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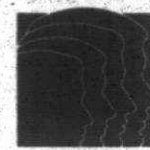
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Racism no problem, officials say



Plymouth-Canton school officials don't believe the high schools have gang or racial problems despite a confrontation in mid-September between a number of students, about half of whom were suspended.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

The confrontations at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park that required police intervention Sept. 14 aren't an indication that racism or gangs are problems at the 4,000-student campus, say administrators and police.

Of the 23 students involved in the incidents, one of which was racially motivated, five students will not be returning to PCEP. They "voluntarily withdrew" from school, said Canton High School interim principal Ken Jacobs.

"Two students were turned over to the police, one for disorderly conduct

and one for possible violation of the ethnic intimidation law. No one was expelled." Twelve students were suspended.

One of the confrontations reportedly was between "skinhead" students and a group of African-American students.

"The altercations occurred in such a relative short time from one another that it fed student speculation as to what was or wasn't going on," said Jacobs. "It made it appear larger than it was. We were concerned enough we wanted to call the authorities."

"I don't know that there were any

actual fist fights. Most turned out to be yelling matches. One I know was a lovers' quarrel between two students of different ethnic backgrounds. It was not racially motivated," said Jacobs, adding that he personally "dealt with two of the situations, which weren't connected to anything else going on."

Canton police community relations officer Lewis Stevens said the incidents were minor. "From what I understand, the altercations were small fights in the hallways that were bro-

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Babies get educated at Canton library

BY DIANE HANSON
STAFF WRITER

Katharine McFaul loves a good book, not to read, but to chew. Maybe that's because she's only 10 months old and has not yet mastered the concept of deciphering words on a page.

"Everything goes in the mouth," said her mom, Holly, a Lincoln Park resident, who had come to the Canton Public Library with husband, Brian, and mother-in-law, Beth McFaul, a Canton resident.

The family joined other parents and babies Oct. 2 for the "Parents & Infants - New Beginnings" program presented at the library for parents and their 4- to 12-month-old children.

Katharine stuffed the colorful, squishy, non-toxic vinyl book into her mouth as youth librarian, Margaret Goodrich, offered information and displayed age-appropriate toys and resource materials available for check-out at the library.

"We still have some old-fashioned technology," she confessed to the adults present as she held up the large, flat, records. She was quick to point out that, since last year, the more current children's CDs are also available to borrow.

A substantial assortment of audio cassettes young children might enjoy, cassettes with books, and video tapes with segments such as "Rub-a-Dub-Dub" and "Today I Took My Diapers Off" were some of the library resources Goodrich presented to the parents.

"What we're trying to do is introduce parents to library resources both for themselves, as parents, and for their children."

Jill Halpin
youth services librarian

The magically soothing effect of movement and music was demonstrated when Goodrich played the song, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," while instructing the parent and infant team in a simple floor exercise. Nine fussy, fidgety little babies quieted immediately.

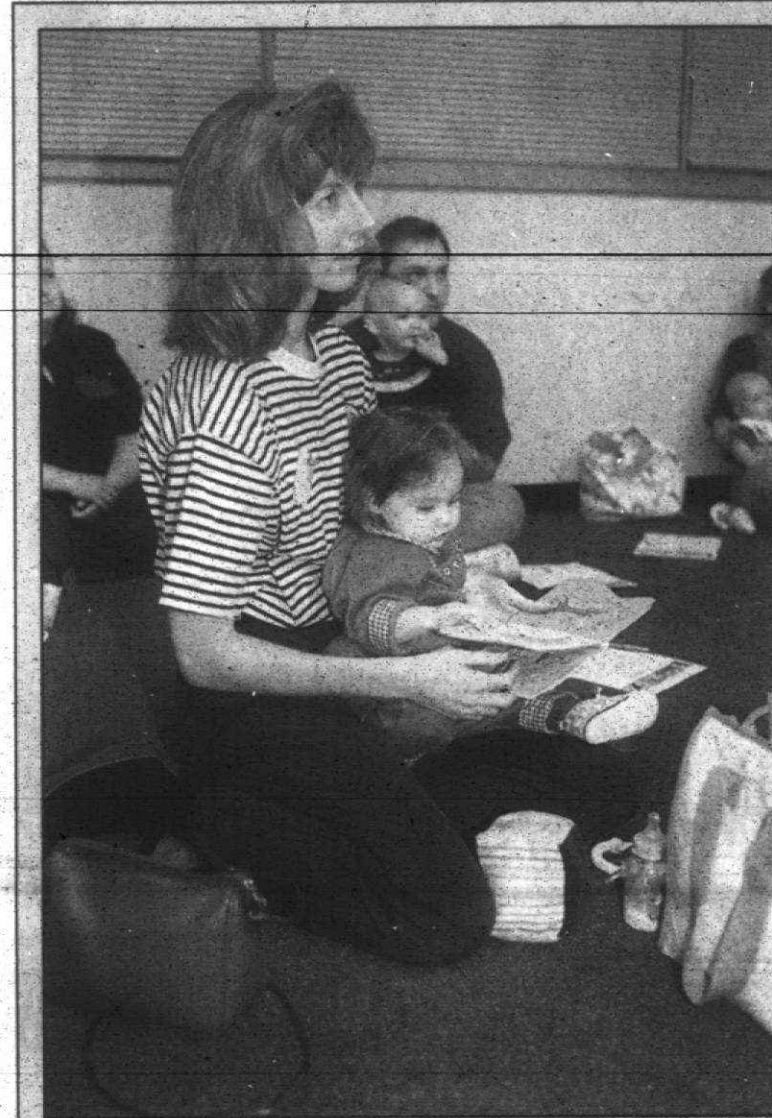
"See how moving around gets them all calmed down?" Goodrich said.

In addition to the electronic media, Goodrich displayed an assortment of books from heavy cardboard to vinyl to picture books with no words, allowing for the creative interpretation of the reader to develop their own story for the child.

Soft, life-like animal puppets, toys and puzzles can all be checked out for added fun for the little ones and their parents.

"I think it's excellent," said Canton resident, Lisa Broughman, holding son, Justin, 4 1/2 months. "You know, I wasn't really aware of all the different resources available for small children. I think it's an excel-

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Diaper set: From left, Kathy Flint, daughter Natalie, eight months, Bryan McFaul and Katherine McFaul, 10 months, participate in a library program for babies.

Building redesign ordered

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The owner of a proposed auto diagnostic and repair shop targeted for Canton Center has been asked to come up with a building design that complements other businesses on the thoroughfare, just north of Ford Road.

"This just does not fit," said Cathy Johnson, Canton planning commissioner. "To me it looks like something that definitely should be in an industrial park, not on our Canton Center."

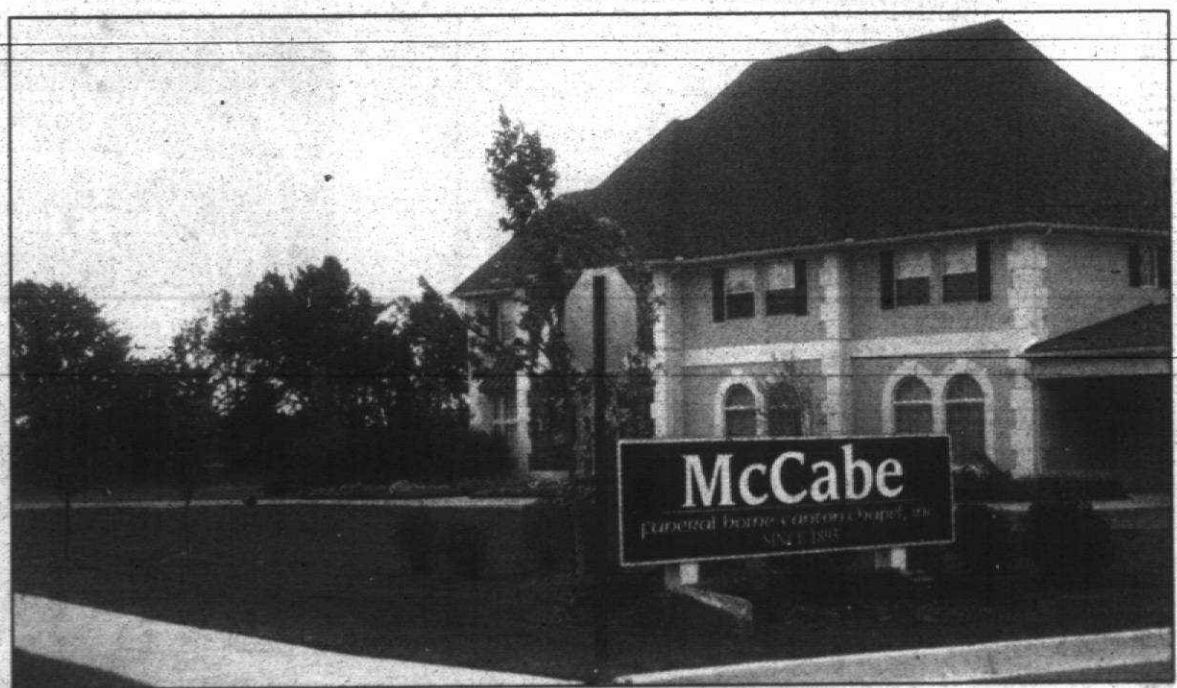
William Clark of Quadrants, who represents Roger Wilson, one of the owners of the proposed Auto Lab and Auto One, told commissioners they had just switched the design, as requested by Canton's planning staff.

But planning commissioners said it still wasn't good enough to complement other buildings in the area. "They all have pitched roofs and more of a residential look than an industrial look," said commissioner Melissa McLaughlin, a Canton trustee, of existing businesses.

Commissioners tabled Wilson's request for site-plan approval and a special land-use approval to give Clark time to redesign the building, which would sit north of the State Farm Insurance Building and across from the Canton Ford Crossings office.

Wilson proposes to build a 5,400-square-foot building for auto testing and repairs on just less than one acre. The building would include two offices, a waiting area and several service

See REDESIGN, 4A



Winning appearance: McCabe Funeral Home on Canton Center Road, just south of Saltz, was tapped as the overall winner in the Canton Chamber of Commerce first-ever beautification awards.

McCabe Funeral Home grabs award

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

McCabe Funeral Home is the top winner of the Canton Chamber of Commerce 1995 Beautification Award.

The prize is a large trophy that will be on display in the funeral home for one month.

David McCabe built his funeral home on Canton Center between Ford and Cherry Hill in 1993 and opened for business in January 1994.

McCabe was surprised to be the winner. "I almost fell off the chair," he said. "I was here by accident, really."

The third-generation mortician attended the chamber meeting Wednesday, Oct. 4, because his manager and son were both ill.

Asked why his funeral home is such a showplace, McCabe said, "I don't want to be ashamed of anything."

McCabe's funeral home in Farmington Hills has won beautification awards, too, losing just once since the awards were established, McCabe said.

Francis McCabe got the family started in the funeral business in 1873 when the streetcar conductor

stopped to have lunch at the funeral home of Frank Gibbs.

Gibbs apparently wished to get out of the business pronto because he sold everything to McCabe for \$1.

