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## Cable battle goes beyond television set

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is the battleground for the first-ever cable television showdown in the country — a fight neither Continental Cablevision nor Ameritech want to lose.

The two companies are digging the trenches. Both companies are working hard to gain the competitive edge by cutting cost and adding consumer incentives, which is exactly what members of the local cable television consortium (comprised of Plymouth, Plymouth Township,

Northville and Canton) were hoping for.

But posturing for competition goes far beyond cable television. Around the country, cable television companies and local telephone providers are poised to

lock horns over the lucrative communications market.

Bill Black, spokesperson for Continental, said high speed Internet access should be in place by the end of

the year. Ameritech spokesperson Dave Onak said his company will also provide access to the Internet this year.

That's not the only area where media giants and communications companies are scrambling to gain a foothold in the market. In recent years, Ameritech has become the second largest home security provider in the area through Security Link — an Ameritech offshoot.

"We plan to offer video and cable services — to be part of an overall provider," Onak said. "Our goal is to give consumers the choice in communications services."

Continental is not taking the competition lightly. In addition to a multi-million dollar system overhaul, Continental now offers Pass Sports and The Disney Channel as part of their basic service. Continental is also offering discounts to customers who sign a one-year contract.

Black said the year-long contracts are to encourage customers from connecting and disconnecting service as the weather turns mild and people spend less time in front of the television. "We want to encourage people to stay on board," Black said.

"We are offering a loyalty program that will reward people for sticking with Continental for a 12-month commitment."

Onak said Continental is attempting to build a solid customer base before Ameritech competition arrives later this year.

"For many years," he said, "cable companies did not seem to be as interested as they should have been in customer service."

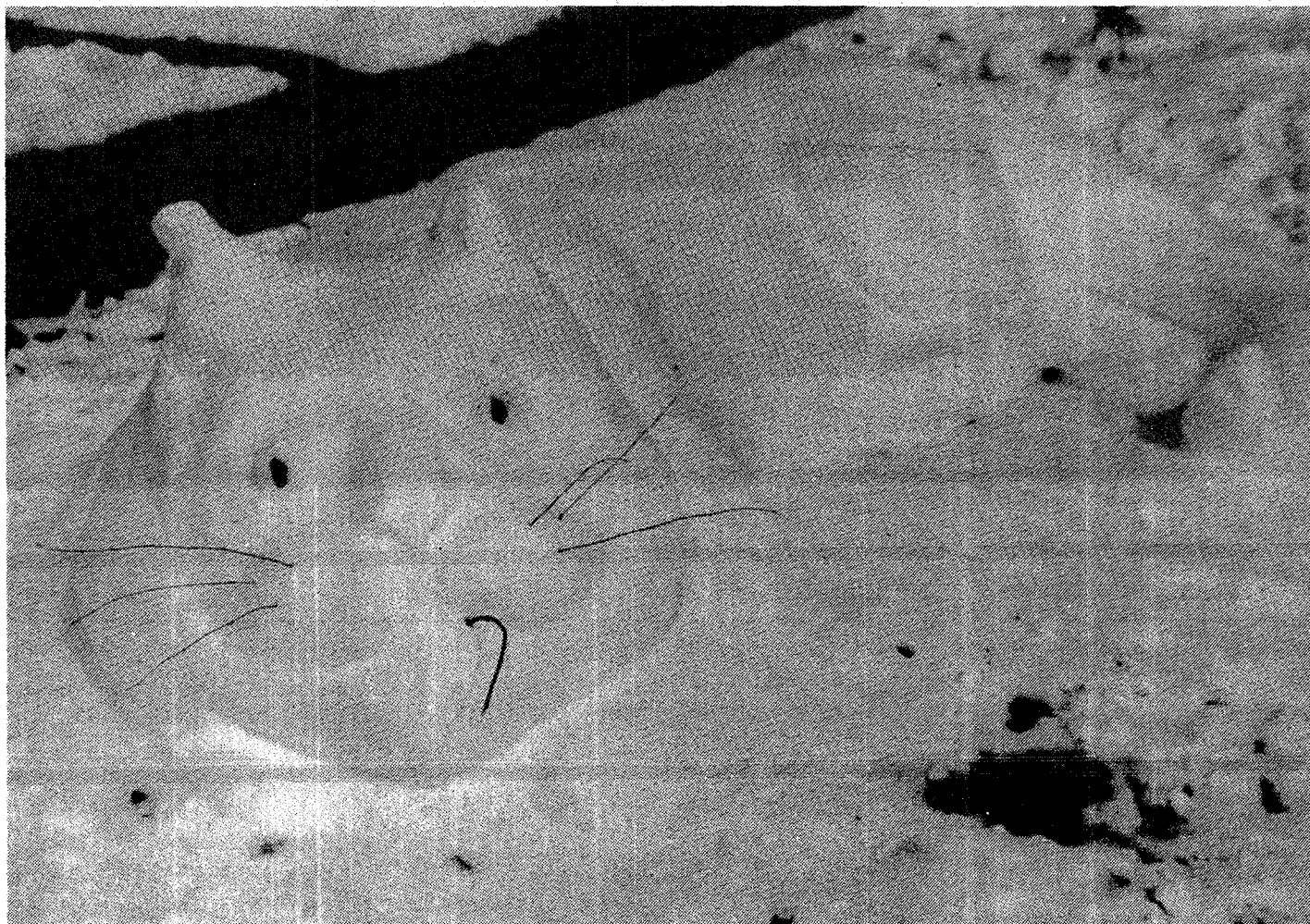
"It's only in the competitive markets that Continental is making these offers. It's clear they're responding to the competition, which is great news for the con-

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## Cat's meow



Antoinette Smith and her daughter Reley celebrated the slow start to spring with a snow sculpture at their Harvey Street home. The community is suffering through one of the coldest springs in recent history. Don't worry, weather forecasters are calling for a break in the cold and snow by the end of the week. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

### Smokin'

Local group promotes rights, positive aspects of smoking

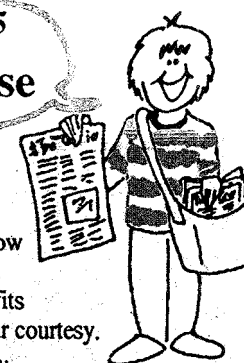
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# Journey Program lauded

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Students, parents and teachers involved with the Plymouth-Canton School District's Journey Program lauded the school board for its support of the program, and provided inspiring examples why it should be expanded.

In its first year, the Journey Program serves as a satellite high school to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP). It was created by teachers, administrators and guidance counselors at the PCEP. "They deserve all the credit," said Superintendent Charles Little.

Located at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth's Old Village, the Journey Program is comprised of approximately 50 students who opted for one year in an alternative, smaller setting after experiencing academic and/or disciplinary problems at middle schools and the PCEP. "Some of the red flags were poor middle school attendance, middle school discipline," said Little.

To say the program has been a success is a huge understatement. "This is something I'll remember for the rest of my life," said Trustee Barbara Graham, who has 14 years of school service in Plymouth-Canton and Detroit. "This is probably the best success story I've ever been a part of. I want to thank all the parents and students and teachers."

But the people directly affected by Journey wanted to thank the school district as well for taking the initiative of creating a program that has improved their children's lives. Ellie Plass likened the 4,500-

PCEP to a stream, where nameless students file past each other. "Here, you're actually a person," she said.

Teacher Rick McCoy displayed graphs of fewer absences and tardies and higher grade point averages.

"I have seen the most incredible changes, and not just academically," said Linda Cox about her daughter. "There's this whole attitude change about school. We're talking about it at home."

Along with crediting Journey's creators and the school board for approving the program, student and parents also thanked teachers McCoy, Heidi Mick, Deb Trapp and Marie Schlosser and Administrative Coordinator Bonnie Bobosky. "They showed me many ways, more than I can describe," said student Monique Tucker, "I am worth something...I really do appreciate you guys. Nobody says it enough."

P-C School Board President David Artley said: "You have proved to me, just in your comments here and in the figures Rick's shown, what I've always believed: all flowers can grow if they are given the right nurturing. I've always believed that."

After hearing how so many lives had improved dramatically, Little said he didn't know if it was financially feasible to expand the program to include sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"It's a great program," he said. "I wish we had more funds for it, but we're very limited. It's been a big success. I'm very pleased, but it's more expensive than other programs we have. But it's money well spent."

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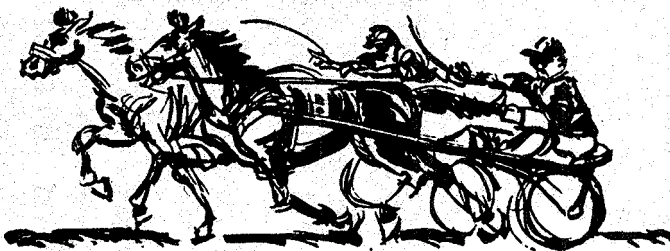
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# Parent tells school board PCEP faces 'out of control situation'

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The area occupied by Canton and Salem high schools is known throughout the community as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

Unfortunately, there seems to be a park-like atmosphere, according to Plymouth resident Lynn Gregg.

Gregg addressed the Plymouth-Canton School Board at Monday night's meeting to express his concern over an "out of control situation" at the PCEP. Gregg, who has a daughter in elementary school and a son in middle school said, "If our own kids were to have to enroll at a Plymouth-Canton community high school tomorrow, we would turn and look elsewhere."

Gregg based his statement on a visit he made with his wife to the PCEP last fall after they had heard numerous negative comments about the high schools. "What we did see," said Gregg, "disappointed us."

Students meandered about in groups, Gregg said, "...and are clearly not doing what they should be doing. In fact, most are breaking the state law that prohibits smoking by minors on school property."

Lunch was not confined to the cafeteria despite posted signs that state as such, Gregg said, leaving litter and debris strewn around the complex. Students even went out to eat at local fast food restaurants, according to Gregg. He took his problems to

administrators including Superintendent Charles Little and Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin. "They have all politely listened, many times agreed with some of our observations," said Gregg, "but no changes have been forthcoming."

Little said the school district has stepped up its effort to discipline underage smokers in conjunction with Canton Public Safety and the Wayne County Circuit Court, Juvenile Division. Beyond that, Little said he will wait for the community survey before making the problems Gregg described a top priority. "I'm very eager to see what the Strategic Planning Committee brings back," said Little. "If it's a concern with a lot of people, if it shows up in the survey, then surely we'll do something about it."

Gregg acknowledged the school district's efforts, but said, "We cannot expect the courts to do a job that must first be done by this district's administrative team. The courts don't run the school — we do."

