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## 'How can this happen again?'

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

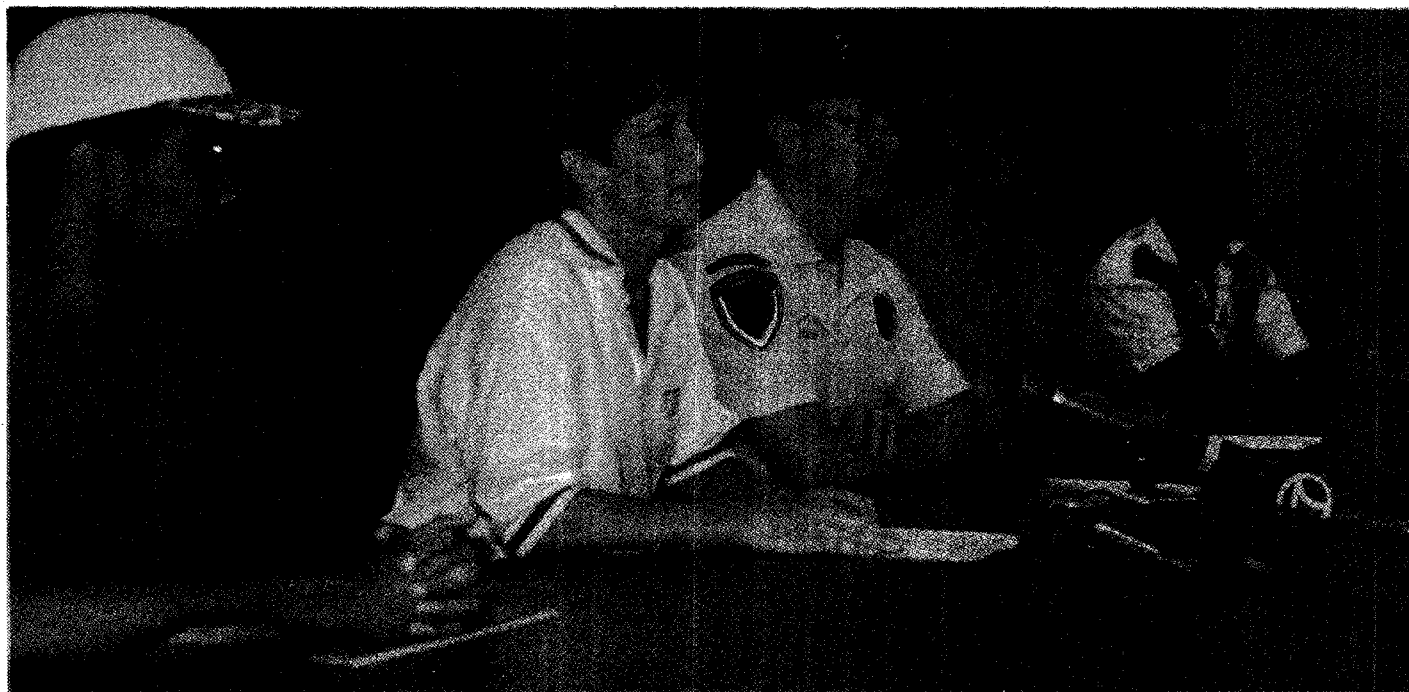
Stephen Cox worked quietly at the Ford Sheldon Road Plant for 30 years without incident and was active outside the plant working with kids and community groups, according to Plymouth Township Police reports.

What began as an alleged sexual harassment case against the long-time employee turned violent Sunday morning when Cox entered the plant and shot Ford Security Supervisor Donald Jagod seven times with a 9mm handgun before turning the gun on himself, according to police reports.

According to Ford officials, Cox entered the plant at 5:33 a.m. with 60 rounds, shortly after a lightly-staffed maintenance crew was to begin work.

He walked into the security office, located at the southeast corner of the building, and shot Jagod, a former Dearborn police officer, according to police reports. Jagod was unarmed.

Another security guard, Jeff Kenny, was held in the office by Cox. Kenny told the 911 operator he pled for his life and was finally allowed to leave. He ran to Office Depot and dialed 911. The call was relayed from the City of Plymouth to the Plymouth Township Police Department at 6:03 a.m. At 6:13 a.m., the second 911 call was received by Plymouth Township communications from the third security guard who had returned from making rounds in the plant and found the two bodies. Plymouth Township Police secured the area at 6:22 a.m.



(left to right) Ford spokesperson Timothy Chappell, Ford Sheldon Road Plant Manager Paula Winkler-Doman, Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry and Sgt. Robert Smith, UAW Plant Chairman Earl Taylor and UAW Local 845 President Roger Caldwell fielded questions concerning the murder-suicide at the plant Sunday. It is the second murder-suicide at the Plymouth Township plant in the last two years. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

"These were two individuals, both with very good backgrounds where someone overreacted to a situation," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

According to a statement given to Plymouth Township Police by Donna Jagod, daughter of the victim who is also a contracted Pinkerton Security Guard at the Sheldon Road Plant, Cox confronted

her in a stairwell.

"The allegation is that the confrontation was sexual in nature," said Berry.

The confrontation ended when other employees entered the stairwell, according to police reports. Donna made a formal complaint against Cox, at which time management at the plant investigated the incident and disciplined Cox. Cox was in the process of contesting the disciplinary

action through the grievance procedure, but according to a member of the Cox family, the Ypsilanti resident was fearful a civil suit stemming from the conflict would be filed by Donna.

Was there an argument between Donald and Cox? Those answers were taken to their graves. "From the time of the discipline to today — there's no longer a way to find the answer to those questions," said Berry.

Ford management and UAW officials are still reeling from the January 1995 murder-suicide at the Sheldon Road Plant

## Plant site of 2nd murder-suicide in 2 years

*Police, Ford management, UAW say plant is safe*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Sunday morning's shooting is not the first incident of violence at Ford's Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township.

Workers at Plymouth Township's largest employer are still recovering emotionally from the Jan. 7, 1995 murder-suicide that left two Ford employees dead and another injured.

According to Plymouth Township Police reports from last year's incident, 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 to break up the argument when 10 shots were fired from Michael's recently-purchased .40 caliber pistol.

O'Brien was killed, Sandra was seriously injured and Michael committed suicide.

The two shooting incidents have left many wondering: Is the Ford Sheldon Road Plant safe?

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# Administration, teachers down to final negotiating sessions before school year begins next week

BY BRIAN CORBETT

With just two bargaining sessions left before the first day of the 1996-97 school year, the Plymouth-Canton Schools and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association are hopeful that six months of contract negotiations will be completed before classes resume next week.

At stake: health care coverage, benefits and salary, sources say. "I don't think that's a secret," said P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little.

The two sides have been negotiating since February. The existing multi-year contract expires Monday, also the first day of school.

To protest the lack of progress, teachers have regularly attended school board meetings this summer, including an Aug. 13 picket line outside of the E.J. McClendon Administration Building.

Despite months of unsuccessful contract talks, the P-C Schools and the PCEA said it

is possible an agreement could be finalized before students return to school. "I don't know. That's very difficult to predict," said PCEA negotiator Sharon Belobraidich. "Hopefully, we'll have it settled before we go back to school."

The P-C School Board has an executive session scheduled for tomorrow, the same day the PCEA's Crisis Committee will meet to determine its next course of action.

Negotiating sessions are set for Thursday and Friday.

That's precisely what worries Mickey Adell-Cotner, a co-chair of the Crisis Committee. "We're hopeful. But there's only two more sessions scheduled before school starts, so I think it probably won't be (settled)," she said.

Errol Goldman, the P-C Schools assistant superintendent for employee relations, said he was "hopeful" but added: "We still have some difficult issues to work on."

He refused to elaborate on the chances of reaching a settlement. "I guess all I can say is, I'm hopeful," Goldman said.

If time isn't on their side, at least the P-C Schools and PCEA have mutual respect. "They have developed a very good working relationship," said Adell-Cotner, whose husband Tom is a PCEA negotiator.

"I'm not picking up any negative energy off this," said Little. "I know the teachers are very concerned."

Those feelings culminated in a picket line last week organized by the Crisis Committee.

Adell-Cotner said more action is possible.

"At this point, we haven't scheduled anything. We'll be meeting again this week to make the determination if any further action is necessary," she said.

A strike has not been considered, Adell-Cotner said. "That has not even been discussed," she said.

A Michigan law passed two years ago fines the union for each day they are on strike. That changes the PCEA's negotiation tactics, said Adell-Cotner. "It certainly affords the association less leverage than previously," she said.

But school administrators said the threat of a teachers strike and other protests doesn't affect the process of negotiations. "No, it doesn't," said Goldman. "Usually, I'm not even aware of them."

Said Little: "We're already pressing. I'd say this is the most significant short-term items facing us. We've got to get it done."

Adell-Cotner couldn't agree more. "It makes everyone rest easier," she said.

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# Auto aficionado

Local family shares love affair with classic cars

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For the Pashukewich family, automobiles are more than just a mode of transportation. They're a passion.

From their shiny chrome bumpers to their glossy paint, the Plymouth family shares a love affair with the car.

In fact, it takes a big garage to house all the Pashukewich's cars. To name just a few, they own a 1968 Cadillac DeVille, a 1979 Hurst Oldsmobile, a 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado and a 1966 Bonneville convertible.

"My son and daughter grew up with classic cars," said Ed Pashukewich, who has a special spot in his heart for his Oldsmobiles and Cadillacs. "My daughter is just nine years old and already knows to point out the car companies dad likes when we're driving down the street."

Few people know cars better than Ed — except his wife Sue. The couple met at a car show.

"She knows more about cars than me," he said. "We work well together. I'm more hands-on. She reads a lot about the cars."

Ed said his love of cars began at an



The Pashukewich family shares a passion for classic cars. The 1966 Bonneville convertible shown at the Automobile Centennial Celebration is just one of the many cars the family has restored.

early age. "My parents didn't push me into it at all," he said. "I kind of picked it up on my own."

"I love all the cars with fancy chrome and trinkets. The styling was incredible."

