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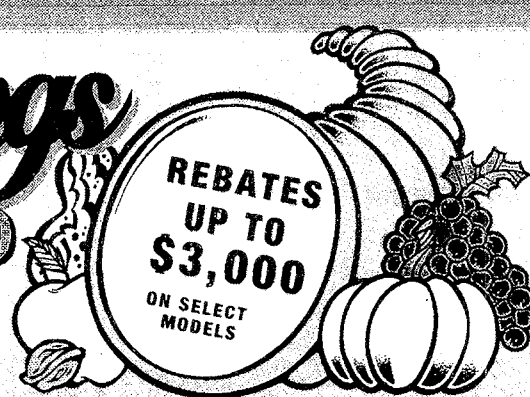
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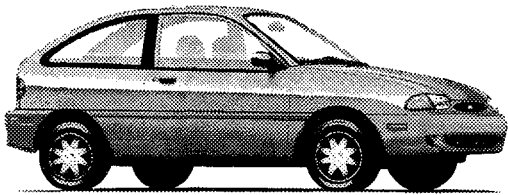
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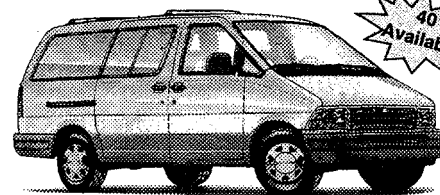
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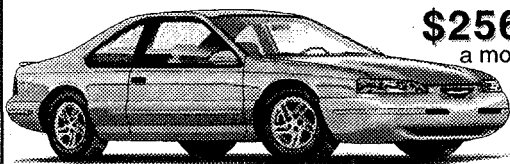


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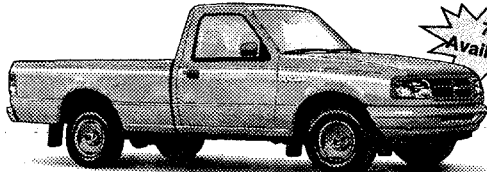


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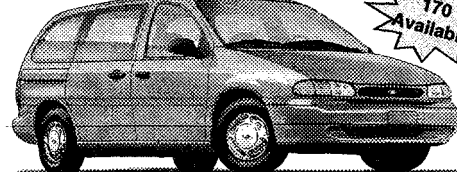
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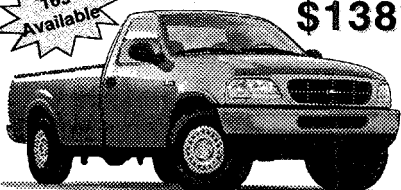


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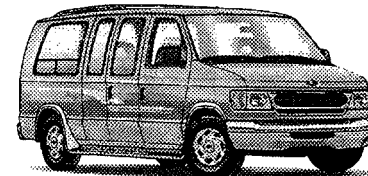
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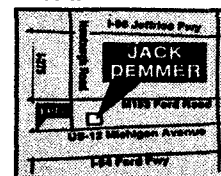
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Court changes

Some juvenile cases to be heard in 35th District Court under pilot program

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

When a juvenile is charged with a local ordinance or traffic violation in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community it means a trip downtown for the person ticketed and their parents.

But under a new pilot program that begins Dec. 1 in the 35th District Court, kids ages 15-17 who violate local ordinances and traffic laws will have their cases heard locally rather than the Juvenile Division of the Probate Court. Prior to this, only cases of persons 17 and above were heard locally.

Organizationally, the cases will be handled exactly the same as adults. When tickets are issued by local law enforcement, they will be heard in the 35th District Court.

35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald said the switch will make it easier on parents and their kids. "There is a lot of merit in the idea of keeping it (cases) local," he said.

Keeping simple juvenile cases local doesn't come without a price.

"As best we can guess, it should mean about 1,000 more cases per year," MacDonald said.

The cases will be spread between all the judges in 35th District Court and the magistrate.

MacDonald said the 35th District Court may have to hire an additional probation officer to run the work detail program.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said the change will help his department in two ways.

"Of course it will mean less time for our officers downtown," he said, "but it will also keep the cases local.

"It's a big help to us, huge help. Now we can deal with the problems at the local level."

Making his holiday list



Santa Claus came to town Sunday and although his sleigh was slowed by the steady rain, three-year-old Lily Burnstein still had a chance to meet the jolly old elf for the first time with her mother, Jayne. Santa will be at his house in Kellogg Park on the weekends until Christmas. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

P-C School District looks at future of middle schools in community

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth-Canton School officials will soon re-enter negotiations concerning the future of Lowell Middle School, which has been leased from the Livonia Public Schools since 1981.

Located in Westland, Lowell Middle School is a key element to the P-C Schools' growth management plan to handle increasing student population. The lease expires Oct. 31, 1998.

Also, administrators are studying aging Central Middle School's viability, and last night school board members were scheduled to discuss the extension of Hanford Road in Canton, which is the likely site for an elementary or middle school, pending voter bond approval sometime next year.

Only one of the three issues — Hanford Road — appears remotely close to being resolved.

But with the school district aiming for a spring bond vote to

fund the possible addition of elementary schools and a middle school and a high school, decisions regarding the Hanford Road land, and Lowell and Central Middle schools could come quickly.

Lowell Middle School is important because it is currently the district's southernmost middle school. "We've got to know what's going on with it one way or another," said John Birchler, the P-C Schools' director of business and operation.

Birchler and Superintendent Charles Little refused to elaborate on negotiations with Livonia. "We're quietly working on it," said Little.

The P-C School District is working in conjunction with Canton and developers to complete Hanford Road, which runs through the heart of the township from Haggerty Road to Napier Road, with the exception of approximately one-quarter mile

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Firefighters

Young Canton firefighters show how to learn while coloring

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Comics

Twp. business thrives with world's most popular comic

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Record!

Whalers set attendance record at Compuware Sports Arena

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Canton Board amends tax abatement guidelines

The Canton Board of Trustees voted to approve amendments to the community's tax abatement guidelines.

These suggested amendments were based on discussions from a board study session held in September.

The previous set of guidelines were

flexible and made it very easy for applicants to receive maximum benefits. The amendments make it more difficult to achieve the full 12-year abatement (with an expanded 100-point scale and new criteria), while still assisting smaller businesses with start-up costs.

The following amendments will take effect on Jan. 1, 1997:

1. Eliminate the wage rate criterion;
2. Amend the headquarters criterion to consider how much space within the building is dedicated to office space;
3. Add an additional criterion dealing

with the amount of space allocated to manufacturing or research and development;

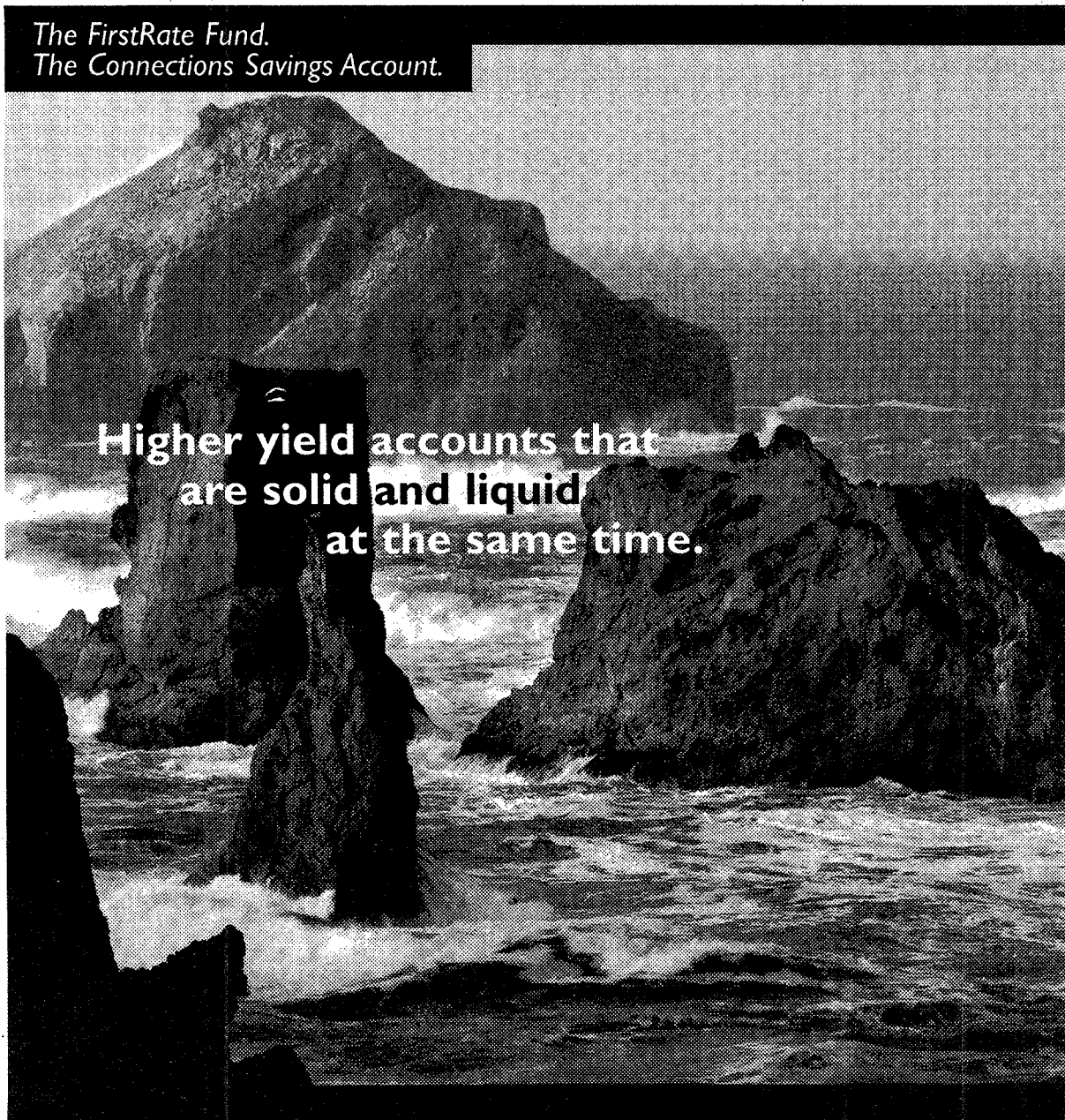
4. Eliminate from eligibility processing facilities primarily engaged in packaging for distribution and;

5. Amend criteria dealing with construction costs and cost/acre, requiring more substantial investments to get points.

Act 198 (the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act) was adopted in the state of Michigan as a means of providing industry a stimulus to create and maintain jobs in the form of significant tax incentives.

It allows new plants to receive a 50 percent exemption from property tax on the taxable value of new real and personal properties for a maximum period of 12 years.

