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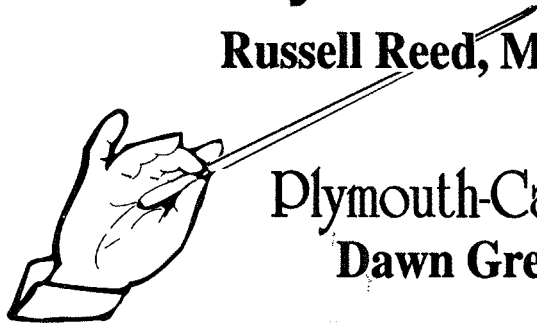
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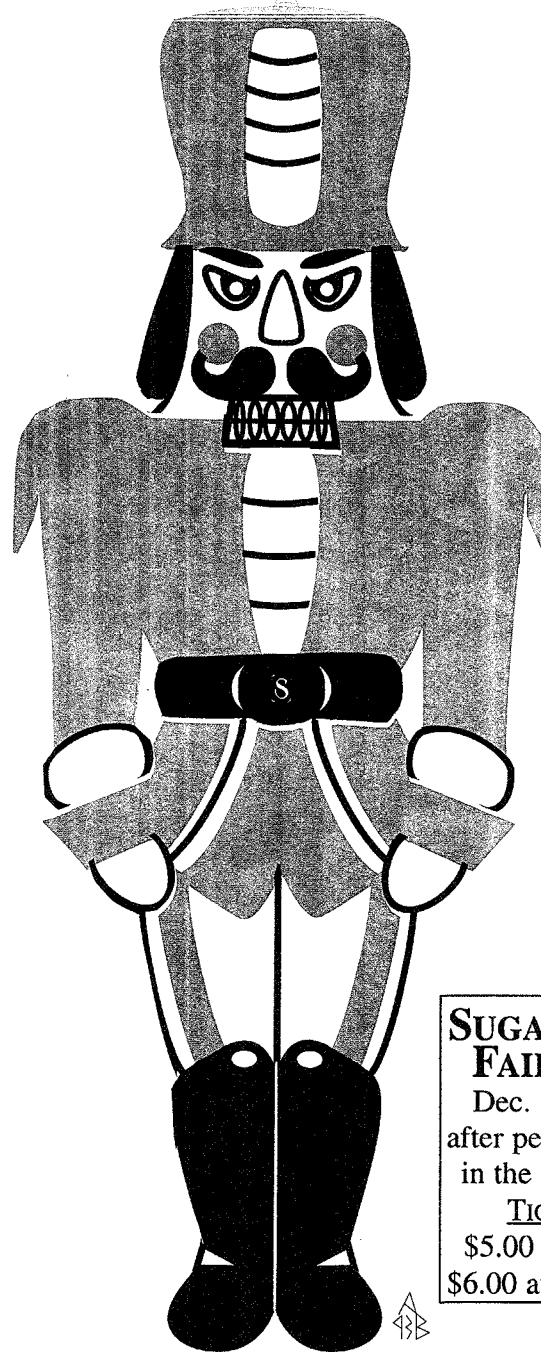
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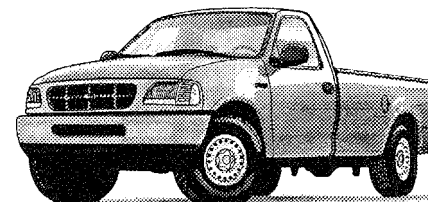
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Mayflower Hotel: renovate or rebuild?

As deadline nears, hotel owners consider knocking it down and starting over

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Owners of the Mayflower Hotel have added one more option to the hotel's renovation project: tearing it down and building another one.

According to Matt Karmo, Mayflower Hotel general manager and co-owner, destroying the hotel and starting over became a possibility as the projected costs of the renovation kept rising.

"We haven't made any decisions yet," he said. "We are just looking at bids."

The renovation project, originally estimated at \$2.5 million, was to begin last spring. Current estimates, however, are about \$3 million higher, according to Karmo.

"Because of the complexity of the project and the detail we tried to put into it, the cost kept rising," Karmo said. "It's an old building and there is a lot involved in bringing

everything up to the present codes."

The inflated renovation bids stem, in part, from the way the hotel was constructed, according to Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager. Built in many different phases, the interior is a maze of patchwork architecture. Floors are not level and the basement has less than adequate ceiling height, Walters said. Walters, and the rest of the Plymouth City Commission, has received updates on the

project through its many months.

Although Karmo said that the decision hadn't been made one way or the other, he did know what type of structure would take its place.

"It'll be the same image it has today," he said. "It will definitely be a hotel with the same type of building. We don't anticipate making a modern high-rise. It will be what

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Dodie Beckman, who teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) at Starkweather Adult Education Center, serves as ESL student Mirthala Espinosa, of Canton, samples one of the many dishes brought to the class Thanksgiving feast. The event aimed to prepare ESL students for American holidays (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

A tasteful lesson

Feast helps new PCN residents understand holiday traditions as they learn English skills

BY BRYON MARTIN

At first it looks like a typical Thanksgiving scene.

The room is crowded and full of talk. People wiggle into tight spaces around a table, balancing paper plates that sag with food.

But in a closer look it becomes apparent that there is something not so typical about this meal. Something is different.

Look at the the plates, and where one would expect to find turkery, there's teriaki chicken. In the plate compartment where the cranberries should be, there's Yesenia foshee. Kaori and quesadillas have replaced the yams.

Is there stuffing? No.

Sushi? Yes.

For the American accustomed to traditional dishes, these foods seem out of place in a Thanksgiving spread. But this isn't a traditional Thanksgiving. This feast is for the students of the English as

a Second Language (ESL) class at the Starkweather Adult Education Center. And for them, the food fits the occasion: Thanksgiving as a lesson in American culture.

"I told the students, we're kind of like the pilgrims and the Indians," Dodie Beckman, ESL teacher said. "We're coming together from different cultures."

'This is a new country for them, a new place to live. It's nice to understand what everybody is doing.'

Dodie Beckman
ESL Teacher

Students have come to learn English from Beckman since the Plymouth-Canton school district started the ESL program 14 years ago. Most of the 70 students now enrolled in ESL are women, many of whom have come to the United States with husbands whose jobs

required a temporary move.

Whether starting from scratch or just brushing up, ESL is designed to improve the English skills of its students. In doing

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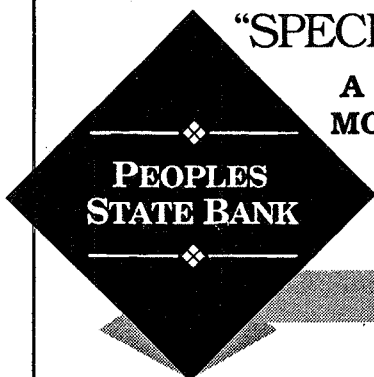
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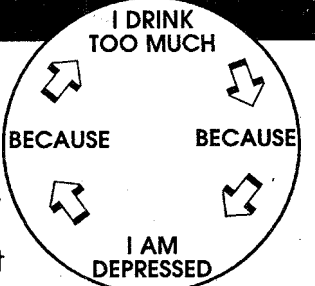
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you see today, only enhanced."

