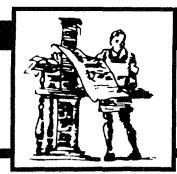
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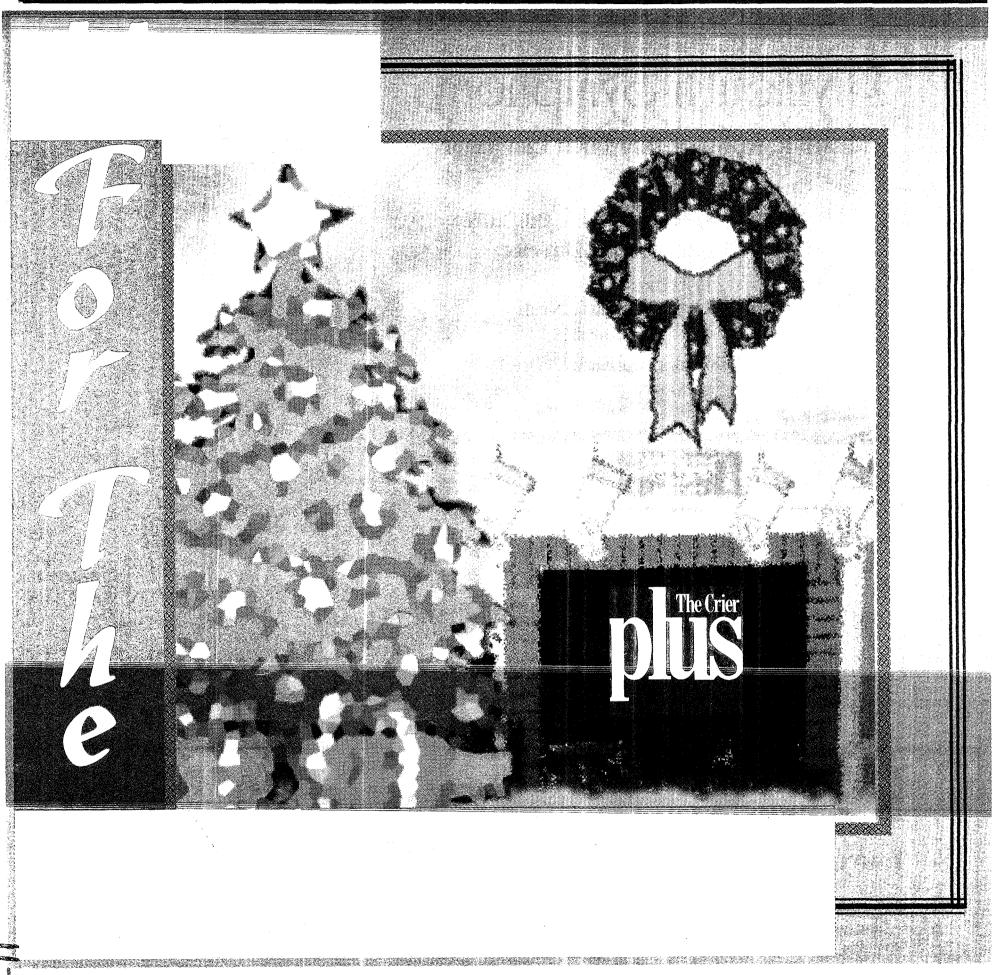
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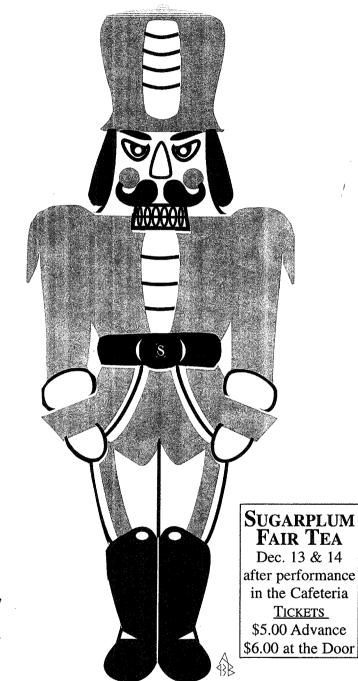
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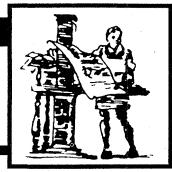


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Mayflower Hotel: renovate or rebuild?

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

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

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

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

"We haven't made any decisions yet," he everything up to the present codes." said. "We are just looking at bids."

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

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

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

project through its many months.

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

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

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

BY BRYON MARTIN

At first it looks like a typical Thaksgiving scene.

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

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

For the American accustomed to tra-

ditional dishes, these foods seem out of

place in a Thanksgiving spread. But this

isn't a traditional Thanksgiving. This

feast is for the students of the English as

Look at the the plates, and where one would expect to find turkery, there's teriaki where the cranberthere's Yesenia foshee. Kaori and quesadillas have replaced the yams.

Is there stuffing? No.

'This is a new country for them, a new place to plate compartment live. It's nice to underries should be, stand what everybody is doing.'

> **Dodie Beckman ESL Teacher**

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

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

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

requried a temporary move.

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

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

Crier closed

Tomorrow, the Crier will be closed in observation of Thanksgiving. Offices will reopen Friday at 8 a.m.

