a little slow at first, now it's really taking off. But you never have enough donations," he said.

The Plymouth Cultural Center and the Plymouth Hockey Association got involved too, by donating their ice time. Caruso said, "The Plymouth Hockey Association had districts going. And they said: 'We'll just give it to you guys.' We owe it to those guys. We're real lucky or else we wouldn't have had a rink."

With all the formalities getting cleared up, Caruso is anticipating an evening that will showcase some of the great names in Detroit hockey history. And it will give Caruso and his co-workers a chance to test their hockey prowess against former professionals. He said, "We got eight or 10 firefighters and five or six policemen. We're going to go with three lines. We'll hold our own. It's all entertainment, but the Alumni are real good with that. They'll make entertainment."

Although a roster has not yet been determined for the benefit game, Ogrodnick said at least 15 former Red Wings will lace up and grace the ice of the Plymouth Cultural Center. He mentioned Dwight Foster, Eddie Mio, Alex Delvecchio, Dennis Hextall and Tommy Williams as possibilities to play. Ogrodnick said, "It should be a great fundraiser. We'll move the puck, move it quickly. Put on a little show."

But the star of the night among all those in attendence will still be Greg. Although Steve Yzerman, Sergei Federov and Chris Osgood won't be there and his father can't take Greg to Joe Louis Arena this year, the occasion is much more important than a hockey game. It will give Greg the chance he needs to live a normal life.

For anyone who can't attend the hockey game, but would still like to aid in the fundraising, an alternative is possible. COTA is distributing donation canisters throughout the metro Detroit area and accepts tax-detuctible donations mailed to the National Bank of Detroit, 45345 Ford Road, Canton, 48187. To be accpected, checks and money orders must be made to "COTA for Greg" with the account number 215080176914. This is to make sure that all the donated money goes straight to Greg's cause. Unger said, "They've(COTA) helped us out a lot. They're very professional."

## Rocks know defending volleyball title isn't easy

#### BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Salem volleyball team shares a problem with the Dallas Cowboys. Winning a title is thrilling, defending it is a challenge.

Last year's Lakes division champion in the Western Lakes Activities Association(WLAA) is off to a 3-2 start after the Madonna Invitational. Co-head coach Allie Suffety said, "We were a little disappointed actually, we were kind of hoping we'd do better. We kind of hoped we'd get to the finals, but that didn't happen. But it's early in the season."

The arduous competition at the Madonna meet was the paramount reason for the Rocks failure to win the tournament. Top-ranked Temperance-Bedford finished first in a field that also included Pinconning and Kalamazoo Central, who are perennial state powers.

But Suffety, who shares mentor duties with Brian Gilles, won't accept his opponent's strength as an excuse. And he knows that his team may experience some growing pains. But he is confident the Rocks have all the ingredients for a competitive team.

"We have a lot of good skills. We need to mature as a team and game experience is the only thing that will do that for you," Suffety said.

Suffety has a number of players returning from squad that went 11-0 in the WLAA and 39-6-7 overall. In order to continue that kind of success, eight returning seniors must take their

#### game to the next level.

Leading the way are senior co-captians Karen Gridley and Julie McGurrin. Gridley will be joined at the outside-hitter position by seniors Kelly Johnston and Courtney Sheldon. At midhitter, senior Paula Dornbrowski and junior Shellye Sills will be counted upon for consistency. Senior setter Erin Coch holds down a critical position on the court. Suffety said, "She's a key player."

As the volleyball season gets into full swing, Suffety said the Rocks must possess an unrelenting attitude toward their opponents.

"We have to be able to put teams away, we have to hold on to leads. That's a maturity thing," he said.

Their next test will come at the Plymouth Festival Tournament this Saturday. "We're hoping to redeem ourselves," said Suffety.

Last year, the Rocks were stunned, losing to Dexter.

And just two days later the Rocks' title defense begins against Churchill.

The Chargers are considered threats to unseat Salem, along with Walled Lake Central and Stevenson. "Everybody's going to be up for us," Suffety said, who predicted a dark horse could surprise the preseason favorites. He said, "You never know about Franklin, they have a good coach over there."



#### SALEM BASKETBALL

The Salem Varsity Basketball team will battle cross-campus rival Canton on the Chiefs' home court at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13.

#### SALEM SWIMMING

The Salem Boys Swimming team next meet is against Novi at home at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. and Ann Arbor Huron at home on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

#### SALEM WRESTLING

The Salem Wrestling team grabbles with North Farmington at home on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. and then will participate in the Berkley Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m.