Francis McCabe passed the business down to his son Clifford, who transferred it to David, who runs it today and plans for his son Kevin to take over someday.

The other winners of the first-ever chamber beautification awards are as follows:

In the small business category, the

See MCCABE, 3A

School pool incident prompts probe

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent Charles Little is investigating an incident that recently closed the Plymouth Salem High School pool because of contamination.

The Wayne County Health Department conducted its own investigation after learning about the complaint of a Plymouth-Canton parent.

Thomas McNulty, section chief in the health department's division of environmental health, said the mother "basically related the story that her daughter was directed as swimming class was leading to enter the pool, and retrieve some fecal matter."

"We sent a representative of the department and spoke with director of operations Mr.

Thompson and aquatic director Mr. Olson. This was Monday, Oct. 2, the incident occurred Friday the 29th.

"We told them the pool should have been closed immediately, and that we should have been notified, which we were not. It was well over 48 hours before we found out."

District spokeswoman Judy Evola said the matter is under investigation.

"The entire situation is being looked into. Everyone involved is being interviewed. We can't draw any conclusions until the investigation is completed."

McNulty said the health department took water samples from the Salem pool. "The water results came back and the water is acceptable for bathers to go into the pool at Salem," he said.

McNulty declined to reveal the student involved, but said she is a freshman.

The incident will be noted, said McNulty. "As it was explained to the parent, this goes into our records. If another incident or similar incident occurs, we would then definitely convene an informal hearing to discuss those issues. It doesn't necessarily have to be another fecal contamination, but something not in conformance with operational rules."

The pool has been cited before, McNulty said.

"When we've done annual inspections there have been concerns regarding violations that were not taken care of as soon as they should have been," he said.

They involved lane markers, safety equipment, and shower soap.

"The painted markers on the deck weren't legible. We wanted that corrected and found out they were not corrected. We had some concerns regarding accessibility of safety equipment during all hours that weren't corrected in a timely manner."

"There was no soap available in the shower rooms," he added. "That is a requirement of the statute, so students or people using the pool can take a soapy shower. There was reluctance to furnish soap."

"We do try to investigate these things as soon as we are informed of them," McNulty said. "We want to make sure appropriate action is taken to document it so that we can take further action if there is a recurrence."

Man pleads guilty in baby's death

A 34-year-old former Canton man pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of manslaughter in the death of a 2-year-old girl who died from head injuries in December 1994.

Originally charged with second-degree murder, Jerry R. Mitchell pleaded guilty to a lesser charge before Detroit Recorder's Judge Robert Evans. He will be sentenced on the 15-year felony Jan. 4, 1996, according to Canton police community relations officer Lew Stevens.

Mitchell was arrested in early January 1995, several days after Becca Meloche of Taylor, who had been on life support at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor, died of head injuries.

"The autopsy showed the injuries were consistent with shaking. The baby also had cigarette burns and bruises," Stevens said.

Police received a call Dec. 18, 1994, that a baby was injured at the West Point Mobile Home Park on Haggerty, south of Michigan Avenue. Canton emergency personnel responded to the mobile home on a report that a baby was not breathing. The police were told the baby apparently fell in the bathtub and hit her head.

Mitchell, who was reportedly the boyfriend of the baby's mother, was taken into custody following the incident and held for a couple of days during the investigation.

New business counts on hockey passion

Canton Township resident Doug Mueller is hoping the passion area folks have for ice hockey will spill over to include a new version of the old sport called "dekhockey."

Mueller has formed a company called Michigan Dekhockey and built a plastic-floored rink on the south side of Michigan Avenue east of Canton Center.

The game is basically hockey, but played in sneakers and on roller skates. Rules are set by the International Dekhockey Tournament Association.

"It's hockey for everybody who never had the gumption to get on (ice) skates," Mueller said.

The rink is expected to open for play in mid-October, although the adjacent pro shop is still under construction.

Set outdoors under lights, the rink is composed of interlocking blue and yellow plastic tiles resting on an asphalt surface. One form of the game will be played in sneakers. A faster version is played on in-line skates sporting special wheels.

Mueller said he has room for 192 teams in the leagues that are forming, and if business is sufficiently grandiose a second rink may be added.

Games are expected to be scheduled year round. "We just take a snowblower to it in the winter," Mueller said. "We don't cancel hockey games."

So far, the very young children have signed up, and adults have signed up, but Mueller still lacks a satisfactory number of teen players.

"The tweens, 11 to 17 years old," he calls them. "That's the slowest sign-up we've had. Those are the kids who need to come out and get challenged. Kids under 18 are not going to come down here and smoke cigarettes. They're going to play hockey."

Fred Hoshowski and Richard Bushart, co-owners of Bladesports on Joy at Morton Taylor, are sponsoring two Michigan Dekhockey teams and offering their services for clinics and coaching.

Bladesports is also sharing advertising costs with Mueller and providing jerseys to dekhockey teams.



Dekhockey: Canton Township resident Doug Mueller, director and president of Michigan Dekhockey, is building an arena on Michigan Avenue where a form of hockey played in sneakers and on roller skates may be accommodated.

Teachers mark their retirement

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 retired Plymouth-Canton teachers attended a tea sponsored by the Beta Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international educators sorority at St. John's Episcopal Church Monday.

The tea, hosted every other year, drew a record crowd, largely because 64 teachers retired in 1995 — the largest number in any single year in Plymouth-Canton school history.

Guests visited with each other while enjoying light refreshments and music, compliments of pianist and Hoben Elementary teacher Sharon Belobradich.

Tea co-chairwoman was Marilyn Barrick, who retired this year from Hoben Elementary. Barrick was also honored recently at a dinner in Lansing for being the 100,000th person to retire in the 80-year history of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System.

Unanimously, teachers said they miss the students and the camaraderie of fellow teachers.

"I didn't miss the teaching, but I do miss being with the kids," said Barrick, who taught elementary art for 15 years in Plymouth-Canton and eight years in South Redford schools. "Retirement is giving me the chance to do lots of stuff around the house I never had the time to do before."

Retired special education teacher Marilyn Wells said that after teaching for 28 years in Plymouth-Canton, retirement "is wonderful. I love the kids, but I don't miss the special ed laws that demand more and more paperwork," she said. "It got to the point where there wasn't enough time to teach."

Wells also doesn't miss dealing with children she said were inappropriately placed in the special education classes. School districts "have lost so many lawsuits filed by parents that schools are pretty much forced to grant parents' wishes when it comes to classroom placement," she said.

"A lot of money has been spent, and the schools have been losing," said Wells, who taught 9- to 11-year-olds at Farrand Elementary. After taking a year off, Wells plans a second career in clinical psychology, assisting families dealing with alcohol and substance abuse.

Andrea Roderick is retiring after 26 years in Plymouth-Canton, 10 of them at Farrand Elementary. The daughter of educators, Roderick said the most gratifying aspect of education was teaching children to write and read.

"I love the growth you see from the beginning to the end of the year, especially with first- and second-graders," she said.

Roderick won't miss the large class sizes, she added. "I've had as many as 33 first-graders. That makes it too hard."

Catherine Smith and Louise Kohut enjoy traveling together, having retired from Allen Elementary. Both keep close tabs on education.

"I was always happy I was a teacher," said Smith, who just returned from the British Isles. "I look back with a lot of pleasant memories."

Smith and Kohut share a concern about the influx of technology in schools. While both see merit in technological advances, "if you have to depend on a machine, you are handicapped," Smith said. "To cope, you have to have reading and math skills, and you still need to be independent."

"If children aren't introduced to reading at a young age, they aren't going to enjoy all the great literature," said Kohut, who was Allen's librarian. "That's what bothers me about all the machines."

It saddens Smith to see that "the actual people making decisions regarding education at the local and state levels are not teachers." It used to be that teachers were very much involved in decision-making. They were consulted. The key to education is the teacher, not the building.



Old friends: Above, from left, Jane Bowman, Barb Dyle and Don Rank get a chance to visit at a sorority tea for retired teachers. Below left, Marguerite Palosky and Mary Fritz reminisce about their days together at Starkweather. Below right, Kitty Touhey is served tea by Mickey Edell-Cotner.



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Canton officials concerned about ordinance enforcement

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township trustees are concerned that ordinance enforcement officers aren't aware of what sort of violations the board wants them to concentrate on.

At a budget study session Tuesday, Oct. 3, Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said she has heard "it's difficult to get enforcement to happen on ordinance issues."

"Ordinance activity is in the eyes of the beholder to a certain degree," said Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik.

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"I confront this all the time daily," said Supervisor Tom Yack. "And those guys need some direction from the board that tells them where to put the time and effort."

The township employs two ordinance inspectors who investigate complaints. However, Machnik said, some complaints turn out to be "complex zoning issues" as opposed to clear-cut ordinance violations, and therefore are not easily resolved.

"It's probably human nature to some degree," Machnik said. "It'll cause you to sort of gravitate away from those."

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Weed cutting is another problem. When a property owner doesn't keep his or her weeds under control, township personnel give notice that the weeds must be cut or the township will cut them.

"They don't mind it because (the fee for mowing) just gets put on their tax bill," said Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

"We have multiple cases that are recurring," said Clerk Terry Bennett.

Machnik said that when the mowing fee goes on a property owner's tax bill, he or she may claim it as a tax deduction.

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Students say that racism at school is evident

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Since a series of fights occurred at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Sept. 14, questions have arisen as to whether people feel safe on the 4,000-student campus. In interviews with the Observer, students shared their views on whether racism and gangs are issues at PCEP.

Many said that while some students may be fearful, the majority aren't afraid to go to school, football games or other activities.

A student named Luke who didn't want his surname used said, "There are skinheads and the black people, and they don't like each other very much. I'm not involved."

One of the September confrontations involved groups of skin-

heads, who shove their heads, and African-American students.

"It's immaturity and ignorance," said Salem senior Mike Courieux. "People need to grow up and realize what they are doing. You come to school to learn, not to bring outside influences here. It's like a racial war, it's just ludicrous."

"There are groups of skinheads and blacks who feel they are superior. They need to realize they're equals," said Courieux. "If people can't realize that in today's society, then they're not going anywhere in life. I'll be paying for them, because they will be on welfare."

Salem senior Heh Shin Kwak said she hasn't been victimized because she's a minority. "I do know of other people who say they

feel threatened," she said. "I feel it's really unfortunate. This is one little thing that happened. Hopefully through the dignity and respect push, things will be back to normal again."

A movement was begun by PCEP students last year to focus on treating one another with more dignity and respect. Cultural diversity is the theme of this year's program.

Salem football player Lawrence Nunn said the confrontations were insignificant. "It was just a small fight. People knew about it and were asking, Did you hear about the fight?"

"There are quite a few skinheads, but if you mind your own business, you don't really have a problem," said Nunn. "Most of the time, they pick on smaller minority students."

"I think there is a lot of racism that isn't visible. People aren't cutting their hair off; they just look normal. I actually have more respect for skinheads coming out and saying, 'This is how I feel,' instead of someone saying, 'how you're a cool guy, and then stabbing you in the back.'"

Jamie Marshall is a Canton junior who works as a reporter for the "PCEP Perspective" school newspaper. Marshall, who is white, says there is fear on the part of some blacks.