But Ed's parents were the benefactors of his car hobby. Ed found a 1953 Buick in Utah — a car his father once owned — and spent the next several years restoring

the classic. Ed presented his father with the restored car on Christmas. It was restored to perfection and was even painted the same color as his father's original car.

According to Ed, it takes years of patience and many hours of elbow grease to properly restore a classic car.

"I always pick up the cars from scratch," he said. "I've never bought a turn-key car (a classic car that was already restored)."

"It takes hundreds and hundreds of hours, sometimes years to restore a car. (The Pashukewich's current classic car project is a 1961 Chrysler police vehicle)."

Ed juggles his restoration work with his family life and a job. "It gets hectic after a while," he said, "but you've got to set your priorities."

All their hard work turning junkers into gems has paid off. Some of the Pashukewich's cars have been featured at the Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village.

Mostly, the family's love of cars is used to strengthen their own family bond. They participate in car shows and drive-ins, including last weekend's Woodward Cruise.

# Cable companies battle, residents win

BY BRIAN CORBETT

There's something to be said about competition.

Cable viewers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community are benefiting from Continental Cablevision and Ameritech's marketing blitzes, local officials said.

The cable competition, one of the first of its kind in the nation, has provided residents with better service, picture quality and competitive rates.

It will spread across a nation, they said, currently dominated by communities with exclusive cable contracts. That's because it gives Americans what they've craved for centuries.

"Well, it gives people a choice," said City Mayor Ron Loiselle, who switched from Continental to Ameritech — Ameritech's cable service.

Sara Snyder, an Ameritech spokesperson, concurred. "First and foremost, it has provided a choice of cable. That's what cable subscribers have wanted for sometime," she said.

However, a choice wouldn't be important if neither companies' service was adequate, which isn't the case in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. "The positive has been the turnaround in service from Omnicom to Continental, because there's competition out there," said John Vos, City mayor pro-tem and chairman of the City Commission's Cable Committee.

Vos, who is a Continental subscriber, said the cable company's transmission and repair service has improved because of Ameritech. Also, Vos said, "Rates could've shot up, but because there's competition out there now with Ameritech, they've stayed about the same."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said, while there hasn't been enough time to accurately measure the effects of cable competition, that there was one noticeable change.

"I think it's still a little early to realize the full benefits from it (cable competition). Ameritech has just begun to market itself," she said. "One thing: Continental sure hurried to get their upgrade done."

Snyder said there has been "improvements in the quality of service, not only from Ameritech, but from the incumbent cable



provider. Suddenly they're paying attention to their customer service...You have to wonder, if Ameritech wouldn't have come to town, what changes would have customers seen in their service?"

But Bill Black, Continental's director of corporate affairs, said his company is making similar adjustments throughout the state.

"What we're doing there, is what we're doing in Lansing and elsewhere where we don't have competition," he said, "that is upgrading our service."

While customers are enjoying its advantages, cable competition has also caused problems. Residents have complained about both companies damaging lawns and landscape, and one subscriber even had her lines accidentally cut by the other company's repairman. "Maybe there's been some glitches along the way, but that's to be expected when you're building a system like this," said Snyder.

Black said with or without competition, the implementation of a cable system causes construction headaches. "...all of the construction in your area is similar to when cable first went in, probably 15 years ago. It does create some havoc," he said, adding Continental had completed its work in the area.

"That's about all the negatives I can think of," he said.

That's one more than most other observers, who think The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is on the cusp of a national trend. "I know it is," said McCarthy.

"Oh yeah, you'll see that (competition) even with direct monopolies competing against direct satellite service," said Loiselle.

Despite the benefits experienced by Plymouth-Canton-Northville residents, Black said he didn't believe national cable competition would be successful. "Not if Ameritech's results are any indication of the potential for success for a cable competitor," he said.

But Ameritech could have improved its chances, said Vos. "I thought Ameritech would do more to let people in the community know they're coming on board as a competitor to Continental," he said. "I think they dropped the ball."

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- The Canton and Salem boys golf teams will participate in the John F. Sandmann Best Ball competition tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

## THE WEEKEND

- The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold open auditions for dancers Sunday at Joanne's Dance Extension. Two audition classes will be held. One will include kids ages nine to 12 from 1-2 p.m. and kids ages 13 and older from 2:30-4 p.m. There is a \$5 audition fee. Call 397-8828 for more information.
- A kids art show will be held Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 3-5 p.m.

## NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth-Canton School Board meets Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- The Canton Board of Trustees meets Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- The P-C School and U of M Health Center are sponsoring an Immunization Fair Monday, Aug. 26. Call Susan Tkachuk for more information at 416-4895.

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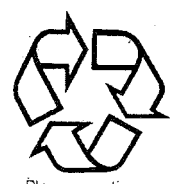
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# Office Depot building cleared following bomb threat Monday

A bomb threat in the City of Plymouth led to the evacuation of the Office Depot Building Monday, according to police reports.

According to Police Chief Robert Scoggins, the threat upon investigation proved to be bogus.

"We checked it out and there was no validity to it at all," he said.

Scoggins said that the police are investigating the incident and won't speculate on a motive for the threat.

"It's an isolated occurrence for the City," he said about the bogus threat.

## Local news. Only in The Crier.



# Public notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment levy to be spread on the tax roll effective December 1, 1996.

DATE: Tuesday, September 10, 1996  
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Canton Township Administration Building  
Board Meeting Room  
1150 S. Canton Center Road

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously approved the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The 1997 estimated Fire and Police budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director and the Administration are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries & O/T	\$2,307,846	Salaries & O/T	\$4,049,213
Fringe Benefits	952,400	Fringe Benefits	1,473,200
Capital Outlay	505,400	Capital Outlay	309,800
Operations	413,149	Operations	1,241,394
Bond Debt Service	<u>189,453</u>	Bond Debt Service	<u>63,151</u>
Total	\$4,368,248	Total	\$7,136,758


The proposed millage rates are as follows:

	1995	Limit	P.A.5 1996	Increase (Decrease) over 1995
Fire Millage	3.0915	N/A	3.0915	0.0000
Police Millage	5.1508	N/A	5.1508	0.0000
Charter Millage	<u>1.1100</u>	1.0883	<u>1.1100</u>	<u>0.0000</u>
Total	9.3523		9.3523	0.0000

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed 1997 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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# Public notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES (TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 5 of the Public Acts of 1982, State of Michigan, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0217 mills in the operating tax millage rate permitted to be levied on December 1, 1996.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Board meeting room on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 1.99% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 9.35% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

Proposed millage rate December 1, 1994	1.1100 mills
Limit imposed by Act 5, P.A. 1982	<u>1.0883</u> mills
Act 5, P.A. 1982 Increase	.0217 mills

The proposed millage rate is the same as the millage levied December 1, 1995.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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# Canton to set millage rate at Sept. 24 meeting

A public hearing on Canton's proposed millage rates and 1997 budgets was set for Sept. 10 by the board of trustees during a regular meeting on Aug. 13. The proposed millage for 1996 was also approved by the board at 9.35 mills, the same rate as set in 1995.

The Board establishes the maximum millage rate prior to the mailing of a public hearing notice to all property owners in Canton. The final millage rate approved by the board later this year may be less than the 9.35 maximum okayed on Aug. 13. However, if the rate increases over the 9.35 maximum proposed, the public hearing process would have to be repeated.

Canton's overall municipal tax rate consists of three separate millages, the Charter Mills, the Fire Special Assessment and the Police Special Assessment. The proposed Charter Millage rate is 1.11, while the Fire Assessment millage rate is 3.09 and the Police Assessment millage rate is 5.15.

The proposed millage is required to balance the proposed 1997 fiscal year budgets, according to the Canton administration. Both the fire and police funds are supported almost entirely by the special assessment millage approved by voters in 1976 and 1977. Those rates were reduced in 1988, 1989 and 1990, and increased to the current levels in 1994.

The estimated police department budget total for fiscal year 1997 totals approximately \$7.1 million. It includes \$4 million for salaries, \$1.2 million for operations, \$1.4 million for fringe benefits and \$309,000 for capital outlay. The estimated Fire Department budget for 1997 totals approximately \$4.3 million. It includes \$2.3 million for salaries, \$952,000 for fringe benefits, \$505,000 for capital outlay and \$413,000 for operations.

Under the proposed millage rate, the taxes on a home valued at \$120,000 (with a State Equalized Valuation of \$60,000) would be \$561.14 annually, while taxes on a home valued at \$200,000 (with an SEV of \$100,000) would be \$935.23.

The public hearing on the millage and 1997 budget will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the Canton Board of Trustees meeting room.

The board is expected to continue its review of the 1997 budgets during a study session on Sept. 17. Final adoption of the budget will be Oct. 8.

Canton's millage rate will be formally set during the regular meeting on Sept. 24. The proposed budget is also available for public inspection.



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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Andre Arndt of Canton** was one of 45 high school students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 and above to earn a scholarship to attend Lawrence Technological University.

**Julie Black of Canton** was selected as one of seven finalists for the 1996 Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education scholarship award worth \$1,000. Black is an elementary education major with a concentration in language and literature.

Two local residents recently graduated from Western Michigan University during the 1996 spring term.

**Dawn Connor of Canton** graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice. **Erin Mirto of Plymouth** graduated with a bachelor's of arts degree in interpersonal communication.

**Michael Mahon** has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Radcliff, KY. Mahon is a student at the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse and the son of Michael and Kathleen Mahon of Canton.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class **Richard Augustine**, son of Ramona Augustine of Canton, has returned to his homeport in Norfolk, VA, after completing a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. During deployment, aircraft from his ship launched more than 8,000 mishap free missions, setting a shipboard safety record.

Navy Petty Officer Second Class **Michael Van Haren**, son of Glen and Carol Van Haren of Northville, has returned to Norfolk, VA, after completing a six-month deployment aboard the guided missile cruiser USS San Jacinto. His ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. Van Haren joined the Navy in November 1989.

**Amy Burrows** received practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA. She is a student at Michigan State University and the daughter of Roger Burrows of Northville and Linda Burrows of Dearborn Heights.

