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Can hotel return to greatness?

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

In the middle of downtown Plymouth's renaissance sits its biggest eyesore — The Mayflower Hotel.

Run Results



The YMCA Father's Day run was held Sunday in downtown Plymouth. Complete results can be found on page 28 of this week's Community Crier. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

A symbol of deterioration and despair, the hotel's fall from grace is even more glaring in a City that spends over a million dollars on downtown development. Storefronts are full, and pedestrians are wearing out the new, brick walkways.

But the Mayflower is on the brink of collapse.

Its owners owe \$88,000 in back taxes, according to City and Wayne County tax records. Its occupancy rate hovers at 60 percent. Its customer base is unclear. Last year, the property was reassessed at 73 percent of its former value, from \$2,736,260 to \$741,548.

"Since we left, there has been a serious decline," said Creon Smith, who formerly was a part owner and operator of the hotel. "It just hasn't had the upkeep."

Both inside and out, the hotel needs a lift. The banquet rooms and lobby are shabby. The exterior facade hasn't changed in decades. "It's the same as the postcards from 25 years ago," City Manager Steve Walters said.

Walters holds out hope for the Mayflower. He said that the hotel is heading away from financial ruin and toward a new era of prosperity.

He could be right. Matt Karmo, the owner-operator of the Mayflower said he's close to securing a mortgage from a local bank. He wouldn't reveal which



The owners of the Mayflower Hotel are attempting to secure funding for a planned \$2.5 million renovation. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

one, but sources told The Crier that NBD will provide the money.

"It's closer than ever," Karmo said Monday. That should provide a cash infusion to restore the hotel to its former grandeur, he said.

Mr. Mayflower

Ralph G. Lorenz travelled to

Washington D.C. in 1981 to be honored at a Rose Garden ceremony at The White House. Lorenz was being named the Senior Entrepreneur Advocate of the the Year. In Plymouth, they called him "Mr. Mayflower."

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Community cornerstone

Although City economic development no longer linked strongly to Mayflower Hotel, revitalized landmark could provide boost

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The downtown business community would continue to be successful without the Mayflower Hotel, according to local property owners, but that doesn't minimize the importance of its survival.

The Mayflower Hotel does not serve the volume of conferences and visitors it once did, but its reputation as Plymouth's landmark has, for many residents, remained untarnished.

"You've always got to think about the hotel," said David Pugh of Pugh-Canon Properties. "What's going to happen to that

place?"

Or, perhaps, a more pertinent question: What has happened to it? The hotel, located on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street and built in 1927, was once a meeting place for community activity groups with a pub and restaurant for town folk to chat about City happenings. "There used to be people lined up out the door," said Pugh.

The scenic views of Kellogg Park, with the Penniman Theatre marquee backdrop,

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Space race

Students spend time at NASA space camp in Florida

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New business brings Bolivian art to downtown Plymouth

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On the run

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Liberty Fest begins tomorrow

The Canton Liberty Fest is ready to take center stage in Heritage Park next week. The fifth annual event, which draws more than 50,000 people to the park and surrounding civic center complex, is scheduled to run for four days this year — Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

There is no admission to enter the festival grounds and most of the activities are free. This year is the first to include Thursday night activities. Most of the major events take place on Saturday and Sunday in the park.

There are events for young and old

alike, including lots of entertainment and food. A classic car show will bring out hundreds of vehicles, fine arts and arts & crafts shows run both Saturday and Sunday. The "Taste of Canton" offers samples from 10 dining establishments in the community, while the D.A.R.E./Outback dinner highlights food choices Sunday.

There are mini-midway rides for kids and a special in-line skating competition.

Also planned are demonstrations by Canton Public Safety personnel, wandering musicians and characters, art workshops for children, paddle boat rides, raffle sales, fun inflatable games and much more.

The Thursday night activities include a special concert in the Heritage Park amphitheater, followed by a free showing of the Disney movie "Pocahontas" at dusk.

Then on Friday, watch for another special concert in the amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Also offered that evening will be bingo and a Vegas Night put on by St. Thomas A' Becket's booster group.

Festival hours on Saturday begin around 10 a.m. and end only after the fireworks that night. The giant fireworks display begins after dark around 10 p.m.

Most of the activities, such as the car shows, concerts and art exhibitions, stay open throughout the afternoon and into

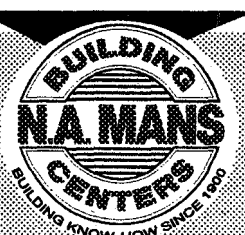
the evening.

Concerts on the two stages begin around noon and run all afternoon with a major show set for 7:30 p.m. leading up to the fireworks (this one features the Marc Phillips Band). The festival concludes on Sunday with hours for most activities between noon and 5 p.m.

Special festival events do not include rappelling demonstrations by the Canton SOT unit, the nationally recognized Flying Aces flying disc team, and the Canton K-9 police unit.

The "Xtreme Games" in-line skating competition on Sunday is being sponsored by Continental Cablevision and ESPN.

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City street paving on fall ballot

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Voting for president, Congress, the state legislature and the Wayne County Commission apparently isn't enough for Plymouth residents.

On Monday, the November ballot grew even longer.

Registered voters in the City will also cast ballots on a bond proposal to fund 10 years of street paving.

The City Commission received a timetable of events at its Monday meeting that lead up to the November 5 general election.

The administration, specifically City Manager Steve Walters, must determine the streets that would be paved and the cost estimates by July 31.

On August 19, the City Commission is expected to approve the ballot language from the bond counsel. The following day, the City will notify the Wayne County Elections Commission about the additional ballot issue.

This is the first time the City has tried to sell bonds to pave roads. Usually, a special assessment district is created. That means only property owners living on the street would be taxed. A bond issue spreads the 2-mill tax increase among all residents.

The issue is likely to divide residents, so the City is planning an elaborate public information campaign.

"The key here is that you get the correct facts out there," said Del Templeton, a resident who supports the bond issue.

Todd Wilson, who also attended

Monday's meeting, told the commission he'll vote down the tax increase.

"The fact is, I don't want to pay that much money if I'm not going to get a direct benefit," he said. Wilson lives on a road maintained by Wayne County, which means it won't be improved by the City paving program.

City officials may even appoint a citizens committee to advise the commission about the upcoming ballot proposal and participate in the public information campaign.

But Mayor Ronald Loiselle and Commissioner Douglas Miller said they didn't think that a citizens committee was necessary.

Plymouth residents could face two tax-increase proposals in two months. The Plymouth-Canton School District is considering a bond issue for new school construction that could be on the ballot in December.

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'Vapor cloud' sends 8 to hospital

School officials investigate chlorine accident at Salem pool

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A dangerous combination of chemicals produced a very irritating gas in Salem High School Monday, sending eight people to the hospital, according to the Plymouth-Canton School District Community Relations Department, and police and fire department reports.

The incident, which remains under investigation, occurred at approximately 12:15 p.m. when two pool maintenance chemicals were accidentally mixed in the Salem High School Swimming pool area, the P-C Schools said.

Another six individuals were exam-

ined at the scene and refused transportation to the hospital, Canton Township Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said in a press release.

The patients' symptoms included labored breathing and irritated eyes, but none of the injuries were serious, Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth said.

Canton Police Spokesperson Lew Stevens said four gallons of muriatic acid were mixed into 60 gallons of chlorine in the pool area of Salem High School, creating a chlorine gas.

Groth termed it as a "vapor cloud."

Approximately 100 students from the Kid's Time child care program and Community Education classes were evacuated by staff and PCEP student assistants and taken to Phase III, the building located between Salem and Canton high schools.

Groth said his department was requested to send an EMS vehicle to the PCEP Monday. "We transported four students and one lifeguard to St. Mary's Hospital," he said. "The main complaint was itching eyes and trouble breathing."

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Plymouth Beautification Committee helps City grow

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Plymouth, the City that just finished a makeover, must want to ensure its beauty lasts forever.

So like most local governments, it formed a committee to get the job done.

After years of inactivity, The Plymouth Beautification Committee has held four meetings and adopted a City flower.

Its latest action is the creation of the Adopt-a-Curbside garden program. Committee members are soliciting local businesses to plant flower gardens in groves between the sidewalks and streets of Plymouth.

"We're sending letters to area businesses and civic organizations asking them to participate," Daniel Dwyer, the chair of the committee, said in a written statement.

"This is a great way for people to enjoy the outdoors and improve the City."

City Commissioner Doug Miller revived the Beautification Committee during his stint as mayor last year. The current mayor, Ron Loiselle, recently appointed Administrative Services Director Carol Stone as the City's liaison to the committee.

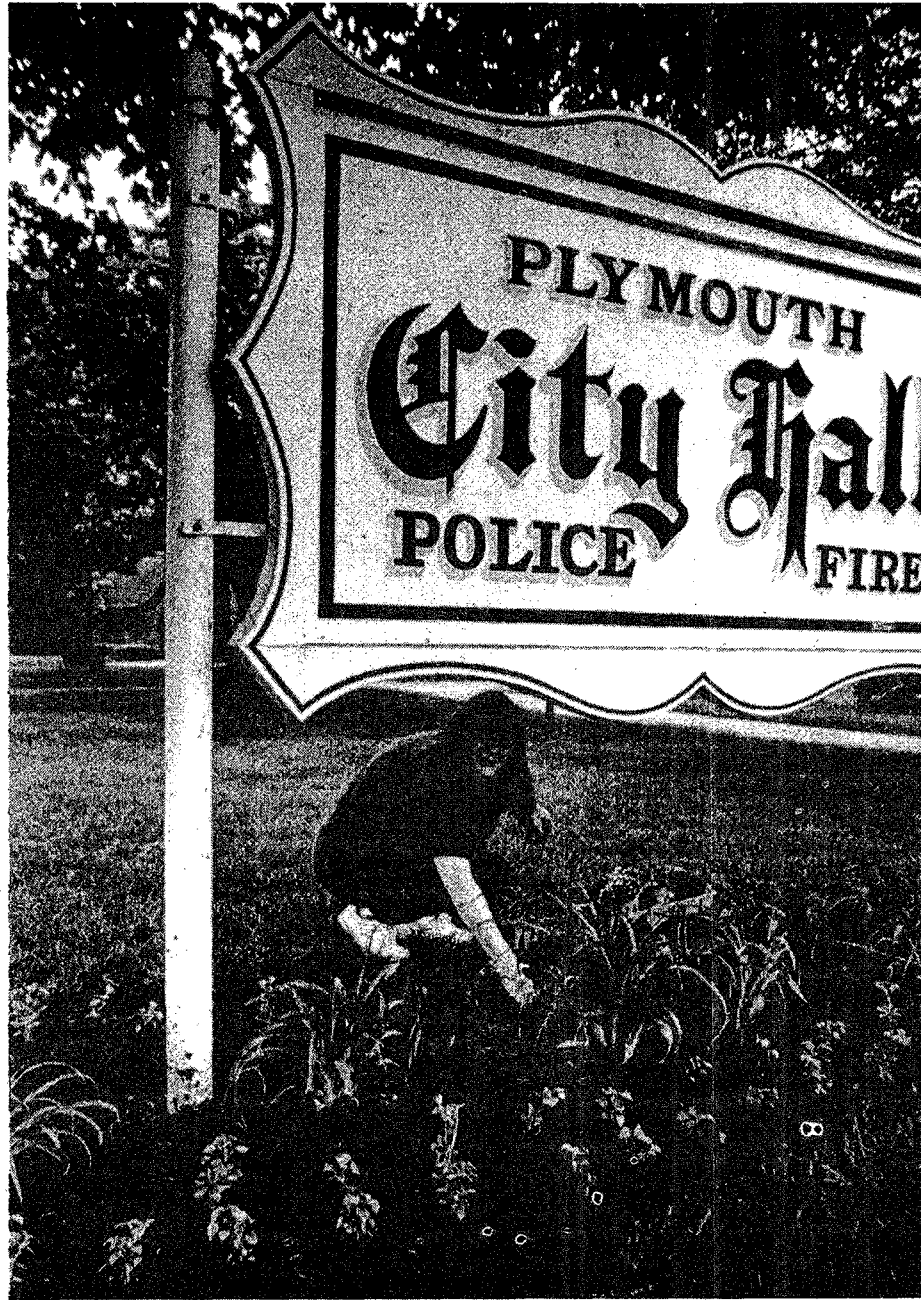
Adopting a garden is an inexpensive, effortless way for companies to show their civic pride, Stone said.

A flat of flowers costs less than \$10, she said. Companies are asked to buy and plant the flowers, and maintain the garden with water and plant food, if needed.

The daylily, which was named the official City flower last month, is being touted for inclusion in the Adopt-a-Curbside Garden program.

Daylilies grow easily, bloom for a long time and come in a variety of colors, Stone said.

Most companies will select gardening spots along the edge of City streets; the Beautification Committee has adopted the Amoco gas station on the corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor



Carol Stone helps plant flowers in front of City Hall. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

roads.

If businesses participate, it won't go unnoticed, Stone said. Outstanding gardening efforts will be honored with a stake in the shape of the daylily that

can be displayed in the adopted garden. "We thought that would have a little more meaning than a plaque so others could see if you've gotten the award," Stone said.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Lions Club is hosting the Walker Bros. Circus tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for shows in the Unisys parking lot. The traditional big top raising will take place at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the Mayflower Hotel, the Trading Post and Beitner Jewelry.
- The Plymouth District Library will reopen tomorrow at their new location at 705 S. Main St. (formerly Farmer Jack's). Complete library operations will be housed there until the new building is complete in spring, 1998.

THE WEEKEND

- All eyes will be on Canton as Liberty Fest kicks off tomorrow in Heritage Park. The festival, which includes entertainment, food and fun, runs through Sunday. Most events are free.
- Canton isn't the only place where festivals are taking place. Northville is hosting Art in the Sun Saturday and Sunday. The annual event will include art booths throughout downtown Northville. Call (810) 349-7640 for more information.
- CWR is hosting their Canton Clean-Up Friday and Saturday.

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Look for information on the Canton Liberty Fest in this week's edition of The Community Crier. A guide to the fest is enclosed.

8 taken to hospital following chemical accident at pool

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Rorabacher said the patients included a six-year-old female, two eight-year-old females, one eight-year-old male, one nine-year-old female, one 15-year-old male, and two additional school employees, "all of them basically complaining of respiratory discomfort."

Five people were taken to St. Mary Hospital, two people to Oakwood Hospital and one person to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital,

The patients transported by the Plymouth Community Fire Department were taken in for observation, Groth said. "There is nothing here (in the report) to indicate priority one or life threatening," he said.

Muriatic acid is a pool maintenance cleaner. Chlorine is a poisonous, gaseous chemical element with a disagreeable odor that's used in bleaching and water purifi-

cation.

Rorabacher said high school security had secured the site when firefighters arrived the scene at approximately 12:30 p.m. "The building was ventilated with the assistance of school personnel," Rorabacher said. "The chemicals were diluted and washed away."

