

86-51-15-98
Biotechnology—hope or horror? See pg. 27

The

The Newspaper with Its Heart in The Plymouth-Canton, MI Community

Community Crier

©PCCC Inc.

Vol. 25 No. 10

www.community-GUIDE.com

April 15, 1998

Schools, PCEA reach contract peacefully

Free of strife, teachers and management near finalization

BY BRYON MARTIN

There was no animosity. No posturing. No game playing. Meetings last week between the Plymouth Canton Education Association (PCEA) and the Plymouth-Canton School District led to a tentative three-year contract agreement and the most amicable negotiations in 20 years.

"It went very nicely," said Tom Cotner, chief negotiator for the PCEA. Cotner, a Salem High School math teacher, has been active in the bargaining process since 1974. Since that time, he said, "I can think of two years that went better because they were faster, but that's all.

"I think it's pretty good for everybody, a pretty fair settlement."

In a statement he released, P-C Superintendent Charles Little called the tentative agreement "a significant milestone in labor relations in Plymouth-Canton. It's another step in a long journey."

The friendly climate in which this settlement was reached is noteworthy when compared to the last round of bargaining. Fed up with contentious negotiations students at CEP walked out of classes in protest of the impasse, which stretched from

1996 into 1997 due to an disagreement over health benefits.

That disagreement hasn't changed, according to Cotner. What has is the way resolutions are pursued. "Both sides agreed we didn't want a big battle again," he said.

Part of Tuesday's tentative agreement includes steps to reconcile the health benefits issue. According to Cotner, the contract will send the issue to a solution team, an offshoot of the Labor-Management Team made up of PCEA and administration representatives. An outside negotiator would also join the team.

Once the solution team and consultant make a recommendation on employee health benefits, adaptations will be made. If changes to the contract are required, Cotner said, the Labor-Management Team will return to the bargaining table to work out details.

Also in the contract are a severance buyout and a 7 per cent raise spread over three years.

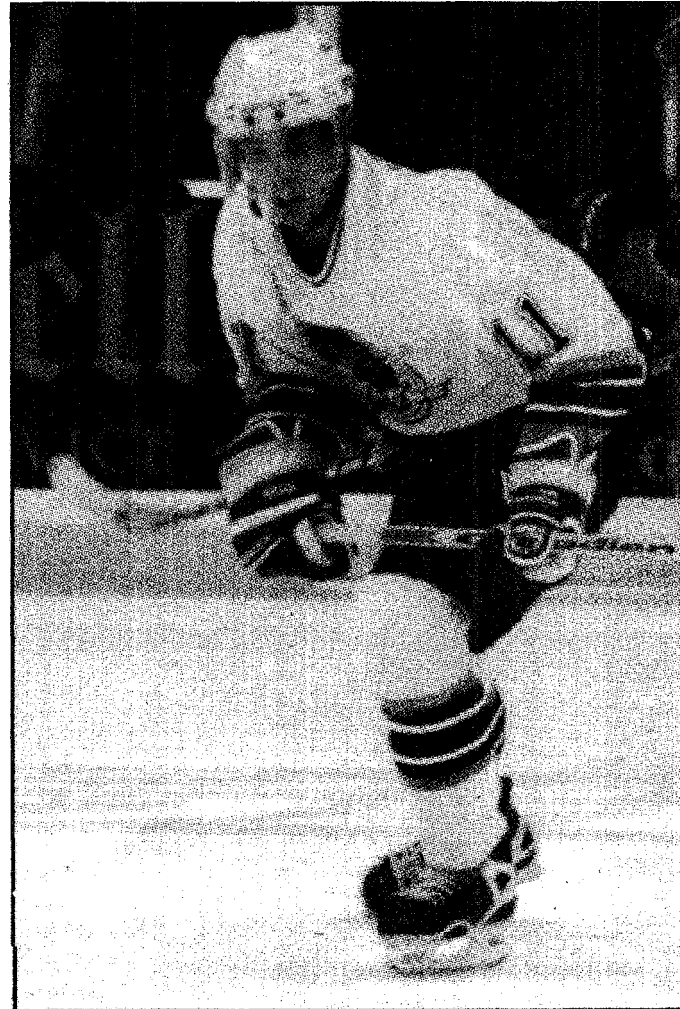
The buyout would pay \$60,000 over eight years to teachers who take an early retirement. This would save the district money and allow for the hire of younger, less-costly teachers, according to Cotner.

Money saved on salaries could help pay for the contract's three-year raise. The raise would serve as compensation for teachers who will soon spend more time in the classroom, following a state mandate.

Cotner said the tentative agreement will become a contract proper when details are firmed up with the School Board's bargaining unit Wednesday.

Final approval of the contract could come by early May, he said.

"When the Board adopted the Long Range Plan last year, we told the community and our staff that we would reach a contract settlement for our teachers by June of 1998," Little said. "And we have."

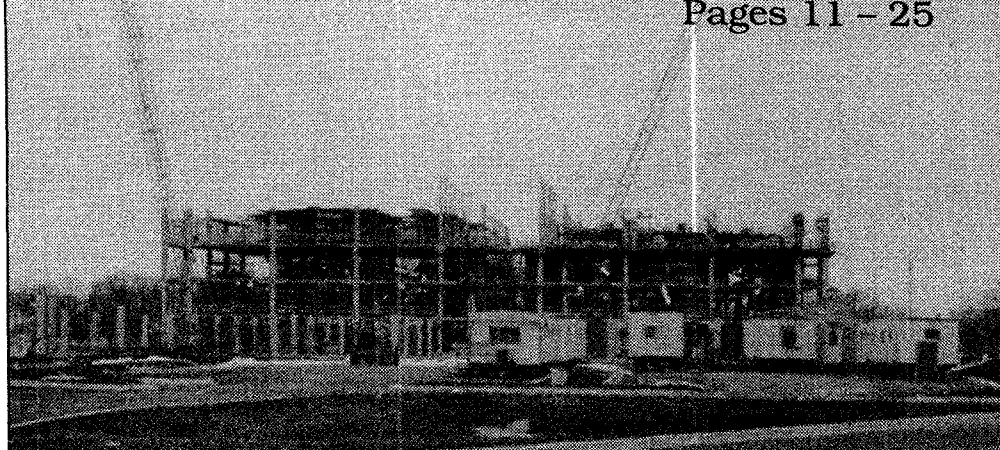


Storm forecast

Along with the rest of his teammates, the Plymouth Whalers' Dave Legwand (above) has come up short against the Guelph storm. The star center is without a goal in the first two games of the OHL semi-finals as, down by two, Plymouth heads to Guelph for a critical Game 3 Thursday night. Flip to The Crier's Sports section on pages 34-36 for coverage of the first two losses and to find out what the Whalers must do to turn the series around. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Business to Business

Pages 11 - 25



The Crier
plus

When businesses in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community need to network, when they need facilities, who do they turn to? Turn to the Business to Business plus section.

American Yazaki (above) is just one of many growing industrial centers in P-C-N. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Young yarns

Canton girl publishes story about friendship, chew toys

See Friends & Neighbors pg. 6

**Now It's Even Easier to
Place a Classified or
Display Ad in The Crier**




88.1 FM
the escape - wsdp plymouth

**Baseball:
Salem vs. John Glenn
Mon 4/20 4:00pm**
PLYMOUTH-CANTON'S RADIO STATION



Charity game... Plymouth Township Police officers Cameron Hill (front) and Steve Rapson, Jr. (right), got into the action when the township's Police Officer's Association played the Detroit Red Wings Alumni at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Wings great Alex Delvecchio (center) also suited up for the game, which raised money for local charities. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

"It's a Done Deal"

McDONALD 

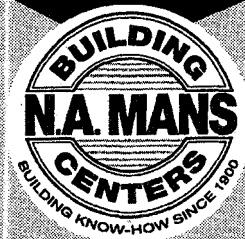
550 W. Seven Mile
(Between Northville and Sheldon Road)
(248) 349-1400 • (734) 427-6650

*The impact of
graphics*

comma
COMMITTED • COMMUNITY • COMMUNICATIONS

(734) 453-6830
345 Fleet St. • Plymouth

In some of today's Criers, look for an insert from:



CANTON DO-IT CENTER
41900 Ford Rd. • Canton
(734) 981-5800



If your bank sees you like this.



Come to a bank that sees you like this.

If your bank only sees you as an endless source of income, come to us. We'll show you how to borrow up to 90% of your home's value through our Home Equity Credit Line. You'll have a variable rate of interest and we'll pay all the fees. So, if your bank is working hard to get more from you, let us show you how hard we'll work to do more for you. We put people first.

PEOPLES STATE BANK
We Put People First

Hamtramck 313-875-2000 • St. Clair Shores 810-777-2906 • Plymouth 734-455-1511 • Sterling Heights 810-264-2607 • Warren, 12 Mile Rd. 810-777-7010 • Warren, Ryan Rd. 810-979-4545

We Put People First

35th District Court: Back to the drawing board

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The 35th District Court Advisory Board has asked for another revision to one of the proposed courthouses, trying to narrow the gap between what they need and what they can afford.

Scheduled to discuss the plans last Wednesday, the board postponed the meeting until Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta, Inc. (CDPA) could modify one of the five courthouse proposals they've produced since being hired in December.

The plans range from a \$3.35 million rebuild of the last courthouse to a \$8.92 million, 53,000-square-foot facility.

According to Dennis Dundon, vice-president of CDPA, the modifications were requested of a slightly scaled back version of the \$8.92 million structure. At about 46,000 square-feet, the proposal's would cost some \$7.65 million to build.

Representatives from Canton and Plymouth Township requested another drawing of that plan, with slightly reduced floor space, according to Court Administrator Kerry Erdman.

"There was talk of eliminating the law library and a conference room, and leaving one of the court rooms unfinished," Erdman said.

"We want to make sure the courthouse has everything we need, but we still have to be able to afford it," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Dundon, who is overseeing the project for CDPA, said that the firm was in the middle of drawing up the new plans, and didn't have an estimate on the proposal's square footage or cost yet.

"We're still in the creative stage right now," he said. "We're still working on changes to the third floor. Our goal is to have (a plan) that everyone will want to go on when we meet next."

Dundon said that after a proposal is chosen by the board, it has to be translated into contract documents before the project can go out for construction bids—a process which could take four months.

Erdman said being thorough in the beginning stages of the process can save time down the line.

"We understand what has to happen here. There's a lot of money involved," he said. "Ultimately it's the communities that have to put up the courthouse and by covering all the bases now, we'll know we have the right building."

Cell phone fraud: 'a major issue'

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Technology advances. So does crime.

With every new device, every new gadget, if there is a reason to steal it someone will find a way.

Cellular phones are a perfect example. Recently, in many communities like Plymouth and Canton, there has been a rash of small property crimes associated with cellular phones. A complex racket involving several layers of conspiracy has evolved and become a serious problem for local law enforcement agencies.

"It's really a major issue," said Spike Smith, AirTouch Cellular's eastern region manager of special activities, fraud department. "The less-than-honorable people have seen the light. They've seen the opportunity to make money in a relatively safe way. And now there are elements out there who have organized themselves."

Within the past year several establishments in Plymouth-Canton have been raided for cellular phone fraud, according to Smith.

Because there is no historical data relating to the issue, it is difficult to gauge exactly how severely cell phone theft has hit the area. According to Sgt. Steve Hundersmark of the

Plymouth City police department, the number of cell phones stolen last year from The Plymouth-Canton Community could be measured in the hundreds. "That's just a rough estimate," he said. "But I know it accounts for a large chunk of our property thefts."

6 Less-than-honest people have seen the opportunity to make money in a safe way.
— Spike Smith
AirTouch Cellular

The theft of cell phones is only the first step in the cell fraud process, though. According to Hundersmark, after the cell phones are stolen, usually from an unlocked vehicle, they are taken to a central location where they can be sold or traded for other phones. The proprietor of these central locations, oftentimes a party store or other small business, will then alter the phones so that they can be illegally used.

Stolen cellular phones can be fraudulently used in two ways, according to Det. Leonard Wolons of the Canton Township police department. First, if the phone has not been reported stolen, the new owner can purchase a prepaid cellular calling card and use the phone with a new phone number.

The other way, and more cost of the two, is called cloning. When a cell phone is turned on it emits both an Electronic Serial Number (ESN) and a phone number, Wolons said. These numbers can be snatched out of the air with a capturing device. Usually stationed on an overpass, a bridge, or near an airport, anyone using these hand-held devices can collect more than 100 numbers a day.

These captured numbers are then "burned" into the stolen cellular phones, Wolons said. With a new ESN and phone number, the owner of a stolen cell phone can place unlimited calls for more than a month. The original owner of the ESN could still use their phone without knowing there was a problem. They wouldn't know their number was being illegally used until the end of the month when their bill appeared displaying several hundred dollars in mysterious phone calls.

"It's quite a racket," said Hundersmark. "People will steal three phones, trade them in and get one (cloned phone) in return. And the thefts shoot way up because of it."

Stolen cell phones are oftentimes used by drug traffickers and members of organized crime, according to Wolons. "They conduct all of their criminal enterprises over stolen cell phones," he said. "Those calls are impossible to track."

It is a felony in the State of Michigan to carry a cloned cellular phone, a capture device, or the cloning device used to reprogram stolen phones. Nevertheless, the capture and cloning devices are available through mail-order services, Wolons said. For about \$1,500 anyone can order a capture device and have it sent directly to their home.

"They can also get instructions off the Internet for building a capture device and go to Radio Shack to get the components," said Wolons.

Please see pg. 4

Twp. police find bucks, drugs

BY BRYON MARTIN

Marijuana, pills and more than \$7,000 in cash were discovered last week in a car searched by Plymouth Township police during a traffic stop.

Pulled over for defective equipment and an excessively loud engine, the driver of the silver 1987 Honda tried to drop and kick a small bag of marijuana beneath his car as Ofc. Ed Gauthier approached, according to police reports. Gauthier saw.

Based on the 2.5 grams of pot the driver dropped, Gauthier initiated a search of the vehicle, according to Lt. Robert Smith. A bag of about 16 white pills was found.

A police dog was brought to the scene and, attracted by traces of narcotic on the bills, nosed out a bundle of some \$6,000 in

cash, according to Smith. Another \$1,000 in cash was discovered on the driver's person.

Smith said the driver was arrested on the scene but was later released pending results of analysis of the pills.

If the pills prove to be an illegal drug, police can pursue a weightier charge than would be carried by the marijuana alone. They would also help police build a "case of indicators" that could help them take possession of the car and cash, Smith said.

Courts can award money and property seized in association with narcotics arrests to the arresting agency. Smith said the department may go after such forfeiture proceedings.

"We could use the money for drug prevention programs," he said.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today is the I.R.S. deadline for taxes. The Plymouth Post Offices on Penniman Avenue and Beck Road will extend their window hours until 6 p.m.; all mail addressed to the I.R.S. or State of Michigan received by midnight will be post-marked April 15.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, the Plymouth City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in Commission Chambers, second floor of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.
- Tuesday, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m., Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

NEXT WEEKEND

- Saturday, the Northville Chamber of Commerce hosts its 6th Annual dinner auction for Friends of Parks & Rec. Call the chamber at 248-349-7640.
- Saturday, adults can make their own garden mosaic with the Plymouth Community Arts Council's workshop, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Cost, \$46. Call 416-4ART.

INDEX

Business.....	pg. 23
Friends & Neighbors.....	pg. 6
Happs, Go P-C-N ..	pgs. 8 & 9
Deaths	pg. 30
Sports	pgs. 34 - 36
Opinions	pgs. 38 - 39



Springtime! You may yearn for the verdure of your yard and garden, but the cool weather is also great for working on your house. The Home Improvement Plus runs April 29.

Low-speed chase leads to Canton P.D. collar

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

At least he won't get a ticket for speeding.

According to Canton Police reports, at 8:15 p.m. last Sunday, Ofc. Jim Harrison saw a car turn off of Haggerty Road onto Old Michigan and into the Sherwood Pointe mobile home park without signaling.

Harrison activated his overhauls to stop the vehicle at Main and A streets within the park. The driver made no indication he had noticed.

The vehicle continued at speeds ranging from 20-25 m.p.h. through the park, a 15 m.p.h. zone, according to reports.

When they reached G street, Harrison

pulled along side the suspect car and shined his spotlight at the driver. The driver covered his eyes to protect himself from the glare, but made no other indication of slowing down or pulling over.

Harrison then pulled his cruiser in front of the car and blocked the lane to force the driver to stop. The driver, later identified as Keith Miller, 46, of Canton, merely slowed down slightly, drove around the police cruiser — over a sidewalk and parking area — and then accelerated to about 20 m.p.h.

Miller then pulled over at K Street, about half a mile after Harrison had initiated the traffic stop. When Miller got out of his car, he said he did not have a license or clearance

to drive and had a strong odor of intoxicants, according to reports. The reports also said his eyes were glassy and bloodshot and his speech was slurred.

Miller then tried to walk past Harrison to his residence, which he overshot by six or seven trailers, according to reports.

Harrison said he asked him to stop and Miller said "No. I'm going home."

Reports said Harrison then told Miller he was under arrest, but Miller continued to insist that he was going home. Harrison tried to stop him, but Miller refused to put his hands behind his back, according to reports.

He pushed past the police officer and asked, "Why can't I just go home?"

Harrison again told him he was under arrest and Miller again refused to comply. Harrison called for back up. Ofc. Mark Gajeski arrived.

The two officers told Miller he was under arrest. Miller allegedly began to resist when Harrison placed the first handcuff on, according to reports. Harrison then tripped Miller to the ground and secured the other handcuff.

Miller refused a breathalyzer test because his license was already suspended, according to reports. He was charged with fleeing and eluding, driving with license suspended and operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor (OUIL).

Headache Research Study

Men and women between the ages of 16 and 75 who experience intermittent migraine headaches may be eligible to participate in a national program evaluating research medication for the possible prevention of migraines. All study medication, study-related clinic visits and testing will be provided at no charge for those participants who qualify. For more information please call: (734) 677-6000

MHNI



Michigan Head-Pain and
Neurological Institute

Joel R. Saper, M.D., Director
3120 Professional Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-5199

Accredited by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
Accredited by Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

The Community Crier

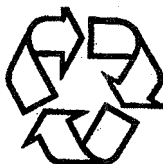
USPS-340-150
Published weekly at
821 Penniman Ave.,
Plymouth, MI
48170-1694. Carrier
delivered: \$27 per
year. Mail delivered:
\$40 per year.
Periodicals postage
paid at Plymouth, MI 48170-1694. Call
(734) 453-6900 for delivery.



The Crier's advertisers strive to honestly present commercial messages to our readers. If, for any reason, you find problems with a Crier ad, please call our office at (734) 453-6900.

Crier advertising is published in accordance with those policies spelled out on the current rate card, which is available during business hours from our office at 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. The publisher, solely, makes final acceptance of a specific advertisement (not an advertising representative) and only publication of the ad signifies such acceptance.

Postmaster, send change of address notice to The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170-1694.



Please continue
the recycling loop

THIS PAPER IS
PROUDLY
PRINTED ON
100% RECYCLED
PAPER WITH
SOY INKS

HOME ST.

New address?
WELCOME WAGON®
can help you
feel at home

Greeting new neighbors is a tradition with WELCOME WAGON - "America's Neighborhood Tradition." I'd like to visit you. To say "Hi" and present gifts and greetings from community-minded businesses. I'll also present invitations you can redeem for more gifts. And it's all free.
A WELCOME WAGON visit is a special treat to help you get settled and feeling more "at home." A friendly get-together is easy to arrange. Just call me.

Welcome Wagon

In Canton
Call
734/397-6071

In Plymouth
Call Mary Moses:
734/459-5582

Liquor licenses on hold

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A recent decision by the state Liquor Control Commissions (LCC) left four Plymouth business to wait for licenses, according to Steve Guile, Downtown Development director.

According to Guile, the LCC has chosen not to consider any of Plymouth's four applications.

This does not mean they were denied, he said.

"The way it works is that the LCC will have several requests in front of them at one time," Guile said. "These are not just from our town but from other communities. They (LCC) simply chose not to decide on any of Plymouth's applications. They're still under consideration."

According to Guile four businesses have applied for the state-offered liquor licenses. The licenses, 50 in all, are granted to commu-

nities with Downtown Development Authority's to generate growth in downtown areas, Guile said.

Among the businesses who have applied for the licenses are the Penniman Deli, Cafe Giverney, Tom's Oyster Bar and E.J. Nicks, which is proposed for the building recently vacated by Minerva's-Dunning's.

Guile said patience was the best way to handle the delay. He has been suggesting to the businesses that they make frequent contact with the LCC to try and speed up the process.

"The LCC won't deny them from consideration unless they are under some kind of criminal investigation," he said. "It just takes time. The state set aside 50 liquor licenses in February of last year, and only 11 of them have been issued. That gives some idea of how slow the process is."

The applications will be considered again at the end of May.

Tax tasks for new homes

New homeowners in the Canton community should remember to complete a number of critical tasks relating to their property and local taxes, according to the Canton Treasurer's Office.

The two most important steps which new homeowners should take are filing a Homestead Affidavit form with the Treasurer's Office, and filing a Property Transfer Affidavit with the Canton Assessor's Office.

New homeowners — as well as long-time residents — should also remember

to inform the office of any name changes, such as a change in the lender. This is especially important for those who have an escrow account where taxes are paid directly by the mortgage company.

The last day to file a Homestead Affidavit for the current tax year is May 1. Residents with questions about their tax bills can contact the Treasurer's Office Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information call 397-5374.

'Quite a racket' in stolen cells

Continued from pg. 3

Law enforcement agencies and cellular phone companies are developing ways to fight back, though. "There are field tests we can do to determine whether or not a phone is stolen," Wolons said. If the internal ESN (the one programmed into the phone) doesn't match the external ESN (the one marked on the outside of the phone) then the phone has been illegally altered and the owner can be arrested.