Keeping a float

P-C residents march in Thanksgiving Day Parade See Friends & Neighbors pg. 10

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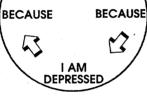
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Matt Karmo

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

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

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

The Mayflower owners' agreement

with the City, which granted City property rights and tax incentives, expires Monday.

Whether the City decides to extend the agreement again or issue a new one depends on the report Karmo gives to the Commission, according to Walters.

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

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

Walter said if the City did not extend the agreement with the Mayflower

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owners, they would then have to pay taxes owed to the City. The City would go about the normal process of collecting, he said.

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

See The Crier's editorial on the hotel project, pg. 32



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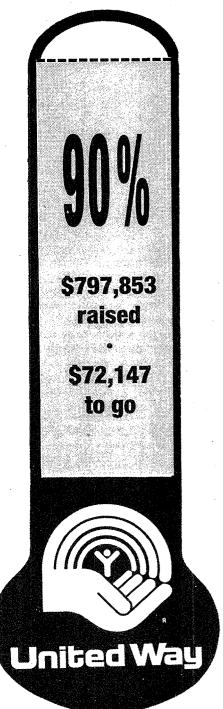
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"We're trying to wrap this up," Marge LeBlond, of The Plymouth Community United Way, said. "It's most difficult to get that last 10 per cent."

According to LeBlond, the charitable organization has raised \$797,853 for use in its 1998 budget; that's about 91 per cent of the 1997 goal.

The United Way collectively raises money on behalf of charities and service organizations. This year's goal of \$870,000 is more than the Plymouth office has ever tried for, LeBlond said

In past years, the fund drive is closed by the end of November, LeBlond said.

But until the final donations come in, most from smaller businesses in Plymouth, LeBlond said they can't tell their organizations how much money they'll get for their 1998 budgets.

"There are some companies that haven't reported in to us yet. So we've got to wait around and hold our breath. Hopefully they'll make their contributions by the end of next week," she said.

"We can't give it out if we don't receive

More food, more beer and wine

Upscale E.G. Nicks restaurant eyes Plymouth, liquor license, for new location

BY BRYON MARTIN

Add one more restaurant to the list of those pursuing a liquor license in downtown an E.G. Nicks on Forest Avenue as "a major Plymouth.

According to Steve Guile, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA), West Bloomfield-based E.G. Nicks, Inc., has applied to the DDA for a Class C liquor license.

The company, which operates three E.G. Nicks restaurants around Metro-Detroit, wants to open a fourth location in Plymouth, according to Tony Belli, one of the company's owners. They have already signed the lease to a shopfront on Forest Avenue — formerly occupied by Minerva's-Dunning's -Belli said.

E.G. Nicks restaurants are family oriented, Belli said, and feature eclectic American food. "We're known for our planked whitefish," he said.

According to Guile, however, the chain is better known for its financial success and staying power in the communities where its restaurants are located.

"It's a very solid operation," he said. "They've been in business for about 50

Guile described the possible opening of development in terms of cash infusion. The things they've done are first rate.'

Guile also said that the restaurant is the type of business the DDA wants to attract to Plymouth's downtown. "Bigger restaurants create a larger night draw (of people)," he said. More people downtown at night will lead retailers to stay open longer, he said, which can mean increased sales.

This fits into the DDA's wish to further diversify downtown attractions, according to Guile. "We'd like to be a viable commercial district that offer various forms of entertainment and a good shopping mix.'

Belli, who runs E.G. Nicks, Inc. with two of his cousins, said Plymouth has long been considered the site for another restaurant.

"We've looked at the community for years. We've all spent a little time in Plymouth, and it has a unique feel," he said. "This opportunity came up quickly."

Part of that opportunity came in the sudden availability of the Forest Avenue loca-

Police seek murder leads

No names yet in shooting of Van Buren man in Canton mobile home park

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton police continue to investigate the shooting death of a 21-year-old Van Buren Township man, who was found dead Wednesday in a Canton mobile home park.

David Martell, a state correctional officer, was shot in his vehicle as he left West Trail Mobile Home Park after visiting friends there, according to Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

"He was near the middle of the park when it happened," Schemanske said. "Within 15 seconds of the shots, Martell lost control of his vehicle and ran into a mobile home. We're assuming he was either trying to get away and he floored it, or he could have been slumped over the wheel.'

The incident was initially reported as an injury accident, but Canton police discovered bullet holes in the driver's door and two apparent bullet wounds on Martell - one in the elbow and one in the chest, according to Schemanske.

Martell was pronounced dead at Annapolis Hospital later that night.

Police are still looking for a motive for the killing, according to Schemanske.

'We're working on a lot of follow-up leads," he said. "We've had a lot of cooperation from the neighbors."

Police believe it was a premeditated killing, according to Schemanske.

"Somebody was waiting for him and wanted to talk to him," he said. "He was ambushed, no doubt.'

Police said they are unclear whether Martell knew his killer.

"There's no way we can say yet. We don't know if it was over drugs, or a girl or anything. That isn't clear yet," Schemanske said. "It's too early to tell."

Schemanske said that an autopsy had been performed and determined Martell died from the gunshot wounds, not the crash.

Police detectives and evidence technicians found spent shell casings from some kind of handgun at the scene, Schemanske said. Police await lab results to determine exactly what type of gun was used.

Schemanske said most witnesses reported hearing three or four shots fired. There was probably only one shooter, Schemanske said, but he believes someone else may have been involved as well.