Ken Jacobs, area coordinator for security at the PCEP, said Canton EMS, Fire and Police, and Plymouth Township Rescue responded immediately. "The safety of the students was and is of the utmost importance in the situation," he said. "The Canton Township emergency units and PCEP staff worked cooperatively to evacuate the students in a timely manner."

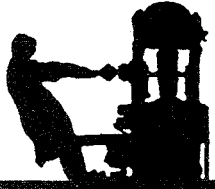
Salem High School was closed for the remainder of Monday and reopened yesterday at 7 a.m. Summer vacation began last week.

"All of the parents of the students were called to inform them of the incident and to remind them if their child experiences physical symptoms or listlessness to take them to their family physician," Jacobs said.

"Safety is always the top concern in these situations. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is conducting a thorough investigation into the incident and every precaution is being taken to ensure the incident does not happen again."

Judy Evola, P-C Schools Community Relations, praised Jacobs for his handling of the emergency. "Ken Jacobs was instrumental in getting the emergency people there and getting the students over to Phase III," she said. "It was handled so professionally."

Evola said: "The school district is doing every thing in our power to make sure it doesn't happen again."



Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for upcoming ASPHALT PAVING PROJECTS. Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, June 28, 1996. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the May 28, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 4, 1996, Work Session of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the June 11, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the cooperative agreement between Wayne County and the Charter Township of Plymouth for the "Urban County" Community Development Block Grant Program for the next three years (1997-1999) as presented and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the cooperative agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the contract between Wayne County and the Charter Township of Plymouth for the Community Development Block Grant Program 1996 fiscal year as presented and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the purchase of additional "Fibar" from Seavey Corporation for installation at Brentwood and Plymouth Township Parks; at a cost of \$8,837.20; utilizing 1995/1996 funds set aside through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of costs for the pavement of Green Meadows Subdivision, Palmer's Acres and Palmer's Re-Subdivision as submitted and described on the received petitions for a cost not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). The scope of the work for the above shall include:

1. The procurement of soil borings from a qualified agent.
2. Preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
3. Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross sections and other information.
4. Prepare preliminary cost estimates.
5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.

Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Utility Easements for Joseph and Katherine Ulrey located at 11707 Lehigh Court and Michael and Cathy Flavin located at 11689 Lehigh Court. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to establish July 16, 1996 for Public Hearing for an industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate covering the cost of machinery and equipment; furniture and fixtures; and building improvements as requested by Vico Products Company located at 41555 Ann Arbor Road. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. C-96-01, adopting the amendments to the Alarm User Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Clerk Massengill reported that the Plymouth Canton Community School District used the Unilect "Patriot" System for their June 10 election and she received positive feed back on the equipment's performance from school personnel, precinct inspectors, and voters.

Trustee Curmi questioned if a Weighmaster would be placed on Beck Road.

Chief Berry reported that the new Helmet Safety Program is going very well and Sgt. Robert Smith should be commended.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications as listed. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees held on May 28, 1996. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on June 11, 1996.

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The Mayflower Hotel:



Sinking or sailing?



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MAYFLOWER OPENING IS GREAT SUCCESS

COLORFUL SCENE GREETSBANQUETERS AT OFFICIAL OPENING LAST EVENING

Flowers in Profusion, Music, Addresses, Dancing and Dining Are Features of Important Civic Event—Many Attend.

Hotel Mayflower was officially dedicated to civic service last evening, under auspices as colorful and brilliant as have ever been witnessed in this community, when approximately two hundred residents and visitors assembled for the banquet and attendant ceremonies.

The lobby and palm room were banked in a profusion of flowers, sent as expressions of best wishes from banks, industries, hotels and individuals. Baskets of giant "mums" vied with American Beauty roses in creating a scene of beauty and vibrant color.

Guests were welcomed at a reception at 6:30 by members of the board of directors, acting as a reception committee, and after viewing the hotel were ushered to the beautifully appointed Crystal dining room, where the banquet was served.

To the strains of music by Daniel Patterson's orchestra, stationed in the Palm room, guests were seated to a splendid banquet, details of which are given in another column of this

FURNISHINGS COMMITTEE COMMENDED FOR ARTISTIC APPOINTMENT OF HOSTELRY

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NEW HOSTELRY OPENED LAST NIGHT

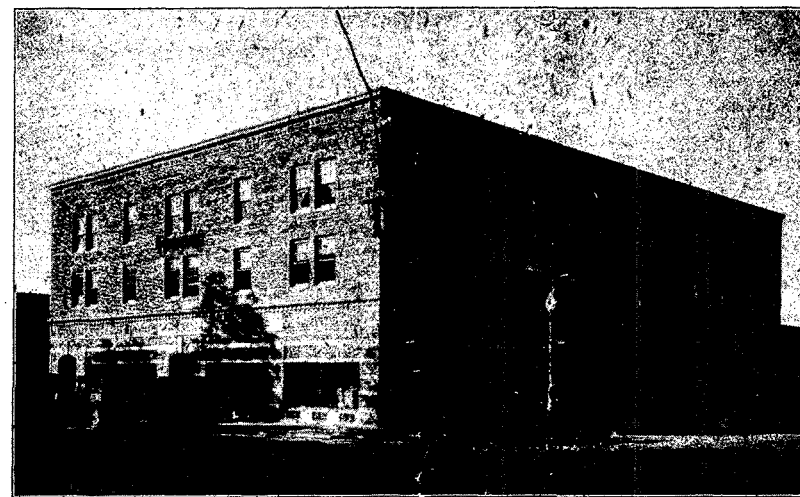


Photo by L. L. Ball

This photograph shows the new Hotel Mayflower, which was opened with appropriate ceremonies last night. The preceding afternoon and evening the hotel was opened for the inspection of stockholders and their friends, and the building was thronged from mid-afternoon until late in the evening. Plans under which the Mayflower was built provide for the ultimate expansion of the hostelry to five stories, and on the first page of section three the architect's drawing shows how the building will look when enlarged.

LOCAL GAS COMPANY LOWERS RATES

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOTEL PLACED IN COMPETENT HANDS

PETER DELKER, WELL KNOWN PLYMOUTH MAN PASSES AWAY

RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY ATTENDED BY MANY LOCAL AND OUTSIDE VISITORS

Open House is Maintained From 4 P. M. Until Late in Evening—Complimentary Luncheon and Music Enjoyed.

On Wednesday afternoon and evening Hotel Mayflower was opened for inspection by stockholders and their friends, and from 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon until late in the evening throngs of Plymouth citizens and out of town visitors were shown over the building by members of the reception committee.

At 5:30 the Grenoble Hotels, Inc., operators, were hosts at a complimentary luncheon comprised of chicken and ham patties, mashed sweet potatoes, buttered finger rolls, orange sherbet and coffee.

The high school band furnished music in the afternoon, and the high school orchestra and glee club rendered musical selections during the evening hours.

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Many expressions of approval were volunteered by the visitors, and all were charmed with the admirable taste shown in the decorations and furnishings. A warmth of environment prevails immediately one enters the lobby, the main entrance to which is off Ann Arbor street.

Visitors were met at the lobby entrance by members of the reception committee.

This historic edition of the Plymouth Mail announced the opening of the Mayflower Hotel. The community was understandably excited by the event. But what do people think of the Mayflower Hotel now?

That's the question we put to the people of the community. We also asked some important local leaders. Here's what they said: (Historic newspaper cover courtesy of the Plymouth Historical Museum)

...but what do people think now?

"I think it should be kept the way it is. It is one of the oldest buildings in Plymouth. It's known throughout the state. It has excellent meeting facilities. It has excellent banquet facilities."

— Scott James, Adistra employee, Redford Township resident and a former hotel worker

"If they had a nice restaurant in there, I'd probably go in there. I've never been in. But if it had a nice restaurant, it'd draw more people."

— Sandy Vendittelli, Canton resident

"I think it's wonderful. It's lovely. I'd like to see it redone. We like to visit the pub on a wintry night. I do find the food selection a bit... (lacking)."

— Susan Harper, Plymouth resident

"I would like to see renovations. Right now, there's a huge void on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street that's hurting everyone. I would like to congratulate them, having heard funding is available, and see them stick to the original plans. I encourage that."

— Scott Smith, owner, Penniman Showcase

"It was the soul of downtown. The life has left us. We need to get it back."

— Jim McKeon, McKeon Inc./Plymouth Park Properties

"It was always the place to be. The place to do business, the place to be seen."

— Creon Smith, former co-owner of the Mayflower. Now owns The Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills

"It really looks like month after month that nothing is happening. The operation is working very hard but nobody's seen that from the outside."

— Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager

"There could be more things that they could be doing. I'm a little disappointed."

— Bill Graham, the former finance director for the City of Plymouth

"It could be an anchor for downtown like it used to be."

— Jim Penn, City of Plymouth building official.

"It does need some TLC, some tender loving care. It's bricks and mortar without the right people involved."

— Scott Lorenz, former owner of the Mayflower

On the Karmos: "I think they're very sincere. What they want is to do the best they can do for the community."

— Steve Guile, Downtown Development Authority director

"If the Mayflower was renovated, it probably would retain its place as the center of municipal activity. Of course it has a lot of competition now."

— Jack Wilcox, Plymouth resident

The Mayflower Hotel:



Sinking or sailing?

Where will Mayflower Hotel go from here?

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He became manager of the run-down, vermin-infested hotel in 1939, Smith said, and later bought the place. Lorenz's son Scott said the mice problem was so bad, his father used to pay employees a dime for every tail they could prove came from a freshly killed mouse.

"The basement was filled with trash cans full of ash from the coal burner," the younger Lorenz said. "It was in dire straits, there's no doubt about that."

His father transformed the hotel into the cornerstone of downtown Plymouth. By the time Lorenz caught the attention of The White House, the Mayflower hosted a private Round Table Club and offered horse and carriage rides around Kellogg Park after Sunday brunch.

"He turned the thing into what everyone wants to see it be now," said Creon Smith, who now runs The Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

To look at the building now and see how little it affects the community is to realize how far the Mayflower has fallen.

That fall began to happen in the 1980s, when Lorenz's sons, Scott and Randy, took an active role in the hotel's management. The sons, along with longtime hotel employee Creon Smith, bought it from Ralph Lorenz in 1985.

And in 1992, the year Lorenz died of congestive heart failure, the Mayflower Hotel filed Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District, according to court records.

"We lost every single thing that we

worked for our entire life," said Scott Lorenz, now a hotel management consultant.

Delinquency and Disappointment

Solvency and prosperity have eluded the Mayflower since the bankruptcy filing four years ago.

A group of investors, including Matt and Keith Karmo, the brothers who operate the hotel on a daily basis, and Dr. Jehan Barbat, bought the hotel in 1994.

The Karmos own six hotels throughout the state, but The Mayflower is their only inn. They have grand plans for the hotel, but delinquent taxes of \$88,747.12 stand in the way, according to City and Wayne County tax records.

Despite declining tax revenues, City officials admit they haven't been stringent about collecting the hotel's overdue taxes. It is part of the City's plan to help the Mayflower, Walters said.

"We're not hounding them, we're not foreclosing on them, we're waiting on them," he said.

But that's all. The City that's poured millions of dollars into its downtown has given little besides verbal support to the hotel. Walters said the City doesn't want to nurture businesses that can't stand on their own.

"We prefer the free-market approach to downtown," he said.

Bill Graham, the City's former finance director, said many meetings were held with the Mayflower's owners over the years to try to collect the back taxes.

"But it was to no avail," Graham said. "They paid only those that would keep

them out of a tax sale."

Downtown Development Director Steve Guile gave banks any information that would help the hotel secure a loan. The payoff for Plymouth, City leaders said, is if the loan pays for a successful building renovation. That means a higher assessment and more tax revenue for the City in the long run.

But a closed hotel would cast a greater pall over downtown than a deteriorated hotel.

"It would be very negative in the short run," Walters said. But he added: "Knowing what I do about the hotel, it's not even realistic. I don't think that's in the cards."

The City apparently isn't the only entity cheerleading for the Mayflower's recovery.

"There's no other business in Plymouth with people sitting on the sidelines waiting for the hotel to come back," Smith said.

There are also detractors, and Karmo knows his critics want to see some changes in the hotel.

"I hear a lot of rumors, a lot of negative things," he said. "When they care, and they don't see much happening, they have a reason to speculate."

History never goes out of style

If the Mayflower is restored, who will go there?

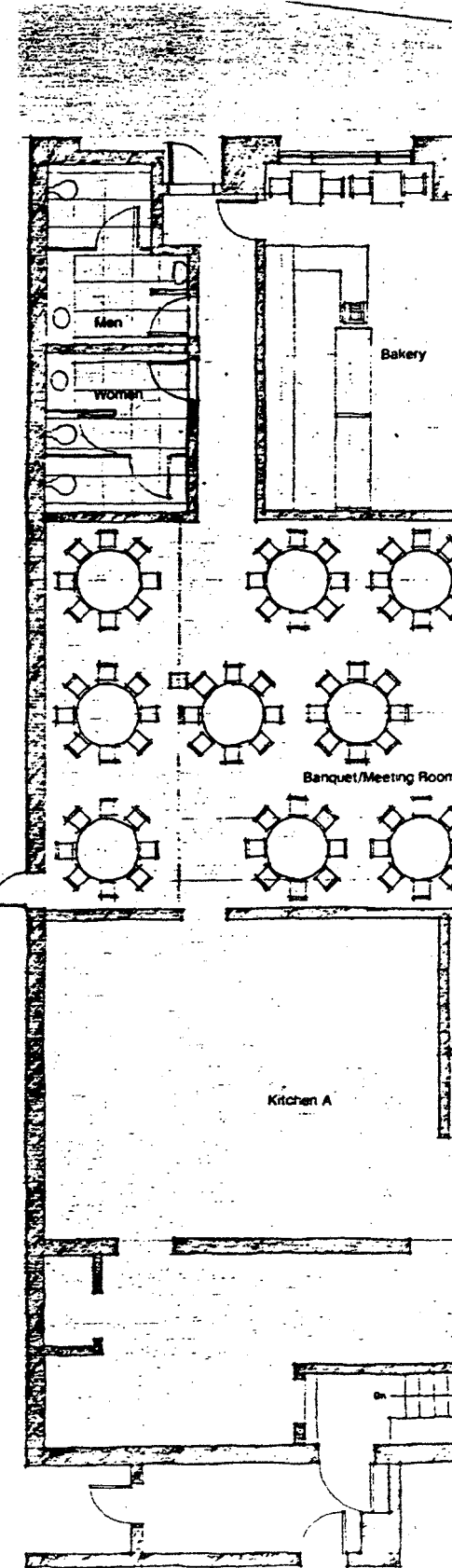
Years ago, there were weddings, parties and conventions that provided revenue to keep the hotel profitable. But that was before development near Detroit

Metropolitan Airport and along I-96 and I-275, where easy freeway access attracted hotels to rise among the former farmlands.