Gregg pressed for more stringent security to eliminate the PCEP comparison to a "mini college campus."

Little said the school district will continue to look at options to downsize the overwhelming feeling at the PCEP with such programs as the Spectra and Journey, which provide more intimate classrooms settings.

"I agree that there's too many people at the Park," he said. "I don't agree that there's not enough security."

## Strictly ballroom



Jenna Miller and Richard Bacolor are taught the finer points of ballroom dancing by instructor Sue Bareis. Bareis teaches the dance at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton. Her next session is May 4 from 7-10:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Police comb scene for clues in Superior Twp. homicide

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

A California man was gunned down on Sunday evening as he was being driven to see friends in Superior Township, police said.

Dejuentree Taylor, who was 23 and a resident of Buena Park, CA, died of multiple gunshot wounds to the upper abdomen, police said. He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff Department was called to the scene at about 9:15 p.m. on a report of shots being fired and a series of hit-and-run accidents. They were led to the area of Ridge and Geddes roads where they found Taylor. Police don't know why the shooting occurred.

"They were allegedly there to visit friends," said First Lt. R.J. Smith of the sheriff's department. "I don't believe it to have been a drug deal gone bad."

The driver, a 25-year-old Taylor man whose name wasn't released, was taken into custody by the sheriff's department because the 1978 Mercury he was driving was reported stolen in Romulus, police said. He was later released from the Washtenaw County Jail when police couldn't prove he knew the car was stolen.

But Smith said the Taylor man is still a suspect because he admitted responsibility for the hit-and-run accidents while trying to flee the scene, Smith said. He is being watched by police.

"We are serving a purpose by letting him go at this time," Smith said.

An autopsy on Taylor was scheduled to take place yesterday at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

The shooting is still under investigation.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is holding their membership coffee tomorrow from 8-9 a.m. at the chamber office.
- Part one of a two-part panel discussion, "How to Judge a Judge," sponsored by the Plymouth Republican Club is set for tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Waterclub Seafood Grill. Dinner is optional.

### THE WEEKEND

- The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee is participating in the Mayflower Hotel Bunny Breakfast on Saturday. Discounts, new merchandise announcements, store special events and other promotions will be available at the event. Call (313) 453-1540 for time and cost.
- The Plymouth Community Band is holding a free concert Friday at 8 p.m. in the Canton High School Little Theatre.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall meeting room. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting.

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The cold winds of winter are almost over! It's time to think about spring with The Crier's annual Wings of Spring on pgs. 11-17.

# Network manager will continue to help schools

BY BRIAN CORBETT

This time, no meant yes.

The Plymouth-Canton School Board decided Monday night that the debated position of network manager will continue in its current role of assisting more than 850 teachers with computer technology.

While scolding themselves for the hiring and salary process, the school board voted against approval of non-renewal of an administrative contract. As a result, current Network Manager Karen Gearns has retained her position. Trustee Carrie Blamer, one of the school board members who had wavered on support for the position said, "I've talked with a lot of people, my major concern is, (P-C School Board President) Mark (Horvath) calls it the process, I call it looking toward the future. Is this the best use of funds?" But in conclusion, Blamer said, "I've taken

classes from Mrs. Gearns and she's wonderful."

The decision not to layoff Gearns brings an end to the rocky 1995-96 school year concerning the position of network manager. Initial discussion about the position occurred at the Aug. 14 meeting; it was tabled until Aug. 28 while questions concerning the job's responsibilities and salary were answered for the school board. The position's salary was introduced at \$41,700. It was designed to move the school district forward with new improvements and technologies, data management, and save money by preventing unnecessary service calls and training teachers in trouble shooting. Two weeks later, the position was approved with the stipulation it would be reviewed on a yearly basis. Blamer and Horvath voted against the motion.

Citing budgetary concerns and their commitment to

review the position — not Gearns' work performance — Blamer and Horvath were joined by Treasurer Michael Maloney and Secretary Sue Davis in approving a 90-day layoff notice on Feb. 12. The action was a legal technicality in case the position would not be continued. Still, it left Trustee Jack Farrow upset. He said the elimination of the network manager would affect the computer program. "It's not going to happen," said Farrow, "by just throwing the computers out there and saying, 'Here'."

Farrow was not alone; teachers and principals throughout the school district begged for the continuation of the position.

The petitioning continued last night with Hulsing Elementary School Media Specialist Pat McDonald commending Gearns and the importance of the position. "She's just crucial to us," said McDonald.

# Cable battle goes beyond television set

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sumers."

Onak said cable customers should wait until the Ameritech system is up and running before signing a year-long contract.

Black said Ameritech is trying to compare the reliability and customer service of Continental to that of Omnicom, the former cable television provider for the community. "We're a new company with an excellent reputation," he said. "We're there to answer the phones 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's guaranteed service."

Continental finalized its purchase of Omnicom late last year.

Although both companies had their cable franchises all but locked up by the end of the summer, all was quiet on the competitive front until Ameritech launched the first volley Feb. 29.

Ameritech filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) charging Continental and Home Box Office with unlawfully denying consumers in the consortium, along with Northville Township, access to HBO and Cinemax programming.

Ameritech representatives claim an exclusive contract allegedly signed by Time Warner's HBO division and Continental in 1989 does not apply to the former Omnicom properties.

The U.S. Congress passed the Cable Act of 1992. A portion of this act outlawed exclusive contracts, but "grandfathered" any such contracts signed before June 1, 1990.


The question becomes: Does Continental's contract with HBO apply to new acquisitions such as their recent purchase of Omnicom?

A decision on the contract could be handed down by the FCC as early as next week.

Regardless of the outcome, consumers will be the ultimate winners in the cable television wars — and in the long run, will also see many new offerings from the communications giants.

Very soon, every community in the United States will see some form of cable battleground. If that's the case, The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community will be remembered as the area where the first shots were fired.

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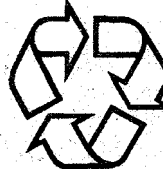
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# Twp. crime rate rises 25%

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

A rising population and "outside influences" in Plymouth Township caused crime to escalate 25 percent last year, according to the police department's annual report for 1995.

"Calls went up and crime went up," Police Chief Carl Berry said. There were 41,293 calls for service into the department last year, a 12 percent increase from 1994.

Berry said 1995 was one of the busiest years in the department's 10-year history because of the Township's continued population growth and because of outside influences that come into the community. The Township has about 28,000 residents.

All crimes increased from 1994, except for stolen vehicles, which decreased for the second consecutive year. The Western Wayne County auto theft unit gets most of the credit for the decline, Berry said.

The number of assaults jumped from 97 in 1994 to 190 in 1995. That's because of a change in domestic violence laws, Berry said. There hasn't been a surge in domestic violence cases, just in the number of cases

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**— CARL BERRY**

reported, he said.

Violent crimes were consistently low in 1995, as they have been for the last eight years. There was one murder, eight rapes and three robberies last year, according to the report.

The 27-page annual report is the most extensive analysis the police department has provided to the Township Board of Trustees, which was expected to discuss the report at its meeting last night.

"The board really needed to be brought up to date on the department as to where it's going and what we're doing," Berry said.

The detailed statistics also may help the chief as he continues his fight for additional police officers. There are 35 employees in the department and 23 of them are sworn officers. Berry said the department is understaffed.

"People here are wanting more service out of their police department and they should be getting more service," he said.

According to Berry, there's only a limited number of officers and cars available to cover the Township on a daily basis.

Despite the understaffing, Berry said the department has been able to maintain its response time of four to six minutes.

He said he hopes to eventually get approval to hire more officers, but only if Township residents support the idea. "The calls are increasing, so obviously they want more service," the chief said. "At some point they're going to have to pay for it."

# Thieves strike Main St. Deli, Primrose Paths

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Plymouth Police are investigating the burglary of two stores in a downtown shopping center.

Main St. Deli and Primrose Paths, which are located next to each other in the Charlestown Square strip mall on Main Street, were robbed of an undisclosed amount of cash sometime between 3:30 p.m. last Tuesday and 5:30

a.m. the following morning, said Lt. Michael Gardner.

Police said the robbers apparently broke into the Main St. Deli through the back door and stole some of the restaurant's payroll money. The suspects kicked in the wall of the men's room of the restaurant, cutting a huge hole through the particleboard, and climbed from the bathroom into the office in

Primrose Paths, a decorative paintings store that sells supplies and teaches classes, police said.

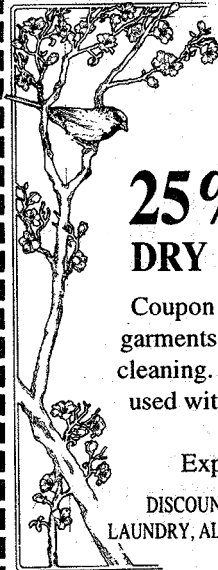
About \$1,000 was stolen from Primrose Paths. The incident has prompted Nancy Lenski, the owner, to consider getting a gun permit.

"We've lived in Plymouth 18 years now and we've been here three years," Lenski said.

"I'm not going to be comfortable at 9:30 at night here by myself."

Main St. Deli and Primrose Path were open on Wednesday and the snowy weather seemed to affect business more than the break-in. Sgt. Edward Ochal of the Plymouth Police Department was checking for fingerprints as several diners enjoyed breakfast and lunch at the deli.

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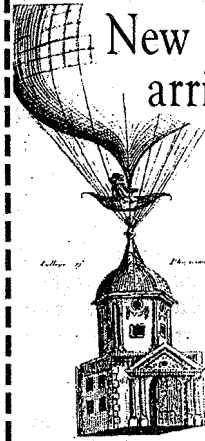
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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Tanya M. Martin joined the U.S. Army and reported to Fort Leonard Wood, MO to begin basic military training on Feb. 28. She joined the military as part of its delayed enlistment program, which allows new recruits to postpone enlistment for up to one year. Martin is a 1994 graduate of Salem High School.

Zach Holmes of Plymouth was named to the fall Dean's List at Hillsdale College. Students on the list attained grade point averages between 3.4 to 4.0.

A Plymouth resident appeared in a production of *The Sound of Music* at Mercy High School. Jessica Landin was a member of the Nun's Chorus in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Landin is a junior at Mercy, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls in Farmington Hills. The musical was performed on March 22 - 24.

