

# News digest Michigan

## New judge assigned murder case

**MOUNT PLEASANT AP.** — The case of Robert Lee Haggart, charged with killing 82-year-old Earl Haman last month, will be heard by Midland County Circuit Judge Tyrone Gillespie.

Gillespie was named as judge in the case Monday by the Court Administrator's office in the State Supreme Court, following Friday's disqualification of Clare County Circuit Judge Kurt Hansen.

Circuit Judge Timothy Green, of the 29th circuit for Gratiot and Clinton counties, disqualified Hansen because he represented

Haggart eight years ago in a traffic case and was paid by Haggart with a check that was cashed at the Gratiot County Bank.

Jack Crandall, deputy state court administrator in Mount Pleasant, said the search for a new judge began immediately after Hansen's disqualification.

"We've asked Judge Gillespie to give the case his priority," Crandall said, adding that other judges will cover Gillespie's Midland caseload.

Crandall said it will be up to Gillespie to set a new timetable for the Haggart case. The trial was scheduled to begin July 8.

## Couple settles for \$8.5 million

**PONTIAC AP.** — The parents of a 9-year-old Plymouth girl could collect up to \$8.5 million under an out-of-court settlement with the hospital they say caused their daughter's mental retardation and cerebral palsy, the couple's attorneys said.

The settlement, endorsed Monday by Oakland County Circuit Judge Hilda Gagne, is a lawsuit filed in September 1980 by Steven and Barbara Allen against Pontiac General Hospital and one of its doctors, Walter A. Merideth, M.D., in the Birthright, Township obstetrical.

One of the terms of the settlement, the Allens will receive a \$1 million cash payment plus an additional \$500,000 a year for as long as the child lives, said Stanley Schwartz, one of

three lawyers who represented the Allens. He said that with compounded interest the \$300,000 annual payment doubles after 10 years. "So it's a very adequate settlement."

The Allens' suit charged that their daughter, Tessa Marie, was born Sept. 14, 1973, with birth defects leaving her paralyzed and dependent on her parents for life. Schwartz said the doctor made medical indications of problems with the unborn child, which meant the child should have been delivered as soon as possible. But the doctor delayed, and the child was not delivered for many hours after birth.

The baby was born without a Caesarean delivery, after a 21-hour labor period.

## Youths arrested in explosives theft

**GRAND HAVEN AP.** — Two youths were arrested in connection with the alleged theft of 30 pounds of explosives, state police at Grand Haven said.

The explosives allegedly were stolen Sunday night from storage vaults in Muskegon County's Montague Township, state police officials said.

The youths, Lawrence Colburn and one of the youths named as "D.E.P.", a 17-year-old, were arrested Saturday.

The two youths, whom police did not identify, were arrested Monday and police will seek warrants charging them with larceny, Colburn said.

The explosives, valued at \$1,960, consisted of 800 quarter pound charges of explosives, 1,540 20-grain charges, 550 blasting caps with 12-foot leader wires, and 50 blasting caps with 24-foot leader wires.

Officials said the pair did not have a license for the explosives and were charged with larceny and possession of explosives.

Police said they did not know if the charges were dynamic or a more powerful form of explosive.

## Fire victims in critical condition

**ANN ARBOR AP.** — Ten severely burned people who were airlifted to Michigan General Hospital Friday for treatment after a fire at the University of Michigan Hospitals. Four others have died from the fire.

Another two fire victims transferred to a burn care center at the nearby Chelsea Community Hospital were listed in critical condition, progressive burns, Michigan spokesman Joseph Wesley said Monday.

Eighteen people injured in the blaze were flown to Michigan State University for treatment. But two died aboard the Detroit DC-10

hospital flight shortly after taking off from Lagos, Nigeria, Wesley said. The fire started at the hospital and spread to three floors, he said Sunday.

After their arrival at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the patients were carried by Army helicopter to the burn center, Wesley said.

Twenty-nine people were injured in the fire last Monday at a plant in Lagos operated by S.C. Johnson & Son Inc., headquartered in Racine, Wis., Wesley said. Five died in Nigeria before the airlift and six received only minor injuries, he said.

## Moody seeks return to high court

**LANSING AP.** — Supreme Court Justice Blair Moody Jr. is launching his bid for a second seven-year term on the Michigan highest bench.