"My boyfriend is black, and we were going to go to a football game here. He doesn't go to our school, and I was advised that we shouldn't go. I was scared, so we didn't go," she said.

PCEP security guard Tim

Stamper said what's happening is "just kids being kids. It's no different than any other year. I think TV is a big issue. There are things on TV that never used to be."

Perspective business editor Jeremy O'Hara said some of the fights on campus involve "white supremacists from other schools."

Salem senior Matt Bennett said, "To me, the whole gang and racial thing seems like it's just a fad. It seems like every year, first semester, there are fights. All the stuff that's going to happen ends up being just first semester."

Salem senior Elizabeth Carr reported on the fights for the Perspective.

"There are certain places where it's kind of scary if you are the only one walking through that

area. Even if it is a fad, I think there is fear. I think there is fear on both sides; the African-Americans, and skinheads and whites. Maybe that needs to be dealt with."

English teacher Matt Watroba considers himself a "pretty aware teacher," and says that while "tension is here, I don't see that there's fear on campus. 'There are so few minorities, I can't blame them if they group together. I don't see that that should always be interpreted as menacing.'"

It strikes Watroba as odd that Plymouth-Canton "is the ninth-largest district in the state, yet there isn't one black teacher. If you were to look at Ann Arbor schools, I'm sure it would be a very different statistic."

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ken up. I don't even know if race was an issue. But all kinds of rumors started circulating. Supposedly there was going to be a major fight. We sent officers, but nothing happened. It was a big nothing."

Superintendent Charles Little said while the potential for trouble exists, he attends football games and school activities at PCEP and doesn't perceive fear on the part of students.

"When you bring together 4,000 people you can have a problem. We have a lot of security, which makes me think there wouldn't be a sustained problem. If you came out to watch a football game, you could watch it with ease, enjoy your popcorn and hot chocolate, and relax."

Are racially motivated incidents occurring at the high schools? "I think it is happening to a very limited extent," said the

superintendent. "There are people in our population, just like there are everywhere else, who don't have the standards of civility that are required. I think it is a problem with some kids. As a percentage, I think it is insignificant as a problem."

Jacobs said the schools "take all these situations very seriously. We did a lot of work last year in

the area of dignity and respect. (Area coordinator) Lynne Lonigro is in the process of continuing those activities."

The theme of this year's dignity-and-respect movement is celebrating cultural diversity. "We're going to do a lock-in" with students, and train them as facilitators in conflict resolution," said Jacobs. "We've been granted a

federal grant to deal with conflict resolution and are in the process of looking to hire someone specifically for that."

Jacobs said racism is not an issue on campus, nor are gangs. "This is no different than any other high school," he said. "We have some kids here who are cruel and don't use good common sense. But they are very few."

A member of the community's gang task force, Jacobs said, "We don't have a gang problem. We have a lot of kids trying to pretend. We've had a few incidents with gang influence with non-students who've swung by here. Most of it is just rumors."

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bays.

"Mainly what we do is diagnostic. Today's vehicles are computer-controlled," Wilson said. "It is not in any way or form an oil-changing facility." The Auto One part of the business would handle tires and anti-theft devices.

A nearby resident, Ken Slusarczyk, expressed concern about the business dumping drainage into a nearby creek, as well as adequate buffering. He also was concerned about hours of

operation and cars parked overnight.

"The runoff would be equal to what it would have been if we had not put up a building," Clark said, adding that a detention pond would be built as well as an interceptor.

While some cars will be parked overnight, they likely will be in the building. "Most of the repairs and diagnostics will be the same day," Wilson said.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. E.S.T. on Friday, October 13, 1995 for the following:

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Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE, Administrative Services Director

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 17, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Most area municipalities report decline in burglaries

Thanks to an increase in theft-prevention awareness and neighborhood watch programs, burglaries declined in the city of Detroit and held steady in Wayne County last year, according to figures released by the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Wayne County.

In 1994, the most recent figures available, there were 22,156 reported burglaries in the city of Detroit, a 4-percent reduction. During the same time period, Wayne County burglaries remained virtually unchanged from 30,142 to 30,307 — up 0.5 percent, but down almost 16 percent from 1992 figures. The 4-percent drop in Detroit burglaries was better than the statewide average of 3 percent. Among the state's 10 most populated counties, only Oakland, Kalamazoo and Saginaw had declines bigger than Wayne.

The Wayne County cities with the biggest reductions in burglaries were Grosse Ile Township, Grosse Pointe, Plymouth and Wayne. The cities with the highest increases were Southgate, Grosse Pointe Woods, River Rouge, and Hamtramck.

Burglaries in Garden City were up 24 percent, from 190 in 1993 to 224 in 1994. Livonia reported a slight increase (less than 1 percent) from 622 in 1993 to 628 in 1994. Plymouth had a 39-percent drop — from 23 in 1993 to 14 last year. Plymouth Township had a 16-percent reduction in burglaries — from 61 to 43.

Westland had a 20-percent increase, from 666 in 1993 to 799 last year. Cities reporting numbers for less than 12 months, including Redford Township, were not listed in the survey.

"Neighborhood watch programs and anti-theft awareness have helped reduce burglaries," said Denise McHenry, spokeswoman for the association and an agent with Cambridge Underwriters in Livonia.

"It proves that community involvement can be effective in fighting crime. When people commit to protecting each other and assisting law enforcement, it serves as a deterrent to theft. We need to continue that pattern of cooperation."

Edison crews will aid students

Autumn weather and a new school year serve as reminders that Detroit Edison crews can provide emergency assistance as youngsters head to and from school.

Equipped with two-way radios, the utility's field employees continue to be extra sets of "eyes and ears" throughout Southeastern Michigan as participants in an expanded utility safety program.

The Eyes and Ears program was launched in 1984 in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties by Detroit Edison and other utilities in response to a series of accidents on students. The program expanded to Washtenaw County in 1993 and this year has been joined by Macomb County Road Commission crews and Detroit schools security personnel.

Detroit Edison field employees are alert to situations that could pose trouble for children on their way to and from school, said S. Martin Taylor, vice president, corporate and public affairs.

"Although Eyes and Ears was started to help protect children, everyone in the community should know we're there to help should the need arise," Taylor said.

Vehicles are marked with the program logo — an eye and an ear with the program's name. The logo is intended to remind the public — and especially students — that employees operating the vehicles have communications equipment and can provide a safe response.

"The employees' role is to observe and report," Taylor said. "They are advised not to attempt to apprehend anyone involved in an apparent crime. But their vehicles can serve as havens until the proper authorities arrive."

Rep. Rivers to hold office hours

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers will hold office hours at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 23.

Rivers said anyone who would like to express their concerns regarding federal issues or just say hello is encouraged to stop by. The Friendship Center is at 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland.

Rivers will also be available from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 in Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect.

For more information contact Ellen Offen at (313) 741-4210 or Donna Childers at (313) 722-1411.

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Panel to address foreign aid

A panel which includes U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will discuss foreign aid at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street (north of Main and east of Sheldon Road).

Rivers — whose district includes Garden City, Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township and part of Livonia — will be joined on the panel by Mike Prensanti, state coordinator of the Concord Coalition; Sam Daley-Harris, executive director of RESULTS; and Margie Hazelton, a Peace Corps volunteer.

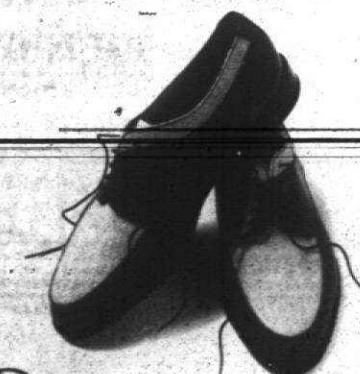
Moderator will be Paul Huth, associate professor of political science at the University of Michigan.

The panel members will share their views on foreign aid and respond to questions pertaining to: "Is foreign aid a form of entitlement from U.S. taxpayers or an investment in our future?"

The discussion is being held to mark the fifth anniversary of the World Summit for Children. RESULTS (Responsibility for Ending Starvation Using Legislative, Trimtubs and Support) is a nonprofit, grass-roots citizens lobby committed to creating the political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty.

RESULTS intends to spotlight effective programs to help meet the goals of the World's Summit for Children.

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OBITUARIES

PEARL MARION BENN

Services for Pearl Marion Benn, 75, of Canton, were held recently at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home...

VIRGINIA A. JORDAN

A memorial service for Virginia A. Jordan, 86, of Plymouth was held Friday, Oct. 6, with Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating...

in Plymouth. Burial was in Arborcrest Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. She was born June 26, 1909, in Portland, Ore. and died Monday, Oct. 2, in Garden City...

FLORENCE BEATRICE MORGAN

Services for Florence Beatrice Morgan, 88, of Canton Township were held Thursday, Oct. 5, at The McCabe Funeral Home...

Morgan, 88, of Canton Township were held Thursday, Oct. 5, at The McCabe Funeral Home. She was a homemaker and a member of the Women's Study Club...

SCOTT MICHAEL MOUSSEAU

Services for Scott Michael Mousseau, 14, of Trenton were held Thursday, Oct. 5, at St. John Neumann Church with Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating...

Bernard Mousseau.

SYLVIA IWANKA

Services for Sylvia Iwanka, 66, of Redford were held Saturday, Oct. 7, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Rev. Alberto Bondy officiating...

ALVIN THOMAS EDDINGTON

Services for Alvin Thomas Eddington, 87, of Plymouth were held Friday, Oct. 6, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth...

LORRAINE HAMPTON

Services for Lorraine Hampton, 71, of Canton were held Monday, Oct. 9, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Rev. John D. Allen officiating...

was born Dec. 15, 1923, in Detroit, and died Thursday, Oct. 5, at St. Joseph Hospital. He was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Garden Club...

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Road chief nixes income tax diversion to pay for roads

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Road people have little interest in a state legislator's proposal to divert state income taxes toward road improvements. "My proposal does not raise taxes in any way, shape or form," said Sen. Mike Rogers...

They debated road funding Oct. 1 on "Spotlight on News," Channel 7's public affairs program. CRAM began this fall's debate by asking a 12-cents-a-gallon increase plus an adjustment in the distribution formula to aid 17 urban counties...

Neither liked the proposal of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Mackinac Center to cut the single business tax in exchange for a fuel tax increase. "If you cut anything," said Bair, "but the fuel tax, like we did with Proposal A..."



Zajac: Canton Township resident Janine Zajac (at left) took the Canton Observer with her to Paris, France in June. Standing with Zajac are (from left) her grandniece Caroline Sabaty and sister Marianna Rameau...



Glowski: Canton Township residents (from left) Josh and Monica Glowski and their parents, Ken and Bernadette, took the Canton Observer with them to "The Head of the Harbor," a lobster pound in Southwest Harbor on Mount Desert Island in Maine...

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YWCA campaigns against violence

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is asking individuals, government agencies, schools, churches and community groups to join with them in a nationwide campaign for a Week Without Violence.

"The whole idea is to create a ripple effect — we've contacted the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, city halls, mayors, churches and organizations," said Corinne Vincent, executive director of the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

YWCA's nationwide are challenging every American to live for one week without perpetrating, participating in or observing any violence.