Razing and rebuilding the hotel would cost a good deal more than the cost of renovation, Karmo said. But a new hotel could save money in the future.

It has other benefits as well, he said. "The banks think it's more justifiable."

The hotel would retain the Mayflower name, whether refurbished or rebuilt, according to Karmo.

The Mayflower owners' agreement with the City, which granted City property rights and tax incentives, expires Monday.

Whether the City decides to extend the agreement again or issue a new one depends on the report Karmo gives to

the Commission, according to Walters.

"If they decided to spend the money on renovation, and show that they have a contractor and give us dates as to when the project is completed, I think we'll give it further thought," he said.

"I don't think that's where we're going to be," Walters said. "I think they have to examine the possibility of building a new hotel, and that will take some time."


Walter said if the City did not extend the agreement with the Mayflower owners, they would then have to pay taxes owed to the City. The City would go about the normal process of collecting, he said.

The original deadline for project completion was Sept. 30, but in early October the City Commission extended it to Dec. 1.

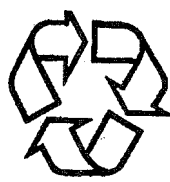
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**Matt Karmo
Mayflower Hotel Co-owner**

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'It actually tastes good!' Six-year-olds Ryan Reeves Nicholas Samsonow (left to right), of Isbister Elementary School prove that good food can bring people closer. Their first grade classes joined together last week to learn the meaning of Thanksgiving. Children made their own costumes and studied life in the days of pilgrims and Native Americans. "They learned the most important meanings of Thanksgiving: Celebrating with old and new friends and, of course, sharing," said Aileen Wise, Isbister first grade teacher. Parents helped by making traditional treats for the feast. Pheasant, venison, wild rice, cranberry relish and popcorn all were served and — just like at the first Thanksgiving — eaten up. (Crier photo by Jessica McCartney).

'Stuffing, no; sushi, yes'

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so, it also tries to help them understand American culture.

"Becoming part of the community is important to our students," Linda Hart said. "Many of them go on to become American citizens."

Hart shares the ESL classroom with Beckman and teaches English basics to beginner students. Some of them have a rudimentary background in English. Others start her class without knowing word one, she said.

For the absolute beginner, the acquisition of English begins simply. Picture dictionaries are used and instructors, such as Marilyn Collins, teach words by pointing and naming.

"A lot of things are universal," Collins said. "You start with gestures. I'll hold out my hand, point to it, and say hand." Students quickly recognize what she's getting at, she said, but getting the pronunciation right is more difficult. That's where practice comes in.

Intermediate and advanced students study in Beckman's class. It's a refresher course for grammar, conversational English and slang; language important to socializing — acclimating — in their neighborhoods.

To this end, understanding the culture

around them is just as important, according to Collins.

As The Plymouth-Canton Community gears up for the holiday season, most residents expect to see the cornucopias, menorahs and statues of the wise men that have recently appeared. For newly arrived ESL students, though, the significance can be unclear. Class events such as the Thanksgiving feast help the students to make sense of their surroundings.

"This is a new country for them, a new place to live," Beckman said. "It's nice to understand what everybody is doing."

It's also nice to understand where your fellow students are coming from. The feast is good for that, too, Collins said. Each student cooked up a traditional dish from their home country and

The lack of turkey and absent yams don't necessarily cut the ties to Thanksgiving tradition.

brought it to the ESL potluck.

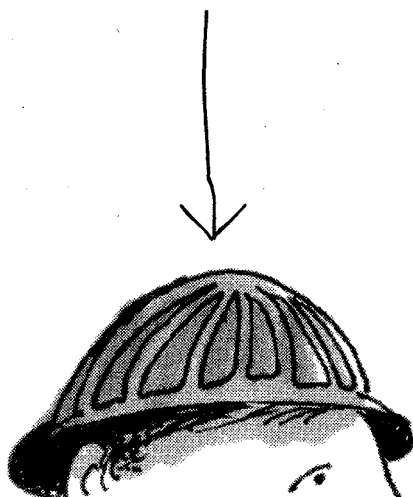
But the lack of turkey and absent yams don't necessarily cut the ties to Thanksgiving traditions.

"We teach them about the holiday, but they get to show off something of their own culture, too. They're interested in learning about each other's country," Collins said. "And they're enthusiastic about sharing."

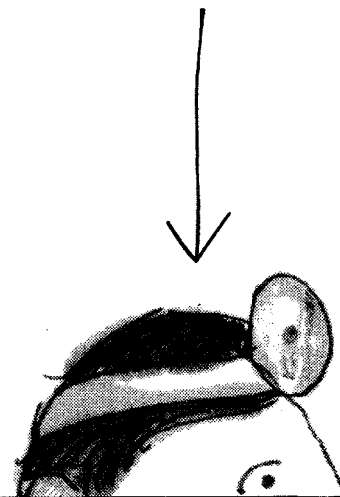
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Twp. promotes Wilson

One of Plymouth's original hires makes Sgt.

BY BRYON MARTIN

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has approved Denny Wilson for promotion from patrol officer to sergeant with the township police department.

Wilson will supervise the midnight patrol shift, one of the duties to come with his new position. Among the other tasks he'll face as sergeant when he begins next week, is "doing a lot more paperwork," he joked. Actually, he said, the promotion is one of the long-term goals he has set in his 12 years with the township force.

"I'm excited about the position. I'll try to make the most of my opportunity here," he said.

One of the department's original hires, Wilson has served with Plymouth Township since 1985. Although he is slow to list the accomplishments and activities he has pursued since joining, Acting Chief Bob Smith was willing to help him out.

"Office Wilson has demonstrated the highest integrity and given personal service to the community," Smith said. "I'm very pleased to have him as part of the command staff of the department."

The American Legion and Jaycees named Wilson Officer of the Year in



SGT. DENNY WILSON

1988 and 1996, respectively. He is a member of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, an elite collective of SWAT officers. Wilson also works in the township's bike patrol, and at its officer field trainer. "He's well-rounded; a good officer," Smith said.

Wilson lives with his wife, Lee, eight-year-old son Kyle, and five-year-old daughter, Emily.

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tion. Minerva's-Dunning's owner Minerva Chaiken announced last month that she would close the clothing shop after 47 years. John Thomas, the Plymouth-based lawyer who owns the building and leased the space to Chaiken, let Belli know that the space was open, Belli said.

But Plymouth's recent efforts to acquire liquor licenses from the state was also part of the potential City move, Belli said.

Generally, the number of liquor licenses available to a community is based on population.