Moody Jr. was elected to the seven-year term in 1976 after being nominated at a Democratic convention.

In Michigan, Supreme Court justices need only a majority of the state's 76 members of Congress have also been asked to the same position.

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for the panel, and place their names on the November ballot, said recently on Sunday that he hopes to return to the Michigan bench.

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# Planners say yes to waterfront Houghton puts lake on center stage

By Jim Goffin  
Gazette Writer

**HOUGHTON.** — The Houghton Planning Commission might give its stamp of approval to a long-range development plan that will take Portage Lake out of the back alley and put it at center stage.

The plan has been drawn up by designers John Roger Johnson and U.S. Engineering & Architectural Associates.

A public hearing will be held July 27 to give city residents one last opportunity to make comments or suggestions on the plan. The plan then goes to the Houghton City Council, with final approval required from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which is financing the \$2,900 study.

Among proposals to be presented to residents at the hearing are turning the Old-Fashioned Supper Club, converting the (Coboda-Paoli) warehouse into a combination fish market-shopping area, and providing a comprehensive plan for the city, complete with coordinated color scheme.

All at least seven public fishing areas are included in the plan.

Covered by Houghton's pending Community Development Block Grant and city backing are at least six portions of the plan, which places new parks at each end of Houghton and near the National Park Service and creates a new corridor of expansion by extending Lake Street under the Portage Lake Lift Bridge.

John Kestner, Houghton's city manager, said he would like to see one major task — possibly a park — begun soon.

The plan includes a 400-foot broadside mooring facility for pleasure craft and a park, high-tech development through stores in the 400 and 500 blocks of Sheldon Avenue from the Hellman Transportation Building to the Gil-Mar Fish Shoppe and City Market.

Extra parking will be made available behind the Ambassador Lounge and on Portage Street, which will be blocked off. Sheldon Avenue also gets a face lift with construction of pedestrian islands on street corners, among other changes.

Architects Johnson and engineer John Sullivan discussed three possible plans at the meeting. Johnson said they were looking for an "image of consistency" for the city.

Consistency will require the cooperation of downtown businesses because one key to the waterfront development will be "fresh" clean up of the backs of buildings facing the water. Johnson said that until now there "has been a severe lack of interest" by owners on the subject.

Further down the road, Houghton plans (west to east) a "bravery park" on a quarter-mile section of Lakeshore property the city owns on Canal Road. Johnson said property between the city limits and the park may be annexed by the city.

The plan also calls for high-tech industry to replace the old powerplant, a visitor center in the Soo Line Depot with interpretive displays and a park, high-tech development east of the city in the Soo Line yard area, skywalks connecting Tech's main campus and dormitories, a trailer system connecting MTU and Houghton, a park/visitor welcome area at the Princess Point area east of the old football field on U.S. 41, a public park on the Isle Royale sands, a bike-park at Sunrise Beach, a park at the mouth of the Pilgrim River and a new zoning plan for the Isle Royale sands that would include residential, industrial and multiple use areas.

The commission rejected two other plans. One included additional projects the commission felt were unnecessary and the second was a "low-key" plan allowing property owners to have free rein in the development of the area.

Kestner told the commission it is vital to put the project before city residents. He said if people saw actual renderings of the proposed changes, they would "get excited about the plan."

# High officials displeased with ordinance

By Linda Thorpe  
For the Gazette

**ONTONAGON.** — Ontonagon Memorial Hospital officials will rescind a new ordinance which restricts the Ontonagon Village Council has made in the 1975 hospital ordinance.

The hospital board of trustees has "real problems" with parts of the new ordinance, Chairman David Victor told the village council last night.

Victor said the ordinance was not a communication problem existing between the hospital board and the council. Victor said he hoped the council was not questioning whether the hospital functioned successfully.

Victor, along with hospital Administrator Richard Benson and board attorney Gary Lange, specifically questioned the role of the village clerk's position on the board. That position is now held by James Clark.

Previously, the village clerk acted as a voting member of the board. The new ordinance, which goes into effect Thursday, states that the clerk will act as secretary.

Councilman James Klein said the intent of the ordinance was not to criticize the administration of the village-owned hospital, but rather the organization of the hospital board of trustees.