Carol E. Joy, a pre-veterinary medicine major at the University of Findlay, was named to the school's Dean's List for the fall semester. Joy, a Plymouth resident, received a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

The following students have been named to the Plymouth Canton Educational Park yearbook staff: Rebecca Uryga, Craig Sanders, Dave Marks, Kristen Kosik, Jill Schmalhurst, Laurel Weinman, Nathan Gray, Crystal Kopacz, Nicole LeFevre, Kacie Theisen, Sara Weiner, Jon Little, Dave Dismondy, Kimberly Robertson, Shanna Foley, Shelley Williams, Leanne Baranski, Tiffany Williams, Kathy Jost and Sandra Pavlo. The yearbook advisor is Lauren Pearson.

A Plymouth resident has been named an Albion College Fellow at Albion College. Stephen R. Sedore is a senior majoring in computational mathematics and German. Fellows must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive semesters on campus. He is a graduate of Canton High School.

Scott Boersma, a Navy Seaman, recently returned from a six-month deployment in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia to support the peacekeeping forces there. Boersma and his fellow seamen also helped enforce the international embargo against the former Yugoslavia. He joined the Navy in February 1995 and was a 1993 graduate of Canton High School.

# Up in Smoke

## Smokers find few allies in Plymouth-Canton Community

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Pity the much-maligned smoker.

Shunned by society, he or she is reduced to standing outside in the cold, sitting at a restaurant's worst table, and garnering the sneers and stares of anti-smokers. All for a puff.

It's been a tough road for smokers, particularly in the last five years. Health risks from smoking, and especially cigarettes, have been widely publicized. Malls, airplanes and restaurants are among the many public places that have cracked down on smokers in the last few years.

Marc Sullivan, a longtime pipe smoker, knows what it's like to feel discriminated against. So he formed the Holy Smokers, a smoker's rights group that meets the third Monday of the month at the Senate Coney Island & Restaurant on Plymouth Road.

"The conspiracy against smokers is very large," Sullivan said.

Smoking's bad reputation has hurt the group's membership. On a list of 42 people, only about eight regularly show up, Sullivan said. The numbers at the state smoking convention are down too.

"We're not able to muster hundreds of people," he said.

At meetings, members of the Holy Smokers share experiences of discrimination and nagging. And they track which public spaces allow smoking and which don't.

"We try to keep our fingers on the pulse of what's happening," said Sullivan, who lives in Plymouth Township.

Deborah Thomas of Livonia has smoked cigarettes for 25 years. She joined Holy Smokers two years ago.

"I'm tired of people refusing my rights," said Thomas, whose brand of choice is Marlboro Lights. "You can't ride a bus anymore."

Smokers always sit in the smoking section and they obey anti-smoking ordinances. They know their place, she said.

"It isn't the smokers who are the rude ones, it's the anti-smokers," she said.

Thomas said she has never thought about quitting her pack-a-day habit.

"I've never wanted to, I don't have any coughing," she said.

Phyllis Sullivan quit smoking five years ago after a series of fainting spells. She stopped, she said, because she feared she could start a fire if she passed out holding a lit cigarette.

Since she quit, the fainting has stopped.

"I don't think smoking had anything to do with it," she said.

Members of the Holy Smokers said they realize their views are unpopular.

"If it's legal, people have no right to discriminate," Phyllis Sullivan said. "If they want people to stop smoking, they should make it illegal, and close down the tobacco farms."

Health risks from smoking are overrated, they said.

"Maybe one (person) in 100 actually has a breathing problem, but society has come to hate smokers so much they absolutely believe it," Phyllis Sullivan said.

"They've fought black lung disease for years but they've never closed the coal mines," said her husband, who started smoking a pipe almost 30 years ago as a way to stop his grinding teeth.

## Kids help Twp. American Legion with local programs

Since 1919, the American Legion, which celebrates its 77th anniversary this month, has concerned itself with the welfare, education and positive growth of children throughout the world.

"What is very impressive," said Plymouth Township Post 112 Senior Vice Commander Gary McCoy, "is how the children of our country and community respond to the needs of veterans when asked."

Students at St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City recently participated in Post 112's Tabs for Tots program for the fourth year.

The students collected pull-top aluminum tabs from beverage containers and turned them over to the American Legion for redemption. "They actually held a competition between the different classes, and this year's winning classes were Ms. Beaubien's class and Mrs. Pilon's class," McCoy said.

Each student from all classes received a certificate of appreciation and a bag of potato chips from Legion Post 112. Burger King of Garden City supplied a hamburger luncheon to the students of the winning classes. Almost \$200 worth of tabs were redeemed and the proceeds were used to purchase equipment and supplies for the newborn-neonatal department at Garden City Hospital.

Plymouth Township Post 112's Jr. Vice Commander John Pappas recruited students from all the elementary and middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton

Marc Sullivan said he's read about research that indicates smoking has some medicinal benefits for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

"Smoking is going to cut down on illness," he said. About the legions of evidence that say he's wrong, he said: "It's almost like it's based on superstition."

Despite their beliefs, the Sullivans aren't optimistic about a societal turnaround towards smoking.

"Smokers are basically a peaceful people because they smoke to relax," Phyllis Sullivan said. And her husband added: "They're not about to burn the town down because they can't light up."

But Thomas issued a warning to her fellow comrades: "If the smoker doesn't fight for his rights, he's not going to have any rights to fight for."

school system to help acquire urgently needed items for the hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

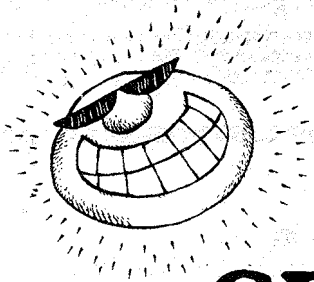
"A collection box has been established at all the schools, and during the month of March students have been bringing in various personal care items for these hospitalized veterans who urgently need them," Pappas said. "In addition, the Plymouth Post Office has donated a wheel barrow full of free sample personal care items that were undeliverable to addressees."

Items being collected by the students include toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, deodorant, shaving cream, after-shave lotions, underwear and socks. The items will be delivered to the volunteer services department of the VA Medical Center in April for distribution to those hospitalized veterans in need of them.

"Far too many times we find fault with the children of today, that they have lost their sense of moral obligation, personal commitment and have become too self-centered," McCoy said.

"However, when you have children becoming involved in programs such as these, it indicates that they are willing and desirous of being involved, committed, and being good citizens — they just have to be given the opportunity."

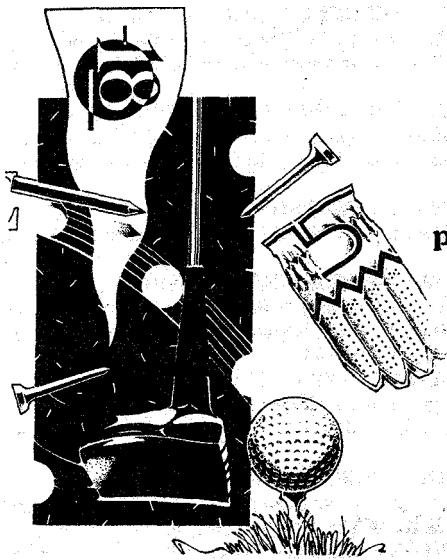
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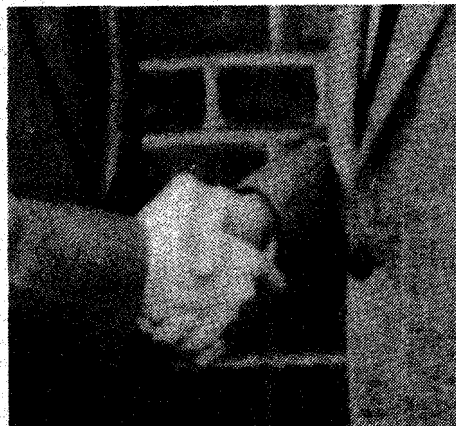
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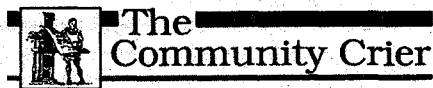


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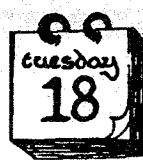
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# Groups...

### WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

At the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd at 12:30 p.m. Friday. The program "Plymouth at the Time of Lincoln" will provide a look at some Civil War area homes.

### THURSDAY MORNING GOLF GROUP

Small, informal ladies group at Hilltop Golf Course at Beck Road and Ann Arbor Trail. First meeting April 25 8 a.m. Pay weekly. For more information, call Carol at (810) 348-8649 or Joan at 455-9496.

### PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS GENERAL MEETING

April 4 at 6:30 p.m. All Plymouth residents welcome. An expert will talk about and demonstrate faux painting techniques. \$13, includes beverages, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. R.S.V.P. by Friday. For more information, call 416-9001.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING

April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 S. Farmer St. Seniors bring collection or hobby and briefly tell about it. Mobil doctors who make home visits will have information. For more information, call 453-1234, ext. 236.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA SPRING CLASSES

Plymouth YMCA is currently taking registration for spring classes, including T-Ball, C-Ball, softball, soccer, youth golf lessons, karate, dance/gymnastics, tumbling, theme party Tuesday and other programs. For more information, call 453-2904.

### THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY LEAGUE

Will hold its annual Game and Card Party Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fox Hills Country Club. For tickets and information, call 459-3156.

### AARP-FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

The tax aide program sponsored by AARP is free until April 15 at the Summit on the Park, the Cultural Center and the Northville Senior Center. Home visits are available. Appointments are a must. In Canton, call 397-5444; In Plymouth, call 455-6620; In Northville, call (810) 349-4140.

### THE SENIOR ALLIANCE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Current entry level positions available through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Positions are currently available in non-profit and governmental agencies. Individuals must meet some guidelines. For more information, call 1-800-815-1112.

### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

### CANTON PARKS AND REC

The Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road will be available for community group and individual rental through April. Canton groups and residents only. For more information, call 397-5110.

### STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

### PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 until Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

### PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

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

### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418.

### CLOTHING BANK

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

### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

### GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

### SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

### U-W ALUMNI CLUB FUNDRAISER

The University of Wisconsin Alumni Club is raising scholarship funds for Michigan students attending U-W by selling Entertainment books, which contain hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts to a variety of activities. For more information, call Chuck at 454-5749.

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### NORTHVILLE TOWN HALL SERIES

Russian affairs author and TV/radio commentator Dr. Vladimir Sakharov April 15 at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 N. Laurel Park, Livonia. \$15 (lecture only) and \$30 (lecture and lunch). Reservation must be made in advance by April 8. For more information, call (810) 489-9622.

### PSO GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GALA

"A Night in Casablanca", April 26 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$100 per person. Packages available for businesses who would like to sponsor the event. Raffle tickets are being sold. For more information, call Michelle at 451-2112.