Scott Lorenz said hotel overbuilding in the 1980s killed the Mayflower.

"At first Plymouth was the only hotel around," he said. "A significant number of rooms were added to the marketplace. They were brand new and had lower costs."

A sluggish economy in the



early 1990s and a hotel that was heavily mortgaged also contributed to the Mayflower's decline, Lorenz said.

"It was a very difficult situation," he said.

The Mayflower Hotel has no indoor pool or series of banquet rooms that are standards in new hotels. But that may be its biggest selling point, supporters say.

"You can bring people to your community and they can stay there instead of bringing them on the expressway in Livonia," Walters said.

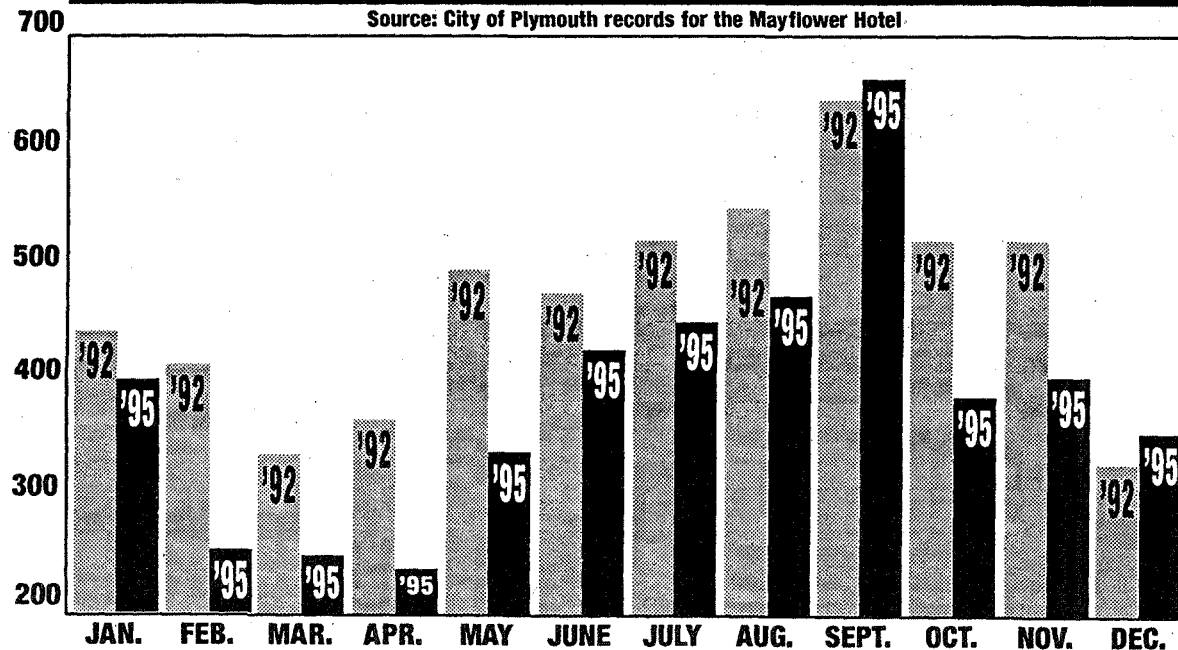
After a day of convention meetings at the Mayflower, guests can walk through the park, go shopping or stroll down Plymouth's New England-like neighborhoods. That's something the Novi Hilton can't offer, he said.

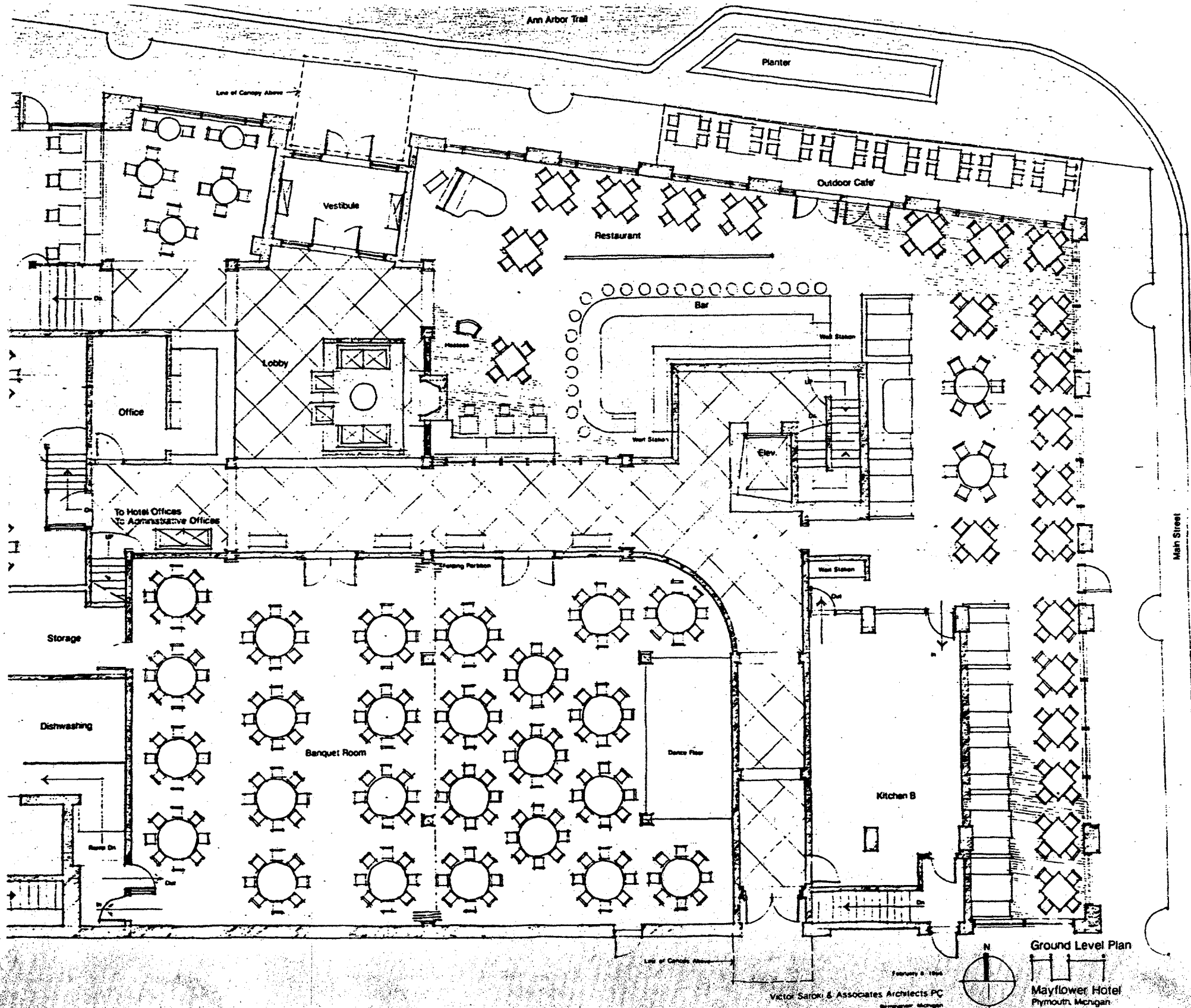
"Visitors will see it as a touch of nostalgia, a return to an elegant motif,"

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Water Consumption per Thousand of Gallons—'92-'95

Source: City of Plymouth records for the Mayflower Hotel





Although this is just a conceptual drawing of the possible changes to the Mayflower Hotel, it shows the dramatic difference a renovation would make. The initial plan calls for \$2.5 million in changes to the historic downtown Plymouth

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said DDA Director Guile. "That's what makes it unique."

Ralph Lorenz used to say history never went out of style, Smith said.

A murky future

All hope rests on the rumors of interior and exterior renovation plans.

"A renovated Mayflower would be as important a development as anything that's happened in the downtown in recent years," Guile said.

Others aren't convinced it will ever happen.

"This is our hotel," said one former employee who asked not to be identified. "We worked there, we love it and not a thing has been done. Nothing."

There have been several sets of

architectural drawings drafted in the last few years, but City of Plymouth Building Official Jim Penn says he has never seen any of them.

"There's all this talk that they're going to revamp the place but I've just read about it in the newspaper," he said.

Depending on the extent of renovations, the Karmos may need building, plumbing and electrical permits as well as approvals from the Planning Commission and the Kellogg Park Historic District Commission, Penn said.

The Karmos say they are committed to restoration. Last year, they hired Victor Saroki, a Birmingham architect who is highly regarded in Oakland County, to design conceptual plans for the restoration. Karmo said he plans to meet

hotel. The current owners of the Mayflower are struggling to raise the money necessary to bring the hotel back to its former glory. (Preliminary plans courtesy of Matt Karmo)

with Saroki later this week.

Those plans would restore the exterior to its original brick and completely change the first floor interior. Karmo said the renovations would take between six and eight months to complete and would cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million.

An L-shaped restaurant lined with windows that look out onto the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street would be constructed. Banquet facilities would be updated and enlarged to accommodate more gatherings and bigger groups.

In addition to the restaurant, a piano bar and retail gourmet bakery will be added to the hotel. The lobby would be relocated to another area on the first floor because of all the changes.

Walters, along with eight other

community leaders, reviewed plan renderings during three or four sessions about a year ago. But renovations still haven't started because the Karmos cannot fund the project without a bank loan.

Karmo said he views a Mayflower makeover as more than just another hotel renovation. He calls it a "personal challenge."

Others said they believe the community must be more involved in the Mayflower's future.

"This is the type of place that has got to be maintained for the benefit of the community," Smith said.

So what's it lacking?

"It needs a heartbeat," he said. "It needs a Mr. Mayflower."

The Mayflower Hotel:



Sinking or sailing?

Mayflower Hotel still considered City's 'anchor' business

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drew visitors and tour groups with deep pockets.

But by the 1990s it began to languish as the rest of downtown grew with the suburbs. Matt and Keith Karmo and Dr. Jehan Barbat purchased the beleaguered Mayflower in 1994. The new owners provided renewed expectations for the community, but improvements have been slow in coming.

To some onlookers, the sparkling gem of downtown has faded.

"Life goes on," said Randy Lorenz, who leases and operates the Mayflower Meeting House and Motor Inn, which are owned separately from the hotel. "I think the town has continued to thrive."

The Mayflower Hotel certainly didn't under Lorenz's leadership. Along with his brother, Scott, and Creon Smith, Lorenz purchased the Mayflower Hotel from his father, Ralph, in 1985. Seven years later the hotel restructured its finances under Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization. The sale followed, but Randy Lorenz still hasn't relinquished his hope for the Mayflower Hotel.

"I think the Mayflower has a great opportunity there for it to return to the point of being an anchor in town," he said. "Right now, it's not acting as the anchor. It's not fulfilling its role as the anchor, but the potential's there. I think the new owners recognize that. We're very anxious to see the renovations undertaken."

Whether or not those revisions are ever made is unclear, although the current owners are close to securing a mortgage. "It's closer than ever. I can't really say we have it until everything is signed," said Matt Karmo, who has prepared conceptual plans for approximately \$2.5 million in renovations.

"The fellas over there have plans," said Richard Reid, president of Reid Corporation, a major property owner of downtown Plymouth since the 1940s.



The Lorenz family ran the Mayflower Hotel during its heyday. They were also in charge of the hotel when the hotel fell into receivership. The Mayflower Square was built later and was recently sold by the Lorenz family. (Crier file photo)

"They haven't put them into place."

At least not the way the City and the rest of its downtown businesses have in order to remain competitive with the retail meccas of suburbia: shopping malls.

Projects such as streetscape and new promotional efforts, including Friday Night Freebies, are making Plymouth a more attractive destination for Generation Xers, while still maintaining its small town charm. "The small towns, like we have, are evolving," said Lorenz. "We are fortunate to have a downtown theatre, Wiltse's Pharmacy, Plymouth Office Supply and Saxton's. They face competition from huge national corporations. Small towns are evolving; they require a different mix."

For instance, an influx of restaurants

and residential housing would create the foot traffic that the Mayflower Hotel once supplied to downtown. "We need to get more people on the street," said Scott Lorenz, who helped initiate the City's largest crowd-attracting festival — the Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

And when Plymouth's renaissance leaders look to a city to sculpt its future, they look at Royal Oak. "Royal Oak is what Plymouth could be," said Lorenz.

Birmingham and Ann Arbor are other cities mentioned as models for Plymouth because of their pedestrian-oriented approach and an eclectic collection of shops, galleries and bistros.

The road to resembling these entertainment hubs has been a problem though, according to property owners. "We tend to do things slowly," said Pugh.

Lorenz said the lack of liquor licenses and parking hinders businesses from moving in downtown.

Even with those perceived drawbacks, downtown has become an economic hurricane, but the Mayflower is no longer the driving force. Within the last year trendy New York-style loft apartments have been built, the Box Bar plans to begin a microbrewery, and coffee houses offer nightly musical entertainment and poetry readings. "Anything that brings in more traffic is healthy for retail," said

“When you hear rumors...you want to prove people wrong

— MATT KARMO ”

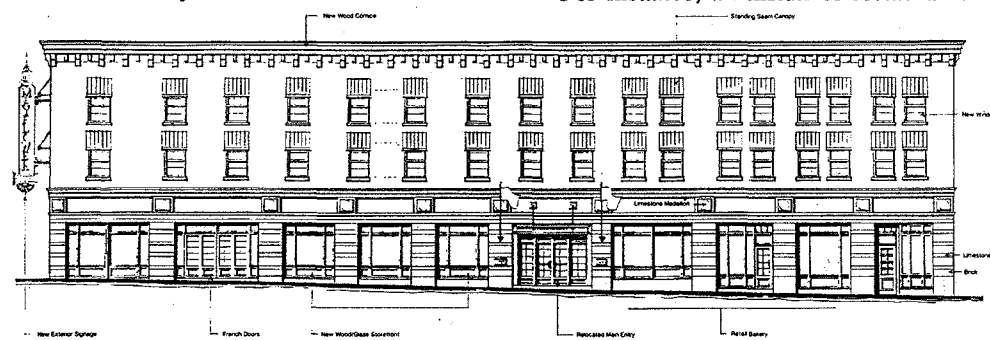
Reid.

Not that downtown needs that much help, but too many customers are never enough. "I think it's improved over a year ago," said Jim McKeon of McKeon Inc./Plymouth Park Properties. "I'm finding that based on walking downtown and seeing more people, seeing more cars."

"Generally speaking, there's not a vacancy problem," said Pugh. "With streetscape done, that's going to lend a lot more stability from say, the last three years. There's really not that much available from a vacancy standpoint."

There's not. Whenever businesses do move out, their space is usually filled by other eager entrepreneurs. Check out the Animation Station's move into the store formerly occupied by a furniture company, or Wild Wings relocation to

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Investors in the Mayflower Hotel are working to secure a loan to refurbish the Plymouth landmark. If the plans go through, the facade will be returned to its historic look.