"We don't have one focus suspect, but we are looking into several strong leads,' Schemanske said. "What we know for sure, based on family testimony, is that this is not a random thing or a mistaken identity. Someone was laying in wait."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

 Wednesday through Friday there is no school for students in the Plymouth-Canton district. Wednesday is a teacher inservice day, Thursday Friday Thanksgiving break. Classes resume Monday.

WEEKEND

- Friday at 6 p.m., Santa Claus returns to Kellogg Park in downtown. Treelighting ceremony will fol-
- Friday through Sunday, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites Plymouth companies and their employees to enjoy special shopping privileges at 40 area businesses. Call the chamber for more info at 453-1540.
- Saturday, from 8-11 p.m., Karen Missavage, Tom Allen and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society will be featured at the Plymouth Masonic Hall contra dance, Penniman and Union streets.

NEXT WEEK

• Friday through Sunday, the Plymouth Community Chorus presents "Christmas Celebration 1997" at Salem High School, Call 455-4080.

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Public notices

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1997 and payable through March 2, 1998 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 payment for your convenience through March 2, 1998

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays from Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office WILL BE OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND TUESDAY,

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A party to make history

3rd annual Evening at The Summit fundraiser

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's a party that can help make history.

The Canton Historical Society and the Canton Historic District Commission are cohosting, their third annual holiday fund-raiser, an Evening at the Summit.

"It's a unique opportunity for an evening full of entertainment and fellowship," Terry Bennett, Canton Clerk and chairperson of the Historic District Commission, said.

The Dec. 13 event starts at 7 p.m with hors d'oeuvres and a wine and champagne bar, according to Bennett.

A buffet dinner will follow and the cash bar will be open all evening.

Pianist Alden Schell will perform during the meal, with the a capella group Desperate Measures performing afterwards.

"We had them last year, and they were just fabulous," Bennett said. "Everyone loved them.'

Proceeds from the benefit are split equally between the Historical Society and the historic district commission, according to Bennett. Funds raised are to be used to complete the restoration of the Bartlett-Travis House in the historic district.

"It's our single largest fundraiser," she said. "It's putting money into the community for the good of the community."

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Each ticket comes with a certificate listing the donation as tax deductible.

Corporate sponsorships are also available, starting at \$500, Bennett said. The price includes two event tickets, a token of appreciation and listing as a sponsor.

"It's what raises most of the money," she said. "If you just sold tickets you'd wind up with very little after paying for the cost of the meal and entertainment."

For more information, or to buy tickets, call Nancy Spencer at (313) 397-8975.

"We'd like people who have never been to a community function to come because it's such a great event. We just want people to get out and enjoy the community."



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1997**

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Mr. Edwards moved to approve final Change Order decreasing the total contract amount with JDS Trucking, Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under Unfinished Business Item I.2 Appointment of Chief of Police and under New Business Items J.8 Establish a Public Hearing Date for transfer of an Industrial Facilities Exemption from A.O. Smith to Tower Automotive and J.9 Establish a Public Hearing Date for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Building Improvements, Machinery, Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures for Tower Automotive. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the November 18, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted for the November 18, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Acting Police Chief Robert Smith introduced the newly promoted Sgt. Denny Wilson and presented him with

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Ron Mack of Westbriar Subdivision No. 1 expressed his disappointment with the Board of Trustees regarding the connection of Rockledge Road

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the purchase of the "Kustom Smart Trailer" at a cost of \$14,421.00, with the stipulation that the Plymouth-Canton Schools reimburse the Township a total of \$7,210.00. Seconded by Mr Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Supervisor's Appointment of Lawrence R. Carey for Chief of Police for Plymouth Township, effective January 5, 1998, and further, to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate an employment agreement with Chief Carey. The agreement will be brought to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting on December 16, 1997. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved that December 16, 1997 be established for a Public Hearing on Richards Developments, Inc., (DADCO) request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on a proposed addition to their existing facility, located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the payment of a benefit reimbursement equal to 2.5% of base wages to all full-time, non-represented employees. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all

Mr. Curmi moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the one year coverage document with the MMRMA Municipal Risk Insurance for the period of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes

Mr. Griffith moved to accept golf cart path paving improvements at Hilltop golf course installed by Wayne Asphalt Paving Company. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Aves all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to accept improvements to the township's sanitary sewer system as part of the 1996 CSO Elimination Project by Flat Rock Contractors, Inc. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all

Inc. to \$7,905.30 on the installation of the Ann Arbor Road sidewalk and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to acknowledge completion of the Ann Arbor Road Sidewalk improvements installed by JDS Trucking, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Aves all.

Mr. Edwards moved that December 16, 1997 be established for Public Hearing on a request to transfer an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from A.O. Smith to Tower Automotive on property located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved that December 16, 1997 be established for a Public Hearing on a request from Tower Automotive for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for building improvements, machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures for their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Trustee Mueller asked if letters would be mailed to tax abatement recipients requesting the name of the organizations they have made donations to

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that it was announced at the ribbon cutting ceremony of Electrical Automotive Inc. that a "science scholarship": was awarded to the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Trustee Griffith distributed information to board members relative to "A Guide to Joint Service Feasibility

Mr. Jerry Trumpka thanked the Board for their thorough reviews regarding tax abatement requests,

It was moved by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Ayes all.

Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on October 28, 1997. 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 November 18, 1997.