## On guard

*Plymouth Girl Scout spends August on Mackinac Island as Governor's honor guard, attends official ceremonies*

BY MATT HUCAL

When thinking of Mackinac Island, fabulous fudge, horse drawn carriages, and bike rides around the island are usually what comes to mind most often.

Girl Scout Elizabeth Vink, 11, of Plymouth will be able to experience those qualities of the island as well as provide some service. Vink and 53 other Cadettes and Senior Girl Scouts have been at the island acting as the Governor's Honor Guard for official events on Mackinac, which began last Saturday and will continue through Sept. 2.

Participants are from Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council in Detroit and Fair Winds Girl Scout Council in Flint.

The Girl Scouts are performing daily flag ceremonies by raising and lowering the island's official flags. The Scouts raise the flags at nine in the morning and lower them at six in the evening each day. To prepare themselves for duty, the girls received some extensive training in flag etiquette before leaving for the island.

In between the ceremonies, the Girl Scouts are serving as tour guides for the island's attractions. Some of those attractions include the South Sally Port, Upper Gun Platform, Children's Discovery Room and the Parade Ground West. To be able to inform tourists and answer questions about these attractions and buildings, Vink and the other Girl Scouts had to learn about the island.

"We had to study the whole island," Vink said. "How to get places, where everything is and what the places are like."

Vink is the only scout from her local group who is attending the event on the

island. She had to fill out an application to attend, and then be interviewed before finally being sent a response in February. It told her she was to be an alternate. Then, in May she was officially selected to the Honor Guard. This will be the first year she's traveling to Mackinac with the Honor Guard in the five years she has been a Girl Scout.

Vink's grandparents have a place in the Upper Peninsula and are planning to visit with her parents. The Girl Scout is

looking forward to that as well as the free time she'll have to visit places and the numerous activities that are planned in the evenings.

Last year the Mackinac Island Honor Scouts met Gov. John Engler and his triplets while they were vacationing on the island.

Vink and her fellow Girl Scouts are hoping that kind of luck will strike them this year.

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The Trailwood Garden Club is looking for the 'greenest' thumb in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. The popular produce contest and garden exhibition booth returns to the 41st annual Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 6-8. To enter the Trailwood Garden Club Garden Face competition, complete this form and bring it to the produce tent Sunday, Sept. 8, between 9 a.m. and noon.

## A sobering thought: seat belts save lives

BY MATT HUCAL

Many drivers think they are familiar enough with the roads in the community. Many drivers think that as long as they're obeying driving laws, they're immune to accidents.

That kind of thinking can lead to drivers not wearing their safety belts, which brings the Plymouth Township Police Department into the picture.

The department is entering its third and final phase of the 1996 Safe & Sober program this month until Sept. 15. The goal of the program has been to reduce the number of injuries attributed to motorists not wearing their safety belts during an accident.

"While in my patrol car I see people all the time who aren't wearing their safety belts," Township Police Sgt. Robert Smith said. "It really pains me when I see so many kids in cars not wearing safety belts. You can be obeying every law in the world, but you can be affected by someone else and it doesn't make a difference."

The first wave of the program, which lasted from May 5 to June 9, was safety belt enforcement. The Township Police, partnered with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, received a state funded grant to provide extra Township Police officers to patrol secondary roads.

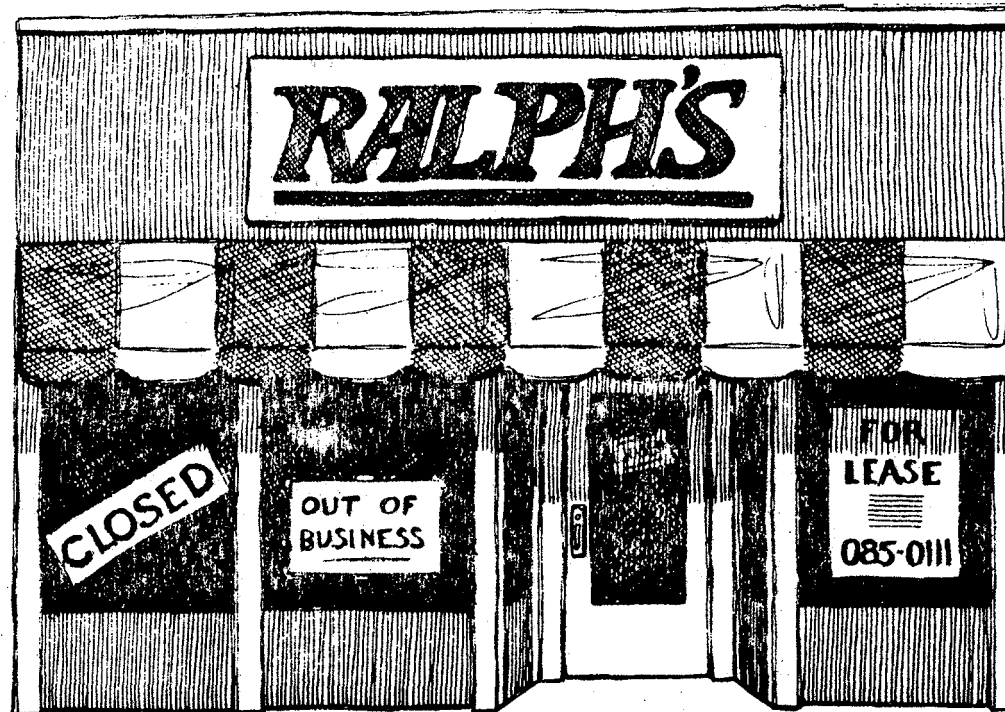
Officers have also informed about 1300 children on the effects of safety belt use during seminars at schools. A 1995 survey done by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute showed that safety belt use was at 66.8 percent. So for those other 33.2 percent of people not wearing their belts, they can't be issued a ticket unless they are pulled over by an officer for another infraction. Smith said that not wearing a safety belt is only a secondary infraction, so all that comes with just not wearing a safety belt is the possibility of a serious injury or even death.

"Unless you see the results of what happens to kids not wearing safety belts, it doesn't have the same effect," Smith said. "I don't go anywhere without wearing mine."

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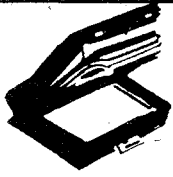


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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Plymouth Township-headquartered **MedHealth Systems Corporation** is extending its medical and wellness center practice into Riverview.

MedHealth recently purchased the Riverview Tennis and Fitness Center. The building will receive approximately \$2.5 million in renovation during the next two to three years. The first phase will commence this spring.

MedHealth owns and operates outpatient medical facilities that have orthopedics, cardiology, physical medicine and wellness programs. It also has multiple hospital-based sports medicine and physical therapy practices throughout southeast Michigan.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening yesterday for the new office of **McCormack Chiropractic** at 1676 Lilley Rd. in Canton.

Representatives from the chamber and Canton were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony and to congratulate the owners on their success in business.

Canton Chiropractic is operated by Dr. Dennis McCormack and his wife, Jill. McCormack Chiropractic has been a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce since March, 1995 and is also the official chiropractor for the Detroit Jr. Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League who will play in Plymouth Township this fall.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will soon survey all Canton business owners asking them to evaluate their employees' proficiency in several key areas including basic skills, attitude and technical knowledge.

"The Committee wants to take a proactive role in communicating to the local school systems and universities what the needs of businesses are regarding new hires and current employees," said Patrick Williams, vice president of Michigan Induction, Inc. and chairperson of the Education Committee. Survey results will be distributed to local school and college administrators and will be available to the public. Completed questionnaires must be returned to the Canton Chamber of Commerce, by Sept. 6. For more information, call the chamber at 453-4040.

## Freebies end on high note

*Friday Night Freebies entertainment series closes with Kellogg Park concert, will continue next summer*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The inaugural summer of Friday Nite Freebies wraps up with a Kellogg Park concert featuring two national jazz acts.

Pamela Ransford and the Plymouth Guitar Band, and the Perry Hughes/Bill Heid trio will perform in the downtown green from 6-10 p.m., bringing an end to three months of roving musicians in the City streets.

In attempt to increase Friday business and nightlife, the DDA's Promotion Committee kicked off the entertainment series in May, featuring various musicians and horse and buggy rides throughout downtown.

"We've had everything from light jazz to regular jazz to some hip-hop at one time to some Kurt Cobain type music," said Guile.

The summer experiment has been a success, according to the DDA director. "The event has developed into something; it's been uniquely Plymouth," he said.

Typically, crowds have averaged approximately 150 people.

Businesses have approved, Guile said, because the entertainment draws people to every corner of downtown. "People seem to find this event," he said. "They rove around downtown to look for it, which is what we wanted."

That quest for music will end up in Kellogg Park Friday night. Because of the park's high visibility location and the acts scheduled to perform, a larger crowd is expected, according to Guile.

Ransford comes to town on the heels of her recent hit "Love Nights", which is receiving airplay on national adult contemporary jazz stations. Her band includes former Temptations bassist Mark Geddes.

Joining Ransford will be Hughes, a highly respected jazz guitarist who's previously toured with Earl Klugh and the Supremes. His fellow band member, Heid, has gained notoriety with his unique left-hand bass style.

It's just the latest in an impressive list of entertainers coordinated by Fred Sanderson, the owner of The Plymouth Guitar Gallery,

821 Penniman.

"He deserves a lion's share of the credit for finding quality entertainment," said Guile.

There'll be more of the same next summer. "It definitely will go on next year. Hopefully, we'll have it a little more organized. We'll get the schedule out a little earlier to people," said Guile.

Count on other adjustments too, he said.

## Breaking ground



Community Federal Credit Union officially broke ground recently on its new 25,000 square foot facility headquarters and branch office in downtown Plymouth. (Left to right) Credit Union President James Cantrell, Credit Union Board Chairman Albert Berrie, Plymouth Mayor Pro-tem John Vos III and City Manager Steve Walters helped launch the project.

## Freudenberg-NOK announces investment strategy

Plymouth Township-based Freudenberg-NOK has received approval from its board of directors to invest \$41 million to expand capacity and realign its manufacturing operations into product focused business units.

The announcement is part of the company's strategy to reach \$1 billion in sales by 2000.