Also, cellular companies are inserting encryption chips that make it impossible for any ESN number to be used by two separate phones. And new digital cellular phones are designed to make cloning more difficult.

For those who don't own either of these high-tech phones, some of the simplest measures can at least lessen the chances of becoming a victim.

"Number one, keep your phone off when your not using it," said Wolons. "And number two, don't leave your cell phone in your car."

April 15, 1998

DEAR FRIENDS:

Dear Friends:

WELCOME! to your new Neighborhood.

UWW ©1998 COMMA,
The Universe Wide Web c/o
www.community-GUIDE.com
345 Fleet Street
Plymouth, MI USA 48170-1656

There's a new address for The Community we geographically call Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Salem-Superior, Michigan, USA. It's more than just our physical location now that we can all link up on The Web from anywhere in the Universe.

PLEASE VISIT: www.community-GUIDE.com

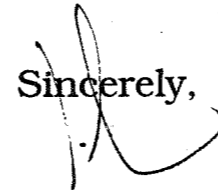
Here you'll find The Crier's and COMMA's philosophical, reportorial, editorial and webvertising home as well. Our staff hopes you'll join us regularly to watch the many new developments, news and ideas our Neighborhood is noted for. (More sites will follow.)

It's difficult explaining our Home to a new Universe-Wide audience. We've described our "Community" geographically for so many years.

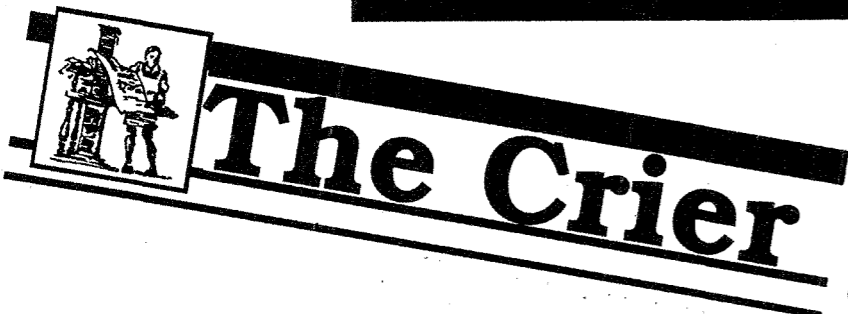
Now it seems more appropriate instead to describe our new link-up based on the observations and opinions grown here by our staff, friends and neighbors -- whether you're physically located just down the street or located in Middletown, N.Y.; St. Petersburg, FL; Woodlands, TX; Clare, MI; Ft. Collins, CO; Sarajevo, Bosnia; Carbondale, IL; San Francisco, CA; N.Y.,N.Y. or Beijing, China ... but still follow this geographic place we simply call "Home."

When you write us -- email@CRIER.com -- we'll add your hometown to the list too! E-mail your comments, name, web.address, hometown address, phone, fax, etc.

Sincerely,



W. Edward Wendover,
publisher



345 Fleet St.
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734)453-6900
email: email@CRIER.com





Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Craig Rice of Canton received the Irv Otis Scholarship as voted by the Institute of Industrial Engineers Detroit Chapter board of directors.

Rice is a senior in Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Mochigan-Dearborn.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark P. Douglass, of Canton, recently received a letter of appreciation while assigned at Naval Air Reserve Activity, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mount Clemens, MI.

Douglass was recognized for his superior performance of duty.

Kimberly Jo Berres, of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the Fall 1997 semester.

Lisa L. Craven, daughter of Richard and Magddale Craven; and Laura Logsdon, daughter of James and Debbie Logsdon of Canton were named to the Dean's List at Northwood University in Midland, MI.

Joshua Schneider, a 1994 graduate of Salem High School, has been chosen as one of two Outstanding Students representing Grand Valley State University at the Michigan Association of Governing Boards Awards Convocation.

The program will take place on April 7 at Michigan State University. As part of the program, Joshua will receive a certificate of recognition from MAGB and will be honored in a special tribute by the State legislature.

Schneider is the son of Ray and Peggy Schneider of Plymouth.

The following students from Canton have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall Term 1997 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering: Brian Maci, Matthew Abbott, Michael Chappell, Nathan Copenhagen, Jeremy Fox, Michael Hjelmsdahl, Harry Lee, Christopher Seadeek, Neha Shah, Sarah Suromsha, Rebecca Uryga and Shengbin Yang; from Plymouth: Theodore Betley, Paul Dersey, Laura Giles, Julie Katcherian, Aaron Leanhardt, Kimberly Madsen, John Meyendorff, Kristin Miller, Jennifer Munfakh, Aaron Niemiec, Elizabeth Oatley, Christopher Pratt, Jeffrey Reed, Ryan Schrieber, Jennifer Staszal, and Neelesh Varde; and from Northville: Craig Black, Amity Heckemeyer, Patrick Hunt, Gregory Nash, Brenda Newton, Cynthia Phillips, Timothy Polesinelli, Jennifer Sloane, Paul Stachura, Adam Weber, Sarah Weber, and Luke Wilcox.

Young yarns

Canton girl publishes story about friendship and chew toys

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For some, writing takes years of hard work and dedication, years of learning the language and how best to put two words together and polishing them until they sparkle.

Others are just born with the talent.

Canton's Cherri Buijk seems to be among the later group, The Allen School fourth-grader recently had a story published in *Kaleidoscope*, a magazine devoted to young authors throughout Michigan.

She dedicated the story, entitled "Ralph's Wonderful Gift," to her Guinea pig, but the story is about friendship and helping others.

"Well," she said, "it's about a dog named Ralph that's lost his chew toy. He's got an extremely loud bark, and it's pretty annoying.

"One of his neighbors is able to talk to Ralph and he finds out what's wrong and decides to help look for the toy," Cherri added.

Ralph and the neighbor boy look all over for the toy, but can't find it and the story ends with the boy buying Ralph a brand new chew toy, silencing Ralph's intimidating bark.

Buijk said she has always liked to write, and sometimes she gets a little carried away. The original draft of "Ralph's Wonderful Gift," for example, took up more than 12 pages in her college-lined notebook.



Cherri Buijk and her story were a hit at Michigan's Young Author's luncheon

She started in first and second grade, when her teacher made her keep a journal.

Buijk said she models her work slightly after her favorite author, Laura Ingalls Wilder.

"I want to write about my life like she did but I like to make things up, too. I don't like writing just the facts," she said.

Buijk said she owes a lot to her substitute teacher, Julie Jones, who not only helped bring the story down below the 250 word maximum, but also drove with Buijk to Grand Rapids for the Young Author's luncheon.

It was Jones, in fact, that inspired another

writing project for Buijk. When she learned that Jones would soon be replaced, after having served more than 150 days as a substitute, Buijk wrote a letter to P-C-schools Superintendent Charles Little to try and get her to stay.

When she's not reading or writing, Buijk said she also enjoys doing math in school, and divides her time outside of school playing soccer, playing piano. She also enjoys ballet and tap dancing.

"I do get a reasonable amount of sleep, too," she said.

Plymouth girl Interlochen-bound

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

With a little luck and some impromptu fund-raising, Plymouth's Megan Malinowski will be carrying on a tradition.

It's a tradition that began when her mother, Deborah, attended the prestigious Interlochen Conservatory in northern Michigan when she was a child, and continued when Megan was accepted into the program this year.

Megan said she will study dancing, drama and the choir at the four-week camp. Each student chooses three areas to study, two minor ones, and one major emphasis.

"That's ballet," she said, an art she has studied since she was three years old, with such organizations as the Center Stage Dance Company in Northville.

Megan said she learned about the camp from her mother, who in addition to being a student at the camp has also returned as an instructor. She has since returned to check it out.



MEGAN MALINOWSKI

"When I went in the winter, everyone was on break, so it was pretty dull," she said. "But when I was back for spring break, there

were people there so it was okay."

Not that she'll have much time for socializing, according to Deborah. Students' days begin as early as eight o'clock, and are full of instruction in the art forms they choose. The camp focuses more on instruction than competition, she said.

According to Megan, her chance to attend the camp came when her teacher wrote a letter recommending her for the program.

When she learned she was accepted to the program, she then turned her attention to raising the cost, about \$2,400. With a \$500 donation from the Plymouth Lion's Club, and another \$500 from her mother, she is halfway there.

Megan said she plans to use the experience much the same way she uses her dancing lessons at Center Stage.

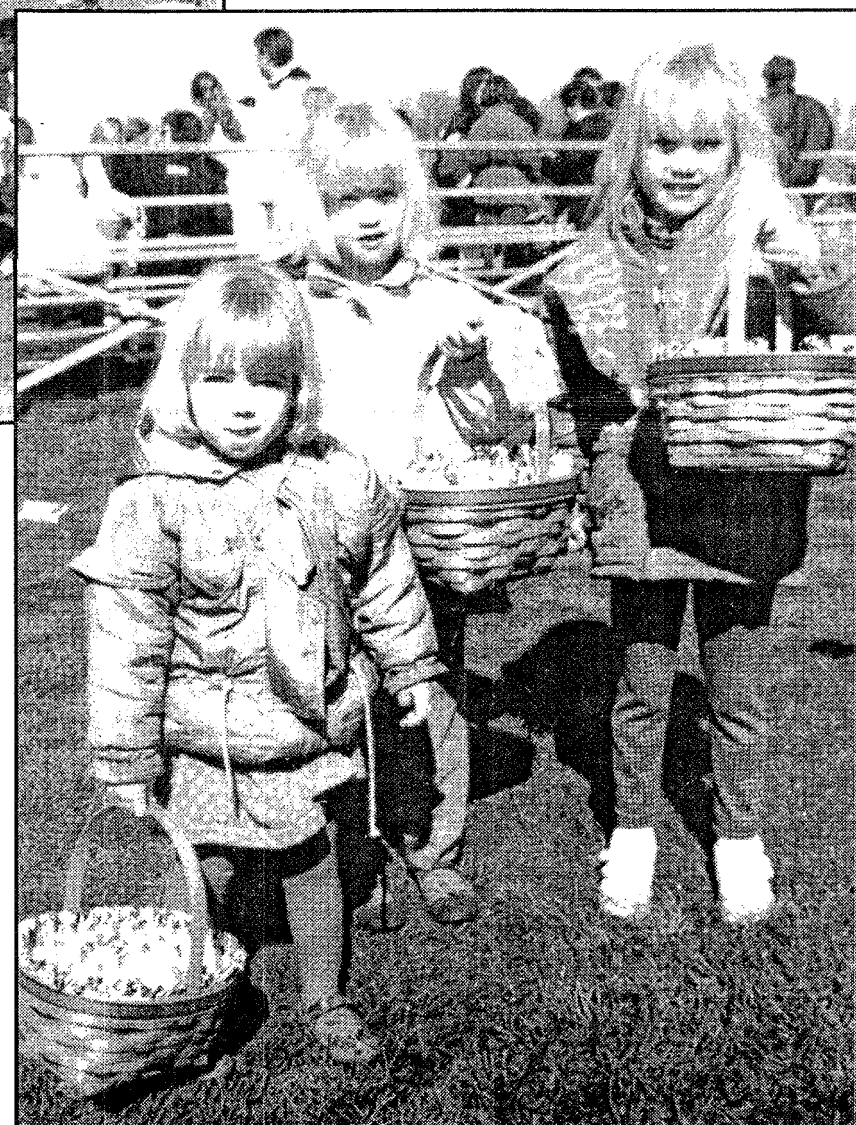
"I'll be meeting new people and learning more about my art," she said. "I'm a little nervous about it, but it'll be okay."

The problem wasn't *that* serious! From the ground in Heritage Park, a tail of flour and falling marshmallows looks a lot like smoke and sparks trailing from pilot Dave James' helicopter. Canton Parks and Recreation was airborne for the sixth time in ten years for Canton's annual Marshmallow Drop. Some 2,000 kids and parents from around the township (below) came to the park Saturday to scurry after the marshmallowy meteorites, which they traded in for Easter treats. The only problem: moist marshmallows almost scrubbed the drop until savvy staff added flour to the bag, absorbing moisture and saving the day.



CANTON'S ANNUAL EASTER
Marshmallow
fun from above
DROP

Crier photos
by R. Alwood, Jr.



Clotted in bowling ball-sized clumps, otherwise harmless marshmallows would have been too dangerous to drop. When dried out, firefighters Steven Gaggi and Chris Stoecklein helped Laura Lebbon (left) load bags of the marshmallows. (Right) After a 250-foot drop, the 'mallows wound up in the baskets of Megan and Lauren Lemieux, and Alyssa Sandell (left to right), who traded them for candy and toys in plastic eggs.

Plymouth District Library **GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, April 18, 1998
10am - 2pm at 705 S. Main
(Formerly Farmer Jacks)

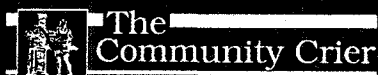
*Desks, tables (large and small), chairs,
counters, paperback racks and more!*

AD ADVICE #1161

New Customers:

Newspaper advertising can "Alert newcomers" to the products and services you have to offer.

For free ad advice call today!
734-453-6900



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Tuesday's calendar (space permitting).



Groups

CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION

Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 7th Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '98. Application deadline is **today**. The dates of the show are June 20-21. Student artists are also welcome. Hours are Saturday 10a.m. to 9p.m., Sunday 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Sharon Dillenbeck at 734-453-3710.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Plymouth local ham radio operators will be broadcasting from the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville on **Saturday** honoring WWII Airmen and Sailors who participated in the Jimmy Doolittle Raid 56 years ago. Call Dave Langston at 248-948-4237 for details.

HANDBELL RINGERS AND DIRECTORS

The Plymouth Handbell Choir is looking for interested ringers and directors to join in the Plymouth 1998 Fourth of July parade. All ages are invited to join. Please call Fran Loiselle at 734-459-4263 for more information.

MEET OTHER MOTHERS

Meet Other Mothers invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion. Meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. Call Kate 453-3675

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR SENIORS

Canton's Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering a book discussion group which meets the first Wednesday of each month, in the Summit's Parkview Room. For more information call 734-397-5444.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' APRIL BOOK SALE

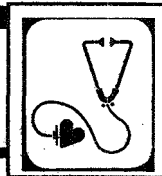
New and used books are needed for the League of Women Voters' book sale fundraiser. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are received. Call Esther Friedrichs at 734-427-0222 or Marge Gade 734-261-3191.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all **Spring 1998** classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.



Health

STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, is presenting "Keeping a Positive Attitude and Staying Healthy" **tomorrow** at 7-8 p.m. The program is free and refreshments will be served. Call 248-349-3020 for more information.

STOP SMOKING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a two-week, four-session smoke-free living class from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, through **April 23**, in the first floor conference room. Registration is required. Call 734-655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650 to register or for more information.

INTRODUCTORY YOGA CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring introductory yoga classes Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Wear loose clothing and bring a small blanket. Regular six week class starts **May 6**. Call 734-416-4ART for details.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road is offering a free five-week grief recovery program thursdays, **May 21-June 18**, from 7-9 p.m. The program is designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Call 734-459-

Does your Crier Carrier go beyond the "call of duty"??



**What makes your Crier carrier so special??
Nominate your Crier Carrier as
"Crier Carrier of the Month"**

- In 25 words or less, explain what makes your Crier carrier so exceptional.
- Send or drop off your entry with your name, address, and daytime phone number to:

**The Community Crier Carrier Contest
821 Penniman Avenue • Plymouth, MI 48170-1694**



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



Volunteer

PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton Head Start located at Central Middle School is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with group activities, recess and learning centers. If you have mornings or afternoons free please call 734-416-6196. Seniors and retiree's are very welcome.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteers in Canton to help children with basic math and reading tutoring. Free training. Call 313-883-2100 ext. 368.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of P-C's in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call 734-261-1011, leave a message.

THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

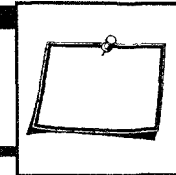
Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Volunteers are needed weekday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.

MENTORS NEEDED

Growth Works is recruiting and training mentors for the Plymouth-Canton Youth Assistance Program. The program is aimed at mentors age 21 or older. If you have two hours a week to help with reducing delinquent behavior in adolescents, call Lynne Ponder at 734-397-3181 or 734-455-4095.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in P-C-N area. Call 313-561-8880, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Events

1998 FINE ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

Canton Township is extending an invitation to all Middle School or High School in the Plymouth-Canton School District, to display, demonstrate, and sell their art work for profit at Liberty Fest '98. The student booth is free but applicants must submit an application and samples of their work. Deadline is today. Call 734-453-3710 for further information.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

The Plymouth Chapter of the Business Network International is meeting tomorrow at 7-8:30 a.m. at the Water Club Seafood Grill, Ann Arbor Road and I-275. For more information call the BNI regional office at 734-397-9939.

THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Pops Dinner Concert at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road on Friday, at 6 p.m. Music theme performed will be 'Let's go to the movies' with a live auction at intermission. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Reservations are required at 734-451-2112.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

The 120 voice Plymouth Community Chorus presents "Broadway Magic" Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets are \$8. Call 734-459-4080 for more information.

1998 AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN PROGRAM

Northville park and Recreation will offer an after school program at the Northville Recreation Center for all Cooke and Meads Mill students. Activities include sports, games, and crafts for a weekly charge of only \$1. Runs Mondays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. now through April 27th.

GENITTI'S PRESENTS: "BEANIE BABY CAPERS"

This is an interactive show for anyone who loves Beanie Babies. In addition to the mini luncheon and children's theater, two Beanie Babies will be raffled off. The show will be presented April 18, 25, and May 23, 30. For more information call Genitti's 248-349-0522.

GUIDE to Entertainment

Go P-C-N

Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Also note community and non-profit groups' events, listed in this Crier under What's Happening.

CAFE GIVERNY

734-453-6998; Fri. 7-9 p.m.:
Live music with John B. Mazzei;
plays acoustic renditions of
popular songs.

CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Good
Will Hunting" "Primary Colors"
"Lost in Space" "Grease" "My
Giant" "The Odd Couple II".

CENTER STAGE

734-981-5122; Fri.-Sat.:
Dance to mainstream music
rock, alternative & more.

COFFEE STUDIO

734-416-9288; Sun. 7:45-9:30
p.m.: Live acoustic folk music
with Ron Moore.

ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs.:
Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat.:
Live Music in Piano Bar.

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live
music with Big Dave and the
Ultrasonics.

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Fri.-Sat.: The
Witchdoctors.

MR. B'S PLYMOUTH

734-459-4190; Sat.: Live
music with Black Market.

PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing:
"The Borrowers".

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Sat.: Live
Acoustic guitar with Lou Rye.

PLYMOUTH WHALERS

734-453-8400; Semi-Finals
Fri.: 7:30 p.m. at home, Mon.:
7:30 p.m. at home.

STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. - Thurs.:
Live music with Wally Gibson;
Fri.-Sat. Wally Gibson and
Angelino Primo.

WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri.:
Friday dances at Burton Manor.

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings, reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.

WEST SIDE SINGLES

Friday Dances Every Friday

at Burton Manor

Dances Every Friday
in Livonia on Schoolcraft Rd.,
1 block west of Inkster Rd. Exit 176 off I-96

ADMISSION \$2.00

with this coupon
through 4/24/98

21 & over • Dressy attire • Cash
Bar • No jeans • 8:00pm to
1:00am • Admission \$5.00

HOTLINE: (734)981-0909

WHAT IS VOLUNTARY PAY?

Like many community newspapers, The Community Crier is a "voluntary pay" newspaper. Your carrier is paid to deliver your paper even if you choose not to pay for it.

But let's consider for a moment what happens when you DO pay. In addition to being paid for each paper delivered, your carrier keeps 25 percent of his or her collections, and 100 percent of all tips. This first job experience teaches these youngsters valuable lessons in money management and budgeting and provides them with an opportunity to develop personal motivation. Crier carriers are also eligible to earn valuable gifts and prizes.

Crier carriers strive to do their best. Your carrier will be stopping by to see you at the end of each month. They would be more than grateful if you pay, but a friendly "I'd rather not pay" will also be accepted. Either way, a valuable lesson is learned; and you can be assured of continuous delivery. As you know, The Crier contains Plymouth-Canton community information and news, local ads, valuable coupons and more.

If you choose to participate in the voluntary pay program, the cost is only \$2.25 per month. And remember, 25 percent of this amount goes to your carrier.

The Community Crier
Circulation Department

(734) 453-6900

821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth MI 48170-1694

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS?

Advertise Your Weekly
Entertainment in

Go P-C-N

Call Your Ad Consultant
Today at (734)453-6860

DON'T MISS complete Whalers coverage



The Community Crier

Subscribe By Mail

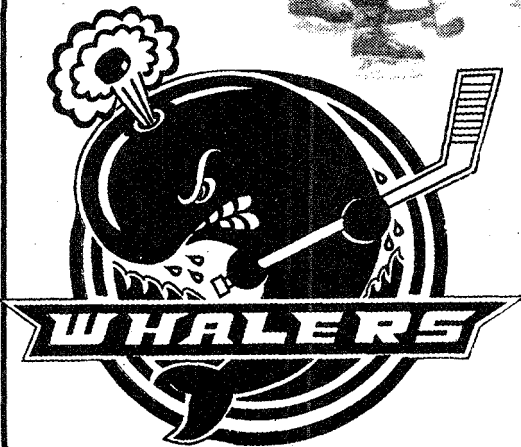
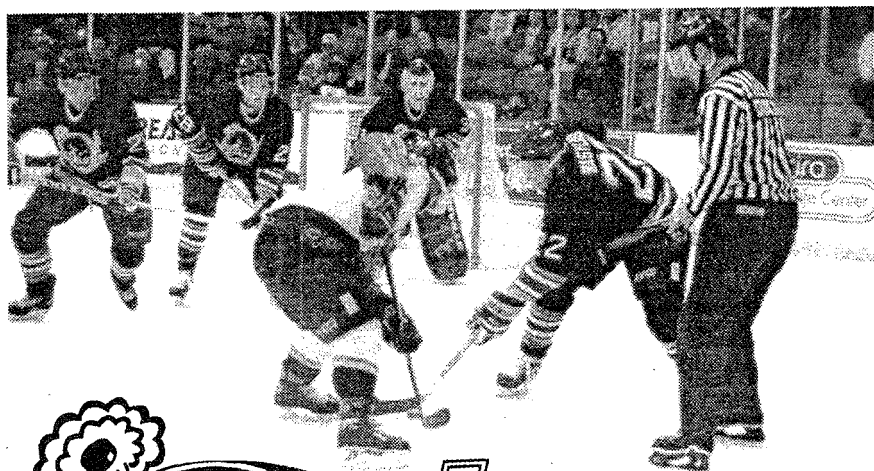
VISA (734)453-6900 MasterCard

PLAYOFF HOCKEY CONTINUES

Plymouth Whalers Vs. Guelph Storm

GAME 4: FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, 7:30

*GAME 6: MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, 7:30



Ticket Prices
\$12.00 V.I.P.
\$9.00 Executive
Reserved
\$6.00 End Zone

Good Seats Still Available!