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

'Stuffing, no; sushi, yes'

The lack of turkey and

absent yams don't nec-

essarily cut the ties to

Thanksgiving tradition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

To this end, understanding the culture

around them is just as important, according to Collins.

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

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

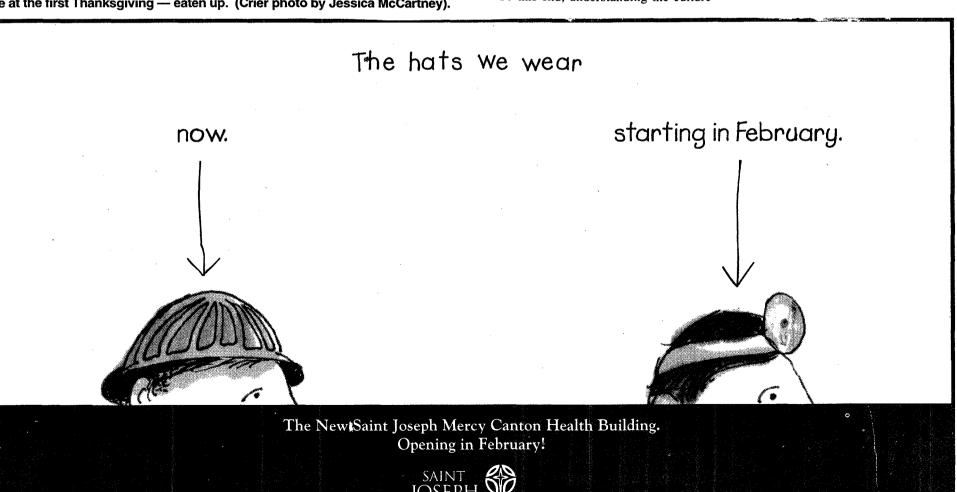
It's also nice to understand where your fellow students are coming from. The feast is good for that, too, Collins said. Each student cooked up a traditional dish from their home country and

brought it to the ESL potluck.

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

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

And in the traditional American Thanksgiving scene, sharing fits right in.

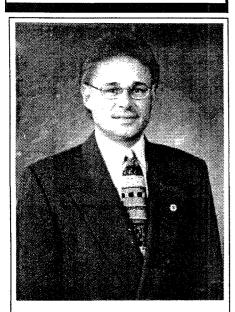


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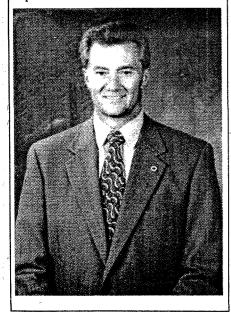
Neighbors in business



Johnson Controls has appointed several senior executives to new positions as it continues to enhance its customer service worldwide. Rande Somma (above) has been promoted to president, Interior Trim, Marketing and Business Development.

Somma will direct Johnson Controls' current interior operations and lead the expansion of the compnay's interior systems business throughout the world. He will also head the company's operations in Japan.

Mike Johnston (below) has been named president, North America Automotive Group. He will direct operations for Johnson Controls business units that serve Chrysler, Ford, General Motors/Opel and Toyota. He will also manage worldwide purchasing and product engineering, and the company's operations in Mexico.



The shop heard 'round the world

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Look, up in cyberspace! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Comic City!

Canton's only comic book store has joined the fledgling Mall of Michigan, an online shopping center established in October by the Michigan Retailers Association (MA).

Setting up shop in the Internet was an easy decision, according to owner Bob Smethers.

"It's the most cost effective and efficient way to get up on the Internet," he said. "Every program we've been involved with through the Michigan Retailers Association has been successful."

Comic City opened more than four years ago at the Canton Corners shopping center at Ford and Lilley roads. The store has increased sales by at least 10 per cent in each of its four years of operation, and is about to open a second branch in Pontiac, according to Smethers.

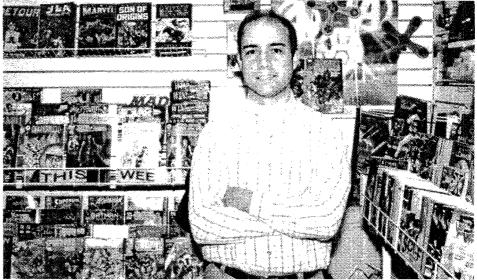
What makes the store's success so surprising is that the comic book industry itself has been flat for the past few years, Smethers said. He attributes the store's growth to his retail background at Kaybee Toys.

"We offer standard retail philosophies such as promotions and sales," he said. "We treat it not as a hobby, but as a business, which is what it is."

And part of running a business is offering the best possible services to the customer, according to Smethers.

Like the Internet.

"It's one of the different types of services we can offer our customers," he said. "You have to come up with new resources to satisfy customers in order to



Comic City, owned by Bob Smethers and his wife, Jill, is expanding world-wide thanks to the Internet. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

keep them."

The Mall of Michigan site is designed to do just that, he said. The mall's homepage offers a list of stores and information, and choices of either Michigan last month to help members take advantage of Internet technology, according to Tom Scott, vice president of public affairs from MA.

"We wanted to come up with a lowcost and user friendly way of setting up stores on the Internet," he said.

MA members can set up a store in the mail for as little as \$500 a year, he said. The basic packages includes the business' location, phone number and 10 products it can advertise and sell over the Internet.

All sites are protected by CyberCash, a powerful encryption program designed to make all credit card transactions safe, he said

Although the site has been running for less than a month, Smethers said he has already seen positive responses.