### DUMOUCHELLE ANTIQUE APPRAISAL CLINIC

April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum. \$6 oral appraisal per item and \$10 written appraisal per item. To schedule appointment, call 455-8940.

### MAYFLOWER HOTEL BUNNY BREAKFAST

During the Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, discounts, new merchandise, store special events, etc., will be distributed in the form of a coupon sheet to all visitors. The coupons will be good Saturday through April 6. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540.

### PASTRY AND SPRING BAKE SALE

Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon at the Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church at 290 Fairground at Ann Arbor Trail, west of Lilley Road. For more information, call (810) 477-4670.

### OLGC GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

June 1 at St. John's Golf Course, 14830 Sheldon Rd. \$85 per person, includes 18 holes (AM and PM shotgun starts), cart, food at the turn, sit down dinner and range balls. Cash and door prizes. Trophies. Hole-in-one contest for automobile. Reservation must be made by May 1. For more information, call Rich at 416-9177, Mike at 454-0847 or Steve at 455-6634.

### HANDCRAFTERS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

At the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Friday-Sunday. More than 70 juried artisans. Admission \$2. Lunch is available. For more information, call 459-0050 or 459-0628.

### PAUL MANZ HYMN FESTIVAL

Manz, an organist and composer, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St., at 7:30 p.m. on April 19. \$10. For more information, call 453-6464.

### GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

A five-week program (April 25-May 23, 7-9 p.m.) at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Learn the characteristics of grief, to share feelings and to receive support from others. Professional facilitator will lead the group that is limited to 20 people. For more information, call 459-2250.

### LAST DAY FOR COMMUNITY MID-DAY LENTEN SERVICES

"Journeying Through The Cross" sponsored by the Plymouth Ministerial Association. Everyone is welcome. Noon services on Wednesdays of Lent will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. in Plymouth, followed by luncheon of bread and soup. Donation to cover lunch and Plymouth Salvation Army. Worship today. First Presbyterian, Our Lady of Good Counsel, New Life Lutheran, Salvation Army, First United Methodist and St. John's Episcopal.

### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE/DETROIT LIONS FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Township Police have accepted a challenge to play the Detroit Lions in a fundraiser basketball game May 2 at the Central Middle School Gym, 650 W. Church. The game will benefit many local charities such as the United Way, the Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts. Kids participating in Special Olympics will attend as honored guests. Family, \$45; couples, \$25; singles, \$15. For more information, call 453-1049.

# Schools...

### SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S CO-OP NURSERY

Open house for next school year, ages two to four, today at the nursery, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, from 6-7 p.m. For more information, call Sandra at 455-5687.

### P-C SCHOOLS GED TESTING

Offered through the P-C Schools, April 3-4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or from 5-10 p.m. The test will be held at the Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook Rd. \$25. To register, call 416-4901.

### SCHOOLCRAFT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sponsored by the Northville Mothers Club, a \$1,500 scholarship for full-time students and a \$750 scholarship for part-time students who attended Northville High School. Deadline is Friday. Students transferring to U of M are eligible to win a \$700 scholarship awarded by the U of M Northville Alumni Club. Deadline is Friday. For more information of these scholarships, call 462-4429.

### P-C SCHOOLS ELECTION PETITIONS

Nominating petitions are now available for any resident of the school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are now available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey St., in downtown Plymouth. Nominating petitions must be filed by April 8 at 4 p.m. April 11 is the last day a candidate can withdraw from the ballot. The school election is June 10, and two four-year terms will be filled. For more information, call 416-3095.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 1996/97 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is being held at all Plymouth-Canton elementary schools this week. To register, the child must be five years old by Dec. 1. Also needed for registration: child's birth certificate (call Michigan Dept. of Public Health at (517) 335-8655); proof of residency (ex. property tax bill — driver's license is unacceptable); child's social security number; child's record of immunization (call Wayne County Health Dept. at 467-3319).

### STUDENTS INVITE PARENTS TO LUNCH

In recognition of March as National Nutrition Month, Allen, Bird, Farrand, Fiegel, Hoben, Hulsing, Isbister and Smith elementary schools are inviting parents to lunch with their students. Monday: first graders. Tuesday: second graders. Today: third graders. Tomorrow: fourth graders. Friday: fifth graders. At Fiegel Elementary School only, parent visit days for third and fourth graders will be reversed.


### PLYMOUTH'S CHILDREN NURSERY

Located at 5825 N. Sheldon Rd, applications are being accepted for fall registration. For more information, call 459-3111.

### CANTON/SALEM SENIOR CLASS PARTY

Committees need help in preplanning stages to provide a festive atmosphere on graduation night for students in a safe and controlled environment. Business are urged to donate. Parents can volunteer. Call Steering Committee members Pam Capaldi at 455-3869 or Andi Schmiedel at 397-6936.

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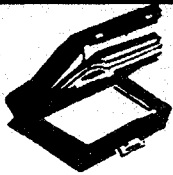
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Ford, UNISYS, Diversey Corporate Technology Centers, Procoil Corporation, Gil-Mar Products, Clean Air Technology, and Clips and Clamps participated in **Business-Education Connection Day** yesterday. The local businesses shared information and gave tours to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' teachers and personnel.

Plymouth's Toltest, a geotechnical and environmental firm, has been awarded a multi-year contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. Toltest's work includes soil drilling and sampling, ground water monitoring and sampling, installation of water sampling wells and rock and concrete coring.

Michael Cox has been named sales director for **The Links at Pheasant Run**, a condominium development in Canton, adjacent to the Summit on the Park community center. The announcement came from Paul Robertson Jr., president of Robertson Brothers Group, the developer. Cox will "tee-off" sales at The Links, located on Pheasant Run Golf Course, with the opening of a models and sales office this month.

Canton resident **Daniel P. Wallace**, CMA has been named to a newly-created position of financial risk manager for Magic Line, Inc., a Midwestern electronic funds transfer network. Wallace will be responsible for contract compliance, credit risk and reporting, human resource risk, third party risk and insurance program and regulatory relations/audits. Wallace has a BS in business administration from Wayne State University, where he is currently a candidate for a MBA, with a concentration in information systems.

Canton resident **Dr. John C. Eggenberger** is one of 75 physicians from Henry Ford Health System named in the first edition of the upcoming book "The Best Doctors in America: Midwest Region." Eggenberger's speciality is colon and rectal surgery. The book was based on a survey of more than 5,000 doctors.

Plymouth residents **Vic Malkhassian** and **Linda Carrier** were recently elected to the volunteer Board of Directors of Dearborn Federal Credit Union. Board members serve three-year terms. Carrier is an 18-year employee of Ford Motor Company and is manager of Product Quality Analysis. She has served on the board of directors since 1991. Malkhassian is president of Advanced Micrographics in Livonia. He has served on the board of directors since 1977.

## Downtown 'goes mad' Friday

BY BRIAN CORBETT

While college basketball is in the middle of March Madness, Plymouth community business owners and shoppers will celebrate their own (March) Midnight Madness.

Beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at midnight Friday, more than 25 Plymouth businesses will offer special sales that will drive their customers into a shopping madness.

It will be the first retail festivity since the completion of streetscape.

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee co-chairs Annette Horn and Mary Arbour believe downtown's newest feature will definitely have a positive effect. "We're trying to get everyone to get out and shop the new Plymouth," said Horn, owner of Native West. "Definitely, the new streetscape will help. Obviously, there's no (construction) barricades. The sidewalks are finished. Definitely, streetscape is an improvement over last year. Last year's sale construction hadn't even started yet, so we went from nothing to brand new. We're really excited. A lot of retailers in town are participating."

Arbour, owner of Crystal Diamond Setters and Jewelers,

said the novelty of Midnight Madness makes it one of her favorite events in Plymouth. "I always enjoy this particular event," she said. "It's interesting to see people run around at midnight, so we're looking forward to it."

Horn hopes Mother Nature will cooperate, adding the excitement of spring fever and shopping outdoors to the five-hour sale.

"There's enough discounts to get people to come to downtown Plymouth, to get outside," said Horn. "When you go shopping at a mall, you're inside, which is fine. But it's spring and people want to be outside in nature. I really believe people are getting back to that, and Plymouth has that to offer...It's a spring event, especially after that big snow storm. The sidewalks are cleared. People will come out. If it's too cold, we have stores that will sell them coats."

Midnight Madness is the first event for Horn and Arbour as retail committee co-chairs. They have plans to add new features to the various business-orientated events in Plymouth, such as the Sidewalk Sales. "We're going to revamp some of the activities," said Arbour.

## Wilson picked as one of top business owners

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If Budweiser is the King of Beers, then Plymouth resident Karen Wilson must be the queen.

Wilson, president and owner of Central Distributors of Beer, Inc., a wholesale distributor of Anheuser-Busch beverage products, was honored recently as one of Michigan's top 25 women business owners. "I thought it was very nice," she said. "I think everybody likes to be recognized. In this award you had to excel in two of four areas: innovation, community service, revenue and public advocacy. I was chosen for innovation and community service."

All of the recipients faced a panel discussion and a question and answer session while attending a luncheon at the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. "It took years for it to happen," said Wilson, "but it was nice to be recognized like this — as a women business owner. That's really nice."

Undoubtedly an inspiration to younger working women, Wilson changed careers 15 years ago upon the suggestion of another trailblazing woman — her mother. It was 1981 and Wilson was teaching with a graduate degree in elementary education. At that time, her mother tempted her with an offer to work for the business Wilson's grandfather founded in 1933. "I was very apprehensive because I didn't know what I had to offer," Wilson said. "I didn't want to just fill an empty chair."

She eased into her new position, part time at first, full time a year later as office manager. "I found it fascinating," Wilson said. "It was something my mother said to me. She said, 'It gets in your blood.' It happened with me too."

Her ascent had begun. By 1984, Wilson had become vice president and part owner, overseeing the



KAREN WILSON

administrative, data processing and long range planning of the company. Wilson credits schooling and continuing self-improvement for her quick success. "My education gave me a really good background in dealing with people and with difficult situations," she said. "And I had classes and seminars in everything from business planning to financial accounting to performance appraisal. Along the way, I picked up skills needed for the individual items of running a business."

What Wilson had learned, she passed on. Central Distributing became increasingly involved with responsible drinking programs such as "Know When to Say When" and "Operation Life Ride." "The reason we do it," said Wilson, "is because we don't want our product abused. If the product is abused, it does harm to customers, and it does harm to us."

While Wilson volunteered her time and money to numerous charities,

foundations and festivals, including The Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular and Angela Hospice, Central Distributing's employees would not be outdone supporting, among others, D.A.R.E. and NAACP.