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P-C Schools administration, teachers defend salary levels

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth-Canton School officials said they believe the district's salaries for administrators and employees are in line with surrounding school systems, despite ranking higher in average salary for teachers than total revenue among 83 Metro Detroit school districts.

According to figures assembled by Citizens Finance Committee member Ted Bohlen, the Plymouth-Canton School District ranks 30th out of 83 school districts in average salary, while the P-C Schools' revenue is 69th of out the same 83 districts.

The P-C Schools slip nine positions for average pay for teachers with a master's degree. According to Errol Goldman, the assistant superintendent for employee relations, approximately 300 of the district's 800-plus teachers will make \$61,968 this school year at the highest step of the master's degree pay scale.

Teachers' base salary is \$31,777.

This disclosure comes one month after the school district and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association signed a contract which gives teachers a 5 percent on/off schedule raise spanning two years. "Do I think my pay is exuberant to the people around me? No," said Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli.

As for administrators, Superintendent Charles Little's \$121,677 annual salary (including fringe benefits) is approximately 60 percent higher than his predecessor John Hoben's (\$73,524) 10 years ago. Including fringe benefits, there are at least 20 administrators in the school district making more than \$83,000.

"Our wages are competitive based on what we expect people to do and what other district pay to get people to do that service," said Little.

"I don't think they are out of line," said Goldman. "What I do see happening, based on Proposal A, is they are going to be slowing down."

As the district's top negotiator, Goldman said eight months of contract talks never included discussion of a pay cut.

"We didn't discuss it. Is it possible? Yes. Is it likely? No, it's not likely," he said.

Instead, the school district, which has struggled with its finances since local property taxes were eliminated as a source of public school funding two years ago, and the PCEA bargained for new health care benefits.

The school district anticipated saving \$450,000 annually from the new contract, Goldman said. "I think (the teachers) do an excellent job for the salaries we pay them," said Goldman. "Just look at the Proficiency test scores and the MEAP scores."

Which is a point Bohlen has tried to make. "There's no correlation between salaries and test scores," he said.

Bohlen points to Woodhaven, a school district that has the fourth highest salary out of the 83 districts but ranked near the bottom in test scores.

Channel 7 eyes Mettetal for Doppler site

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Channel 7, WXYZ-TV is attempting to install a Doppler Weather Radar antenna at Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport.

In exchange for lease of the space, pilots would be allowed to use the radar for up to date weather reports. Information would also be made available to the Plymouth-Canton Community in the case of severe conditions.

The facility would be the first of its kind in Michigan, according to Mike Doback, chief engineer at Channel 7.

The television station and the state-owned airport have been negotiating for more than one month on the installation of a building and tower to house the Doppler Radar equipment.

Doback said reports were "purely

speculative," but added that Mettetal Airport is an attractive location. "That's very possible because I know that was one of the sites we were looking at," he said. Randy Coller, the airport's state liaison, said the radar station was still in a conceptual stage. "Right now, there's nothing to report. We're in the middle of

negotiations," he said.

Airport Manager Doug Kitze said Doppler Radar would be a tremendous addition to Mettetal. "The signal you would get here would be approximately 20 minutes earlier than the signal you get at home," he said. "It would be an asset to the community."

Canton man charged in arson case

Aaron Carl Ragland was in 35th District Court Friday for a preliminary examination on a charge of arson of a dwelling house.

The twist is Ragland is accused of burning his own trailer in Holiday Trailer Park, 3600 Geddes Rd. According to Canton Police Detective Dave Schreiner, Ragland apparently set fire to his trailer with a silicon spray can June 21 for personal reasons, not insurance fraud, after Ragland's bank had foreclosed on his property.

"I don't think it was financial. I don't think it was for insurance. My best guess is he was angry at being evicted," he said.

The fire caused \$3,000-4,000 in damage and there were no injuries, Schreiner said.

P-C Schools Administration earnings (1996, 1986)

1996 salaries:

Name, Title	Salary (including fringe)
Dr. Charles Little, Superintendent	\$121,677
Errol Goldman, Asst. Supt. Employee Relations	\$107,170
Patrick O'Donnell, Asst. Supt. Instruct. K-12	\$100,046
Patricia Patton, Canton High School principal	\$96,892
Gerald Ostoin, Salem High School principal	\$95,800
John Birchler, Exe. Dir. Business and Ops.	\$93,385
Judy Stone, West Middle School principal	\$90,742
Ken Jacobs, PCEP Security	\$88,657
Cheryl Johnson, Pioneer Middle School principal	\$88,017
Donna Aveck, Dir. Computer Serv. and Inst. Tech.	\$87,428
George Belvitch, Tonda Elementary principal	\$87,407
Larry Masteller, Dir. of Community Education	\$87,092
Joan Claeys, PCEP asst. principal	\$86,884
Joyce Deren, Hoben Elementary principal	\$86,658
Barbara Young, Fiegel Elementary principal	\$86,636
Jim Burt, Allen Elementary principal	\$86,308
Dave Rodwell, Exe. Dir. Research and Tech.	\$85,977
Judy Ireson, Eriksson Elementary principal	\$85,916
Roche LaVictor, Lowell Middle School principal	\$83,710

1986 salaries:

Name, Title	Salary
John Hoben, Superintendent	\$73,524
Raymond Hoedel, Asst. Supt. of Business	\$60,657
Norman Lee, Asst. Supt. of Personnel	\$58,819
Michael Homes, Asst. Supt. of Instruction	\$58,819
Edwin Page, Director of Special Ed	\$53,987
Kent Buikema, Exe. Dir. of Secondary Schools	\$53,987
Billy Brown, Salem High School principal	\$53,684
Shirley Spaniel, Exe. Dir. Elementary Ed	\$51,738
Dale Goby, Dir. of Transportation	\$49,741
Carl Taylor, Pioneer Middle School principal	\$48,907
Patricia Patton, Lowell Middle School principal	\$48,907
Earl Bearup, Area Coordinator	\$48,907
Thomas Tattan, Canton High School principal	\$47,921
Patrick O'Donnell, West Middle School principal	\$47,772
Patricia Moore, Central Middle School principal	\$47,772
Larry Masteller, Dir. of Community Ed	\$46,632
Harold Gaertner, Dir. of Vocational Ed	\$46,632
Thomas Workman, Allen Elementary principal	\$46,430
Ronald South, Eriksson Elementary principal	\$46,430

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The 56th observance of National Bible Week will be celebrated through Dec. 1. In Plymouth, National Bible Week will be celebrated by the Plymouth Ministerial Group, the Kiwanis Breakfast Club and the Plymouth Historical Museum through a display at the Mayflower Hotel featuring a variety of Bibles, new and old.
- The Christian Science Church invites the public to join them Thanksgiving Day for holiday services at 10:30 a.m.

WEEKEND

- Canton's municipal offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Summit on the Park will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day and regularly scheduled hours on Friday.
- The Community Crier and COMMA, will be closed Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving. The offices will be open Friday during normal office hours.

UPCOMING

- The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows annual paper sale will take place Dec. 7.

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The Crier's annual "Christmas Wish Book" will be published next week. Call a Crier advertising expert for information at (313) 453-6900.

State will wake to Plymouth's Fourth of July parade

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

On July 4, 1997, the state of Michigan will awake to Plymouth's new parade format at 7:30 a.m. — Good Morning, U.S.A.

In addition to the early start time, the parade, which will continue to be run by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, will include more entertainment and true parade floats, according to Fred Hill, who is helping the Jaycees organize the annual downtown event.

"The old 1 p.m. start time made it difficult to get parade entries and kept the attendance down," said Hill, a parade veteran with his Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team. "It was right in the middle of the day. Now, people can go to the parade and still head out to the lake or do whatever else on the Fourth of July."

Hill said the goal is to have a minimum of 25 high-quality floats. Carl Battishill is organizing the musical entries. "We are trying to gear toward every entry to be entertaining," said Hill.

The theme of the parade is, "America the Beautiful." All parade-goers will be asked to wear red, white and blue. Although the flags will be waving, politics and politicians will

remain on the sidelines. "We're not gearing this as a parade to campaign in," Hill said. "If the politicians want to sponsor a float or other group, that would be great."

In addition to the floats and music, the parade will feature local celebrities, clown groups and maybe even a few large balloon figures. Hill said although it's still early, excitement is already building over the event. "For this early," he said, "the enthusiasm has been huge."

Anyone interested in participating can call the Jaycees at 453-3719.



Fred Hill will lead his Briefcase Drill Team to the Fiesta Bowl Parade once again.

Hill's troops ready for Fiesta Bowl Parade

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For the second time in three years, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team is heading to the Fiesta Bowl Parade in Tempe, AZ.

The team is ready to wow the crowd under the sun like they have so many times in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

"We are beginning to train at our secret headquarters (the Central Parking Deck) for the parade," said Hill, who started the team in 1985.

Hill said the team is ready to unveil a few new moves. "We've been working on the 'Stagger Step March' and the 'Right Shoulder, Case' moves," he said. "We're ready to make a statement, although I'm not sure what that statement is."

For Hill and the rest of the team, it's all a chance to blow off steam, have fun and entertain parade crowds.

Hill concocted the idea for a briefcase drill team after watching the Bill Murray military spoof "Stripes," in which the bumbling recruits used their unorthodox

marching techniques to convince the Army brass that they were ready for service.

Hill's troops are ready for service. Their warm up will come tomorrow at America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit. "We've marched in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Parade in Canton, OH, the Indianapolis 500 Parade and the Cherry Festival Parade in Traverse City," Hill said.

Their marching has won the group many awards, including a "Best Specialty Group" award at the Fiesta Bowl Parade two years ago. They hope to repeat again this year. The team leaves Dec. 30 to make the New Year's Eve parade. They fly back the same afternoon. The Fred Hill Briefcase Drill team is being sponsored by the Phoenix Business Journal.

Hill is a selective "Commander-In-Chief," limiting the size of the group. "I receive calls often from people wanting to join," he said. "I take their name and keep it on file, but for the most part, the turnover is very low."

District focus on middle school problems

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between Sheldon and Canton Center roads.

That's where the school district owns 20 acres, currently the southern-most property out of 282 acres of vacant land.

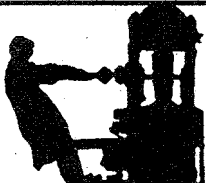
Since a majority of the district's population growth is in Canton, and none of its five middle schools are located in the 36-square mile township, the site has become a front-runner for a future school.

In order to complete the road, the P-C Schools would lose three or four acres. "But we'd get a road built through that would improve the value of the school property," said Little.

The 16 or 17 remaining acres would still be enough for an elementary school, or possibly a middle school.

Birchler said the P-C Schools are still considering comments from three recent community forums to help in the decision regarding the school district's oldest regularly used facility, Central Middle School.