The Mayflower Hotel:



Sinking or sailing?

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Main Street and the Coffee Studio's replacement of John Gaffield's photography studio, following the retirement of its owner.

Buildings that do stand empty for an extended period time are often just waiting for the execution of a grand plan by its owner. For example, it is more than just hearsay, Lorenz said, that the Penniman Country House, empty since 1994, will eventually be home to Tom's Oyster Bar. "It's not a rumor," he said. "It is coming."

So downtown Plymouth is desirable and business is good. "But it would do better with the hotel," said McKeon. "It was the soul of downtown. The life has left us. We need to get it back."

"I think it needs to bring itself back to being the meeting place of town," said Pugh. "The restaurant is key to how it is. They have to be brought back, and food is the draw."

That's exactly what Matt Karmo has in mind. Included in the proposed revisions is the expansion of the hotel's steak house with window seating and an outdoor cafe at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street. "We want to keep it alive through the night," he said.

Also incorporated in the plans: the kitchen will be tripled in size, a 250-seat Victorian ballroom will replace the Mayflower Room, a cappuccino bar and bakery will face Ann Arbor Trail, and the aging exterior will receive a facelift. "We are just expanding on what we have," said Matt Karmo.

Sounds good to Pugh. "We don't need a Winkelman's there," he said. "We just need a refinement of what we have."

With the anticipated approval of the Mayflower's mortgage, the chances of that will more than likely increase. And Karmo can't wait to get underway. "Believe me, I'm more excited than anyone else," he said.

But if that day of financial reckoning comes, the proprietors of downtown will be saddened — along with the rest of Plymouth — but they believe their businesses will remain successful.

"As far as I see, business is strong (in downtown.) There's always a demand for space in Plymouth," said Reid. "Somebody always thinks they can do business there."

The Karmos and Barbat believed they could when they purchased the Mayflower Hotel two years ago. Now it has become more than a financial investment, Matt Karmo said, it's a personal challenge. "It's an emotional issue here," he said. "When you hear rumors...you want to prove people wrong."

Historically, the Mayflower Hotel has served as the "town meeting place." Many parties, gatherings and special events were held at the hotel. City officials, the Mayflower investors and the community hope the hotel will return after remodeling as the heart of the community. (Crier file photo)



The Mayflower Hotel:



Sinking or sailing?

Mayflower survived turbulent history

Through all the changes, Mayflower holds special place in town history

BY THE COMMUNITY CRIER STAFF

The Mayflower Hotel, which began as a community-wide effort in 1927, remains one of the most prominent and important landmarks in The Plymouth-Canton Community today.

The history of the hotel resembles a roller coaster ride, changing wildly from grandeur to disrepair, but despite everything, the Mayflower Hotel has remained a community gathering place for nearly 70 years.

But where will the Mayflower be 70 years from now?

That question should be answered soon because the owners and managers of the Mayflower say they are attempting to revitalize the historic building once again.

The Mayflower Hotel opened in November 1927. The idea came from a Plymouth Chamber of Commerce meeting when it was decided that there was a need for a new hotel in the community.

The Mayflower Hotel was truly a

community effort. The chamber of commerce, headed then by E.C. Hough, organized the Mayflower effort by bringing in the Hockenbury System, Inc. of Harrisburg, PA to make a survey as to need and financing, and to assist in organizing the drive.

The citizens of Plymouth gathered to sell stock to finance the project. The entire amount needed to build the hotel — \$209,000 — was raised in six hours. Ground was broken April 25, 1927.

The site chosen for the hotel, the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, was once used as a cow pasture and a popular gathering place during Fourth of July festivities. A plaque on the corner of the hotel marks the site as one of the first homesteads in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Although it was designed to have five floors, only three were built.

After opening, the Mayflower Hotel had its ups and downs during the 1920s and 1930s. By the time Ralph G. Lorenz, its manager, took over the Mayflower in the early '40s, the hotel was in its worst financial and physical shape.

Lorenz was truly the "Father of the Mayflower" during the hotel's heyday. He turned the place around by renovating the hotel and adding fine dining and a genuine "Plymouth-like" atmosphere, full of friendly gatherings and community events.

All that changed in the 1970s. Ralph's sons, Scott and Randy began taking an active role in the hotel's management. By the 1980s, they were full-time managers along with Creon Smith. Late in 1992, the year Ralph Lorenz died, the Mayflower Hotel filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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Hotel in receivership; city caught unaware

'We're still open'

the Mayflower Hotel

Bed & Breakfast

December 28, 1992

Don't give up the ship! My orders come from the man who loved The Plymouth Community and Mayflower equally. That man was Ralph Lorenz. With that in mind, I have assumed the title of general manager, while Creon's full time responsibilities will be exerted to raise venture capital.

For the next six months, Scott, Creon and I have the exclusive right to reopen the hotel from the receiver. We will leave no stone unturned in our endeavor. Our mission: (to raise \$1.5 million) can be accomplished in less than six months.

The bank, the receiver and the community have all been extremely supportive in their efforts to keep the Mayflower in the Lorenz family. Creon has long been considered family.

When all is said and done, everything will work out in the end.

The hotel and restaurants will remain open, while the Round Table Club and the Meeting House are totally unaffected. These two entities, are not, and will not, be in receivership, or bankruptcy.

The entire Lorenz family would like to express its sincerest appreciation for the continued support for the Mayflower.

RANDALL M. LORENZ

BY AMY KIDWELL and THE CRIER STAFF

For the first time since 1939, the Mayflower Hotel is being operated by someone outside the Lorenz family.

On Dec. 21, the hotel was placed in receivership.

In the meantime, the hotel and its restaurants remain open for business. Operation of the Mayflower Meeting House and the private Round Table Club are unaffected, say hotel spokesmen.

After almost a year of operating under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization plan, the Mayflower II (a Michigan coastal estate west of Main Street) and Heritage Federal Savings Bank of Taylor separately filed motions to dismiss the bankruptcy case.

The motions were granted Nov. 3 by federal bankruptcy judge Ray Reynolds Graves.

As part of the deal, the hotel was placed in court-ordered receivership on

The Mayflower Hotel has always provided dramatic headlines. The front page of The Community Crier on Dec. 30, 1992 announces that the Mayflower Hotel was in receivership.

The Mayflower Meeting House, retained by the Lorenz family, was recently sold. In better times, the hotel and the meeting house activities played off each other. Some staff members worked at both.

In 1994 the Lorenz family and Smith sold the hotel to a group of investors including Matt and Keith Karmo, the brothers who run the hotel on a daily basis.

Since then, the hotel has remain on unsteady financial ground — currently owing nearly \$90,000 in back taxes, according to City records.

Efforts have been made by the current owners to turn the Mayflower Hotel around, but until recently, funding was unavailable.

The Mayflower Hotel investors say they are close to receiving a loan. They expect to begin renovation projects on the hotel "soon."

But the future of the Mayflower Hotel remains uncertain. The historic building and meeting place in Plymouth has reached a critical crossroads.

Will the Mayflower rise again to its former prominence as the community's meeting place or will it falter and become an albatross around Plymouth's neck as

community struggles to maintain its position as a popular destination among regional shoppers?

the Mayflower Bed & Breakfast Hotel

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Mayflower Deluxe Steakburger	
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Chicken Breast	10.95
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Served With A Large House Salad

Vegetarian Primavera - fresh sauced vegetables with Fettucini noodles in a light wine butter sauce	9.95
Chicken Vegetable Alfredo - grilled chicken breast over fresh vegetables in a garlic Alfredo with Fettucini noodles	10.95
Beef Zurich - shaved beef tenderloin with mushrooms and onions in a light brandy cream, accompanied with buttered Fettucini	11.50

Here's a portion of the Mayflower's dinner menu today.

Sunday, November 13, 1927

Dinner, \$1.25		
Fruit Cocktail		Olives
Radishes	Celery	
Cream of Tomato Soup		
CHOICE		
Roast Long Island, Apple Sauce		
One-half Spring Chicken, Country Style		
Broiled Small Sirloin Steak		
Oyster Poulette in Patty		
Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus		
Pineapple Salad, Beauty Dressing		
O'Brien	French Fried	Creamed Potatoes
Green String Beans	Buttered Cauliflower	
Apple, Lemon, Raisin Pies		
Ice Cream and Cake		
Chocolate Sundae		
Coffee	Tea	Milk

The Mayflower Hotel's menu from Nov. 13, 1927. (Menu courtesy of the Plymouth Historical Museum)



Community opinions

Symbol of failure, beacon of hope

For the past several years, the Mayflower Hotel has stood as a symbol of economic failure — and a shining beacon of hope for residents who remember the hotel as the heart of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The City of Plymouth is working diligently to refurbish the downtown district. In fact, the recent near-completion of the downtown streetscape further makes the hotel look rundown by comparison.

For the downtown renaissance to be complete, the Mayflower must not lag behind. It is clear that the economic development of the City is no longer dependent on the success of the hotel. But if the Mayflower flourishes, it would further improve Plymouth's future.

The Mayflower Hotel remains the "soul" of the City. In fact, it was the community who bought stock in the Mayflower Hotel project in 1927, raising the entire \$209,000 needed to build the hotel in just six hours. That feeling of "community ownership" remains strong. The entire community looks forward to supporting any effort to again make the Mayflower the crown jewel here.

But if progress is not made soon, the hotel should be sold to a party willing to advance this important undertaking.

Mistakes have been made in the management of the Mayflower Hotel. Although efforts have been made to improve the Mayflower, Keith and Matt Karmo have not done enough to make the citizens of Plymouth feel welcome. In the past, the Mayflower was the community gathering point and past owners were active in community affairs.

The Karmos should strive to make that true once again. Although a Mayflower Hotel Restoration Committee was involved in some planning, the public was kept in the dark as to the possible renovation.

The City of Plymouth has made every effort to help the Mayflower Hotel succeed, putting off nearly \$90,000 in back taxes — not a small amount for a city this size. There is little else the City government can do to help the Mayflower. One thing is clear: it is in the City's interest to see a vibrant Mayflower Hotel.

In the best of times, the Mayflower Hotel hosted many community events — from service club meetings to weddings and business meetings. At one point, when the Plymouth Hilton was at its high point, the two local full-service hotels brought thousands of guests each year to The Plymouth-Canton Community.

With the possible approval of a mortgage to refurbish the hotel, now is an important turning point for the hotel.

The next six months will be absolutely critical. If by then progress has not been made to greatly improve the hotel, the future of the Mayflower will be grim.

With the support of the community, the City of Plymouth and local financial institutions, the management and owners of the Mayflower Hotel are in a unique position to revitalize the historic landmark.

The ball is in the Mayflower Hotel's court and everyone is watching.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Hotel could be downtown cornerstone again

"Every town needs a hotel, a bank and a newspaper." — Ralph G. Lorenz, "Mr. Mayflower," on many occasions.

For all the old-timers in The Plymouth-Canton Community, and for many of the new-timers, the Mayflower Hotel — in its prime — holds special memories that justify Ralph's wisdom.

Take Jack Coxford as he calmly wrote out the check for daughter Janet's wedding to Plymouth High School sweetheart Dave Sibbold. (In those days, the Mayflower Meeting House was operated in conjunction with the Lorenz Empire and the hotel.) "It was a great party," he smiled, as have hundreds of parents doing the same thing there.

Take the Massachusetts Delegation to the 1980 Republican National Convention that slept at the Plymouth Hilton but was treated to a grand welcome at the Mayflower. All of town turned out to host the important visitors.

Take the 1st Annual Commodore's Ball of the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club where several hundred of the town's normally staid citizens had a few laughs about bringing a yacht basin to the Tonquish Creek.

Take the earliest office of The Community Crier — a small Mayflower Hotel room "donated" by Lorenz to foster a community-owned and operated newspaper.

Take the time Austin "Woody" Lynch emptied a packed Crow's Nest Pub at lunch time by loudly squishing a cockroach on the wall with his boot, scraping up the remains and screaming out, "Where's Ralph?"

Take the time the Lord Mayor of Plymouth England was feted in a huge dinner at the Meeting House.

Take the countless Thanksgiving dinners at the hotel dining room — under the famous Pilgrim scenes — that earned

Ralph the "Mr. Thanksgiving" title on national television.

Take the "grand opening" of the First National Bank of Plymouth (later the First of America building down the street).

Take the Lorenz politicking for closing streets, granting air rights, ignoring parking requirements for his foresighted empire building.

Take the now-waning "Gloom and Doom Society" meetings in the Mayflower dining room every morning where the town's imagined "movers and shakers" make "important" decisions.

Take the State of Michigan Racing Commissioner public hearings on race dates and other topics that brought lots of "trackies" to town.

Take George and Barbara Bush, of Houston, TX, staying at the Mayflower. And so did Barney White, also of Houston, TX.

Take the annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce dinner when the chandelier dropped to the fortunately-empty floor of the Meeting House just minutes before the event started.

Take the attempted murder-for-hire of Chuck Finlan in the Mayflower parking lot.

Take the recent Kiwanis Club "roast" of Jim Jabara for his then-impending wedding to Anita.

Take any number of important civic, business and cultural events of The Plymouth-Canton Community held in the past seven decades. Chances are they were connected with the Mayflower Hotel.

That is up until the Lorenz sons announced the hotel was entering bankruptcy during the snowstorm at the end of 1992.

Since then, fewer events have been held there.

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Fewer friends now meet in the Crow's Nest Pub.

Fewer breakfasts, lunches, dinners are served.

Fewer important decisions are made within its walls.

What was once the downtown cornerstone for the entire Plymouth-Canton Community, has been passed by as its neighbors stepped up to a new streetscaped neighborhood.

The hotel's new owners have promised to revitalize the facility.

But they've promised that for two years as business has obviously declined.

City officials, business neighbors and visitors to town have expressed doubt about the continued well being of the Mayflower Hotel. Could it actually close? Plymouth Township officials have been unable to erase the ugly stain of the hulking, shuttered Plymouth Radisson (formerly the Plymouth Hilton) on Northville Road.

No one wants anything but success for the Mayflower Hotel.

But how long can the town carry such a large institution until it "recovers"? The taxable assessment on the entire Mayflower Hotel property is now far less than on many smaller commercial buildings and some large homes in the community.

How long will the community wait for the Mayflower Hotel to catch up to its place in history?

The new owners of the hotel, Matt

and Keith Karmo and friends, have grand ideas, they say.

Their plans hinge on financing to put the restaurant-bar square onto THE main vantage point of town, refurbish rooms, add banquet space.

Part of the once-proud jewel won't be there in the future — the Mayflower Meeting House has been sold by the Lorenz family to new owners entirely separate from the hotel.

But of the remaining Mayflower complex west of Main Street, the future could be bright.