As the accomplishments mounted, Wilson finally demanded the respect that had ignored her as a woman in a male-dominated business. "I never think about being a minority," she said, "but I do have to say, when I first entered the business, people came in and I had this feeling of being invisible, and that was hard to be a part of. It took time to get particularly recognized as an individual. When it didn't matter that I was a woman, I was an individual person who has skills and opinions."

Come 1991, her dexterity faced the ultimate test when she became president and her brother left for an early retirement. "I never really thought I'd run the business," said Wilson.

Neither did her mother, who now tried to convince her to leave Central Distributors. "She said, 'You don't need the stress in your life,'" said Wilson. "But I decided to stay. I'm happy I made that decision. It's really worked out well."

In the last five years, Wilson has been a finalist for the Michigan "Outstanding Business Women of the Year," selected as a female role model speaker and became the first woman to serve on the Anheuser-Busch Wholesaler Panel.

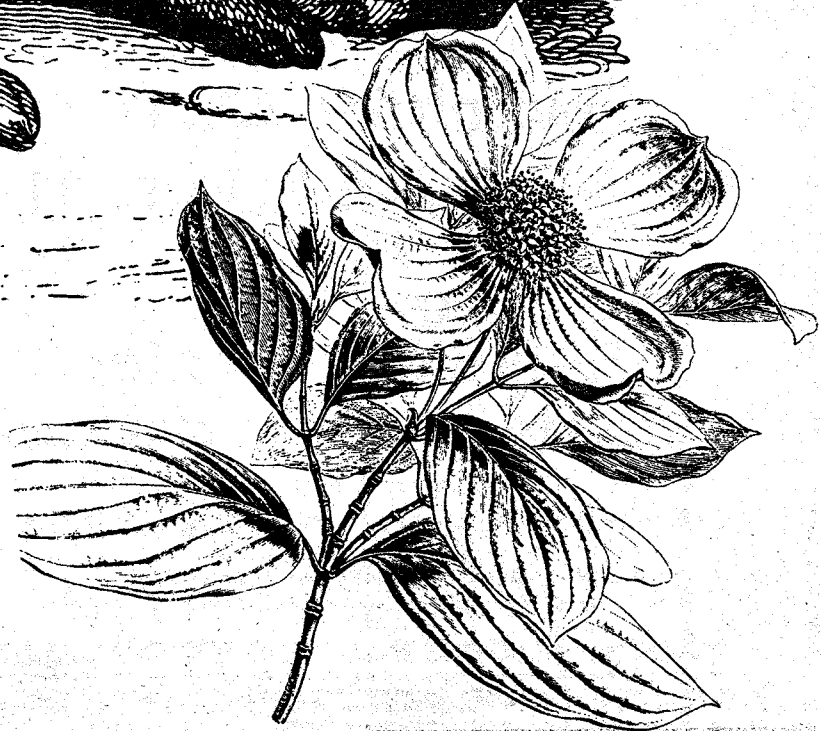
Acting as a role model for aspiring professional women was never a position Wilson had envisioned for herself. "I don't have a problem with it now," said Wilson. "I guess it's something I never really thought of myself as. I guess I just do things I think are right."

And she'll continue to do that. Wilson plans no early retirement, only more time with her three grandchildren.

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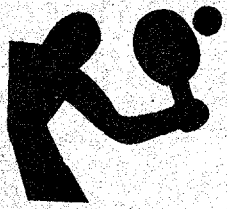


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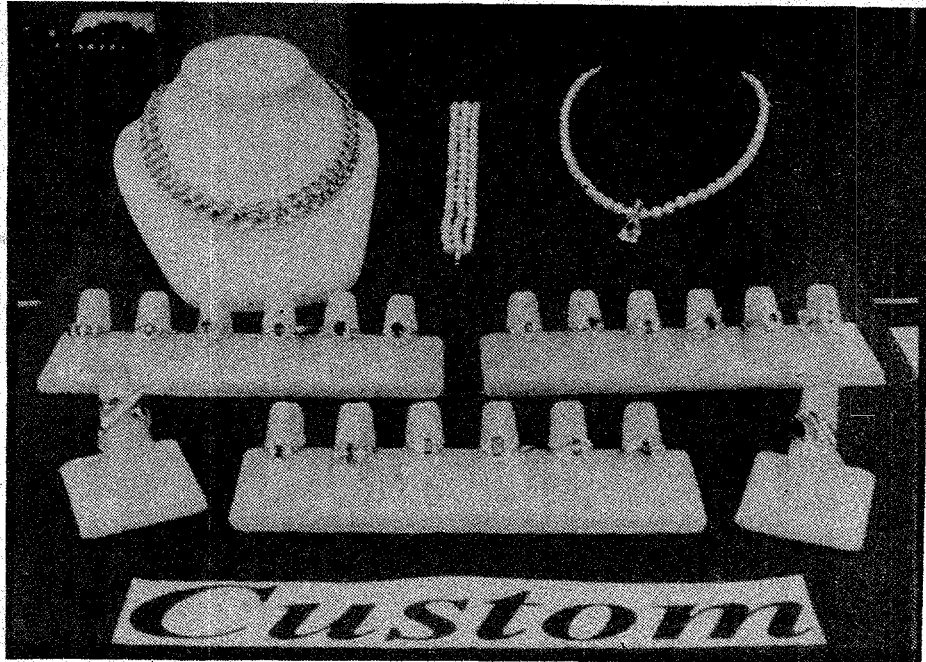