"It's an old facility. We're going to have to look at how much money we want to put in to keep the building going... No decision has been made yet. We're still going through the community forum process to find out what the opinions of the community are. At the (second of three forums) there were some comments that maybe Central had outlived its life," Birchler said.



Public notices

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1996 and payable through February 28, 1997 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the City Hall lobby next to the Treasurer's office window. First of America Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept payments for your convenience through February 28, 1997.

CITY HALL will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office **WILL BE OPEN** to accept tax payments and other payments on Friday, December 27th and Monday, December 30th.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Court Administrator, 35th District Court
SALARY RANGE: \$55,000 - \$62,000
APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31, 1996

BACKGROUND: The 35th District Court has two elected judges and one contracted judge; a staff of 32, and caseload of approximately 40,000 annually. The Courthouse is located at 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Michigan. The Court serves the communities of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, City of Northville, Northville Township and Canton Township. In addition to the salary, the benefits include medical insurance with master medical, dental and optical insurance, life insurance and longevity.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES: The Court administrator is responsible for all non-judicial activities of the Court, including, but not limited to:

- Budget preparation and control
- Personal management
- Records and Systems Management
- Liaison with the Communities serviced by the Court
- Facilities Management
- Caseflow Management
- Special Projects as assigned
- Public Relations with other governmental agencies, organizations and schools

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or equivalent is required.

Experience: Minimum five years Court or Court-related experience, including supervisory, administrative or management experience. Will consider extensive business management experience.

Send Resumes To: Marion Belding, Court Administrator, 35th District Court, 660 Plymouth rd., Plymouth,



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Salem High School teacher **Cynthia Burnstein** and her students assisted Gale Publishing Company with their "Exploring Shakespeare" CD-ROM. Burnstein, who has taught the Shakespeare Seminar at Salem since 1974, will also help with Gale's "Shakespeare for Students, Book II."

There is still a few days left to send mail-in registrations for **Schoolcraft College winter classes**. Mail-in registration ends Saturday. Phone-in registration continues through Jan. 2 during the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Walk-in registration takes place Dec. 9-13, 16-20 and Jan. 2 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Hours on Dec. 26, 27 and 30 are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Late walk-in registration is Jan 3-4 and 6-10 with full hours. Walk-in registration takes place in the McDowell Center, Room 200. For information call 462-4426.

Santa Claus figures, angels and nutcrackers will greet visitors this holiday season at the **Plymouth Historical Museum**. The Plymouth Historical Museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students (5-17 years old) and family rate for \$5.

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity announced the induction of **Lynn MacLeod** of Canton as a charter member of the newly-activated Gamma Mu Chapter at Central Michigan University. Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity is an organization based on the principles of scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Ryan S. Schroeder**, son of **Diane M. Macreno**, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. He is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School.

Linda Sarna and **Tommy Pitts**, both of Canton, were winners in Q95.5's "Motor City Money Meter" giveaway.

PCEP students named to Honor Corp

Canton, Salem kids to march in America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit

With the fifth annual Thanksgiving Parade around the corner, 300 honor students from public and private schools throughout southeastern Michigan have been selected to walk represent the Parade Honor Corps of students from the metro Detroit area.

There are four Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) students who have been selected to be part of that group Thanksgiving morning.

Seniors Amy Siegrist and John Levandowski will represent Canton High School. Seniors Emily Fiegenschuh and William Chapin will participate from Salem High School.

Qualifications established for participating students include: being a high school student grade 10-12; maintaining excellent attendance; be an outstanding academic performer; and he or she must be involved in extra-curricular activities (for example, civic

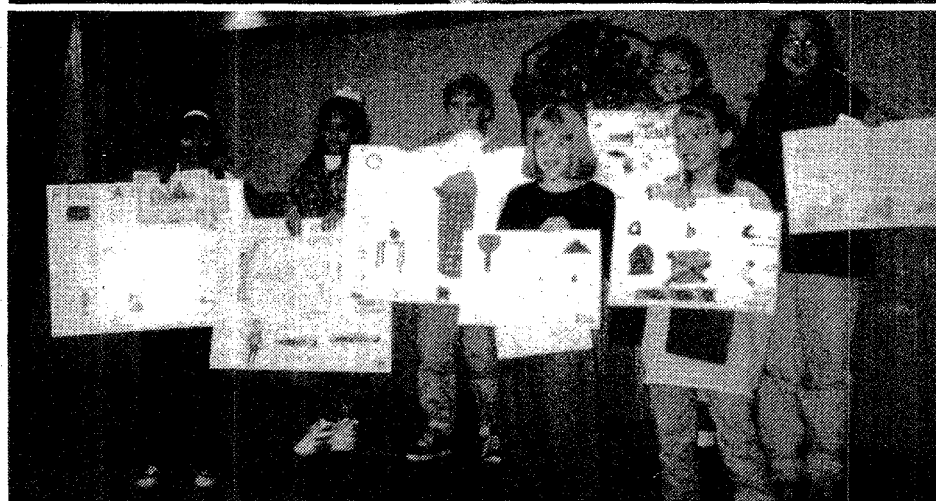
and community projects, volunteer activities, sports, etc.).

Blue Cross/Blue Shield, along with Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer will lead "300 of Greater Detroit's best and brightest honor roll students" down Woodward Avenue tomorrow. Coverage of the parade will begin at 9 a.m. and be broadcast by more than 200 television stations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"Students have been contacted by parade officials and asked to bring a school pennant to wave proudly," said P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little. "We will be watching closely for our fine representation of Plymouth-Canton students. We are very proud and excited for each of them and their families. Had the corps not been limited, we could have filled it with many fine students."

Junior firefighters

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton fire department honored 25 children for their outstanding work in creating individual posters promoting the importance of fire prevention. 872 posters were submitted this year. First, second and third place contest winners received \$50 savings bonds from area business, which include: First of America Bank, Kmart Corporation, Modern Insurance, Baby Depot and Dr. James Glinski. The winners are: Division I, Grades 1-3, first place, Nura Shamamit; second place, Tyler Pelto; third place, Sneh Patel; honorable mention, Scott Lenahan, Kevin McDermott, Maher Nawwas, Andrea Frown-Felter, Brian Quaranto, Ashley Harper, Nicole Widrosky, Joe Sander, Danielle Lauer, Emily Hulscher, Shan Khan, Aishah Gulam and Tesneem Mohammad. Division II, Grades 4-5, first place, Brittany Summers; second place, David Mannebach; third place, Payal Patel; honorable mention, Abeer Berry, Kelly Sue, Jackie Young, Caryn Jayeh and Anum Arshad.



BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Randy Lorenz fondly remembers his parents, Ralph and Mabel saying, "Let's run that idea up the flag pole and see if it flies."

Randy wants to remember his parents, once the owners of the Mayflower Hotel, with a new flag pole in Kellogg Park.

Randy said the 70 foot pole would be paid for entirely by the Lorenz family as a gift to the City.

"Everyone is proud of their parents, but not all parents choose or get to touch

the lives of so many; citizens, travelers and young people (as employees) as they did," Randy said in a letter to the City Commission.

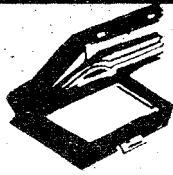
"We hope this tribute will serve to remind those who knew Ralph and Mabel Lorenz that though they are gone from Plymouth, they are not forgotten."

Mabel died in 1984. Ralph died in 1992.

The City will review site plans before making a final decision on the memorial flag pole.

Lorenz family offers City new flag pole

Gift would honor former Mayflower Hotel owners



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will dedicate the Christmas trees that light the walkways of Kellogg Park Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. in Kellogg Park. Hot cider will be served. Carols will be sung. Sign Santa's giant Christmas card. The grand finale will include a candle light singing of "Silent Night."

The chamber of commerce is also holding a membership mixer and business card exchange at Auto Add-Ons, on Ann Arbor Road just east of Main Street, Dec. 11 from 5-7 p.m. Free refreshments and door prizes. Young Country 99.5 FM will be on hand.

For more information, call 453-1540.

The Canton Economic Club will feature Detroit Mayor Denis Archer at the Summit on the Park Dec. 12 at noon. For more information, call 981-3002.

The American Water Works Association awarded top honors to outstanding members at its recent annual conference held in Ann Arbor.

Plymouth Township resident **Abe A. Munfah**, president of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May of Ann Arbor, spoke on behalf of Louis Ayres, who was inducted into the AWWA's Water Industry Hall of Fame.

Only five Michigan natives have been recognized by this honor, two of which have been from ALNM.

Premier Travel Service, 42142 Ford Rd., is under new ownership. Patricia and George Bakopoulos recently purchased the travel agency.

The Perrier Group, manufacturers of bottled water, have chosen **Michaels & Associates, Inc.** for representation in the Detroit market.

The Perrier Group joins Nestle Food Service, The Quakers Oats Company, Clorox Professional Products and Rich Products as clients of the Plymouth-based food service broker, Michael's & Associates.

Michael's & Associates, Inc., a food service/deli broker organization, was established in 1981.

Joan Dawkins, an Associate Broker and Certified Buyer Representative with **RE/MAX on the trail** recently added the professional designation of GRI to her credentials meaning she is a graduate of Realtor Institute. According to the National Association of Realtors, less than 10 percent of Realtors nationwide hold professional designations.

Comic book creator 'Spawn's' success at new Twp. location

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Dec. 7 autograph signing session at Compuware Sports Arena featuring award-winning comic book artist Todd McFarlane is being billed as his first-ever Michigan appearance.

But the creator of Spawn comics has had a stake in the Plymouth community for a few months.

The corporate and sales offices of McFarlane Toys relocated to Plymouth Township in September. The company outgrew its small office and warehouse space in Livonia, said CEO Bill Martin, who will appear with McFarlane from 4-6 p.m. prior to the Detroit Whalers game versus Ottawa.

To comic book collectors and fans, McFarlane Toys' quick growth — it opened nearly three years ago — is no surprise. Spawn has been the nation's top selling comic since it burst on to the scene in 1992, and its accompanying toys and figures have become equally popular.

In 1994, readers of Action Figure Digest, voted Spawn toys the best action figure line in the nation. Four individual figures were among the Top 20 the same year.

With a reported 127 percent sales increase since its inception, a group of major industry analysts cited McFarlane Toys as the fastest growing toy company for 1995, beating such heavyweights as

Hasbro and Mattel.

"There's nothing on the shelf like our toys," Martin said.

"We have 120 spray application on some of our figures. Detail is what sets us apart," he said.

Some would say the same about the comic book.

Created by McFarlane after he departed Marvel Comics in 1992 and founded Image Comics with a half dozen other artists, Spawn tells a dark, tragic tale of a CIA operative killed in the line of duty who unknowingly sold his soul to an evil spirit in an effort to return to his family. The character's struggle with the afterlife is depicted with sublime detail in every issue.