For Information or To Charge By Phone
Call

(734)453-8400

**YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE A PART OF
THE PLYMOUTH WHALERS SUCCESS!**

CALL KERRY AT (734)453-8400

*Games with asterisk are if necessary

SPRING TONIC

Coming May 20th



This Seasonal Section will be a prime opportunity to advertise your business and its services to our readers in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

This section will include numerous ideas and suggestions on improving your home's interior and exterior.

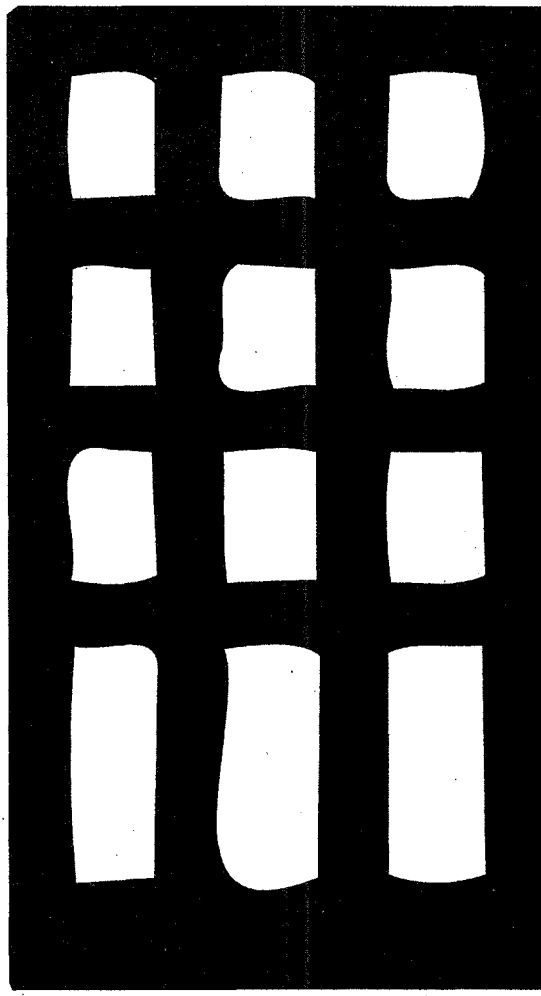
Spring into action, reach your consumers **NOW!!**

Call Your Ad Consultant Today!

(734)453-6900



The
Community Crier



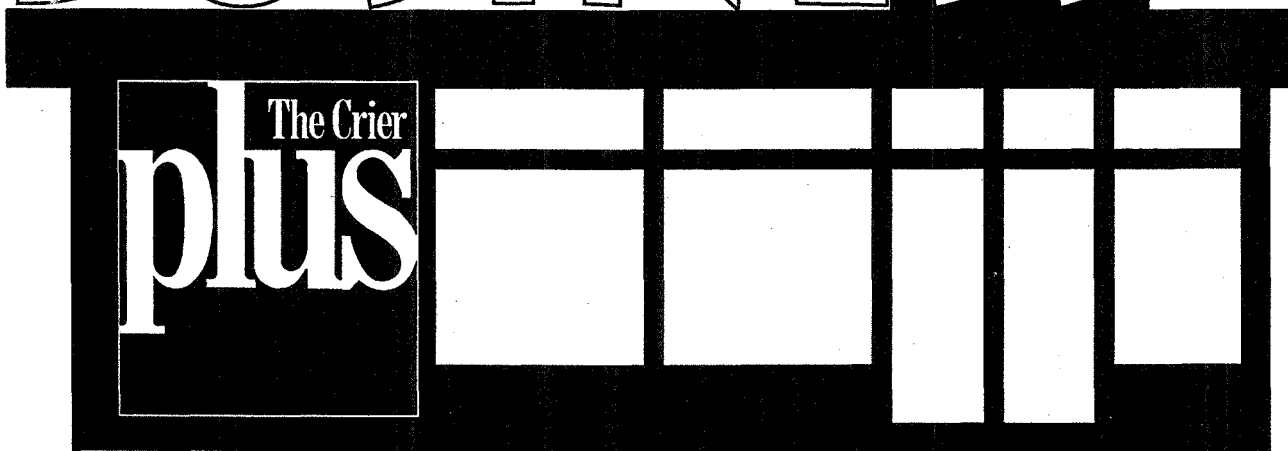
SPRING, 1998

BUSINESS

TO

BUSINESS

THE
STATE OF
COMMERCE



IN PLYMOUTH-CANTON-NORTHVILLE



The Crier



Government agencies lend a hand

Downtown Development Authorities, other groups act as middle-men

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

There is a commonly held belief among many in the business community that the government can do nothing but interfere in the capitalistic efforts of its

citizens, that big government equals bad business. But not all agencies are regulatory in nature. Sometimes they are designed to assist businesses, to help them develop, and to bring them into

an area.

One of the best examples may be area downtown development authorities (DDA). Canton, Plymouth, and Northville all have active DDA's. For these cities, downtown serves as the life force of the area, the convergence zone for many retail and commercial ventures. It is imperative, if the city is going to thrive, that the downtown area flourish, drawing in people from beyond the city boundaries.

This is where the DDA comes in. One of the more widely known efforts of area DDAs is streetscape improvement. But their services extend far beyond this. In their efforts to improve the overall quality of downtown, DDA's may also get involved with the financial and marketing aspects of local business.

The City of Plymouth offers a good example. Their DDA, under

direction from Steve Guile, has successfully fused the interests of the community, i.e. what the citizens want downtown, with the interests of the businesses, i.e. how to make the most of their location. This fusion has resulted in a successful foundation for future development.

"There are several things that we get involved in from a business development standpoint," says Guile. "We offer one-on-one business counseling, offering businesses access to different people who have different experiences in fields such as marketing and traffic flow. We pay for the first session, usually three hours long."

Guile says regular quarterly meetings keep area businesses abreast of developments that might affect them. And soon, the

Please see pg. 19

There are several things we get involved in from a business development standpoint.

— Steve Guile

A E S

Abraham Executive Services
An extension of your business!

If you ever wanted the luxury of having your very own "Executive Personal Assistant", on demand, without the full time salary - than AES is for you!
We become an extension of you, like an extra hand when you need it.

Letter Preparation - Scanning - Creating Flyers - Special Projects - Mailings - Event Planning - Word Processing - Faxing & Color Copies - Customized Presentations

Contact Regina K. Abraham for more details at
Voicemail: (248) 407-5210 • Fax: (248) 449-6436

WATER HEATER SPECIAL
Mention this ad & receive an additional 2 year warranty with any installation of a new hot water heater. Value \$80.00

Horton Plumbing
Heating & Cooling

1382 S. Main St. • Plymouth
1 Block North of Ann Arbor Road

Jeff Horton **Over 20 Years**
Owner Quality Work Experience
Quality Service

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Electric Sewer & Drain Cleaning
NEW & REPAIR WORK • SUMP PUMPS • WATER HEATERS • SEWER LINE REPAIR
BATHROOM REMODELING • RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

Working & Living in the Community • Master Plumber Lic. #08059

SENIOR DISCOUNT **(734) 455-3332**
60

The Pen & Ink Print Shoppe
531 S. Mill Street-Plymouth, MI 48170
(734)459-5544 Fax (734)459-3559

- **FREE** Typesetting on all area code changes (With incoming print orders).
- \$.95 Canon Color Copies (8 1/2 x 11 - Letter Size)
- 15% Off Wedding & Graduation Announcements
- **FREE PICK-UP & DELIVERY**

LOCATED IN PLYMOUTH PLAZA
CORNER OF S. MILL
& ANN ARBOR TRAIL

plus

Industrial parks attract hi-tech businesses

Sense of security, community among benefits of industrial subdivisions

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Business parks have long been drawing high-tech businesses to Plymouth Canton and Northville because of the unique services and opportunities they present.

Now, as business parks and research parks begin sprouting up with even more frequency, government and businesses alike are fine-tuning the elements that make them successful.

"That's something we know a bit about," says Gary Roberts, president of development with R. A. DeMattia Company.

DeMattia was the firm that helped jump-start the region's growth when they moved to Plymouth Township in 1985. Two of P-C-N's first industrial and technological parks, Metro West broke ground in the 1980s and have since flourished.

The parks, which rank among the Detroit area's largest, now range from Sheldon road to Ridge, along Five Mile Road at the northern border of Plymouth Township.

According to Roberts, industrial and technological parks are

popular with firms interested in maintaining a high-profile.

"These are image-conscious companies," he says. "They tend to spend a lot of money on public relations and try to maintain a good presence in the community."

Roberts says that for firms such as these, a location in an industrial park makes more sense than buying land and developing elsewhere.

"Otherwise you pick a site with cheaper land, and the building tends to be cheaper as well and

doesn't have the same type of image," he says.

Apart from a high-profile location, industrial parks offer other benefits for business. One of the biggest is a compatibility with surrounding businesses, preventing a Flintstone-Rubble type feud between neighbors.

"Some people, at least in the business community, appreciate a controlled environment," Roberts says. "It's a sound business investment."

"Businesses also like to be near by other like businesses," he added. "They want to foster a business-to-business relationship, not a business to neighbor relationship."

Chuck DiMaggio, project manager with Burton-Katzman developers agrees that location and consistency in development are two of the major benefits of locating firm in a business park.

Burton-Katzman is currently developing the Koppnick Corporate Park, on Koppnick Road just east of I-275.

"Being in an industrial park gives them a sense of security,

knowing how the rest of the park will develop and the kinds of uses they will have," DiMaggio said. "Their investment is protected by knowing what's going in around

them.

"If they build a firm off site, they have no control over what is being built next to them. It could be totally incompatible," DiMaggio added. "It could also adversely affect the company if they have a much heavier type of use."

Please see pg. 25

SECRETARIES' WEEK

April 20th thru 25th

CELEBRATE
WITH
FLOWERS

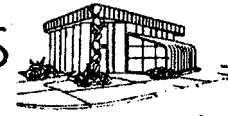
Give something special
For someone special

- Flower Bouquets
- Arrangements
- Fruit Baskets
- Planters



FREE Deliveries to all
Plymouth - Canton - Northville Businesses

Heide's flowers & gifts



Call and Set Up Your Business &
Personal Account With Us

1-800-831-7692 • 734-453-5140

Ask about our office plant maintenance

10% OFF Your Next Printing Job

Just mention this ad • Good thru 5-30-98

✶ Four Color Process Printing

✶ Spot & Color Printing

✶ Fulfillment Services

✶ 19"x 25" Sheet Size



Color or B & W Copying ✶

Prepress Services ✶

Complete Bindery Services ✶

Flood and Spot Varnishing ✶

Formerly American Speedy
Printing of Plymouth

YOUR FULL SERVICE PRINTER



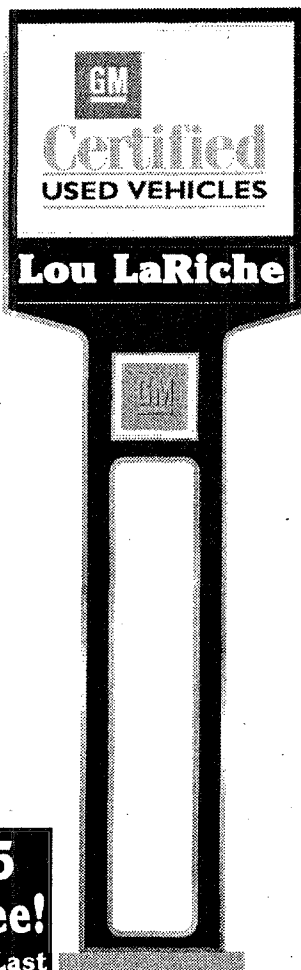
PLYMOUTH
1052 ANN ARBOR RD.
(734) 455-2350
FAX (734) 455-0686



Switch To LaRiche

LOOKING FOR A USED VEHICLE
WITH A NEW VEHICLE WARRANTY?
Look for this sign

- GM Certified Used Vehicles
- 12 Month, 12,000 Mile GM Limited Warranty
- 3 Day/150 Mile Money Back Guarantee
- 24 Hour Roadside Assistance
- 110 Point Inspection Process
- No Hassle Lowest Possible Pricing
- Huge Selections
- Top Dollar For Your Trade



**Bring Us This Ad & Get \$5
Worth of Gas Absolutely Free!**

**No Purchase Necessary. While Supplies Last*

INSPECTED USED VEHICLES

95 LUMINA SEDAN	Auto Trans., Air, Cruise, Tilt Steering, Power Locks	SPARKLING CLEAN	\$10,677
96 GMC JIMMY 2 DR. 4X4	Air, alum. Wheels, Auto Trans., AM/FM Stereo Cassette, 1.3V6, ABS, Deep Tinted Glass, Too Much to List!	OFF LEASE	\$14,989
96 LUMINA APV	Auto. Trans., Air, 7 Passenger	READY FOR SPRING	\$13,495
94 CHEVY VAN 3/4 TON	Auto Trans., V6, Rear & Side Door Glass, 125" WB, Great Shape	WORK READY	\$10,949
97 PARK AVENUE	Low Mileage	SUPER CLEAN	\$23,495
94 SATURN SL1 4 DR.	47,000 Miles, Sun Roof, Air Conditioning	JUST ARRIVED	\$5,995
92 PLYMOUTH SUNDANCE	Great Transportation, Auto, Air	PRICED RIGHT	\$4,646
92 GMC PICKUP 3/4 TON 4x4	Molded Fiberglass Color Keyed Cap, Auto Trans., Looks New, Drives New	SUPER SHARP	\$13,889

Payments Plus tax, lic. w/ approved credit. \$198 per mo.-42 mo.-9.95 APR: \$209 per mo.-60 mo.-9.25 APR. 1 gas offer per family

27 YEARS SERVING PLYMOUTH & CANTON



Lou LaRiche

CHEVROLET

(734)453-4600

Located at
Plymouth &
Haggerty Rds.
Across from Unisys

plus



As seen from the air, R. A. DeMattia's Metro West industrial and technological parks (above) rank among the largest in the Detroit Metro area. When development began in the parks in the 1980s, it sparked phenomenal growth west of Detroit, which still continues today.

Pictures of growth



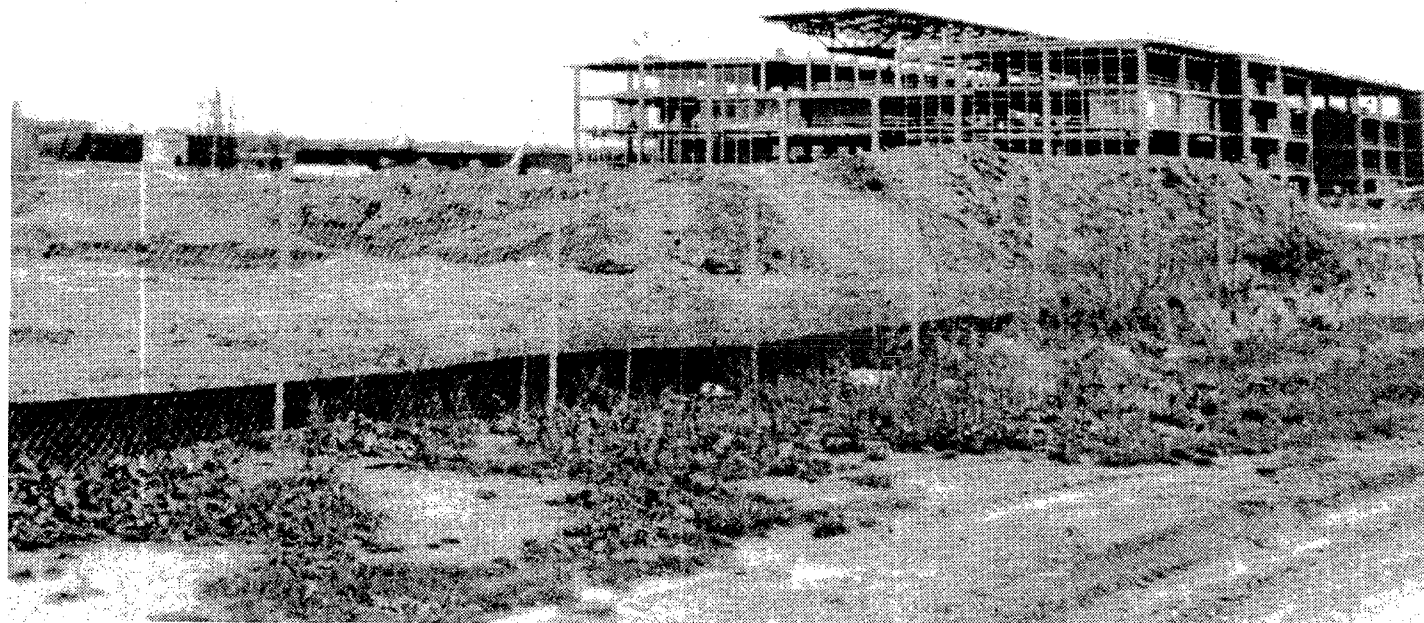
Seen from the ground, the parks are just as impressive. With new businesses still moving in, the industrial parks have garnered a world-wide reputation for their high-tech tenants and high-profile looks.





A park of their own

Currently under construction at Haggerty and Warren roads in Canton, Yazaki North American World Headquarters (right) is projected to be completed later this year. Once operational, it will bring the total number of employees in Yazaki's facilities east and west of Haggerty to more than 1,000. With about 419,000-square-feet of space, the new facility will centralize many departments into one place.



THE BUSINESS NETWORK INTL[®] PLYMOUTH CHAPTER

Is Your Business Category Listed Here??

If it isn't, call one of the listed members or Marie Riley at (734)455-5600 or join us for a breakfast meeting, every Thursday at 7am at John Cleveland's Water Club Grill

Accountant	Gary Shaull & Co. P.C.	Gary Shaull	(313)388-5649	Internet/Network Services	Merlin Internet Solutions	Gordon Lang	(248)355-4610
Advertising Specialties	Custom Marketing, Inc.	Michael A. D'Antonio	(734)454-5500	Mortgage	Financial Network Mortg. Corp.	Todd Barr	(734)454-1420
Attorney	Roger Haslick P.C.	Roger Haslick	(734)455-8850	Newspaper	The Community Crier	Jack Armstrong	(734)453-6900
Auto Dealer	Blackwell Ford	Brent Dix	(734)453-1775	Office Equipment	Metropolitan Office Equip. Co. Inc.	Kevin Tiffany	(248)589-4700
Auto Collision Repair	Collision Services, Inc.	Todd Blevins	(734)595-4699	Optometrist	Forest Place Optical	Dennis Picard O.D.	(734)455-3340
Chiropractor	Shaft Chiropractic	Michael Shaft	(734)455-3933	Personal Safety Products/Training	Practical Defense Systems	Larry Sweeney	(734)844-3773
Cosmetic Dentistry	Robison Dental Grp.	John Robison	(734)453-6320	Professional Employer/Human Resource Serv.	Human Capital	Scott Fritz	(248)353-3444
Financial Planning	Atlantis Investment Services	Vince Pollicella	(734)451-1400	Psychologist	C.Sue Benskey M.A.	Sue Benskey	(734)454-0155
Florist/Gourmet & Fruit Baskets	Vanessa's Flowers	Victor West	(734)451-6866	Realtor	Century 21-Town & Country	Marie Riley	(734)455-5600
Funeral/Cremation Services	Vermeulen Funeral Homes	James B. Vermeullen	(734)459-2250	Rental Car	Advantage Rental Car	Jeffery Jaskolski	(734)451-2499
Haberdasher/Clothier	Tom James Clothiers	Thys Jones	(248)526-9850	Security Consultant	Westec Security	Bob Hunter	(248)353-8023
Hair Salon	Salon M.J.	Mary Jane Bennett	(734)453-0900	Audio/Visual Prod. & Website Design	Scharren Studios	John Cereso	(734)981-5426
Heating/Cooling/Duct Cleaning	Mechanical Energy Systems	Donna Napolitano	(734)453-6746	Skin Care Products	Mary Kay Cosmetics	Diane Kieft	(734)981-9642
Insurance	AAA Michigan	Clara Hill	(810)220-6106	Travel Agent	Carlson Wagonlit Travel	Kate Rosevear	(734)455-5810

THE BUSINESS NETWORK INTL[®] PLYMOUTH CHAPTER

BNI meets every Thursday morning at 7am at John Cleveland's Water Club Grill
Join us for breakfast or Call Marie Riley at (734)455-5600 for information

Merlin Internet Solutions

Gordon Lang, Network Consultant

- Computer Network Consulting
(Local Area Network) (Wide Area Network)
- Leased Line Internet Access

Phone: (248)355-4610 • Fax: (248)353-3829

MARY KAY[®] COSMETICS

America's Best Selling Brand

Diane Kieft

Independent Beauty Consultant
Gifts for Mother's Day
And Other Special Occasions

(734)981-9642

- Complete Quality Care
- Emergencies Seen ASAP
- Evening & Saturday Appointments
- Most Insurance Accepted



Dr. Michael Shaft • Dr. Cynthia Shaft
Chiropractic Physicians
(734)455-3933

8500 N. Canton Center Rd.
Canton Professional Park

- Medical, Neurology & Orthopedic Referrals
- Lower Back, Hip & Leg Pain
- Neck & Shoulder Pain-Headaches
- Disk Problems

Nutritional Supplements

Certified Massage Therapy

CSI Collision and Paint Center

Todd Blevins

Call For Your FREE Estimate

(734)595-4699

- Lifetime Warranty • Frame & Suspension Repairs • Factory Trained Technicians • Open Sat 9am-1pm • We accept all insurance work

CSI - 38276 Abruzzi Dr. • Westland
Recommended by Sunshine Honda & Dick Scott Dodge

\$50 OFF DEDUCTIBLE OR 3 DAY FREE LOANER

Is Your Logo
Going As
Many Places
As You Are?

