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■ Landscape architect William Whitney with a model of the park he has designed for Provincetown's West End Rotary commemorating the first landing of the Pilgrims.

Provincetown gears up for 'Year of Pilgrim'

By **HAMILTON KAHN**
STAFF WRITER

PROVINCETOWN — Being the first landing place of the Pilgrims is a matter of pride for this town, so it stands to reason that this could be a very important year.

Provincetown is gearing up to celebrate the 375th anniversary of the Pilgrims arrival by not only claiming its rightful place in history, but also to demonstrate that it is savvy enough to fully use that status to thrust itself into the national spotlight.

A full slate of activities planned for this summer, including a July visit by the Mayflower II and other tall ships, would merely be a prelude to what some local residents are hoping would be an exciting and appropriate climax in the fall: a visit to Provincetown by the president of the United States on the anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

Despite some solid precedent of previous presidential visits and a bound 32-page invitation from the town, a visit by President Clinton is a long shot, admits Candice Collins-Boden, executive director of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce.

■ William Whitney's garden designs are featured in a new book, "Cape Cod Gardens and Homes." /D-1

President Theodore Roosevelt visited Provincetown in 1907 to lay the cornerstone for the Pilgrim Monument and President William Howard Taft came in 1910 to dedicate the structure.

"I think there's a chance," of Clinton visiting Provincetown in the fall, says Collins-Boden, ever the optimist. "After all, we're trying to make this a celebration of America, not just Provincetown."

Gov. William Weld got on board the bandwagon by signing a proclamation Monday officially declaring 1995 as "Pilgrim Year" in Massachusetts and singling out Provincetown for its primary role and its upcoming summer festivities.

Weld has been invited to attend, and organizers have high hopes that the Republican governor will overlook the town's overwhelmingly Democratic demographics and accept.

However desirable, visiting dignitaries would be only figurines for the celebration's true centerpiece — the Pilgrims First

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Landing Park being planned for the West End Rotary at the end of Commercial Street.

Spearheaded by Rotary Club president George O'Brien and the town beautification committee, and supported by Seamen's Bank and other local organizations, the project has enlisted the talents of Truro landscape architect William R. Whitney, who will design a sheltered pedestrian park oriented toward the harbor — more or less in the direction the Pilgrims came from when they landed on Nov. 11, 1620.

Whitney's garden designs are prominently featured in a new book, "Cape Cod Gardens and Homes," published by Simon and Schuster.

The park, which will include a granite marker currently located at the rotary, will be financed in part by private contributions that will give donors their own special place in history. For \$300, you can get your name carved on a granite walkway stone. For \$1,000, you get a granite bench inscribed with your name.

A more modest effort comes this week when the Lobster Pot Restaurant will sponsor fish fries to benefit the park, coinciding with town meeting.

The town of Plymouth also has big plans for the Pilgrim anniversary, and the historic connection between the two towns will be demonstrated by the voyage of the Mayflower II from Plimoth Plantation to Provincetown on July 19.

A corporate sponsor for the voyage is being actively courted and the \$100,000-plus package will include 20 berths aboard the ship for passengers, said Plimoth Plantation publicist Carol City.

Only invited guests will witness a re-enactment of the signing of the Compact the next morning, aboard the ship in Provincetown Harbor. The Mayflower II, built in England in the mid-'50s, will be docked at Fisherman's Wharf and open to the public July 19 through July 22 before returning to Plymouth, under tow.

This really is Provincetown's year, because the Plimoth village wasn't founded until 1627, City said. But there is a major event planned for Plimoth Plantation: the July 29 opening of a new visitors center that will use the latest interactive computer technology to tell the story of the Pilgrims, for the first time, with equal emphasis on the Native American and European points of view.

"It tells the good and the bad," says City, noting that the anniversary of the Pilgrims arrival "is not a celebration" for this land's indigenous people.

Plans to reflect the Indian point of view haven't come together yet in Provincetown, but organizers here have learned firsthand what it feels like to be misled by visitors from Europe.

It was about a year and a half ago that the Pilgrim Fathers Foundation of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, announced that Provincetown had been chosen as the finish for a trans-Atlantic race of tall ships to mark the 375th anniversary and encouraged the town to begin planning for a major

celebration.

A waterfront festival last summer was meant to be a trial run for this year's event, but news came late last year that the race would not happen because there were not enough entries.

"I'm disappointed in how the Dutch people misled us," says Collins-Boden. "Not just me, but the whole town of Provincetown."

Although the waterfront festival probably won't happen this year, the show will go on anyway. There will be special exhibits and events around town, and several tall ships, besides the Mayflower II, are expected to come to Provincetown this summer, Collins-Boden says — maybe even a reproduction of the type of ship used by the Cape's first "discoverers," the Vikings.

Lights also will be strung on the Pilgrim Monument and lighted, with fanfare, on the night of Mayflower II's arrival. For its part, the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association is getting into the spirit early by offering free admission to the monument and adjacent Provincetown Museum to Provincetown residents beginning this month, Collins-Boden said.

The perfect cap to this special year would be for President Clinton to dedicate the Pilgrims First Landing Park in November, says Selectman Henry Evans, who would be able to walk to the ceremony from his place of business, the Provincetown Inn, right next door. But boosting business isn't what this anniversary is all about, Evans insists.

The true goal, Evans says, is "to bring Provincetown to its rightful place in history as the original landing place of the Pilgrims."

Pilgrim progress at 375

MOST OF THE literate world knows that a band of religious non-conformists risked a rough Atlantic crossing in 1620 to what is now Plymouth, Mass., seeking freedom of worship. And most in these parts know too that the Mayflower's first landfall was Cape Cod's tip, later called Provincetown, where Pilgrims lingered briefly but were obviously not keen to settle.