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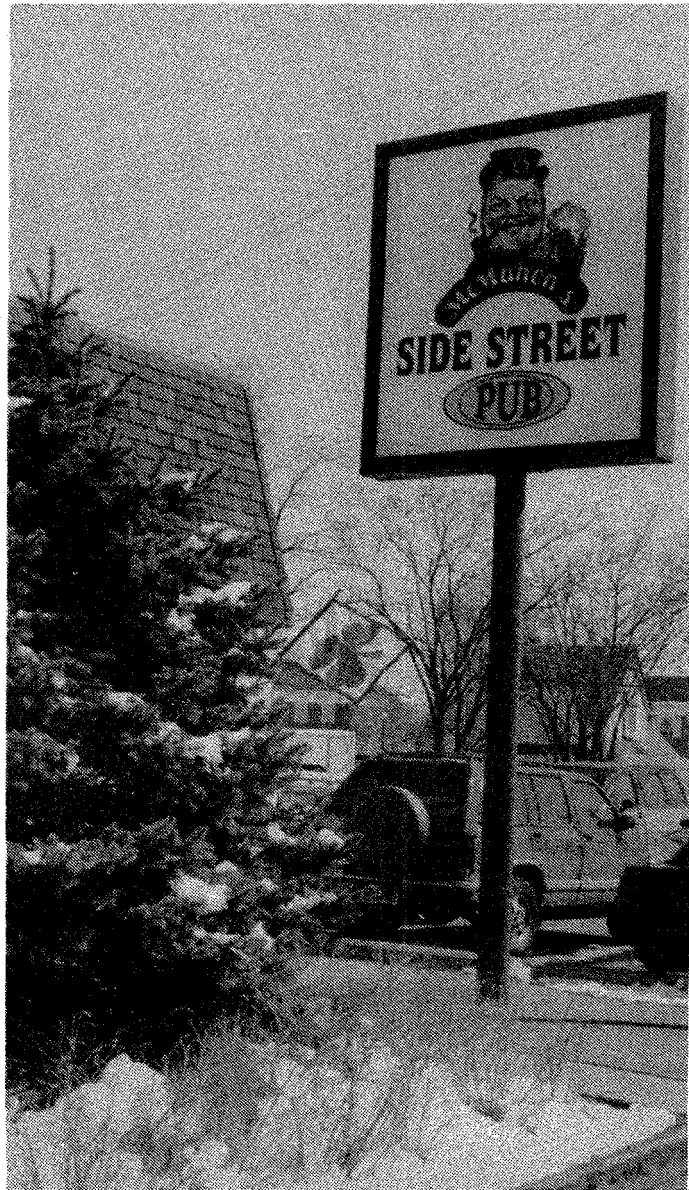
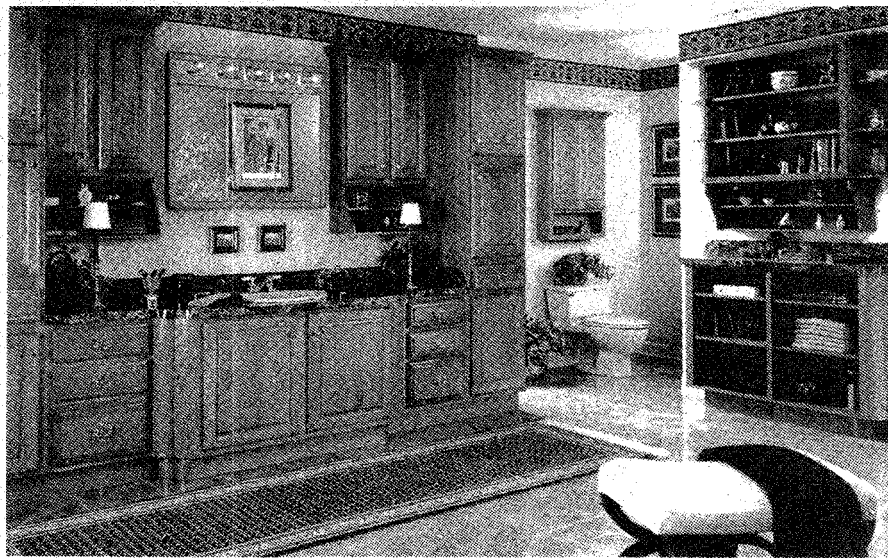
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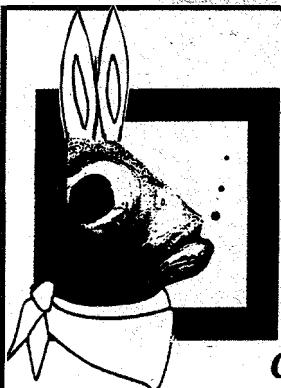
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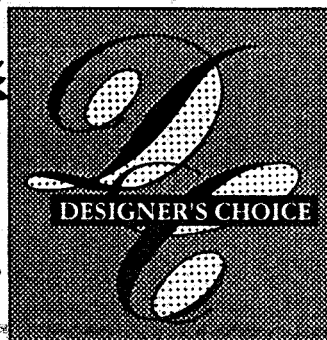
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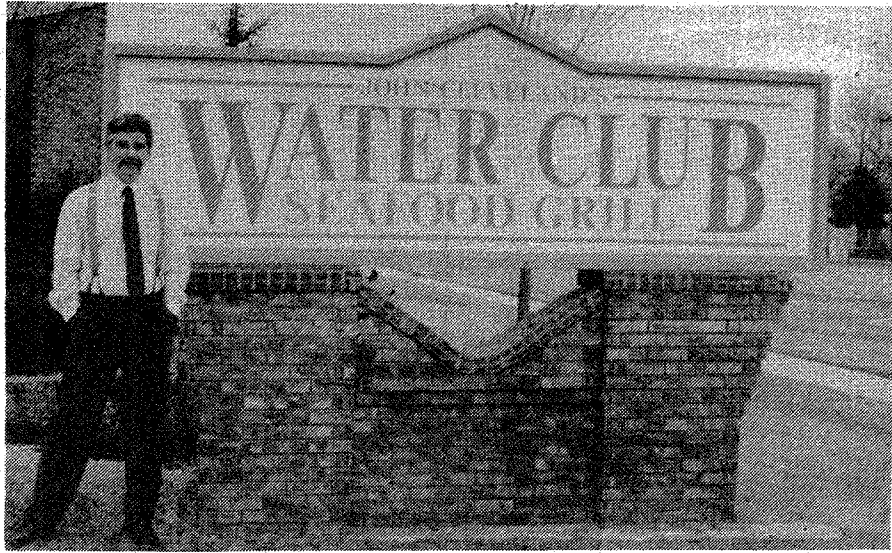
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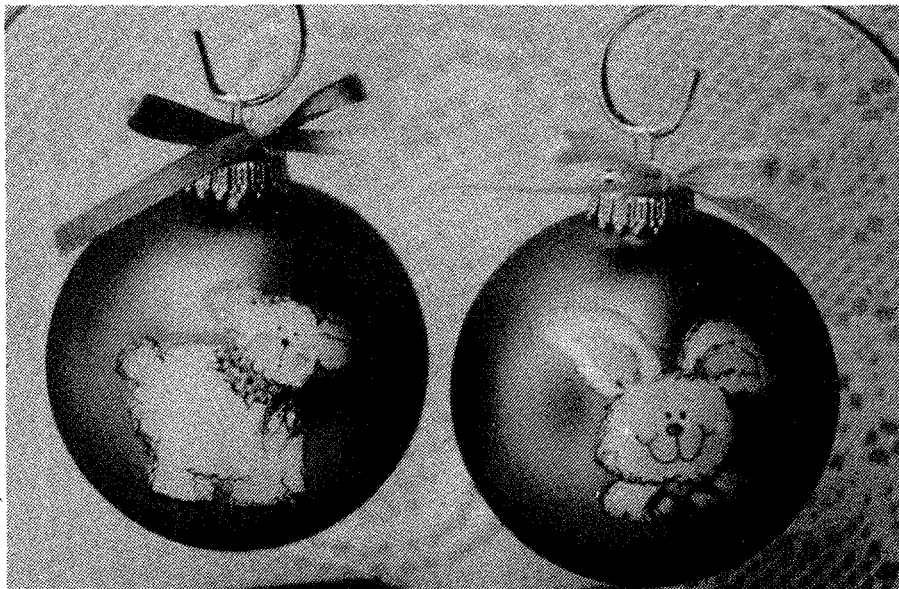
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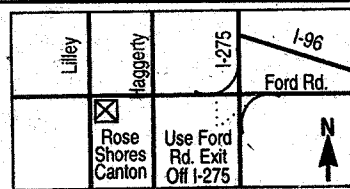
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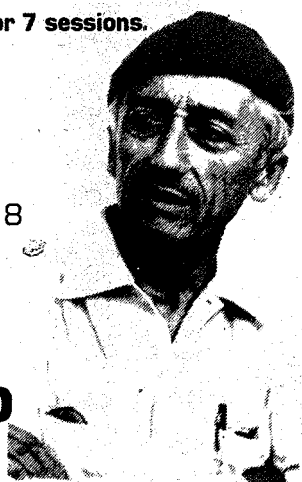
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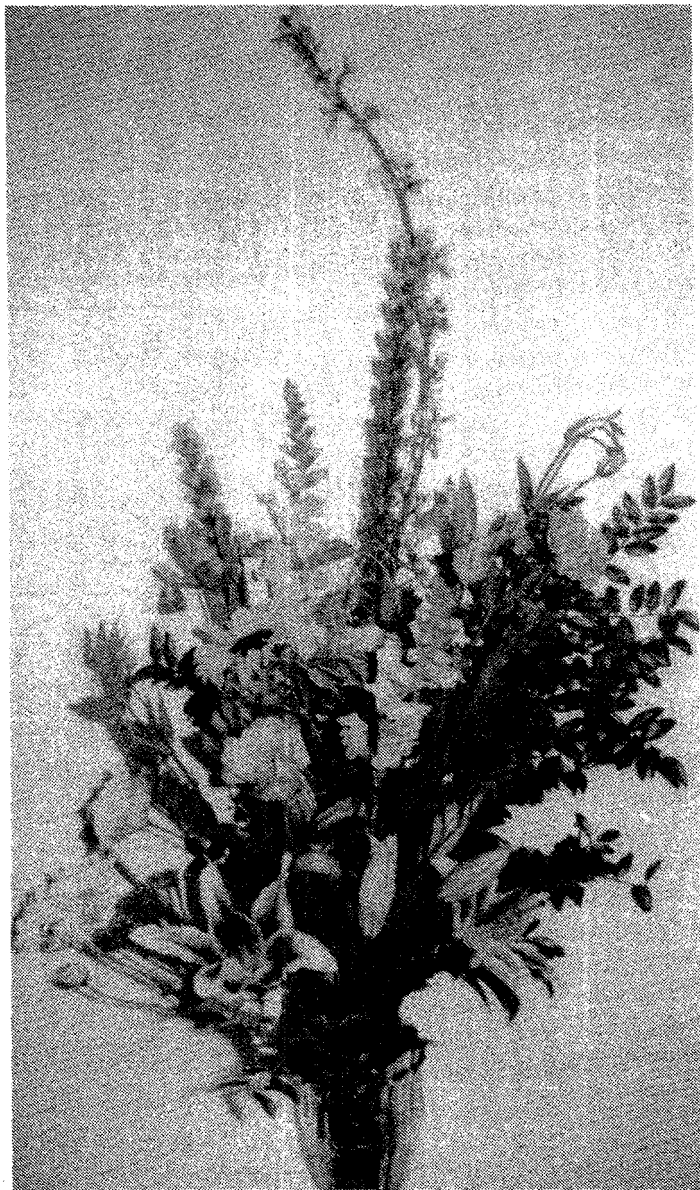




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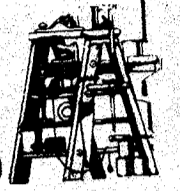
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After I had finished my shopping me and my two frozen daughters had returned to our van. As I searched for my keys I discovered that I had locked my keys in the van. Not knowing what I was to do, being most of the stores were closed and me and the girls were frozen. I walked into the Plymouth Antique and Craft Mall. I was going to try to warm up and ask them if I could use their phone to call my husband to come and bring our extra set of keys. As I dialed the phone it connected and rang and rang. My husband was not home, I then started to cry as I handed the phone back to Mr. Carli. Mr. Carli then asked me what was wrong. With tears in my eyes, I started to explain to him what had happened. He then assured me that all will be fine. His wife then prepared some hot cocoa for me and the girls to warm up. That was when Mr. Carli went out to survey the situation. After 20 minutes of working out in the freezing cold he came back in with my keys in his hand, and a fishing pole in the other hand.

It seems that one of my daughters had left a window open just enough so that Mr. Carli could slip the fishing pole in the van. He hooked the keys and he fished them out. I was so relieved at the help that Mr. Carli showed me, and I do apologize to the customers that were in the mall that day, as they had to wait for service until Mr. Carli finished with my car, as though no one minded.

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Carl R. Krolicki, a Canton resident, died March 21, 1996 at the age of 76.

Mr. Krolicki was born Jan. 11, 1920 in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Krolicki was a tool and die supervisor for the Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1987.

Mr. Krolicki is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marie; sisters, Margaret Connell of Glendale, AZ, Geri Krolicki of Livonia, Lucille Dettloff of Plymouth and Joan Remsburg of Livonia; brothers, Richard (Virginia) of Milford, John (Theresa) of Plymouth and Edward (Josephine) of Dearborn Heights; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, Dennis (Marlana) Krolicki of Canton.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will take place at the Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to mass offerings or the Carl R. Krolicki Memorial Fund, Henry Ford Health System, Office of Philanthropy, One Ford Place, Detroit, MI 48202.

### NOELITA M. NORRIS

Noelita M. Norris, a Plymouth resident, died March 20, 1996 at the age of 79.

Ms. Norris was born Dec. 13, 1916 in Detroit. She worked as an automotive bookkeeper.

Ms. Norris is survived by her daughter, Mary Catherine Norris of Plymouth; son, Patrick J. Norris of Plymouth; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her son, Robert T. Norris.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, Monastery of St. Therese Carmelite Nuns, 35750 Moravcan, Clinton Twp., MI 48035-2138.

### GARY JOSEPH SMITH

Gary Joseph Smith, a Canton resident, died March 20, 1996 at the age of 52.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 29, 1943 in Detroit. He was a member of the U.S. Army from 1961 through 1975 and served in Vietnam.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Chong Chon; daughter, Linda Smith of Westland; and sister, Donna L. Danielski of Northville.

Services were held at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with Fr. Jerry Cupple officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

### GLEN H. BUCK

Glen H. Buck, a Canton resident, died March 17, 1996 at the age of 85.

Mr. Buck was born in Taylor on Jan. 18, 1911. He moved to the

community in 1964 from Wayne. Mr. Buck was a florist at the Eloise Greenhouses, retiring in 1973. He was a life member of the Auto City Rabbit Club, where he won many awards including "Best of Show" at the Michigan State Fair. He also enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by his sons, David (Priscilla) Buck and William (Shirley) Buck, both of Plymouth; sister, Gladys Krueger of Hubbard, IA; brother, Russell Buck of Belleville; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Buck is preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; and son, Robert.

Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Burial will take place at the Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial tributes sent to the American Diabetes Association, Suite 2255, 30600 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4532.

### Clarence G. Wolf, 89, postal worker

Clarence G. Wolf, a Canton resident, died March 18, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; five daughters; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Episcopal Church with Fr. Paul S. Hiyama officiating. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

### Paul D. Smith, 51, retail manager

Paul D. Smith, a Canton resident, died March 18, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; son Brian; daughters, Holly and Sarah; one brother; and one sister.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home in Canton.