"From the beginning when Todd created it, it's been one of the hottest items in comic books. If it's not number one, it's not far off from being number one," said Martin.

When toys were added to McFarlane's empire in early 1994, Martin was working with friend Paul Burke, a Plymouth resident, at Burke's publishing house.

The switch to an international mega-business — the figures are made in China and distributed to 15 countries worldwide — has been refreshing and challenging, Martin says.

"It's fun. There's something new

everyday. When I began here, I didn't know anything about dealing with customs or ocean freight, or dealing with the Orient. I'd say I've been to the Orient 12 times now," Martin said.

To date, McFarlane Toys has sold more than 10 million units.

And it's not slowing down. 1996 marks the biggest year for McFarlane Toys, which is located near the corner of Sheldon and Five Mile roads, with eight different toy lines shippings throughout the year. An animated Spawn series is in production with HBO, and "Spawn: The Eternal" will be available for the Sony Playstation in March.

According to the Detroit Whalers, McFarlane's appearance at Compuware Sports Arena is expected to draw at least 5,000.

Action figures will be given away, along with hockey pucks. "Todd's a big hockey fan," said Miller.

After a hockey game between Spawn A PeeWee and the Tecumseh, Ontario Eagles PeeWee A, more than 100 Whalers ticket holders will take home autographed action figures, hard cover sets of Spawn comics and hockey practice and game jerseys.

"It should probably be a big night," Miller said. "Whenever Todd makes one of those appearances, the lines usually snake throughout the building."

Plymouth business nabbed under Consumer Protection Act in nationwide fraud sting

BY BRIAN CORBETT

As part of a nationwide investigation, the Michigan Department of the Attorney General filed a notice of intended action Nov. 13 against American Financial Options of Plymouth in connection with allegedly marketing illegal business opportunities in Michigan.

Under Michigan's Consumer Protection Act, American Financial Options had to respond to the charges by last Saturday or face possible lawsuits over the alleged illegal activities.

"We have heard from representatives of the company, and we've had ongoing discussion with them, but nothing's been resolved as of yet," said Attorney General spokesperson Chris DeWitt.

Attempts to reach American Financial Options, Inc. President Darren Neely and Chief Executive Officer David Schuhardt at their 340 Main Street office, Suite 302 were unsuccessful.

According to the Attorney General's office, American Financial Options did not notify the Attorney General of the intent to sell business opportunities and of operating a "pyramid scheme" that pays commissions to distributors for sales to participants who were subsequently distributed by them.

This is in violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act and the Michigan Franchise Investment Law. The maximum penalty for knowing and persistent violations of the Consumer Protection Act is \$25,000.

Despite the Attorney General's contact with American Financial Options, DeWitt said they may still face charges

depending on the progress of negotiations, which could last an undetermined amount of time. "There really is no 'typical' length to these negotiations," DeWitt said. "It's really hard to say."

If American Financial Options ceases and desists immediately, the Attorney General's office may not pursue court action. The Assurance of Discontinuance may include restitution to aggrieved persons and costs of the investigation, the Attorney General's office said.

The enforcement action is part of the national "Operation Missed Fortune", a federal/state crackdown against get-rich-quick, self-employment schemes based throughout the nation, the Attorney General's office said.

Nine other companies in six states and one Canadian province have also been charged. Nearly 30 states and the Federal Trade Commission participated in the investigation.

"With the many changes in the workplace, such as early retirements and corporate downsizing, many people are looking to invest in their own business," said Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley.

"That interest has brought out charlatans who prey on individuals by offering get-rich schemes that are nothing but a fraud. Michigan citizens will be very well served if they take the time and effort to thoroughly check out any business before making an investment. Too many times I have seen people lose their hard earned funds in these schemes. The adage, 'If it looks too good to be true, it probably is' clearly applies when dealing with these types of offers."



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

JOAN MARILYN MONTEEN

Joan Marilyn Monteen, a former Plymouth resident, died Nov. 17, 1996 at the age of 67.

Mrs. Monteen was born and raised in Plymouth. She moved to Murfreesboro, TN in 1989. She graduated from Michigan State University. She was a retired school teacher and owner and operator of Burger Construction Co. at Outlets Ltd. Mall, Murfreesboro, TN. She was a member of Berachah Church in Houston, TX.

Mrs. Monteen is survived by her husband, Roger F. Monteen of Murfreesboro, TN; daughter, Cynthia Barkley of Murfreesboro, TN, René Winner of Bend, OR and Allison Challacombe of Bend, OR; and eight grandchildren.

Geneva A. Taylor, 85, clerk

Geneva A. Taylor, a former Plymouth resident, died Nov. 10, 1996.

She is survived by one son; one sister; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services were held at White-Ranson Funeral Home in Union City, TN. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Frank J. Cervelli, 84, quality inspector

Frank J. Cervelli, a Plymouth Township resident, died Nov. 8, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Clara M. Cervelli; two daughters; one son; step daughter, Margaret Williams of Plymouth and one other step daughter; one step son; 19 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

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

Rose A. Barnes, 84, homemaker

Rose A. Barnes, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 8, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Charles S. (Sharon) Barnes of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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

Helen Elizabeth Rupnow, 79, homemaker

Helen Elizabeth Rupnow, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 13, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Rupnow of Plymouth; one sister; one brother; and six grandchildren.

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

Wanda L. Hall, 65, homemaker

Wanda L. Hall, a Plymouth Township resident, died Nov. 10, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Richard W. Hall; son, Richard W. (Kim) Hall II of Plymouth; daughter, Pamela (Frank) Grzelak of Canton; and one grandchild.

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

Frank Stump, Jr., 67, salesman

Frank Stump, Jr., a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 15, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth A. Stump of Plymouth; daughter, Deborah Adams of Canton and one other daughter; one son; nine siblings; and one grandchild.

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

Albert John Taylor, 90, editor

Albert John Taylor, a Plymouth Township resident, died Nov. 19, 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia (Kenneth) Halfacre of Plymouth; one son; five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Vera Taylor.

A memorial service will be held at the family residence in Murfreesboro, TN. Arrangements were made by Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, TN. Burial of cremains was in the family cemetery.

LILLIAN N. DIBBLE

Lillian N. Dibble, a Madison Heights resident, died Nov. 19, 1996 at the age of 84.

Ms. Dibble was born April 23, 1912 in Chicago. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Dibble is survived by her daughters, Sally (Ken) Crawford of Royal Oak and Betty (Bill) Brown of Ashtown, AR; son, Lloyd (Diane) Dibble of Canton; sister, Evelyn Niblo of Florida; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Detroit Chapter, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

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

Mildred L. Swartz, 77, homemaker

Mildred L. Swartz, a Garden City resident, died Nov. 23, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth A. Swartz and two other daughters; two brothers; one sister; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph M. Swartz.

Services were held at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home - Canton Chapel.

Opal Adams, 79, homemaker

Opal Adams, a Livonia resident, died Nov. 19, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Renetta) Adams of Canton; one sister; and three grandchildren.

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

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Schools...

FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

State-funded program offered to families who meet income guidelines or "at-risk" factors. Children must be four years old on or before Dec. 1. Classes begin in January and run for 20 weeks Monday through Thursday at Hoben and Truesdell schools. For more information, call 416-6190.

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Computers, tutoring, games, etc. The program runs Monday through Friday and begins after school ends and concludes at 6 p.m. \$5 per student per session with a minimum of two sessions per week. For more information, call 420-7040.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION

25th anniversary of the popular P-C Schools' preschool program. June 4 at the Canton High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. All former staff and students are invited. To make a reservation, call 416-4927.

P-C SCHOOLS NEED GUEST SPEAKERS

The P-C Business Education Partnership is looking for individuals willing to share their expertise with local students. To volunteer, call 416-4903.

ATTN: CANTON/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Any graduate under the age of 20 is eligible for free job training in one of the 30 job training classes offered in the Plymouth-Canton School District's Community Education Program. These programs are similar to community college programs. Job training classes range from seven weeks to one year. Classes include Dental Assistant, Cosmetology, Manicure, TV/VCR Repair and several others. If a recent graduate is not attending college and needs a career or job to pay for future college expenses, call 416-4901 for information and requirements.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187, or call 416-7732.

Upcoming...

TOY DRIVE BEGINS NOV. 28

Mel's Golden Razor, 595 S. Forest Ave. in Plymouth, will begin collecting new or used toys for needy families. First Step and Mott's Children's Hospital. Nov. 28 to Dec. 18. For more information, call 455-9057.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY BAND FREE XMAS CONCERT

At the Canton High School Little Theater Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Music will include a variety of marches, show tunes, easy listening, overtures, waltzes and holiday favorites. Additional winter concerts will be held Jan. 25 at Twelve Oaks Mall, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Little Theater and March 21 at 8 p.m. at the Little Theater.

PCAC HOLIDAY PLAYS

The Shoemaker and the Elves; A Merry Christmas; and Little Cosette and Father Christmas. Each program runs about 15 minutes. Public performances are slated Dec. 6-8 at PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$4, and are available by calling 416-4ART. The production is also available to perform for special holiday parties. Auditions for James and the Giant Peach will be held Jan 14-16. Performances will be held mid-April to May.

CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH

Canton is beginning a search for talented residents who are interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who would like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications office at 397-5472 or Scott Zuchlewski at 397-5360. Residents can also send a resume to Zuchlewski at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Interested residents will be interviewed and auditioned for various programs. Voice-overs, narration, writing, producing, on-camera, etc.

ST JOHN'S WINTER BAZAAR

Featuring Self-Help Crafts of the Work and Shop Around Homes sales booths. Baskets, toys, kitchenware, jewelry, crystal, candles, cosmetics and bake sale, candles, fresh greens, and poinsettias. Cafe open for lunch. Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 574 S. Sheldon, south of Ann Arbor Trail. No admission.

SATURDAY STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN

Story times are open to children in kindergarten through first grade. Dates are Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are 45 minutes long. No registration required. For more information, call 453-0750.

Volunteer...

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

The Plymouth-Canton Business Education Partnership is looking for individuals to share information about their occupation to students in classroom settings. To volunteer, call 416-4903.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS

Each \$5 donation to honor an individual will illuminate a light and place a personalized angel on the Tree of Lights. Proceeds benefit patient related projects. For more information, call 467-2530.