Yet at the turn of this century, mindful of its ancestral role as the point of entry for that fateful pilgrimage nearly three centuries earlier, Provincetown built and dedicated its magnificent 252-foot Pilgrim Monument, its cornerstone laid by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 and the finished work dedicated by President William Howard Taft three years later.

Meanwhile, the Mayflower Pilgrims and their followers had established Plymouth overlooking that same bay entered in 1620. Meanwhile, too, fishing, shipping, the arts, drama and a cosmopolitan populace had given old Pro-

vincetown prominence worldwide.

This year's 375th anniversary of the Provincetown landfall and Plymouth settlement embraces the full significance of a fundamental chapter in the nation's history. Much of New England's conspicuous leadership and skill in our country's development stems from Pilgrim Plymouth and the Provincetown whose tower overlooks the bay, Cape Cod and Plymouth on Boston's South Shore.

A visit to Provincetown this fall by President Clinton — to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact — would cap the summer nicely, Provincetown officials feel.

In any event, the 375th celebrations seem assured of success. And may those fortunate enough to be around when the 400th turns up in the next millenium find the Pilgrim chapter of America's history ever brighter in Provincetown's Tower and Plymouth's Rock, with Mayflowers II and/or III plying the historic bay that has witnessed the whole epic.

Cape Cod from 1620-1621

Provincetown wants record on Mayflower set straight

By Jeff McLaughlin
GLOBE STAFF

PROVINCETOWN – History is pretty much what historians say it is – even when they're wrong.

That's why millions of Americans, recollecting the history lessons of their school days, would say the Pilgrims' first landfall in the New World was at Plymouth Rock in November, 1620.

And they'd be wrong.

The coastwise residents of Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod want to set the record straight this year, the 375th anniversary of the First Landing.

It's not just that they know that the Mayflower's mariners would never steer a landing party in a small boat – under oars and highly maneuverable – toward the only rock in sight on a sandy shore. Not then, not now. That's merely a quibble, although always good for a chuckle out this way.

The big issue that still rankles 375 years after the fact: *It wasn't Plymouth.*

Rock or no rock, the first landfall of the English colonists was not at Plymouth. It was at Provincetown, five weeks before they made their way, in December, across the bay to what they called Thievish Harbour and what we know as Plymouth Harbor.

"The history books mostly just leave us out," said Candace Collins-Boden, director of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce and one of the organizers of a local effort to create a new First Landing Park at the West End Rotary, overlooking the traditional landfall site.

At a reception last Saturday night at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, the park design plans were unveiled. Local businesses and individuals

Provincetown wants record set straight on Mayflower

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pledged \$14,000 for construction, pushing the total raised past the \$30,000 mark, halfway to the \$60,000 goal. The main plaque will carry the names of all the Mayflower passengers; the pavers and benches will carry the names of donors.

One of the donors, Ruth Hiebert, made her contribution in the name of her late father, Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert, and his family. Dr. Hiebert and Harry Kemp, the celebrated "Tramp Poet" of the 1920s literary world, who abandoned Greenwich Village for life in a Provincetown dune shack, would re-enact the First Landing every year, complete with dubious costumes the histrionic Kemp imagined the intrepid voyagers might have worn.

"It was all somewhat silly, but it did keep the true history alive," said Ruth Hiebert.

"It's not that Provincetown is just a minor footnote. This is where the Mayflower Compact was signed, and self-government got its start in America," said John Roderick, president of Seamen's Bank of Provincetown, which is spearheading the fundraising drive.

The Mayflower Compact, an extraordinary document in an era when the divine right of kings was unquestioned, set the colonists' long course on the path of self-government. It made of the voyagers a "civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation ..." and resolved to "frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony ..."

The reason the Pilgrims decided such a compact was necessary is rooted in the fact that they weren't Pilgrims at all, another fact omitted

from many textbooks. At least they weren't called Pilgrims, by themselves or anyone else, at the time.

The English religious dissidents who sailed from Holland - their home in exile - called themselves "Saints," meaning "God's chosen people," and they dubbed as "Strangers" the Mayflower crewmen and adventurers and hired-hands who joined the voyage when they stopped off in England on their way west, according to George F. Willi-

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JOHN RODERICK
Provincetown banker

son's classic book, "Saints and Strangers." For their part, the "Strangers" called themselves "Planters," "Colonists" or simply "Englishmen."

The Pilgrim moniker, which lumps the two quite contentious groups together, emerged in writing 15 or 20 years later, and didn't become widely used until over 200 years later, during the Civil War era.

The distinction between the two groups was critical. Saints had a royal "patent" for settlement in the New World, but it covered only the northern part of the Virginia colony.

Of course they fetched up much farther north because of contrary winds and imperfect navigation. The Strangers knew where they were - some of the crew had been to the Cape before - so as they prepared to go ashore, they told the Saints that they would be outside the bounds of any law once they set foot on land. This prospect did not bode well, so the Saints' leaders - William Brewster, William Bradford and John Carver - decided a compact was necessary. Saints and Strangers alike signed.

Provincetown is planning a summerlong celebration of the First Landing, with special events scheduled for July 19-23, including a Tall Ships gathering. A re-enactment of the signing of the Compact aboard the Mayflower II, a modern ship, will take place on July 20. The vessel is called a "reproduction," rather than a "replica," because no one knows precisely what the Mayflower looked like.

The Pilgrim Monument, the tallest all-granite structure in the United States at 252 feet (and set on a 100-foot hill so it truly towers over Provincetown) will be lit all that week.

President Clinton has been invited to visit in November for the 375th anniversary proper - townspeople are hoping he'll follow in the footsteps of Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft, who visited the then isolated community of 3,500 residents for the Pilgrim Monument cornerstone-laying (in 1907) and grand-opening ceremonies (1910) respectively.

No word from President Clinton yet, but townspeople are hoping.

"That'd be one for the history books, wouldn't it?" said Collins-Bo-den.