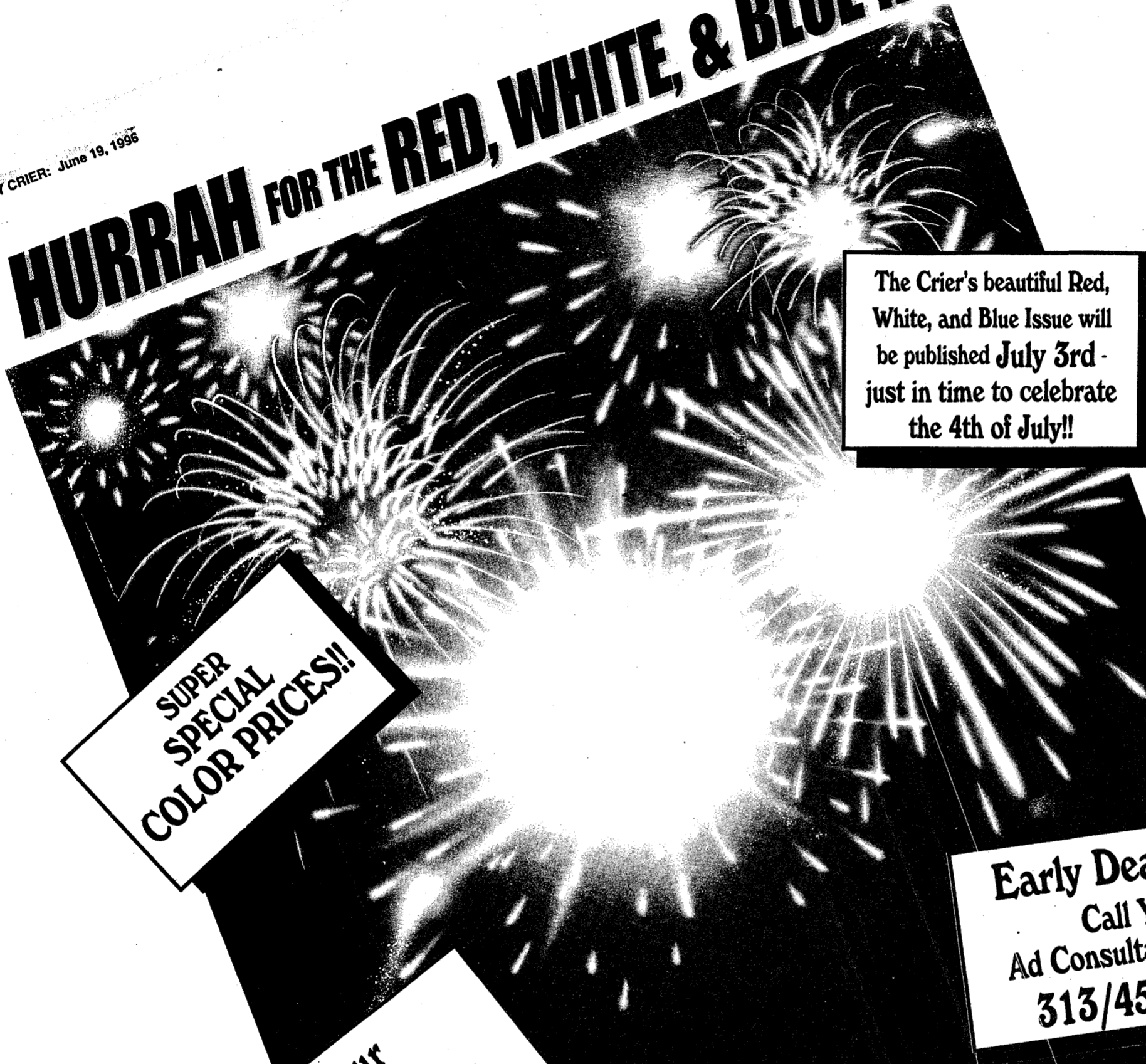
If the Karmos' plans succeed, the Mayflower could again be the center of the community's affairs. It will take more than just the \$2 million loan, however.

The Mayflower Hotel, like all major community institutions, can only succeed if the owners-operators become involved in the town's activities. That's what it takes to make all the pistons hum in such a major engine for the town.

With hard work, luck, and a renewed support from town, the Mayflower Hotel can again be an important part of the community.

Maybe in five years, the town will look back on this important turning point for the Mayflower Hotel and toast its success from the recently-added fourth-story restaurant-bar-banquet facility. (The hotel was designed to add two more stories.)

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Dear Friend:

Oakwood Healthcare System has recently completed the data gathering and planning phase of our transition process, which involved more than 400 people (including 147 physicians and dozens representing communities we serve) during the past six months. We are now moving ahead to ensure a healthier tomorrow for our patients/members and our organization as a whole.

Earlier this month, Oakwood's board adopted recommendations emerging from the process, and approved new strategies for the organization through the year 2000. You will hear more about these from us during the next several months.

Why do we feel new strategies are necessary?

Changes in healthcare are occurring in the Detroit area and in virtually every community in the United States. They are affecting every hospital and healthcare system nationwide. These changes include a *decrease* in inpatient volume, and *increase* in the demand for outpatient care and other non-acute services, the future decline of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, increased pressure from payers and purchasers to reduce costs and increase efficiencies, and managed-care reimbursement which sets fixed dollars per person and dictates a shift toward *wellness*.

We need to listen to our customers or we won't be in business long. And, we owe it to you and others to be as healthy and strong as possible — so we can meet and exceed your expectations for years to come.

Like any good business, we need to step up and make the adjustments necessary to meet our customers' long-term needs. Those adjustments will require large investments of time and money. However, we recognize our responsibility to make decisions — as difficult as they may be — keeping tightly focused on the best, long-term interests of all those we serve. We've set the strategies and, as customer demands dictate, we will make specific decisions on ways to follow them.


What will the changes achieve? They will ensure that you benefit from consistent, high-quality care across the Oakwood system; make it easier for you to access Oakwood services; make it easier, effective and more desirable for you to move out of the hospital and into the most appropriate non-hospital settings (such as being treated in doctors' offices or at home); promote wellness by increasing education on prevention; and replace unneeded hospital beds with a network of 24 outpatient centers.


You will learn more about these changes and how they will affect you and your family. In the meantime, a special *toll-free* phone line has been activated through September 30th to receive your questions and comments on this. Please call **1-800-861-4630** to offer a question or comment that can be considered by us in future communications with you. Also, please feel free to write to any of us with your ideas and thoughts at: A Healthier Tomorrow, Oakwood Healthcare System P.O. Box 2500, Dearborn, Michigan 48123-2500.


We are excited about these changes, and need your support and thoughts as we move forward.

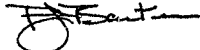
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Chairman of the Board

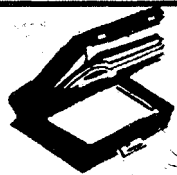

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a free lecture in its Women's Lecture Series on "Reducing Financial Stress For Women" from 7-9 p.m. June 27 in the hospital auditorium. The guest speaker will be Phyllis Wordhouse of Plymouth. Registration by Friday is requested as seating is limited. For more information, call 591-3314.



JAMES V. CLARKE

James V. Clarke was promoted to general manager of construction for **Robertson Brothers Group**, a residential development company of southeast Michigan. Its current projects include The Links of Pheasant Run and Pinewood at Pheasant Run in Canton.

Canton resident **Franklin C. Hazard** announced he will leave his post as the executive director of **Kenny Foundation**, a United Way agency located in Southfield, on July 1. Hazard has held the position since 1980. His replacement is current associate director, **Susan Burnstein**.

Continental Cablevision announced Thursday that it will begin to select participants from Canton, Plymouth and Northville to test new high speed Internet service. The test is scheduled to begin Aug. 1. Customers interested in participating can e-mail at admin@continental.net, or by calling toll free (888) 339-1688.

Plymouth resident **Henry J. Wojtaszek**, vice president and general manager of **Key Plastics, Inc.**, was elected to serve on the board of directors for the **Plastics Academy**, a non-profit organization which administers the **Plastics Hall of Fame**. Wojtaszek entered the plastics industry in 1962.

Follow the Sun

New gallery brings Bolivia to Plymouth

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A business that has traveled the world has made its permanent home in downtown Plymouth.

Sun Gate Imports, 550 Forest Ave., recently opened, bringing rare Bolivian arts and crafts to the northern hemisphere. "This is something different. You can't find it anywhere else," said Lawrence LaJoie, who owns the store with his wife, Denisse. "The artists we deal with produce a limited number of their products. So once it's gone — it's gone. We want to have things nobody else has. That's attractive to some people. They want something you can't find anywhere else."

"It's one of a kind," said Denisse.

So is the history of Sun Gate's owners, who import jewelry, leather goods, wood carving, pottery and wicker made by Bolivian natives.

Lawrence moved to South America in 1993 to work in Chile, and later in La Paz, Bolivia, where he worked as a telecommunication security technician at the new American Embassy. In love with continent's culture and lifestyle, Lawrence enrolled in a Spanish class where he found another love — his teacher and future wife, Denisse. "Denisse would take me around the sites and locations around La Paz, and one thing led to another," said Lawrence.

The couple married in July 1994, just one week after they had founded the forerunner of Sun Gate Imports: A Touch Of Bolivia. "There's a market in La Paz, and a lot of things you see here in this store are in that market," said Lawrence. "When I was a tourist, I'd pick up a lot of things, one of which was this gourd. And I remember looking at it, and thinking whoever had made this had spent hours carving it. So we were sitting around one day, and I said, 'I bet you could sell a lot these things in the states.'"

The LaJoies operated their business in Bolivia for four months before an offer came from Lawrence's parents to take up residence in Houghton. "My parents had retired to the UP, so they had an extra house," said Lawrence. "And they said, 'You could come up here.' So that's what we did."

The change in address also brought a change in the name of the business. In a collection of photos from Bolivia was a picture of The Gateway of the Sun, a ceremonial center built sometime in the 9th century by the Tiahuanacu civilization. During the summer solstice, the sun shines through the figure of a god holding two staffs at the center of the stone edifice, creating a sun gate.



On the shores of Lake Superior, the wholesale business was becoming increasingly popular, and the remote UP location made for long trips to trade shows. A successful retail experiment during the 1994-95 Christmas season reinforced their desire for a permanent store. "It would make us more creditable to our customers," said Lawrence. "We could tell them, 'We have a store.' And with a store, we can test a lot of different items."

So it was time to make another move. "I have a big family in Livonia," said Denisse. "We came to visit here, and they started to show us around."

The first stop was Plymouth, and although the LaJoies would visit several other cities as a potential home for their store, "We came back here," said Lawrence. "We really liked it."

"Also, this town doesn't have

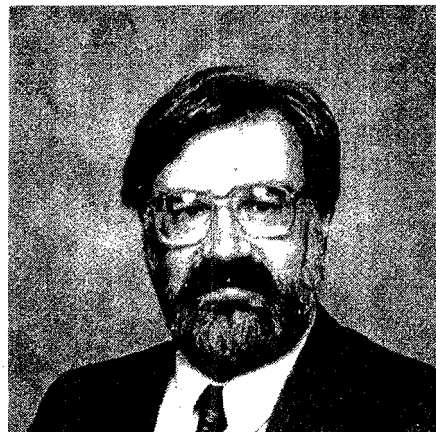
imports," said Denisse. "We decided that would be good for us."

And so far it has, Lawrence said. The imports keep coming in, courtesy of Denisse's mother who purchases the products in Bolivia, even though the laid back native lifestyle doesn't always lend itself to capitalism. "It's really laid back," Lawrence said of Bolivia. "People don't have stress."

Denisse's mother and the native artisans' contributions to Sun Gate Imports may increase if the LaJoies' wish comes true. "We'd definitely like to open up more than one store," said Lawrence. "I think that's every owners dream."

The LaJoies, who are Plymouth residents, will celebrate their grand opening June 29.

By the way, if you decide to visit, don't try your Spanish on Lawrence. "She failed me," he said, smiling.



STEVEN GACH

Toltest hires engineers

Toltest, Inc. of Plymouth recently hired two engineers.

Steven Gach joined the hydrogeological team and Kathryn Brugman will work on the air quality team.

Gach is a certified underground storage tank professional and has eight years of experience in environmental assessment, engineering, consultation and



KATHRYN BRUGMAN

project management.

Kathryn Brugman will contribute three years of expertise in environmental consulting. She specializes in assisting industrial and governmental clients to comply with requirements of the Clear Air Act.

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STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR SOCIETY RADIO FIELD STATION
Will operate a complete working field station Saturday in Plymouth Township Park. During a 24-hour period, station members will attempt to contact other amateur field operators across North America. The public is invited. For more information, call 455-7652 or 453-8864.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS
Free 1996 Entertainment book when you order your 1997 book. Offer expires June 28. All proceeds go to children's causes. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Bill at 453-8253 or Ken at 728-7619.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

TRAILWOOD GARDEN CLUB
The first ever Garden Walk sponsored by the Garden Club, entitled "Flowers are Forever," is scheduled for Tuesday from noon to 7 p.m. It will take place rain or shine (severe weather date is June 26.) Six gardens will be featured. Refreshments will be provided by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Presale tickets \$5 and \$6 the day of the walk. Tickets are available at Saxton's or by calling 459-5285 or 459-7146.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY BAND
Free outdoor concerts in Kellogg Park, Thursdays until July 25 at 8 p.m. Variety of music. All performances are free to the public.

PCAC SUMMER ART CLASSES
Performing arts workshop. One week long. July 15-19. Classes for all ages in pottery, water color, drawing, sketching and more. Registration has begun. For more information, call 416-4ART.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
"Two-for-One" early bird presale of 1997 entertainment books. To order the \$40 books, supporting the PCC's work, and get a free 1996, call Stan 459-6829.

Health...

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Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

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At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Aerobics, Step, Weight and Intro to Step classes offered by Aerobic Fitness Co. Morning, evening and Saturday classes. Childcare available mornings. Classes ongoing, join anytime. Six-week sessions \$33-75. For more information, call (810) 348-1280.

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Lunch hour open skate at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12:30-1:50 p.m.; Wednesdays: 1-2 p.m.; Fridays: 10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

SMOKE STOPPERS
The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

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Canton Catholic school approved

BY BRIAN CORBETT
Despite enrollment numbers that are one-half of the initial estimates, the Detroit Archdiocese will build its first grade school in 32 years on the property of Resurrection Parish in northwestern Canton.

Construction on the \$7.2 million project will begin immediately, according to Ned McGrath, communications director for the Archdiocese of Detroit. More than 200 students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade will attend classes in the fall of 1997.

When the project was set into action late last winter, a first year enrollment goal of 400 students was set. However, the size of the grade school has not been affected by low enrollment figures.

Phase one of the project includes 18 classrooms, a lunch room, multipurpose room, library and computer room.

The second phase of construction, scheduled for completion in 2001, will add 16 classrooms, a gymnasium, art room, science labs and auxiliary rooms — enough housing for more than 1000 students.