The week is scheduled for Oct. 15-21 and will focus attention on practical alternatives to violence.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is joining in this national effort to encourage local participation in the campaign. The goals are to heighten awareness of the opportunities to prevent and avoid violence.

The focus will be on a different issue each day of the week. Sunday, Oct. 15, will be a Day of Remembrance; Monday, Oct. 16, Protecting Our Children; Tuesday, Oct. 17, Making Our Schools Safe; Wednesday, Oct. 18, Confronting Violence Against Women; Thursday, Oct. 19, Facing Violence Against Men; Friday, Oct. 20, Eliminating Racism and Hate Crimes; Saturday, Oct. 21, Replacing Violence with Sports and Fitness.

The city of Livonia will air a film that week on cable Channel 8 featuring First Step, a local domestic violence shelter for women and children. St. James Methodist Church in Westland will hold a prayer litany Oct. 15 and a games and fitness day for children and adolescents on Oct. 21.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority has a theater party fund-raiser scheduled Oct. 15 at 1515 Broadway. Proceeds will benefit My Sisters Place, a local domestic abuse shelter.

"Staff at the local Ys will be doing something with youth groups on conflict resolution," Vincent said. "We will be asking young mothers groups to support the campaign by turning off television violence."

Through 74 local member associations within all 50 states, the YWCA represents more than one million women and their families.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County provides child care, parenting and nutrition classes, youth mentoring, teen counseling, and outreach to young children who are at risk.

For more information about the Y's Week Without Violence, call Vincent at the YWCA of Western Wayne County at 313-661-4110.

Parenting expert to discuss discipline

International parenting expert Barbara Colosio will discuss basic principles and practices for giving children the "gift of inner discipline" from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

There is a \$3 admission charge, payable at the door.

Every parent hopes to raise responsible and self-assured youngsters. Colosio will provide advice for parents of children from toddlers to teen-agers, showing how to use chores, mealtime, sibling rivalry, toilet training, bedtime and allowances to create a home environment in which kids can develop their own sense of inner discipline.

She will discuss the keys to good parenting, treating kids with respect, and giving them a sense of positive power in their own lives, giving them opportunities to make decisions, and take responsibility for their actions. For information, call Barbara Papania, Wayne County RESA, at 313-467-1574.

State nursing league to host fashion show

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This year the honorary chairman is Denise Davo, health editor, WXYZ-TV, Channel 7. Fashion items are provided courtesy of Twelve Oaks Mall and coordinated by Take Time Fashion Services.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. with a silent auction; a variety of auction items including baskets donated by the Schools of Nursing program in Michigan will be available.

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Fast track

School choice bill headed to senate floor

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Parents would no longer have to ask permission from the local school board to take their children to another school district under a bill speeding its way to the state Senate floor.

But school administrators tried in vain to tell the Senate Education Committee that the so-called "Michigan Education Freedom Act" will return them to the bad old days before 1982. That was when schools tried to cream each other's top scholars and athletes, and whites fled from black districts.

"We were losing 200 students a year. They were leaving for racial reasons," William Bedell, superintendent of Romulus and a former Livonia administrator, said at an Oct. 5 public hearing.

"You will feed into bigotry. It exists. You will damage us financially," Bedell told panel Chair Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, and the bill's sponsor, Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland.

"It will be easy to demonstrate de jure segregation," Bedell said. Despite its industrial wealth and high state of computer technology, Bedell said, Romulus has 30 percent minority enrollment, 33 percent transients, and 50 percent "at-risk" students. Total enrollment is 3,800.

Bedell predicted "disaster" for neighboring school districts such as Willow Run, Ypsilanti and Inkster, too, because they not only would lose students but state aid of \$5,500 per pupil.

Roger Perry, a high school counselor in Jackson, said his district has 30 percent minorities while neighboring districts have less than 1 percent. "I don't have

to tell you what will happen," Perry said.

Opponents complained — and Schuette admitted — the bill had no money for poorer parents to transport their kids to neighboring schools of choice. "It's strictly for rich people," said Philip DeForest, a school employee from Schuette's home town of Sanford. But Larry Patrick, vice-president of the Detroit school board, supported the bill, saying parents would find it "a challenge" to get their kids to a school of choice. "Parents would rather be free than not have the option at all," he said.

Race card

Schuette afterwards expressed anger at Bedell's and Perry's comments, accusing them of "playing the race card. I'm saddened by it." Told Detroit buses don't run into the suburbs, Schuette continued to argue against putting transportation funds in the bill because "transportation dollars will divert much-needed funds from schools."

The 3-2 Republican majority pushed the bill to the full Senate calendar over the objections of Democrat Ken DeBeaussiaert, who wanted to discuss it at meetings with schools in his district, and Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township, who asked for fuller committee deliberations.

"I'm not sure what will change," said Stille, calling for an immediate vote. Schuette's bill sailed through on a 3-0 vote with the two Democrats abstaining.

Schuette said his choice bill will give parents "freedom to choose the public school of their choice. Under current law, if you want to go to another school, the

parent needs 1) permission of the district of residence and 2) permission of the receiving school."

His bill would erase the need for the losing district to approve the transfer but allow the receiving school to say no.

Mike Boulus, executive director of the Middle Cities school lobby, said current law was born in 1982 when North Muskegon "pirated the brightest students and best athletes" from neighboring districts. "We have demographic doughnuts — the central cities have the holes, the suburbs have the dough. This bill focuses on the doughnut but leaves the hole."

Schuette criticized

Many speakers criticized Schuette for arguing "concepts" but failing to offer statistics or research about areas which tried cross-district schools of choice.

Wendy Wagenheim, of the National Council of Jewish Women office in Southfield, said she was "dismayed" at Schuette's lack of research to support his bill. Wagenheim said the bill failed to provide for transportation, failed to require potential receiving districts to admit applicants, set forth no standards for switching districts and made no provisions for widely varying per-pupil spending between districts.

"Most parents choose (another district) for convenience" rather than educational reasons, said Wagenheim — a point that Schuette's supporters inadvertently demonstrated.

Personal stories

There was Mark Vanra, a Barry County father who teaches in Allegan County while his wife

teaches in Kalamazoo County. They made what he called "a logistical choice" — two kids would go with mom to Kalamazoo County, two with him to Allegan. It didn't happen.

"I called the Delton superintendent (in Barry County), and he refused. The school board said no. The reason they gave was it was their policy to turn us down," Vanra said.

There was a Lake County mother who sought to send her children to a Newaygo school because "we are building a home to be near my parents; we have established relations with a dentist and doctor in Newaygo; we have strong social contacts."

Schuette supporters said "our children belong to us, the parents," but school officials treated kids like government property.

Schuette said schools of choice would raise educational quality and was challenged by Eastpointe teacher Joyce LaLonde and Sen. Peters.

"What solid evidence or research shows the benefits?" asked LaLonde.

Asked Peters: "Is this going to affect quality for all schools?"

Replied Schuette: "I don't know... I am convinced... I think it will improve."

Peters: "I understand the principles. I'm trying to get a handle on the practicalities."

Schuette: "It's not a quantity issue. It's a principle issue."

Rural residents supported Schuette's bill, charging that officials, arbitrarily or for financial reasons, wouldn't let them transfer kids.

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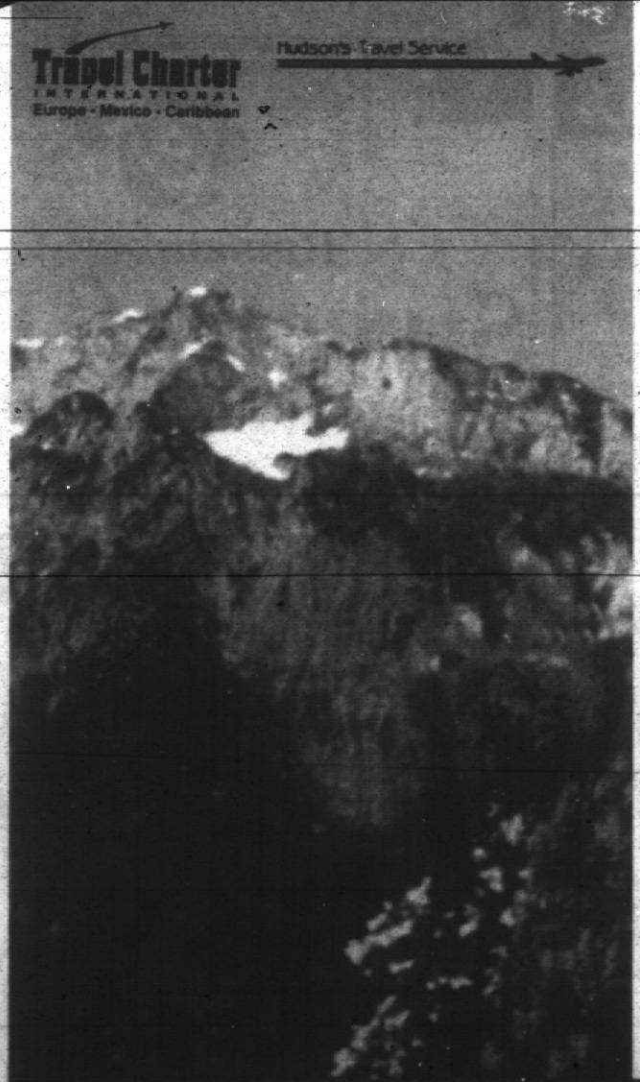
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TASTE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1995

TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

National competition showcases beefy recipes

The National Beef Cook-Off showcases beef in contemporary meals developed by amateur cooks from across the country. Contestants are challenged to create innovative, quick cooking recipes with beef.

The rules are simple: recipes must be exclusively beef, preparation and cooking time must be less than 60 minutes, the recipe can contain no more than eight ingredients.

"Sounds simple" you say? According to Cynthia Hodges of Ann Arbor who was one of this year's 15 national finalists (and who has entered the contest before), "winning the Michigan Beef Cook-off first helped me gain the confidence needed to pull off an entry in the National Cook-off."

Hodges, who has a baby due sometime in December, admitted that she "must have fine tuned her entry recipe at least a hundred times" and tried it out on her husband Andy, relatives, neighbors, friends and co-workers at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn where she is an engineer.

"It was an honor just having a cook-off contestant representing the great state of Michigan" piped in Maggie Nelson of the Michigan Beef Council in Okemos.

Nelson said she was impressed with Cynthia's trendy recipe. It included stir-fried beef sirloin, dried Michigan cherries and pine nuts, an idea that came from one of Hodges's favorite restaurants, Craig Common's The Common Grill in Chelsea.

Although Hodges did not finish in the top five, an all expense paid trip to the cook-off in Little Rock, Ark., with her husband was "everything she had hoped for."

But just what is it that makes a winning recipe, especially a national winner?

Hodges, along with many of the other cook-off entrants, subscribe to "The Cooking Contest Chronicle," a monthly newsletter that explains who's having contests, and offers tips on what it takes to enter a winning recipe.

Creating a winning recipe

Every single contestant that I queried at the cook-off agreed the most important part of entering a contest is to follow the two "R's" - Read and follow the Rules exactly.