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Provincetown Displays Its Pride In Building a New Pilgrims' Park

By Lisa Klugman

More than 50 people gathered at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum Saturday evening to raise funds for the Pilgrims' First Landing Park.

"Busloads of kids come to see where the Pilgrims first landed, and it's an embarrassment," said Candice Collins-Bodden, executive director of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce. "It's like an old field sitting there. You can't even see the monument."

"That wouldn't do for this year's 375th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival. "That was the incentive to get our committee together to work for the park" at the West End rotary, she said.

The First Landing Park Committee is made up of members of the Provincetown/Lower Cape Rotary Club, the beautification committee, the business guild, the chamber of commerce and Seamen's Savings Bank.

"Last year, we obtained a permit from the state to work on the park," said Elizabeth Patrick, chairman of the beautification committee. "The state was going to demolish it. Our first goal was to create a plan, because people are more apt to give money if they can see exactly what the park is going to look like."

The impressive model of the future park by landscape artist William Whitney was unveiled during the fund-raiser by George O'Brien, sergeant at arms of the Rotary Club. "People now drive by and don't even know of the site's existence," he said. "It's deteriorated. People even park their cars there. We don't think that's the way to treat our heritage."

In celebration of that heritage, actor Stephen Russell, in full Pilgrim attire, addressed his check-signing compatriots with an authentic-sounding British accent: "Hello, I'm Governor Bradford. I'm very grateful for your efforts to honor the Pilgrims. Thank you from the

bottom of my heart."

Besides a tax deduction, those who donate \$1,000 will have their name or company's name carved on the modern stone benches that will adorn the park. For those giving \$300, their name will be inscribed in a granite paving stone.

"We've raised over \$15,000 tonight, and \$12,000 before tonight," said Lori Meads, assistant to the president of Seamen's Savings Bank. "And we want people to know that they can give anything — \$50 dollars — whatever, just send it to Pilgrims' First Landing Park, care of Seamen's Savings Bank, 221 Commercial St."

Besides providing a meeting space for the park's committee, plus accounting and fund-raising services, Seamen's tellers, mortgage specialists and loan officers donated their time Saturday evening to serve the public food and drink from the Mews Restaurant. Also on hand from the Mews was piano player Rob Scott.

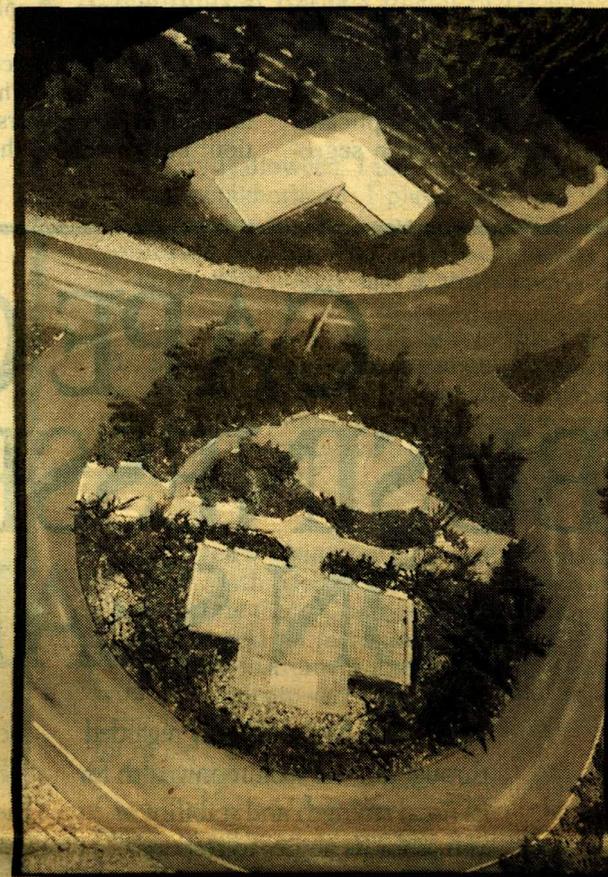
"Members of the committee met with me at the restaurant," said Ron Robin, its owner. "When they explained the whole project I was excited, and very happy to participate."

"That's the way everyone has been about this project — enthusiastic and generous," said Mr. O'Brien. "Everyone has been more than helpful. It's been a real pleasure for me to work with these people here. Everyone really impressed me."

The excitement is sure to build as construction commences and the dedication of the park, sometime in November, draws closer.

"We've officially invited President Clinton for the festivities," said Ms. Collins-Bodden. "He can just helicopter right in to the Coast Guard station and them leave immediately, or he can stay for Thanksgiving."

"What better place for him to spend Thanksgiving



Architect's model of the new Pilgrim Park.

Photo courtesy of Addison & Associates

than here?" said Sarah Peake, vice president of the Provincetown Business Guild. "And he's welcome to have his holiday meal at my house."

While the town awaits word from Washington, the park committee continues to make fund-raising plans for the upcoming months.

"Our goal is to increase pride," said Ms. Collins-Bodden, "in our heritage, our town and its importance."

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April 17, 1995

Ms. Irene Rabinowitz
Chair
Town of Provincetown
Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street
Provincetown, Massachusetts 02657

Dear Ms. Rabinowitz:

Thank you for inviting President Clinton to participate in the 375th Anniversary of the signing to the Mayflower Compact. The President has asked me to convey his appreciation for your kind offer.

Unfortunately, the President's schedule does not give him the opportunity to accept as many invitations as he would like. He regrets that he will be unable to join you for this special event.

On behalf of the President, thank you again for your thoughtful invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can provide you with any further assistance.