In a prepared statement addressed to the village board, the council stated that changes in the board's composition were meant to "broaden the scope of the board and just because a person is elected village clerk does not mean that person is qualified or desires to sit on the board," the hospital representatives also stated.

Accepted the resignation of Dave Gault, chief of the police department, effective July 8.

Authorized a council member and the Michigan Municipal League meeting Sept. 12 in Mackinac Island and voted to share the cost of a U.P. promotional career with other U.P. communities. Ontonagon's share is \$50.

# \$10,000 grant will help rape victims

By Carl Peterson  
City Editor

**HOUGHTON.** — A \$10,000 grant to help upgrade services to rape victims has been received by Dial HELP in Houghton from the Bureau of Personal Services of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Tom Collins, program director for HELP, said the grant will be used mainly for training and education and to develop a procedures manual on the types of services available locally to rape victims.

"We've been working with a local rape task force representing legal, medical, educational and human services," Collins said. "And what we're doing is getting some representative look at the needs of the system to see how the rape victim can be better served."

Another facet which is supervised by Dial HELP is the Volunteer Rape Service Program in which volunteers go out and provide support to the rape victim.

There is also a Rape Public Speaking Bureau, which furnishes speakers and schedules presentations to help raise the public's awareness of the problem. It deals with rape prevention, Collins said.

A procedures manual that outlines all of the services is a common tool in handling rape cases, Collins said. He anticipates that it will consist of about 30 pages.

He said that since Jan. 1 of this year, the Dial HELP team has responded directly to five rape cases, though there have been other calls from victims who preferred to remain anonymous and to pursue the matter no further than the phone call.

Salvanes compared the operation to a foreign-exchange market where bond stamps could be traded for 50 to 70 percent of their cash value.



TOM COLLINS

# Authorities charge 34 in food stamp fraud

TAMPA Fla. AP.

Undercover agents seized \$60,000 in food stamps to purchase an expensive car, a motorcycle, television sets, refrigerators and \$400,000 worth of drugs, almost everything but food, officials said.

Now, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is tracing the numbered stamps to establish a chain in illegal trafficking, according to Hillsborough State Attorney E.J. Salvanes.

Salvanes said as many as 34 people in Michigan were involved in fraudulent dealings during the seven-month investigation.

"The food stamps fraud is serious and we don't know who they re-negotiated with," Salvanes said Monday. "We want to know where the stamps went next."

Thirty-four people, including some small business operators, have been charged in 116 counts in the stamps-for-luxury-

investigation. Thirty-one are accused of fraud and three of drug violations.

Authorities began rounding up suspects Monday and by early today, 29 were in custody. The man shot when an officer searched a search warrant on his at home Monday, was listed in stable condition with a wound to the side.

Police said six-year veteran George Lease fired one after Albert Johnson, 42, pulled a handgun on him in a parking garage.

The Tampa Police Department, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Agriculture participated in the joint investigation to identify places illegally trafficking in food stamps, Salvanes said in a press conference Monday.

Suspects swapped cash, stereo equipment, alcohol, appliances, even automobiles.

An estimated \$400,000 in cocaine and marijuana was seized, according to Assistant Tampa Police Chief Donald Newberger.

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# Nation

## Reagan to sign voting rights bill

**WASHINGTON AP.** — The White House has indicated the president is set to sign into law a bill to guarantee voting rights to handicapped people.

The bill, designed to guarantee free access to the polls for millions of minority voters, was introduced by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Rep. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., on June 23.

Parties of 10 voters which are required to obtain federal approval when changing their rules.

Besides civil rights leaders, key members of Congress have also been asked to the same position.

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amm L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, said as recently on Sunday that he hopes to return to the Michigan bench.

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# World

## London traffic jam could worsen

**LONDON AP.** — Rush hour traffic jammed into London at 4 a.m. today, and two hours later parking lots were crisscrossed with cars on the second day of a rail and subway strike that caused the worst traffic jams in the city's history.

The trouble could get worse tonight when people who have stayed at hotels in town go home, a Royal Automobile Club spokesman said.

"The prospect doesn't bear thinking about," he said.

Much of Britain's state-run rail network was jammed on the Friday strike by three-quarters of the National Union of Railwaymen's 177,000 members returned to their national strike.