#### SALEM GYMNASTICS

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

#### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Salem Varsity Volleyball team will travel to Livonia Churchill on Monday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. and will host Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

#### CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chief cagers will take part in the annual classic showdown versus Salem at home at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13.

#### CANTON SWIMMING

The Canton Boys Swimming team travels to Livonia Churchill on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

#### CANTON WRESTLING

The Canton Wrestling team hits the road to battle conference foe Livonia Churchill on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

#### CANTON GYMNASTICS

The Canton Gymnastics team will take part in the Rockford Invitational on Saturday, Jan.14 at 11 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 17 the Chiefs will host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 18 at home against Walled Lake at 7 p.m.

#### **CANTON VOLLEYBALL**

The Canton Volleyball team will host North Farmington on Monday, Jan. 16 at home at 6 p.m. and will travel to John Glenn on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.



# **Community opinions**

# Hometown

It's a great feeling to be part of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville family

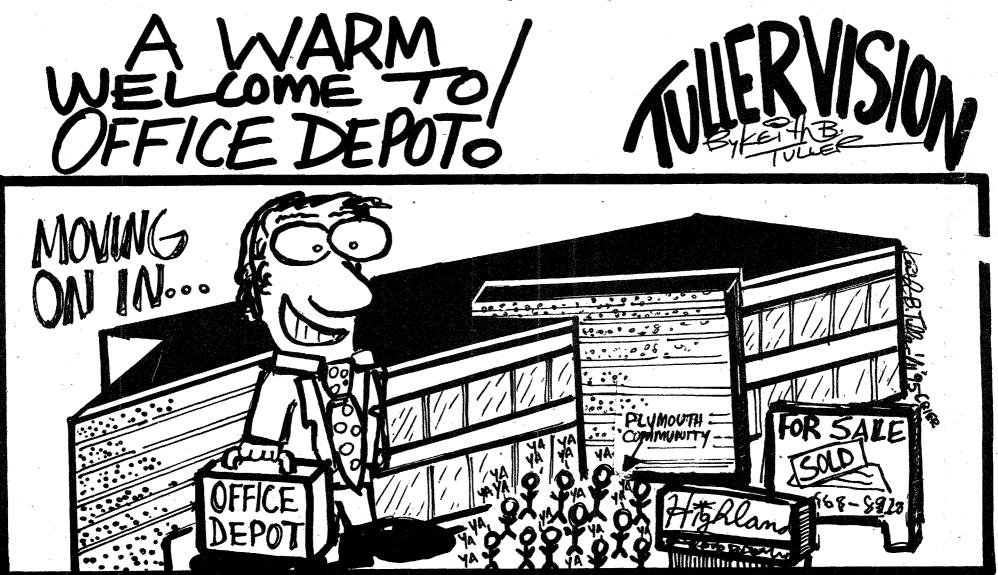
While living in Europe I became friends with a Sicilian Baron, his ancient family name that of the Sicilian valley his family is named for. His son, Gianni (The Baronet), is a dear friend of my sons and our family. From them I learned the soft and ancient side of what we think of as the 'Mafia': defined in my dictionary as 'a criminal and secret organization'. Now, defined by me as a group of like minded people who quietly help and support each other. This sort of 'mafia' ... a brother-sisterhood-family if you will, has always existed in the world, racial, cultural, commercial, suburban and local. Like Plymouth-Canton's Don Alsboro and Carl Williams organizing and holding in place a Plymouth High '58 grad class that stays close to it's members; like Dr. Bill Ross remaining close to his friends and patience alike; like local Police Chief Carl Berry insisting I forgive and forget a long ago transgression of one of these classmates (made me even call in when I had contacted him!); like another classmate forgiving me for my own transgression against him, "Aw, you just weren't being yourself then, Rans". Old sins cast such long shadows! This alliance of born and raised here friends-mates is very much alive, healthy and special. Perhaps one of the qualities this area bears is this 'familia', a small town, benevolent mafia. Seems so.

In this regard, quite a few people asked me about the 'caning' tease last week, but none queried the 'mafia' mention. "Do You Favor The Whipping Post To Punish Criminal?" blasts the front page headline of my dad's column there in the December 1930 issue of the Plymouth Mail.

### Native Son By Randy Eaton

The column quotes an other Michigan weekly newspaper, "it would not take long to prove it a success or a more dismal failure than the so-called humanitarian, sob sister, baseball, brass band, movieshow and gastronomical treats the idea has been demonstrated to be. It can't be worse. It may be better. Why not try it out?" "Editor, J. E. McMullen of the Linden Paper, declares that he is for the whipping post, while the Clinton County Republican News says, "It should be done behind closed doors, but none the less severely and effectively."