"We received phone calls and emails during our first week in the mall."

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shopping or setting up your own business in the mall.

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New clinic brings sole to Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

One of Canton's newest doctors has a lot of sole.

Dr. Rajeev Sehgal has set up shop at Foot and Ankle Associates (FAA), a new podiatry clinic on Ford Road.

Sehgal, 29, of Westland recently completed his residency in the Oakwood Healthcare System with an emphasis in surgical reconstruction and industrial medicine, he said. It's an expertise he brings with him to the clinic.

"It's one of the things that makes this clinic unique," he said.

The clinic's atmosphere is a little unique, too.

"I'm a very laid-back doctor. I don't come in with an intimidating attitude and a white coat," he said. "I don't just take two minutes see what's up and then I'm out the door. I think that makes patients uncomfortable. I'll spend half an hour or more with new patients so they'll be comfortable enough to come back."



DR. RAJEEV SEHGAL

The Canton location is FAA's third clinic, Sehgal said. They also have offices in Ann Arbor and Wayne, and Sehgal

spends time at all three.

He said it is all part of making himself available to his patients.

"I can accommodate any schedule," he said. "If that means I have to be at the office at 7 a.m. on a Saturday, I'll do it. I have done it."

Monday, Sehgal will conduct a free screening at the World Gym on Ford Road in Canton, he said.

It's another way to make himself accessible, and a low-pressure way for people to find out why they may be experiencing discomfort, he said.

"People deal with foot or ankle discomfort for a lot of reasons and none of them are necessary" he said. "The screening is just so people have access and can have any questions answered. If they want a follow-up, I'd be happy to. But I'm just there to explain."

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Twp. promotes Wilson

One of Plymouth's original hires makes Sgt.

BY BRYON MARTIN

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

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

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

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

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

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



SGT. DENNY WILSON

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

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

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City license requests at 8

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

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

Generally, the number of liquor licenses available to a community is based on popula-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Albion's off-campus programs allow students to study cultures and work in professional environments with internships and studies offered in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the U.S.

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

To receive an application, send a request by Dec. 16 to Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 North McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045 or fax a request to (847) 295-3972; or email a request to scholar@ecsf.org.

Requests must include student's name, home address, name of high school or college, approximate GPA and year in school during the 1997-98 academic year.

Keeping afloat

Plymouth and Canton residents celebrate Thanksgiving in a new way

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

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

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

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

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

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

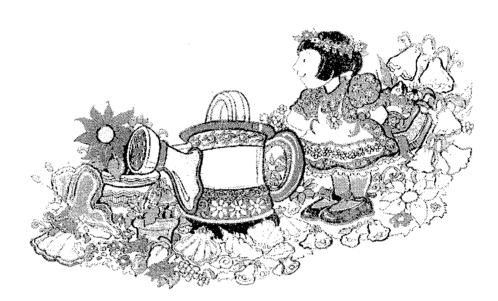
Monusko and Kubicki will be among the employes to walk beside the float, she said. Every one chosen had to dress up either a pretty maiden or a flower.

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

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

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

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



An artists rendering of the float Canton resildent Sarai Kubicki and Plymouth's Debbie Monusko will be marching around tomorrow. The pari will be dressed as

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

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

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

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

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

anton kids show creative side

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Two local students have a lot to be thankful for.

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

The contest invites Michigan students

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

Murphy, 10, is in the fifth grade at

Walker-Winter Elementary school. His took his Pecos Bill balloon design from a picture in the dictionary, he

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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



Holidays

Wine, cheese and song at Keller & Stein

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

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

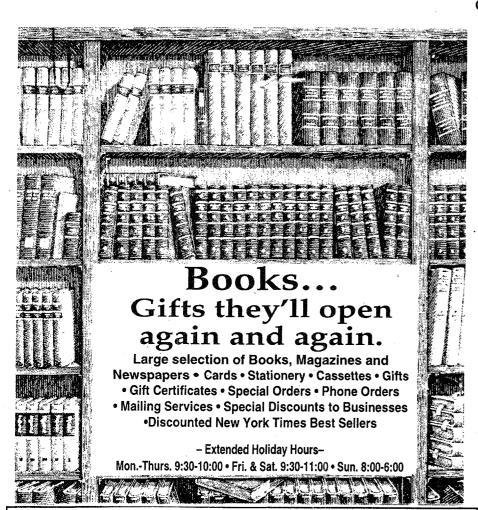
The florist will also offer an open house, with holiday gifts, decorations, and 10,000 vibrant poinsettias. Free cider and cookies, free photo with Santa, and a drawing every hour for a free gift.

To be held on Fri., Dec.5th, 6th, and 7th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Located at 42158 Michigan Avenue on the corner on Lilley and Michigan

christmas crafts

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

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





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Greens for green

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

Most of the sales came from pre-ordering this year, according

to JoAnn Harreld, co-chair.

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

Garden club sells lights

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

PCAC: holiday fun for all

Events for kids while the parents shop

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

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

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

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

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

Lighting candles

The holidays are also a time to remember the special ones no longer

On Tues., Dec. 2at 7:30 the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home will be the setting for a Holiday Candle Lighting Ceremony in memory of your special loved one. For more information call 453-3333.