And just where do you think winning ideas come from? The National Cattlewomen's Association polled past winners and found that most winning ideas come from ideas in cookbooks and magazines followed closely by a favorite dish enjoyed at a restaurant.

Regardless of the source of inspiration, the end result must be an original recipe - not someone else's. Changing a title, substituting black beans for pinto and/or changing a seasoning or two does not turn a "borrowed" recipe into an "original."

The Cattlewomen's Association also polled past judges who said they look for a taste that is current for today's lifestyles; healthy, easy to prepare, readily available ingredients; and flavors that work well together.

Winning beef recipes all claimed to offer just what the judges were looking for - good, tasty recipes with a healthy slant that anyone can prepare.

So you think you have a winning recipe? The folks at the 21st National Beef Cook-Off offered 15 contestants a chance at over \$45,000 in cash prizes, not to mention designer Tappan ranges, microwave ovens and Steuben crystal vases. All of this is in addition to the all expense paid trip to wherever the cook-offs are.

The next contest will be in Tampa, Fla. National Cook-off contestants are treated like royalty. In addition to having all of the finalist's recipes appear in national television promotions featuring the well-known "Beef - It's What's For Dinner" slogan.

And if you think the beef industry is shelling out big bucks for their contest, the folks at Pillsbury have upped this year's ante in their national bake-off to over one million dollars!

If you would like additional information on how to enter the beef cook-off, or would like to request a colored brochure highlighting all 15 of this year's contestants, and their recipe, in the 21st National Beef Cook-off, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The National Beef Cook-Off, 444 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611.

See winning recipes inside. Chef Larry is a freelance writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave a voice mail message for him dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Chef Larry Janes is hooked on catfish.
- Eleanor & Ray Heald dispel myths about Spanish wines.

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

The Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Junior Hot Foods Team, coached by Oakland Community College faculty member Daniel Rowlson and Chef David Iselli (an OCC graduate) was really cooking up a storm at the 1995 National Convention of the American Culinary Federation in New York City.

The team comprised of students from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, and Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia even overcame an unbelievable obstacle. Due to an oversight on the part of the competition organizers, the fish Rowlson's team received in a "mystery basket" of ingredients was rotten.

Rowlson said he was extremely proud of how his team handled the situation and compensated for the loss of an important part of their menu while under such pressure and scrutiny.

Their composure, quick thinking, cooking expertise, and skill in preparation and presentation captured a first place award, gold medal, and trophies for the team at the convention.

"This is really quite a feat because it's very rare for students from different culinary schools to work together," explained Rowlson, a chef instructor in the Culinary Arts program at OCC for the past 16 years. "It was a great thing."

This was the third annual cook-off sponsored by R. L. Schreiber, Inc., a major food supplier. The competition was between four regional winning teams, the culmination of hours of practice.

The practice started in November with tryouts for 22 students from Oakland Community College, Macomb Community College, and Schoolcraft Community College. Competitors had to be a student in the culinary arts program, or an apprentice, and a member of the American Culinary Federation.

Two Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Junior Hot Food Teams of four students each from the area schools were formed with one alternate. They immediately began weekly six-hour practice sessions where they would be given what is known as a "mystery basket" of food similar to what would be used in competition.

The basket contained main ingredients like fish, meat, greens, vegetables and fruits. The students would have a limited amount of time to prepare a menu, cook a four-course meal, and present the food on plates ready to serve.

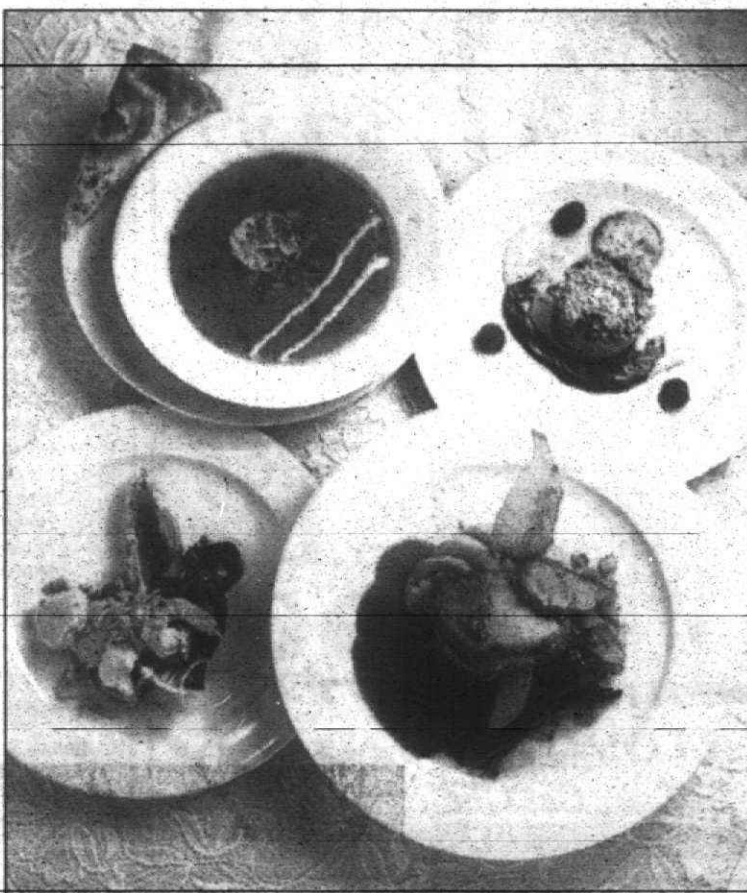
Both teams participated in the American Culinary Federation 1995 Central Region Conference Junior Hot Food Competition in New Orleans on March 4 to qualify for the national competition.

The two Michigan Chefs de Cuisine teams placed fourth with a silver medal and first with a gold medal.

The fourth place, silver medal team was comprised of OCC students Aaron Carmichael, (Oxford), and Norma Parker, (Waterford);



Culinary team's SUCCESS no 'mystery'



Winning team: Top photo: Karen Williams (left to right), Gerneil Franklin, Maurice Hodson, Sean O'Rourke (team captain), Donna Pylar and coach Dan Rowlson. The winning menu consisted of Summer Garden Vegetable Soup with Onion Custard and Tomato Focaccia, prepared by Donna Pylar; Shrimp, Artichoke and Scallop Basil Salad with fresh Dijon Pasta and Spring Greens prepared by Maurice Hodson; Herb-crusted Pork loin, Mushroom Ragout, Orange-Apple Chutney, Potato-Leek Puree, Sauteed Savoy Cabbage, Haricot Vert and Carrot Ribbon prepared by team captain, Sean O'Rourke; and Raspberry Buckle with Cinnamon Praline Ice Cream prepared by Karen Williams.

Macomb Community College student, Scott Fuernstein, (Fraser); and Schoolcraft Community College student, Mark Talerico, (Detroit).

The gold-medal team capturing first place, and a shot at the national title, were OCC students Maurice Hodson, (Farmington Hills); Sean O'Rourke, (Warren); and Donna Pylar, (Utica); and Schoolcraft Community College student Karen

Williams, (Bloomfield Township).

The winning team began cooking again in April with weekly practice sessions at area restaurants using different equipment and "mystery baskets" supplied by various chefs who evaluated the student's performance.

Practice continued through May and June until the well-oiled cooking team, including alternate-advis-

What's cooking at local colleges

Oakland Community College

Restaurant: Ridgewood Cafe & Bakery, J-305 of Tirrell Hall, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Open for lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday. No reservations needed. Call (810) 471-7786 for information, and to make reservations for special dinners.

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Schoolcraft Community College

Restaurant: American Harvest, in the Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Open for lunch noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

International buffet dinners offered Wednesdays with settings at 6 & 7:45 p.m. A different international cuisine is featured each week. Reservations required for lunch and dinner, call (313) 462-4488.

Gourmet Breakfast Buffet offered 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday mornings through Dec. 14 in the Waterman Campus Center Cafeteria. Cost \$3.75 per person; reservations not necessary.

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er-manager, Gerneil Franklin of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, traveled to New York City for the national competition.

They competed against winning teams from the other three regions - Northeast (Balsamo Resort, N. H.); Southeast (Puerto Rico); and West represented by Orange County, Calif.

Teams received identical "mystery baskets." They had 30 minutes to plan a menu for a four-course meal to serve ten people. They had 40 minutes to prepare the meal and 20 minutes to serve it.

Seven judges critiqued the effort, and 65 percent of the score was based on taste.

Meals were evaluated on creativity, culinary skills, sanitation, teamwork, and final product appeal.

"It was really something," said an elated Rowlson upon capturing first place.

See recipes inside.

Make cookies in four sizes from one recipe

Cookies come in lots of different sizes these days. They can be itty bitty, as big as a pizza, and nearly every size in-between. And, they all can be made from the same dough - if you know just a couple of baker's secrets.

First, you'll need a recipe for a good basic drop cookie like a classic oatmeal cookie. Next, there's the size to consider - how big (or small) you'd like the finished cookies to be. This will determine the baking time and possibly the oven temperature as well. As a general rule of thumb, the larger the cookie, the longer the baking time. For very large cookies, it's necessary to reduce the oven temperature 25 degrees to prevent the cookie from over baking around the edges before it is baked in the center.

The "Minis To Monsters Oatmeal Cookie" is the perfect oatmeal cookie for the job. Included with the basic recipe are directions for shaping and baking "minis" (1-inch), "in-the-middles" (2-1/2 inches), "megas" (4 inches) and "monsters" (12 inches).

The following tips from the Quaker Kitchens will help ensure that large, small or in-between, every batch will be perfect.

■ For the "in-the-middles," use a measuring

teaspoon. Round the dough just over the top of the teaspoon and use your little finger to push dough from teaspoon onto cookie sheet.

■ When making the "minis," use miniature chocolate pieces.

■ For the "in-the-middles," use a measuring tablespoon and a small rubber spatula to push dough from tablespoon onto cookie sheet. To allow for spreading, space dough 2 inches apart.

■ For the "megas," measure dough with a 1/4 cup measure (dough should be level with the top of the measuring cup) and use a rubber spatula to transfer dough onto cookie sheet. Leave at least 4 inches between each cookie.

■ To prevent dough from sticking to fingers when shaping the "monster" try dipping fingers into granulated sugar.

■ Preheat oven according to the cookie size you've selected, and test cookies after the minimum baking time. For chewy cookies, your finger should leave a small impression in the center. For crisp cookies, centers should feel firm to the touch.

■ Let "megs" and "monsters" cool a few minutes on the cookie sheets to firm up before transferring to a cooling rack. When transfer-



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Customized cookies: By adjusting the oven temperature and baking time, "mini, in-the-middle, mega and monster" cookies can all be made from the same basic recipe.

ring the "monster," use two large wide spatulas or pancake turners.

■ To serve the "monster," place cookie on cutting board and use a sharp knife to cut into wedges, pizza-style.

See recipe inside.



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Beefy entrees sure to please

See Larry Janes' Taste Buds column on front. Here are the winning top three finalists in the 21st National Beef Cook-off.