Currently, Michigan is offering 50 liquor licenses to communities statewide who apply for their use in Downtown Development Areas.

To date, Plymouth's City Commission and DDA have approved seven such applications. The state Liquor Control Commission is considering for approval applications from Crépes N' Coffee, Dinersty, Tom's Oyster Bar, Harvest Moon and The Penniman Deli.

Applications from Uncle Frank's and Cozy Cafe have not yet reached the state, and are pending at the City level.

The E.G. Nicks application brings the total to eight. Its state approval is a linchpin in the agreement between Thomas and the resauranteurs for the Forest Avenue space, both said.

"You have to have a liquor license to make this work," Belli said. Beer or wine are important to E.G. Nicks' meals, he said — and to his potential clientele.

When dining in Plymouth, he said, "we see people with bottles of good wine on the table. They've got more of a sophisticated taste.

"Beer and wine are crucial to that end of the market."

At its meeting last night, the DDA was expected to approve the E.G. Nicks application, according to Guile. The next step toward approval would come from the City, and eventually the state LCC.

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Neighbors in the news

Jennifer Aittama, daughter of John and Veronica Aittama; and Michelle Kisil, daughter of John and Susan Kisil of Canton; and Kristen Waszczuk, daughter of G.S. Waszczuk of Plymouth have received degrees after the Summer Term of 1997 from Western Michigan University.

Navy Lt. j.g. Kevin A. Jankowski, son of Charles A. and Joyce K. Jankowski of Northville, recently participated in Exercise Bright Star '97 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the destroyer USS John Rodgers.

Army 2nd Lt. Christian A. Haffey, son of Geraldine J. Cornwell of Northville, has graduated from the signal officer basic course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA.

Haffey is assigned to the 442nd Signal Battalion also at Fort Gordon.

William R. Iler, son of Bonnie and Donald Iler of Canton, has enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

A 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, Iler is scheduled for enlistment in the Air Force April 1.

Rebecca L. Hoon, daughter of Robert and Ruth Hoon of Canton, is currently spending the fall semester studying in Heidelberg as part of Albion College's off-campus programs.

Claire E. Walton, daughter of Edward and Martha Walton of Plymouth, is studying in Oxford.

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Keeping afloat

Plymouth and Canton residents celebrate Thanksgiving in a new way

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's Sarai Kubicki and Plymouth's Debbie Monusko will be celebrating Thanksgiving in a way they never have before — marching in America's Thanksgiving Parade.

The women are two of 18 employees of English Gardens, a Detroit-area nursery and florist, marching along side the company's first-ever float.

"They asked for volunteers, and since I wanted to set a good example I said I'd do it," Monusko said. "I thought it would be fun." Monusko is an office manager for English Gardens in Dearborn Heights.

The float's theme is the nursery rhyme Mary Mary, Quite Contrary, Monusko said. It depicts a girl watering plants.

"I think we even have mechanical flowers that go up and down," she said.

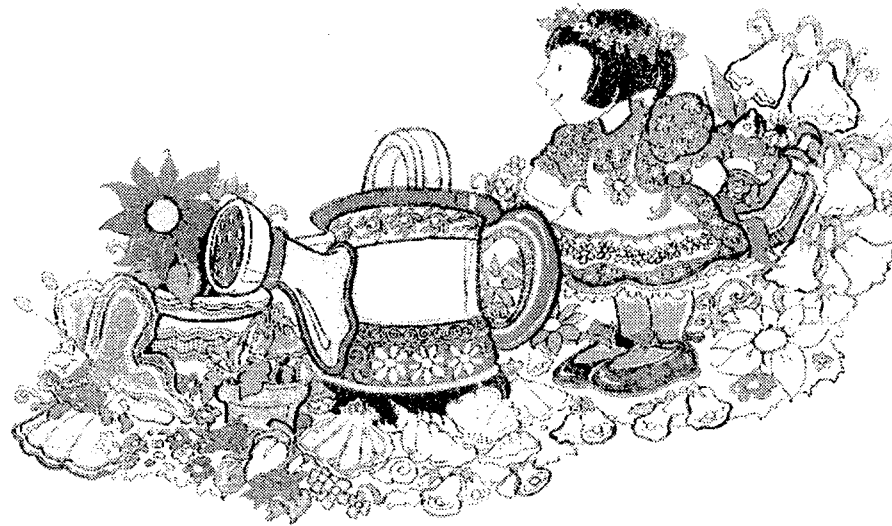
Monusko and Kubicki will be among the employees to walk beside the float, she said. Every one chosen had to dress up either a pretty maiden or a flower.

"It was first-come, first-serve," she said. "I got there early, so I'm a maiden."

Kubicki will also be dressed as a maiden for the parade, walking, waving and performing the little dance step they will learn that morning.

Monusko said the experience has already been an eye-opener for her.

"When we went down to Detroit for the fitting we got to see how all the floats were being made," she said. "We saw them building the floats around a car, and



An artist's rendering of the float Canton resident Sarai Kubicki and Plymouth's Debbie Monusko will be marching around tomorrow. The pair will be dressed as pretty maids in a row.

leaving room for the periscope so the driver could see where he was going. I thought that was neat."

Although Monusko said she had never been to the parade as either a spectator or participant, Kubicki has seen the parade from the other side of the tape.

"I've done all kinds of stuff like this. I really enjoy crowds," said Kubicki, who

works as an assistant manager in the Bloomfield Hills location. "It's wonderful if you can stand the cold. It's supposed to be mild this year, so it's going to be a wonderful parade."

Monusko agrees. "I'm just a big kid, so this is very exciting for me," she said.

Canton kids show creative side

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Two local students have a lot to be thankful for.

Kim Blessing and Russell Murphy, both of Canton, recently earned honorable mentions in the Parade Company and the Skillman Foundation's annual Float and Balloon Design Contest.

The contest invites Michigan students

in kindergarten through sixth grade to submit drawings for float and balloon designs for America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit. Drawings followed the theme of the parade: children's stories, nursery rhymes, fables and fairy tales, according to Susie Gross, executive director of the Parade Company.

Murphy, 10, is in the fifth grade at Walker-Winter Elementary school. His took his Pecos Bill balloon design from a picture in the dictionary, he said.

"I just looked it up to find some people to draw," he said. "I saw a picture of Pecos Bill and thought I could do it."

Murphy said his favorite school subjects are spelling and reading, and he enjoys books like the Goosebumps series by R.L. Stine. He likes drawing, too.

"I like to draw planes and make things up," he

said.

Blessing also attends Walker-Winter. She has always enjoyed doing crafts, she said, and her float, designed after The Princess and the Pea, is no exception.

"I got a picture of it the first time I heard it. I thought I could draw it and it would be pretty," she said.

She enjoys math, as well as the crafts that she is constantly creating, she said.

"You get to figure something out and solve problems," she said. "It's not like reading."

