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IN THE PAPER TODAY

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Stadium tax: The Conference of Western Wayne votes Friday on whether to support or oppose a proposed tax to help fund a Detroit stadium. Meanwhile, a former Plymouth-area congressman will lead the fight against Proposition S on the Nov. 5 general election ballot./5A

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Survivor: A 24-year-old cancer survivor who is majoring in chemistry at Wayne State University enjoys that opportunity because of a special fashion benefit. The Fall Spectacular benefit will be staged Wednesday night./10A

TASTE

Apples: Fall is crunch time in Michigan, one of the top producers of apples./1B

Laura's Fat-Free Kitchen: By substituting a few ingredients, you can drastically cut the fat in apple coffee cake./1B

SPORTS

Opening up: Plymouth Canton opened its football season on friendly ground (at home), although the opponent - state-ranked Monroe - was not willing to make it an easy start for the Chiefs. Salem, on the other hand, was on the road against another state-ranked foe: Belleville./1C

Title-shot: Canton's girls basketball team pulled away from Rochester Adams Thursday to advance to Saturday's championship game of the Mercy Hoops Classic, against the host team. And Salem met Bishop Borgess, runner-up in Class C last year, on Saturday./1C

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Fireworks fracas continues - again



BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Spectators will have to wait longer for the grand finale in the ongoing debate over the state's fireworks law.

A Wednesday pretrial in 35th District Court for nine people charged with selling illegal fireworks to undercover Canton police

For more than a year now, lawyers and judges have haggled over the state's fireworks law. Again, a pretrial for nine people charged with selling illegal fireworks was postponed.

officers was postponed until Oct. 7.

Although the pretrial was delayed in order for attorneys to agree to various facts surrounding the case, Judge John McDonald said he will render a decision by Oct. 7 or shortly thereafter. He plans on making a decision

See FIREWORKS, 2A

Catholic school first for Canton

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

"If you build it, they will come." That haunting prophecy from the movie, "Field of Dreams," is the premise of the Detroit Archdiocese and a number of families in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

The result of that premise will be a new Catholic school to be built on Warren Road, between Beck and Ridge, on the property of Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton Township. It will be the first new Catholic school built in the archdiocese in 32 years.

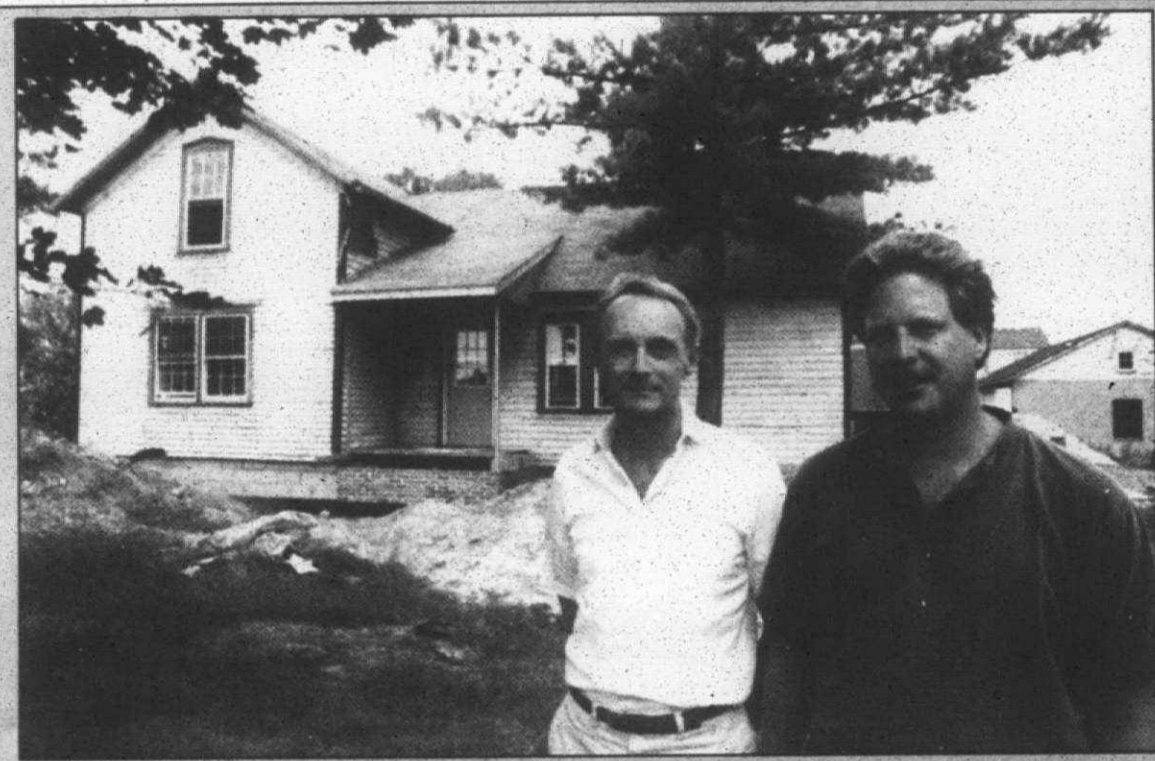
Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