Banding together

Community band continues tradition of free concerts

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

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

Mel's Golden razor collects toys for children

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

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

Trees in the park

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

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

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





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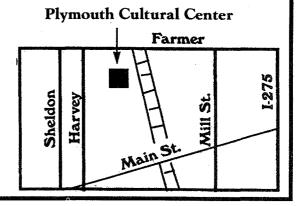
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Native West shows art, jewelry in annual show

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

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

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

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

Parade to feature Plymouth dancers

O'Hare Irish dancers go to parade, championships

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

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

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



Chamber welcomes Santa

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

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

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



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

Babes in Toyland plays at PCAC

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

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

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

4 tickets to Christmas

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

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

Holiday dolls at cultural center

Show features gifts for last minute shoppers

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

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

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



Goodfellows reach out to P-C-N community

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

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

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Canton shows holiday spirit

Holiday festivities begin with tree lighting. hay rides

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

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

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

The event, refreshments and hayrides are all free.

Canton will also host its second annual Brunch with Santa Dec. 14 at Summit on the Park. Brunch will last from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children aged 4-10 years. Children Three and under are free. The cost includes brunch, and a picture with Santa.

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

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

and go swimming.

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

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

Nutcracker kicks off Dec. 13

Symphony, Ballet join together to tell classic tale

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

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

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

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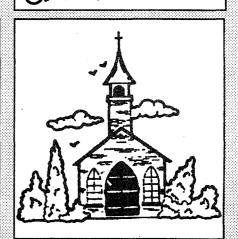
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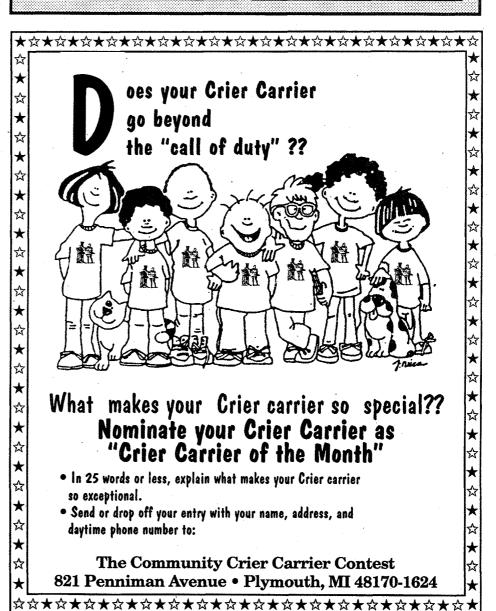
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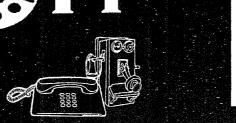
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Plymouth Symphony League Christmas Ornaments are on sale now at League Office. This is the second in a limited edition series. \$6 each. Call 451-2112.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS NEEDED

Openings still available for the 23rd annual December Arts & Craft Show. The show will be held on **Dec. 6th and 7th** at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For an eight foot table the cost is \$65.00, admission and parking is free. For more information call (313) 455-6620.

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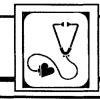
The VFW #6695 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring an all you can eat breakfast from 9:00am-noon on **December 7**. The cost is \$3.50, for more information call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

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MALCOLM W. MacNIVEN

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

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

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

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

DENVER W. BARKER

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

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

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

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

WALTER L. BICKEL

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

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

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

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

CLARA E. MOONEY

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

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

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

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

NORMA NEMITH

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

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

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

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

ROBERT L. KOSKI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association High School Association will hold registration Saturady, Dec. 6, from 9 am to 12 pm, at the East Middle School. League is for girls and boys grades 9-12. Cost is \$90.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Girls hoops hits post season stride

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

BY TIM DAVIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The first half was close. Canton was



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

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

30-23 advantage

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

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An amazing season

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

BY BRIAN CORBETT

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

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

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

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

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

'They were still upset to get that close and not win. But it gave them a chance to look back and see how good they were.'

Ed McCarthy Salem Soccer Head Coach

wants to beat No. 1."

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

close

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

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

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

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Behind the bench

The coach who became

one because he was the

only person available for

away from breaking the

record of 86 regular sea-

son victories.

BY BRIAN CORBETT

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

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

The Whalers, then known as the Detroit Junior Red Wings, had just fired their veteran coach

Tom Webster and replaced him with twentysomething Paul Maurice, who was a friend of DeBoer's.

"Paul Maurice called me the day before the season started during my second year of law school, and he had just been named head coach, and because of the lateness of it, he couldn't find another assistant anywhere juniors and lived together during my first year I'll probably never get," said DeBoer, in refof law school, so while I really didn't have any interest in coaching as a career, I saw it as a way to get away from the books for awhile, blow of some steam, and get back around the

dressing room and the players."

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

The coach who became

because he was the only person available for the job, is seven wins away from breaking Maurice's record of 86 regular season victo-

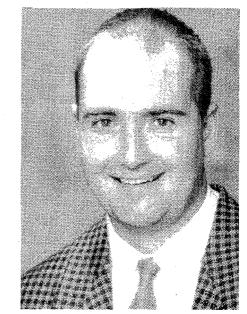
Since 1995, DeBoer is 79-62-13 during the regular season and 89-74-13 overall. Maurice, now coach of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes, was 86-38-8 in two regular sea-

around," DeBoer. "We had played together in sons. "If I don't get it (the record) this year, erence to the lack of job security so often exhibited in his profession.