Blessing found out that she was in the final running for the contest by accident, she said.

"I forgot to put my name on it and the whole school was frantic," she said. "Then they called and asked how old I was."

The contest was open to Michigan elementary students, with two winners chosen to have their float or balloon brought to life by parade artists, according to Gross.

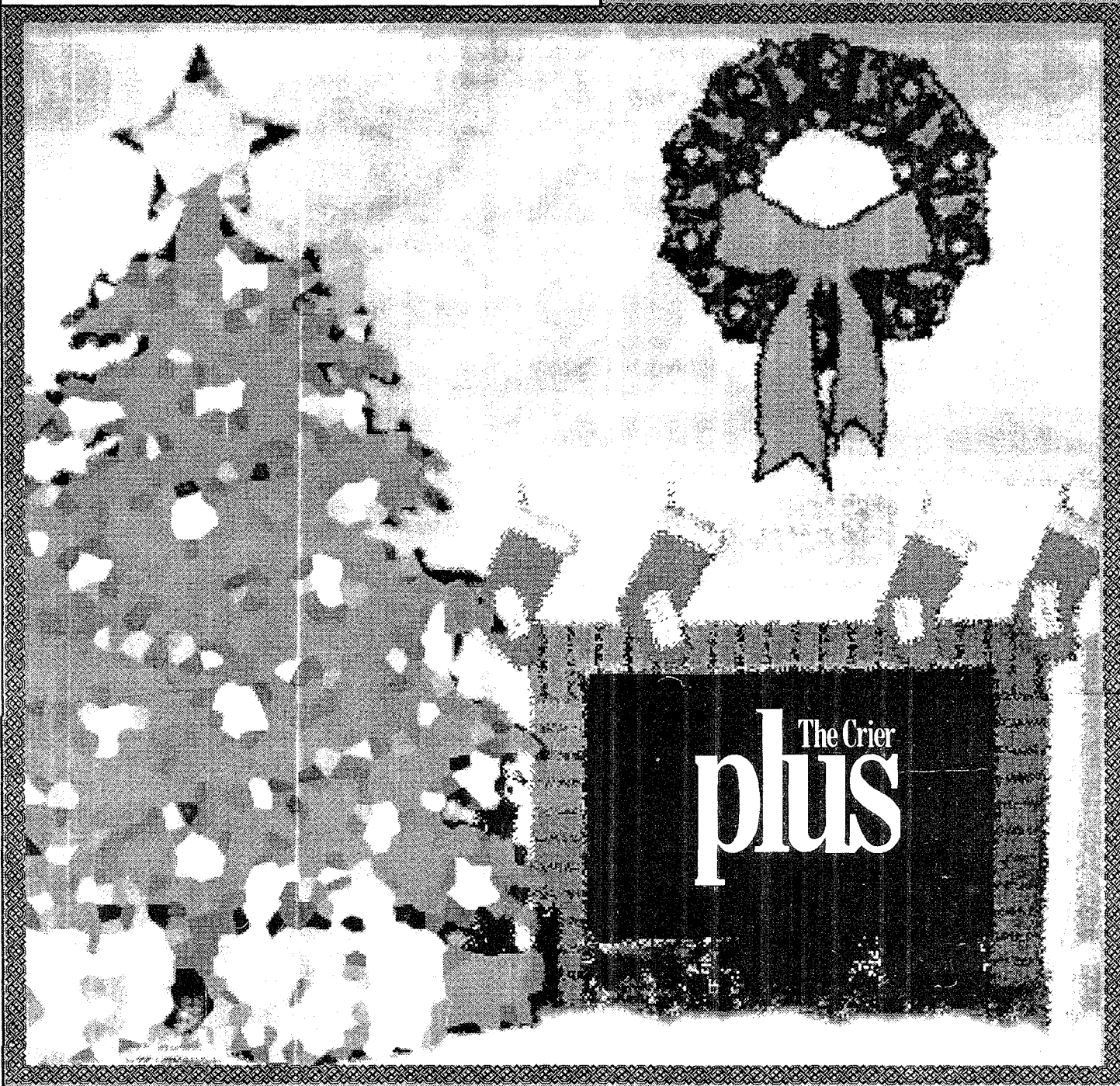
"It's thrilling for the children to see their creations brought to life and march in the parade with it," she said.



Kim Blessing (left) and Russell Murphy (right). (Crier photos by Scott Spielman.)

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Holidays



Wine, cheese and song at Keller & Stein

Get your holiday season off to a great start by attending a gathering for Canton Chamber of Commerce members and guests at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse. The get-together, Thursday, Dec. 4 from 7-9 p.m. promises to be a wonderful way to get you in the holiday spirit.

Owners Glenn and Christine Patton have planned an evening of wine, cheese, and piano music. The celebration will also commemorate Keller & Stein's 100th year in business.

The florist will also offer an open house, with holiday gifts, decorations, and 10,000 vibrant poinsettias. Free cider and cookies, free photo with Santa, and a drawing every hour for a free gift.

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Christmas crafts

The Saint Thomas A' Beckett Women's club will be having its 8th annual craft show Sat., Dec. 6 from 9:00am-4:00pm. Holiday and other types of crafts will be available to see and for sale to accommodate any Christmas budget. There will be hourly raffles, lunches, and bake sales. Over 75 crafters to participate. Wheelchair accessible and strollers are welcome.

Admission is as follows: \$1.00 regular, \$.50 seniors, and 12 yrs. and younger are free. Located at 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton.



Greens for green

Members of the Plymouth Branch of the Farm and Garden Club tag greens from their annual holiday fundraiser. The group sells mixed greens, garlands, and four different sizes of wreath for charities including scholarships and plantings.

Most of the sales came from pre-ordering this year, according to JoAnn Harreld, co-chair.

Pictured from left to right are: JoAnn Harreld, co-chair; Karen Horton, co-chair; Doris Richard, co-chair; Evelyn Erdely; and Jill Ginder.

Garden club sells lights

Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Symphony will sell luminaria Dec. 6, 13 and 20 from 10:00am- 4:00pm. The sale will take place at the Westchester Mall on Forest. The cost is \$4.00 for a set of 10 candles and 10 bags. Call 459-7146 or 453-7537.

PCAC: holiday fun for all

Events for kids while the parents shop

Saturday, Dec. 20, Art and Music workshops for grades K-5 will feature Songs of the Season, a look at different holiday celebrations including Hanukkah and Kwansaa, from 9:30-11:30. From noon until 2 p.m. Christmas around the World (a celebration of different languages and cultures.) Sign up for both classes, bring a sack lunch, and PCAC will provide child-care from 11:30 to noon for free. Classes are \$15 for each child if registered by Dec. 12 (\$20 afterwards).

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will also host X-mas luncheon on Dec. 12 at 11:30-1:30. Proceeds to benefit PCAC. The guest speaker will be Dr. Weldon Petz, presenting 'Santa Clause, A Tradition.'