According to Freudenberg-NOK Chief Operating Officer Joseph C. Day, the \$41 investment, in addition to other similar capital investments of \$35 million in 1995 and \$43 in 1994, will enable the automotive components company to keep pace with strong demand for its product

package offerings and will solidify the company's ability to provide the best total solution to customers on a worldwide basis.

"As automakers continue to demand cost-competitive products and product packages from single-source global suppliers, Freudenberg-NOK is realigning its operations to ensure that our complete component packages are efficiently designed, manufactured and delivered," Day said.

"Together, with our global partners — Freudenberg & Company of Germany and NOK Corporation of Japan — our product-focused business units will

be capable of producing communized products made from communized products, in every region of the world... while reducing production time and containing costs."

The shift to product-focused business units builds upon Freudenberg-NOK's GROWTH program by adding greater efficiencies to its manufacturing operations.

Improvements included in Freudenberg-NOK's investment plan are expansion and technology upgrades to several U.S. plants. Freudenberg-NOK, a general partnership created in 1989, operates 15 facilities in North America.



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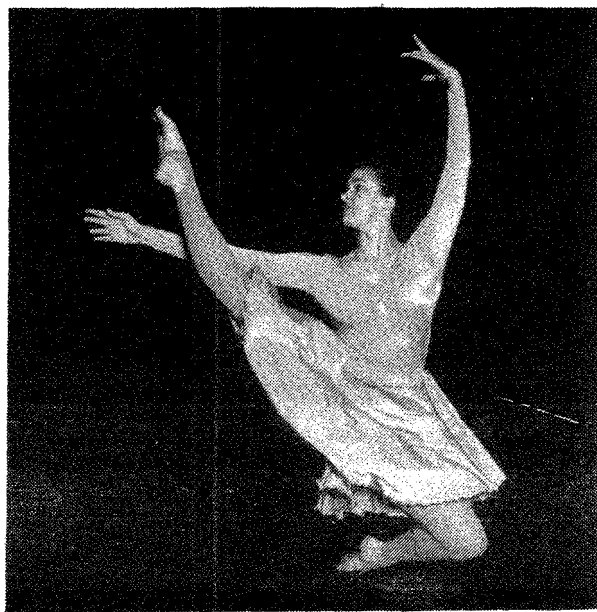
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## Upcoming...

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING DATE CHANGED

The meeting of the Canton Historic Commission has been moved from Sept. 5 to Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd.

### CHILDREN'S ART SHOW

Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 3-5 p.m. held by D&M Art Studio.

### FALL FESTIVAL BINGO

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's 11th annual bingo is Sept. 6 at The Gathering in Plymouth. Rain or shine, cash prizes, no admission fee. Proceeds for Plymouth Community scholarships. For more information, call 455-5171.

### CONGREGATION BET CHAVERIM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

For returning, new and prospective students to its religious school. The open house will be held Sept. 8 from 7-8 p.m. Opportunity to meet the teaching staff, preview curriculum, and text books and meet other families. For more information, call 480-8880.

### OLD TIMERS PICNIC

Aug. 29 at Plymouth Township Park, beginning at noon. For reservations, call Russ Ash at 453-2649 or Howdy Schryer at 453-0114.

### GETTYSBURG HISTORICAL TOUR

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering a trip to historical Gettysburg, PA Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The tour will be led by Civil War historian and teacher Bob Zaetta. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two full days at Gettysburg. For information and reservations, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at 455-8940.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Play begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Venoy in Westland. Proceeds go to the general fund to support Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League. For more information, call 453-2040 or 326-3344.

### PARENTS DAY OUT PROGRAM

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth is exploring the possibility of beginning a Parents Day Out Program, a baby sitting service for properly registered children. The purpose of PDO is to provide a safe, educational environment while parents attend to personal business. Age appropriate classes from birth to kindergarten. Same calendar year as P-C Schools. If interested, call 453-5280

### PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

## Volunteer...

### YMCA NEEDS FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the YMCA Fall Festival booth. Cooks, sandwich preparation, waiters, set up, take down and runners. To volunteer for four hour time slots or less, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

### FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

### HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

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

### PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

### MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation-West Region is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

# Local delegates stress tax cut plan following Republican National Convention in San Diego

BY PATRICK WILSON

David Brandon, a Bob Dole delegate at the Republican National Convention, wants the GOP ticket to hammer away at its message of a 15 percent income tax cut.

The tax issue, outlined by Dole and his running mate Jack Kemp at the Aug. 12-15 convention in San Diego, is one Americans can identify with, Brandon said.

"Any American can sit down with a pencil and paper and figure out what a 15 percent tax cut would mean to them," said Brandon, 44, a Plymouth resident and president of Valassis Communications Inc. in Livonia. "That's a theme that will resonate in a positive way with a broad section of America."

Dole received a colossal boost from the convention, with some polls putting him in a statistical tie with President Clinton. But the Democrats are hoping to get a boost as well from their convention in Chicago next week.

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll conducted Friday through Sunday showed Clinton leading Dole by seven points. The same group found the president ahead by 22 points before the GOP convention began.

In his Thursday acceptance speech, Dole put emphasis on his Kansas roots and World War II experiences and stressed the importance of a balanced budget and the need for a strong leader.

He told viewers his speech was for the people. "I know whose moment this is," he said. "It is yours — yours entirely."

In his acceptance speech, Kemp, a former congressman from New York and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, said the GOP's message is aimed for all Americans and called for a "flatter, fairer, simpler, pro-family, pro-growth tax code for the 21st century."

"We are going to end the IRS and its intrusiveness as we've known it these past 83 years," Kemp said.

Since the convention, Dole and Kemp have continued pushing their tax cut, but Clinton has said the plan would drive up the deficit.

Clinton called the proposal reckless and said it would likely hurt the economy. The president has proposed a more modest tax cut — \$110 billion compared to Dole's

\$550 billion plan.

Steve Jentzen of Ypsilanti, a 13th district Pat Buchanan delegate at his second GOP convention, cast his delegate vote for Dole, who Jentzen said was influenced heavily by conservatives.

"I think that we got what we wanted and I think it was important to support the party at that point," said Jentzen, a 42-year-old attorney who attended the convention with his family.

He said the pro-life plank in this year's GOP platform and the selection of Kemp is exactly what conservatives and Buchanan supporters want.

"I think that the conservatives were as strong as ever," he said. "Conservatives had an impact and they controlled the debate."

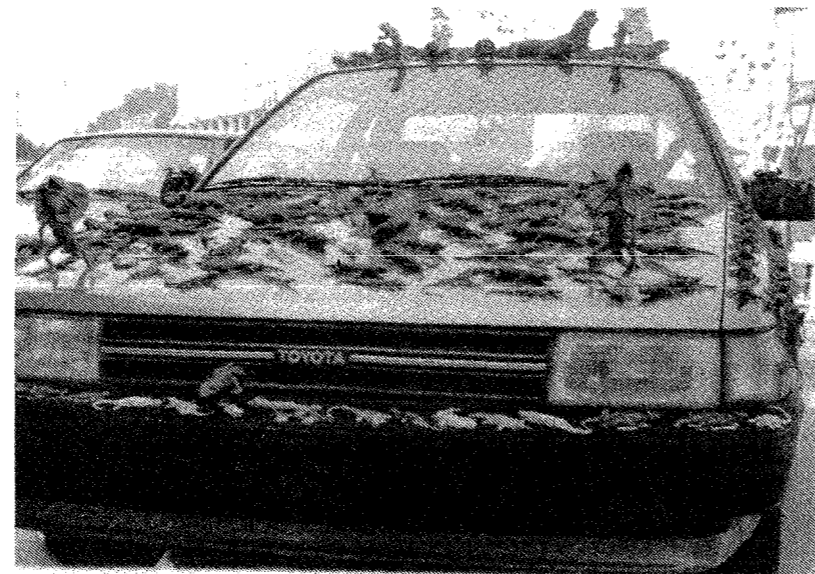
Christie Todd Whitman can stand up there in prime time and be emcee all she wants, but she didn't get her way," he said of New Jersey's pro-choice governor, who was the keynote speaker at the convention.

The pro-choice wing of the GOP wanted changes to the party platform language on abortion, but the party kept the platform from past election years calling for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. But abortion was rarely discussed in speeches at the convention this year; the emphasis was on the economy and party unity.

For the GOP to keep its momentum going, Brandon wants Dole and Kemp to continue stressing the tax cut proposal. He also said Dole should announce some of the people he would offer cabinet positions to should he be elected president.

## Jurassic parked

This prehistoric Toyota was recently seen parked in downtown Plymouth. The car is covered in plastic reptiles of all types, which leaves just one question unanswered: Does the car shed its skin every few months? (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)



## Community deaths

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jim Livingston officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

### Cecil V. Duke, 89, sheet metal worker

Cecil V. Duke, a Canton resident, died Aug. 11, 1996. Mr. Duke was preceded in death by his wife, Florence E. and son, Norman. He is survived by daughter, Ruth (Herman) Warnemuende of Canton and one other; three brothers; two sisters; 11 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Thomas H. Hovermale officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to Missionary Aviation Fellowship, P.O. Box 3202, Relands, CA 92373-0998.

### Lena A. Baron, 58, production worker

Lena A. Baron, a Canton resident, died Aug. 12, 1996. She is survived by her son; two daughters; mother, Theresa Genovese of Canton; brother, Victor Genovese of Canton and two other brothers; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. Fr. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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## Schools...

**CANTON HIGH SCHOOL CHIEFETTES FUND-RAISER**  
The Canton High School Chieftettes Booster Club is holding a Home Party Extravaganza fund-raiser at the Canton High School cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Mary Kay Cosmetics, Longaberger Baskets, Tupperware, Dots, Party Lite Candles, Creative Memories and Christmas Around the World among others. Refreshments available.

**SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PFO COFFEE**  
The Smith School Parent Faculty Organization is holding a Welcome Back Coffee Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Opportunities to sign up room parent and other activities. Smith is located at 1298 McKinley St. in Plymouth.