"This is truly a historic moment," said Detroit Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida. "It's the first Catholic school to

be built in the Archdiocese of Detroit since the mid-1960s. I wish to commend the Catholic families from the Four parishes in the area who sought the school, and their pastors who responded to the need."

Mike Mitchell, a key contributor to the planning of the grade school as St. Kenneth parish parent coordinator, said the Archdiocese anticipates the school will fill up as construction gets underway. "The fear was they'd build a small one," he said: "there would be waiting lists all over the place, and we'd be back to where we started."

The grade school project was intended to answer a resurgence in Catholic education, which has pushed local parochial schools to capacity.

In addition to Resurrection Parish, the new grade school will draw from St. John Neumann, St. Kenneth, and St. Thomas a'Becket parishes, churches surrounded by an area experiencing a population boom.

Mitchell and Mike Gerou, a Plymouth attorney who is also involved in the planning, presented these demographic findings to the College of Consultors, archdiocesan priests who advise the archbishop on administrative and financial matters.

After a month of meetings and consultations, only one adjustment was made before the Archdiocese decided to go with the original plans. "The only thing they changed was they lowered the family tuition fee from \$5,000 to \$3,500," Mitchell said. "That gives the families a break and makes it more affordable."

The family education fee allows parents to secure a spot in the grade school for all their children.

But that substantial dollar figure may have driven families away during the spring enrollment process, said Mitchell and Gerou. "I think a lot of families said, 'Yes, we like it. But let's wait and see what happens.' I think with the lower family fee, it's going to be easier to sell,"

said Gerou. Mitchell, Gerou and several high ranking members of the Archdiocese credit Maida for his leadership throughout the year-long decision process. "The Cardinal kept on task," said Msgr. John Quinn, the director of education for the Archdiocese of Detroit. "When you haven't done something like this for 32 years, it's not easy to come up with a building formula that is acceptable to everyone. Cardinal Maida kept us focused on the children."


Besides construction, the school project will be set into motion by the formation of a Steering Committee, comprised of the pastor of the four parishes; a lay person from each parish; St. Frances Naldony, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit; and St. Mary Rita Allen, associate superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Its task will be to identify a principal, form a governing board, and select a name for the school.

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PCAC to raffle Jet Ski

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Raffle tickets will be sold from today until Art in the Park, July 14.

The \$1 tickets are being sold to finance the second phase of construction on the PCAC's headquarters at the corner of Sheldon Road and Junction.

Call the PCAC at (313) 416-4ART for information on where to buy tickets.

Concerts begin tomorrow

Band concerts in the park begin tomorrow.

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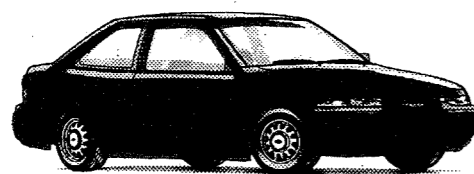
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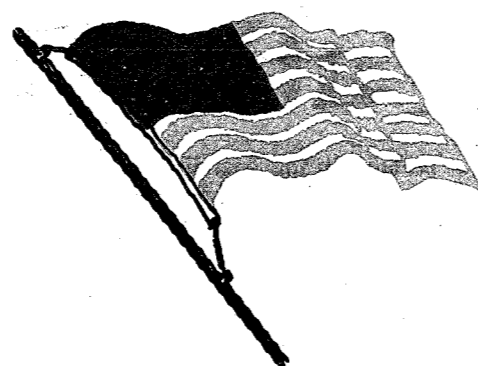


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7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Bobby Lewis & The Crackerjack Band
9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Mulligans Stew (Strolling in the Tents)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

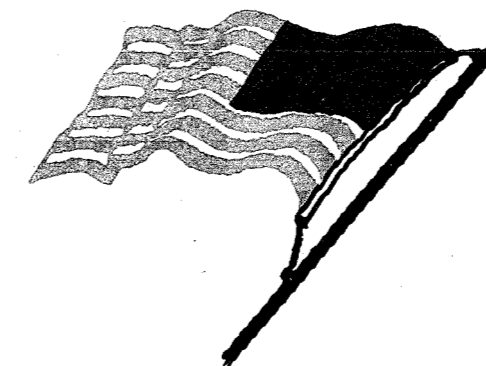
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Mini-midway rides for kids ages 12 and under. \$1 per ride. Games, food, and kids entertainment.
10 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Arts and Crafts Show featuring over 90 vendors.
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Fine Arts Show presented by D & M Art Studio featuring 70 vendors, all original work.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Classic Car Show, a different show each day featuring food, fun, and awards.
Noon to 4 p.m. - Kids Art Workshop hosted by Paul Latour, all materials are free and kids keep their work. Located next to the picnic shelters.
Dusk - Fireworks, preceded by a military band performance sponsored by Community Federal Credit Union.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Mini-midway rides for kids ages 12 and under. \$1 per ride. Games, food, and kids entertainment.
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Noon to 4 p.m. - DARE Dinner featuring Chicken and Ribs from Outback Steakhouse. All proceeds to benefit DARE.

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• JULIE AUSTIN 3:00-3:45P.M.
• KIDS KAROKE 4:00-5:00P.M.
• MI. OPERA THEATER 5:00-6:00P.M.
SUNDAY, JUNE 23
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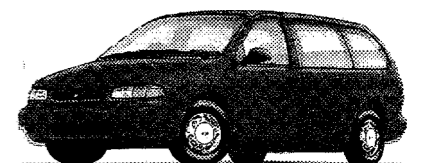
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 The Plymouth-Canton Business Education partnership program is looking for individuals willing to share their expertise with local students. To volunteer, call Betty Bloch at 416-4903.

Upcoming...

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 At the Marquis Theatre, 135 N. Main St. in downtown Northville, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages 8 to 17. The show will run Aug. 6 through Sept. 29. For more information, call 810-349-8110.

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION
 The entire month of June, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. All registrations require a birth certificate. \$40 for City resident and \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call 455-6620.

NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR LIBRARY BOARD
 Nominating petitions are available at the clerk's office of the City and Plymouth Township for candidates for election to the Plymouth Library Board in the general election Nov. 5. Three trustee seats are open. Nominees must be 18 and residents of Plymouth. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. July 18.

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

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Eight students from Salem High School who are members of the 1996 Mid America Pompon All Star Team will perform at Coca-Cola Olympic City in Atlanta, GA, next month. Paulette Adams, Audrey Ayala, Heidi Balatico, Stacy Barbosa, Maria Cini, Robyn Novak, Erin Vaquera and Colleen Wydendorf are among 200 members of the team who will entertain Olympic spectators at the games. Mid America Pompon Inc. is based in Farmington.

WSDP, the FM radio station owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton School District, recently awarded two scholarships to graduating seniors. Amanda Barth, a senior at Canton High School, won the WSDP scholarship. She will attend Eastern Michigan University.

Poonam Desai, who also is a Canton senior, was awarded the John Seidelman Scholarship. She will attend the University of Michigan. Both students worked at the radio station for three or more years.

Navy Airman Stephen Seigner is in the western Pacific Ocean near Taiwan monitoring military exercises and missile firings conducted by the People's Republic of China. Seigner is a Plymouth resident and a 1995 graduate of Salem High School.

Plymouth resident Patrick Downes recently received a JD in law, cum laude, from Boston University.

Lindsay Johnson, a sophomore at Albion College, received the David Morris-Eldridge Pierce Sophomore Scholarship in history during the college's annual honors convocation. Johnson, a Plymouth resident and a graduate of Mercy High School, also was named an Albion College Fellow for the spring semester.

Lisa Craven of Canton was named to the dean's list at Northwood University in Midland. She recently completed her junior year. To earn recognition on the dean's list, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Michael Keough of Plymouth recently graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood School. He was awarded a captain's letter in ice hockey, and was a member of the all-state hockey team. He had a grade point average of 3.78. He will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Back in Time

Dürr Industries in Plymouth Township recently unearthed a time capsule buried under the company's front steps since the 1940s. When the copper box was opened, the contents revealed old newspapers, coins, comic strips and information about the former occupant of the building. (left to right) Dürr Industries' Financial Administrator Ken Krause, Operations Director Walter Stevenson and Purchasing Agent Dave Heilman look through the time capsule's contents. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



Students enter 'space race'

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two residents of The Plymouth-Canton Community recently were transformed from school students into space cadets.

Heather Karricker and Mathew Reuter were one of nine Metro Detroit students to attend Space camp in Cape Canaveral, FL. Karricker, a fourth grader at Hoben Elementary School, and Reuter, a seventh grader at East Middle School, qualified by submitting an application form that beat out 55 of their peers.

The reward was six days at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

"Wayne County received 40 scholarships and they in turn turned them over to all the school districts in the county," said Kathy Harenda, curriculum coordinator of math and science for the Plymouth-Canton School District. "So it was a competitive process. The students had to fill out an extensive application. In the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, we had 32

applications for the elementary, fourth and fifth grade camp, and we had 23 for the six and seventh grade camp. Then from that we could only send out one for each camp, and we were lucky both won."

Karricker and Reuter arrived on Florida's Atlantic Coast May 5, and graduated May 10.

The time in between was spent hanging suspended on the Zero "G" Wall, practicing giant leaps on the Moon in the Zero Gravity Chair, and preparing for long stay-overs in space in the Space Station Mobility Trainer.

But the highlight of the week came after days of intense preparation. Teamwork and training were put to use when the space cadets entered one of NASA's flight simulators — Mission Discovery or Mission Endeavour — and experienced the challenges of both flight and mission control. Karricker and Reuter also were given the unique opportunity to see firsthand where

the world's premier space transportation system is processed, assembled and launched. Prior to departure, Harenda said Karricker and Reuter were ecstatic.

Karricker was selected because, Harenda said, "She loves science and would like to see a space ship, and she would love to meet an entomologist and take an inside look at insects."

Hoben teacher Kathy Sibert called Karricker "one of the most enthusiastic students I've ever had," Harenda said.

Reuter was a perfect fit for Space Camp.

"His fascination is with computers and technology," said Harenda, "and he enjoys astronomy."

Harenda said East teacher Toni LeMaster recommended Reuter. "She says he works well with his peers and in cooperative group activities, and is enthusiastic about learning new concepts in math and science," Harenda said.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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MARGARET J. MARTZ

Margaret J. Martz, a former Canton resident, died June 11, 1996 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Martz was born Sept. 3, 1903 in Detroit. She lived in Canton for 18 years before moving to Milford two years ago. She was a government clerical worker.

Mrs. Martz is survived by her daughter, Beverly (Walt) Schlicker of Milford; son, Kenneth (Carole) Martz of Brighton; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with William C. Moore of the Trinity Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial tributes can be made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

FRANKIE J. LAMIRAND

Frankie J. LaMirand, a former Plymouth resident, died June 5, 1996 at the age of 66.

Mrs. LaMirand, who lived in Plymouth for 30 years, died at her home in Palm City, FL. She was a history and government teacher at Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools. She cherished those memories. Active in community affairs, she often was found singing in the Arts Council Follies, writing song lyrics or humorous poetry. She sang every week for St. John's Episcopal Choir.

Frankie and her husband moved frequently in the community, for one of her joys was building and/or restoring houses. It was always a good laugh when mentioning the LaMirand home...never knowing for sure which one.

Survivors include her husband, Richard LaMirand of Palm City, FL; daughters, Nancy Wilson of Indianapolis, IN, Kathryn Mooradian of Saline and Carrie Roskoskey of Naperville, IL; sons, Gregory LaMirand of Geneva, IL, Jeffrey LaMirand of Richmond, TX; brother, Larry McCall of Palm Harbor, FL; and 12 wonderful grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held for her at St. John's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30. All who knew or were touched by her are invited to attend.

Those wishing to make contributions on her behalf may do so to

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Music Department, 623 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994 or Hospice of Martin and St. Lucie, P.O. Box 1168, Stuart, FL 34995-1168.

DELPHINE MEMERING

Delphine Memering, a Canton resident, died June 13, 1996 at the age of 61.

Mrs. Memering was born March 26, 1935 in Canton, where she lived all her life. She was a driver for handicapped kids for the Plymouth-Canton School District.

She is survived by her husband, Herman Memering of Canton; daughters, Ann (Ronald) Stafford of Chelsea, Karen (Robert) Green of Wayne, and Michelle and Brenda Memering, both of Canton; sons, Donald (Tonya) Memering of Bedford, IN and Darryl (Tammie) of White Lake; sisters, Katheryn Wisniewski, Dorothy Kotlarczyk, Patricia Sandy, Rose Mary Vecchio and Judith Argy; brothers, Lawrence Baron and Walter Baron; and 10 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by two sisters.

Services were held at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church with Frs. C. Richard Kelly, Joe Gembala and Lawrence Kaiser officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Oakwood East Cemetery in Grass Lake. Memorial tributes can be made to Our Lady of Providence and/or mass offerings.

Kathleen M. Gordon, 41, homemaker

Kathleen M. Gordon, a Plymouth resident, died June 14, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas H. Gordon of Plymouth; daughters, Amanda and Sarah Gordon, both of Plymouth; and mother, Doris Schornack of Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. James Skimmins officiating.

Mary Louise Fern, 69, sales clerk

Mary Louise Fern, a Plymouth resident, died June 10, 1996.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen S. (Thomas) Gwaltney of Plymouth and Pamela Cain of Canton; two brothers; and one grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Bryan Smith officiating.

Delbert W. Haddock, 47, designer

Delbert W. Haddock, a Canton resident, died June 11, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Haddock of Canton; two daughters; one son; two sisters; one brother; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Fr. George Charney officiating.

Erwin Leroy Priest, 75, accountant

Erwin Leroy Priest, a Canton resident, died June 12, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Priest of Canton; daughter, Sandra (Robert) Mayley of Canton; one son; three sisters; seven brothers; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at Berean Baptist Church with Pastor Bob Payne officiating. Arrangements were made by Pawlus Funeral Home in Belleville.

Charles Kenneth Hirschlieb, 74, mail carrier

Charles Kenneth Hirschlieb, a former Plymouth resident, died June 12, 1996.

He is survived by his wife; two children; three brothers; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mildred Mae Ziegler, 85, assembler

Mildred Mae Ziegler, a former Plymouth resident, died June 13, 1996.

She is survived by one brother. She is preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Ziegler.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Sanford Burr officiating.

Louise R. Ahonen, 83, homemaker

Louise R. Ahonen, a Plymouth resident, died June 14, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest A. Ahonen of Plymouth.

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P.R.N. Foundation gives hope to hopeless

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For Plymouth resident Katherine Alberts, each day brings a new physical challenge.

Alberts suffers from cluster headaches, but hopes her new group — the Pain Relief Now Foundation — can help other people suffering from chronic illnesses.

Alberts founded the P.N.R. Foundation recently to give hope to people who often times have very little to hope for.

"There's no doubt, I've had some hard times," said Alberts who has headaches for up to six hours per day, every day. "I've had many friends who have committed suicide because of their pain, but it just isn't worth it. Where there's life, there's hope."