SALVATION ARMY NEEDS BELL RINGERS

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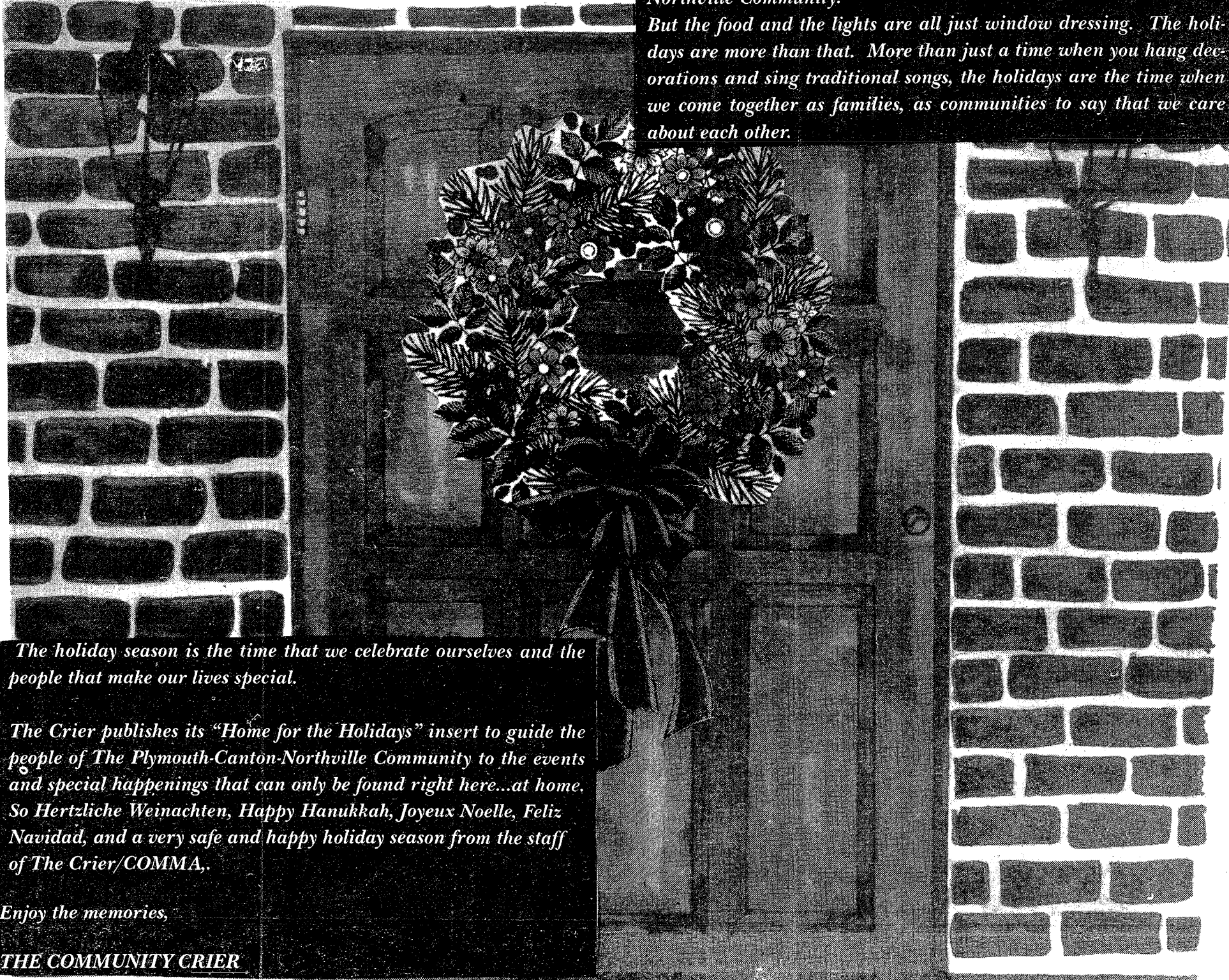
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But the food and the lights are all just window dressing. The holidays are more than that. More than just a time when you hang decorations and sing traditional songs, the holidays are the time when we come together as families, as communities to say that we care about each other.



The holiday season is the time that we celebrate ourselves and the people that make our lives special.

The Crier publishes its "Home for the Holidays" insert to guide the people of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community to the events and special happenings that can only be found right here...at home. So Hertzliche Weinachten, Happy Hanukkah, Joyeux Noelle, Feliz Navidad, and a very safe and happy holiday season from the staff of The Crier/COMMA.

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Local Nutcracker kicks off

P.S.O., ballet present annual classic — Dec. 13

Come celebrate the holiday season with The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and The Plymouth-Canton Ballet

Company in their annual presentation of The Nutcracker Ballet.

Set time aside in your busy

schedule to see their presentation: Friday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. You can see the show (s) at Plymouth-Salem High School

Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, in Canton.

Dawnell Dryja, this year's Sugar Plum Fairy, and Mark Nash are performing courtesy of the Cincinnati Ballet Co. Over 150 dancers will decorate the show—don't miss it!

Local gallery has spirit

Native West will ease your frazzled nerves on the busiest shopping day of the year! On Friday, November 29, from 1-4 p.m. they will be hosting massage therapist, Sharon Farrell, C.M.T. from Health and Healing. Sharon will help take the worries from your mind with a free mini massage.

You won't want to miss your chance to win big — enter their drawing to win a free 1 hour full body massage.

In the days that follow, Native West will put on their seventh annual Art and Jewelry Festival. Mark Silversmith, 1986 Indian Artist of the Year, will be there, as well as a "truckload" of sterling silver and turquoise jewelry to appreciate and put on your Christmas list. The Festival opens with a reception on Thursday, December 5, 6-9 p.m., and continues Friday, December 6, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, December 8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

You can help make a memorable and positive future for a Native American child with the purchase of one of the gallery's special edition ornaments help "FUTURES FOR CHILDREN." This organization uses residuals from the sale of ornaments to better education, leadership and community action in the lives of 80,000 Native Americans.

The 1996 Special Edition ornament, the Buffalo, is a one-of-a-kind piece of art designed by Anthony Lovato of Santo Domingo Pueblo. Anthony

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Get Festive! Plymouth Band plays on...

Let your favorite march, show tune, or holiday favorite warm your ear Friday, December 6, at 8:00 p.m. when the Plymouth Community Band gives a free Christmas concert. Musicians perform on a voluntary basis at many venues throughout the year — if you've missed hearing their concerts in Plymouth's Kellogg Park or Canton's Little Theatre, come out and see them at Plymouth-Canton High School's Little Theatre.


'Boughs of holly' on sale

Deck your halls with the fine greenery on sale at the Greens Mart. On December 6, 1996, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the lobby of Forest Place Mall, the Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will hold their annual Greens Mart. The "Mart" will include wreaths, bows, boxwood and holly. Give your senses a

treat with holly berry red, the scent of evergreen, and the delicious taste of baked goods for sale (held in conjunction with the Greens sale). Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships, spring plantings, Garden Club Park improvements and other community endeavors.

This busy group also participates in the Festival of Trees, held in the Riverfront Ballroom of Cobo Hall, from November 24 thru December 1. Garden club members Cindy Matchette and Arlene Tanari created a holiday wreath from poinsettias, white carnations, with an evergreen base to be displayed and sold at the Festival of

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Interactive theatre entertains

There is no shortage of entertainment in our community, especially during the holiday season, but Northville's Genitti's Interactive Theatre for the Children should not be missed. "Holiday's -R-Us" invites children in the audience to share in the Holiday Spirit. Santa may even be there, so bring your list! Contact Genitti's for specific show times. They are located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

P.C. Chorus "Celebrates"

Plymouth Community Chorus have sung their joyful noise for 23 years — come enjoy "Christmas Celebration 1996" on Thursday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. Many traditional selections will be performed, including such favorites as: "Go Tell It On The Mountain", "Have You Heard", "O Holy Night" and "Jingle Bells". These lovely sounds will be heard in the Sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, West of Sheldon, in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$8.00 each, for information on sales locations or to order, call 455-4080 or Sharon at 425-1208.

Holiday tour brings it home

See what Home for the Holidays means when you tour the Plymouth Symphony League's "Holiday Homes and Hosts" tour. It all comes to pass on December 8, from 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will showcase eight homes and a rectory decorated for the holidays in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville community. Pre-sale price for tickets is \$12.50, and the day of the tour is \$15.00. Funds raised benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. It's not quite A'wassailing, but it is sure to be delightful!

Angels fill the trees

Angels have landed on Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center's Tree of Lights. Honor your loved ones with a \$5 donation. Each donation illuminates a light and places a personalized angel on the Tree of Lights. Proceeds benefit patient related projects. For more information, call 467-2350.

Winter Bazaar helps with your lists

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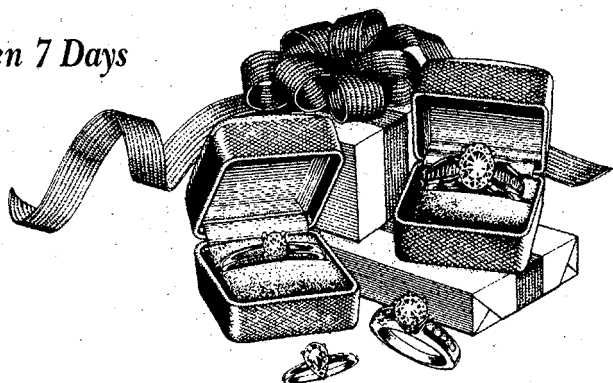
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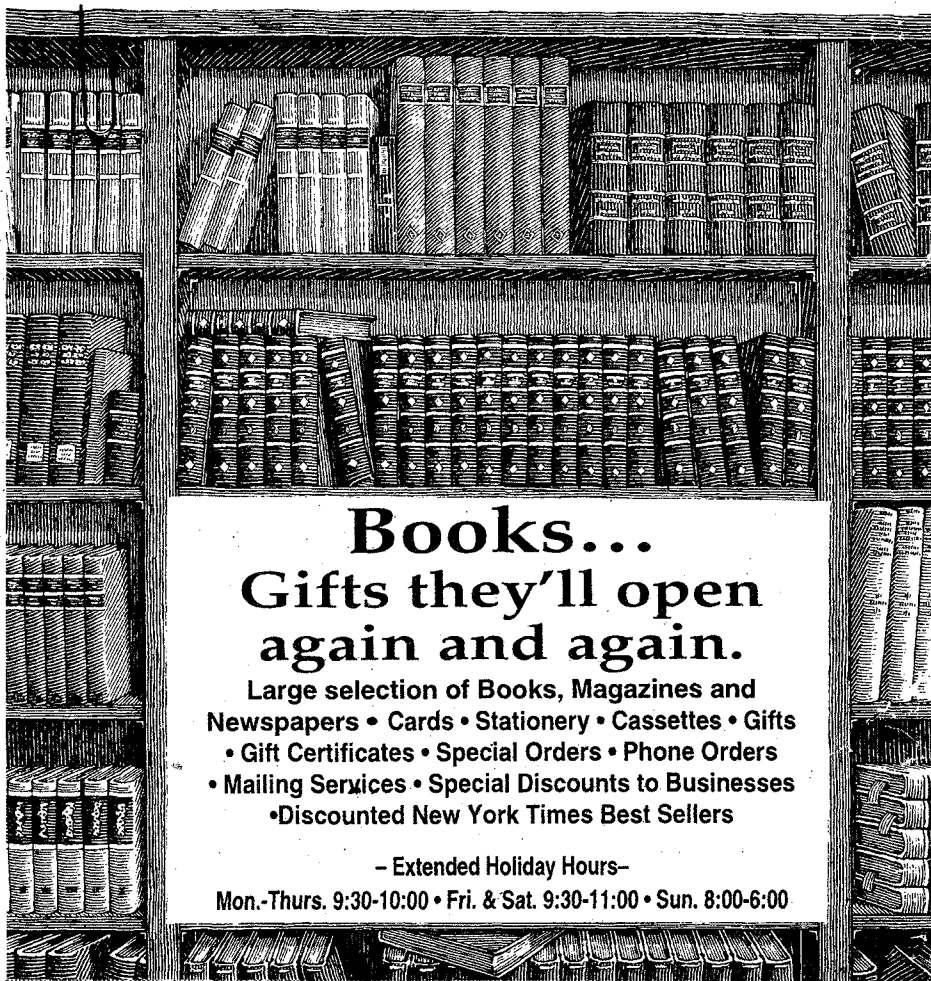


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cafe that will be open for lunch. Also happening on this Saturday, December 7, is the sale of fresh greens and poinsettias. There is no admission charge, and the event will be on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plymouth entertains

In Plymouth this holiday season there are a few events that you won't want to miss: December 8, at 6 p.m. there will be a Christmas Sing-A-Long; who could forget the Ice Spectacular from January 15-20. Join us!