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL REGISTRATION**  
Registration for the fall semester throughout this week. The western campus is located in Belleville at 9555 Haggerty Rd. For more information, call 699-0200.

**YOUNG MOMENTS PRESCHOOL**  
Fall 1996 vacancies for four-year-olds girls in our afternoon classes (M-W-F 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; T-TH 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Children must be four-years-old by Sept. 1. For more information, call 453-3020 or 451-1895.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DAY CHANGED**  
Regular meetings of the Plymouth-Canton School Board will now be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. (except on the fourth Tuesday in December and the fourth Tuesday in May) at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 Harvey St. in downtown Plymouth. During the school year, fourth Tuesday meetings may be moved to school sites.

**ACADEMY APPLICATIONS**  
Nov. 1 is the deadline for men and women between the ages of 17 and 22 (by July 1996) to submit applications to one of the U.S. Service Academies to U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers. Application forms and full information may be obtained by writing Congresswoman Rivers, 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI 48184. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried and legal residents of the 13th District.

**NEW KIDDIE CREW PROGRAM**  
Preschool activities for three-year-olds. Registration will begin on a first-come, first-serve basis Monday at Canton High School in the Community Education office. For more information on requirements, call 416-2937.

**SALVATION ARMY-TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL**  
Tiny Tots preschool-Salvation Army are taking applications for the Fall 1996 school year. It's a four-year-old program. Must be four-years-old by December 1. For more information, call Peggy at 459-1358.

**NEW MORNING SCHOOL DAY CLASSES**  
Discovery Day classes. There are many classes to choose from, all with an emphasis on hands-on activities. Ages three to 11. Twelve students, one teacher and one parent aide per class. For more information, call 420-3331.

**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.

**CLASS OF 1976/CANTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**  
Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia at Six Mile Road and I-275. For more information: Canton Class of 1976, P.O. Box 461, South Lyon, MI 48178.

**CLASS OF 1986/CANTON AND SALEM HIGH SCHOOLS REUNION**  
Oct. 5. For additional information, please call voice mail at (810) 401-5858.

## Health...

**COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS CLASSES**  
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Mrs. Bernash was born Aug. 9, 1912 in Onaway. She was a homemaker, worked for the Plymouth-Canton Community schools, was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and was a member of the D.A.R. — Plymouth branch.

Mrs. Bernash was preceded in death by her husband, Allen in 1979. She is survived by her daughters, Katherine (Ronald) Nyhus of Plymouth and Martha (John) Witte of Rochester, New York; brother, Ralph Severance of Sutton Bay; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

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Ford Sheldon Road Plant murder-suicide

## What went wrong?

Ford Sheldon Road Plant murder-suicide

# Ford, police, P-C Community search for answers following murder-suicide Sunday

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and are unsure about how to prevent this from ever happening again. "We really don't know what happened," said Earl Taylor, the Sheldon Road Plant UAW chairman. "(Cox) was a good employee and a good worker, but that has nothing to do with what happened." UAW Local 845 President Roger Caldwell said security at the plant is adequate, but difficult to control. "With the volume of people coming in

the plant, it's difficult," he said. "I do know that the plant chairman and management take security very seriously." Sheldon Road Plant Manager Paula Winkler-Doman said the company has worked hard to repair damage done by the last incident. "The relationship between employees is good," she said. "but we have a long way to go to where we want to be." Ford is offering counseling for all salery and union employees following Sunday's shooting.



Soon after the crime, Plymouth Township Police had Stephen Cox's white GMC Suburban towed from the scene. The bumper sticker reads: I AM A GUN OWNER AND I VOTE. Police found several guns when they searched Cox's house. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)



A Ford employee wraps the plant entrance with police tape following the murder-suicide Sunday morning. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

# Can violence in workplace be stopped? Could it happen again?

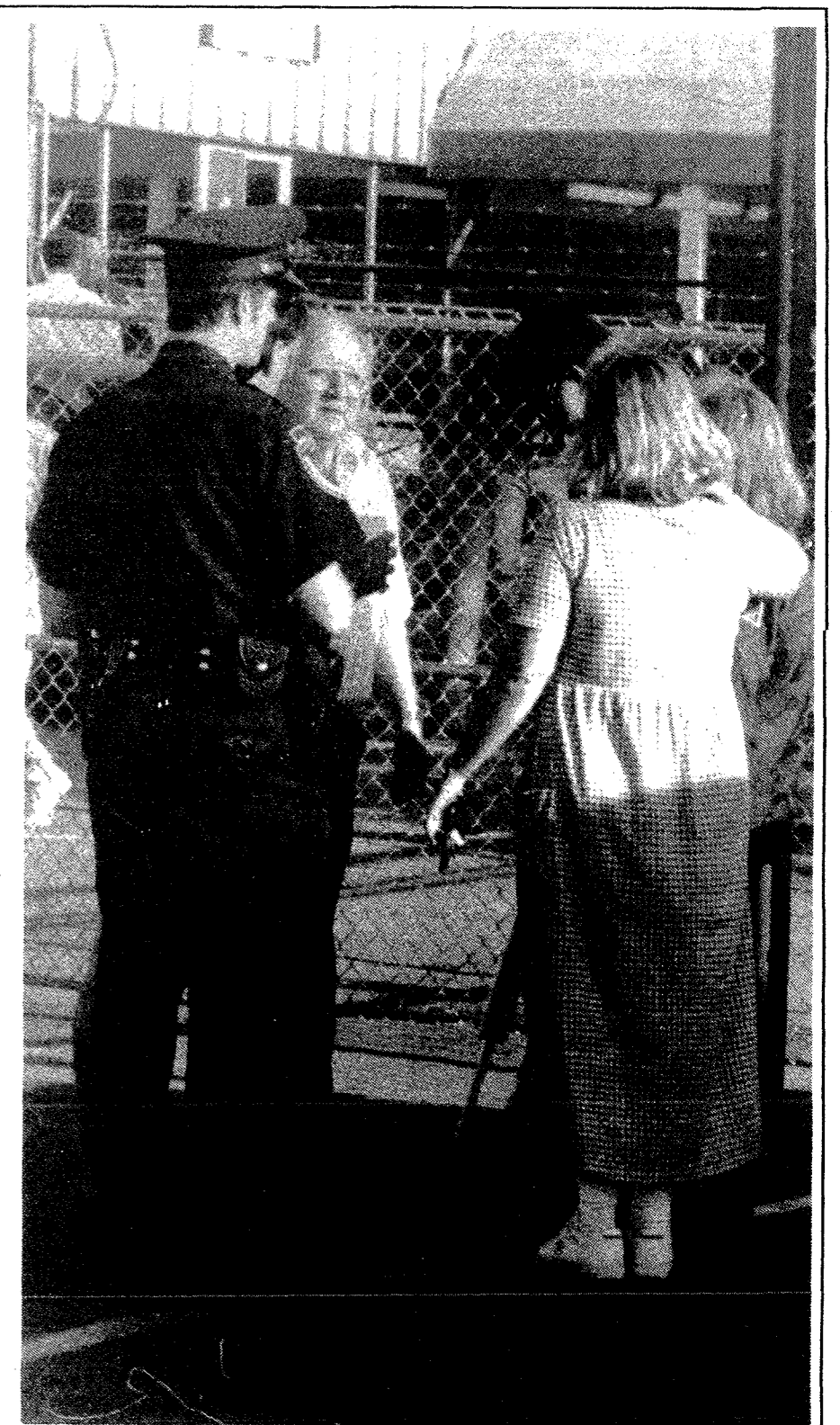
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Ford officials, UAW representatives and Plymouth Township Police say it's as safe as a plant that size can be. But none will rule out the possibility that it could happen again. "Since the 1995 shooting) we've conducted several reviews of security," said Ford Spokesperson Tim Chappell. "We feel the security that's in place is adequate. "You can't control the activities people choose to take." The similarities between the two shootings are striking. Both altercations revolved around problems that weren't related to work. Both shooters were known to friends and family as "quiet men" who wouldn't be expected to commit such a crime. In both cases, Ford officials knew of the

friction before the fatal gunshots were fired. "These type of things are totally unpredictable," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry. "How in the world could someone predict this could happen?" Berry said that since the first shooting, there have been many changes to security at the plant. Following the 1995 incident, Berry met with Ford security personnel to formulate an emergency plan — a plan he said was followed perfectly during this latest tragedy. At this point, minor security problems are handled internally between the Ford management and the UAW. Police are not contacted for minor altercations. But following these two violent incidents in less than two years, will this internal system of discipline continue?

## Searching for answers

Throughout the morning Sunday, wives of security crew members approached the police checkpoint holding hands for support, hoping the victim of the shooting was not their husband. Each time the group walked away from the checkpoint, they hugged, cried and tried to break a smile. They stood huddled at the back of the parking lot, knowing that one of the wives wouldn't be as lucky as them. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)



## Victim remembered as 'good cop' by fellow officers

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Police officers share a special bond. It's one way they get through the stressful days on the job. When an officer or former officer is killed. The "police family" comes together for comfort. Donald Jagod, the Ford security supervisor shot Sunday at the Sheldon Road Plant, worked for 25 years in the Dearborn Police Department. His friends and fellow officers said he will be sorely missed. "We are all shocked by this tragic event," said Dearborn Police Chief Ron Deziel. "We all knew Don. "He was a very dependable officer and a very level headed person." Deziel said the Dearborn Police Department has an employee assistance program in place where Jagod's former colleagues can receive counseling. "It's shocking that something like this could happen," said Deziel. Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said he had worked with Jagod in the past. "He was a good cop," he said. "He was diligent and conscientious."