15, on Resurrection property. Cardinal Adam Maida will officiate and other local, state and archdiocesan officials have been invited to participate.

The name of the new school and possibly the new principal will be announced during the ceremony. Children are encouraged to bring their toy shovels and get in on the earth-moving action.

"It's been a long struggle and I'm really glad that it finally came to fruition," said Kathryn Kristoff. Kristoff and her husband, Michael Mitchell, have been instrumental in

See SCHOOL, 2A



Restoring: Robert June (left) and Kevin O'Keefe (right) are restoring a 130-year-old historic home on Palmer Road. The house was a mess when O'Keefe first found it.

'Mess' is a historic treasure

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Like many preservationists, builder Kevin O'Keefe has an eye for the subtle hints of character that lurk behind the jumbled mess of a run-down, unkempt old farm house.

O'Keefe figured he found a treasure in the 130-year-old Franklin House on Palmer between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, but folks with less discerning eyes disagreed.

"They said, 'Man, you must be seeing something different than I'm seeing, because this place is a mess,'" he said.

His partner Robert June added, "And you can write, 'Robert rolled

See HOUSE, 6A

Greg 'doing great' following surgery

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Greg Unger, the Canton teen who underwent a double-lung transplant 13 months ago, is "doing great" after having a second surgery Wednesday at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Greg received a lobe from the lungs of his 51-year-old father, Bill, and his 23-year-old sister Jamie during an operation which took approximately six hours.

"He's doing great," said family spokesman Richard Unger, Greg's uncle and Bill's brother. "All three are doing great. ... The doctors are very pleased with their work. They're really happy about how it all went."

As of Friday, the 16-year-old Westland John Glenn High School student was on a ventilator and receiving 40 percent oxygen, Richard Unger said. He was told that the doctors might try to wean him off Friday. Greg will be in the hospital

for at least a couple weeks.

Bill Unger and Jamie Unger were also doing well and are staying in private rooms at the hospital. The two are expected to be released sometime the week of Sept. 8.

"I talked with him last night (Thursday) and he sounded like he did last week," Bill Unger said about his brother.

See GREG, 2A

Cherry Hill recalled with humor and love

Editor's note: Canton resident Virginia Bailey Parker, an historian and author, will provide the Observer with a series of stories from interviews with longtime residents and their memories of rural Canton. The videotaped interviews are at the Canton Historical Society Museum for viewing by the public.