- GRECIAN SKILLET RIB EYES
QUICK ITALIAN BEEF AND VEGETABLE SOUP
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Bake a monster of a cookie

- MINIS TO MONSTERS OATMEAL COOKIES
Signature Oatmeal Cookies: Prepare cookie as recipe directs except substitute 1 cup (any combination of) raisins, mixed diced dried fruit, crushed toffee pieces or candy-coated chocolate pieces for 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces.

Festival at the Ritz features buffalo

Ruth Mossok Johnston of Franklin, author of the "The Buffalo Cookbook," will collaborate with The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn executive chef Christian Alunno to present and highlight buffalo recipes featured in "The Grille Room for the Wild Game Festival scheduled during the month of November."

Advertisement for Vic's World Class Market in Novi, featuring cooking classes and a list of chefs including Chef Edward Janos, Chef Milos Cihelka, Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, and Chef Dan Hugelier.

Culinary arts students share prize-winning recipes

See related story on Taste front. The Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Junior Hot Foods Team, coached by Oakland Community College faculty member Chef Dan Rowlson, and Chef David Iselli (an OCG grad), won first place at the 1995 National Convention of the American Culinary Federation in New York on July 19.

- GARDEN VEGETABLE SOUP
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Advertisement for Vintage Market featuring a wide variety of meats, cheeses, and specialty items. Items include Turkey Breast, Chicken Breast, Muenster Cheese, and more. Contact 295-1100.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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The party takes place, Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Parisian in Laurel Park Place. Distinguished guests will place themselves on "Metro Detroit's Most-Wanted List" and proceed to raise bail for the March of Dimes. The "Most-Wanted" get to participate in a drawing that includes a walk-in part in the film "Deadrun" being produced locally, plus the chance to win autographed jerseys, and theater tickets.

Highlights of the evening include hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by the Michigan Arts String

quartet from Interlochen, an art exhibit arranged by Albert Scaglione of Park West Gallery in Southfield, with purchase discounts to all guests. Chaired by the event are Anne Mervenne, director of Gov. Engler's southeast Michigan office; Dan Nemes, C.P.A. of Nenis Allen & Co. of Bingham Farms; Teresa Tomeo WXYZ-TV reporter, and Albert Scaglione.

"Jocks in Cyberjail" introduces computer technology via the Internet to help the March of Dimes reach more people than ever before," Champagne explained. "Jocks in Cyberjail" put well-known

sports figures from the Detroit Pistons, Neon and Vipers in need of bail-outs from Cyberjail."

Internet users can pledge to have their favorite jocks bailed out. A pledge form is available on the screen for the user to fax to the March of Dimes office. With a minimum \$25 pledge, the participant is entered into a drawing for sports tickets, signed jerseys, autographed basketballs and more. The drawing will be held on Dec. 10, 1995.

"We're excited to be able to help the March of Dimes in this way," said Susan Dorris of the

Gaskins from page 6B

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, sponsor of the On-Line program. "With the use of the Internet, we can reach so many more people and raise so much more money for a very worthy cause: I can't think of a better use of the Internet."

Look for "Jocks in Cyberjail" on the World-Wide Web at <http://online.com/beginning> Oct. 10.

For more information, tickets and reservations call the March of Dimes chapter office (810) 423-3200.

more than cutting into expensive fabrics."

To escape the frenzied world of fashion and finance, Gaskins, a bachelor, recently took up the sport of dressage.

"It involves total concentration," he said. "I can't think of anything but maneuvering that horse in tight quarters. I find this really helps me relax."

Malls host jail-bail for March of Dimes



The Mother's March for Dimes was never this fun! Beginning Oct. 10, the March of Dimes annual fundraiser features a cocktail party, Jail and Bail, and the Internet!

Mall in Southfield, Wonderland Mall in Livonia, Arborland Mall in Ann Arbor, Macomb Mall in Roseville, Renaissance Center in Detroit, The Eatery in Flint, and the Frenchtown Mall in Monroe.

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and co-workers to raise bail in the form of pledges to the March of Dimes.

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New twists to the campaign are the cocktail party and use of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers On Line Network to raise additional funds to fight birth defects.

See MALLS, 7B

Eric Gaskins couture: clean and classic

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

When you grow up with a mother who is a school principal, and a father who teaches music, the academic world surely beckons. But for soft-spoken, low-keyed Eric Gaskins, 37, the future was Seventh Ave., and his own couture business.



"Yes, I guess you'd think I'd be a teacher," he said during a recent trunk show at Jacobson's in Birmingham where he busily measured and fit customers in his winter collection. "But, when I was a teen, I became fascinated with the glamour and the clothing in Vogue magazine, which I'd look through after school with my twin sister. We'd pick out things we liked and didn't like, and I guess those fashion images had a profound effect on me."

The German-born and Massachusetts-bred designer said he knew he wanted to create women's clothing since he was 16. He pursued an art/fashion degree at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and after graduation, apprenticed in Paris as an assistant to Givenchy!

"I was part of a whole group of young designers who worked on drawings for his licensed accessory lines. Not many of my designs were selected for use, but what an experience! I created all day long," he reminisced.

Back in the states by 1981, Gaskins continued to sharpen his skills with

several design jobs. He launched his first labeled collection in 1987.

"I like classic. I like clean," he explained his design philosophy. "I want my customers to be able to wear the clothing they buy from me for more than one season. I chose to design for women because their fashion can be more creative, fun and interesting than menswear. I use couture fabric from Europe in my collections because it is the best."

An Eric Gaskins original dress can cost anywhere from \$800 to \$2,500. Lois Waits of Bloomfield Hills explained why she wears Gaskins' designs.

"I bought some things from his spring collection and I always felt very well dressed in them," she explained. "They're beautiful. Fun. Not trendy. I can wear them years from now, so they're a good investment."

Gaskins' designs are sold in fine department stores and specialty boutiques like Jacobson's, Barneys New York, Saks Fifth Avenue, Roz & Sherm, Linda Dresner, Neiman Marcus and Lord and Taylor. Celebrities who wear his clothes include Melanie Griffith, Vanessa Williams and Mariah Carey.

Gaskins enlists old-world couture techniques to insure quality and consistency in his creations. His fall collection includes pure, sophisticated

styles in satin, silk and linen crepes and chiffons, with subtle mixes of colors, shapes and graphics. Silver lurex lends shimmer as it threads through sheer organza and merges into metallic-burst brocades.

With a staff that now numbers 10, Gaskins said he feels like a real businessman on Fridays when he must make payroll for folks with families that depend on him. "That's pressure," he said. "I worry about that

See GASKINS, 7B



Satin sizzle: This Gaskins strapless evening gown sells for \$1,375 in lavender blue.

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LINDA BACHRACK

City slickers love the western look

Best you think the country/western craze peaked a couple of years ago and has gone the way of Lyle Lovett (remember Julia Roberts' ex?), you better dust the trail dirt off your boots and polish up your spurs because cowboy clothing is still the rage.

"We have a new customer who is sampling prairie skirts, denim shirts, moccasins and tooled leather belts," says Kelly Cottone of Arizona Saddlery, 1687 S. Woodward in Birmingham. "Professional people are buying distressed denim boots that are as fine and subtle as their best dress shoes and they even gander up to the Stetson display. The only thing they shy away from is the fringed suede jacket."

Prairie party

Cottone cited the recent Oakland Family Services Great Western Roundup as a particularly good weekend for sales. Hundreds of city slickers sidled into the store for fancy western party duds and Cottone believes she made a big sale out of some of the novices. Once you're hooked on line dancing and barbeque, there's no turning back Cottone's sister Linda Lee Leannis manages the Arizona Saddlery location in downtown Rochester, and she shared her picks for this fall's hottest western wear. Sometimes hot items are defined by celebrities like the Brooks & Dunn flame shirt (\$47.95) made famous by Garth's album cover and his concert appearances. Ellen Barkin posed for photos in Allure magazine wearing a Gucci leather belt with a horse bit buckle. That photo generated so many calls that Arizona Saddlery now makes a similar belt while you wait and their custom design is around \$150 compared to Gucci's \$325.

Other popular items include "Mo" Betta collarless shirts in flashy motifs (\$56.95), Bay-Apache distressed, oiled boots in various skins from shark to kangaroo (\$195-\$260), bone belts made of cow bone, buffalo horn, glass and silver (\$125), and accessories like silver boot straps (\$26.95) and tips.

Days gone by
Arizona Saddlery boasts over 30 different styles of cowboy hats and offers custom steaming of creases if you inherited your granddaddy's old Stetson that needs a little refurbishing.

Thinking of gettin' hitched? Leannis' store displays three different styles of wedding gowns, all lace and all under \$500. They are embellished with crystal fringe and appliques, and come complete with a cowboy hat trailing a long white train.

Over at Scott Colburn, 20411 Farmington Rd. in Livonia, a special trunk show features Wet-Maker Cowboy Clothing, the traditional garb that embodies the spirit of the American frontier. Popular styles include the Cavalry Bib Shirt, an old-west military post staple that was designed to provide protection from dust, wind and cold while astride your silk bandanas called Wild Rags; Ducins or old-time stockmen jeans with suspender buttons, a button fly, and two riding pockets; and herringbone trousers for a Saturday night how-down or a poker game at the saloon.

Scott Colburn also specializes in boots from famous names such as Tony Lama, Justin, Dingo, Lucchese and Laredo. The midwest lassos by the country craze? You bet.

And if you haven't tried the Cotton Eye Joe or spun your partner through the western swing, you just may be missing a rip-roarin' good time. Gift yourself a long, frilly denim skirt, a fitted pair of jeans, a Concha belt and some red boots and hit the dance floor.

Linda Bachrack welcomes photos and information about unique merchandise to feature in this column. Send information via fax to (810) 844-1314, or call (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1889.

Monday, Oct. 9
ART EXHIBIT
"Strokes of Color," presented by South Oakland Artists Association through Oct. 20, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items for sale to benefit association. American Center Bldg. 11 Mile/Franklin, Southfield. (810) 435-6241.

PUPPET SHOWS
Little Red Riding Hood presented daily at 7 p.m. through October. Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Warren/Livernois, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10
PUMPKIN DECORATING
Kids Club (open to children under age 5) hosts fall craft fun beginning at 11 a.m. Wear old clothes! Free. Sign up at any plaza shop or at event. Newburgh Plaza, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (810) 649-6500.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11
FASHION SEMINAR
Neiman Marcus and First of Michigan present "Dress to Impress," wardrobe seminar and investment lecture, 9 p.m. at the department store. Hear speakers Gail Perry-Mason and Carol Metz. Fashion show. Free, valet parking and hors d'oeuvres. Seating limited. Reservations required. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. 1-800-795-4366.

Retailers aim at family violence with benefits for women's shelters

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Two major benefits for victims of domestic violence take place next Thursday, Oct. 19, hosted by Liz Claiborne and Jules Schubot Jewellers.