- Give-Aways & Promotions
- In House Embroidery, Silkscreening & Printing
- Corporate Casual Apparel
- Special Events/Sale Conference Materials
- Advertising Campaigns

"...There goes my logo!"



Custom Marketing, Inc.
156 North Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone 734.454.5500

"Nothing is permanent in fashion... but good taste."

TOM JAMES

Fine Clothing Since 1966

Tom James of Detroit

3150 Livernois

Suite 201

Troy, MI 48084

London • New York • Beverly Hills • Dallas

THYS JONES

Professional Haberdasher

Bus (248)526-9850 x 230

Fax (248)526-9860

www.tomjamesco.com

OWN YOUR OWN GOLF BUSINESS!!

- Great Monthly Income Potential
- Factory Direct to Customers
- \$500 Start Up (includes product)
- Great Tax Benefits
- Company Actively Supports Reps.



ADVANTAGE GOLF SYSTEMS, INC.

CALL FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Victor West
(734)451-6866

Jim Vermeulen
(734)459-2250

Michael A. D'Antonio
(734)454-5500

Vince Pollicella
(734)451-1400

Todd Barr
(734)454-1420

THE BUSINESS NETWORK INTL[®] PLYMOUTH CHAPTER

BNI meets every Thursday morning at 7am at John Cleveland's Water Club Grill
Join us for breakfast or Call Marie Riley at (734)455-5600 for information

A FULL SERVICE PLUS AGENCY

- Experts in Business Travel •
- Cruise & Vacation Experts • Customized Group Travel •

**Carlson
Wagonlit
Travel**

(734)455-5810
(800)874-6470

44427B W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170

Open Mon-Fri 8:30 to 7pm; Sat. 10-5



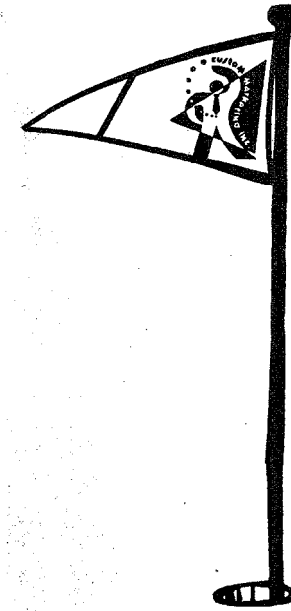
This year, in Michigan...
There will be thousands
of Golf Outings!

Will They Remember
Your Logo?

Customize your logo on...

- Golf clubs
- Balls
- Tees
- Shirts
- Hats, and other unique products

Custom Marketing, Inc.



156 North Main Street Plymouth, MI Phone 734.454.5500 fax 734.454.1300

ROBISON DENTAL GROUP

Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry
Dr. John Robison

(734)453-6320 • Fax (734)453-0467
8504 Canton Center Road • Canton, MI 48187

We Also
Specialize In
• Non-Surgical
Periodontal
Therapy
• T.M.J.
Disorders

Roger A. Haslick

Attorney and Counselor

960 W. Ann Arbor Trail • Suite 4

Plymouth, Michigan 48170

TELEPHONE (734)455-8850

CENTURION AWARD WINNER

(Over 5 Million in Annual Sales)

MARIE RILEY

*Top Producing...Professional
Quality Service Award Winner*



188 N. Main
Plymouth

Marie Riley
Associate Broker
Office (734)455-5600
Voicemail (734)513-4677



The Community Crier

The Paper with Its Heart in the Community

Jack Armstrong
Advertising Director

(734)453-6900 • 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth • Fax (734)453-6917

Audio/Visual Production & Website Design
Production - Artistry - Technology

AUDIO
VIDEO
BROADCAST

SCHARREN
studios

WEB DESIGN
MULTIMEDIA
DUPLICATION

JOHN CERESO

(734)981-5426 • Fax (734)981-3810

VERMEULEN FUNERAL HOMES

46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734)459-2250
Fax (734)459-2356

James B. Vermeulen



Family Owned Funeral Homes

980 N. Newburg Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734)326-1300
Fax (734)326-8630



Vanessa's Flowers

734-451-6866

Plymouth's Full Service Florist
-Where Quality Counts

Open 7 Days • World Wide Delivery Available
Free Delivery to Funeral Homes in Plymouth & Canton
Fruit & Gourmet Baskets • Balloons • Plants
Corporate Accounts Welcome
All Major Credit Accounts Accepted
545 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
(East of Main St.) Plymouth



1-800-779-6866
Fax (313) 451-1468

<http://www.alliedflorists.com/vanessas>





PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER



COVERING ALL YOUR NEEDS

- Business Meetings
- Social Events
- Retirement Parties
- Wedding Receptions
- Showers
- Sports Banquets

The Cultural Center provides the right setting for all types of functions. The large banquet room accommodates 200 people.. Smaller meeting rooms accommodate up to 50 people. Hourly rates available.

Resident Catering Available

FOR INFORMATION CALL:
(734) 455-6623

525 Farmer Street, Plymouth

Located in the "heart" of the Plymouth community

10% Savings on Room Rental for any Plymouth Chamber Member. Mention This Ad. Good on Reservations Made By May 15th, 1998.

Community work a helpful network

Chambers of commerce, ther volunteer groups can provide good networking opportunities

BY BRYON MARTIN

E-mail. The Internet. Voice mail. Home officing. The digitalization of the world of work has emphasized the importance of tools.

If you want to access information based in Shanghai, surfing the web makes sense. Need census figures for Dana, IN? A CD ROM is the way to go.

But what if you're more interested in local sign ordinances? Concerned about developments in the State Legislature? Are your best tools still computer-based?

In The Plymouth-Canton Community there are those who would say no.

Business associations and coalitions can still be the best, most direct source of information available. Old stand-bys—volunteer committees, chambers of commerce and working lunches—can keep the P-C business person in-touch.

"Especially in the age of the Internet, nothing beats the personal touch," says Carleigh Flaherty, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Face-to-face interaction remains the best way to get things done in and around the town or city where your business happens.

Chambers of commerce are a familiar but sometimes-forgotten venue for networking. According to Flaherty, the Canton Chamber is one that prides itself on providing opportunities not found elsewhere for strengthening business.

"We design and structure our services so they're unique," she says. For their membership dues, a sliding amount based on the company's size, chamber members have a host of opportunities to be interactive—old style.

"We have lots of volunteer committees," she says, explaining that a majority of the Canton Chamber's 450 members volunteer in some capacity. Their donation of resources, money and time to charitable groups

and organizations is a way to give back that, in turn, gives back to them.

"Sometimes people might ask, 'What does it really do for my business to volunteer,'" Flaherty says. "And the answer is that when you help groups like the Educational Excellence Foundation and Project Literacy you get kids who succeed, and a community that can provide a strong source of labor."

Volunteerism also gets your face out in the community and in front of potential clients. But even businessfolk find themselves motivated by other forces.

"We get lots manufacturers who volunteer, even though they don't need the exposure because they work for one of the big three. They do it because it's the right thing to do and they want to contribute to the community."

Interest in community development is one of the four primary reasons members join. In addition to the obvious networking and commercial visibility opportunities available, tapping the chamber as an advocate for business issues is another reason.

"We've got a task force right now that is (tracking) the issue of utility deregulation," Flaherty says. Members can benefit from the knowledge they'll gain from the task force's findings and reports at monthly breakfast and luncheon meetings. But they might also reap the rewards of the chamber's lobbying power.

"We work with Sen. Loren Bennett, Rep. Deb Whyman, all of our local legislators," Flaherty says.

Canton's growth as a community draws new members from outside the township, which strengthens the chamber. And big advocate can be a more persuasive advocate.

But size isn't all that matters. Sometimes a business person's needs are more specific and narrow in focus than the wide view chambers of commerce

Please see pg. 19



Personal networking

Continued from pg. 18
take.

In The City of Plymouth the dense concentration of diverse businesses downtown make it a commercial mosaic. Different companies have different interests. Getting together to discuss issues is key to attaining the area's common interest—prosperity and well being.

Groups such as the Plymouth Landlord Committee offer a chance to do that face-to-face.

"It's the only way to get some feedback, to discuss the issues and work to resolve them," says Committee Chairperson Rick Reed.

Reed neither lives nor works in

Plymouth but owns storefronts along Ann Arbor Trail. In total he does business in about 20 communities. Digital information technologies were designed for people like him: working from a central spot, but with interests scattered thither and yon.

Only Plymouth offers an organized coalition of landlords, he says.

"Shopping centers might have only one owner or organization to make decisions. Or they might make it part of the lease that you have to support the area, you've got to do this or do that. But they don't have that in downtowns."

DDAs offer support

Continued from pg. 12

DDA will be looking towards cyberspace. "We're hoping to list all businesses by a category on a downtown website," Guile says. "There are a lot of possibilities that way. Eventually, people could buy products over the Internet."

The DDA's involvement with new businesses has kept the flood of new commercial blood flowing into the area. In Plymouth's case, they offer marketing assistance, including postcard mailings, and ribbon-cutting, for businesses trying to break into the area.

Northville's DDA has recently completed a demographic study to determine what people want downtown, according to Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager. "It should help developers focus their

we can offer in planning," she says. "It helps us attract new business with a pro-active approach."

The role of the DDA differs for each community, according to Bateson. "In the past we were strictly a bricks-and-mortar type of organization in Northville, but now that is changing," she says. "Each community has to struggle on their own, deciding what form the DDA will take."

Unlike Plymouth and Northville, Canton is still searching for a downtown identity. According to Tom Gerou,

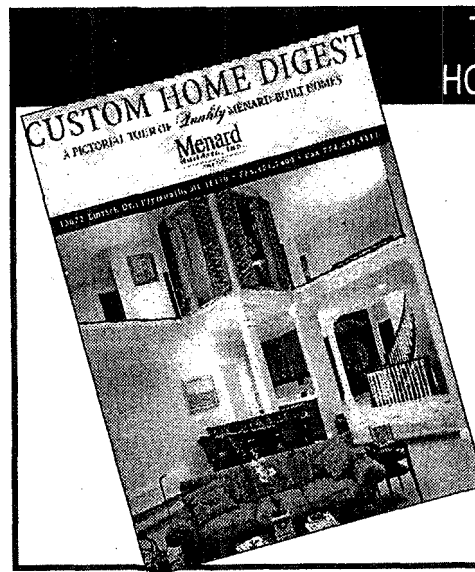
member of the Canton DDA, Canton's downtown is defined by the stretch of Ford Road the divides the township. "We're really working on beautifying that zone there," Gerou says. "We

want to give it a real downtown, city-center type atmosphere."

Gerou says a solid identity for Canton will draw in a larger customer base. "We're also looking at a festival downtown to get exposure for local businesses," he says. It should help to put us on the map."

"In the past we were strictly a bricks-and-mortar type of organization in Northville, but now that is changing."

— Nickie Bateson

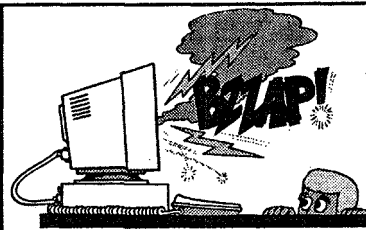


THINKING OF A CUSTOM BUILT HOME NOW OR IN THE FUTURE?

WE WORK WITH YOU FROM START TO FINISH INSIDE & OUT
For your FREE color brochure write to:

MENARD BUILDERS INC.

Custom Built Homes
P.O. Box 700232
Plymouth, MI 48170
or call
734-451-7400



LITTLE COMPUTER PROBLEM?

CompuDOC Can Help!

People Helping People With Computers

Need computer setup?	Tired of waiting for Tech Support?
Printer not working?	We work around your schedule!
Want to get to the Internet?	Friendly one on one assistance!
Software troubles?	Call (313)958-1146
Configuration problems?	

WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS!



MULLIGAN'S

of Northville

at Timber Creek Restaurant

GOLFER SPECIALS

Bring your scorecard in for special drink prices

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK Your Hosts... Gary Lepak,
M-Thur 11am-10pm Mary O'Donnell and
Fri & Sat 11am-11pm Chef John Turner
Sun 11am-9pm

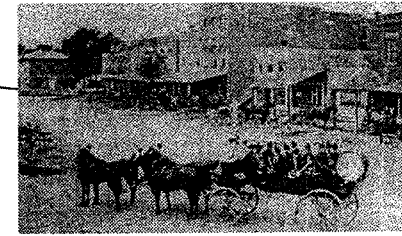
(248)449-6770 • 18730 Northville Rd. (Between 6 & 7 Mile)

MULLIGAN'S

of Northville
at Timber Creek Restaurant

Free Appetizer for Your Foursome

with this coupon thru July 31, 1998



■ the past and present have entered the future...

The **GUIDE** is on the web!

Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Salem-Superior, MI

www.community-GUIDE.com

**Now you can access
The GUIDE via the
world wide web.**

Complete Community listings and information

The wealth of information that is The GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Salem

Superior can now be accessed over the world wide web. Developed by The Crier, with assistance from the web site developers at ArborLink, www.community-GUIDE.com is your worldwide web connection to complete community information.

The **GUIDE**,
in print and
on the world wide web,
is brought to you
jointly by..



— and —



345 Fleet Street, Plymouth MI 48170
(734) 453-6900
email us at: email@Crier.com



www.community-GUIDE.com

- Agencies giving assistance
- Area Codes
- Canton
- Churches
- Colleges
- Commerce
- Courts
- Dining &
- Entertainment
- Downtown Shopping Plymouth
- Downtown Shopping Northville

JUST CLICK
TO CONNECT!!



- Shopping Old Village
- Emergency Phone Numbers
- Events
- Guide to Shops and Services
- Groups & Organizations
- Handy numbers
- Homes, Neighborhoods
- History
- Lawmakers
- Libraries in P-C-N
- MAPS of our communities

- Media
- Michigan offices, agencies
- Neighboring Governments
- Northville (City)
- Northville Schools
- Northville Township
- Other schools
- Plymouth-Canton Schools
- Plymouth (City)
- Plymouth Township
- Real Estate

- Recreation
- Restaurants
- Salem Township
- Superior Township
- Senior Citizen GUIDE
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Wayne County agencies and offices
- Voting precinct locations
- AND MORE!

ATTENTION Plymouth-Canton-Northville BUSINESSES:
Contact us for Advertising Opportunities on The **GUIDE** web site
(734) 453-6900

ATTENTION Plymouth-Canton-Northville Non-Profit Organizations
Contact us regarding site links to your web site
(734) 453-6900

arbor | LINK

An Inside for the Internet



PROFESSIONAL INTERNET SERVICES:

Web site design

Web site marketing

Web site hosting

Online commerce solutions

Graphic Design

Consulting

Office Computer Support

Hardware-Software Installation

Network Support

System Administration

www.arborlink.com

Ann Arbor

106 E. Liberty
Ann Arbor MI 48104
734.213.1650

Plymouth

169 W. Liberty
Plymouth MI 48170
734.414.8818

Call today for a free consultation

734.414.8818



Into the '90s

Businesses flock to the World Wide Web, Plymouth City online soon

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Among the tools connecting businesses in the 1990s, few are as accessible as the World Wide Web.

Businesses are developing a presence on The Web, and more and more often, those businesses are getting a response.

Among the recent or soon to be additions to the World Wide Web are the City of Plymouth. According to Tom Alexandris, information systems manager for Plymouth, the City is in the process of fine-tuning its Web Site and hopes to have it up and running within the next two months.

"We're trying to pack as much information as possible onto it," Alexandris said.

Alexandris said that some of the information on the Web Page initially will be city clerk information such as precinct information, and the names of people to contact within each of the City's departments. Longer term goals include putting the minutes from City Commission

and Planning Commission meetings and providing ordinance information so web-surfers can find out exactly what local ordinances say, he said.

"These are all just ideas," he said. "The first phase is a little easier. We just want to get the basic information on-line. Other services will come on-line more slowly."

The site will also contain links giving information about the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, and through that link, to area businesses as well.

The City's Web site is being developed by Arborlink, a Web Page production firm that will soon be opening an office in Plymouth. The company started about two years ago in Ann Arbor with a small business client base that eventually evolved to include mid-sized corporations according to Tony Keene, president.

"Plymouth has been a great location for us, there are a lot of dynamic, exciting things going on, Keene said."

Keene said he expects any business can

benefit by maintaining an on-line presence.

"It's definitely the telephone directory of the future, whether you're referencing television ads or print ads," he said.

Among the other local businesses to have a site developed by Arborlink is Blackwell Ford. Found at www.blackwell.com, the Web Page offers services from scheduling a maintenance appointment, to ordering car parts or even checking out and pricing a new car.

"We've had a lot of success with it," said Ron Robertson, general manager for Blackwell Ford. "We get quite a few inquiries."

Robertson said Blackwell's homepage is divided into sections representing the different services the car dealer provides. By clicking on the department, Web surfers can find information such as hours of the department and the department's manager.

Surfers can also use the page as a low-pressure way to price a new car, Robertson

said. By selecting a model and options, customers can request a price for a car without even entering the show room.

By printing the Web address on advertisements, Robertson said they attract after hours shoppers as well.

"We've sold 10-15 cars that way," Robertson said. "We're getting more and more responses all the time. You can really tell it's catching on."

Other types of businesses can benefit from from a Web page as well. Arborlink is also responsible for getting the Crier's Community GUIDE on-line. Found at www.community-GUIDE.com, the site contains all of the information found in The Crier's biggest supplement.

"It's taken a year for us to get the GUIDE completely and accurately on the Web," said Crier president and publisher, W. Edward Wendover said. "The new technology is a lot more complicated for us old fogies than you'd think. As my daughter tells me: 'Gee dad, welcome to the '80s.'"

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

RUSSELL REED, DIRECTOR
1998-1999 PROGRAM

Sun. Sept. 20, 1998 4:00: **THE VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN**, Italian American Banquet Center, Livonia;
Kevin Miller, guest conductor

Sat. Oct. 17, 1998 8:00: **GRAND OPENING**,
Plymouth Salem HS Auditorium; Gershwin, Mendelssohn, Corigliano;
Deborah Rebeck Ash, flute

Sat. Nov. 21, 1998 8:00: **ALL AMERICAN**,
Pease Auditorium, EMU; Lentini, Iannaccone, Gershwin; Glenda Kirkland, soprano & Conwell Carrington, baritone

Dec. 11, 12 & 13, 1998: **NUTCRACKER**,
Plymouth Salem HS Auditorium; Plymouth Canton Ballet Company,
guest artists

Wed. Dec. 30, 1998 TBA: **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP 100TH ANNIVERSARY**, Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville

Sat. Jan. 30, 1999 8:00: **CHAMBER CONCERT**,
Plymouth Canton Little Theater; Youth Artist winner; PSO chamber ensembles

Sat. Feb. 20, 1999 8:00: **RITE OF SPRING**,
Plymouth Salem HS Auditorium; Haydn, Debussy, Stravinsky

Fri. Mar. 12, 1999 6:00 Dinner: **POPS CONCERT**,
Laurel Manor; Guest Conductor

Sat. Apr. 17, 1999 8:00: **REED FINALE**, Shostakovich,
Brahms (David Reed, violin & Robert Reed, cello), Respighi;
Programs, dates and locations subject to change

Please call (734)451-2112 for tickets or to be put on our mailing list



15% OFF
All Luncheon Entrees to
Plymouth, Canton &
Northville Chamber
Members

We offer an exciting executive 9-Hole Par 3.
Perfect for short game practice, beginners, ladies & children.

Please Call For Tee Times
(734)420-0144 • (734)420-8140

We are located on Haggerty Rd. between Five and Six Mile Roads
in beautiful Northville Township

PUCKETT COMPANY, INC.

50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
PLYMOUTH-CANTON-NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY

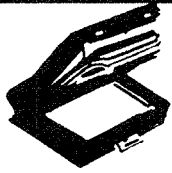
PLUMBING • HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING

Repairs, Replacements & New Installations

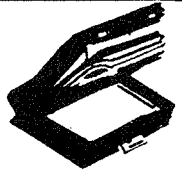
Licensed & Insured

Call (734)453-0400

412 Starkweather • Plymouth



Getting down to business



Getting
down to
business

The regular meeting of **Northville Chapter of Business Network International** will be held Thursday, May 7 from 7 - 8:30 a.m. at **Kerby Koney Island** at 8 Mile and Haggerty Roads.

The **Plymouth Chapter** will meet May 7 at the **Water Club Seafood Grill** at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Mr. Pita, located on Ann Arbor Road just east of Main Street, is sponsoring Pita Patrol.

Plymouth Police will issue tickets to children wearing safety helmets while biking, roller blading or skateboarding.

The ticket can be redeemed for a free Kids Meal at the restaurant.

Mr. Pita opened earlier this month.

The **Plymouth Chamber of Commerce** is holding a Secretary's Day Luncheon Wednesday, April 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The luncheon will be held at **Plymouth Manor**, on Main Street one block east of the railroad tracks.