PCAC also offers events for everyone, including a fine art photography exhibition and sale (Call for times); The first Wednesday morning coffee at the PCAC, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Have a coffee and a special tour of the PCAC building with Joanne Winkleman of the Hulce Center for the Arts, coffee is free.

It all happens at the PCAC building, located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd, Plymouth. Admission is \$15.00 (\$5.00 deductible to PCAC). For tickets or information call 712-4ART.

The 1998 PCAC membership drive is in full swing. A family membership is \$75, business memberships are \$100 and student memberships are \$25. All funds go to advancing the arts in the community.

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Banding together

Community band continues tradition of free concerts

A long-time Plymouth favorite returns with songs of mirth and good cheer for the Holidays. The Plymouth Community Band is presenting a Christmas Concert, Fri., Dec 5 at 8:00pm. The annual concert will include: marches, traditional Christmas music, show tunes, and the Prelude and Fugue by Bach.

The band plays a variety of volunteer venues throughout the year, including the Fall Festival and Thursday night concerts in Kellogg park.

Mel's Golden razor collects toys for children

For nearly 20 years Mel's Golden Razor in Plymouth has collected new toys and used toys in good condition for Christmas. They also help brighten the holidays for families with donation-backed sponsorships.

Toy collection runs until Dec. 19th. Stop by Mel's at 595 Forest in downtown Plymouth. Or, call 455-9057.

Trees in the park

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again be taking reservation for the annual Kellogg Park Christmas Trees.

The cost is \$40.00 per tree. It includes 200 white lights and the Group or Company name on the sign. Decorating days will be Friday, Dec 5-7. The dedication is to be held on Sunday, Dec 7-6:00pm.

Families, Companies, Clubs & Organizations decorate the trees with their own theme. For more information call (313) 453-1540.



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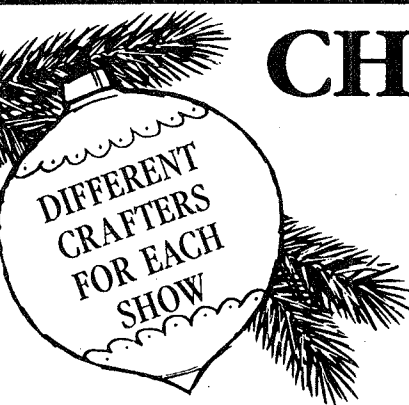
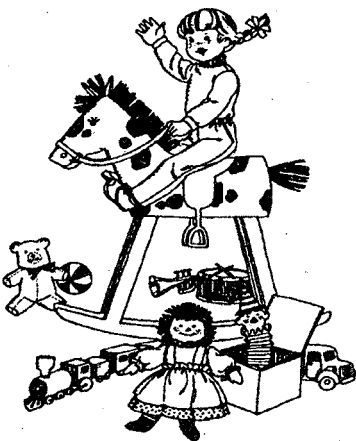
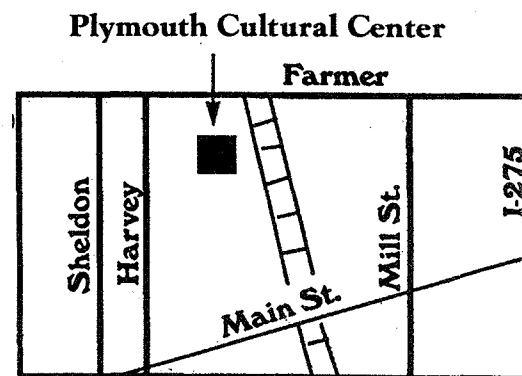
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Native West shows art, jewelry in annual show

Native West will celebrate its 8th annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival with two back to back weekend events.

First, the Jewelry Trunk Show will have its opening reception Thursday, Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. Featuring trader Jonathon Cox from Gertrude Zachary Indian Jewelry, the show will display a large assortment of sterling silver, turquoise, lapis and sugilite. Many semi-precious stones will be shown during the show, which runs Dec. 5- Dec 7 at Native West in downtown Plymouth.

The following weekend, Native West welcomes 1998 Indian Artist of the Year, Bruce Contway. Shoppers will be able to meet Contway and view his bronze sculpture during business hours Dec. 12 - Dec. 14, or at a reception Thursday, Dec. 11 from 6-9 p.m. Contway is a second generation Native American Artist. His grandfather was a Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, his grandmother a Chippewa-Cree. Contway's sculptures are in collections throughout the world. He has been awarded many prizes, including Best of Show in the 1990 Calgary Stampede Art Show.

Located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information call (313) 455-8838.

Parade to feature Plymouth dancers

O'Hare Irish dancers go to parade, championships

Add to the list of locals in the parade the O'Hare Irish Dancers. The dancers will take part in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Downtown Detroit. They will then participate in the Midwest Championships held in the Westin Hotel in Detroit, Friday, Sat., and Sun of Thanksgiving weekend.

Ten Plymouth children will participate in the Mid-West Championships for Irish Step Dancing at the Westin, they will also be in the parade.

The cost of admission to the championships is \$7.00. For information call 459-6079 or 453-5175.



Chamber welcomes Santa

Guess who's back in town? It's old St. Nick himself!

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to join the party as the Plymouth community welcomes Santa back.

The event will take place on Friday, Nov. 28, at 6:00pm. The location is the Band Shell in Kellogg Park.



Leah Varga plays Coco the Clown in 'Babes in Toyland.'

Babes in Toyland plays at PCAC

The Whistle Stop Players and the Plymouth Community Arts Council will present three showings of the classic Victor Herbert musical Babes in Toyland.

The musical is a holiday favorite for children and adults alike.

There will be four showings at the JWH Center for the arts, 744 N. Sheldon (at Junction street) in Plymouth. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. All seats are \$5. For more information call: (313) 416-4278

4 tickets to Christmas

Canton Community Church (CCC) will be presenting a dramatic musical entitled "Four Tickets to Christmas." The musical follows the holiday experiences of an out-of-work family performing group who find themselves unexpectedly spending Christmas with their estranged family.

Shows will be at Dec. 12-14th at Canton Community Church on Ann Arbor Trail. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at Agape Bookseller in

Holiday dolls at cultural center

Show features gifts for last minute shoppers

There will be a special holiday doll show Sunday Dec. 21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The show will feature dealers, collectors, doll artists and hobbyists showing and selling new, used antique and collectible dolls of all kinds.

There will be Doll making supplies, doll clothes, and furniture. In addition to the Dolls, there will be Teddy Bears and stuffed animals along with dollhouse supplies and miniatures.

For that last minute Christmas gift for a special treat for yourself, bring the whole family to the Holiday Doll Show. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children ages 4-12. Call (313) 455-2110 for more information.

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Goodfellows reach out to P-C-N community

The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows hit the streets Dec. 6 to sell their newspaper.