Focusing on the work of HAVEN

(Oakland County's program for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse), Schubot Jewellers of Troy presents "It's Hot! It's Gold!" from 6-9 p.m. at the store on Big Beaver at Coolidge.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a

jewelry fashion show highlighting the designs of the world's most renowned jewelry creators Omar Torres (formerly with Bulgari and Van Cleef and Arpél), Hidalgo, Old World Chain, Andrew Meyer and Kurt Wayne. Torres and Hidalgo will make personal appearances at the benefit. For tickets, call Schubot's at (810) 649-1122.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

through Oct. 15. Booths showcase home improvement and health/fitness ideas. Tel: Twelve Mile, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 353-4111.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

INFORMAL MODELING
Latest fashions from American Eagle Outfitters and Northern Reflections presented during lunch from noon to 2 p.m. at D. Denon's and J. Grille, Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

CLOTHES AT LUNCH
As part of her 20th anniversary in the fashion biz, Janet Varner hosts informal modeling of her latest collections from noon to 2 p.m. at Kruse & Lueter, every Friday through Dec. 29. 321 Main, Downtown Rochester. (810) 652-2212.

SPORTS COLLECTIBLES
Stamp and coin show through Oct. 15 with many new vendors. Former Tiger pitcher Art Houtteman signs autographs from 1-3 p.m. Former Tiger catcher John Woodcutts greets fans on Oct. 15 from 1-3 p.m. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1160.

MEN'S FITTINGS
Saks Fifth Avenue hosts Hickey-Freeman's Made-to-measure Menswear Collection for fall/winter line and preview of spring. Special orders. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. First floor. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 643-9000.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

HALLOWEEN CRAFT
Children welcome to create a Halloween decoration trimmed with the favorite items of fall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Materials provided. Free activity. Tel: Twelve Mile, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 353-4111.

PLYMOUTH PROMOTION
"Come Home to Plymouth" event celebrates Plymouth Synagogue's 50th anniversary season. The Penn Theatre, 700 Pennington, presents musical "State Fair" starring Dana Andrews at 1 and 3 p.m.; 1940s car show outside the theatre and historical museum; 1940s radio broadcast at Historical Museum, 155 S.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

STORYBOOK SUNDAY
Storybook DuFond reads "Blackberry Rumble," 1 p.m. Children receive a 50-cent book report forms for mail discount tokens. 99-cent kids' meals. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn. (313) 593-3546.

Main at 1 and 4 p.m. (repeated Oct. 16 at 2 and 5 p.m.); Chantrelise Julie Fountain performs '40s tunes at 8 p.m. at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Pennington; 1940s memorabilia on display in downtown shop windows; walking tour of 1940s neighborhoods; maps available at participating establishments. Plymouth, Main/Pennington. (313) 453-1453.

HEALTH TESTS
Free blood pressure checks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Courtesy of the American Heart Association. Booth near Montgomery Wards. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. (313) 522-4100.

FALL FESTIVAL
Pumpkin bowling, leaf identification, scarecrow-making lesson at 12:30 p.m. pumpkin-painting contest, guess Paulee The Pumpkin's weight. Local arts and crafts. Free. Noon to 5 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 15 hear fall gardening tips. 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Four Seasons Garden Center, 114471 W. Eleven Mile, Oak Park. (313) 543-4400.

ARTISTS' SALE
Livonia Artists Club presents their work for show and sale through Oct. 15. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/ewburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET
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FARMINGTON FARMER'S MARKET
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OCTOBERFEST
Collectibles on display for questions with manufacturers' representatives. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members of American Club of America show off their collections. 11-30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Canterbury Village, 1-75/Joslyn Rd. Lake Orion. (810) 391-5700.

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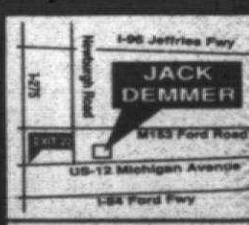
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1995

CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Agape rolling

Paul Salah was instrumental in keeping Plymouth Agape Christian's soccer record perfect in the Metro Christian Conference, scoring both goals in Agape's 2-1 victory at Ann Arbor Greenhills Oct. 2.

The win pushed Agape's record to 3-0 in the conference and to 5-2 overall.

Salah's goal in the first half gave his team a 1-0 lead at the intermission. Greenhills tied it in the second half, but with five minutes left in the match Salah took a header from Matt Major and pumped in the game-winner.

Earlier, Agape had a 1-0 victory over Zoe Christian Sept. 28 and a 2-1 triumph over West Highland Sept. 25.

College news

When the University of Michigan's women's soccer team took on the University of Detroit Mercy Wednesday, it was a homecoming of sorts for a pair of Wolverines.

Jori Welchans, U-M's junior keeper from Plymouth Canton, played at U-D for a year before transferring to U-M. She posted an 11-6-2 record with a 0.99 goals-against average as a Titan; for the Wolverines, she has one shutout in five matches, with a 1.82 goals-against average and a 2-4 record.

Michele Brach, a junior defender from Livonia Stevenson, was a tri-captain for the Titans before she transferred to U-M. She's started all nine games for the Wolverines, who were 2-6-1 prior to Wednesday's match.

The U-DM men's cross country team illustrated a solid team concept at the National Catholic Invitational, hosted by Notre Dame. The Titans top five runners finished within 26 seconds of each other.

Among the better performers for U-DM was Jeff Keith, a sophomore and a Plymouth Salem grad who placed 57th overall; he was third for the Titans.

U-DM finished 11th out of 26 teams. Notre Dame was first.

In her first year of collegiate competition, Kalamazoo College's Kelly Collins — a freshman and a Plymouth Salem graduate — is making her mark.

Collins posted the best score for the Hornets at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Jamboree Sept. 26, hosted by Albion College at Tomac Woods Golf Club. She posted a 99 in the 18-hole event, tying her season-best.

Collins is Kalamazoo's best player thus far, having posted scores of 107, 99, 102 and 99. Her 407 total puts her in a tie for 18th in the MIAA overall standings, but her team is fifth out of six.

Coed volleyball

Acoed volleyball league is now forming, hosted by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services.

Play begins Nov. 17 at West Middle School. Cost is \$200 per team plus \$15 for each player who lives outside Canton Township or the city of Plymouth. Teams are allowed as many non-residents as they wish to pay for; residents are considered anyone who lives or works full-time within the boundaries of the listed cities.

The season will last 14 weeks; the league will be limited to 16 teams. Registration for returning teams will be Oct. 20-26 and for new teams from Oct. 27 until Nov. 8, at the Canton Parks and Recreation Building, at 1150 S. Canton Center.

For more information, call 397-5110.

Western Lakes tennis

Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington and Northville are expected to duel Tuesday for the Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis title.

Defending champion Stevenson will host the meet, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Matches will also be held at the Livonia YMCA and Franklin High School. The semifinal and final matches in eight flights will be played later in the day at Stevenson. Admission is free.

Under-18 Hawks 1st

The under-18 Michigan Hawks won five straight matches, including a 5-0 win in the championship final over the Guelph, Ontario Royals, at the recent Troy Soccer City Classic.

The Hawks, coached by Paul and Dominic Scicluna, also defeated Brighton United (3-0), Waterloo, Ontario, United (10-1); Kitchener, Ontario, Spirit (2-0) and the Rochester Roadrunners (4-1).

Members of the Hawks include Liz Sakrybalo, Mamie Vanderburgh, Christine Wilson and Angela Siggia, all of Livonia; Julie Buczek and Mari Hoff, Canton; Jodi Coyle and Jennifer Parvainen, Plymouth; Kristah Manteuffel, Redford; Amber Berendowsky, Brighton; Ann Cieszkowski, Beverly Hills; Shannon Stevens, Tara Bilovis and Laura Montecillo, Troy; Gina Dawson, Bloomfield Hills; Kim Van Cleef, Redford; Kristie and Andrea Matthews, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Anyone wishing to submit items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Rebek, 26251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Fumbles sink Salem against Central

BY DAVID SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

The deck seemed to be stacked against Plymouth Salem's football team Friday when they ventured onto Walled Lake Central's turf.

There was a full moon. The clouds parted just before game time. The game was played in a sea of mud.

Worst of all for the Rocks, it was Central's homecoming. And Vikings' fans packed the bleachers.

Something had to give. More often than not, the ball came loose from a Rocks' ball carrier.

Salem lost the ball three times and lost the ballgame, 14-7.

Now the Rocks (1-5) find themselves trying to

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salvage a season.

On the other hand, the Vikings (4-2) are one win away from their first winning season since 1984.

"Nothing is wrapped up. This league is so damn tough," Vikings coach Darrel Harper said, looking ahead to this Friday's game at Farmington.

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a win," Harper said. Harper was afraid his players' minds would be preoccupied with homecoming this week.

"We had a tough time getting them mentally prepared, but we got through it," he said.

Salem coach Tom Moshimer was a bit disgusted. "How many fumbles? Offensively, you just can't make those kinds of mistakes and expect to win," Moshimer said. "We just have no excuses. We didn't execute. There were just too many breakdowns."

Now Moshimer must regroup his team and prepare for North Farmington this Friday.

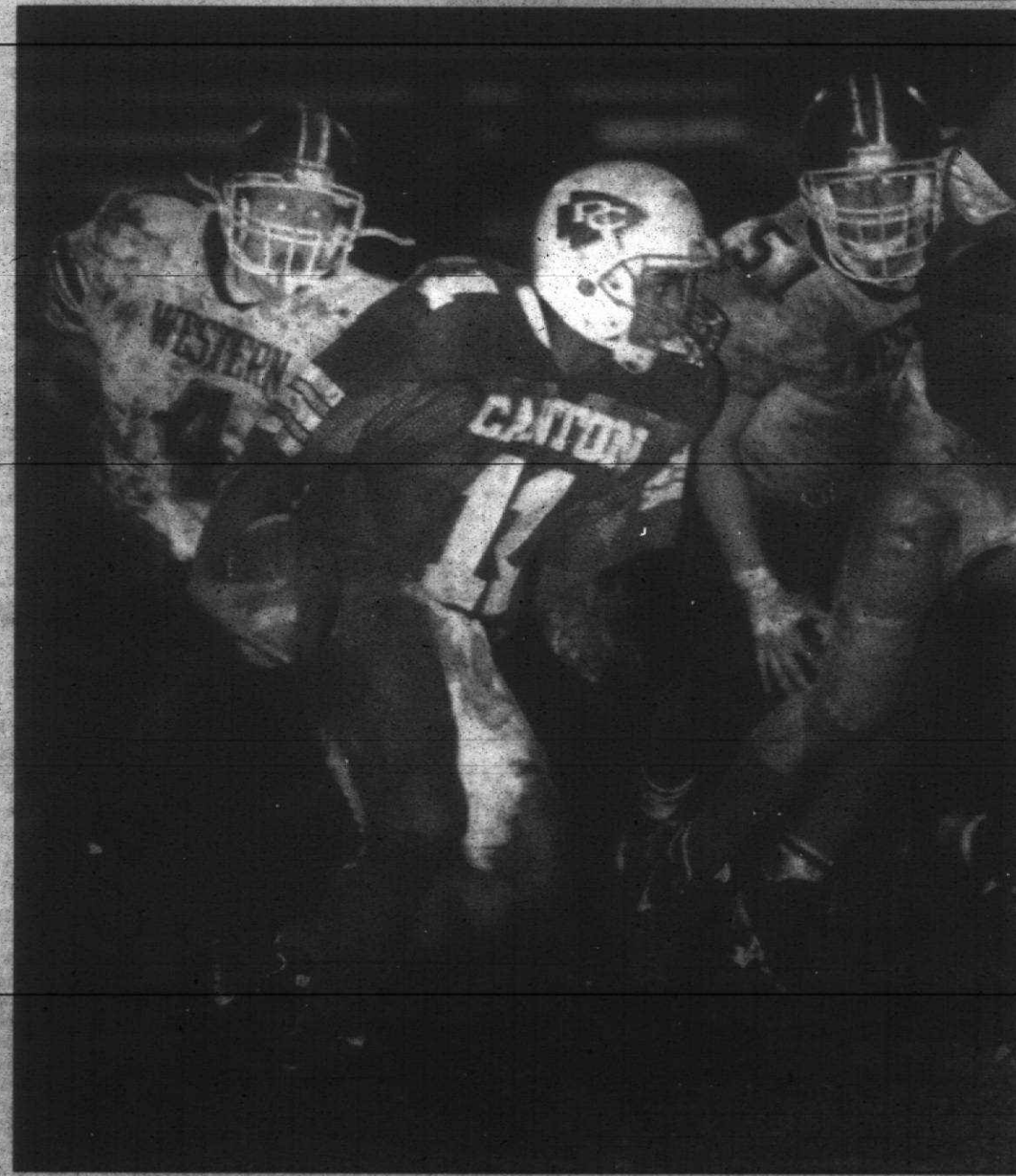
"We'll come back. They're struggling and we're struggling too," Moshimer said.