A Summit of fun this season

Canton has spirit! On December 6, the Chamber will hold their holiday party at Fellows Creek, call 453-4040 for details; the Canton Goodfellows Paper Sale throughout the community happens on December 7; Learn how to make festive Gingerbread ornaments at the Summit, call 397-5110; The annual St. Nick Frolic Christmas program for seniors will take place on December 11, call 397-5444 for more information; Join Santa's elves in their workshop at the Summit on December 14, call 397-5110 for more information; Enjoy Brunch with Santa at the Summit on the Sunday following the workshop (December 15), call 397-6800 for more information; Holiday Day Camp at the Summit entertains kids, call 397-5110 for more details.

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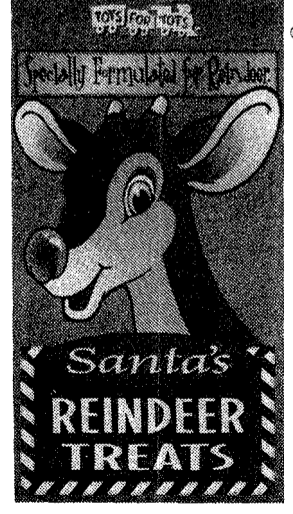
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Wares for sale

Give of your 'art this year, visit the Village Potter's Guild '96-'97 Holiday Sale! On December 6-7 from 10-7 this local group will showcase delightful treasures perfect for presents. From Downtown Plymouth, follow Main Street north. After crossing a set of train tracks, turn right after The Landing Restaurant, the follow the signs!

Holiday Songs woven skillfully

The colors of the season will be showing at the Schoolcraft Community Choir's traditional holiday program entitled, Yuletide Tapestry. Works by Bach, Byrd, Rutter and Schutz will be performed

at the December 8 and 14th concerts. A Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long is even scheduled for the intermission. On Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m., the 70-voice group will entertain you at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The church is located at 701 W. Church Street, at the corner of Church and Main Streets. Tickets for the first performance can be purchased at the door for \$4. The second performance will be held at 8 p.m. in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt.

Go nuts for Hospice sale

Want chestnuts roasting at your home this year? Need some pecans for your delicious pie? Don't miss the Community Hospice Services' 8th Annual Holiday Nut Sale. Proceeds from the sale will fund bereavement programs offered to the public. The nut sale is on now 'til Friday, December 20th, The packaged nuts sell for \$10.00 each--choose from cashews, pistachios, german almonds, and a variety pack containing four types of nuts. For further information, call Community Hospice Services at 522-4244.

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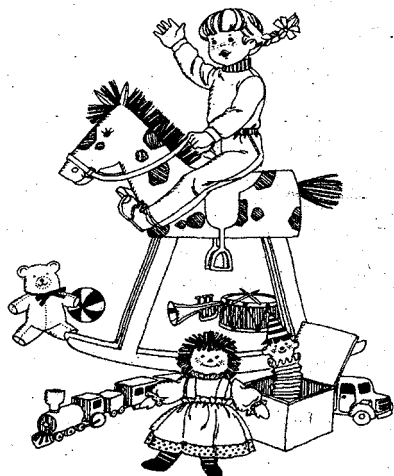
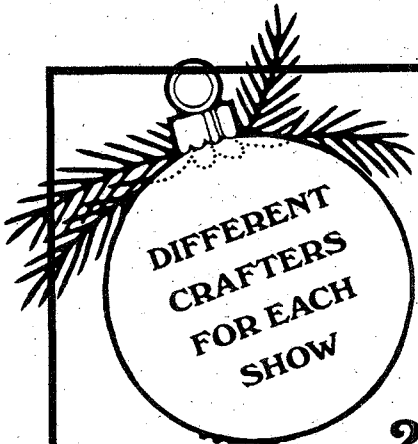
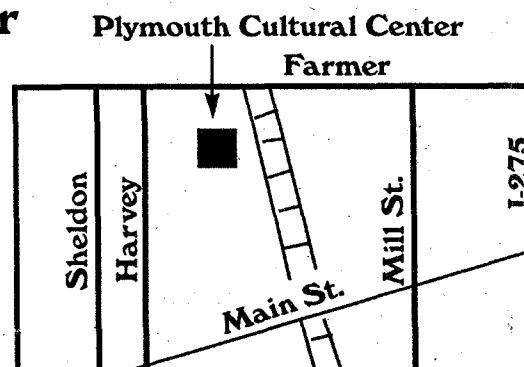
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New greeters at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum has new greeters this holiday season. Angels, Nutcrackers, and Santa Claus figures are part of the beautifully decorated Christmas collection at the museum. Dr. Weldon Petz' collection is highlighted by Santa figures made by

Duncan Royale, Angels from many different eras and designs, and Nutcrackers of several varieties—including different characters like chimney sweeps, Easter bunny(s), cartoon characters and more! The museum is very kid-friendly, having a "Hands-On" area, and a Museum Scavenger Hunt, where every child wins a prize. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-4 and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for Adults, .50 for students (5017) and there is a family rate of \$5.00.

'Plymouth Families Sing'

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is hosting a family sing-along December 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Kellogg Park, Downtown Plymouth.

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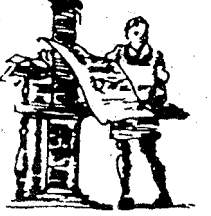
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Sports shorts

WSDP, 88.1-FM will broadcast the Class AA state football final at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday at 1 p.m. The game features Walled Lake Western of the Western Lakes Activities Association. John Kreger and Denny Kapp will be the broadcast crew.

In this league, the Bulls are in last place. If you want to know more about The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association, read on.

Boys "A" League-National Division: Piston and Pacers are 6-1. The Sonics and Celtics are 5-2. The Hawks and Spurs are 4-3. The Kings are 3-4 and the Bulls (without Michael Jordan, but with a lot of local stars) are 0-7.

Boys "A" League-American Division: The Knicks are leading the way at 6-1. The Rockets and 76ers are one game behind. The Lakers are 3-4, and the Jazz and Bulls are 2-5. The Nets are 1-6 and the Magic are 0-7.

In last week's action, the Hawks flew by the Spurs, 73-71. The Spurs rebounded to win, 69-67, over the Celtics. The 76ers won 57-55 over the Lakers. It was hunting season on the Bucks, they lost to the Knicks, 64-45. The Pistons outpaced the Pacers, 58-53. The Knicks won their second game of the week, 65-64. The Jazz beat the Magic, 73-67. The Rockets blasted the Nets, 93-66.

Girls "A" League: The Pistons are 4-1 and in first place. The Celtics, Magic and Lakers are tied for second at 3-2. The Bulls are 2-3 and the Kings are 0-5.