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proceeds going to buy food, clothing, and toys for needy families during the holiday and throughout the year.

Give 'em a brake!

Canton shows holiday spirit

Holiday festivities begin with tree lighting, hay rides

Canton township will kick off the holiday season with its lighting of the tree 7 p.m. Dec. 8 in front of the Canton Administration Building.

There will be hayrides, ice sculpture demonstrations, refreshments, and a visit from Santa himself.

The tree-lighting and activities are designed to be fun for the whole family, and include face-painting and sing-alongs.

The event, refreshments and hayrides are all free.

Canton will also host its second annual Brunch with Santa Dec. 14 at Summit on the Park. Brunch will last from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for

children aged 4-10 years. Children Three and under are free. The cost includes brunch, and a picture with Santa.

Also, check out Canton's two Santa's Elves Workshops at the Summit.

Children of all ages will be able to create holiday gifts for family members or friends, meet Santa and go swimming.

The workshops are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13. Costs vary, depending on age of children and number of activities in which they participate.

For more information about programs at the summit, call the Summit at 397-5110.

Nutcracker kicks off Dec. 13

Symphony, Ballet join together to tell classic tale

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet join together to tell the story of The Nutcracker. Canton's Hilari Smith will play the part of Clara.

Performances will be 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 12; 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and 3 p.m. Sunday, 14th at Salem High School. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children K-12.

On Dec. 13 and 14 immediately following the Nutcracker Ballet, the Sugar Plum tea is offering a chance to meet the characters and enjoy refreshments.

The cost is \$5.00 per person. Will be located in the Salem High School Cafeteria. For more information call the Plymouth Symphony Office at 451-2112.



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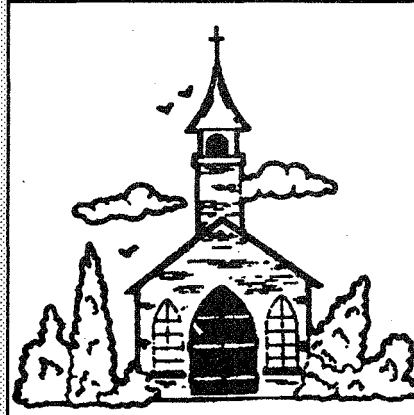
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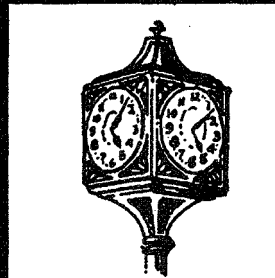
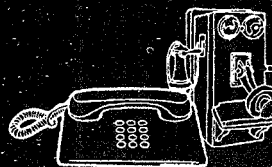
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CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS NEEDED

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The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, **Dec. 6**. You set the prices, you get the money (Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15%). Call 397-5110.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Have a pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, **Dec. 6**. The time is from 9:30-11:00am. Admission is \$6.00 per child and \$2.00 per parent. Must register before December 1. Call (248)349-0203.

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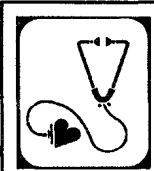
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MALCOLM W. MacNIVEN

Malcolm W. MacNiven, a former Plymouth resident, died Nov. 18, 1997 at the age of 66.

Mr. MacNiven was born Jan. 31, 1931 in Worcester, MA. He was an engineer in the light truck durability division of Ford Motor Company, and retired after 40 years of service. He was a member of the Lost Lake Woods Association and loved golf, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Carlane S. of Alcona Township, MI; sons, Craig (Melanie) of Galt, CA, Gary of Garden City, MI; daughters, Nancy (Ralph) Ely of Commerce Township, MI, Susan (Robert) Goudeseune of Farmington Hills, Sandra (James) Warren of Westland; father, Frank R. MacNiven of Lincoln; grandchildren, Sean and Bryan MacNiven, Bridget MacNiven and Molly Goudeseune.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas G. Badley officiating. Memorial contributions American Heart Association.

DENVER W. BARKER

Denver W. Barker, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 17, 1997 at the age of 94.

Mr. Barker was born July 7, 1903 in Blue Creek Township, OH. He was a custodian in the Farmington public school system for 13 years. He loved to Hunt, Fish and Farm. He loved his family and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters, Ruth (Charles) Richard of Livonia, Mary Ann Burk of Plymouth, Betty Barker of Plymouth, Rose (John) Scott of Detroit; sons, Duane Barker of Plymouth, Richard (Ruth) Barker of Farmington, Robert Barker of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his sister, Norma.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

WALTER L. BICKEL

Walter L. Bickel, a Westland resident, died Nov. 18, 1997 at the age of 92.

Mr. Bickel was born Dec. 15, 1904 in Louisville, KY. He was an inspector with the Chrysler Corporation. He lived in Plymouth for 20 years. He loved gardening and refinishing furniture.

He is survived by his daughter, Betty Anne (James) McInerney; grandchildren, Mark, Michael, Ann and Terence McInerney and Cathleen Thomas; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Anne.

Services were held at Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

CLARA E. MOONEY

Clara E. Mooney, a Canton resident, died Nov. 19, 1997 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Mooney was born Oct. 28, 1909 in Gaylord, MI. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Carole (James) Beaudry of Plymouth, Patricia C. (John) Boyle of Bedford, TX; son, Robert (Margaret) J. Mooney of Golden, CO; sisters, Donna Kolany of Gaylord, MI; Lucille Schroder of Muskegon, MI; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Samuel "Ted" Mooney; and her son, Dennis Mooney.

Services were held at the Divine Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was at the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth MI 48170.

NORMA NEMITH

Norma Nemith, a Farmington Hills resident, died Nov. 22, 1997 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Nemith was born Jan. 13, 1925 in Martin TN. She was a cashier at A & P Supermarket for 23 years. She was a member of the Redford United Methodist Church, and active in the women's guild. She served in the U.S. Navy at the Bronx Naval Yard in Washington D.C.

She is survived by her sons, John T. (Barb) Bresnahan of Plymouth, Mark (Estelle) Bresnahan of Woodhaven, MI; daughter, Nancy (Bob) Felty of Wixom, MI; eight grandchildren; brothers, John (Jean) Parish of Memphis, TN, Lambert (Ruth) Parish of Nashville, TN; and sisters, Barba (Ray) Bray of Oklahoma, Mary Lou Kisling of Atlanta, GA. She is preceded in death by her husband, John; brother, O'Dell Parish; sister, Ann Lambert; and daughter, Jacqueline Bresnahan.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Barbara E. Welbaum officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Diabetes Association., 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

ROBERT L. KOSKI

Robert L. Koski, a Westland resident, died Nov. 23, 1997 at the age of 45.

Mr. Koski was born April 21, 1952 in Wheeling, WV. He was a welder for an automotive company. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion #32 in Livonia.