Sincerely,



William M. Webster, IV
Director of Scheduling and Advance

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DATE: 24 April 1995

TO: David Goode, Assistant Town Manager
FROM: Stephan J. Nofield, Economic Development Coordinator
SUBJ: 375th Anniversary November Celebration: Presidential Invitation

Last Thursday, the working group that is organizing the November celebration of the 375th anniversary met to discuss the next steps of the planning process. The working group is committed to a variety of activities in commemorating the Pilgrims' First Landing in America and their Signing of the Mayflower Compact. The events that have been scheduled include: the dedication of Pilgrim Park and the lighting of the Monument, all within the 375th anniversary theme.

President or no President, the working group is committed to a celebration that vibrates across the region in honoring Provincetown's role as Birthplace of American Liberty.

This morning I received a telephone call from Scott Ashley (Scott works for Northeastern University's Office of Government Relations and Community Affairs). He has provided assistance to the Presidential Invitation Working Group.

- He met last week with White House staff members from Leon Panetta's office and discussed travel details of a potential November visit. He left Washington believing that there was an interest and was surprised to learn about the William Webster letter from the White House.
- This Tuesday Scott has a meeting with Tipper Gore and will discuss the 375th Celebration with her.
- On Thursday, Scott and I will meet to discuss his conversations with the White House and Tipper Gore.

Scott mentioned that the note we received was a form letter and suspect that there's room for the President to reconsider.

Again, we plan to hold a celebration and will be working with the community to expand upon the ideas and themes that have already been generated.

cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Manager



DATE: 26 April 1995

TO: Helen Addison
FROM: Stephan J. Nofield, Economic Development Coordinator
SUBJ: Contacts Regarding 375th Invitation

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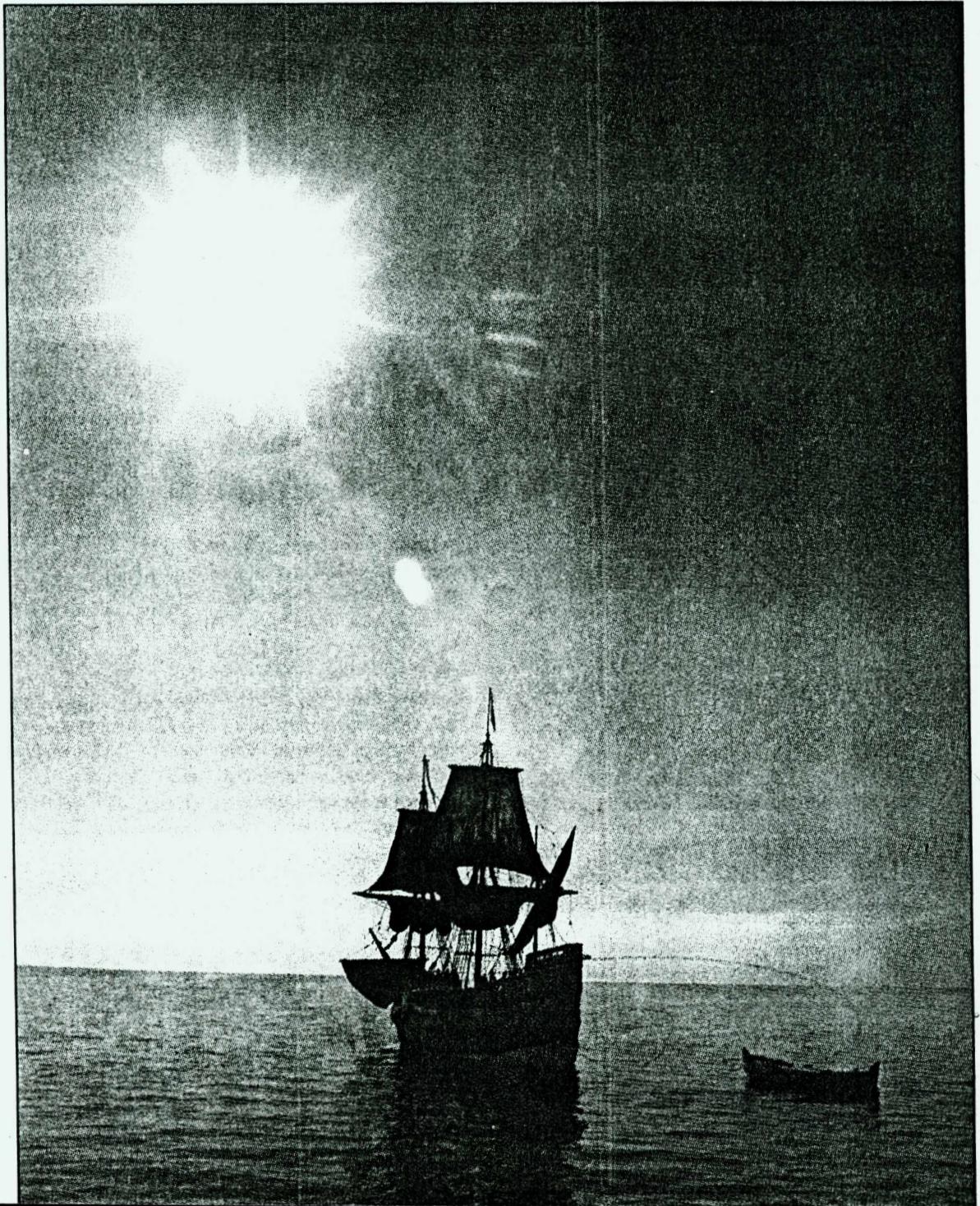
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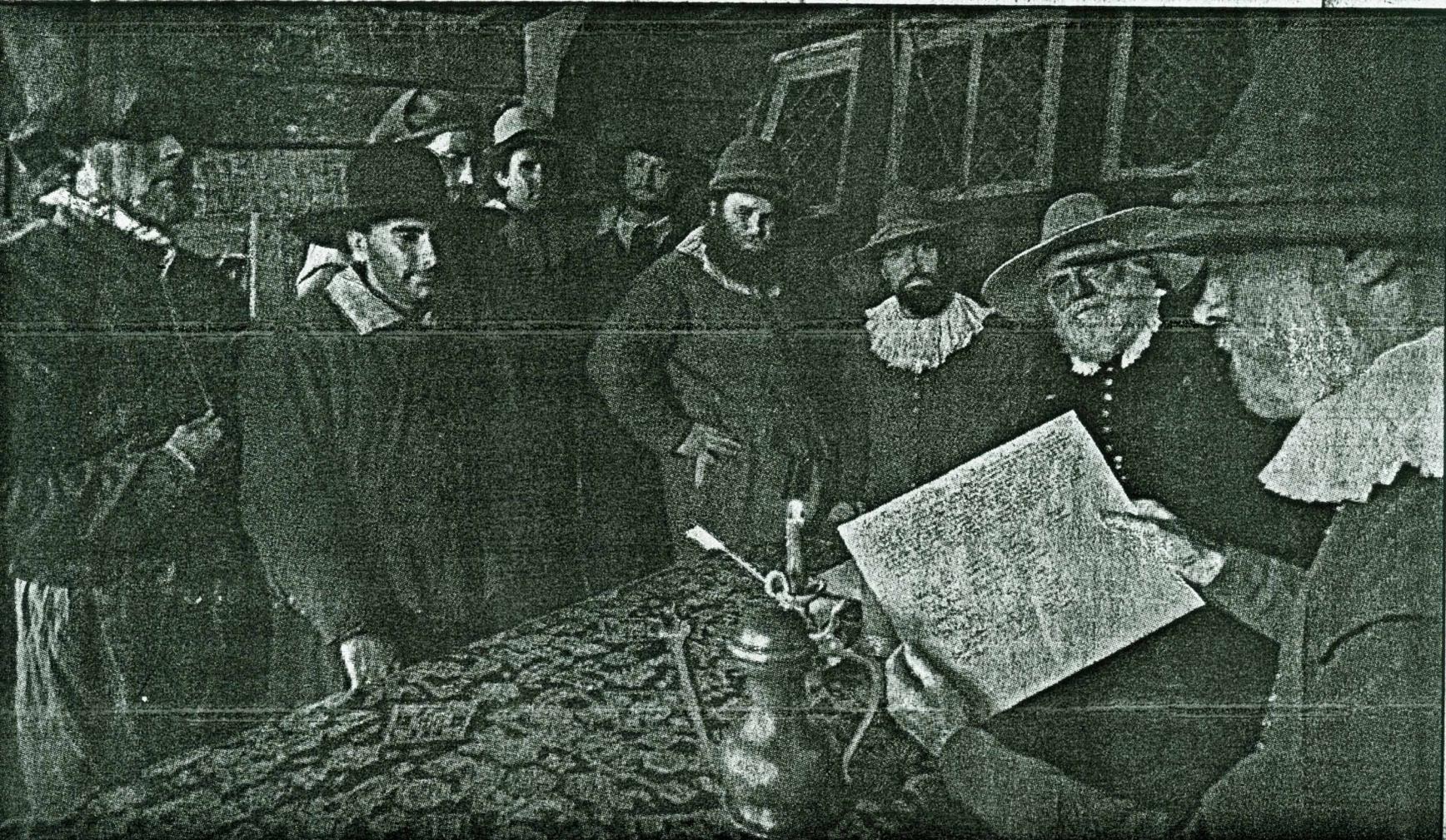
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Provincetown seeks its place in history