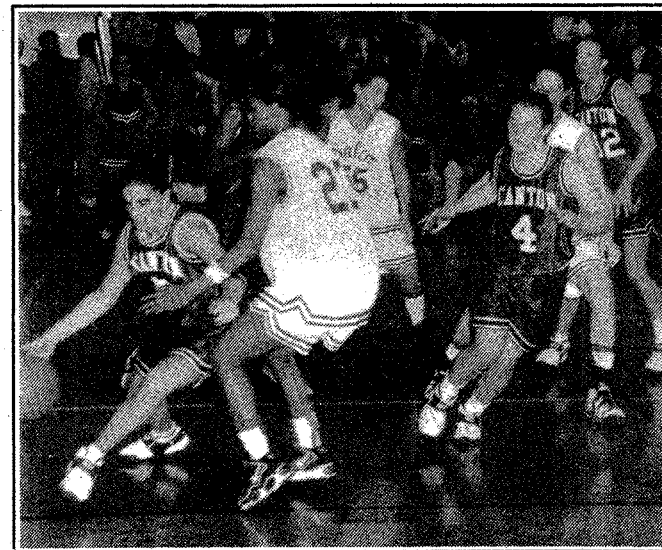
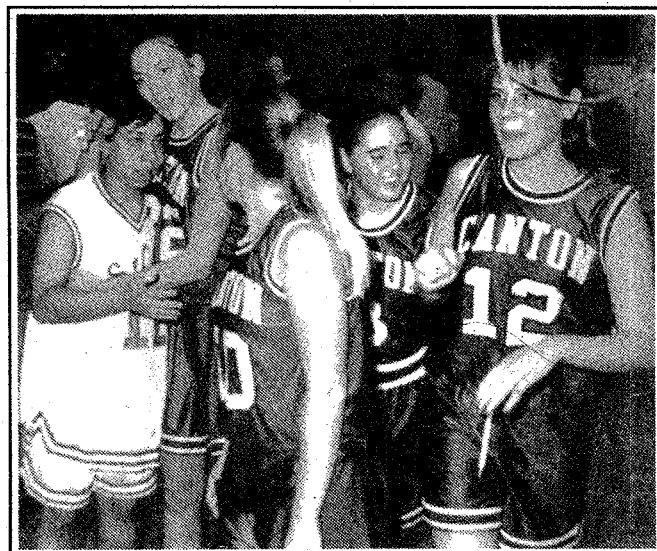
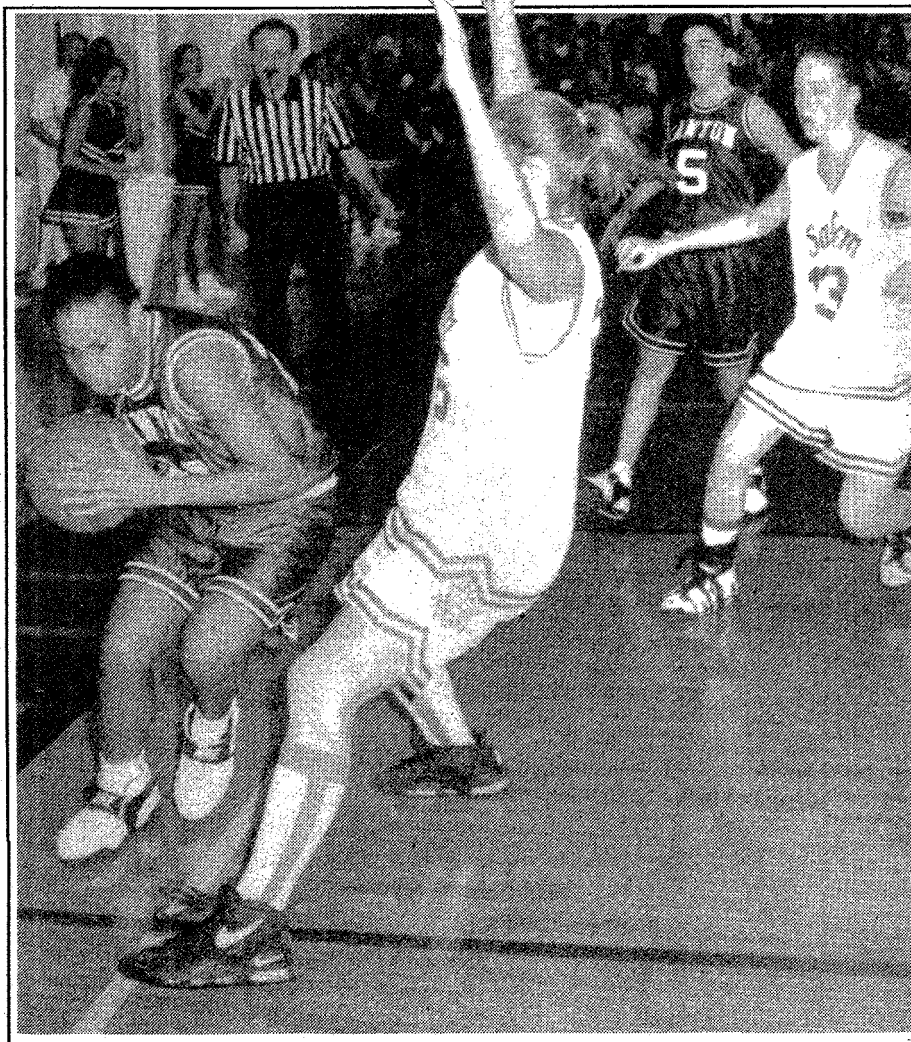
In last week's action, the Pistons pounded the Magic, 47-37. The Celtics won 35-29 over the Bulls. The Lakers swamped the Kings, 51-16.

Sharpen those blades of steel. The City of Plymouth Recreation Department has **open skate** time at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Monday: noon to 1:40 p.m. Wednesday: 11:50 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Friday: 12:50 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Canton tops Salem...

...bests Northville for district title...beats Mercy in 45-42 thriller for opening regional win

It's always a battle when Canton and Salem clash in girls basketball, but when the dust clears, the cross-campus foes remain friends. The Chiefs went on to beat Northville, 43-29 to win the district crown. Canton beat Mercy in their first regional matchup, 45-42. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



Despite winter winds, Pheasant Run in Canton continues will expansion plans

Soon there will be snow on the ground, but that doesn't mean there has to be dust on your clubs. Pheasant Run's clubhouse will remain open throughout the winter months for those golfers wanting to keep their swing in shape.

Two netted cages will be set up in the clubhouse in early December. Each cage accommodates one golfer. Cage times with an unlimited supply of balls can be reserved for \$10 per half hour. Pheasant Run's golf professional will also be available to give lessons, for an additional charge.

To reserve your cage time, call 397-6460.

Last month, Canton's Board of Trustees approved the preliminary plan for Central Park Planned Development District (PDD), a 680-acre development that will be located west of Beck Road, between Cherry Hill and Geddes. In addition to residential opportunities, Central Park will include a nine-hole extension to Pheasant Run Golf Club.

Golf Architect Arthur Hills is already hard at work designing the course. Construction is expected to begin in 1997, with July 1998 slated as an opening date.

Detroit Whalers set attendance record Saturday; posts 6-1 win over Sudbury

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Records are made to be broken, and they were Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena during Detroit's 6-1 over the Sudbury Wolves.

The Whalers set a new attendance mark as 4,181 spectators watched Detroit score the fastest two goals in team history while on their way to the blowout win.

The record book almost grew larger, but Detroit goalie Robert Esche had his shutout bid spoiled with 49 seconds left in the game.

Esche is tied with former Whaler Fred Braithwaite for shutouts in a season with two.

The Whalers didn't make history with their six-goal total, but it sure was a relief to a team that had scored six goals in the previous four games. Steve Dumonski

recorded his second career hat trick and four other Whalers had two or more points.

"One of our coach's said, 'It evens rains in the desert sometimes'," said Whalers Coach/General Manager Peter DeBoer.

"That pretty much sums up exactly what happened on Saturday, considering what we've been through the last two or three weeks. We broke loose and got some breaks."

Andrew Taylor, Randy Fitzgerald and Julian Smith also scored for the Whalers. Harold Druken had three assists. Defenseman Paul Mara scored the lone Sudbury goal.

The win ended a Detroit's three-game losing streak and improved on a 2-8 record in the last 10 games. The spirited

game included seven fights.

After a scoreless first period, the Whalers were on the power play when Dumonski knocked a rebound past Sudbury goalie Steve Vallquette to give Detroit a 1-0 lead at 7:48 of the second period.

Dumonski added to the lead 2:28 later on assists from Sergei Fedotov and Druken. Taylor then broke the team record of fastest two goals when he scored 11 seconds later; the old record was 14 seconds. Vallquette was pulled in favor of Jason Gaggi.

Dumonski completed his hat trick at 2:15 of the third period on an assist from Druken to give Detroit a 4-0 lead. "A guy like Steve Dumonski comes and gets three and that's just part of his leadership skills coming through. We were in a

drought. He worked hard for all three of those goals and it gave everyone else on the team a lot of confidence," said DeBoer.

Dumonski attributed his success to a solid team effort. "The whole team played hard," he said. Guys were shooting the puck, and I just went to net, and it just went in for me."

The score would remain unchanged for nearly 15 minutes until Fitzgerald scored from inside the right circle for Detroit's second power play of the game. Just 44 seconds later Julian Smith added to the route.

With 49 seconds left in the game Mara snuck a shot pass Esche to complete the scoring. "You play 59 minute and in the last minute one sneaks in there," said Esche, who has shutout Erie and Kingston this season.

Peterborough 'Mann-handles' Whalers

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Mann-handled.

That's what happened to Detroit in their 6-4 loss to Peterborough Sunday night at Compuware Sports Arena.

Forward Cameron Mann's hat trick included the first and last goals of the game, two unassisted goals, and a shorthanded tally that gave the Petes a two-goal cushion early in the third period.

Detroit fell to 8-15-1 with the loss.

The game concluded a four-day home stand for the Whalers, who went 1-2 in three games. The highlight was Saturday's 6-1 route of Sudbury before a record-setting crowd (see other story), which was bookended by Sunday's loss and Thursday night's defeat to Sarnia.

The two losses were both void of the physical play that has become the Whalers' trademark this season.

Notable especially in the 2-1 loss to Sarnia, a divisional rival that usually sparks a fair amount of fisticuffs. But with resident tough guy Mike Morrone injured and Sarnia bruiser Richard Irwin out of the line up, the game was more of a defensive struggle than a grudge match.

Both goalies were stellar. The Sting's Eoin McInerney, playing in his first game since being acquired from London, stopped 31 shots. Robert Esche (24 saves) was equally as impressive, except for 1:21 of the second period when Trevor Letowski and Bryan Blair scored for Sarnia.

Julian Smith avoided the shutout for Detroit when he scored at 8:00 of the final period. Jesse Boulerice and Mark Cadotte assisted.

"I thought we played excellent hockey. I thought we deserved a better fate than we got. It was a carry over from the other weekend when we couldn't bury our chances. We outshot them. They're a highly ranked team in Canada, and for the effort we put in and how well we played I thought we deserved better," said Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer.

He carried the same thought into the final two minutes of Sunday's game versus Peterborough. That's when DeBoer called for the stick measurement of Petes defenseman Evgeny Korolev with the Whalers trailing, 6-4. "There was two minutes left and I thought through the whole weekend our guys had really worked hard. But it was obvious they didn't have much left in the gas tanks. We needed some kind of break. It's not something we do very often. I think at the time and circumstances, we were right to make the call," he said.

It was found to be illegal, putting Whalers the Whalers on a power play at 18:19 of the third period. Goalie Nathan West then came off to give the Whalers a six on four opportunity. "We were right on the call, but we still couldn't get a goal," DeBoer said.

Peterborough Coach Brian Drumm didn't appear to approve of the call. He chased the referees down after the game and swung the stick in question against the boards.

Detroit played the second and third period without Esche, who left after the first period. He allowed two goals on 10 shots. "He hit the wall — fatigue. He's started every single one of our games this season up to this point, 23 games in a row," said DeBoer. "He came in after the first period and told our coaching staff he was really battling."

"I could've been fatigued. It could've been seriously anything. It could have been I ate the wrong food today, because I didn't eat pasta. It could've been a series of things," said Esche, searching for an explanation.

West's inexperience — he had played just 48 minutes before Sunday night — showed just over a minute into his first home appearance when he deflected the puck from behind the net out front to a closing Peterborough forward, Dave Duerden, who scored on a backhand.

Detroit was trailing 4-1, when Jesse Boulerice deflected a shot from the left point by Troy Smith for his sixth goal of the season. Forward Harold Druken narrowed the margin on a power play score from Steve Dumonski and Jan Vondrazka at 16:32 of the second period.

With the score 4-3 early in the third period, Detroit's comeback was temporarily stopped when West skated to his right near the circle to play the puck. He stopped and turned, as if to play the puck off the boards behind his net, but Mann poke-checked the puck away and tipped it in to renew Peterborough's two-goal lead.

Detroit would answer quickly. Boulerice, who was switched from defense to forward this season, stood at the side of the net and tipped in a pass from Julian Smith, who was behind the Peterborough net. But Mann would strike again at 16:35 on an assist from Scott Barney to put the Petes up 6-4.

Thirty minutes after the game, West was still in uniform, visibly dejected. "Just nothing was going my way," he said.

An understanding coach was not upset with his rookie goalkeeper. "He was obviously nervous tonight. We're confident he can do a lot more than that. He's played a lot better than that in training camp and exhibition games. I don't think you saw the real player out there. I think that was just a case of the nerves," DeBoer said.