## P-C Community not immune to violence

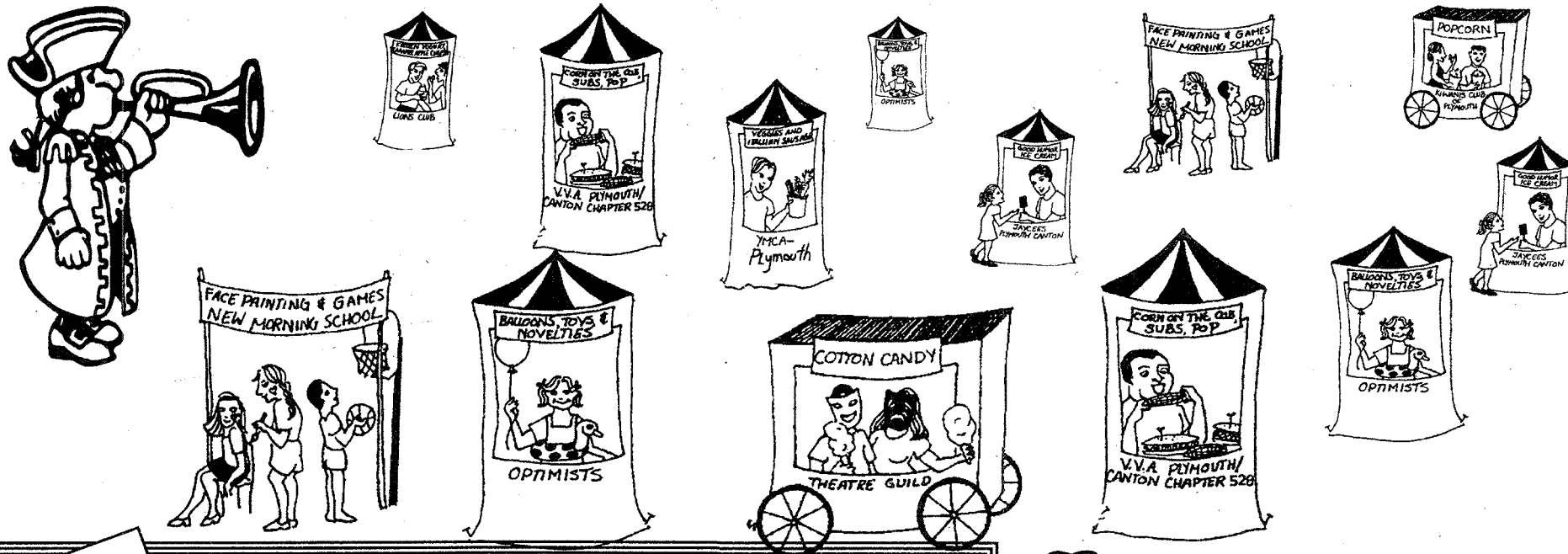
BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The spotlight of violent crime was focused once again on the Plymouth-Canton Community Sunday when Stephen Cox, a 30-year employee of the Ford Plant on Sheldon Road, entered the Ford security office fatally shooting Donald Jagod, a security supervisor, and then turning the gun on himself. The shooting marked the sixth homicide in the Plymouth-Canton Community in the last two years. They include:  
**Oct. 13, 1995**  
The body of Debbie Linkewitz, from Roseville, was discovered in Edward Hines Park by a passerby. According to the autopsy

Buzby was strangled to death no more than 24 hours before her body was discovered in the park.  
**Sept. 20, 1995**  
A house fire in Superior Township led the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to a case of homicide. Superior Township fire-fighters discovered the body of 47-year-old Daniel Patrick Rice, while fighting a fire at Rice's residence. According to Sheriff Lt. Robert Smith the cause of death was a blunt trauma to the head, prior to the fire.  
**Jan. 7, 1995**  
Following an argument at the plant with his estranged wife Sandra, Michael Bratlin

shot and injured her and shot and killed her alleged boyfriend and co-worker Michael O'Brien, before committing suicide.  
**Oct. 7, 1994**  
The body of Mary Buzby was found in Edward Hines Park behind where the former Radisson Hotel was located on Northville Road.  
**Sept. 9, 1994**  
Russell Lee Harmon was killed in the Canton Common's apartment of his girlfriend when Michael Christopher Warinner entered the apartment firing one shot hitting Harmon in the head, according to police reports.





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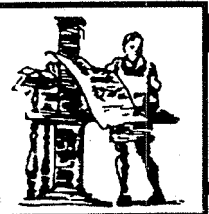
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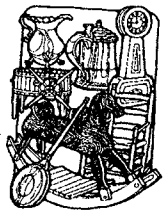
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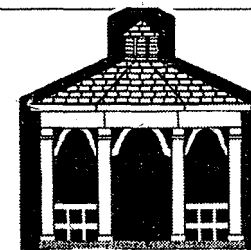
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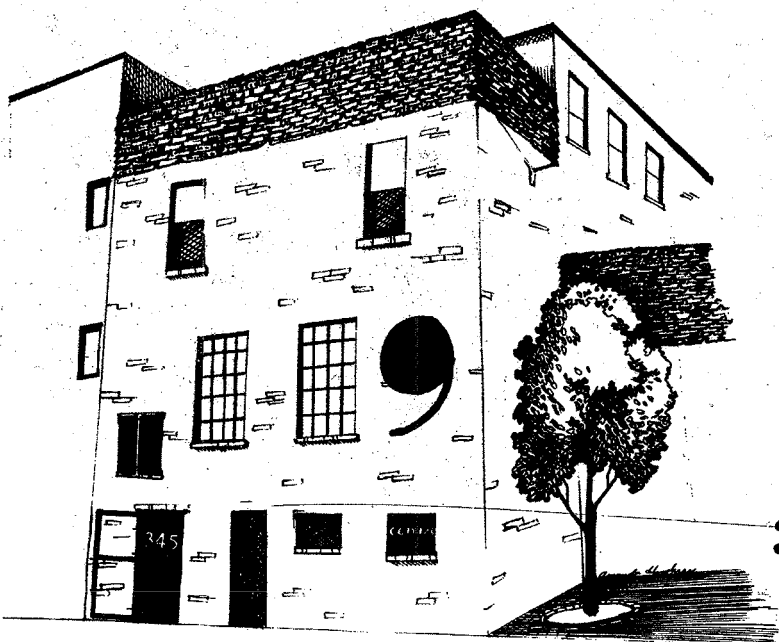
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel** (O.L.G.C.) parish members interested in **soccer** are welcome to the try-outs at the O.L.G.C. gym. No prior experience is required for this new program.

Boys tryouts take place today as fourth through sixth graders go from 6-7:30 p.m. and seventh and eighth graders go from 7:30-9 p.m.

Girls tryouts took place yesterday.

For more information on the boys team, call Steve Savastano at 416-1451. For information on the girls team, call Pat O'Neill at 455-2743.

**Brian Fox** placed second in the 15th Annual Michigan Junior Champions Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Huron Golf Club in Ypsilanti. Brian posted a 74 over the challenging Huron site while competing against a strong state-wide field of high school age competitors. This was an outstanding finish under tough tournament conditions and difficult competition.

**Bueter's Outdoors**, Northville's fly fishing shop, will be hosting an all day (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) **casting demonstration** hosted by pro anglers this Saturday.

Dave Halblom of Ross Reels and Trout Traps, as well as Bueter's Pro Staff, will demonstrate casting form, accuracy, presentation mending and more.

There will be opportunities, too, for friendly one-on-one conversations to improve skills or overcome casting sticking points.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is accepting registrations for their **mens fall softball league**.

In the five-week league, each team plays a doubleheader (back to back games) once a week for five weeks for a total of 10 games. Play begins on Sept. 3 and all games will be played at the Heritage Park softball fields. There are Tuesday-

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# Game on

*Jr. Whalers begin training camp next week; season debut set for Sept. 20; home opener Oct. 5*

BY MATT HUCAL

The new team in town is ready to begin its inaugural season in Plymouth Township.

The Detroit Whalers, the hockey team from the Ontario Hockey League, begin their first season as a Plymouth Township club on Sept. 20 at the Guelph Storm. The Whalers make their Plymouth Township and Compuware Arena debut on Oct. 5 against the Kingston Frontenacs.

Training camp will get underway on Aug. 28 and last four days. The rink is still under construction, but has a deadline for completion of Sept. 1.

Whalers Assistant Coach Steve Spott said the team lost a few key players from last season's semi-finalist playoff team, but they're ready and excited to begin the rebuilding process.

"We're a real young club this year, but we should also be a real exciting team," Spott said. "The whole team's looking forward to training camp."

The Whalers reached the final four in last year's playoffs. Their season ended against the Peterborough Petes. That Whalers

team was an older club that included Brian Berard and Sean Haggerty.

Berard was the first overall draft pick in the National Hockey League and went to the Ottawa Senators.

Spott said the rink is near completion and the seats, locker rooms and other rink necessities have already been installed. The compressor has recently been brought in to place the ice. He added that the team and organization are thrilled to be in the Plymouth community.

"We're really excited to be here," said Spott. "We're happy to be providing hockey to the area and we think it's going to be really good for everyone."

Whaler players and the team mascot (if the suit's ready) will be on hand at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce booth at the Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 7. The players will make their appearance at 1 p.m. and sign autographs while donating season tickets to the Chamber to sell at discounted prices.

The players making the appearance were unknown at press time.

# Chiefs kickoff fall football practice

*Chiefs look to improve last year's 5-4 record*

BY MATT HUCAL

It is still too early to tell, but the Canton Chief football team, which began practice last week, appears to be a talented and inexperienced bunch according to Coach Bob Khoenle.

"It's real early and we haven't done too much, but we should be good at the skill positions," Khoenle said. "Our offensive and defensive lines are pretty inexperienced though. We have a lot of seniors who didn't play much last year and some juniors who will be getting some playing time."

That inexperience will only fade with time, and Khoenle knows that he'll have to depend on his skill positions a lot until the lines get into the swing of things.