By Don Aucoin
GLOBE STAFF

PROVINCETOWN – One Pilgrim set aside his rock 'n' roll magazine yesterday and two others cut short their discussion of the O.J. Simpson trial as they prepared to take quill in hand, sign the Mayflower Compact and perhaps rescue this town from textbook oblivion.

"It's not the heat, it's the humility," confided one Pilgrim as he sweated in steerage aboard the Mayflower II, attired in a canvas doublet and broad-brimmed hat on a warm and sunny day.

But perspiration was a price the nine actors from Plimoth Plantation were willing to pay to correct a widespread misconception that has endured for most of the last 375 years: that Plymouth was the Pilgrims' first glimpse of the New World.

For the edification of 150 spectators and, local boosters hope, the history books, actors yesterday reenacted the signing of the Mayflower Compact, which occurred when the Pilgrims dropped anchor Nov. 11, 1620, in Provincetown Harbor.

"A lot of people don't realize that we – I mean, they – landed here first," remarked actor Bill Ham after he signed a replica of the compact, playing the role of manservant Edward Doty.

The reenactment was a revelation to 16-year-old Nikki Mullinax of Brunswick, Ohio, who watched it on a monitor set up on Fishermen's Wharf.

"I had no idea they landed here first," she said. "I thought they

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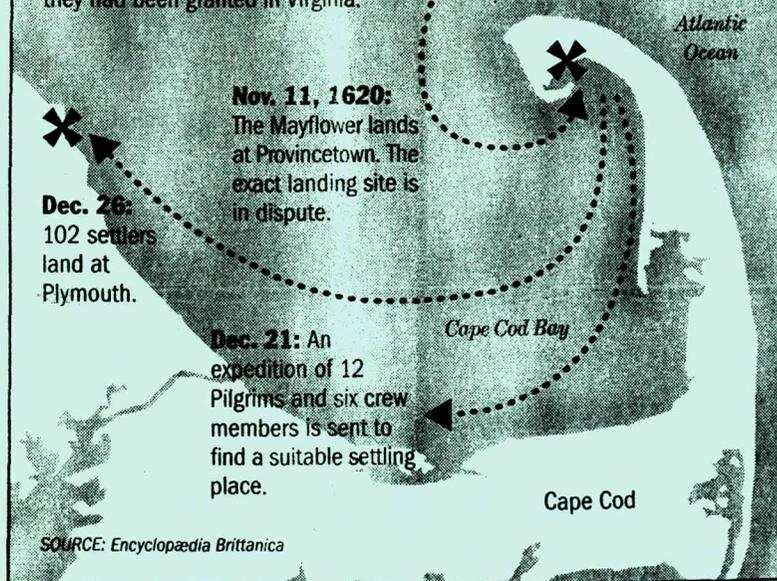
landed first on Plymouth Rock."