Chatter:

Morrone will likely return from shoulder and back injuries the first weekend of December. "The guy can't even walk sometimes, but he can skate," DeBoer said. "We had to tell him to sit down."

...It appears Esche, who hails from Whitesboro, NY, will join teammate Kevin Holdridge of Novi on Team USA at the world junior championships next month. DeBoer said Detroit will likely call up a goalie off its 40-man protected roster who is playing for a Tier II Ontario club to help West out the goal tending duties...

...Sergei Fedotov is slated to play for the Russian junior team.

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HOME GAMES APPEAR IN CAPS



Community opinions

Feasts for taste buds

2 wonderful events prove community has more than hot dogs and soda

It's always exciting to attend holiday events in the community, especially when they're unique.

I had the luck to attend two such events over the weekend.

Sunday morning my family and I headed out to the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School on Haggerty Road, right on Plymouth Township's border.

The only information I had about the event came from a flier dropped off at The Crier (too late to get in last week's paper). We figured it would be

a bunch of pseudo-hippies slinging tofu dogs and singing Joan Baez tunes.

Boy, were we wrong.

We knew how wrong we were when we walked in and were directed to the coat check room. Hippies rarely wear coats (or socks) and they would never part with their Nehru jackets.

Actually, we were warmly greeted by several volunteers and directed to our seats. As vegetarians ourselves, we should have known our stereotypes would be unfounded.

Schools should focus on new high school at PCEP, not other plans

The Plymouth Canton School District should put aside discussions of grade reconfiguration and magnet schools, and concentrate its bond campaign on a third high school on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park property.

It is the best curriculum and monetary option for a school district that says it's financially embattled.

Suggestions at three community forums in the last two months have included returning sixth graders to elementary buildings, separating freshmen from the PCEP 10-12 grades into an isolated wing or self-contained academy, and the installation of magnet schools around the district. School board members say they are open-minded, as they should be. But their actions should be obvious.

Any option for a freshmen wing, academy or "school within a school" should be disregarded. The role maturing upperclassmen serve to most freshmen is important.

And the development of freshmen student-athletes would be slowed without an opportunity to play with older students.

A freshman academy would be detrimental to the academically-gifted. They wouldn't have an opportunity to use the many educational tools at the PCEP.

Magnet schools, designed to teach core classes along with a specialty (ex. art/music), would further divide a school district that is becoming impersonalized and unfamiliar by its large student population.

A third high school built on the PCEP property adjacent and accessible to Canton and Salem high schools would save the district money in transportation and instructional costs.

The new high school could also share the two swimming pools at the high schools, an item the school district would likely not be able to afford. A third high school would also force another football field and perhaps more tennis courts, both are already needed.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Community Editorials

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



The gym was festively decorated with Christmas trees and holiday ornaments. The people volunteering for the event were dressed likewise. A choral group sang Christmas songs and the church's scouting group cleared tables and provided drinks.

And then there was the food. Tables and tables of it, and not a tofu dog in sight. There were more than 50 culinary creations to sample. A few of the items included: Mexican Lasagna, Roasted Pepper and Artichoke Puffs, Cappuccino Pecan Pie and White Bean and Tomato Soup.

The event was organized by Jeanie Weaver and she has continued to watch it grow from a few people in a small meeting room of the church to nearly 700 tickets sold this year for three separate sessions, each one of which fills the gym.

Not everyone who attended is a vegetarian. But everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoyed the awesome food.

Sunday night my taste buds were

treated to another great community event. It was the eighth Nouveau Beaujolais Celebration organized annually by Lee Hershey and David Varga.

It's the second year I've attended this party that celebrates the release of this year's wine.

There was great food, unbelievable wine and plenty of time to chat with old friends and meet some new ones.

Like the other event I attended earlier Sunday, it was an incredibly diverse crowd.

The group ranged from those who didn't know how to open a wine bottle that doesn't have a twist top to wine snobs who think White Zinfandel is a communist plot to take over the world.

It really didn't matter. A great time was had by all.

These two events just go to show that there are a lot interesting events happening in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

You just have to open your eyes and your mind.

Lava lamp was not for sale

EDITOR:

I am requesting your help in returning an item to its owner. On Thursday, Nov. 21 a woman bought a lava lamp in the Thrift Shop on Liberty in Old Village. The thrift shop is run by Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church and sells donated clothing and household items. After the rent is paid, all money is given to mission projects. Some are local like the Salvation Army and First Step domestic abuse shelter. Others, including Fort St. Open Door Mission, Alternatives for Girls, Freedom House, Turning Point, Project Home, P.A.T.H., Mariners Fund, Navajo Nation Health Ministry, Northville Regional State Hospital — are mostly in the tri-county area.

The volunteer workers who were there at midday on November 21 feel very badly that the lava lamp was sold. We don't know how a price sticker got on it, but were told later that it had a "Not for Sale" sign on it and had been plugged into a timer. The lamp was not to be sold because it has sentimental value for the volunteer who manages the shop and also was used as a night light in the shop window. I am willing to give the buyer more than she paid for it to see that it is returned. Please call the Thrift Shop at 459-1250 during business hours on Thursdays (10-4) or Saturdays (12-4).

JAN SOCKOLOSKY

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Community opinions

Family celebrates 'pie night'

Baking tradition passed on from generation to generation

As this paper is being printed, my family and I are up to our elbows in pumpkin. Although this may be an unusual visual, it is reflective of a treasured holiday ritual.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving is what we lovingly call "Pie Night." My sister and I, as my mother and her sisters did before us, try to instill in the next generation the importance of tradition. We have maintained several, most of which revolve around the holidays.

Pie Night began when we were very young. Mom decided to bake on Tuesday, leaving Wednesday open for preparing the stuffing, cranberries and other fixins'. She would cut the small pumpkins in half, clean them out, then bake them upside down on a cookie sheet. (The first year I did this after I got married, I forgot the cookie sheet — what a mess!!) She would then scrape out the meat of the pumpkin and work it through a sieve to get the lumps and strings out. (Now we use a food processor). Next comes the fun part — mixing in all the spices, for which there was no recipe. We would each take a spoonful and say, "More cinnamon! More nutmeg! More ginger!" Until we all agreed the taste was perfect. It always amazed us that this watery mixture would bake into the most wonderful pumpkin pie we'd ever tasted.

When our first niece got married, last September, we moved Pie Night to her new home. It was very heartwarming to see the next generation continuing this tradition. Each pie maker was greeted at the door with a poof of flour in their faces! Last year we made a record 27 pies, all from scratch. We each have our special jobs, the youngest process the pumpkin (the yuckiest job) and my sister makes her wonderful

Traditions

By Lisa Lepping



flaky pie crusts. We finally sit down to a cup of tea at around midnight when the last pies go into the oven.

Another favorite holiday tradition is making homemade ravioli for Christmas dinner. You could tell by the smile on Dad's face that it was worth Mom's extra effort.

Our family has always celebrated on Christmas Eve, starting with a huge family meal, some caroling, then exchanging presents. Dad always plays Santa and distributes the gifts. Whatever your family traditions, keep them, explain to the next generation who started them and why.

As my mother and all of her siblings have passed on, we now include some special cousins in our celebrations. It is our way of keeping those we love close. Our first Christmas without Mom was very hard, but by carrying on some of her traditions we can keep her spirit near.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and warm holiday season. Take time to remember those you held dear. Light a candle, say a prayer, share your favorite memories with a dear friend or continue a tradition that a special person began.

Always keep in mind that the traditions we keep today will be special memories for our families tomorrow.

It may be Plymouth, but it's not home

Plymouth Revisited.

The early morning air, still thick with mist, rushes past my open window. The road stretches in front of me, a twisting two-laner interrupted only by the occasional round-a-bout. Large trees reach toward each other above the road. Fog clings to their wet branches like gravy to a drumstick. It's late October on Cape Cod, and I'm hustling back to Boston and my flight home.

There's time yet for one brief indulgence. One short, irresistible side trip. I peer ahead, my eyes straining through the lifting fog, and I spot the sign I've been looking for: *Plymouth, Next Right, 3 Miles.*

I consider the slack in my schedule, allowing for the inevitable traffic snarl in Boston, and arrive at the spare figure of 12 minutes. Twelve minutes to experience the birthplace of Thanksgiving, and I've already used two. I make my decision and turn.

I'll have to work fast. Luckily, the road leads through town and straight to Cape Cod Bay, where the *Mayflower II* sits at anchor. First impression — It's not a ship, it's a boat! One hundred and two Pilgrims spent three months at sea on a tiny little boat! Mental note: don't

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



complain about leg room on the airplane. I'm inclined to leave the car for a closer look, but time is short, and there's more to see.

Seven minutes remain. Where's "the Rock"? I see trees, water and lots of Cape Cod houses, but no rocks in sight. Later I will learn that the rock is really quite small, about the size and shape of a Butterball turkey, and it's housed beneath a granite canopy and encircled by an iron fence.

I had expected a huge stone slab, large enough to support all of the Pilgrims with room to spare. Perhaps it was large once, but was whittled down by three centuries of souvenir seekers. Now I'm glad I missed it. A glance at the courthouse clock shows I've got four minutes and change, so I circle back through town looking to spend it. Historical markers tempt me to the old churches and colonial-era buildings that line both sides of the street.

Further down is the tourist strip, and

the shops reflect the local history with their names. Here's an area where our City can really compete with its namesake — I'll match Colonial Collision and the Pilgrim Party Store against anybody in a test of true gaudiness. A narrow alley snakes between buildings, and through the opening I see a statue. I spin down the side street and park. The statue is Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag tribe, and he stands on Cole's Hill overlooking the bay. It was Massasoit who encouraged cooperation with the newcomers, and a mutually beneficial relationship developed between the two cultures that lasted for many years.

In 12 minutes, I have boiled the story down to its essence: Both the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag faced the Unknown with courage and faith. I took one final look out over the bay, where the *Mayflower II* sat rocking in the morning sunshine, and headed home.

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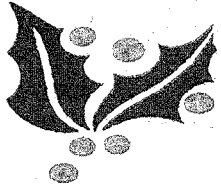
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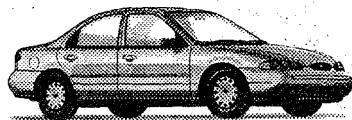
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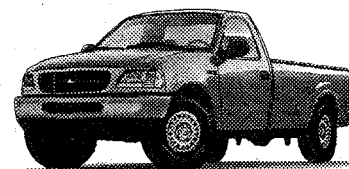
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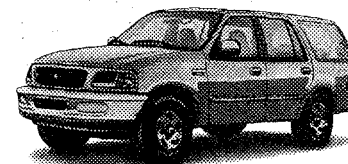
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