### Marian L. Trumbull, 73, personnel director

Marian L. Trumbull, a Plymouth resident, died March 23, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; one daughter; two grandchildren; one brother; and one sister-in-law.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

### Richard J. Woelfle, 50, sales manager

Richard J. Woelfle, a Canton resident, died March 20, 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughter, Lisa; one son; one brother; and one sister.

Services were held at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church with Fr. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home in Canton.

### Albert O. Heindryckx, 72, engineer

Albert O. Heindryckx, a Plymouth resident, died March 13, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Wilkes; three daughters; one son; eight grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

Funeral and burial were held in Spring Hill, TN. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.



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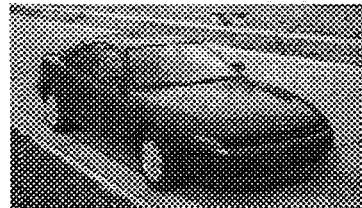
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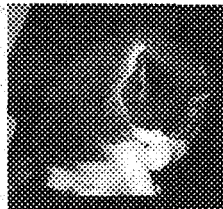
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

Ronni Mashni of the state champion Salem soccer team has been selected for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All Central team for 1995, a regional division award for the All American team. The honor recognizes Mashni as one of the top 10 high school soccer players in the state.

The Plymouth Businessmen's golf league is having its annual meeting on March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar's meeting room. Interested golfers who have a team or want to play should attend or call 453-2133.

Registration for the first spring dekhockey (street hockey) and inline/roller hockey leagues at the Michigan Dekhockey Center has begun. There are supervised league activities for men and women from the ages of 4-64 years old. All hockey activities are played on a 160' by 80' outdoor, tiled rink, which also includes benches, bleachers, lights, scoreboard, and complete street hockey pro shop. The center is a state of the art, family hockey facility that is the first of its kind in the state.

Registrations for individuals and teams will continue until April 15 and league play begins by April 20 with a 13-game guaranteed season for every participant with every team starting in the playoffs. For more information call 397-8900.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a performance of the "Velveteen Rabbit" Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The play is a musical adaptation of the original story by Margery Williams. Tickets are currently on sale at the Cultural Center at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. They may or may not be available at the door based on advanced sales, so it's recommended that tickets be purchased in advance. For more information call 455-6620.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its first ever Marshmallow Drop for children ages 10 and under on April 6 at 10 a.m. sharp. This new event will be held in Heritage Park behind the Township Administration Building. Kids will watch a special Easter helicopter make several trips over Heritage Park and drop marshmallows for the kids to gather and exchange for special Easter treats. This free event is for Canton Township residents only.

# Game, set, match

## Canton, Salem tennis teams ready for spring season

BY MATT HUCAL

Rain, sleet, snow, heat.

The combinations of those distractions may be interfering with the Salem and Canton tennis teams' preseason practices, but when the season begins to roll in the next few weeks, both the teams should be ready to rock.

CANTON

Entering her fifth year of coaching the boys team, Barb Hanosh is starting the 1996 season with a strong nucleus after only losing a few players to graduation last year.

"We're working with what we have coming back this year and the additions to the team," Hanosh said.

Leading the returners and the newcomers is senior captain Chuck Newsome. He'll be playing doubles after winning the outstanding player and most valuable player awards for the team in doubles play last season.

The top three singles spots should be occupied by Joe Hunter, Ryan Kerr and Gejan Palrecha. Hunter is a senior while Kerr and Palrecha are juniors. Juniors Erik Johnson and Pablo Ruiz will be competing for that last singles spot.

The offseason training Hanosh's players volunteered themselves to impressed her. She helped organize some time at the Huron Valley indoor courts for available players to keep their games up during the offseason.

"Our ability looks real great," Hanosh said. "The players made the decision to practice on their own so that's a definite plus going into the season."

With 36 players on the team the competition will surely be high and Hanosh hopes the motivation will stay high also.

"These guys are dedicated, determined and work real hard. Hopefully we'll stay like this all year," Hanosh said.

Canton's first matches will be this Saturday at the Monroe tournament.

SALEM

The Rocks have a tennis team entering the 1996 season with a new coach — Bill Nelson — and one of the top players in the league with senior Xinning Li.

Nelson served as an assistant under Judith Braun for seven years and takes over a team that he believes is "quite competitive."

Li will lead the team in the number one singles spot for the second year in a row. Junior Gab Burnstein is most likely to begin the year in the number two spot as junior Matt Potter takes the third spot. Juniors Nick Wojmer and Aaron Niemiec and seniors Jon Moran and Fred Palgrem will compete for the fourth spot.

Palgrem is a Swedish exchange student who Nelson said "is a smooth player" and who can play wherever Nelson

needs him, either in singles or doubles.

Without knowing where he will place each doubles team, Nelson knows what his teams are.

Jim Bumás and Corey Krabil are paired together, Matt Horlings and Chris Longerbeam are together, and Jason Gourley and Rob Willoughby are a team. These guys should form the backbone of their doubles matches.

Looking to improve from their middle of the conference finish last year, Nelson will try in his first year of coaching to

have his team concentrate on being sound in the fundamentals.

"If we get beat it will be by a better team, not ourselves," Nelson said. "I'm very confident this year that we'll work hard and improve from last year."

Canton's first matches will be this Saturday at the Monroe tournament.

There is a chance that both Salem and Canton may not play on the PCEP tennis courts this season because of their condition. It's still being discussed by the athletic department.

## Chief girls soccer hopes to build on experience

BY MATT HUCAL

A little revenge is definitely on the mind of the Canton Chief girls soccer team entering the 1996 spring season.

Not only does Canton want to defeat every team they face, but the game Canton is really looking forward to is the Salem rivalry.

Canton lost to Salem 2-1 after the Rocks scored the winning goal in the last 1:15 of the second half during the district tournament last year and finished with a 12-6-1 record. It was Canton's first loss to Salem since 1991.

Now — with only five of the 21 players from last season's team gone to graduation this year — the Chiefs are an experienced team and there are many players available at coach Don Smith's disposal.

Returning at the goalkeeper position is two-year starter, Sarah Warnke, a senior. Warnke will be backed up by second-string sophomore Kristen Lukasik.

On defense, senior Kelly West is a four-year varsity player who started last season. Joining her is senior stopper Kristie Drinkhahn and junior Jill Rahnart, both starters last year. The sweeper for the Chiefs this year will be sophomore Alicia Esper, who had experience on the varsity squad last year. Helping to back up these defenders will be junior Emily Stachura, sophomores Angie Lebbon and

Lisa Erickson, and freshman Cheron Rice.

In the midfield, seniors Julie Majewski and Dawn Koontz are four-year varsity players, while senior Becky Vashow is a third-year player. Also contributing to the midfield will be juniors Emile Majer, Jessica Bradley and Beth Knight, and freshmen Kelly Connell and Lisa Tomasso.

The forward position will be headed by junior Jenny Parviainen — a third year varsity player. Sophomores Melissa Marzolf and Lisa Reissenweber and freshman Jennell Cobor will also contribute their skills to the forward position.

Smith and his team have been able to practice outside only a few times because of the weather, but he's still been able to notice the strengths of his squad.

"Our strength is that we're an overall good team and well balanced and even when we sub, our quality of play won't drop off," Smith said. "We have a good amount of girls who are all capable of playing good soccer. We'll come at them (opponents) with numbers."

The Chiefs' first game is scheduled for tonight at Stevenson at 7 p.m., but it won't be known until today if the conditions are suitable for play.

They are also scheduled to play Troy Athens at home on Friday at 7 p.m., weather permitting.

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# Throwin' fire

## Holmes throws second no-hitter of season for U of M

BY BRIAN CORBETT

University of Michigan softball pitcher Kelly Holmes tossed her second no-hitter of the young season on Saturday.

Holmes, a Canton resident and a 1993 Canton High School graduate, blanked Indiana State during the Tennessee Tournament of Champions over the weekend, which the Wolverines won with a 5-1 record.

It was Holmes' second complete game no-hitter in one week; she silenced the bats of 20th-ranked Illinois-Chicago on March 13. "I know (U of M softball) coach (Carol) Hutchins said this is the year Kelly's really going to break out," said Amy Carlton, U of M sports information/softball. "She's just throwing really well right now."

Holmes, a junior, made three appearances during the tourna-

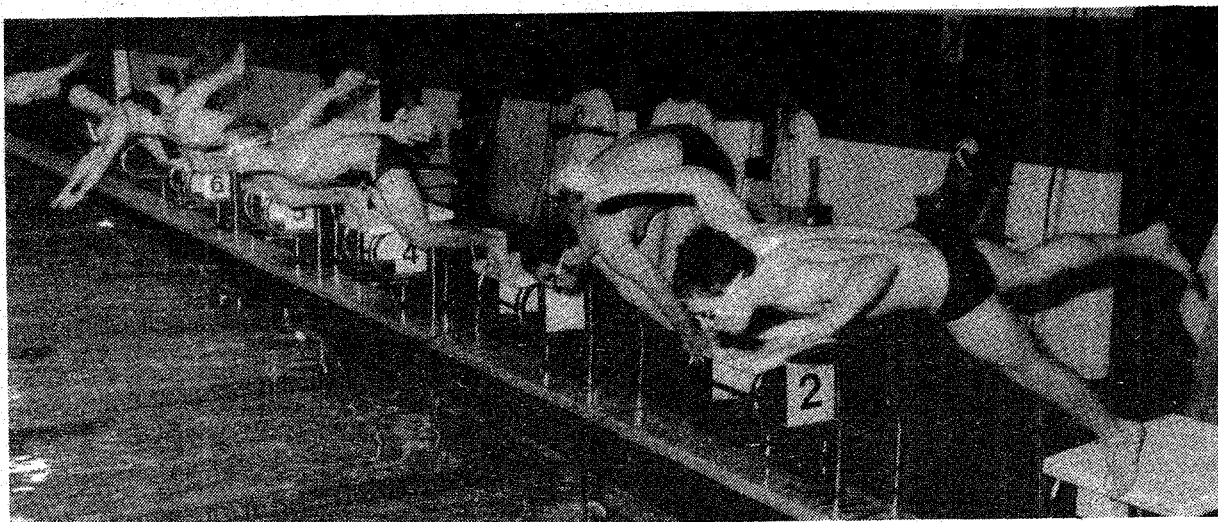
ment. She threw two complete games for a 2-0 record, 13 strike outs and no earned runs allowed. For the season, Holmes has 12 complete games in 15 pitching appearances, compiling a 10-4 record. Over 93.2 innings, the former high school all-state pitcher has an 1.27 earned run average and 57 strike outs.