She said the P.N.R. Foundation will assist in providing a support network and financial help for those suffering from chronic pain.

Alberts said she's confident the newly-formed, non-profit group will succeed.

"I really have a gut-level feeling this will go," she said. "If one person can have pain relief and be able to go on with their life, that's great."

Alberts said many people suffer from chronic pain. Chronic pain is a symptom, not a sickness. Therefore, many insurance companies don't cover medication needed to provide relief for those suffering from the disability.

"If it (chronic pain) cannot be linked to an illness," she said, "the insurance companies will pay for absolutely nothing."

In addition to relieving the emotional and financial burden from chronic pain sufferers, Alberts said the group will also lobby to have the ailment recognized.

"There's not much research for chronic pain," she said. "What we need is a sign. Right now, we're being treated as second class citizens."

Right now, Alberts said people like Dr. Jack Kevorkian offer a false sense of hope to people suffering from chronic pain.

"I'm going to go nose-to-nose with Dr. Kevorkian," she said. "I want to make him obsolete."

"I want to make it so those suffering from chronic pain don't even have to think about him."

Alberts said the group is growing every day. In fact, she hopes to take the group nationwide after it is better established.

Until then, Alberts will continue to offer her support to help people like her who have a hard time on a day-to-day basis.

"Too many people are falling through the cracks," she said. "They need our help."

Alberts is accepting financial and medical donations for the P.R.N. Foundation. The group is also accepting people who need help or are willing to help others with chronic pain. She can be reached by writing to: The P.R.N. Foundation, 10106 Hillcrest, Plymouth MI, 48170.

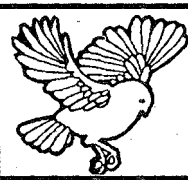
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Although it took Ameritech 11 years to attract its first one million customers here in the Midwest, tremendous demand led to reaching the two million mark in less than 23 months. And a Canton woman takes top honors as Ameritech's two millionth customer at a ceremony in Plymouth yesterday.

Cathy LaTulip, a registered nurse from Canton, bought her second cellular phone on March 26. LaTulip wanted a portable cellular phone for personal and business use and also as a security measure in case

of an emergency. She said her children have asthma and with a portable cellular phone, school officials can reach her in an emergency.

As the two millionth customer, LaTulip wins a \$200 gift certificate for use at any Ameritech Cellular Center, 200 free minutes of Ameritech cellular long distance service, six tickets to a show at Pine Knob with limo service and dinner and a \$2,000 donation to the charity of her choice. She has selected the Leukemia Society of America.



Community weddings, anniversaries and engagements



MARZKA — DURHAM

Judith Ileana Marzka and Timothy Durham will be married Sept. 27, 1996 at Fox Hills Country Club.

Judith is the daughter of Dolly Marzka of Plymouth and Edward Marzka of Orlando, FL. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Durham.

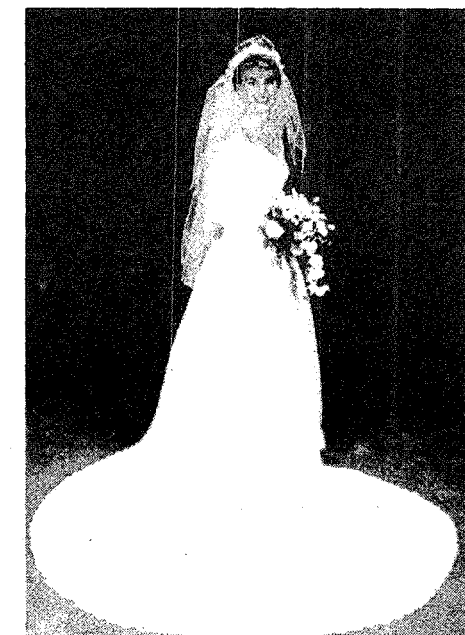
The couple met at Hilton Head, SC while at a work seminar. Judith is the manager of Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak. Tim works for the Mr. B's Restaurants in Shelby Twp.

The couple will honeymoon in Maui, HI.

Lawrence is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a teacher in the Ann Arbor School District.

Jodie is a senior at the University of Michigan, studying engineering.

The couple will honeymoon in Georgian Bay, Canada.



MUELLER — HALL

Cynthia Frost Mueller was married to Ruffin Lewis Hall April 28, 1996 in Wilmington, NC.

Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence H. Mueller of Plymouth. Ruffin is the son of Mrs. Janet Brown Hall and the late R.C. Hall of Raeford, NC.

Cynthia is a graduate of Canton High School, the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina. She is a network development specialist for United Healthcare Corporation.

Ruffin is a graduate of Pine Forest Senior High in Fayetteville, NC and the University of North Carolina. He is a management auditor for the City of Wilmington, NC.

The couple plans on a honeymoon in San Francisco this summer.



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P.H.S. Class of '65 wants to remind everyone that it lost the annual Egg fight of '65 to the Class of '66 and '67 forces. Gary Kubik also wishes to remind his '65 classmates that their 31st year reunion will be held on time Sept. 21 at the Botsford Inn.call Gary Kubik at 454-6583

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Delphin Blue is definitely Steph's color for raku, Lisa you should try it!

Joel gets funnier every week-

Heather Kubiak of Grand Rapids was named to the deans list at Grand Valley State University for the winter semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Congratulations from your very proud family.

Jess eats graduation dinner at Mortons.

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Grampa Jack & Aunt Lynn will have fun this weekend - Emma Rose will be the Chef at our place. Grampa gets to assist her cooking and baking.

Congratulations Janet - Go get em.

Good luck Kristy - you'll be missed.

IF OLDER IS WISER, will Sara Christopher wear a seat belt after this birthday??

THE COCONUT SHOOTOUT continues.

Harold vs. Rick - results soon.

KENN CHRISTOPHER got older in a bass boat.

Dear Martha: One of my fantasies is being locked in "Georgia's," (a collector's heaven), with a cup of coffee in each hand, and browsing until my heart's content. Do join me! It's a wonderful escape from reality to see and enjoy their beautiful things. Never mind, there'll come a time when together we can make this a reality. Love, Geneva.

June H - Glad to see you in charge again and your companion is out pulling weeds. More power to you! Thank you for the books, they look wonderful.

In blue you're true to quite a few

Althea Thompson Shoemaker - oops!

"Now who has taken my La Homme "left overs" and eaten them all up?" said Sally. "Ooh," said the culprit, "I thought they were for Beauregard, and put them in the office refrigerator.

The Plymouth District Library opened five days early at 705 S. Main. Why don't you join the Summer Reading Program for adults, young adults and children? While you are there see how great everything is and congratulate the staff on a super job.

Georgia's Gift Gallery: you add a lovely dimension to Plymouth Thank you for "being". Do we shatter proof phones now that Matt works full time?

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Kristy, your whining will be missed - believe it or not!

Steph says ditto.

Jimmy being 50 won't be too bad, don't go OVERBOARD OR anything!!

Barb and Dave thanks for the great time! L & B Bob L. The three S's change soon to sunning, snorkeling, and swimming!

So, I see that GOOMBAH IS A HE-HEE, HEE. LIZ is ever so funny and enjoyable to work with bullwinkle and rocky - glad to hear you enjoyed your tree book - thought it was right up your alley - good to talk to you, too. Love R & S Thanks Lisa M. for the new duds - they'll be very helpful! Steph

KELLY QUASHNIE BON VOYAGE! We're jealous! Good luck! Love, Steph and Rob Uncle Jim you can't hear the cops anymore, I know I asked the chief.

Congrats Karen B. Thanks to Mrs. Graye and Connie for their wonderful dispositions and terrific flowers! The geraniums went over splendidly! Thanks, Steph

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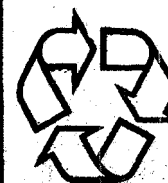
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Sports

Sports shorts

Mari Hoff, a senior at Salem, was selected to the PARADE All-American High School girls soccer team for 1996. The team was chosen by a panel of coaches, recruiters, professional scouts and representatives of the United States Soccer Federation.

Sarah Warnke, a senior at Canton, and Kim Sheldon, a senior at Salem, have been named Detroit Free Press Scholar-Athletes for their respective schools. Warnke plays basketball and soccer, has a 3.93 grade point average (G.P.A.) and has received a scholarship to play basketball at Wayne State University. Sheldon has a 3.75 G.P.A., plays volleyball and basketball and runs track. She served as captain in all three sports.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services kicks off its 1996 Summer Concert Series on Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. with the band "Teen Angels" performing.

The free concert is the first in a series of seven Thursday evening concerts in the beautiful setting of the Heritage Park Amphitheater. This night is guaranteed to be an evening of good music and good times. Refreshments and concessions will be available and lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Plymouth YMCA has begun to offer camps for youngsters.

Camp Tonquish is for children 6-12 years old and will be held at the Plymouth Township Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp is divided into one week sessions beginning this week and the last session is August 19-23.

Camp Jellybeanz is for children 3-5 years of age and is held at Plymouth Township Park from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp is divided into one week sessions beginning this week and the last session is August 19-23.

Four sessions of backyard swimming lessons are being held for children six months to 14 years of age and also an Adult Water Exercise class. The first session is July 1-July 12 (omit 7/4 and 7/5), the second is July 15-26, the third is July 29-August 9 and the final session is August 12-23. The classes are held at pools in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville area. More pools are needed. Call the YMCA if interested.

Registration is being accepted for Fall classes of "Y" Kids, which runs September 23-June 12 for 3-5 year old children.

The YMCA is now accepting registration for their summer programs. Call 453-2904 for more information.

YMCA holds family run

BY MATT HUCAL

On a day for fathers, Sunday also became a day for runners in Plymouth.

The Plymouth YMCA 17th Annual Run was held, and the weather couldn't have been more cooperative for the more than 1,100 runners participating.

How they finished

These are the winners of the four categories in the Plymouth YMCA 17th Annual Run last Sunday.

One Mile Run/Walk

Male overall winners

First place: Jared Biniecki, 18, of Canton at a time of 4:49.

Second place: Doug Andrews, 23, of Ann Arbor at a time of 4:59.

Third place: Jeffrey Martin, 38, of Northville at a time of 5:03.

Female overall winners

First place: Kimberly Delaney, 26, of Westland at a time of 5:58.

Second place: Carrie Boven, 15, of Westland, at a time of 6:17.

Third place: Donna Swanson, 44, of Northville at a time of 6:18.

5K Run/Walk

Male overall winners

First place: Jeffrey Martin, 38, of Northville at a time of 16:24.

Second place: Rob Block, 16, of Livonia at a time of 16:37.

Third place: Ross Hill, 36, of San Marcos at a time of 16:45.

Female overall winners

First place: Patricia Bagley, 25, of Livonia at a time of 18:44.

Second place: Barbara Adams, 16, of Plymouth at a time of 18:56.

Third place: Hillary Green, 19, of Brighton at a time of 19:22.

10K Run

Male overall winners

First place: Matt Holappa, 28, of Ann Arbor at a time of 32:25.

Second place: Jeffery Keith, 20, of Canton at a time of 33:42.

Third place: Terry Elsey, 42, of Farmington Hills at a time of 33:51.

Female overall winners

First place: Serena Fraser, 24, of Ann Arbor at a time of 38:42.

Second place: Amy Wolfgang, 28, of Chelsea at a time of 42:04.

Third place: Jennifer Rossi, 25, of Ann Arbor at a time of 42:25.

Diaper Dash Winners

Crawlers

First heat: Nathan Leo - 9 1/2 months.

Second heat: Marc Przybylski - One year old.

Toddlers

First place: Wesley Ward - 21 months.

Second place: Ian Carolan - 17 months.

"It was a very nice day, there was a great turnout and it was really good seeing familiar faces from previous years," Race Director Tom Morse said.

The runs took place through downtown Plymouth and included five events — One Mile Run/Walk, 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run, Triple Race and the children's races. Each race began at different locations surrounding Kellogg Park — Mayflower Hotel, Union Street and Saxton's.

"We wanted everything to be concentrated around the park (Kellogg) and have the racers winding through the streets and running around the neighborhoods in the downtown (Plymouth) area," said Morse, who's directed the race for more than 10 years. "Everybody seemed to enjoy doing that."

The Plymouth-held Father's Day race was recently rated one of the top 50 races in Michigan by the newspaper "Michigan Runner," something that has made Morse and those involved in the preparation of

the race proud.

Two positives that have come and have continued to grow in popularity the last few years of the run have been participation in the Triple Race (the One Mile, 5K and 10K races) and children races. But still raking in the most runners are the One Mile and 5K races, with about 400 runners in each.

"The triple and children races are still catching on, but we're seeing more interest every year," Morse said.

The only problem year in and year out seems to be the lack of volunteers to stand at the corners of the streets to lead the runners and to show them where to go.

The police officers cooperate and help race officials, but they can only block the streets for so long.

"Basically what we aim to do is make it a community and family event, and I thought we succeeded in doing that," Morse said.

PCEP hosts all-star soccer game

BY MATT HUCAL

A success is what organizer Gary Balconi called the First Annual High School All-Star soccer games that were played at the PCEP soccer field Saturday.

There were two games — a girls game at 6 p.m. and a boys game at 8 p.m. — with 38 high school players from all around the state participating in each game and each player playing one half.

"We were very, very pleased with the weather, the player participation and the crowd size," Balconi said. "Going into the day we pretty much had no idea what would happen, but we were impressed with the results."

The games were played in front of about 500 people. They were able to see a 2-2 tie in the girls game, and in the boys game, a 4-2 victory for former Salem coach Ken Johnson's squad.

Johnson returned from his new residence in Florida to coach one boys team while former Stevenson coach Pete Scerri returned from his home in California to lead the other boys team.

"We were really happy to have Johnson and Scerri come back to coach," Balconi said. "All four coaches did a great job."

The coaches for the girls teams were former Farmington coach Cathy Cole-Kansman and former Farmington Mercy coach Gene Fogel.

One of the highlights for Balconi was seeing Salem player Ronny Mashni score in a losing effort in the boys game, and then watching Mashni's former Salem teammate Drew Drummond score the fourth and game-clinching goal. Balconi was also very impressed with the sportsmanship exhibited by the players.

Along with Drummond and Mashni, other local players in the boys game were Brian Bacyinski and Matt Simons from Salem and George Tomasso and Todd Stonestreet from Canton.

Local players participating in the girls game were Mari Hoff, Julie Buczek and Andrea Sudek of Salem and Sarah Warnke and Becky Vashow of Canton.