Fee for the luncheon is \$17 and includes a flower for each secretary, guest speaker K.C. Mueller of Remerica Hometown and a mini fashion show of Men's and Women's Apparel such businesses as Motown Harley, Unique Accessories and I Do Two Bridal Salon. In addition to lunch, there will be a drawing for Secretary of the Day and other door prizes.

Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540.

Johnson Controls will offer its first specialty, brand-name automotive seats — under the internationally known Recaro name — through an agreement announced today with RECARO North American.

Johnson controls gains the exclusive right to manufacture RECARO brand-name seats for passenger cars and light trucks. The joint venture will be called RECARO Johnson Controls LLC and be located in RECARO's headquarters in Clawson, MI.

With its automotive headquarters in Plymouth, Johnson Controls is the world's premier manufacturer of automotive seating and interior systems. RECARO North American is a U.S. subsidiary of RECARO GmbH & Company of Kirchheim, Germany that designs and produces a full line of premium seat systems.

Magic Bus stops in Plymouth

'Alternative' clothing store aimed at teens, young adults

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Magic Bus has stopped in Plymouth,

The Dearborn-based clothing store sells streetwear geared towards younger clients, according to Mita Pasqualle, who owns the two stores with her husband, Wesley.

"Our target is 15-25 year-olds,"

She said. "But obviously we get older and younger customers as well."

Magic Bus features alternative-style clothing and other products such as shoes, incense burners, candles and oil lamps.

The clothing they sell is in the same vein as that in stores such as Contempo and Pacific Suncoast, although shoppers won't find exactly the same name brands.

"We deal with smaller companies that sell strictly to boutiques," Pasqualle

said. "They don't sell to chain stores."

Pasqualle said the store's Dearborn location opened in August of 1993, and has built a big enough client-base to expand.

After researching markets for the better part of a year, the Pasqualles decided on Plymouth, she said.

"Plymouth didn't have any

'alternative' boutiques," she said. "They tend to service a wide area. Royal Oak was taken care of and Ann Arbor had their own."

"We were very eager to be in a small town. We didn't want a strip mall."

Pasqualle said she and her husband spent about two months researching Plymouth to ensure there was a strong client base to build on.

"There's nothing but development as far as you can go," she said. "There

was also a lot of kids, a lot of coffee shops and the very big high school."

Pasqualle said it was likely no one would recognize the interior of the store, located on the corner of Wing and Forest streets, if they had been inside during one of the store's previous incarnations.

The remodeling included laying down a hardwood floor and covering two of the buildings windows. The ceiling was also lowered slightly and painted a pastel blue, giving the store a light, airy look. Customized wood dressing rooms were also added.

"It's been amazing seeing the looks on peoples faces when they come inside," she said. "They can't believe what we've done with it."

Pasqualle said that she and her husband will run the store with help from her sister, but will probably hire additional within a few months.

"We don't want to run ourselves ragged," she said. "We'll probably hire in at least one person or two."

The store is scheduled to open Saturday, April 18 at noon.

Magic Bus

895 Wing Street.

Plymouth

(734) 354-9430

Open: Noon. to 8 p.m. Mon.- Sat.

Noon - 6 p.m. Sunday.

Rivers declares war on bankruptcy

Current and pending legislation were among the topics discussed by U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) at the Community Federal Credit Union's annual member breakfast Wednesday.

Rivers, whose district includes all of Canton, the Plymouths and Northville Township, spoke to the recent court decision limiting membership of non-community-chartered credit unions.

H.R. 1151, sponsored to limit the effects of the court decision, would amend current law to modify common bonds.

"We found out that people like their credit unions," Rivers said.

Rivers also mentioned upcoming legislation that could make it harder to file for bankruptcy.

"People who can pay their bills through restructuring their debt should not be able to escape their obligations," she said. "Now some people who declare bankruptcy without much of a change in lifestyle. That should change, too."



A DIRECTORY TO YOUR COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

ATTORNEY

JOHN F. VOS III

- Slip and Fall Injuries
- Bodily Injury Cases
- Auto Accident (No Fault)
- Defective Product Injuries
- Professional Malpractice
- Workers Compensation

**Sommers, Schwartz
Silver & Schwartz, P.C.**

NO FEE FOR INITIAL
CONSULTATION

OVER 50 LAWYERS
SERVING YOU FOR 40 YEARS

(313) 455-4250
PLYMOUTH

ACCOUNTANTS

POST, SMYTHE LUTZ, & ZIEL, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
SERVING THE PLYMOUTH
COMMUNITY SINCE 1961

- Corporate, business and individual tax planning and tax preparation.
- Management advisory and consultation
- Business valuation and litigation support
- Estate planning and tax preparation
- Audit, review and compilation engagements.

1034 W. Ann Arbor Tr., Plymouth

(313) 453-8770

Fax (313) 453-0312

An A. I. C. P. A. Quality Reviewed Firm.

ACCOUNTANTS

BOLOVEN, MOON & COMPANY, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Nuts & Bolts! A few business-like thoughts...

IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS
*Plan your financial future
—don't just go along for the ride.*

*"Gifting is still the easiest, least expensive
method of estate planning," -Ted Boloven*

If any of these thoughts make sense, and if you're looking for
DIRECTION IN YOUR BUSINESS, call Ted Boloven for a few
more business-like (a.k.a. Nuts and Bolts) thoughts.

44315 Plymouth Oaks Blvd.
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(313)453-9985

ATTORNEY

BARONE LAW OFFICES, PLC

- PERSONAL INJURY
- ESTATE & FINANCIAL PLANNING
- CRIMINAL LAW
- DIVORCE & FAMILY LAW

607 S. Main St.
Plymouth, MI 48170

(734)414-0358

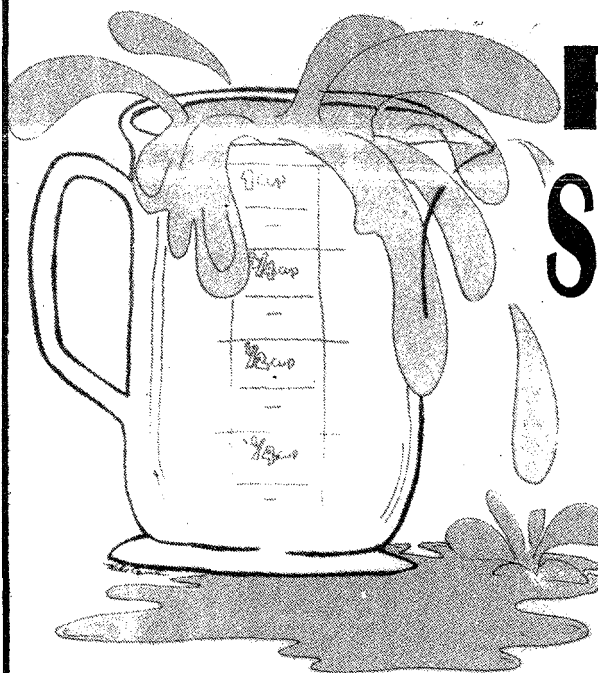
One Block South of the
Mayflower Hotel

**If you would like your
service listed here**

CALL 734-453-6900

Ask for Michelle
Call today!

When we say
FULL
our cup
runneth over!



FULL SERVICE

PUBLISHING: Custom Publishing,
Writing, Editing, Photography, Brochures, Publications,
Newspapers, Magazines, GUIDES®, Newsletters, Inserts,
Catalogs and all Printed Materials.

AD AGENCY: Media Purchasing &
Placement, Design, Print Production, Full Video &
Audio Production.

PRINTING: 4-COLOR, Heat-Set & Cold
Web, Sheet Fed, Quantities of 10,000 to 10 Million.

- MEDIA RELATIONS • MARKETING •
- ADVERTISING SALES • DISTRIBUTION •

COMMMA

COMMITTED • COMMUNITY • COMMUNICATIONS

345 Fleet Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Call Marketing Director, Gerry Vendittelli:

(734)453-6860



Business parks offer perks

Continued from pg. 13

In addition to the compatibility issue, there is also traffic issues as well, Roberts said. "The more successful industrial parks are located close to freeways and have easy access for truck traffic as opposed to having trucks winding their way through residential areas."

According to Jeff Goulet, Canton Community Planner, industrial parks are generally planned with one single thoroughfare, which prevents the multiple curb cuts that tend to clog traffic on county roads.

The consistent uses within the park are set up by local ordinances, he said, and benefit both the community as well as the businesses themselves.

"It prevents a hodgepodge look of development," Goulet said. "The industrial park provides an opportunity to control the style of the development. It's similar to a subdivision, with consistent landscaping and architectural themes throughout the complex."

Another benefit of industrial parks is the owners association, according to Roberts. Similar to a homeowners association for a subdivision, the owners association for an industrial park

is a service provided by the park developers, Roberts said.

"As you purchase a parcel of land to construct a building or lease a spec building you're required to join the association," Roberts said. "The company pays a small fee, which goes into the association fund."

The fund goes toward the maintenance of landscaping standards, planting flowers and other services which raise the aesthetic quality of the park.

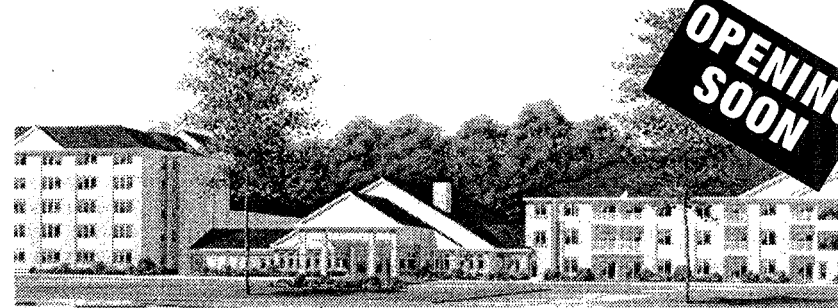
It also provides a loose-knit governmental body, Roberts said. The owners association can handle complaints firms might make against each other, such as one company leaving their garbage by the side of the road or other practices restricted by the association's code.

In addition to this, the owners association sets several pages of use restrictions for types of businesses allowed in the park.

"You're not going to end up next to a nuclear bomb factory or a cattle slaughterhouse," he said. "You'll find that the zoning is a commodity you can quantify and if you play by the rules, you'll be a welcome member of the community."



Industrial parks often boast organizations such as owners associations, groups which maintain architectural standards and handle minor complaints within the parks. They also provide landscaping aesthetics such as these flowers from R.A.DeMattia's Plymouth Oaks Industrial park at Sheldon Road and M-14.



The Elegant Retirement Community in Plymouth

WE'RE NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

Located on Northville Road, south of Five Mile, we offer elegant luxury apartments and the services to provide you an exciting retirement lifestyle. Consider our two rental programs:

Independent Living

- 30 meals monthly
- Bi-weekly housekeeping
- Weekly flat linen service
- Electricity, heat and water
- 24-hour staffing
- Scheduled van transportation
- Planned activities

Independence Plus

- 3 meals daily
- Daily housekeeping
- Weekly personal laundry
- Electricity, heat and water
- 24-hour staffing
- Assistance with bathing
- Bedding and towels
- Weekly linen change



Now Accepting Reservations

Call Linda or Karen for more information and your free Color Brochure.
734-453-2600 or 800-803-5811
Marketing by P.M. One Ltd.

Plymouth Dog Jog '98

• • Saturday, May 9, 1998

Kellogg Park, Plymouth

Registration: 12 Noon

Dog Jog: 1:30 p.m.

"Dogmatics": 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

"DOGMATICS"

Dan Morris Canine Precision Drill Team

All participants will receive a limited edition "Dog Jog" T-shirt and will become eligible for great prizes. All participating dogs will receive their very own designer Bandanna.

Presented By: Plymouth Kiwanis Club

Proceeds To: Michigan Humane Society
Huron Valley Humane Society
Plymouth Kiwanis Club



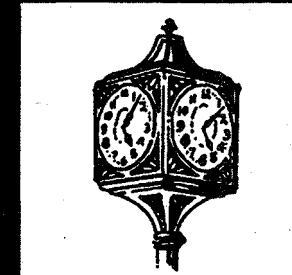
To Participate: Pick-up registration Form from-
• Supporter Listed Below
• 9450 S. Main Street, Suite 101, Plymouth, MI
• Call Eric or Denise at (734)459-7000

This Ad Courtesy of Tim White at Roney & Co.



DIAL O IT

SHOPPING
Help is only a phone call away!



AC/HEATING

Puckett Co., Inc.
412 Starkweather
Plymouth, MI
(734) 453-0400
• Air Conditioning • Heating
• Plumbing • Sewer Cleaning
• Visa • Master Charge
• Night & Day • Licensed
• All Areas

ADDITIONS / KITCHENS

Complete Kitchen Design
Visit Our Showcase Kitchen Display
Showroom Hours by Appointment

RAY R. STELLA
Plymouth's Hometown Remodeling Contractor
• Additions • Family Rooms • Dormers
• Sun & Garden Rooms
747 S. Main • Plymouth
(734) 459-7111

AIR TREATMENT

DUNLAP
HEATING & COOLING INC.
Carrier
CUSTOM MADE INDOOR WEATHER
• HUMIDIFIERS • AIR CLEANERS
• AIR CONDITIONERS • FURNACES
SINCE 1949
(734) 453-6630

ALUMINUM GUTTERS

FLOW RITE GUTTER COMPANY
Aluminum Seamless
Gutters & Downspouts
Alum/Vinyl Siding
Soffit & Facia Trim
FREE ESTIMATES
(734) 459-6280
Licensed & Insured

ASSISTED LIVING

WALTONWOOD
Waltonwood Assisted Living
Residence is designed to meet the
individual needs of those who
require assistance with the
activities of daily living, but do not
need the skilled medical care
provided in a nursing home.
(734) 397-8300

AUTO REPAIR

Affordable Automotive
Specializing in Ford
Starters • Alternators
General Repair
Imports & Domestic
8508 Lilley • Canton
(734) 454-4804
Mechanics with a conscience

BATHROOMS

SHORTON PLUMBING
• Sewer & Drain Cleaning
• Water Heaters
• Complete Service
• Heating & Cooling
Visit our new location!
(734) 455-3332
1382 S. Main Street, Plymouth

BORDERS & WALLPAPER

Retail & Commercial
COLBY'S Borders & Wallpaper
We Have the Area's
Largest Border Selection
• IN STOCK & SPECIAL ORDER WALLPAPER
FREE SAMPLES
• SPECIAL ORDER WINDOW
TREATMENTS
36143 Plymouth Rd. (at Levan)
734-762-7273

BUILDING & REMODELING

BUILDING A REPUTATION
FOR QUALITY AND SERVICE
IN HOME REMODELING

Richard WARD Builders
Building and Remodeling
(734) 453-1478
Licensed • Insured

CERAMIC TILE

VAL-TILE
SALES, SERVICE & GUARANTEED
EXPERT INSTALLATION
Outstanding Selection - Visit Our Showroom
VAL-TILE FLOOR STORE
42146 Ford Rd. • Canton
(734) 981-4360

CONCRETE

Artistic Concrete & MASONRY
• Pools & Restoration
• Patios & Porches • Steps
• Driveways • Foundations
• Brick Pavers • All Type Repairs
Free Estimates
Licensed & Insured
(313) 943-4413

ELECTRICAL

KEETH
• HEATING • COOLING
• ELECTRICAL
One Call For All
(734) 453-3000
400 N. Main • Plymouth
LENNOX
Since 1951 • FINANCING AVAILABLE
Free Estimates • Licensed/Insured
VISA • MASTERCARD

FURNITURE REFINISHING

"Preserving Our Heritage"
PLYMOUTH FURNITURE REFINISHING
331 North Main
Call Jay Densmore
(734) 453-2133
• Custom Finishing
• Repairs & Regluing
• Caning • Hand Stripping
• Antique Restoration

GIFT BASKETS

THE GIVING SPIRIT LTD.
• Valentines
• Get Well
• Thank You
• Happy Birthday
Business & Personal Gifts
THE GIVING SPIRIT LTD.
748 Starkweather • Plymouth
734-459-4506
SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1989

HOME INSPECTIONS

FYI INSPECTIONS
MI Lic. #2101064256
Supplies you with an immediate
written report including:
ROOF, ATTIC, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, FOUNDATION,
WINDOWS/DOORS, HEAT/AC, BASEMENT
(734) 416-8200

HOME MORTGAGES

GROUP ONE
MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Denise J. Staffeld
Mortgage Consultant
Bus. **(734) 953-4000**
Pager **(810) 970-4896**

LANDSCAPING

Mark J. Baldwin & ASSOCIATES INC.
• Award Winning Landscape
Designs & Installations
• Brick Paver Walks, Patios
& Driveways
(734) 455-1350
website: www.markjbaldwin.com

PAINTING

DECORATING SERVICES
• Painting
• Wall Papering • Trim Moldings
• Drywall & Plaster
free estimates/no obligations
professional work/tully insured
(734) 451-0987

PLUMBING

FOR THE BEST IN PLUMBING CALL
JOHN F. CUMMING
LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL
FREE ESTIMATES
734-453-4622
SINCE 1958 • PLYMOUTH

PUBLISHING

COMMA,
With a team-like environment
COMMA, and its on-staff marketing
consultants, artists, designers,
writers and photographers can help
you build your publishing
successes.
345 Fleet Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-6860

REMODELING

JAMES FISHER
LICENSED BUILDERS
• Additions
• Remodeling
• Roofing
• Siding
• Decks
• Garages
• Finished Basements
• Free Estimates
• Insured
(734) 455-1108

RETIREMENT LIVING

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGES Mid '98
Now Accepting Reservations
• STUDIO • STUDIO DELUXE
• ONE BEDROOM • TWO BEDROOM
• INDEPENDENT LIVING
• INDEPENDENCE PLUS
Northville Rd. South of 5 Mile
734-453-2600
Marketing By P.M. One Ltd.

SNOWBLOWER REPAIR

SAXTONS
Snowblower Repair
\$44.95 Plus Parts
2 cycle powered units
only. Includes
carburetor rebuild.
(Regular 49.95)
587 W. Ann Arbor Tr.
Downtown Plymouth
734/ 453-6326

TRAVEL

World Travel Inc.
PMC CENTER
42183 Ann Arbor Rd.
(734) 459-6753
Hours: 9AM - 5:30PM Full Service
Sat. 10AM - 2PM Travel Agency

WIRING

Bidwell electric
• Service Changes
• Circuits Added
• Remodels
• New Construction
• Free Estimates
(734) 451-7449
Licensed • Insured

Civilians' 1998 essay contest:**Biotechnology—hope or horror?**

*Winning essays in Civilians
1998 essay contest tackle
issue of eugenics and
human biotechnology*

Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering: Who's in control?

1st Place

BY MATT ERICKSON

The job of an engineer is to improve, with applied science, something to better the lives of everyone. Engineers can make many technological creations faster, smarter, smaller; make any type of improvement. But when we speak of genetic engineering, we speak of human life. To engineer it would mean to craft it so that we can "improve" upon it. To some, this may sound like a good thing. Others may see disaster. It is very difficult to tell how much is too much technology; but the best thing we can do is actually think things through. Many times too few view points are considered, not enough thought is given, and not enough patience is displayed. What I'd like to think about is the root of many technological beliefs, a result of our goals and values, our motivation, our dominant philosophy; then answer a big question of technology: Where do you draw the line?

"Imagine no possession. I wonder if you can."

-John Lennon

"Science and technology reflect the value system of the society that has given rise to them" says Mike Cooley, head of the Technological Division at the Greater London Enterprise Board. In the past century or so, modern western culture has adopted a type of existential philosophy; a philosophy that assumes that man is the ultimate species and that Earth is our for the taking. This philosophy values material, tangible things, and natural science explanations. With the current modern western philosophy, what is good or what helps us is the most profitable, and technology seems like a good calculated business decision. An alternative to this way of thinking would be to see an equality between humans, animals, plants, and the Earth, where no one or thing is superior and none inferior. With this point of view, we don't weep plants, animals, or land as just something to slap a price tag on. Humans would not be the dictators of Earth, but just another species participating. If we can shift our point of view, we may also look at genetic engineering in a different way. It is difficult for us, because we may not see any advantage to this other philosophy; we will not be awarded with money, power, cars, land, or possessions. In our philosophy, when technology produces something new, we can almost mathematically determine how it could help us; we can physically see the results. This modern philosophy is so dominant because it values force over reason. An historical example of this thinking



Teens on genes... Ruminating on the possible affects of genetic engineering and biotechnology brought kudos and cash to Kara Dupuy, Matt Erickson and Erin Connelly. The trio were winners in the Plymouth-Canton Civilians' Club essay contest. CEP English teachers and local newspaper editors judged more than 50 essays before awarding \$300 to Erickson for 1st place, \$200 to Connelly for 2nd and \$100 to Dupuy for 3rd place. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

is the difference between European Americans and Native Americans. The Europeans saw taking the Natives' land as a good calculated business decision, their only motivation needed to kill innocent people and

“All of these points are results of our contagious value system, and I think a little more education of other views will provoke more thought and challenge more logic and intelligence in deciding how much is too much technology.”

— Matt Erickson

destroy the homes of many species' of plants and animals. By force, the European seized the land the Natives occupied. The tangible results and use of force in our current philosophy also helps to fend off any doubters, like the natives. To avoid a dominant perspective, we must go to the source of the derived views: education. While life experience and parental influence can't and shouldn't be controlled, we can educate youth of all philosophies and ideas; not just the ones they're exposed to every day. Until about two years ago, I hadn't had a

class that challenged me to see different perspectives, or even really think about or question our value system. I've noticed many kids have already assumed that school is boring and systematic, so they avoid those classes or just tune out. They've basically been told, "go through the steps, look good on paper, get a good job, make money. Money equals happiness. No thoughts or ideas required, so don't rock the boat." I think that a well-rounded education can open people's minds, resulting in the ability to think about and question technological advancements.

"Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they never stopped to think if they should."

This quote is from the film *Jurassic Park*, a commercial film known for its action sequences and realistic special effects. The movie's author Michael Crichton did have a message, too, that technology can be dangerous. In the movie, a man and his scientists create living dinosaurs from fossilized DNA and are about to open a theme park when they lose control and the dinosaurs run amok. It seems scientists these days, like those who discovered cloning, are driven by the challenge of whether they can do it or not, and not whether they should. The scientists in the movie saw a challenge, perhaps never wondering of possible disasters. The question is: Is the motivation of all of this scientific "progress" to better our lives? For example, the 1969 landing on the moon is thought of as a great accomplishment, but what were the benefits? The likely motivation was to say that "we landed on the moon," and sadly, much of the original motivation for space exploration was fueled by a childish feud

Please see pg. 37

Historic words in a future Earth

Connelly predicts news, like the double helix, will spiral back in a eugenic world

2nd Place

BY ERIN CONNELLY

New York Times, Thurs., May 15, 2088

20 Supermen Escape

By Molly Kaiser
Associated Press

Yesterday morning there was a security breach at the Marine Corps training facilities in Quantico, VA. Twenty five Supermen unexplainably left the compound killing three superior officers and injuring four military police who tried to restrain them.

General Smith, the highest ranking officer on the premises at the time declined to comment on the situation.

The President held a press conference later in the afternoon and had this to say, "We are not sure exactly what happened. We currently have our team of researchers looking for the exact control gene for free will."

Residents in the Quantico area are advised that the Supermen should be considered dangerous at this point. Authorities are advising people to stay in their homes and look out for anything suspicious.

If you have any information you think will aid the authorities in capturing these men please contact them at: www.SupermanAWOL.com.

Molly Kaiser can be reached at 1-765-567-4580 or at her home page: mkaiser@nytimes.com

Editorial Section: Superman is our friend

By Ron Roland

There has recently been a large student movement protesting our military, specifically the Superman. I don't think that these young people realize the history of the military and reasons that these technological wonders were developed.

In the year 2027 the Human Genome Project, originally begun in 1990 and extended far beyond its fifteen year cut-off date, was finally complete. The book of man was now fully translated, and the US Department of Defense had an idea. Why not begin engineering a superior race? Not to populate the earth, but to be expendable soldiers used for armed conflicts instead of our civilians. How many talented young men and women had been killed in combat before contributing all that they had to give to American Society? So, the government scientists set to work. The process that they devised for making the Supermen, in my opinion is pure genius.

A number of eggs fertilized in vitro were genetically altered by inserting desirable DNA in place of any undesired strands. Each embryo was then split, and the twin was stored away in case the original was a success and a possible candidate for the multiplication process.* These zygotes were then transferred to artificial wombs.** After a few of these soldiers were born and tested engineering the rest was as easy as tracing a pattern. Now the year is 2088 and we have the Supermen. The Super men are a race of humans genetically engineered to be aggressive, strong, heartless, disciplined,

and unquestioning of superiors. They are perfect models for military service, executing all orders without fail or error. No longer does the American public have to worry about sending their sons and daughters to war because these Supermen are not our children, they are our protectors, and they are dispensable. The defense of the nation is no longer the people's responsibility because, patriotism has been replaced with a renewable resource.

Protests are expected, and because our nation gives its citizen's the freedom of speech they are legal. However, most of society sees the Supermen facilitating America's destiny to become the strongest, most powerful nation in the world. These protesting students should listen to our former president

Anthony Hampton (in office 2040-2048.) In spite of all of the strengths of the program it might never have been accepted by the American public were it not for him. Hampton alone convinced the American public that the program was a necessary and logical step in genetic engineering. Here's an excerpt from President Hampton's State of the Union Address in 2041

"When an opponent declares, 'I will not come over to your beliefs,' I calmly

say, 'Your child believes in us already... What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now believe in the new ideas. In short time they will know nothing else but this new philosophy.'"

After hearing these inspired words the American people who oppose the Superman Project should realize that it is in fact the way of the future, why fight it?

*The first to experiment here was Dr. Robert Sullivan of George Washington University Medical center. He split single embryos into

doubles or triplets, the "multiplication process."

**This process was pioneered by Yoshinori Kuwarbar, chairman of the Department of OBGYN at Juntendo University in Tokyo.

6 You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now believe in the new ideas... they will know nothing else but this new philosophy.'

— Adolf Hitler, 1933

What do you think?

Send your responses to Mr. Roland's column to rroland@nytimes.com. Letters can also be faxed to 1-765-567-34533.

Editor's note: "When an opponent declares, 'I will not come over to your side,' I calmly say, 'Your child belongs to us already... What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time they will know nothing else but this new community.'"

— Adolf Hitler Speech 6, Nov. 1933.

1998 SPRING GUIDE TO



The Community Crier

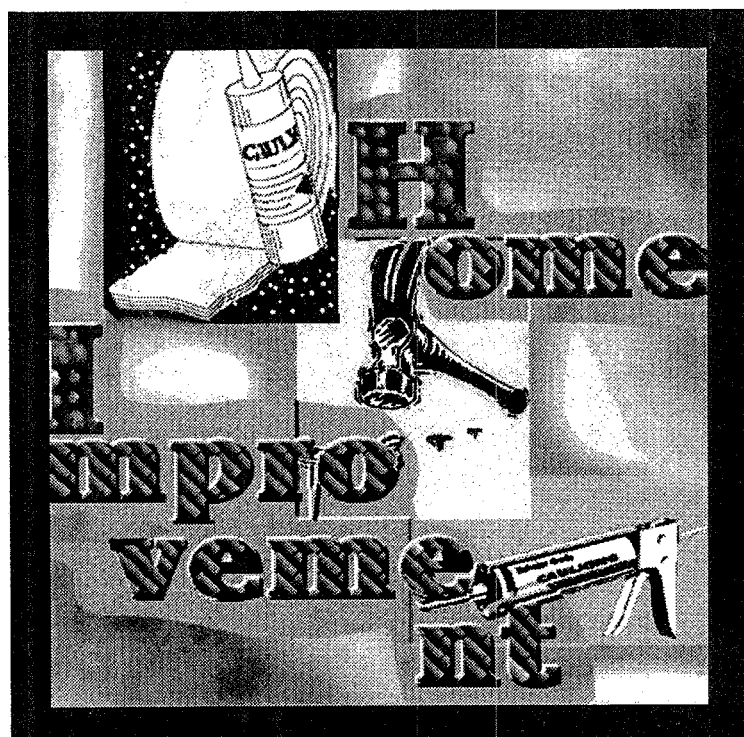
821 Penniman Avenue • Plymouth, Michigan 48170

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS

Deadlines are Fast Approaching!
Contact Your Ad Consultant Today!

Call (734)453-6860

The Crier
plus



Coming April 29

Why be different when you can be perfect?

Genetic engineering could be state's blueprint for building the perfect beast—of burden

3rd Place

BY KARA DUPUY

It is currently five-point-five hours in the a.m. of day 10011, in the year 2516. All citizens of the H905 division please report to you stations immediately.

A small microphone imbedded into the left ear of every citizen of the H905 division repeated these words ever morning. Impossible to ignore, I always wished I were created to be part of the JK73 division who were allowed special benefits such as resting an extra hour on days 10011 and 10100.

Though my rank was genetically engineered to sleep less and work more wondered what it would be like to sleep for

more than point-six-three hours every night.

The duration of schooling and training for the H905 division is almost through. Soon, the preparatory microphones will be shut off and reactivated to conduct instructed labor. There remains 1.49 months until our unit is moved out of preparatory quarters and in to permanent residence zoning. Not much will change. My cubicle is exactly identical to all other members of the H905 division...thus the current state will prevail for another 32.74 years, ending when it is time for me to step into the room where they send you on. Maybe the next cubicle will have a larger sphere of light, or a slightly softer resting-place. Maybe we'll be issued a new livery of a differ-

ent color or style. But until then, the H905 division shall be guided through every step of the day from the small preparatory microphones imbedded in our left ears.

Every day is exactly the same as the day before it... and the one before that... and the one prior to that... and so on. The H905 division wears a red jumpsuit with black cuffs. The H905 division thinks the same thoughts. The H905 division wears a red jumpsuit with black

cuffs. The H905 division thinks the same thoughts. The H905 division sleeps for point-six-three hours each night. The H905 division studies the history of a disconcerted society long before the wnders of genetic engineering were employed.

It used to be that a person was created randomly. Two people came together not knowing their genetic structure and performed a sort of primitive mating ritual to create an offspring. The offspring had some traits from each of its creators

(once referred to as a mohter and father) passed on through genes. The offspring could have good traits passed to them or bad ones. Since this was true, all people

looked and acted very differently.

A person was brought up in a sort of a large cubicl called a house in which all persons living there were related-meaning a mother and a father as wella s the offspring they might have. The offspring attended school, but not a

specific training school. Since the exact traits of a person remained unknown, they attended a general school to learn knowledge in many areas at the same time. Once the offspring was old enough, it got to choose a profession- an area of work. Sometimes the person would succeed in life, sometimes not.

This created much unhappiness. Because one was allowed to do whatever was desired with a day, a person would

Please see pg. 37

Though my rank was genetically engineered to sleep less and work more, I wondered what it would be like to sleep for more than point-six-three hours every night.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

VIRGINIA RITA PRINCE

Virginia Rita Prince, a Canton resident, died April 8, 1998 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Prince was born April 28, 1923 in Ionia, MI. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton community 15 years ago from Detroit. She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary (Tutro Post) of Detroit, MI. She loved to sew and make crafts.

She is survived by her daughter, Darlene (Richard) Rucinski of Plymouth; grandchildren, Rebecca and Patricia of Plymouth; brother, Ervin Nostrant of Garden City, MI; and sister, Patricia (Robert) Lebens of Columbus, OH. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Coounsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

WAYNE BENNETT CARMICKLE

Wayne Bennett Carmickle, a Westland resident, died April 2, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mr. Carmickle was born Jan. 1, 1929 in Paragould, AR. He worked as a head grocer for Kroger Food Stores for 45 years, retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Rakowski Carmickle; daughters, Cindy Lynn (David) Driver of Garden City, Carla (Ernest) Minissale of Novi, Carrie Lea (Roderick) Denkins of Wilmington, NC; brother, Arthur Carmickle of Plymouth; and eight grandchildren.

Private services were held. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial contributions can be given to Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI.



Your Guide to Worship

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH

45201 N. Territorial Rd.
(West of Sheldon Rd.)
(734)453-5280

Dr. Dean A. Klump, Senior Minister
Rev. Tonya M. Arnesen, Associate Minister

9:00 AM

&

11:00 AM

FAMILY WORSHIP
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
NURSERY

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
at Gottfredson & Ann Arbor Rd.
(From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd South)

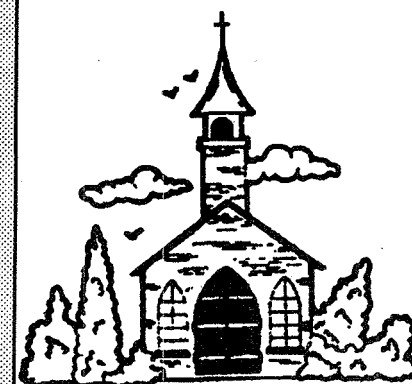
8:00am Praise & Worship Service
9:30am Lifeline-Contemporary Service

11:00 am Traditional Service
Continental Breakfast served 8-9:30am
Sunday School for all ages 9:30am

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
Rev. Wm. Branham - Assoc. Pastor
Nursery Provided

(734)459-9550

Worship with us this week!





Crier Classifieds

\$5.50 for the first 10 words, 20¢ each additional word.

Deadline: Monday, 4 p.m. Call (734) 453-6900

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

WE ACCEPT VISA & MASTERCARD



Antiques

ANN ARBOR ANTIQUES MARKET
THE BRUSHER SHOW
 Saturday & Sunday,
 April 18 & 19,
 8am-4pm, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road,
 exit #175 off I-94 then south 3 miles.
 Over 350 dealers in quality antiques and
 vintage collectibles all under cover.
 Admission \$5.00. "30th Anniversary Year
 1968-1998". The original!!

AGE-OLD CHELSEA
 ANTIQUES MARKET

APRIL 25-26

CHELSEA FAIRGROUNDS
 20 MILES WEST OF ANN ARBOR
 I-94 EXIT #159
 SAT 7-6 SUN 8-4
 ADMISSION \$4 FREE PARKING
 1.800.653.6466

Antique Autos

1926 Model-T 4 door \$5,000
 (734)461-1657
 1920 Nash model 681, 4 door
 convertible \$8,500.00 (734)461-1657

Autos For Sale

79 Grand Prix - Great body, runs decent.
 \$1,000. (734)981-7305

'89 Escort GT -

Great Shape - Excellent Condition.
 Stick/AC/New Clutch/New Tires. \$1900 or
 Best Offer. (734)435-7229-Pager

Children's Resale

Need extra CASH? Children's Orchard
 pays cash for children's clothing, toys and
 equipment in excellent condition.
 Call (734)453-4811 for appointment

Childcare

Licensed Home Day Care.
 Immediate openings. 18 months and
 older. Christian, non-smoker. Call Marsha
 (734)207-0583

LIVE IN CHILD CARE

Europair, a government designated
 exchange program is currently placing
 well-screened English speaking Au Pairs
 from Germany, France, Spain,
 Scandinavia and many other countries
 with qualified host families. For more info
 Call 800/960-9100

For Free

Looking for a loving home for 2 black &
 white Lap Cats. Neutered front declawed,
 recent shots, inside only. Adult oriented.
 Feeder & litter box included. Call
 (734)394-0825.

One used basketball pole, backboard and
 hoop to a nonprofit organization. You
 must dig pole out of ground. Call
 (734)459-1819 or (734)459-2402.

FREE GUINEA PIGS - one year old, adult
 males. (734)416-9130

For Rent

3 Bedroom, Year-round cottage in
 Charlevoix. Sleeps 8, fully furnished,
 short walk to beach. Weekly and
 weekend rates. (734)453-2371

Plymouth, Central Air, 2 Bedrooms, Sun
 Porch, Appliances, Basement, Shed,
 Newer Carpet. \$750 p/m.

P.O. Box 6171, Plymouth, MI 48170

PLYMOUTH - Studio apartment downtown
 near Kellogg Park. Laundry room in build-
 ing, clubroom, central air-great location.
 \$470 per month. Cats welcome at no
 charge. (734)459-7080 Village Green.

For Sale

Princess Di Beany Baby - Best Offer.
 (734)459-1980

For Sale

FISH FOR STOCKING: Giant Hybrid
 Bluegills, Rainbow Trout, Walleye,
 Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass, Catfish,
 Perch, Fathead Minnows.

LAGGIS' FISH FARM, 08988 35th St.,
 Gobles, MI 49055. (616)628-2056 Days.
 (616)624-6215 Evenings

Fax machine for sale. Call (313)295-2737

Moving Sale - Ping Pong table, Nordic
 Track, Wood/cushion sofa, Wood/leather
 chairs, Pr. upholstered chairs/stool, Dry
 sing, Oak end tables, Kitchen stools.
 (734)459-0289

CANTON, HOLIDAY ESTATE, 1981 COM-
 MADORE. 14' x 64', two bedrooms, two
 full baths, central air, in good condition
 only \$10,900. Phone (313)495-1762

Garage Sale

When you are planning your sale, don't
 forget to get the word out by putting it
 in The Crier. Remember, it pays to
 advertise. Call your

COMMUNITY CRIER CLASSIFIED
 DEPARTMENT for details.
 (734) 453-6900.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE -

Plymouth Canton Civitans

April 25: 8am-5pm.

At The Gathering next to Penn Theatre.
 CANTON 42531 ADDISON south of Ford
 Rd. west of Lilley, April 16 and 17, 9 to 4.
 Furniture, sports equipment and
 household.

GARAGE SALE: 1145 FAIRGROUND ST.,
 Plymouth, April 24 and 25, May 1 and 2.
 9:00am to 5:00pm. No checks please.

Home Improvement

DECORATING SERVICES
 PAINTING - WALLPAPERING
 Molding; drywall -- plaster repairs.
 CALL (734)451-0987

HOME IMPROVEMENTS, roofs, decks,
 basement, kitchens and more. Licensed,
 Paul (734)451-0106

YOUR PERSONAL HANDYMAN.

All types of work. Repairs and
 remodeling. 25 years experience.
 Lic. & Ins. (734)572-0859

KITCHENS-BATHS

Cabinets, Vanities, Formica & Corian
 countertops. 20 years in Plymouth area.
 Complete Design and Installation.
 Licensed Builder. Insured.

Mayflower Kitchens

734-459-2186

Kitchen and Bath Remodeling, siding,
 additions, dormers, all home
 improvements **SANTILLI BUILDERS**
 (734) 453-0955

BRATTON PAINTING & DECORATING
 Prompt Professional Service. Plaster &
 Drywall Repairers. Wallpaper removal.
 Tom, (734)482-7224, (734)455-7006

Brian's Painting, interior & exterior,
 15 years experience, 248/349-1558.

**SCOTT ADAMS RESIDENTIAL
 ROOFING NEW CONSTRUCTION.**

Tear off and Reroof
 Licensed and Insured. Free estimates.
 Financial Assistance Available.
 Call Scott- (313)422-6042

JERRY'S PAINTING

1983 Salem Graduate 12 years
 experience in this area. Quality Work!
 All interior and exterior painting.
 (734)482-5408

REMODELING & NEW CONSTRUCTION
 Roofing, siding, decks, additions, and
 drywall. All home repairs and
 improvements. Licensed and insured,
 James Fisher, licensed builder,
 (734)455-1108.

Home Improvement

Mr. Fix it-- Home Maintenance Inside
 and out, jobs big & small. Plumbing,
 Painting, Carpentry, Electrical, Phone
 jacks (313)454-3576

WALLPAPERING: Prompt installation,
 reasonable rates. Nancy 810-229-4907
 or Barb (734)455-1348

JOHN'S PROFESSIONAL PAINTING
 Interior / Exterior. References.

Free estimates.

Call John (734)425-4529
 Remodeling Express
 Specializing in Kitchens & Baths
 Every customer is a reference
 Over 30 years in business.

Licensed & Insured (810)225-1411
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
 Additions and New Construction Kitchens,
 Baths, Trimwork, Basements, and Decks.
FLOREN CONSTRUCTION CO.
 George Floren, lic. & insured Builder
 (734) 455-0730.

Housecleaning

HOUSE CLEANING Experienced, reliable
 women have house cleaning openings.
 Excellent reference. (734)453-2236

HOUSE CLEANING Honest and reliable
 women seeking to clean the home you
 care about with quality. Window Washing
 available. Bonded/insured. Excellent
 References (313)453-8717

If You Want It Clean - Call Christine
 Experienced & Reliable - Free Estimates.
 (734)459-2306

Lessons

PIANO LESSONS

PIANO STUDIOS of LEIGH JENKINS and
 ASSOC. Now accepting new students.
 Call (734)414-9844

Lost & Found

Girl: "Mommy, my cat ran away."
 Mom: "We should put an ad in The Crier."
 Girl: "Don't be silly. Kitty can't read."

Photography

RAWLINSON PHOTOGRAPHY
 Elegant Wedding Photography
 (734) 453-8872

Real Estate

*All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to
 Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal
 to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination
 based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial sta-
 tus or national origin or intention to make any such pref-
 erence, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will
 not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate
 which is in violation of law. Our readers are hereby
 informed that all dwelling advertised in this newspaper
 are available on an equal opportunity basis.*

Downtown Plymouth Brick Ranch for Sale.

Very clean & updated. Open House
 Saturday & Sunday 12-5. (734)416-1972

Services

I can fix any VCR for less than \$50.
 Also, used VCR's for sale under \$50.
 Call Fred at (734)455-9364

Services Wanted

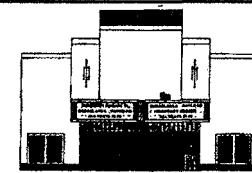
Rototiller - Person with rototiller to trans-
 port and till 10' x 12' plot in the Plymouth
 area. Call (734)453-1558

Curiosities

Carriers Needed to deliver The Crier each
 Wednesday in Plymouth, Plymouth Twp.
 and Canton. Call Circulation Department
 at (734)453-6900

COMING SOON - Plymouth Historical
 Museum Yard Sale - Sat. May 30th
SALLY - We really relate. My beautiful
 plant died the day after your brother left.
 My daughter-in-law took it home to bury it
 so he'd never know. Geneva

Curiosities



Penn Theater

Own a piece of Plymouth History. 15
 Buildings to choose from including the
 Penn Theatre, Mayflower Hotel, Wilcox
 House, & Post Office. Stop in today or
 call for a complete list. **Gabrialas, 322 S.
 Main St., Plymouth, (734)455-8884.**

ATTENTION CRIER READERS

Are you without a carrier in your
 neighborhood? It is now possible to
 receive The Paper With Its Heart In The
 Plymouth-Canton Community, by mail, at a
SAVINGS. Call now! (734)-453-6900
 1 year \$40.00

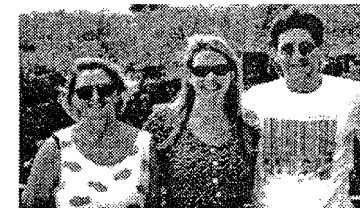
or

send your check (or Visa/MC #) with your
 name and address to
 The Community Crier
 821 Penniman Ave.

Plymouth, MI 48170-1624

HAVE FUN - Annual Yard Sale
 Plymouth Historical Museum Sat. May
 30th, 8am-5pm. See you there!

Build a Willow Birdhouse Bench.
 Saturday, April 18, 10am to 4pm.
 Learn the skills and techniques to build
 willow furniture while building a bench to
 take home. For more information call
 Naturally at 734.453-9491



At least 2 out of the 3 are cute.