He is survived by his son, Robert L. Koski II of Memphis, TN; sister, Julia B. Wood (Bobby) of Canton; brother, Edward (Mary) Koski of Wayne; and mother, Thelma Koski of Detroit.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Trust 10 Funeral Home in Westland with Chaplain Robert Keller from American Legion #32 officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

Sidney A. Waters, 81, retired from AT&T

Sidney A. Waters, a former Plymouth resident and member of the V.F.W. in Plymouth, died Nov. 19, 1997.

He is survived by his wife; two sons; one step-daughter; one sister; one sister-in-law; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; one niece; two nephews; two great-nieces and one great-nephew. He is preceded in death by one brother; and his first wife.

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In the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association Girls A League the standings are as follows: Bulls 4-1, Magic 3-2, Pistons 3-2, Lakers 3-2, Celtics 1-4, and the Kings 1-4. Individual game score results were: Lakers 31 Pistons 23, Celtics 28 Kings 27, Bulls 32 Magic 24.

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association Boys A League standings are as follows: for the National League, Bulls 7-0, Pacers 6-1, Celtics 3-4, Hawks 3-4, Pistons 2-5, Spurs 1-6, Sonics 1-6, and the Kings 0-7. Standings for the American League are: Nets 7-0, Rockets 6-1, 76ers 5-2, Bucks 4-3, Jazz 4-3, Lakers 3-4, Knicks 2-5, and the Magic 2-5. Individual game score results were: Celtics 80 Sonics 66, Pacers 55 Pistons 46, Hawks 41 Spurs 32, Bulls 65 Kings 49, Bucks 79 Jazz 72, Nets 58 Lakers 49, 76ers 78 Knicks 59, and the Rockets 86 Magic 65.

The Plymouth Whalers moved into first place West Division tie with the London Knights after capturing weekend victories over the London Knights (3-1) on Friday and the Erie Otters (5-1) on Saturday.

Nikos Tselios led Plymouth with two assists Friday. Andy Burnham, Eric Gooldy and Andrew Taylor both scored a goal each for the visiting Whalers. Goalie Robert Esche lost his shut-out hopes when London's Max Spirodonov scored with 43 seconds left on the clock.

David Legwand's 10- game goal/point scoring streak came to an end on Friday in London. He still continues to leads all of the OHL rookies with 24 goals, 14 assists for 38 points in 23 games.

On Saturday in Erie, PA, Plymouth's Randy Fitzgerald recorded four assists. David Legwand and Jesse Boulerville both helped out by adding two goals each. Boulerville also finished out the game with an assist.

Girls hoops hits post season stride

Canton team beats Novi and Detroit Pershing to advance to Regional Finals tonight

BY TIM DAVIS

Down by only one point and with seconds to go Canton player Kristen Mayer watched as her teammate's shot sailed over the rim.

She was all alone on the other side of the net, caught the ball, took the shot and prayed she made it.

She did, and with only five seconds left, she also made the ensuing free throw. The combination gave Canton a 36-34 win over Plymouth Salem last Wednesday night in class A district play.

This victory marks the second time in two years that Canton has knocked Salem out of the tournament in the opening game. Contributing to the victory was Canton's Elsie Thornell who spent the night marking Salem top-scorer Amanda Abraham. Thornell held Abraham to six points, who scored 19 points in their previous match up.

"I just made sure I kept her in front of me," Thornell said.

It was a close game. At halftime mark the score was tied 14-14. And for the next two quarters, the margin didn't get much wider.

Salem's Andrea Pruet gave Salem a one point lead with only 4:51 left and then again with only 34 seconds left, setting up Mayer's outstanding offensive rebound.

"We were just OK offensively, but I think we did a great job on defense," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "These girls all have a lot of heart."

Friday night the girls took that heart and used it to win in the district finals.

The first half was close. Canton was



Canton's lady hoopsters celebrate their victory over Novi last week, making them district champs and sending them on to regionals (Crier photo by W.H. Bill Dean).

ahead by only three at half-time. During the third and fourth quarters, though, the Chiefs turned their defensive talent up a notch. Holding Novi to only four points and going into the fourth quarter with a

30-23 advantage.

The Wildcats never came closer than four points to Canton all through the

Please see pg. 29

An amazing season

Despite state finals loss, Salem soccer team, players post impressive numbers

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Several days after the 2-1 loss to Troy Athens in the Division I state finals, the Salem boys soccer team gathered for a season-ending banquet

It was there that the Rocks finally put aside some of their disappointment and began to realize what so many of their parents, friends and opponents already have: to carry an undefeated record into the state championship is simply amazing.

"A lot of players were still upset to get that close and not win," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "But it also gave them a chance to look back and see how good they were."

The Rocks went 20-1-3 this season with a schedule that featured Canton, Troy, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson and Brighton. Salem won divisional, conference, district and regional titles, and was ranked the state's No. 1

team for much of the season. "It put a little extra pressure on us," McCarthy said of the ranking. "Other teams come out a little harder against the top team; everybody

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**Ed McCarthy
Salem Soccer Head Coach**

wants to beat No. 1."

But nobody beat No. 1 during the regular season. In fact, most never even came

close.

In the season-opening Gary Balconi tournament, the Rocks rolled revenge on Redford Catholic Central, the defending tournament champion, 7-1. "That pretty much set the tone for the season. We really wanted to win the Catholic Central game, having lose to them the previous year. We came out like a shot," said McCarthy.

The tournament title game featured the first match up between Canton and Salem since the 1996 district final game, which the Chiefs won, 2-1. With revenge again a factor, the Rocks steamrolled the Chiefs, 4-1.

It was the first of three meetings between the two teams, and the first of three Salem victories. "I don't know if you'll see that type of a season again against Canton. To be able to beat them

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Behind the bench

BY BRIAN CORBETT

And to think that the subtle, affable 29-year-old head coach and general manager of the Plymouth Whalers, Pete DeBoer, might be approaching the bench rather than standing behind it.

It was late in the summer of 1993 and DeBoer was living in Windsor about to begin his second year of law school when the phone rang.

The Whalers, then known as the Detroit Junior Red Wings, had just fired their veteran coach Tom Webster and replaced him with twentysomething Paul Maurice, who was a friend of DeBoer's.

"Paul Maurice called me the day before the season started during my second year of law school, and he had just been named head coach, and because of the lateness of it, he couldn't find another assistant anywhere

around," DeBoer. "We had played together in juniors and lived together during my first year of law school, so while I really didn't have any interest in coaching as a career, I saw it as a way to get away from the books for awhile, blow of some steam, and get back around the dressing room and the players."

DeBoer continued his law studies while coaching and eventually graduated, but he can trade in those books on torts and statutes for record books this year.

The coach who became one because he was the only person available for the job, is seven wins away from breaking Maurice's record of 86 regular season victories.