The 102 passengers on the Mayflower actually landed in the area now known as Provincetown and stayed there for six weeks, anchored just offshore, exploring the area and recording one birth and one death, before a lack of fresh water and adequate farmland sent them on a search that would eventually land them in Plymouth.

Yet it is the landing at Plymouth Rock and the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving that have been memorialized in story and song, while Provincetown – in the view of its most ardent advocates – has been relegated to a mere footnote or a passing mention in many history textbooks.

The trip to a New World home

After leaving Southampton, England, in September 1620, strong ocean currents pushed the Pilgrims off course, preventing them from reaching the territory they had been granted in Virginia.



"Plymouth has done such a good job of marketing over the years, while Provincetown has not concentrated on its history enough," said Candace Collins-Boden of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce.

The reenactment yesterday aboard the Mayflower II, a replica of the original Mayflower, was a joint effort of the chamber and Plimoth Plantation that was designed to set the record straight. However, celebrations of the distant past were shadowed by anger over the recent past, as organizers simmered over a controversy that erupted Wednesday night.

During welcoming ceremonies Wednesday before hundreds of spectators on Fishermen's Wharf

the chairwoman of the Provincetown Board of Selectmen departed from prepared remarks to speak out against Joyful Life Gospel Band, a Christian musical group performing at the ceremonies.

Irene Rabinowitz blasted the music as "exclusionary," and said she would have avoided the ceremony had she known about the music beforehand.

But Collins-Boden contended yesterday that Rabinowitz knew the group would play gospel music.

Rabinowitz called Collins-Boden "naive and unsophisticated," and said the music offended numerous non-Christians present. "A group playing specifically Christian music is inappropriate for a wide audience," she said.

A group of Native Americans also protested the Mayflower II's arrival on Wednesday night.

But aboard the ship yesterday, all was placid, albeit humid.

"One take. Let's do it in one take," pleaded a sweltering Pilgrim as camera equipment was set in place. After an organizer barked, "OK, boys, take your places," the nine actors crowded into a stuffy cabin and arranged themselves around a table containing a quill, inkwell and pewter serving vessel. Then, one by one, each stepped forward and signed his name; those playing characters who were unable to write made a mark instead. (The 29 women on board were not invited to sign, since in the 17th century women had no legal or political rights.)

The Mayflower Compact, considered a precursor to the self-government impulse behind the US Constitution, was designed to prevent anarchy once the Pilgrims arrived on land, according to Richard Pickering, director of special projects at Plimoth Plantation. Because strong ocean currents had forced the Mayflower to land on the Cape rather than Virginia, many passengers did not feel bound by prior agreements and began to threaten to go their own way once they landed.

Although the ceremony seemed to make an impression with the visitors on shore, some were skeptical about its influence on contemporary views of history.

John Akeley, an elementary school teacher in Sherborn, said: "Plymouth has it. That's the place that will always be remembered. Hometown, USA, has it. This will always be a spot along the way."

55 Commercial Street
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September 24, 1995

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Greeting. I pray that you are well and I wish to tell you that you deeply respected and admired. You are an wonderful President. Please stay strong and committed to your beliefs and always trust in God. You have many supporters here in Provincetown. I PRAY that this letter actually makes it to your desk and to your eyes.

I am writing to extend to you, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea, an invitation to join us here in Provincetown, for the 375th Anniversary Celebrations of the Landing of the Pilgrims here on United States soil. The Anniversary date, of the Landing is November 20th. On the 21st of November we will be commemorating the 375th Anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

We dream of correcting the history books to finally mark Provincetown's proper place, as the First Landing place of the Pilgrims. After landing here they explored the area for almost one month. Then they went on to Plymouth to settle. (Please see the enclosed fact sheet.) We want to take this opportunity to have our proper place, finally marked, in the history books. We aspire and dream of you and your family as being an iatrical part of this historical occasion.

We, the citizens of Provincetown, have created a park in the area where the Pilgrims first came ashore. We will be dedicating the park on November 21st. We intend to bury a time capsule at that time. We will also be lighting our Pilgrim Memorial Monument that evening. (See enclosed photograph) It is the tallest free standing granite structure in the United States. The corner- stone was laid by President Teddy Roosevelt and it was dedicated by President Taft. The area is surrounded by The National Seashore which was established by President Kennedy. He so loved this land we call Cape Cod. What a wonderful opportunity it would be for us, and your family to bring the entire event into the homes of all those around the country and the world, as we begin our Thanksgiving Holidays. Consider the possibilities!

The Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, here in Provincetown Harbor, on November 21st. This compact is considered the cornerstone of American Democracy and a forerunner of the Constitution. As many as 160 other countries, around the world, also consider this document as their cornerstone. This would be an incredible opportunity, during a campaign year, to get wonderful positive exposure. This would be a great benefit to you as well as to Provincetown, the history books, and the American People. Would you PLEASE seriously consider officiating, participating and or attending any or all of our ceremonies on November 21st?

It would be incredible to us to have you here. If it is more convenient, consider this as a possible unofficial or unannounced stop while on the campaign trail. Again I would like you to truly consider the POSITIVE possibilities. This is genuinely a once in a lifetime opportunity. I would love to have the opportunity to walk one of your advisors and or advance staff planners through town and show them the photo opportunities, the beauty of our town, as well as just how safe and secure it is here. I am enclosing a couple of aerial photos as well as some articles from the local newspaper and The Boston Globe, regarding the 375th festivities.