Although Moshimer's Rocks struggled against Central, they took a 7-6 lead into the fourth quarter even though they had yet to gain 100 yards offen-

See ROCKS, 3C

Mud Bowl victory

Canton passes more than Western can handle



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Multi-purpose weapon: Canton quarterback Rob Johnson (11) was a one-man wrecking crew against Western Friday, throwing for two touchdowns and running for another.

This homecoming game may prove more pivotal than any game this season for Plymouth Canton, when the campaign is analyzed at its conclusion. Because the team that emerged with the win would retain hopes for the state playoffs. Canton was that team.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Somebody better send Plymouth Canton boy's swim coach Clint Smiley over to the football team to check out Rob Johnson and Ron Hunter.

The way the Chiefs' quarterback and wide receiver zipped through the rain-created pond on their home field Friday night, one would certainly believe they'd help the swim team.

Johnson ran for two touchdowns and threw a pair of touchdown passes to Hunter in leading Canton to a 25-7 Western Lakes Activities Association victory over Walled Lake Western.

"We got beat by a better football team," Western coach Chuck Apap said. "They have a good quarterback. He made some things happen. He ran the option well. He's a good athlete."

Right. Paul Newman is a fairly good actor, too.

You'd think, looking at a field soaked by the remnants of Hurricane Opal, water standing above the mud in two wide 40-yard bands down the middle of the field, that passing would be the last thing on a football coach's mind.

To show how bad it was, both teams kicked off outside the hash marks — between the hash marks and the visitor's side of the field. Those supposedly up on their rule books say this just isn't done.

See CHIEFS, 2C

Chiefs trip Mustangs; Salem blasts Rockets

It's easy to run with Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team — if you've got a track team or a stable of quarter horses.

Northville tried it Thursday night and was fairly successful — for about a quarter.

Then the Chiefs ran away and hid from the Mustangs, 58-41, to remain in contention for the Western Lakes Activities Association title. Canton is 8-3 overall, 4-1 in the league while Northville suffered its first league loss in four games in a 6-2 season.

"The first quarter was very fast-paced," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "The scoring was easy for both teams. We carried it over into the second quarter, that was the key for us. We made some stops, got some rebounds..."

Canton held an 18-14 lead after the first period, then outscored Northville 13-6 in the second. Northville held a 6-5 edge in the third quarter.

Sarah Warnke had another big game for the Chiefs, scoring 21 points and hauling down 12 rebounds. Kristi Fiorenzi had 12 points while sophomore guard Melissa Marzolf added 8 points and 12 rebounds.

"Everybody scored and we got solid

BASKETBALL

play from all our players," Blohm said. "In the third quarter, neither team was on much. They went to a zone, and we got a lot of opportunities, but couldn't get it in."

Samantha Leger scored 16 points to lead Northville while Lauren Metaj added 13.

Canton is idle until Tuesday when it travels to North Farmington.

Salem 52, John Glenn 31: Fans must have enjoyed watching this game since both teams combined for only 12 fouls (seven for Salem, five for Westland John Glenn).

Salem's fans must have enjoyed it a little more because of the final outcome.

Sophomore guard Amanda Abraham led Salem with 16 points and 10 assists, and freshman center Andrea Pruett added 12 points.

The Rocks improved to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn fell to 1-8 overall, 0-5 in the WLAA.

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Canton strolls to 3-0; Spartans edge Salem

The opposition, any athlete can testify, is only part of the challenge. In outdoors sports, the conditions must also be overcome.

If any of the Plymouth Canton cross country runners doubted that piece of philosophy prior to last Thursday, they don't any longer.

"It was a mess," said Chiefs' coach Mike Spitz after his team overwhelmed Livonia Churchill 15-50 at Cass Benton. "But as I told the guys on the team, 'You won't forget this race.'"

"You've got to have one like this every year."

In weather better suited for ducks, Canton robbed the Chargers of any hope for victory. The Chiefs collected the top seven places in running their dual-meet record to 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

How dominant were they? Ian Bedford, their front-runner, finished first in 17:24 — 45 seconds ahead of the nearest competition.

"It was a good run," Spitz said. "He was all by himself."

In second was Evan Crockett in 18:09, followed by Adam DeGiorgio (18:19), Jason Vergari (18:21), Ryan

X-COUNTRY

Portrey (18:36), Shaun Moore (18:40) and Jason Diamond (18:53).

Best for Churchill (0-4 in the WLAA, 0-3 in the Western Division) was Pat Nicholl, who was eighth in 19:10.

Canton runs against Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Cass Benton.

Canton girls

The Canton girls cross country team kept the Churchill girls team winless as well, rolling to a 17-44 victory Thursday at Cass Benton.

Chief female runners were nearly as dominant as their male counterparts, capturing eight of the top nine spots. Their leader: Becky Wolfrom, who finished first in 20:51.

Next for Canton were Beth Knight, second (21:21); Jamie Vergari, third (22:21); Becky Uryga, fifth (22:50); Christiana Bradford, sixth (22:55); Jenny Duncan, seventh (23:20); and Jessica Wells, eighth (23:45). Best for Churchill was Katie Singer, who was

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GOLF

Unbeatable?

WLAA tourney next for Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER
Perfection has been attained.
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL
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Northville at Liv. Franklin, 7 p.m.

Chiefs from page 1C

So on the first play from scrimmage in the game, Hunter goes in motion toward his own sideline and cuts upfield toward the middle. Johnson rolls out to his left and slips a perfect pass which Hunter turns into a 41-yard gain to the Warriors' 32.

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fourth (22:45).
Canton girls also race Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Cass Benton.

Basketball from page 1C

Senior center Shellye Sills added seven points, while freshman guard Angela Sillmon played a solid all-around game and good defense against Glenn's Rochelle Harris, according to coach Fred Thomann.

Canton perfect in division

At least Plymouth Canton's girls swim team proved a few things Thursday.
Like depth rules.
Both the Chiefs and visiting Livonia Churchill will meet six events. But it was the Chiefs who emerged with the dual-meet victory, beating the Chargers 99-87.

A winning roll

Ocelot women's victory streak reaches 5
Suddenly, everything is looking up for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team.
The Lady Ocelots ran their win streak to five in a row Wednesday with a second-half surge that propelled them to a 3-0 victory at Central Michigan Wednesday.

Contest offers Pro-Am shot

How about a chance to get a free entry into the Pro-Am Bowling Tour, which will be at the Super Bowl in Canton?
Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Inter-Lodge, Seth Topper, 232/583; Heron Mays, 219; Mark Silverstein, 223; Greenfield Mixed - Ryan Wilson, 245/250; 710; Senior Sports, 240/245/696 (159 over average); Ken Foster, 258/632; Tom Gow, 236/226/224/686; Nancy Garper converted the usual bowling field.

Ladbroke recalls richest race

On Saturday, Ladbroke DRC will feature a "Man O' War Race" to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Race of the Century, when Man O' War defeated Sir Barton, the first Triple Crown winner by seven lengths.

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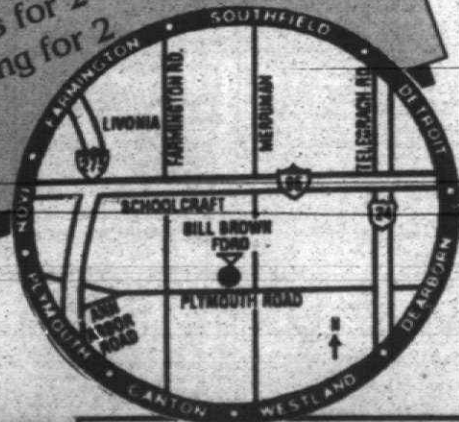
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900 brightens Saab's profit picture

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ROAD TEST
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BRASELTON, Ga. — Officials from Saab Cars USA say the company expects to turn a profit for the first time in six years based on the 1995 900 3-door coupe and 900 convertible.

Saab plans to sell 3,700 900 coupes and 4,500 convertibles. Both cars are built on the same

assembly line as the 900 5-door in Trollhattan, Sweden.

The 3-door comes in \$2,500 cheaper than its predecessor with a base price of \$22,960, with the turbo going for \$28,100. The con-

vertible starts at \$31,990, with a fully equipped SE with V-6 engine topping out at \$38,490.

Backed by a naturally aspirated 2.3-liter 4-cylinder powerplant (a derivative of the Saab 900 engine), the base 900 coupe produces a respectable 150 horsepower at 5700 rpm. Mated to a 5-speed manual transmission, the 900 coupe is in control of the road, taking to winding roads or straightaway high-

way with the ease of an eagle.

But for the extra \$5,000-plus, the 16-valve 2.0-liter turbo engine that produces 185 horses at 5500 rpm can make the old ticker race a bit.

Fast at takeoffs and solidly confident during passing, the turbo option is one to consider. This engine has the highest horsepower output of any 900 previously offered by Saab.

The turbo package also includes a

sport suspension group, which further enhances road feel, responsiveness and handling. The turbo models also have 16-inch all-season radials, an audio upgrade and stylish rear spoiler.

Safety features on the 900 coupe include driver's- and

passenger's-side airbags, anti-lock brakes, three-point seatbelts for all five passengers and front and rear crumple zones. The car meets 1997 side-impact standards.

Doors open a full 9 inches wider than the previous 900 model, making it even easier to get in and out of. Other unique features include a telescoping steering wheel, center pass-through in the rear to accommodate surfboards or skis and a 40/100 split rear seat for larger loads.

Even with the rear seat folded up, the cargo capacity of the trunk is nearly 50 cubic feet. The audio system also features a volume control that lowers or increases automatically as the speed of the car increases or decreases.

The new generation of Saab 900 coupe is a solid, stylish vehicle. It can accommodate a single person as well as a family and do the job in style and comfort usually reserved for the bigger sedans.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures.

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