Union delegates voted 47-30 Monday night to suspend the walkout until more than 5,000 rail workers defied the strike call. But the delegates resolved to continue a strike on the London subway, which has shuttled the British capital for a week.

The board of British rail, which runs the state-owned 11,000-mile network, said

because so many workers ignored the strike call it managed to run about 100 trains Monday out of the usual daily national total of 15,000.

But because of uncertain rail service today and the subway walkout, many drivers, weary of an hour's start-up, turned to cars. Traffic was even heavier.

The Royal Automobile Club said parking areas in central London were full by 6 a.m. today, with cars spilling out onto the streets not as bad as Monday's, but Scotland Yard reported a second wave of auto swarms peaking at the capital's roads with snarls six miles long on some key highways.

A club spokesman said that on Monday London was "locked in a grip of stress," with more than 10 miles of traffic jams during morning rush hour at the start of Britain's first combined rail-subway shutdown since 1928.

An estimated 600,000 cars jammed the city and a 13-mile traffic jam blocked the highway leading into the city from the west.

# Death notices

**William Langdon**  
CENTENNIAL HEIGHTS — William John Langdon, 77, a resident of Jefferson Street in Centennial Heights, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Calumet Hospital Monday evening.

He was born April 13, 1905, in Anse, a son of William James and Marie Langdon. At the age of 2, he moved with his parents to Centennial Heights. He had attended Calumet Public Schools from 1924 to 1940, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was employed in the local business of the local in Eagle Harbor, and for the past 20 years he had made his home in Centennial Heights.

He was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Church of Calumet and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Surviving are his parents, a sister, Barbara Ann Langdon, and his wife, Marie, nee Marie, of Calumet. He is also survived by three brothers, Jerry, Steven and Michael, all of them, paternal grandparents, William and Barbara Langdon, of Lake Belle Mar, maternal grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Lamerand of Eagle Harbor, and two sons, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Paul's, with Rev. Wayne Marcotte officiating. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery in Eagle Harbor.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Erickson Funeral Home in Calumet. A prayer service will be held there at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

**Anna Katherine Makela**  
Family Of Anra K. Makela

Koski of Madison Heights, to grand children and three great grandchildren. Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Detroit. Burial was to be in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

The family suggests that those who wish make memorials to Epiphany Lutheran Church at 931 W. Seven Mile Road in Detroit.

**Eva Grandchamp**  
BRIGHTON. Services for Mrs. Earl (Eva) Grandchamp, 96, of Houghton, who died early Monday morning, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Flower Funeral Home with the Rev. Alan Grove officiating.

Burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The former Eva Rippey was born March 12, 1894, in Rippey and moved with her parents at an early age to Painesdale. She was a 1933 graduate of Painesdale High School.

In 1914, she moved to Houghton and resided there until 1940, when she moved to Hancock. She had lived in Houghton since 1962.

She married Earl Grandchamp July 1, 1939, in Hancock.

Mrs. Grandchamp was active in the Southern Junior Hockey Association and was its secretary for 10 years. She was also a secretary for the Little League baseball league.

She was employed by the Family Market in Hancock and for many years in food services at Jim's Foodmart and the Copper Country IGA Store in Hancock, Mich.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Albert (Mary) Klein of Hammar and Mrs. John (Betty) Groschel of New Berlin, Wis.; one son, Earl Jr. of Escanaba, and four grand children.

# Weather watch

**Tuesday, slowly decreasing clouds.** Cooler. Highs mid 60s to around 70. Northerly to northwesterly winds 5 to 15 mph. Windy at times. Partly cloudy and cool. Lows around 40 to the mid 50s. Northerly to northwesterly winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday partly cloudy. Highs up to 60s to lower 70s.

The Copper Country weather as reported by the FAA in the past 24 hours from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. today showed a

high of 72 and a low of 52. There was 62 of an inch of rain.

Today's temperature at 9 a.m. was 54. Wind was out of the NW at 10 mph.

The sun rose at 6:00 and will set at 9:30.

Upper Peninsula extended forecasts: Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. High chance of showers Saturday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the mid 40s to low 50s Thursday. The 5th Friday and near 60 Saturday.

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