PLEASE PLEASE seriously consider joining us and the American people for these wonderful ceremonies on November 21st. The courtesy of a response will be most appreciated.

With profound, genuine, and sincere respect and admiration,

*Dale R. Szczech
Provincetown*

The Mayflower Compact

In the Name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the *11 of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620.

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John Alden,	Thomas Rogers,	John Goodman,	John Allerton,
Samuel Fuller,	Thomas Tinker,	Degory Priest,	Thomas English,
Christopher Martin,	John Rigdale,	Thomas Williams,	Edward Doty,
William Mullins,	Edward Fuller,	Gilbert Winslow,	Edward Leister,
William White,			<hr/>

*Old calendar

The Compact was written and signed aboard the Mayflower on November 21, 1620 (reckoned by our present calendar) as the famous ship lay at anchor in what is now Provincetown Harbor.



THEY LANDED HERE FIRST

The Provincetown Chamber of Commerce and *CmK Associates* are proud to announce that they have joined forces to produce a Souvenir Book to celebrate and promote the festivities commemorating **THE 375TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PILGRIMS LANDING** on the shores of our town.

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will be available throughout The New England Area to promote this event *and* your business. This officially sanctioned FULL SIZED book will contain Event Schedules, Historical Anecdotes, Pictures, Town Information, Lifestyle Section and Advertising from Provincetown Area Businesses.

The proceeds from this book will support the Provincetown Chamber's effort to provide a full schedule of events from June through November. *The Provincetown Chamber of Commerce* is planning numerous events, along with Tall Ship Visits, all strategically scheduled throughout this six month period.

The goal is to extend the selling season !!!

Celebrate 375 years

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The Provincetown Chamber of Commerce will be gathering all the historic information, photographs and scheduling all events. If you have any pertinent material or event ideas please contact them at 1-508-487-3424.

The Deadline for this information will be May 5th. At their office.

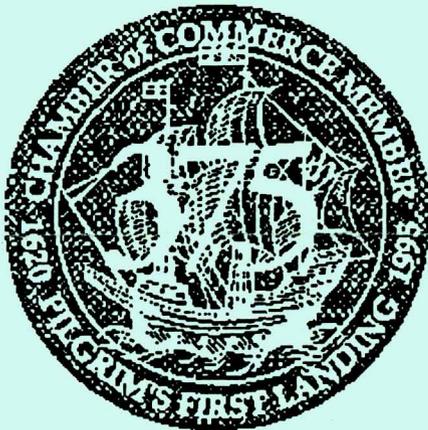
CmK Associates will be coordinating all of the advertising. Included within this book will be several sections (dining, lifestyle, services, etc.) as needed to best promote your business. *THE GOAL is to promote your business for the entire six month period from June through November.* We are planning to print 100,000 copies of this 8 1/2 x 11 book using premium 50lb. pure white paper on the inside with a high quality, colorful cover to enhance visibility.

The Deadline for advertising will be May 5th.

The book will be on the streets by June 26th.

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Ad design is included and placement will be made as the ads are paid

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To place your ad contact Colleen Fogarty or Don at 1-800-479-7470

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Expansive stretches of sand and beach grass create a quiet setting at Nauset Beach.

roads. In 1926, in response to families who were forced to move to prevent their homes from being buried under shifting sands, federal funds were made available for beach grass planting. By the 1930s, 1,200 acres near Provincetown had been reforested, and today beach grass planting continues over many acres of dunes.

Like the first settlers, early American artists also recognized the beautiful light and peacefulness of the Cape. And, like the landscape itself, they, too, came under the pull of its changing shorelines. In 1622, a writer waxed eloquently about Provincetown harbor, with its four-mile-wide entrance. Today, much of that wide mouth has silted in, forming Pilgrim Lake.

In the mid-1800s, when Henry David Thoreau walked the beach from Eastham to Provincetown (once on the Bay side, twice along the Atlantic), he described the “furniture” of Cape Cod: the rug of flora that covered the landscape. Thoreau noted the colors of the shrub oak and huckleberry bushes and the aroma of bayberries and pitch pine, and how they contrasted with the white shifting sands. Much of what he saw remains, thanks to the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Park Places

Contemporary visitors, whether artists or simply nature-lovers, need not walk the entire length of the beach to enjoy the beauty of the Cape Cod National Seashore. The main road north, Route 6, borders the Seashore’s eastern edge and passes through park boundaries in the town of Truro.

Visitor centers are located at either extreme of the park; the southernmost, Salt Pond Visitors Center, is just off Route 6, only minutes from the rotary at Orleans. (A note to drivers: Route 6 narrows after Orleans, and it’s important to watch speed limits going through Eastham.) The Salt Pond Center is open year-round (weekends only in winter). It offers a nature

Photos: Terry Pommett

Cape Cod’s Protected Beauty

Natural tranquility is yours to savor at Cape Cod’s serene National Seashore.

The gently curving shoreline of Cape Cod has changed dramatically over the centuries. In fact, winds, tides, and pounding surf alter its sandy outline from year to year. Lighthouses supposedly built for the ages fall into the sea or must be moved back from advancing beaches. Dune homes, built for summer fun, wash into the waves after winter storms. Lavish homes with ocean views are only temporary constructions on this thin arm of land, barely six miles across at its widest point.

In 1961, a few knowing politicians and environmentalists saw the fragility of this landscape and created the Cape Cod National Seashore, 28,000 acres of federally protected beaches, kettle ponds, forests, heath fields, and glacial cliffs in the six towns between Chatham and Provincetown. Special protection was extended to a total of 43,557 acres, and visitor centers were established. Under federal law, new

homes could not be built within the seashore’s boundaries, but those already standing could remain.