DEAR MARTHA ET AL: By this time you
 have received your April 1st paper and will
 have read the article about the Mayflower
 Hotel which was an April Fools joke made
 without malice of forethought.

Unfortunately, many people read the first
 three lines of the article, as I did, and
 thought it was for real. There must be
 many like us for I had at least fifty calls
 asking for verification or protesting. Only
 one laughed and thought it was funny.

When I told the young man who was
 responsible for the article, (which was well
 written by the way,) he was most apolo-
 getic and had thought that no one would
 not recognize it as an April Fools joke.
 Never a dull moment in this business!

Bless you, Geneva

COMING MAY 30 DU MOUCHELLE
 ANTIQUES appraisal clinic. Canton
 Historical Society at Cherry Hill School.

BEAUREGARD eats lamb chops while
 watching Whaler hockey. (He was resting
 on his Laurel(s) and minding his Manor(s).)

DAVE COOK wanders up and down
 Penniman Avenue on Saturday mornings.



It's a Bird
 It's a Plane
 It's "AMY"!



Crier Classifieds

\$5.50 for the first 10 words, 20¢ each additional word.
 Deadline: Monday, 4 p.m. Call (734) 453-6900

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!
 WE ACCEPT VISA & MASTERCARD



Curiosities

Massage Classes.
 Learn the art of massage. Wednesday nights from 6:45 to 9, beginning April 15. Discounted meals and much more. Apply today at 8068 N. Wayne Rd., Westland, MI or call (734)421-2110

Call **Naturally** for more information.
 734.453.9491

LATHAM STEVEN JOHNSON

4:31 pm
 April 8
 6 pounds, 10 oz.

SANIBEL ISLAND POPULATION UP ONE

Curiosities

CREON - You are the greatest. Thank you! Johnnie and Geneva

SALLY AND ED - Love my scarf. Thank you, Geneva

MIRTO - My favorite food. Thank you. G.G.

BROOKE AND DEAN - How could anyone be as lucky as I. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I love you both. Aunt Geneva

MCNAMARAS - you spoil me and I love it. Thank you. Geneva

The Easter Bunny left eggs all over Auntie's house - Paybacks girls-Paybacks!

Curiosities

GET ON THE WWW!
 Visit
 www.community-GUIDE.com


ALL THE UP-DATED INFORMATION on PLYMOUTH-CANTON-NORTHVILLE-SALEM-SUPERIOR

Nicole - Did the Easter Bunny find you in Texas?

WAYNE CARROLL: was that your son "riding patrol" with you? No, that was "No way," said the 16-year-old pulled-over driver.

Curiosities

Thanks Gerry from Josh & Lisa
 Bobby was a great Easter bunny - Thanks for all your hard work!



3 World Leaders
 Alternate Caption: "Two Bald Guys You Can't Understand & Sally"

Help Wanted

The Crier is Now Accepting



\$5.50 for the first 10 words, 20¢ each additional word.
 Deadline: Monday, 4 p.m. Call (734) 453-6900

ARBY'S RESTAURANT OF WESTLAND is now hiring full and part-time help. We offer up to \$7.50 per hour. Flexible hours. Discounted meals and much more. Apply today at 8068 N. Wayne Rd., Westland, MI or call (734)421-2110

Bookstore in Plymouth has full time day position available. Retail experience preferred. (734)455-5220. Little Professor

COURT REPORTER SEEKS EXPERIENCED TYPIST for transcription. Call Cindy (734)729-4342

Direct Care Staff to assist developmentally impaired children and young adults. All shifts available. **MUST HAVE DMH TRAINING.** Call Our Lady of Providence Center, Northville. (734)453-1300.

DIRECT CARE STAFF
 Group Homes in Canton & Belleville need caring staff to serve developmentally disabled adults. \$6.50/ph. Call (313)981-9328 or (313)699-6543

DUNKIN DONUTS
 Counter Sales / Finisher
 Part Time / Night Shift
 Will Train / Flexible Hours
 Apply in person

34417 Ford Road at Wildwood
 Westland, Michigan

EXPERIENCED, CERTIFIED LIFE GUARD WSI for summer swim program for infants through adults. Also needed mature, experienced aquatics program coordinator, youth sports instructors and day camp counselors. Call Plymouth YMCA (734)453-2904 to apply.

EXTRA INCOME FOR '98 Earn \$500-\$1000 weekly stuffing envelopes. For details-- RUSH \$1.00 with SASE to:

GROUP FIVE

6547 N. Academy Blvd., Dept. N
 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Growing Chiropractic Office in Canton seeks energetic, non-smoking, enthusiastic, mature individual with basic secretarial skills for a part-time receptionist/assistant position. Typing skills a must. To apply Call (734)981-6969

Hair Stylist Wanted. Full time Barber Shop in Olde Village. (734)453-5020

H.H.A.'s/C.C.A's/N.A.'s

All shifts. New high rates. (734)455-5683
 Financial Secretary for a church, 20 hours/wk. Fax resume (734)453-0375 or send to Dr. Klump, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Salary range: \$12,000-\$14,000. (734)453-5280

HELP CHILDREN SUCCEED- consultant needed, work 20-30 hrs./wk., income \$20,000. Training allowance, commissions, plus bonus. Homemakers, teachers and community volunteers do well in our work. Call C. Knapp (734)464-0931. EOE

LANDSCAPING FIRM seeking reliable seasonal help. \$300 plus/Full time. Call Sid at (248)486-4840, leave message.
LAWN MAINTENANCE and landscaping help. Plymouth area. (734)416-9718

KITCHEN MANAGER & ASSISTANT MANAGER

Seeking hardworking, enthusiastic people for new retirement community in Plymouth. Experience in all aspects of food service a requirement. Excellent benefits including health insurance & 401(k). Please call for an appointment. (734)453-2600

PART TIME PRESS PERSON

Some experience necessary to run AB Dick 9800 Series offset press. Fax resume to (734)459-3559: The Pen & Ink Print Shoppe

MAINTENANCE

Fast paced, Detail oriented.
 Benefits after ninety days. Full time.
 220 Ann Arbor Road.

McDonalds Restaurant (734)453-4760

Operations Manager for a church, 20 hours/wk. Fax resume (734)453-0375 or send to Dr. Klump, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Salary range: \$10,000-\$12,000. (734)453-5280

POSTAL JOBS to \$18.35/HR INC. BENEFITS. NO EXPERIENCE. FOR APP. AND EXAM INFO, CALL 1 800 813-3585, EXT 3870, 8AM-9PM, 7 DAYS fds, inc

RETAIL WALLPAPER STORE expanding needs sales and greeters. Call 762-7273

Receptionist

Part-time, afternoon hours to answer multi-line phone system and perform light clerical duties. Candidates should be multi-task oriented, have pleasant voice, manner, and the ability to type accurately. Must be able to work Saturday mornings, and be flexible to fill in for vacations and sick days. Pleasant work environment, excellent starting wage plus 401k and paid holidays. Send resume to or apply at: Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 8050, Attn: H.R., Plymouth, MI 48170-8050

Resident Aide

Full or part time 7am-3:30pm or 3pm to 11pm for assisted living facility in Plymouth. Call 9 to 4 Mon. thru Friday (734)451-0700.
SALES/CLERICAL CUSTOMER SERVICE for photo studio. Hourly plus commission. Medical benefits.
 Call Wendy (734)453-7430

Salon Trio is hiring a full time stylist. We are a Toni & Guy concept salon committed to education. Our salon is departmentalized. If you are motivated and looking for a great career in a salon that offers continuing education then we are looking for you.

Salon Trio

734-451-0550

Sprinkler Service Technician. Immediate opening. Must have good driving record. Experience helpful but not required. Good pay and benefits. Located in Plymouth (734)354-9085

Tellers

Currently accepting applications for part time teller positions at our Plymouth and Northville offices. If you're personable, enthusiastic and looking for an exciting fast paced, challenging career, consider CFCU. Previous cash handling or teller experience a plus. We offer a competitive starting wage, 401k, paid holidays and tuition assistance. Send resume to or apply at: Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, P.O. Box 8050, Attn: H.R., Plymouth, MI 48170-8050

STEP AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR Tuesday and Thursday, nine to ten AM. Call Plymouth YMCA to apply. (734)453-2904
WILDLIFE JOBS to \$21.60/HR INC. BENEFITS. GAME WARDENS, SECURITY, MAINTENANCE, PARK RANGERS. NO EXP NEEDED. FOR APP. AND EXAM INFO CALL 1 800 813-3585, EXT 3871, 8AM-9PM, 7 DAYS fds, inc

DRIVERS NEEDED

MUST BE:

- RELIABLE
- AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
- AT LEAST 18 YRS OLD
- ABLE TO LIFT APPROX. 20LBS.

MUST HAVE OWN

TRANSPORTATION:

CRIER CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

(734) 453-6900

Now Accepting



Call (734) 453-6900
 to place your ad today!

GO WHALERS!

*Ridin' the
storm out!*



Best Wishes in the Playoffs from your community!

Plymouth Cultural Center
525 Farmer, Plymouth MI 48170
734 455-6620

Trading Post - Dave Cook
1009 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth MI 48170
734 453-0022

Merrill Lynch - Pat McKendry
17199 N. Laurel Park Dr. Suite 105
Livonia MI 48152
734 953-6905

Cameron Miller & Associates
Cameron Miller
134 N. Main St.
Plymouth MI 48170
734 455-1230

Remerica of Michigan
40500 Ann Arbor Rd
Plymouth MI 48170
734 459-4500

NA Mans Building Center
41900 Ford Dr.
Canton MI 48187
734 981-5800

Mexican Fiesta Restaurant
44401 Ford Rd.
Canton MI 48187
734-981-1048

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
819 Penniman Ave
Plymouth MI 48170
734 451-2112

Quality Inn Plymouth
40455 Ann Arbor Rd
Plymouth MI 48170
734-455-8100

Menard Builders
PO Box 700232
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 451-7400

Station 885
885 Starkweather
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 459-0885

Steve Petix Clothiers
340 S. Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 459-6972

Lowertown Grill
195 W. Liberty
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-1213

Mirto & Company
292 S. Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-8900

Brian Stacey - Attorney
233 S. Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 459-3710

Jill Andra Young Photography
825 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 455-7787

McMahon's Side Street Pub
860 Fralick
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-4440

sideways
505 Forest Ave.
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-8312

World Travel
42183 Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 459-6753

McDonald Ford
550 W. Seven Mile
Northville MI 48167
248 427-6650

Vassel's of Plymouth
9468 S. Main St
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 459-2066

The Plymouth-Canton
Community Crier
821 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-6900

COMMA,
345 Fleet Street
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-6860

Main Street Auto Wash
of Plymouth
1191 S. Main St.
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 455-9685

Mr. B's
1020 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 459-4190

Ginopolis Parthenon
14900 Beck Road
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 453-4455

Peoples State Bank
Mike Weaver, President
245 N. Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170
734- 455-1511
Member F.D.I.C



Sports

Sports shorts

T-Ball Registration will be held by the City of Plymouth parks and recreation department at the Plymouth Cultural Center April 20-May 1.

It is open to all 5-6 year old boys and girls. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning June 20th and running through August 8th. Also, the department is looking for volunteer coaches. All head coach's children play for free. For more information call 455-6620.

The Plymouth YMCA is now registering youngsters for **Spring T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Youth Softball and Spring Soccer leagues.** Other programs being offered include pre-school sports classes, aerobics, Camp Tonquish and Camp Jellybeanz. Call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 to register or for more information.

The Plymouth Whalers have announced details of next season's tickets.

One more home game -- up to 34 -- is included in the package that also allows two "rain check" dates where patrons can turn back scheduled tickets twice. A new discount will be offered to season ticket holders for group tickets.

End zone reserved tickets are going up in price \$1. The Whalers' schedule for 1998-99 has not been released, but sources said there are more Friday and Saturday evening games than the current season.

Canton parks and recreation is offering tennis instruction, from 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning the week of April 27 for adults 16 and over. The 4-week program is open to beginners and advanced participants. Space is limited. Costs are \$30 for residents, \$35 for non-residents.

Calling all cars

Race announcer celebrates 15 years of his "favorite times"

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It's a Saturday night in June. At Flat Rock Speedway the qualifying rounds have ended and the racing program is about to begin. The crowd, 4,000 strong, shifts excitedly in anticipation.

Amid a swell of cricket sounds and screeching tires, a familiar voice booms from below. In long, drawn out words it comes, "It's my favorite time of the night."

Like a roaring engine, the voice echoes through the aluminum bleachers, and into the sweltering night. The crowd cries out in approval, stomping their feet in unison like an army marching into battle. Only now can the races begin.

So it goes every weekend for Gary Lindahl, racing announcer, and self-proclaimed "back-ground music," at both Flat Rock and Spartan Speedways. A Plymouth resident since 1995, Lindahl's voice has provided the play-by-play at area racetracks for more than 15 years.

"Basically I am the public address announcer," Lindahl says. "I am the link between the race track and the fans."

But unlike many P.A. announcers, Lindahl keeps the talk going for most of the time. "It's like a five or six hour radio show with no script," he says. That includes interviews with drivers and sponsors, and nearly constant play-by-play when the race is in motion.

"There is no producer calling the shots," Lindahl says. "I do it all myself."

Lindahl, 46, began his announcing career back in the early eighties, but his fascination with the sport goes back much further than that. "My dad started taking me to races when I was four," he says. "We went to the Jackson Motor Speedway every Saturday night."

As a youth in Jackson, Lindahl would hang around the local garages where local car builders and drivers would do their work. "I was one of those guys that got known around the pits," he says. "I got in with that crowd."

Lindahl's interest in racing would soon evolve into writing for local publications. He began a nostalgia column for Marc Times Racing News in the winter of 1975, and in the early eighties got a job as local race reporter for the Jackson Citizen Patriot.

The next few years were spent learning the tracks, the drivers, and the promoters when his big break finally came.

"I had been covering races at Butler Speedway for sometime, when in 1983, the race announcer had to be gone for three weeks," says Lindahl. "Without really asking me, he tells the promoter I could fill in for him. I had never been behind the microphone before in my life. I had no experience."

Nevertheless Lindahl accepted the temporary position. "The first time I announced, it took me five tries to turn on the microphone, I was so nervous," he says. "But luckily I knew everybody on the track and I got through that first night okay."

After the first couple of weeks, Lindahl says he knew he had found his niche. "I was blessed with two things," he says, "knowledge and a voice."

Local promoters agreed, quickly scooping up Lindahl's act to fill in at other tracks. Within months Lindahl was working the circuit, substituting at tracks all over Michigan. Less than one year after his initial break into the field, Lindahl had already landed two coveted announcing jobs.

"People began really liking what I did," Lindahl says. "I think the race car drivers thought they had finally gotten one of their own behind the mic."

Besides his knowledge of the sport, Lindahl credits his success to his outward enthusiasm as well. "I guess it comes from sitting in the grandstands all those years," he says. "Nobody ever did any-

thing to pump people up."

Understanding this, Lindahl began throwing more of himself into his announcing. "I remember one night, the race program was about to begin, and I thought to myself, 'You know, this is my favorite time of the night,'" he says. "So I said it out loud and the crowd loved it."

Since then, it has become his signature phrase. "People come up to me all the time and say, 'Hey, it's my favorite time of the night,'" he says. "I think they would all get bummed if I didn't say it anymore."

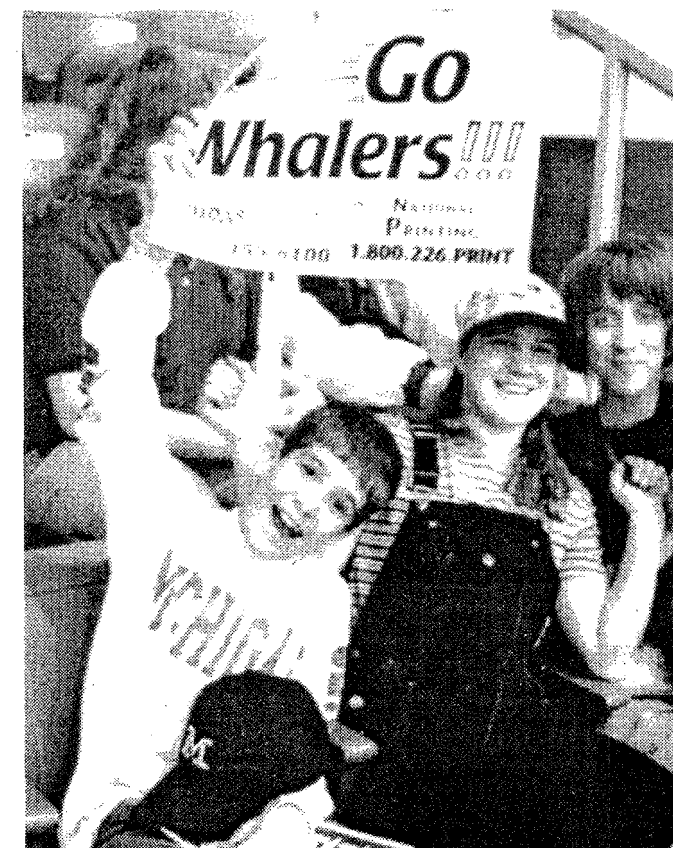
Doubling as a salesman for Inland Waters Pollution Control of Detroit during the week, Lindahl holds a pretty tight schedule to maintain his announcing duties. "On Fridays I am usually running into the booth just as the qualifying races begin," he says.

But the hectic schedule doesn't seem to slow him down. "I enjoy what I'm doing," he says. "The competition, the noise, the people, I love it all."

For Lindahl, announcing has been a natural step. "It comes by instinct," he says. "It's not something you can just read off a card. It can't be taught. You have to know the crowds, know when to seize the moment."

Hoping to seize several more moments in the future, Lindahl says he doesn't plan on hanging up the mic anytime soon. "I want to stay as long as my voice holds out," he says.

Along with his signature beginning to the racing program, Lindahl has developed an ending as well. "When I say it everybody knows the races are over," he says. "I say, 'Ladies and Gentleman please be careful on the way home, and we'll see ya.'"



Whaler Fever... Fans waved and shouted Monday night at Compuware, but nothing they did could keep the Whalers from a loss. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Players seize day in playoff run

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Sometimes fans forget who they're cheering for. They know the team, they know the organization, they know who's home, and who's away. But amid all that, they forget who the individuals are.

In terms of team sports, this isn't always a bad thing. Players themselves often exhibit the same mentality. But as the Whalers dive deeper and deeper into the playoff pool, and the tension of the sport rises, the whole playoff picture isn't defined by the drive, by the fans, or even by the trophy. In the end it is defined by the players.

There has been talk of a parade through Plymouth if the Whalers win the championship. Whether or not that means simply the OHL championship, or a Memorial Cup trophy, no one knows for sure. But one thing is for certain, if a championship does come, there won't be champagne in the locker room. At least not for the players, or at least not legally. With every player on the team under 21 years old, the celebration could be reduced to Pepsi splashing, as sticky as that sounds.

Young man thrust into the spotlight, the Whalers' players have taken this exciting time in stride. It has become in many ways a college-like experience for them, an exclusive fraternity, where pass-handling skills, not beer-drinking ability, is the standard.

"The last few months of the season we've really become a family," said Brian Passmore, a 17-year-old senior at Plymouth Christian Academy. "We do everything

together. We go to the movies, we had a Superbowl party, things like that."

The majority of the players on the Whalers are from Canada, but any cross-border differences haven't kept them from seeing eye-to-eye. "We are all interested in the same things," said forward Eric Goodly. "We all like girls."

That might be expected from a group of thriving young men. The high school girl contingent at most games is more than noticeable, fawning and giggling as the players skate off the ice. But rather than letting the attention get to their heads, the players have accepted their new positions with an innocence and a maturity unusual for most people their age.

Much of that can be attributed to the Whalers organization. Coach Peter DeBoer and his staff demand players live up to a higher standard. After games, players are required to dress in a shirt and tie, and during the season they are held to a nightly curfew.

Assistant Coach Steve Spott also acts as the team's education consultant, ensuring that the player's scholastic activities aren't burdened by their time on the ice. Extra study time is often scheduled after practices, and tutors are brought in to assist.

According to left winger Kevin Purdy, a senior at Plymouth Christian Academy, those attending high school have missed a total two weeks of classes since the playoffs began. "We've played more games during the week in the playoffs," he said. But, he adds, it hasn't affected their school

work. "We're actually trying to finish early. And the teachers (at PCA) understand our situation."

For many of these players, this OHL experience represents the end of their hockey road. Many will not play at a higher, more competitive level. And many will not return next year. That's what makes the OHL unique, the singularity applied to each year.

"During the regular season, you can win, you can lose, it really doesn't matter as much," Goodly said. "But during the playoffs, every game counts. If you don't win tonight, you might not be here tomorrow."

There are no bonuses for a championship. No \$15 million prize for reaching the semi-finals. There is only the will to play one more day, to hold on to the family that they have developed, and to secure their memories for years to come.

Every Whalers player dreams of something more, the NHL, the Stanley Cup, and for some those dreams may some day materialize. But for others, especially the veterans who are playing out their last year, this playoff run means something more.

For nearly their entire lives they have played hockey, they have lived and breathed the sport. For them, this may be the final period, although they may not immediately realize it.

So when you go out to cheer the Whalers this week, remember what they are fighting for. Not so much for the trophy, as for another day of family.

Whalers near brink of elimination

Continued from pg. 35

Expect both Thursday and Friday's games to be more physical. After an end of the game scuffle between Whaler Jesse Boulerice and Guelph forward Bob Crummer, Plymouth may be looking for retaliation. Crummer briefly knocked Boulerice unconscious on a sucker punch to the face, as Boulerice was held up by a linesman. After wearily leaving the ice, Boulerice returned to voice his anger at both the Storm and the officials.

"I thought it was an intent to injure," said DeBoer of Crummer's cheap shot.