After going three seasons without a no-hitter, the Wolverines (21-8 overall, ranked 10th in the nation) have had three in their first 29 games. Sophomore Sara Griffin, the 1994 California High School player of the year, wielded a perfect game earlier this season.

"They're lethal together," said Carleton of the one-two pitching punch U of M packs. "They're different. Sara throws hard. Kelly's a little bit more methodical. But we like that, it confuses the competition"

The cold of winter has given way to the warm breezes of spring. It's time to say goodbye to winter sports. Athletes like Ron Hunter (left) gave Rock and Chief fans a lot to cheer about this year. All the teams deserve support for their hard work and determination this season. From the swim teams (below) to gymnastics, winter sports teams thrived this season. Now it's time for the spring teams to take over the spotlight. Watch The Community Crier for complete local coverage of all your favorite spring sports teams. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)

Cold Competition



## On deck

### SALEM SOCCER

At home versus John Glenn today at 5:30 p.m. At Grand Blanc on Friday at 7 p.m. At Farmington on Monday at 5:30 p.m. At home versus Churchill a week from today at 7 p.m.

### SALEM BASEBALL

At home versus Churchill on Tuesday at 4 p.m. At home versus Taylor Kennedy a week from today at 3:30 p.m.

### SALEM TENNIS

At the Monroe Tournament on Saturday. At Grosse Ile a week from today at 4 p.m.

### SALEM BOYS TRACK

At the Huron River Relays at Eastern Michigan University on Saturday. At Churchill on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS TRACK

At home versus Churchill a week from today at 3:30 p.m.

### SALEM GOLF

At Ann Arbor Huron on Monday at 3 p.m.

### SALEM SOFTBALL

At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Monday at 4 p.m. At Churchill on Tuesday at 4 p.m. At Taylor Kennedy a week from today at 3:30 p.m.

### CANTON SOCCER

At Stevenson today at 7 p.m. At home versus Troy Athens on Friday at 7 p.m. At home versus Northville on Monday at 7 p.m. At North Farmington a week from today at 5:30 p.m.

### CANTON BASEBALL

At Walled Lake Central on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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# Community opinions

## Art brings life to Summit in Canton

The Canton Public Art Donor program, sponsored jointly by Canton Project Arts and the Canton Foundation, is taking off and will be a boost to the entire community.

The donor program is designed to provide the community and art benefactors a chance to assist Canton Project Arts in placing art both inside and outside the Summit on the Park community center.

Instead of having a drab, lifeless recreation center, the Canton Public Art Donor program is turning the Summit into an art gallery.

To this point, the program has raised nearly \$52,000 in donations, along with the sculpture, "The Shell Kids," donated by the Meijer Foundation.

The Public Art Donor program has also received two \$12,000 donations; one from G. Masciulli and Bob Paciocco and the other from Dick Lewiston — all of which are major Canton housing developers.

The generosity does not end there. Other major donations that will be used to purchase art works include: \$7,000 from Van Easley Real Estate; and \$1,000 from both Jack Demmer Ford and Farmer-Jack/A&P. Other donors so far include: Michael Priest & Associates; Hemming, Polczyk & Cronin; Inter-City Electric Inc.; Wayne County Appraisal Company; Nagle Paving Company; FHC Management (Harvard Square Shopping Center); Dietrich, Bailey & Associates; Governmental Consultant Services; Draw-Tite; The Christman Company; and Biltmore Properties Corporation.

It's not too late to help. Contributions can be made by calling Joan Norricks at the Community Foundation at (313) 981-3002 or Elaine Kirchgatter at (313) 397-5371. Gifts can range from the donor level of \$100 to the champion level of \$10,000.

"The first piece of art is already in place. "The Shell Kids" was unveiled by Hank Meijer during the Summit's grand opening celebration.

Look for more art to grace the Summit and the Canton community.

The Public Art Donor program deserves community support. Art will add life to the Summit.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Senior apartments make sense for Radisson site

The Plymouth Township Planning Commission will study the proposed Independence Village of Plymouth tonight — a senior housing complex to be located on the site of the abandoned Plymouth Radisson Hotel.

The proposal would improve the Plymouth Township site, beautify the northern entrance to Plymouth and provide a stable tenant in the now-empty building. The plan should be approved.

The development would not only improve the Township and City, it would also fill a gap in the scarce senior housing market in the area.

The plan includes the addition of 51 congregate living apartments, 76 assisted living apartments and three floors of apartments.

For far too long the building has sat empty, adding to the blight in the community. The site has also had its share of crime since the closing of the hotel, including break-ins and vandalism. The senior housing plan makes sense for the community. It would turn a run down building into a thriving development.

The idea should be approved by the planning commission.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Calm before the storm

*School decision will have dramatic impact on students, parents*

### Truth is Tough

By Brian Corbett



Following the March 11 Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting recommending 320 elementary and middle school students be relocated, I had the sense it was the calm before the storm.

P-C School Board President David Artley repeatedly reminded the audience, "We are not voting on this tonight."

So did Executive Director for Research and Technology David Rodwell: "These are just recommendations."

The school board was preparing themselves for the shower of complaints that will reach thunderous levels before voting on the Housing Committee's relocation recommendations, brought on by Plymouth-Canton's massive populace growth. Artley even practiced his stern "You're out of order" to a woman who attempted to address the school board before public discussion was underway.

So I found it rather ironic that high winds and a mix of rain and snow knocked out the electricity at Lowell Middle School before last week's first scheduled public meeting to discuss the relocation possibilities. The storm had arrived. (The rescheduled meeting was held last night, and the second meeting will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School).

But if the five minutes I spent wandering the parking lot in a cold, spring rain means anything, the school board better have their life preservers handy. This could turn into a deluge of parental discontent. Hundreds of cars were pouring into the parking lot for the meeting. One gentleman rolled down his window and asked, "Is it canceled?"

"Yeah," I said. "Same time, same place, next week."

"I can't wait," he said, as he pulled away with his two young boys.

How the school board handles this development is important. The Housing Committee's recommendations have the possibility of being more volatile than the suspension of Salem swimming coach Chuck Olson or the elimination of the swim class requirement. And the school board can't clam up or take the easy way out this time, as they did with the aforementioned issues.

As inevitable as the relocation of students may be, the school board has to be prepared to listen to each and every situation carefully, make a few accurate exceptions when necessary, but still follow the basic thrust of the Housing Committee.

Most important — explain its decision extensively. Numerous teachers and parents around the school district have grown increasingly impatient with the attitudes of some school board members, especially Artley and Superintendent Charles Little, whose management style has been labeled as "my way or the highway." The public may not like the school board's final decision, but they'll dislike it a whole lot more if even one of their questions is left unanswered. Don't leave the residents, parents and students in the dark, like they were last week at Lowell.

Community Editorials



# Community opinions

## School was out, so was The Crier

Until last Wednesday, I had never been given the opportunity to thank a polar bear for a job well done. Well, I guess there's a first time for everything!

After last week's heavy dose of snow, I have about 100 of those great polar bears to thank! On a normal Wednesday, these polar bears that I'm referring to would be called Crier newspaper carriers and drivers. Their transformation occurred when several inches of snow blanketed The Plymouth-Canton Community (and for that matter, all surrounding communities) on a day when The Crier was to be delivered.

It's probably safe to say that Crier drivers Bob and Russ would much rather have been sunbathing on some tropical island than battling whipping winds and less-than-desirable roads.

### In the Workshop

By Maura Cady



But, without the die-hard help of these two men, Crier vendors and carriers wouldn't have had any newspapers to speak of that day.

As for the carriers, sure, school was out. What better to do than relax, go back to bed, play in the snow and not worry about anything? That's easy to imagine if you're dealing with average kids. The Community Crier is fortunate enough to be dealing with a brigade of newspaper carriers who care about getting the job done right. It wasn't just the fact that they delivered their papers. It's the fact that they came through on a day that

was downright nasty. Some carriers went so far as to put themselves in their customers' shoes, imagining how difficult it would be to try and read a soggy newspaper.

These carriers then took the time to meticulously place The Crier in each of their customers doors or even deliver their customers' newspapers inside plastic bags.

I would never wish a day such as last Wednesday on anyone, but I know the dedication of The Community Crier drivers and carriers always shines through, even at the toughest of times.

## Nowhere to turn



The Plymouth Streetscape is in place, but what about semi-truck traffic in the downtown area? This truck had trouble making the turn onto Fralick from Main Street. (Crier photo by W. Edward Wendover)

## Manure spreader, revised edition

The goal of running "The Age of Manure Spreaders" each election season is two fold:

First, it warns Crier readers that elections are coming.

Secondly, it encourages good citizens to think about running.

As usual, it doesn't take long for a few hopefuls to surface. This year, the additions to the candidate list, which ran with the photo of an old Canton manure spreader (which, by the way, is for sale) all come from Plymouth Township. Left out from last week's forecast of the potential board races were former supervisor-trustee Maurice Breen and former trustee Abe Munfakh. The two may join in the campaign so the WUTA conception,

With malice  
toward none

By W. Edward  
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pregnancy and birth can be debated again.

Also, a change of heart from earlier misgivings — Trustee K.C. Mueller IS DEFINITELY running again for her trustee seat. She maintains she's been "patient" on other Township issues, now it's time for her agenda.

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# Things are happening in the community!

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## PLYMOUTH

— April —

- 2: Parks and Recreation Dept. present: The Velveteen Rabbit, Plymouth Cultural Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 6: Easter Egg Hunt, Plymouth Twp. Park, 10 a.m.
- 12: Chamber Mixer, State Farm, Julia Muscott Agency. 4-7 p.m.
- 26: Plymouth Lions: White Cane Drive-City Intersections
- 27: Plymouth-Canton Civitan Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.--Gathering
- 27,28: Plymouth Community Chorus-Spring Concert.
- 28: Girl Scout Clothing Collection, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Sidewalks/Kellogg Park

## NORTHVILLE

— April —

- 27: Dinner Dance Auction, Northville Parks & Recreation, (313)462-4413

— May —

- May-Oct: Farmers Market, Every Thursday, 349-7640
- 10-11: Tulip Days, 349-0522
- 24-25: 9th Annual Flower Show, 348-0488
- 27: Memorial Day Parade, 10 a.m., 349-7640

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## CANTON

— April —

- 6: The New Easter Marshmallow Drop in Heritage Park.
- 18: Third Thursday Update, 7:30 a.m. Old Country Buffet

— May —

- 11: Annual Kid's Fishing Derby Heritage Park—May 11th
- 16: Plymouth Symphony "Pops" Concert Summit on the Park--at 7:30 p.m

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