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

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

It's the big time for the small-town guy. DeBoer grew up in Dunnville, an Ontario farming and dairy community nestled in the rolling fields between Toronto and Niagara



PETER DEBOER

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

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

But it soon became apparent DeBoer

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KITCHENER	8	11	5	3-5-2	21	UPCOMING GAMES:
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Canton girls hoops moves on to region finals

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fourth quarter. Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said his team made too many mistakes and too many turn overs against a very good basketball team

Nkechi Okwamabua had the game high with 17, closely followed by Kristen Mayer (13). Finishing up the top scores for the Chiefs was Janell Tweitmeyer with seven. Katie Copp led Novi with seven

These last two wins led Canton into last night's regional semi-final at Salem High school with an 18-4 season record.

After a hard-fought first half battle against Detroit Pershing, the Chiefs pulled away with outstanding play from all the

Both Tweitmeyer and Okwumabua made excellent free-throws in the third quarter to increase the Chiefs' lead to

With about two minutes left Okwumabua broke through a foul to put her team up by 19. She made the ensuing free-throw and Canton vigorously defended their 20 point lead for the final seconds finishing the game with a 27-47 victory, one that sends them into the regional finals tonight at Plymouth Salem high

(Right) Canton was hot from the line, but Pershing wasn't close enough for free throws to matter. The Chiefs won by 20 points, 47-27 (Crier photo by Tim Davis).



Next year Salem players, solid defense return

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three times in a season... but we'll take it this year," said McCarthy.

Six more victories followed, including impressive 3-0 wins over Ann Arbor Pioneer and Churchill.

By then, Salem had become the talk of the Western Lakes Activities Association, and probably the state, with an 8-0 record. But McCarthy and company still weren't thinking of perfection. "Yeah, at that point, we were far, far better than I had expected, but it's never realistic with our schedule to think we can go undefeated. There's too many good teams. There's at least 10 games a year that we have to potential of losing," said McCarthy.

Salem's first close call came at home Sept. 20 in a 1-1 tie with Troy.

What is it about that city?

"They (Troy and Troy Athens) always have great stuff out there, just like us (Salem and Canton)," said McCarthy.

team we played all year."

Four days later, Salem tied Stevenson before the Rocks went on another tear that wouldn't end until loss to Athens. Canton would fall - twice. In the state semifinals, Salem trounced Portage Northern, 8-1.

Salem's victories usually were ignited by seniors Brett Konley and Andy Power.

Power was a key to the transition game; he quickly carrier the ball out of the Salem end and started the offensive attack. That's where Konley and Giuseppe Ianni took over.

Konley, who might play college ball at Michigan State or Bowling Green, absolutely shattered previous school seasonand career-scoring records at Salem with 38 and 74 goals, respectively. "He had one of those amazing seasons. I don't think you'll ever see a player put up those kinds of numbers again," said McCarthy.

Ianni, a junior, "exceeded everyone's expectations," said

"Troy was probably the best McCarthy. "He had 20 goals and a lot of them were big goals, too. On a lot of other teams, he would've been the leading scorer."

> Senior Brent Mullin starred at the mid-fielder position while Rob Zdrodowski anchored a defense that allowed 13 goals in 23 games. Sweeper Nick Sczcehowski made several key tackles during the season, aiding the stellar goaltending tandem of Brian Wozniak and Jeremy Finlay, both juniors. "We rotated them pretty regularly. Both have different styles, but both are two of the top goalies in the state."

Their return should bolster another Salem title run next season. "We should be able to fill in the holes (caused by graduating seniors)," said McCarthy. "Defensively, we'll be really strong. That'll take care of us until the offense gets going."

And when it does, look out Athens. Remember what happened to the last team that knocked the Rocks out of the

Small-town boy chases big-time record: 86 wins

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wasn't an average hockey player, skillwise anyway. His lanky frame channeled him into becoming a forward, and a pesky defensive one at that. "Growing up I probably wasn't big enough to be a defenseman. With the number of goals I scored growing up maybe I should've been a defenseman, because I wasn't really an offensive talent," DeBoer said.

But he earned a pretty good reputation "chasing the good players around" in Junior hockey, and was drafted by the Windsor Spitfires in the 14th round of the OHL Draft. DeBoer spent the first two seasons (1985-87) in and out the lineup. Still, DeBoer says, "I was ecstatic to be there.'

After two third-place finishes, the Spitfires put together arguably one the best OHL of the 1980s. They cruised to a 50-14-2 record, won the Emms Division, and literally swept through the league playoffs and the Memorial Cup round

robin tournament, only to lose to Medicine Hat in the championship game. A tough but positive experience to endure. "It was great. It's something you'll always cherish, especially for a guy like me, because I was an average hockey player," he said. "And to be able to be on the ice with those types of players, it's something you can always tell your kids about."

A month or so later, he had something else to talk about. His boyhood team, the Toronto Maple Leafs selected him in the 12th round of the NHL Entry Draft, and brought him to preseason camp in the fall. There, he experienced the most excruciating training camp of his playing days, ran by then-Maple coach John Brophy, who Red Wing fans will remember best for giving the choke sign to the Detroit bench during a heated playoff battle.

DeBoer certainly didn't choke when he returned to Spitfires for his over-age season (1988-89). In fact, he had his most productive year and was named the divi-

sion's Most Underrated Player. The Vancouver Canucks took notice, and traded for the hard-working forward. "I was just happy an NHL team was interested in me," DeBoer said, upholding the traditional Canadian humble personality.