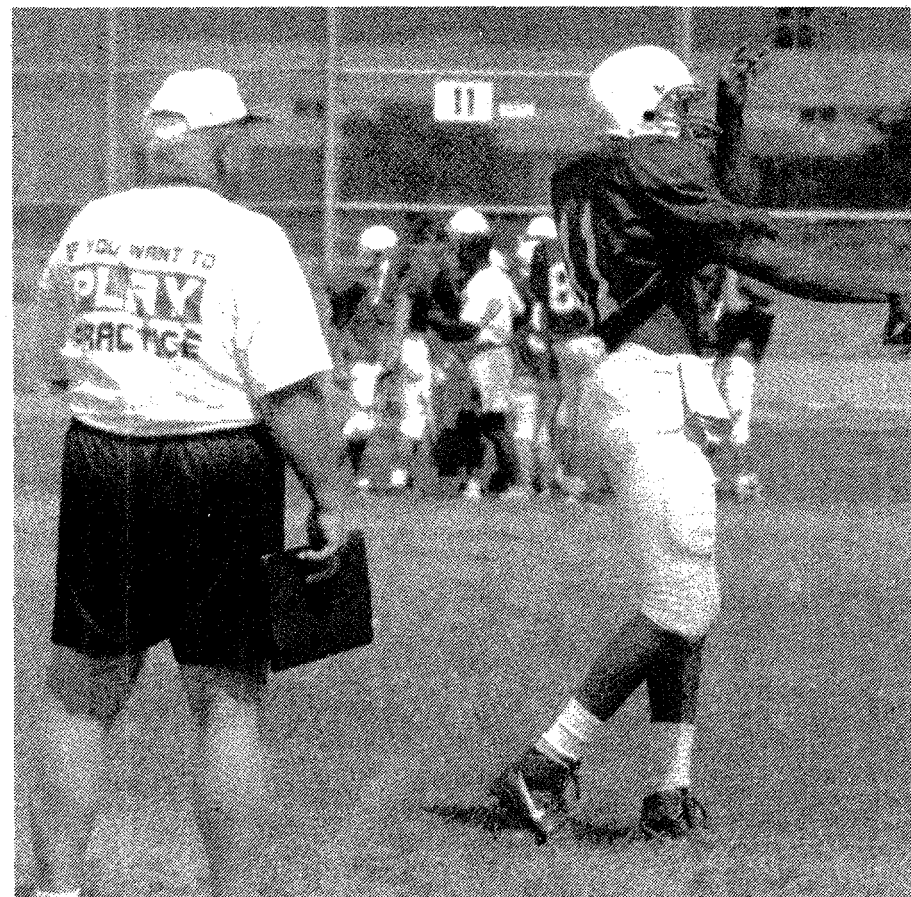
One person Khoenle will have a lot riding this season is Rob Johnson, a senior quarterback who impressed the conference so much last year that he was voted the all-league quarterback. The 6'4" Johnson started three or four games at quarterback as a sophomore and was the starter every game last year.

Khoenle said Johnson is an all-around good athlete.

"He runs a lot faster than he looks like he is. He makes good decisions, has quick feet and throws pretty good," Khoenle said.

Along with Johnson, Khoenle has fullback Nick Allen returning to his starting position from last season. Khoenle said the 6-1, 215-pound junior

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Canton High School football coach Bob Khoenle's shirt says it all: "If you want to play — practice." And that's what the Chiefs began doing last week. Here, Khoenle watches senior quarterback Rob Johnson during passing drills. The Chiefs were 5-4 last year. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Just for kicks

## Salem boys soccer team participates in scrimmage

The Salem High School boys soccer team, the defending state champions, tuned up for their quest for a second consecutive title by participating in an eight-team scrimmage in Midland on Saturday. Salem played three games and shut out their opponents each time. In the first game versus Midland Dow, the Rocks won, 3-0. In the following match against Detroit Country Day, Salem won, 2-0. In the last game of the afternoon, Salem needed only one goal to get by East Lansing, 1-0.

(At right) Brent Mullin, a junior midfielder, battles for control of the ball with an opponent. (Below) Senior forward Ryan Konley prepares to launch a corner kick. (Crier photos Brian Konley)



## Chief gridgers talented, inexperienced

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is a good runner who has come a long way from last year.

Joining Allen in the backfield will be seniors Tony Ziegler and Ken Kerfoot, both fullbacks and tailbacks.

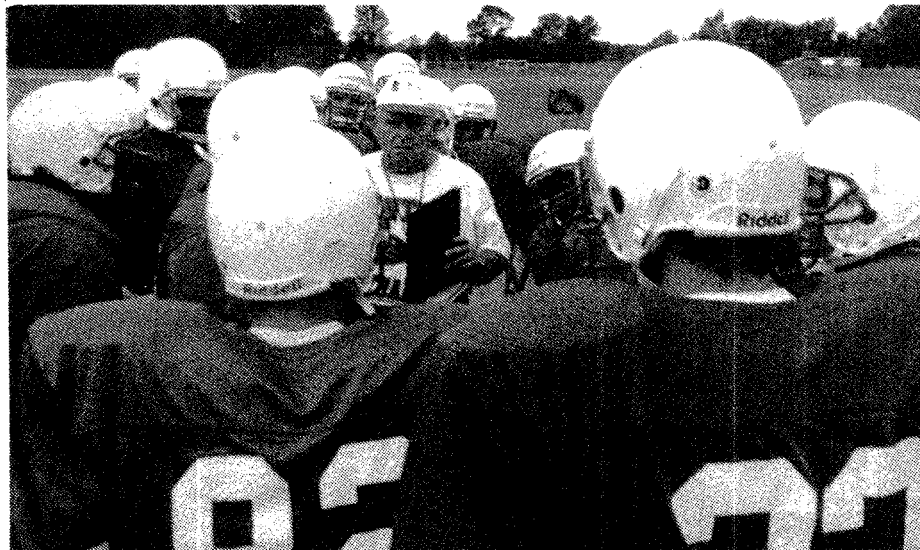
Two juniors helping out with the running will be Brian Miller and Kwaku Dankwa.

Filling out more skill positions will be returning senior flankers Eric Sauralt and Jason Pennebaker.

"We'll have pretty good speed at those (skill) positions, it's our line up front we're concerned about," Khoenle said.

Last year's team finished with a 5-4 record, but could have just as well finished 7-2 and advanced to the state playoffs. The Chiefs were 5-2 going into a game against Walled Lake Central and were third in the region to go to the playoffs. Winning would have kept playoff hopes alive, but they fell 10-3 to Central.

In the season finale a week later, Canton jumped out to a 21-7 halftime lead against cross-campus rival Salem. But the Rocks went on to score 21 unanswered points and upset Canton — elim-



Canton High School football coach Bob Khoenle gathers his players for a huddle during practice last week at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

inating any possibility of a playoff appearance. This year Khoenle is just hoping development takes place at the inexperienced positions. "I think we could have a fair team," said Khoenle, "but how good we get depends on how well our line develops and how well they pick up the positions."

## Sports shorts

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Wednesday leagues or Wednesday-Thursday leagues available with starting times of 6:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The cost of the league is \$200 per team (includes game balls) and each team pays \$15 per game for umpire fees.

Registration for returning teams from Canton's summer leagues began Monday and lasts until Friday. New teams register from Aug. 26-30. There are no residency requirements. For more information, call 397-5110.

**Ladies golf leagues** begin this Monday at the Oasis Golf Center in Plymouth. The leagues run for eight weeks on weekday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

There are beginner and intermediate levels of play available. They will be followed by a banquet at the Italian American Center. Call 420-4653 for more information or to reserve a tee-time.

The **Salvation Army** is now taking registrations for the **fall basketball league**. Registrations must be in no later than Sept. 6. Games will begin Sept. 17 with a limit of six teams.

The **volleyball team** is looking for more senior citizen players. If interested, stop at the Salvation Army on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. There's an annual cost of \$10.

The **Korean Tae Kwon Do** class meets every Monday and Thursday evening. If interested, call Master Joe Hernandez at 389-5180.

There's **open gym basketball** Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. at \$1 per person.

Call the Salvation Army at 453-5464 for more information on any of the events listed above.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a **Ballet/Tap/Jazz dance program** for ages four to adults with classes beginning Sept. 9 at the Summit on the Park.

There will be new openings for beginning students and also limited openings for students with prior dance experience.

The registration fee is \$25 with a one time administrative fee of \$5 per student plus a monthly fee to the instructor.

For more information, call 397-5110.

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# Community opinions

## Tragic shooting unavoidable

It's often said lightning doesn't strike twice in the same spot.

But it struck for the second time this weekend. On Sunday Stephen Cox entered the Ford Sheldon Road Plant and shot Security Supervisor Donald Jagod before turning his 9 mm handgun on himself.

It's the second shooting incident in less than two years at the Ford Sheldon Road Plant and it has shaken the Ford management, employees and entire Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community to its core.

Everyone is asking themselves: Could this have been stopped before it happened? How could it be prevented? Is anyone to blame? Where do we go from here?

This could not have been avoided. It was not specifically a problem between two Ford employees. It was a problem between several individuals.

Following last year's murder-suicide at the plant, emergency plans were formed between the Plymouth Township Police Department and Ford security.

According to the Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry, these plans were followed precisely Sunday. But the result was the same.

It's obvious Ford security, management and UAW representatives work well with the Plymouth Township Police Department.

The Plymouth Township emergency response was excellent. They responded quickly to the scene and also handled the barrage of regional media with expertise.

Ford Motor Company continues to be a valuable part of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community despite these unavoidable tragedies. Their employees are our friends and neighbors in the community. They work hard to make the community a better place to live through their recycling program and natural area on the Ford grounds.

The two shootings were not caused by Ford. They weren't caused by the Plymouth Township Police Department. They weren't caused by The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. The tragedies just happened here. And unfortunately, everyone mentioned previously has been and will continue to be profoundly affected.

During times of need, people need to come together to heal the wounds caused by this tragic event.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Younger generation lacks voice in P-C Community

EDITOR:

I do not really know to whom I should address this letter. I personally believe that it should be a concern of every citizen, but having everyone addressed does not have the same effect as just leaving a blank and having the reader decide whether or not they are guilty of what I am about to point out...

I am 17, years old and I think it is about time to give a voice to my generation since we do not seem to have much of one from the stand point of our community "leaders." Maybe I am really naive, but I thought that in our country, in our cities, kids were equal to adults in the area of being citizens, that everyone should be treated with respect and common courtesy...maybe, though, I was wrong to think that.

I witness "harassment" by members of authority towards their younger "counterparts." For example: I was sitting downtown on a park bench one evening a few weeks ago and two policemen walked up to me and asked what I had in my hands.