The last paragraph asks readers to write in their feelings about the Whipping Post. The point of the mention herein: not much is new, including the local Plymouth-Canton weekly newspaper asking readers to write in their viewpoints. Got a gripe? Got a viewpoint? Write in. Essentially, The Crier is your newspaper. The only one you've got dedicated entirely to this community. Other print media is so large it is only able to observe from a distance, not devote itself to Plymouth-Canton like The Crier does. Your inner action with it is essential to this being a special place. How do you feel about that?





# **Community opinions**

BY WE Edward

# Signs, signs — everywhere signs! Will Bob Bake have to follow sign ordinance he helped draft?

Bob Bake thinks his new signs are the bee's knees. The City of Plymouth thinks they violate the City sign ordinances.

Bob is known for complaining that the City of Plymouth looks trashy and for extolling the aesthetics of Northville, Harbor Springs and other yuppie spots. He admits that he is "very supportive of a good sign ordinance."

The City's Building Czar Jim Penn, says that Bob shouldn't ignore the City's sign laws since he was "instrumental in drafting much of the current sign ordinance." Bob says he "certainly monitored the process" but "was not directly involved."

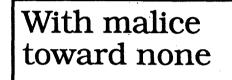
The issue has passed the days of it being just another one of Bob's pontifications at the Gloom and Doom Society (as Fred DeLano named it) meetings each morning at the round table in the Mayflower Hotel dining room.

The City will have Bob in court next week on one signage violation (at his Olde Discount building) and has begun legal steps against too many signs at the real estate office where Bob sells expensive homes by saying wonderful things about Plymouth (unlike what he says at City meetings or at the round table grump sessions).

Bob wants the City to form a "Sign Committee," which would pass judgment on whether business signs are quaint enough.

The City, which admits its sign ordinance needs another revamping, says it does not want a committee

# Strength



formed to tell people how high and what color their signs should be.

Debate on Bob's signs — and his stated "unique" reasons for needing more signs on his buildings than other folks has even proceeded to the Zoning Board of Appeals — which denied Bob's request.

Bob and Jim have exchanged letters and even debated the issue while Jim was ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in front of the Post Office on Penniman Avenue. (There was no report whether Bob put any money in the red kettle.)

In concluding one letter, Bob warned Jim that he wanted "to avoid confrontation, unnecessary expense and, most of all, the embarrassment likely to the City if the issue becomes newspaper material."

Jim replies, "I've never been embarrassed by enforcing the city's ordinances. I may not agree with all ordinances, but everybody should have to live by them."

When the issue hits the courthouse next week, it's just one more signal that the City's sign ordinance has problems. But it's also a test whether Bob should follow the rules he wants everybody else to live by.

Time heals all wounds, but with help of committed individuals and groups, the healing process is easier

It's easiest to see the strength of a community or organization when times are tough. Times were tough for several area groups Saturday following the tragic shooting at the Ford Motor Company Plant on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

The Plymouth Township emergency services (both police and fire), employees at the plant, Ford's top brass — all were devastated by the incident. And all showed their true colors.

The Plymouth Township emergency services responded quickly to the shooting, calling in every-

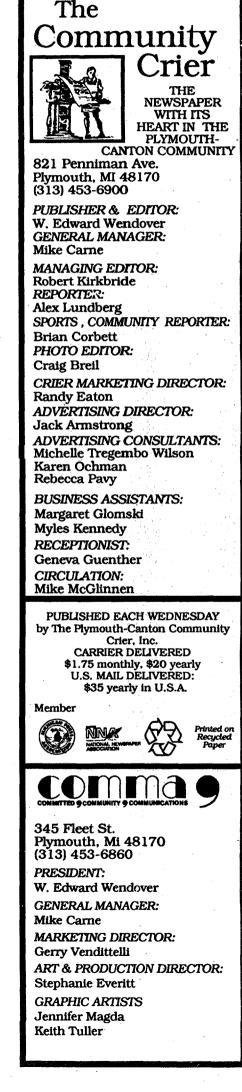


one that could be spared. They also had to handle both local and national media, which they did with expertise.

The employees were also faced with the tragedy of losing one of their fellow workers. Hats off to the UAW for dealing with the situation with speed and compassion. The UAW had counselors at the plant within hours of the shooting. Ford Motor Company showed why they are a valued company in our community.

They too provided counselors for the employees traumatized by the shooting.

Victims are many in this incident — which will not soon be forgotten by anyone in the community. Thankfully for all of us, time heals.



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