He signed a three-year contract with the Canucks, but spent the entire time playing for their farm club, Milwaukee, in the International Hockey League. His professional opportunities disappeared with the Berlin Wall, as the European Invasion imported previously unavailable players on to NHL rosters. Recognizing his probable future as a career minor leaguer, DeBoer retired from the ice and began a new career as a law student in 1992.

But his IHL experience was from disappointing. "I think the biggest thing I got from my career in the minors was from the coaches I played for," DeBoer said. "I had some unbelievable coaches.'

Guys like current Toronto Maples coach Mike Murphy and Washington

Capitals/Team USA coach Ron Wilson. The coach behind the bench of Plymouth Whalers games is an impressionistic picture of his mentors; step back, and you'll see the colors of his past, move in closer, and vou'll see a distinct style. A tactician. A dedicated educator. A leader in the trenches with his soldiers. A winner.

He's challenged with a franchise at the talent crossroads, on the way back from a massive roster turnover and on the way to a promising future. "That's exactly where we're at. From the expansion year (1990) right up until last year, we had a great run, which culminated in I think three or four division titles. Last year was the first year since expansion that we really had to step back and start again. But it's been a lot of fun. Greg, Steve and I have been able to put our stamp on this team," DeBoer said.

Now it's time for the exclamation point.



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

To begin with, I can't imagine any parent not allowing their high school-aged child to use the Internet. If parents are won't give their permission, they shouldn't send their kid back to school, either. Using the Internet has come to rank right up there with the telephone - it's relatively easy, fun and, for some, a necessity. Looking into the near future, it is reasonable to predict that any My point: if your child is going to school, they need to learn to use the Internet now, regardless of why you might feel otherwise.

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

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

Into the fire

By Erica D'Angelo

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

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

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

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

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

until his slip is confirmed. The librarian then guides him to the secret computer he will use. The librarian then must type in a series of passwords and codes that will hook up the computer to the Internet. (He is asked to look away while she is doing so. The school staff is on to us kids; they know the reason we really want to use the Internet at school is to steal the password.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Community opinions

A jug of wine, a jar of dip, and the Holidays

Some folks say The Holidays start with Halloween (though those are mostly major-metro-shopping-mall-managers).

Other folks traditionally hold on to Thanksgiving as The Holidays launch (like the Briefcase Drill Team which will highlight the nationally-televised Detroit Turkey Day Parade

But, more and more, a band of pot-luckers which gathers annually (can it be nine years?) at the Oddfellows Hall on Ann Arbor Trail marks The Holiday "start your engines" call by the arrival of the Nouveau Beaujolais.

These 200 folks with wine expertise — lead by Lee Hershey, Dave Varga — sample the fresh crop from France each year and share their grapey gossip.

Oh... and the food!

Ever notice how a potluck produces the right mixture? Has anyone ever been to a potluck where EVERYONE brought salsa

Maybe it's that Holiday Kitchens are on everyone's minds. or maybe that so many folks with Schoolcraft College culinary spark attend this Noveau party...

Venison Wellington!

Fresh baked pies!

Hot pepper cheesecake!

And a simple dish that can be added for everyone's Holiday gatherings: fresh bean dip. This idea was presented by cigarsmoking Susan Kinkead, based on a recipe she stole and amended (like all great recipes and newspaper columns).

This makes a fine alternative to fresh salsa and could be used as a small side salad garnish, or a compote atop a broiled swordfish.

With malice toward none



(One secret might be the hominy, which is nature's second mostundiscovered vegetable next to rutabaga.)

So try the Noveau and...

SUSAN KINKEAD'S FRESH BEAN DIP

One large can drained of each:

Black beans

Black-eved peas

White hominy

One bunch, finely chopped green onions

Two-three finely chopped ripe tomatoes

One 4 oz. can, peeled chopped green chilis

Half a cup, fine chopped fresh parsely

One cup, Italian or similar dressing (use REAL olive oil)

Fresh cilantro or cumin to taste

A small pinch, crushed hot peppers/powder to taste.

MIX IT ALL & CHILL OVERNIGHT...

... to all a Good Night. And now that the Nouveau is in, Happy Holidays.

The Mayflower project:

o more concessions

Now The Mayflower Hotel owners it. Those concessions are still on board. are considering tearing it down?

Isn't it time for the City of Plymouth to adjust its position?

and the City has even added more:

- A continuation of the plan to GIVE

Isn't it about time, to quote Fred Hill, to 'realize the hotel will never be the Mayflower Hotel again; stop grieving over the loss and get on with life'?

Hill, to "realize the hotel will never be the Mayflower Hotel again; stop grieving over the loss and get on with

In the past, special concessions were offered to the hotel because it WAS the notel, or because Ralph Lorenz owned

Isn't it about time, to quote Fred the air rights and parking lot to the

- Donation of city property for an addition connecting the main building and the Mayflower II.
- An assessment on the building and property that is laughable considering how much every other property

downtown is assessed.

It's clearly time that the City stop treating the Mayflower Hotel like the Mayflower it once was under Lorenz's guidance. (Even that was sometimes too generous, many citizens felt.)

It's clearly a new day.

If the current owners underestimated the renovation project by 100%, what happens when the "tear it down, build a new one" project turns out to cost twice as much?

Taco Bell? Built with City concessions?

The Mayflower will never again be the Grande Dame it once was. The Mayflower site is a normal piece of real estate, and the City should treat it as such. No more concessions.

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