The Whalers now face the difficult task of returning to Guelph Thursday night for a must-win situation. Three days off may not be enough for this tired team. And it won't get much easier after that, with another game back here on Friday.

(At) **Guelph 2, Plymouth 1** — Eric Beaudoin's goal 11:19 into the third period broke a 1-1 tie as the Storm opened the series in Guelph with a tough victory Friday night.

Guelph goaltender Chris Madden held off a ferocious Whaler attack, turning back 38 of the 39 shots that came his way. Whaler



Guelph right winger Ryan Davis celebrates another Storm goal as Robert Esche and John Paul Luciuk look on Monday night at Compuware. Early in the second period Esche was spectacular against a fierce Storm front, but by the third, there was nothing he could do as both the Whaler offense and defense shutdown. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

netmaster Robert Esche was nearly as impressive with 36 saves.

The Whalers lone goal came from Yuri Babenko on a powerplay, 11:05 of the middle period.

"I think that was a game we really should have won," said DeBoer. "We came out in the first two periods and dominated play. We could have easily been up by three or four goals."

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Thursday, a doubleheader, at home versus Ypsilanti at noon. Saturday, a double header, at home versus Fordson at noon. Monday at home versus John Glenn at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Saturday at the Essexville Tournament at 9 a.m. Monday at Northville at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Friday and Saturday at the Mansfield Relays at 10 a.m.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Saturday at the Taylor Invite, time TBA. Monday at John Glenn at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Saturday at home versus Saline at 1 p.m. Monday at Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Saturday at the Lady Chief Relays at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the April Showers Relays in Ypsilanti at 3:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Monday at home versus Walled Lake Central at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Gross Ile at 3:30 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

Saturday, a double header, at West Bloomfield at noon. Monday at Franklin at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Monday at home versus Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

Saturday at the Elks Relays in Dearborn at 10 a.m.

CANTON SOFTBALL

Saturday at the Taylor Kennedy Invite, time TBA. Monday at home versus Franklin at 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

Monday at home versus John Glenn at 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Saturday at home for the Lady Chief Relays at 10 a.m.

CANTON GIRLS GOLF

Monday at home versus Walled Lake Western at 3 p.m.

Respect the awesome force in genetics

Continued from pg. 27

with Russia. So much of that was political, almost like a commercial for the U.S. government, but they succeeded in making Americans proud of their country, and I'm sure it felt good to stick their tongue out at those damn commies. People may still think of it as one of the high points in human history, as a great achievement. But the bigger question I have is: should we really be doing this?

"Genetic power is the most awesome force the planet's ever seen but you wield it like some kid that's found his dad's gun."

This is also from *Jurassic Park*, referring to scientists' assumptions that they can control life. When we try to proceed with something like cloning, we are assuming that we know everything that there is to know about genetics, that we have the knowledge to manipulate something so complex that there is still no agreeable explanation of it's origin. To proceed with genetic engineering displays the enormous arrogance that scientists have that not only do they understand nature and can control it, but decide that it is flawed and that they can do a better job. Perhaps we are not as smart as we think we are, to defy nature, something that has worked for millions of years. "Our knowledge of how the human body works is still elementary. We simply should not meddle in areas where we are so ignorant" say W.F. Anderson, quoted in *Modern Biotechnology*, 1987. This assumption is also a result of our philosophy that would believe that human beings are not amazing designs but orderly and predictable machines. This is another area where an introduction to different views is school could shift people's beliefs. When we create something we know little about, we are bound to make mistakes. But we must remember when we are dealing with human life or nature, the consequence could be devastating and/or irreversible.

"Men have become the tool of their tools."

-Henry David Thoreau

It is not at all hasty to believe that if we have all of this technology, then we will feel we must use it. In the technological age, when something new is introduced, we often feel that we need it, and people today are planning their lives around their machines. This technology was supposed to help us, but with new technology, expectations are increased. If curing terminal illness with the transfer of DNA becomes commonly practiced in years to

come, will people feel unbearable pressure to change a deformed-child? With genetic engineering, you will likely be expected as a parent to "correct" your child if he/she isn't perfect. This could mean that biotechnology will not become much of a choice in the future. When technology is not an option, this is where I believe we draw the line. If we simply think about things like this, we can try to make sure we always use technology to our advantage.

"It would be difficult to imagine society rejecting any genetic modification that promised to improve, in some way, the performance of the human race."

- Jeremy Rifkin

President, Foundation of Emerging Technologies,

"It would be difficult to imagine society rejecting any genetic modification that promised to improve, in some way, the performance of the human race."

This quote is by Jeremy Rifkin, president of the Foundation on Emerging Technologies, an organization in Washington, D.C., and one of the most prominent opponents of genetic engineering. This basically means that if we decide to use genetic engineering, it will also be hard to determine when to use it. It may be intended for the handicapped or retarded, but there will always be people trying to abuse the system; people likely may become pickier and pickier, possibly altering DNA for a perfect Barbie doll appearance. When we correct all flaws, we treat humans as goods, like farmers tossing out the bad apples. I don't mean to label or associate anyone, but people were fearful of Adolph Hitler's devious plans in 1940's Germany to create a selective super human race. He believed that his kind were superior, and

we call him insane because he killed Jews and other minorities because he thought they were inferior. We called that lunacy. I believe that it is the same basis that we classify the disabled or imperfect humans as inferior, flawed, or as examples where nature screwed up. We must be aware that it ultimately comes down to someone's decision of whether to delete a "flaw" or not, which is based upon their opinion of what a flaw is. I think it is crucial to recognize this issue, and if people aren't informed of it, they may make the same mistake that the Nazi followers did: follow the lead of a lunatic who decides what is "flawed."

My opinion is simply that we should be careful of what we're doing and recognize what we're dealing with. We must think of the true unique value of nature, not on paper, before we destroy it. We should realize that when we make changes in humans that fit what we think is ideal, we are spitting on nature, saying that it's not good enough. We should also look rationally at the benefits of technology as motivation over challenge and achievements. All of these points are results of our contagious value system, and I think a little more education of other views will provoke more thought and challenge more logic and intelligence in deciding how much is too much technology. The same principles all recent technological advancements apply to genetic engineering except this time human life is at stake. It is scary to think that a lack of knowledge may lead us to the construction of something that destroys us. That is why we must always make sure that we control technology, and not let technology control us.

One final interesting point I found in *Jurassic Park* is how Crichton seemed to make each major character a representative of society, and how they would handle something like biotechnology. The most excited about the opening of the park was the business lawyer who envisioned monstrous profits. Well documented in the film, the doubter who actually thought things through was almost killed by those who forced him to conform, ignoring his idea that they could be doing the wrong thing. And the man who sabotaged the achievement could represent the common man; greedy for profit, unaware of what kind of power he was dealing with. His ignorance and assumption that he was in control nearly resulted in complete disaster for everyone.

Tailor-made humans, or slaves?

Continued from pg. 30

often waste it watching pictures flash on a screen or speaking about nothing with other individuals. Not everyone had a place to live in. And many people were destructive and immoral. Since this primitive race was allowed to purchase things with a currency, the unsuccessful portion of the population was subject to covetous feelings and thus might try to take what others had. Or worse, take away the life of an individual before they had served their 50 years in that dimension. Also, in that era, one was let live for as long as they could stand, even if they were completely inactive and useless in society. Space was wasted.

Present day society is tangible proof that our race has come a long way since the uncultured and ignorant way of life. We maintain order. Every person know exactly where they stand in their respective social classes and is happy to function there. Each person is able to operate well because of the fact that they are designed to complete the tasks assigned to them. We are all designed to function at a certain speed, comprehend a particular amount of knowledge, as well as specialize in

an area of work by devoting our lives to that specific obligation. No person knows what it is to be tired or hungry or to have the burden of thinking strange

Before genetic engineering, 'one was let live for as long as they could stand, even if they were completely inactive and useless in society. Space was wasted.'

thoughts or being different other than the distinctions between divisions of different classes.

But how is this possible? genetic Engineering, my friends! Though it took a long time, scientists finally have proven it possible to design a perfect human being

completely fit to operate within an area of expertise for a lifetime. The most intelligent and elite beings were bred and cloned to perfection-down to the most specific attributes including sleeping and eating habits as well as specific areas of mental expertise. An array of specialized humans was developed. Eventually, all of the individuals who were not created in test tubes were killed. A superior race had been born and there was no longer any need for individuality. Wasted space in never good. That is why the decision was made by the XK2000 division, what would have been referred to in past times as members of a government, to end the human life at 50 years of age. After living for such a long time, the mind is tired. It is more beneficial to the society to have young and nimble minds working toward utopia.

We are all happy here. Living in a completely proficient society is much better than having to deal with the ancient problems of poverty, crime, hunger, and ignorance. Everyone knows exactly where he or she stands. And where one stands in this society is always exactly where one belongs and where one should be. We are never out of place. Citizen 8873096. We are all happy



Community opinions

The Mayflower Hotel:

Rotten review from would-be guests

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was addressed to James Allison of The Mayflower Hotel and copied to The Crier. Hotel developers Matt and Keith Karmo were invited, but declined to respond.

Dear Mr. Allison,

After speaking to you Monday, April 6 regarding our visit Saturday, April 4, I feel it necessary to inform you that my husband and I will dispute the charges for that evening. We were planning on a pleasant and relaxing overnight stay at The Mayflower, since we both work very hard during the week. We live in Ann Arbor and thought Plymouth was just far enough away to get away from home. So we booked a room at The Mayflower.

You asked if anyone had told us about the hotel when we made our reservation — no, they did not! The only thing we were told was the restaurant was closed. As the evening went on, we became more and more appalled by the condition of the hotel

and our room. No one told us that the hotel was in such disarray and that the cleanliness was, without a doubt, not at all up to par.

To reiterate what we discussed Monday:

1. When we arrived Saturday, we went all through the hotel trying to find someone to check us in. It took more than 15 minutes before anyone appeared.

2. The elevator we took up to the second floor was a real adventure. Are you sure this elevator

should be running?

3. We asked about a restaurant to have dinner and the clerk wasn't sure where locations of the restaurants were and had to call. He told us that Station 885 was within walking distance? Thank goodness we took the car.

4. The bedspread on the bed had a big rip in it along with a cigarette burn. We questioned the cleanliness of it as well.

5. The jacuzzi — what a joke! We had to

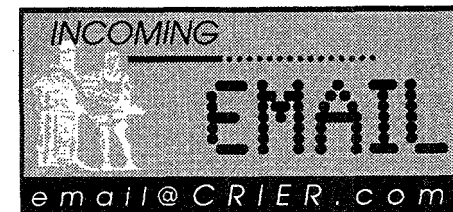
wipe it out before we could use it. Plus, the jets had no power.

6. Taking a shower in the room was unbelievable. Besides sharing it with bugs, the mold accumulated inside was disgusting.

7. We could not believe all the cracks in the window, either. Why in heaven's name is this place open for business? We paid \$125 (\$112.50 with a AAA discount) for a room that could very possibly be in a flea-bag hotel. Better yet, my husband described it as the Bates Hotel.

When we decided to leave, around 10:00 p.m. that night, we walked downstairs and the TV was so loud no one even heard us come down. The only thing we said to the clerk was we were leaving and very disappointed. She said nothing, just looked at us. I picked up a newspaper in your lobby, *The Community Crier*, and happened to read the (satirical) article about The Mayflower. You mentioned it was an April Fool's joke.

We paid \$125 for a room that could very possibly be in a flea-bag hotel. Better yet, my husband described it as the Bates Hotel.



Well, to me, the comment, "the hotel would be immediately gutted, which should take all of five minutes," would not be a joke. We are still thinking about what an unpleasant experience we had and cannot believe The Mayflower is still in business.

Close the doors so others don't experience what we did.

Thank you for listening to us. Hopefully, this letter will be shared with the owners, whoever they are.

BRUCE AND JUDY McCLURE
Ann Arbor

Defending the 'coward'

EDITOR:

Erica D'Angelo labels Jim Tantalo as a coward for publishing his thoughts while maintaining his anonymity (*The Community Crier*, March 25).

To distribute any sort of material on school campus requires stamped approval of said material by school administration. Any paper expressing (God forbid) controversial or thought-provoking topics would never see the light of day by these channels. So Jim's only option for getting his paper published was to do so anonymously and covertly. To take responsibility for his self-expression would mean, as we have too plainly seen, a reprimand out of all proportion, not to

mention public pillorying by small-minded journalists.

To call him a coward for refusing to make his identity known is tantamount to calling Jews that concealed their identity in Nazi Germany 'cowards.'

Who is Erica D'Angelo to write Tantalo off as a coward?

She self-righteously preaches from the high moral ground of popular public opinion. If she ever had an original thought of her own that was anything other than banal criticism and hypocritical disrespect for our first amendment rights, I'd be interested to see if she were any 'braver.'

RICK PURZER

Goodfellows' thanks

EDITOR:

We'd like to thank you again for your assistance in producing our Plymouth Goodfellows Christmas Paper. We'd especially like to salute Mike Carne and Rhonda Delonis of COMMA, who did terrific work in setting up the paper.

The 1997 edition looked especially good and definitely contributed to our very successful campaign. Once again we were able to assure that, in Plymouth and the Township, there were "No Kiddies Wlthout A Christmas."

We couldn't do it without you and the other respectful people in the community.

JULIE PETRO

Secretary, Plymouth Goodfellows





Community opinions

The Age of the Manure Spreaders

With malice toward none:

Get your gardens ready.

It's that bi-annual time that uninvited home-delivery of garden manure is the public servant wannabes' mantra.

It's the Age of the Manure Spreaders.

Even more so this year... the Michigan "term limitation" time cap hits the first time. That means that those politicians who can't find real jobs in the private sector have to jockey for something else at the public trough.

So you get Deb Whyman, the State Rep from Canton, going after the State Senate seat being vacated by Bob Geake.

And you get Lyn Bankes, who must retire from the State House, running for Wayne County Commission.

Meanwhile, Thad McCotter, who is the Wayne County Commissioner leaving his seat to make room for Bankes, is also aiming for the Geake Senate seat. That puts Whyman, McCotter and former (one-term) State Rep Jim Ryan in a three-way race for the GOP State Senate nomination. Ryan argues that he's more than a "pro life" candidate — which he'll need to stop Whyman from sweeping the field. Moderate Republicans may convince another woman — Canton's Elaine Kirchgatter? — to enter the race.

With the term limit "bubble" hitting the worst this fall, some of these hopefuls are more desperate than normal.

It's a "worse than usual" Age of the Manure Spreader. Two years ago saw little competition for most races and was tame by comparison.

If you vote, you can expect that your porch will be targeted for lit drops, or even worse...

...at least one politician will come to personally spread manure on your porch — get your garden ready and send him or her directly there.

If the early round of 1998 press releases are any indication, you'll be able to fertilize your garden this spring without buying 20-pound bags from Saxtons Garden Center.

Even in the normally mundane Plymouth-Canton School Board race — five candidates of an original six hopefuls remain for three seats on June 8 — the first volley has been fired. (See next week's Crier for details.)

And with the Plymouth-Canton Schools' bond issue tied up in court by (potential Wayne County Commission candidate?) Jerry Vorva, the board is considering whether to add another middle school bond issue to a special election ballot this year. As one supporter of the last bond issue proclaimed: "Why would I vote for another bond issue when (School Superintendent Charles) Little can't get the last one figured out?"

The Manure Spreaders are fertilizing everybody — even where there aren't elections there.

The City of Plymouth holds no elections this year, but you couldn't tell that by the antics. City Manager Steve Walters wishes there never had been that practice of providing police-like badges to department heads and elected



Campaigning in Canton (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

commissioners. If the Mayor gets a badge, why doesn't Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, who knows how to whine to the newspapers about being shorted his tin? (At least that answer is not the Stella Greene anatomical reason.)

But Walters IS happy with some of this year's early political fallout. Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara (facing a tough reelection challenge from Sharon McPhail) is now considering delivering a railroad underpass (like all the ones he got built in his own Livonia) in order to get the coveted endorsement of Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke that he asked for.

Plymouth Township has no races, but the board's squirming there too. The City is tired of the "recreation shuffle" and no return phone calls from Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy. (Township residents are grumbling about the board's ignoring recreation as well.) So the township may see more heat before an August millage request on recreation and/or police-fire funding.

As the township is forced to beg for money, Township Treasurer Ron Edwards is still trying to balance the main checking account there for the first time since June, 1997. The new township audit's management letter should be out just in time to kill the recreation millage campaign — so the board can then point and say, "See, the residents don't want recreation. Instead, they want a new Township Hall." Manure!

Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller is going after the job of State Rep (and former Township Trustee and Supervisor) Gerry Law, whining that Law's campaign funds come from PACS outside the district. (K.C.'s running on her recent windmill tilt to ban aluminum siding in the township.) Now, with K.C. jumping in, watch for the aluminum siding manufacturers' PACS to funnel cash through the downspouts to Law in Lansing (you can't find him in the district).

Canton — where there also are no elections this year — is touched now too. Trustee Melissa McLaughlin has jumped in to the

Wayne County Commission race since her pal Bruce Patterson is leaving his jousting with McNamara to run for Whyman's State Rep seat.

The aforementioned candidates — except McNamara — are all Republicans. (The school candidates are non-partisan.)

Democrats are scrambling to find fodder to fill out the November ticket. In fact, Democratic Hopeful for Governor Doug Ross is here tonight to help that (and his own) cause.

Thus far, only three Dems are in The Plymouth-Canton Community elections fray.

Wayne's Mayor Ken Warfield is going to have at the State Senate seat he lost to Loren Bennett four years ago.

U.S. Rep Lynn Rivers, who promised when she originally ran for Congress that three terms was enough, is about to run for her third term. Republicans have really scratched the barrel to look for someone to throw up... (that term sounds about right too for that position).

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, whose district includes the northeast corner of Canton, will run again. It's possible she'll have a Democratic primary and a Republican challenge in November.

At the top of this year's election tickets will be Gov. John Engler and ???????? as the Democrat. A giant unknown is how serious the up-and-down coattails may be. Will Geoffrey Feiger run for Guv in his newly formed "Clown Party"?

Of course there are the genuine "minor parties" too. Rarely do they affect the outcomes — but they could in a tight race.

But the biggest unknown is just who else — besides those named above — might jump into the races.

To that end, any of you interested in joining the Age of the Manure Spreaders firsthand should know these important dates:

MAY 12 — deadline to file for partisan races on the August-November ballots.

JUNE 8 — school elections.

AUG. 4 — primary election.

NOV. 3 — general election.

The Community Crier



THE
NEWSPAPER
WITH ITS
HEART IN THE
PLYMOUTH-CANTON
COMMUNITY

821 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth, MI 48170-1694
(734) 453-6900
email@CRIER.com

Located in historic downtown
Plymouth's tallest building

PUBLISHER:

W. Edward Wendover

GENERAL MANAGER:

Mike Carne

EDITOR:

Bryon Martin

PHOTO EDITOR:

Richard Alwood Jr.

REPORTERS:

Scott Spielman

Scott Goodwin

ADVERTISING DIRECTOR:

Jack Armstrong

ASST. ADVERTISING DIRECTOR:

Chuck Skene

ADVERTISING CONSULTANTS:

Michelle Tregembo Wilson

BUSINESS MANAGER:

Lisa A. Lepping

BUSINESS ASSISTANT:

Diane Giera

ASST. CIRCULATION DIRECTOR:

Maura Cady

RECEPTIONIST:

Geneva Guenther

INTERNS:

Bryan Boyd

Erica D'Angelo

Julia Nelson

Kristin VanDusen

PUBLISHED EACH WEDNESDAY

by The Plymouth-Canton

Community Crier, Inc.

CARRIER DELIVERED

\$2.25 monthly, \$27 yearly

U.S. MAIL DELIVERED:

Monday through Friday in U.S.A.



Printed on
Recycled
Paper

Comma
COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

345 Fleet St.
Plymouth, MI 48170-1656
(734) 453-6860

PRESIDENT:

W. Edward Wendover

GENERAL MANAGER:

Mike Carne

MARKETING DIRECTOR:

Gerry Vendittelli

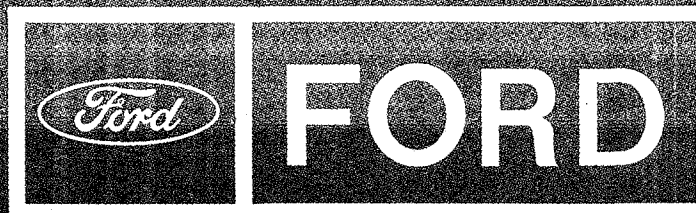
ART & PRODUCTION DIRECTOR:

Rhonda Delonis

INTERN:

Linda Kochanek

Blackwell



Serving you is
our greatest
honor.

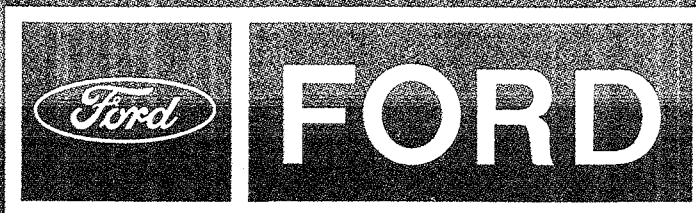
*1997 marks the third year
Ford Motor Company honors
dealers achieving high customer
satisfaction with the North American
Customer Excellence Award.*

We didn't win the North American Customer Excellence Award by making false promises or talking a good game. We did it the hard way by making customer service our first priority. We're striving to meet the Quality Care Standards to give you a level of care that meets or even exceeds your expectations. And you noticed. You gave us the marks on everything from sales presentation to service that helped us earn this distinction. So for your next vehicle purchase or service need, come to the people who offer a higher level of Quality Care. We have our priorities straight, we've won all 3 years.

• **SALES** • **PARTS** • **SERVICE** • **BODY SHOP** •

www.blackwellford.com

Blackwell



41001 Plymouth Road (near Haggerty)
(734) 453-1100