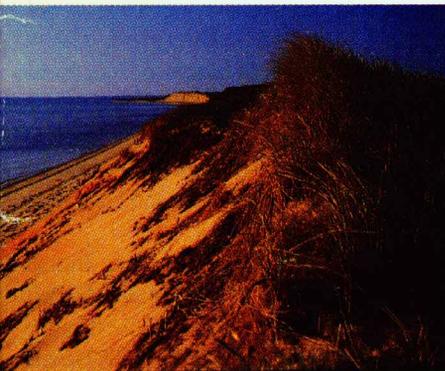
Pilgrims’ Progress

The Cape’s first settlers, the Pilgrims, landed at Provincetown in November 1620, five weeks before their travels led them to Plymouth Rock. These early Americans wrote some of the country’s first conservation laws to preserve the headlands around the harbor of Provincetown. In 1670, the General Court of Plimoth County passed laws protecting the forests and beaches of Province Lands on the Outer Cape. Because fishermen needed wood from the forests to build boats, shacks, and salt works—as well as for firewood—many of the trees stabilizing the dunes were cut down. Green hills turned into shifting sand dunes that threatened to bury the early town’s streets.

By the end of the 1800s, conservation extended to the planting of evergreen trees and scotch brooms and the building of breakwaters, jetties, and foundations for

museum, films every half hour, and publications on activities such as whale-watching, birding, and swimming at any of the park's six lifeguarded beaches.

At the other end of the park, in Provincetown, is the Province Lands Visitor Center. This facility is open from spring through fall and is a short drive off Route 6 down Race Point Road. Inside are hands-on displays of marine life and ex-



Beach grass plantings have prevented the erosion of the dunes at Wellfleet.



At Salt Pond in Eastham, visitors can walk the same beaches Henry David Thoreau strolled.

hibits on local fishing history. Its second-floor viewing deck offers such an extensive panorama that, on a clear day, it's possible to see across the bay to Plymouth.

With no parking fee, the center is also a good place to hop on bicycles and pedal the fabulous trails—nine miles in all—that go through and around the high dunes on the back side of Provincetown center. Take the Race Point Beach Spur, part of the Province Lands Bike Trail, to the Ranger Station on the beach, then pedal

back along the Herring Cove Spur to the high dunes at Snake Hill. (A tip: in Provincetown, where bikes can be rented, the closest access to the trails is from the Beech Forest picnic area.)

For walkers, self-guided nature trails lead from the Province Lands Visitor Center. In high season, park rangers conduct guided walks and activities, such as explorations of the native cranberry and its growing habits, or early morning walks through beech forests to identify native birds and their habitat. Bring binoculars and, if you're lucky, you may catch a glimpse of a whale surfacing in ocean waters off Race Point Beach. The huge sea mammals pass close to shore here on their way to Stellwagon Bank, a favorite spot of whale-watching boats.

Since four-wheel vehicles are not permitted to drive over the dunes in the Province Lands park, there is only one sanctioned beach-buggy tour: Art's Dune Tours, located in town at the corner of Commercial and Standish Streets. Art has been offering tours since 1946, so he's an expert at combining historical perspectives with natural history. He can point out where Thoreau wandered, as well as the dunes along which Eugene O'Neil wrote many of his prize-winning plays.

Unusual Excursions

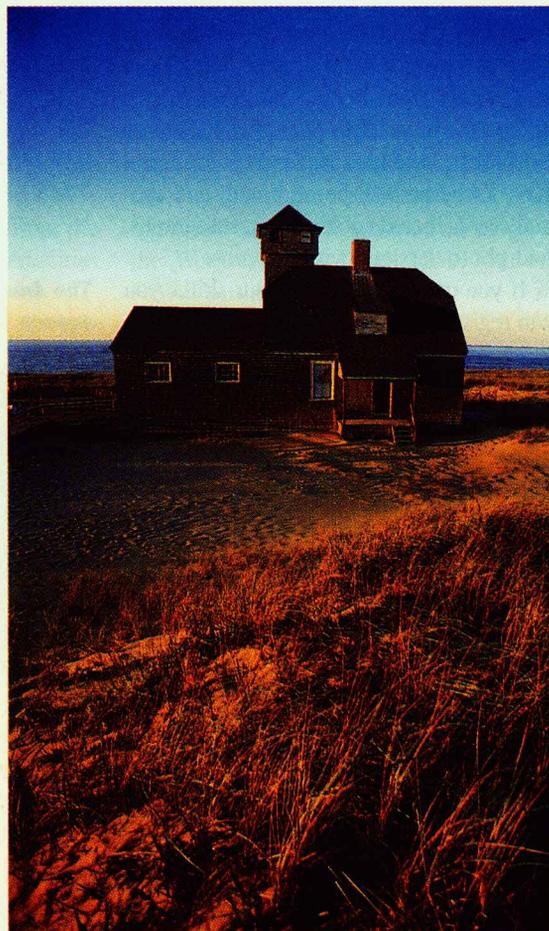
At the height of the season, in July and August, Commercial Street in Provincetown is exactly what its name implies, and crowds bustle along, packing its shops and eateries. Nevertheless, those looking for off-the-beaten-track activities will discover more than a few.

Flyer's Boat Rental, on Commercial Street, runs shuttle rides to Long Point, the isolated tip of the Cape, where remains of two Civil War forts and Long Point Light evoke the area's historic past.

Farther off the track, visit the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, off Route 6 in South Wellfleet. It offers extensive sanctuary walks and cruises to Nauset Marsh and Monomoy Island National Wildlife Refuge; cruises range from \$30 to \$50. The guides are seasoned biologists and botanists working under the auspices of the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

In the warmth of summer, Audubon tours offer views of blue herons fishing for their food, orange-beaked oystercatchers stepping along the shore, and ospreys diving from poles set up to foster their nesting. In late summer, rare whimbrels, with their oddly curved bills, follow receding waves. With no other people in sight, it doesn't get much better than this. 

—Peter Aiken



In popular Provincetown, natural beauty competes for attention with attractions such as the Life Saving Museum.