Since 1995, DeBoer is 79-62-13 during the regular season and 89-74-13 overall. Maurice, now coach of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes, was 86-38-8 in two regular sea-

sons. "If I don't get it (the record) this year, I'll probably never get," said DeBoer, in reference to the lack of job security so often exhibited in his profession.

Being a lawyer would've been more stable, but the excitement is here. "I'm perfectly happy. I learn new things every day here. I really believe I have the best job in hockey, outside of the NHL," said DeBoer.

And at the rate he's going, he might be inside the NHL sooner rather than later. DeBoer, who was married last year and recently moved to the U.S., led the Whalers to a West Division title in his first season (1995-96) as head coach. Last year, along with associate coaches Steve Spott and Greg Stefan, he guided a rookie-laden to a playoff appearance. And in a few weeks, DeBoer will join the coaching staff of Team Canada for the World Junior Championships in Helsinki, Finland. He also won two division titles and an OHL championship in his two seasons as assistant coach.

It's the big time for the small-town guy.

DeBoer grew up in Dunnville, an Ontario farming and dairy community nestled in the rolling fields between Toronto and Niagara

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PETER DEBOER

Falls. "Population about 9,000, and probably about 5,000 of those thousand are cows and 4,000 are people. It's a great, little, typical Ontario farming town," DeBoer said.

And DeBoer was the typical kid, playing hockey in the winter and lacrosse in the summer. "That was just a typical Canadian childhood," he said.

But it soon became apparent DeBoer

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WHALER STATISTICS

Current leaders:
Goals: Legwand (24)
Asst: Fitzgerald (17)
Pts: Legwand (38)

CATCH OF THE DAY

Randy Fitzgerald recorded four assists in Saturday's game at Erie, giving him 17 for the season.
David Legwand's 10-game goal/point scoring streak came to an end Friday in London. He leads all OHL rookies with 24 goals, 14 assists for 38 points in 23 games.

UPCOMING GAMES:

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Community opinions

CEP's Internet policy:

Parent permission vs. student access?

Otherwise exemplary schools should be ashamed they're not leaders in Internet education

After many years of waiting, students at CEP have finally been granted Internet access.

Of course, we won't actually be able to use the Internet until we return a permission slip we and our parents have signed.

The permission slip says we will follow the Internet Code of Conduct, which states: "In all situations I will act with honesty, integrity, and respect for the rights of others. I will approach the Internet with the sole purpose of increasing my learning by accessing relevant information, conducting valid research, and collaborating with others on defined projects. I agree to follow the access, usage, and content rules as stated in this guideline and further subscribe to the Code of Ethics for the Education Profession, Policy Number 3211/4211, Staff Ethics, Policy Number 3210/4210, and the student handbook."

I think it is silly that students are required to sign permission slips. I feel as if, while technology is advancing, over at PCEP the students are moving back in time...

To begin with, I can't imagine any parent not allowing their high school-aged child to use the Internet. If parents are won't give their permission, they shouldn't send their kid back to school, either. Using the Internet has come to rank right up there with the telephone — it's relatively easy, fun and, for some, a necessity. Looking into the near future, it is reasonable to predict that any

college student will need and use the Internet. My point: if your child is going to school, they need to learn to use the Internet now, regardless of why you might feel otherwise.

Anyway, let's assume that a student is ready to use the Internet at school. He and his parents have each signed the slip. What's next? How accessible with the Internet and its resources be? Let's suppose.

The bell rings for class to start. The student proceeds to the library with a "defined project" in his mind as to what he will use the Internet to do.

After the computer is ready to go, the librarian says to the student, 'Just remember to use integrity and follow the Code of Ethics for the Education Profession, Policy Number 3211/4211, Staff Ethics, Policy Number 3210/4210, and the student handbook.'

He arrives at the library and looks around. What does he see? Nothing.

Into the fire

By Erica D'Angelo



There are no computers around that can access the Internet. But there are plenty of old, outdated Mac Classics.

Oh, wait — there's a computer, locked up in a secret corner, that has access to the Internet.

only are his Internet privileged revoked, but he is charged with a felony and prosecuted.

Actually, this probably won't happen. In fact, I don't think anyone will use the Internet at school. Most students, including myself, will continue to use it at home. The school has made it so ridiculous to use the Internet at school, no one will bother.

I'll be honest. I signed my permission slip and I have no idea what the Code of Ethics for the Education Profession, Policy Number 3211/4211, Staff Ethics, Policy Number 3210/4210, and the student handbook stands for. I would have no idea if I was in compliance with all that or not. To make matters worse, I forged my dad's signature on the the slip. I use the Internet at home everyday, and have for years. So I figured I'd save him the time and sign it for him.

I think the schools are stuck in a time warp. The Internet has been around for a while. Students have been using it elsewhere for a long time now. If the school really wants to educate students about it, they need to hurry up and stop being so lame about it all. We have, what is for the most part, an exemplary high school. They should be leaders in educating students on technology. But they're not, and should be ashamed.

They are more concerned about possible lawsuits from the parents of students who might find pornography on the Internet. The schools must have failed to realize that the televisions we watch the announcements on every other morning could be a source of pornography. We use those without permission slips, not to mention the telephones found in every classroom.

Under the district's current approach, I feel bad for students that don't have Internet access at home. They will probably graduate without any exposure to current technology. But they will probably be experts at following rules and guidelines. I give them credit for that.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The school district's "paternalistic" response to this issue bears a striking resemblance to the (then) Plymouth School Board's reaction to the 1965-66 high school staging of two of Edward Albee's plays.



Men In Black... They're no Doodlebug, but Plymouth's Fred Hill and his Briefcase Drill Team have become an annual favorite in Detroit's nationally televised *America's Thanksgiving Day Parade*. Hill and his troops — Judge Ron Lowe, architect Ray Stella and developer Bob DeMattia among them — have been seen in the title sequence of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, not to mention *Good Morning U.S.A.* and other Plymouth events. See them in the parade Thursday, 9 a.m. on WDIV, Channel 4 (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

He requests to use the computer. The librarian first checks her records to make sure his permission slip has been signed. (I estimate this process to take at least ten minutes). He may begin to wonder why he even turned it in — wasn't it supposed to make things easier?

Well, it hasn't. So he continues to wait until his slip is confirmed. The librarian then guides him to the secret computer he will use. The librarian then must type in a series of passwords and codes that will hook up the computer to the Internet. (He is asked to look away while she is doing so. The school staff is on to us kids; they know the reason we really want to use the Internet at school is to steal the password.)

After the computer is ready to go, the librarian says to the student, "Just remember to use integrity and follow the Code of Ethics for the Education Profession, Policy Number 3211/4211, Staff Ethics, Policy Number 3210/4210, and the student handbook."

He nods in agreement. The librarian leaves. *Immediately* he begins to use the Internet to search for pornography. That was, after all, his sole purpose.

The idea blows up in his face. An alarm goes off. The librarian catches him, and not