I looked at them in astonishment, partly because I just noticed them in the area and secondly because my hands were empty. They then proceeded to look all around me, tell me to open my hands

up, and then ask me if I knew anyone who was selling drugs in the area. This little escapade took about 10 minutes. I asked why they were questioning me. They said I looked "suspicious."

For example, the other night I had stopped to talk to my friends in downtown. They had just been told to stop skateboarding at a school nearby and were sitting down on a park bench. The look of defeat and worry were on their faces.

Some of their \$100 skateboards had been taken away in the "bust." Just then a police officer came up to the group. He told them that we could not stand up and stop to talk to people.

We had to be sitting on the park bench at all times or we would have to leave. Was not the confiscating enough for one night?

I have given two examples, do you need any more because I have plenty more? How about policemen telling adults that they are going to keep doing the above things until teenagers no longer come to the downtown area? How about not giving rollerbladers and skateboarders a place to skate, but kicking them out of every place they try to? How about not having a VOICE in our "COMMUNITIES?"

## Canton chamber golf outing successful

EDITOR:

The 1996 Canton Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing was a great success, thanks to all the participants, sponsors, Golf Committee, our dedicated staff and volunteers. We completely sold out the field of 144 golfers. When the final accounting is complete, we expect

that we will have set a record for the single largest fundraising event in Canton Chamber of Commerce history. We look forward to building upon this experience to make next year's Golf Outing better than ever.

MIKE GEROU

## Thanks for help at VVA charity event

*Editors Note: This letter is directed to Mike Neubauer, owner of Lighthouse Car Wash, who donated his facilities for a Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans charity event on Aug. 11.*

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Membership of Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Chapter 528, I want to express our thanks for donating the use of your facility (Lighthouse Carwash-Ford Rd., Canton) on Aug. 11.

The net proceeds (\$1,175) from that fundraising effort will be devoted to the

many community activities in which VVA becomes involved, e.g., Salvation Army, Michigan Homeless Veterans Foundation, VVA Scholarship Fund, VA Hospitals, Hines Park Kids' Fishing Derby, Christmas food baskets, among numerous others.

It is always a pleasure to be associated with such an individual, not for your generosity alone, but because you've shown yourself to be a good corporate citizen.

"In Service to America" is the motto of VVA and we believe that, in giving

See, we are too young to vote, but are also too young to just let this happen to us and not worry about it, not let it concern us. Do you remember when you were a kid? Did you get to walk around downtown? Did you get to have fun? I hope so, I think so. Do we get those things? No, not really. Do we get unfair treatment? I think so...

Look, my point is, I know that us kids are not perfect. I know a lot of our peers do a lot of bad things, but NOT ALL OF US. I think a popular mentality of our culture is when we see something bad going on or spot someone doing something wrong, we make a rule to cover everyone and then not think about the consequences of doing that.

I am asking you to think. That is all I can do.

I would like to ask you to tell us where to go if we are to be segregated from the rest of the population and not be allowed in certain "public" areas. I would like to ask why we are "always" singled out. I would like to ask have you forgotten that we are the next generation of leaders? I would like to ask if this has made any difference...

Notes: I did not wish to name the cities in which I took my examples from because, from what I have noticed, this could be any town, USA. Also, some further background on myself...I will be a senior at Plymouth-Canton High School this year. My grade point is a 3.6.

I am a member of National Honor Society, the Plymouth-Canton Ski and Snowboard Club, my church youth group, a People To People student ambassador to Europe this past summer, went on the Close-Up Washington D.C. trip and am heavily involved in my community and in my Irish heritage. In other words, I am not a "do nothing."

MAUREEN MCINERNEY

back to the community, you have demonstrated the very spirit of that motto.

Few business owners would sacrifice a day's receipts, such as you have, to back up these words.

Thank you again for your kindness, generosity and friendship to the Vietnam Veterans of Chapter 528 and to the Canton community.

PHIL MENENDEZ, CO-CHAIR  
DON DIGNAN, CO-CHAIR





# Community opinions

## Group deserves credit for efforts

EDITOR:

CREDIT SHOULD ALWAYS BE GIVEN, WHERE CREDIT IS DUE. Reporter Brian Corbett deserves credit for his reporting of the accomplishments of Canton resident Lawrence Nunn in the Aug. 7 edition of The Community Crier.

Nunn was credited with his attendance this summer at the Michigan Boys' State program, which was attended by over 800 high school students, and was elected Governor of the 1996 Boys' State program. He was further credited with going onto the Boys' National program in Washington, D.C., where he had a chance to meet President Clinton, and being appointed Chief of Staff.

These are not minor accomplishments, and this high school student deserves every bit of credit afforded him for his accomplishments. His grit and untiring perseverance has gained him great accomplishments and much pride for his family.

However, CREDIT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL to the individuals and organizations who made it all possible, namely, the American Legion and especially, Plymouth Passage-Gayde Post 391. The Boys' State and Boys' Nation programs are American Legion programs that each and every post of the American Legion supports. Individuals who desire to participate in the program must first be sponsored by an individual post of the American Legion.

In Larry Nunn's case, it was Post 391 sponsoring him to the Michigan Boys' State program that made it all possible. Passage-Gayde Post 391 deserves credit also for their concern for the children and youth of our community, and the residents should take great pride in the fact that Lawrence Nunn, in the entire

history of the Michigan Boys' State program, is the first individual to be elected to the position of Boys' State Governor from The Plymouth-Canton Community, a program that Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover is a graduate of.

Boys' State/Nation is one of the premier programs available to high school students, as is Girls State/Nation, which is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary, for high school students desiring to get a better

## Schroder campaign tactics 'incredulous', reader says

EDITOR:

Thank you voters of Plymouth Township for turning your back on the incredulous campaign tactics of Jeff Schroder. It is one thing to discuss issues in a civilized manner and another to bring up issues in a divisive, racially motivated manner. Thaddeus McCotter spoke out on the issues critical to his community in a manner of high quality.

Jeff Schroder, the campaign manager for Deborah Whyman in 1994, was supported by Whyman this year. Oddly enough the same disparaging attacks which Whyman has used on her past opponents were inflicted into the Republican primary for Board of Commissioners.

I feel that the voters of Canton should respond the same way to Representative Whyman as the voters of Plymouth and Northville responded to Schroder...by voting her out of office.

Unfortunately, if history is any

understanding of the workings of the government.

High school students interested in obtaining further information about Michigan Boys'/Girls' State programs should contact their high school counselors or their local American Legion posts, which are listed in the telephone book.

JAMES F. MAAHS, ADJUTANT  
AMERICAN LEGION 17TH  
DISTRICT ASSN.

indicator, the residents of the 21st legislative district will have to endure the same type of smear campaign from Deborah Whyman that Schroder used on McCotter.

Instead of discussing the needs for a superior public education system for our children, or the safety of our streets, this campaign will be belittled to discussing the color of a peoples' skin and their sexual preferences.

The citizens of this community deserve a debate dealing with issues relevant to the betterment of our community.

I will be telling all of my friends in Canton to vote for Deborah Nesbit. A mother of extremely high moral quality, a woman who, like McCotter, will also debate issues critical to the improvement of her community and not allow for confrontational and politically motivated divisive issues to be discussed.

ROB MYERS

## Thanks for column on Pursell

EDITOR:

I wanted to drop you a line to say thanks.

I just finished reading your column about Carl Pursell (Aug. 14, 1996 issue), and I was very impressed and happy with your kind words.

It's been troubling to me how Carl had

dropped out of sight. I won't say I felt bad for him because of the Senate race; I just felt bad that he was wasting his talent.

It is good indeed to have him back.

I appreciate you taking time to tell Carl's story and to welcome him back. I think you've summed up the feelings of

"local Republicans" very well.

Keep up the good work! The Crier is looking better than ever!

P.S. I didn't write this letter simply because my boss made it into the paper twice this week! (But that's fine! Just fine!)

BILL CASE

## City roadsides badly neglected

EDITOR:

On my way home from work Saturday afternoon I couldn't help but notice the extremely tall grass along the east side of Sheldon Road, south of Optimist Park.

It surprised me that this is allowed to happen along a well traveled highway.

This entrance to our community looks like a Detroit back alley. I have pride in the community and am hurt to see this neglect.

Looking at my community map it appears that this is the City

side of the road. Mayor Loiselle, get the lawn mower blades sharpened and get the grass cut. If it's a D.P.W. responsibility, get them on it. If it's the residents' responsibility, lean on them to get the job done.

A deteriorated roadside is one of the first negative things prospective shoppers, residents and investors in a community will notice.

It serves no one when a condition like this is allowed to continue. What's become of being "Positively Plymouth?"

JERRY TRUMPKA

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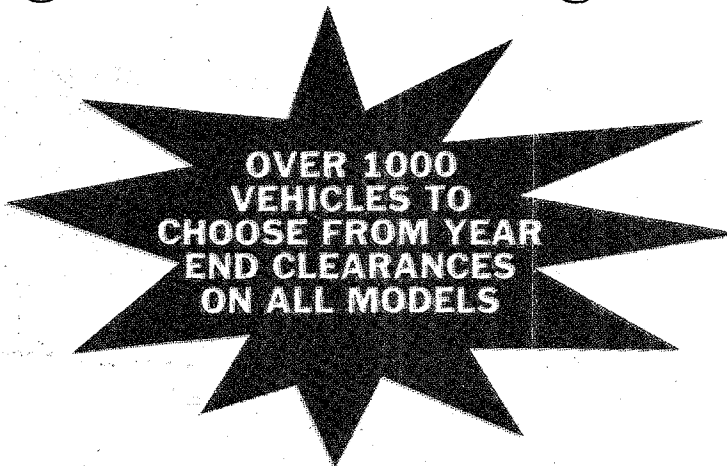
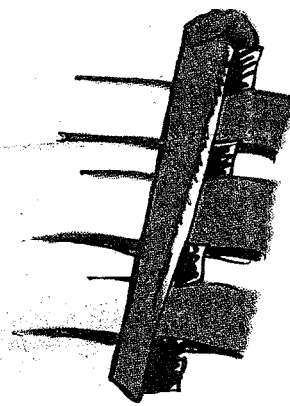


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