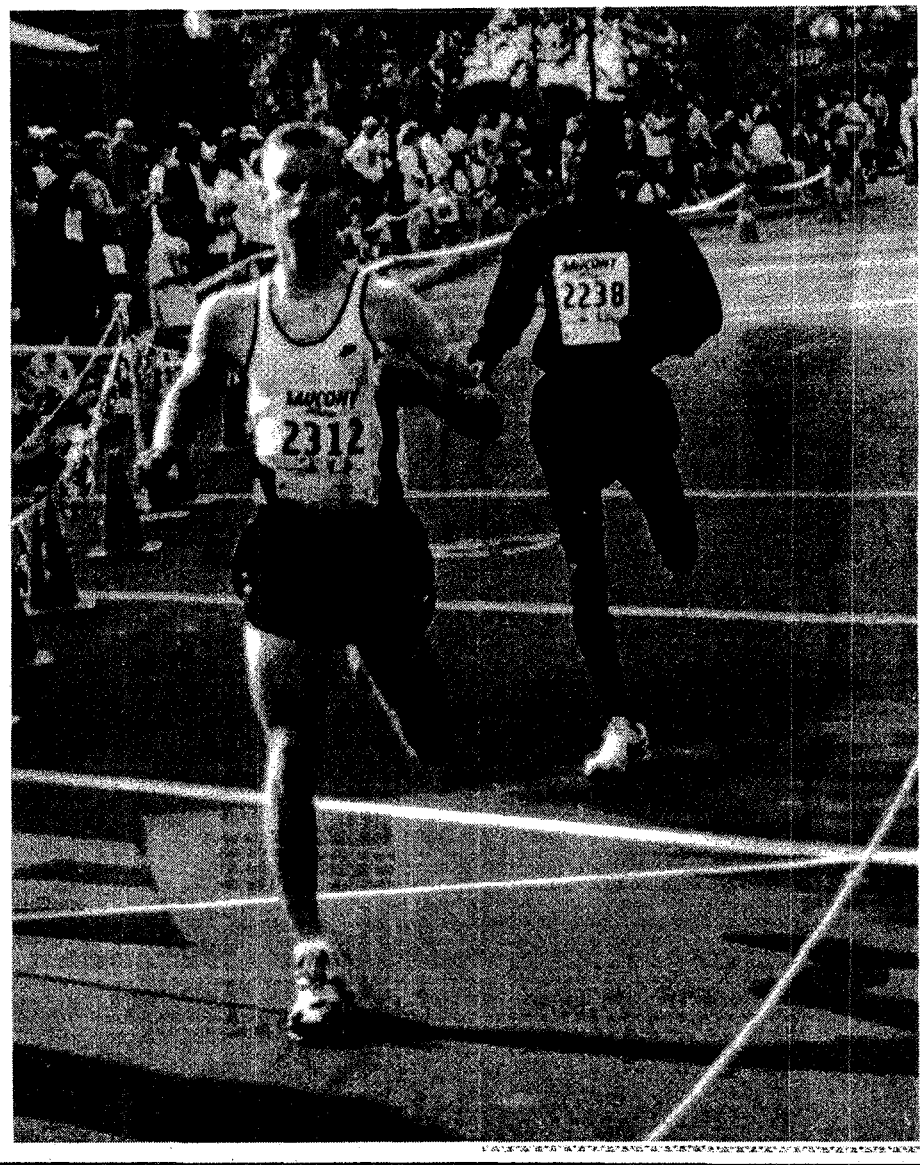
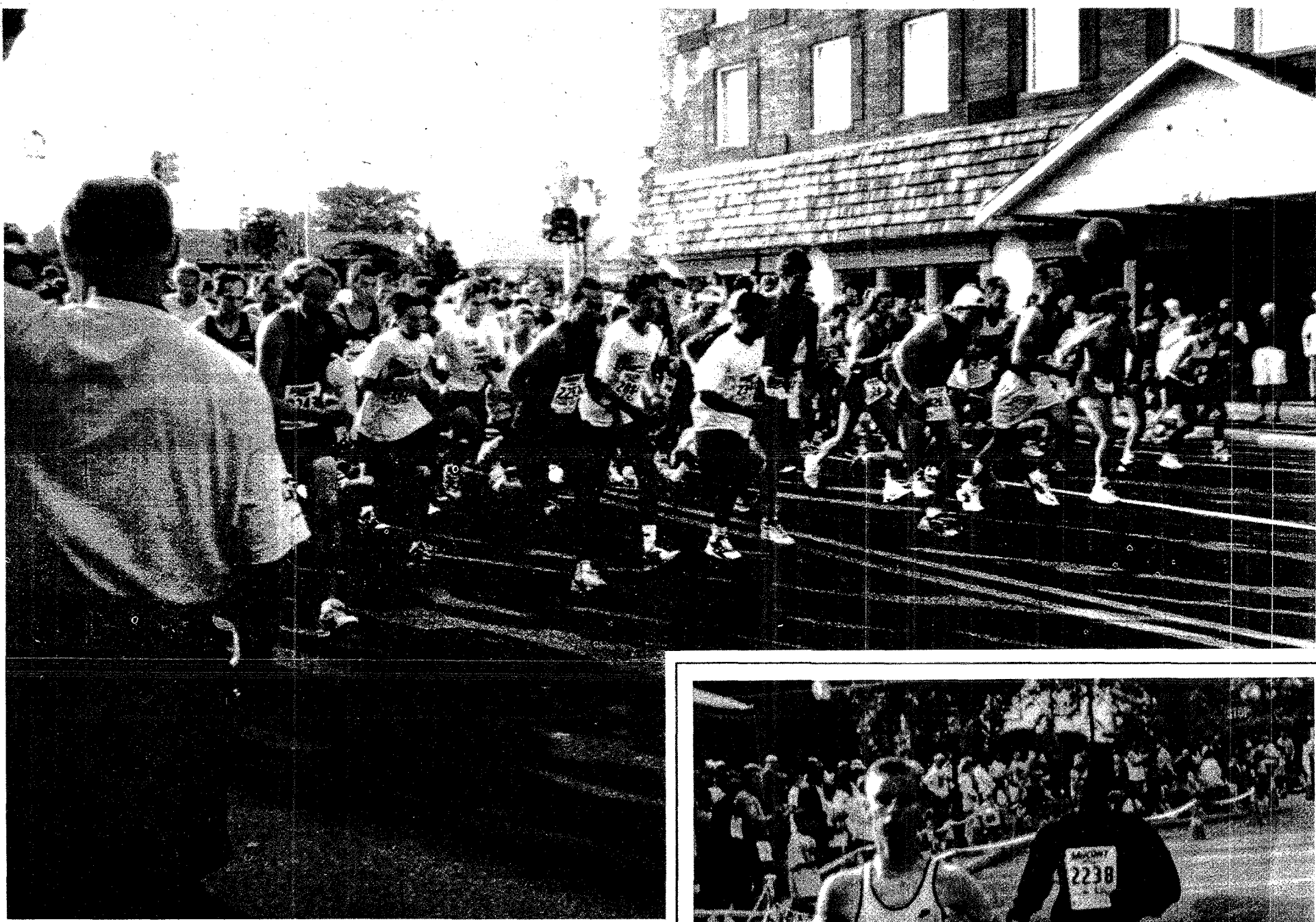
The two others who helped Balconi organize the event were Pete Morrisey and Dave Cook. The teams were picked by two coaches committees — one for the boys and one for the girls. The problem in picking the teams was that the committee had to pre-empt the all-state selection committee in selections for the girls.

Balconi sees the game becoming a yearly event with the help of sponsors like Adidas, which provided the uniforms this year.

"We'll make the effort in making sure the games happen again and that we host it again," Balconi said. "Our goal was to promote high school soccer and to recognize the state's top high school players, and I think we did both."



Sports



On the run

The annual YMCA Father's Day Run again had great weather and lots of participants. The competition was fierce for some, but for most, the event was a way to celebrate a great day outdoors with the family. (Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.)



Community opinions

YMCA Run again success

The annual YMCA Father's Day Run was again a success. Hundreds of runners lined up for their chance to participate in the community run.

The YMCA Run symbolizes the commitment the group has to family. It was clear that many of male participants brought along their sons to run with them. That's the kind of family event this community needs.

In fact, many of the participants weren't even concerned with what place they took. It became more of a community gathering than a sporting event. Although many people visited Plymouth from out of town, the run still maintained a strong community flavor.

Congratulations to the Plymouth YMCA and the organizers of the annual Father's Day Run. It was a great success and a great example of what our community can do when its residents come together for a common cause.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Visit Canton's Liberty Fest

The Canton Liberty Fest begins tomorrow and continues through Sunday in Heritage Park.

The Canton Liberty Fest is celebrating its fifth year of bringing entertainment and family fun to the community.

The celebration is especially fitting as growth and prosperity have hit an all-time high in Canton. It allows the residents of the community to look back at all the accomplishments that have taken place over the past year.

They include:

- the completion of the Summit on the Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course;
- the completion of the Canton Playscape Project;
- another successful year of the Canton Community Policing program;
- another year of leading southeast Michigan and most of the state in growth and new housing starts;
- more excellent representation from most of Canton's elected officials.

Above all, Liberty Fest is a celebration of the Canton community — a community with much to be proud of.

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Community Editorials

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The Community Crier strives to present information to the community with all sides of the story represented.

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Time to answer some simple questions

Local mysteries baffle Crier editor

There are things in life we just can't explain. They defy logic. And they make me crazy.

Most of these questions have answers. Many of the answers have been given to me before. I guess I just need to hear them again.

So here's my list of local mysteries.

1. Why were the streetscape benches in Plymouth installed facing the buildings? I like the looks of the downtown NBD Bank building, but it gets a little boring after a while. I would much rather sit facing the action at the corner of Penniman Avenue and Main Street.

2. As long as I'm on streetscape gripes, why aren't the light poles repainted yet? And better yet, who's bright idea was it to paint them in late October in the first place? Didn't they know paint doesn't stick to metal light poles in sub-freezing temperatures? The poles where the paint stuck looks great. The poles where the paint is chipping off (which is most of them) look terrible.

3. How can a restaurant as fancy as Cafe Bon Homme have such a foul smelling garbage dumpster? I guess as the quality of the food increases, so does the disgusting smell of the garbage.

4. Who designed the handicap ramp leading from the Central Parking Deck to Penniman Avenue? A favorite spot for Plymouth's skateboarding pack, the handicap ramp only allows access to the two storefronts in the alley. There is no handicap ramp up the next level to Penniman Avenue.

5. Why are there so many pigeons in downtown Plymouth this year? There are two possible explanations. Either Canton enacted a heavy duty "pigeon relocation" policy or the mating season has been especially fruitful

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



this year (as I can personally attest to the validity of this particular theory).

6. Why don't more people visit Foods 'N Flavors in Canton to eat? It has to be one of the best authentic Indian restaurants I've ever visited.

7. What happened to the Central Parking Deck lot cleaning crews? It seems there's an enormous amount of trash flying around down there this year.

8. When will the traffic island be finished on Ann Arbor Trail? And, why does it feel more dangerous than ever to cross the street while on foot? Bill Beitner was right. The island should have been scrapped. It makes crossing the road more unsafe than safe.

9. Why didn't anyone run against the incumbents in Canton? Where are all the angry Canton Cricket parents? When the Canton Board of Trustees eliminated the Canton Cricket preschool program, parents vowed to get even at the polls. With no one else running against the status quo, I guess they'll show their disappointment by not voting at all. Or will they come together with a strong write-in vote and surprise everyone? Hmm. You heard it here first.

10. Why is the fountain in Kellogg Park painted a hideous blue? My guess is that the waterproof paint colors are limited. Maybe we won't have to worry about that if a new fountain is built.

These questions (written in no particular order) need to be answered.

Maybe you have some other questions? Send them to me and we'll publish a complete list.

Also see The Community Crier's opinion page on the Mayflower Hotel — pg. 11



Community opinions

Keep the history

Current building trends ignore importance of past

Those of you who know me reasonably well are aware of my love for the arts, local and architectural history, and of course, my love for the great outdoors. Some of you may also view me as a supporter of the building industry. All are true, but under certain circumstances, the latter receives limited backing from me.

No doubt, the building industry is an exciting and progressive business. But, when municipalities allow developers to destroy the historical integrity of land and the surroundings, I become unsupportive. Unfortunately, this disrespectful method of building is becoming more acceptable or, should I say, more convenient.

Gone are the days of consideration for land and the history behind its existence. For instance, the property on which I reside in Superior Township dates back to pre-Civil War times. The old apple orchard, the 1830s home and the barn (now undergoing restoration) that envelop my family's contemporary home all serve as constant reminders of our local predecessors.

Stewart Oldford also had the right

In the workshop

by Maura Cady



idea when his company made plans to develop Plymouth Township's Colony Farms Subdivision. Oldford insisted on preserving an historical barn as a reminder of one man's dream of creating a local weaving industry. Today, this barn, as well as two other homes, exist as part of Colony Farms Subdivision.

Nowadays, it seems that the preservation of historical evidence is a concept that has become much more difficult for developers to grasp. On a recent excursion in western Plymouth Township, I came across what remains of the old Bunyea Farm. Once a relaxing seasonal escape for families, portions of the Bunyea Farm stretching from Powell Road to Ann Arbor Road are being violated by heavy machinery and quickly becoming an area of high-priced, mass-produced homes. This type of growth seems to be a contagious problem not just in Plymouth Township, but in Canton and many other formerly rural communities.

It disturbs me to think that quiet farms like the Bunyea's will soon be considered part of a place we call "suburbia." I'm saddened when I think about how the old barns associated with many local farmers and their predecessors will soon be razed — not a structure or a tree to be

saved from earthmovers, chain saws and wrecking balls.

Call me naive, but is it that difficult for developers to integrate some sort of history into their developments like Stewart Oldford did? And although some developers try, subdivisions reflecting names of helpless wildlife chased off these parcels of land just doesn't cut it. It's time for municipalities and developers to realize that trees and historical structures should be treated as landmarks rather than inconveniences. These landmarks reflect the people, places and things that helped to establish life as we know it today.

Now's the time for citizens to come forth and express their concerns over the loss of the lands that helped make local history. Municipalities need to be encouraged to revamp or reconsider zoning and development specifications to include preservation of the landmarks and trees essential to the history of our communities.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A public hearing will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall for proposed agricultural to residential rezoning for the land spanning from Ann Arbor Road to North Territorial and south of M-14 and from Ridge Road to Napier Road.

What do you think?

Send a letter to the editor.

Rob Kirkbride, editor, The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170

Summit staff saves day

EDITOR:

The seventh grade students and staff at West Middle School would like to extend a wonderful thank you to Cindy Baumgarten and the Summit on the Park in Canton.

On June 6, our seventh graders were scheduled for a trip to the water park in Ypsilanti. Because of unsafe weather conditions, that trip had to be canceled.

Cindy was able to put together a wonderful opportunity for our students, with very short notice, at the Summit on the Park, which included both swimming and recreation in the gym.

The students' end-of-the-year activity was able to be continued, and the staff and students of West Middle School are sincerely grateful to the Summit for providing this wonderful experience.

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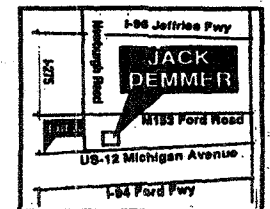
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