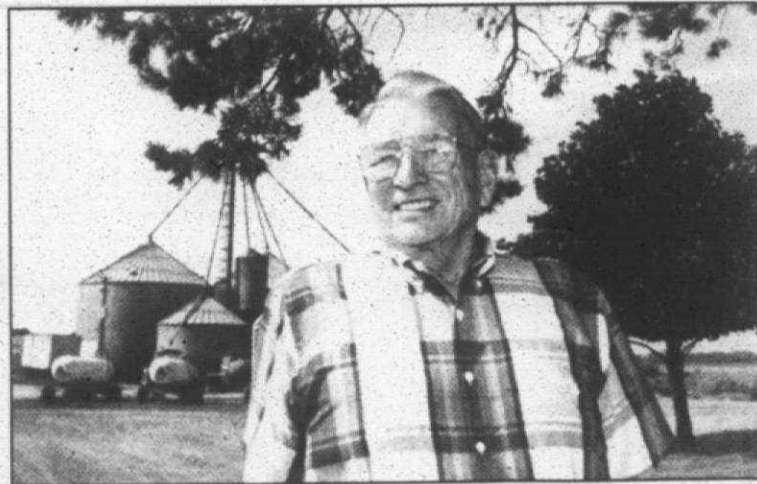
BY VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Murphy's Law kicked in at the start of Don Gill's video interview when the monitor malfunctioned. His easy-going manner took the set

back in stride, however, and we ended up with a collection of wonderful stories.

His family has farmed in Canton since 1883. Today, the Gill farm straddles two county lines. "The back of our house is in Washtenaw County, and the front is in Canton

See GILL, 4A



Memories: Farmer Don Gill tells stories about Cherry Hill and farming in Canton before the subdivisions came along.

Blackboard flu

Still no progress on new contract

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Bargainers for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and its 850 teachers made no progress in a two-hour negotiating session

Thursday. Bargaining was set to resume at 2:30 p.m. today.

"We met for two hours, but did no actual bargaining," said Tom Cotner, chief negotiator for the teachers. "We were attempting to clarify some of the conditions

under which we were working. We're working without a contract and were not all together clear on some of the things they've indicated."

See TEACHERS, 6A

Man hurt in drive-by shooting

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A Labor Day drive-by shooting in the Canton Commons Apartment complex, near Haggerty and Palmer roads, has left a 19-year-old Canton

See SHOOTING, 6A

Greg from page 1A

Bill Unger and Jamie Unger stand to lose up to 15 percent of their lung capacity while Greg "could gain as much as 80 percent," Richard Unger explained.

"They took out the old ones. The new ones won't grow but they will expand to fill the chest cavity. Greg won't be able to run a marathon but he will be able to do some swimming and some running eventually."

Greg, who suffered from cystic fibrosis since birth, had his first transplant Aug. 6, 1995, at the St. Louis hospital.

The first nine months after the transplant went well but complications arose and his body rejected the lungs.

The lungs he received tested positive for Epstein-Barr, a herpes-like virus which is thought to cause infectious mononucleosis.

"As a result of the donor being positive for Epstein-Barr virus, there's a lot of complications," his mother Barbara Unger said in January. "In Greg's case it causes malignant lesions in the lungs. It's serious but they feel like they caught it early."

"They've had cases of it before and they treat it by cutting back on the amount of immuno-suppression (medicine) that he receives so that his own natural immune system can fight off the proliferation, and they give him medication."

"When they saw these tumors, they had to reduce the anti-rejection drugs so they could treat the tumors. That started the rejection most likely - a combination of the anti-rejection drugs and the cancerous tumors on his lungs."

'Greg won't be able to run a marathon but he will be able to do some swimming and some running eventually.'

Richard Unger
—Uncle

A hospital spokeswoman, who wished to remain anonymous, explained that when the immuno-suppression medication, Cyclosporin, is

cut down it causes the potential for rejection to occur. His body rejected the lungs and he came down with bronchiolitis obliterans, a disease that many lung transplant patients die from, she said.

Greg's mother and brother, Kris, 27, are in St. Louis with the family. This time around, Richard Unger said that Greg's prognosis looks good.

"The first 24 hours are important. The first 48 hours are important. The next week is important. It goes in phases. That's what they told us when he had his transplant 13 months ago. He passed all of them. I hope it happens again this way."



Greg Unger

CORRECTION

A story on St. Mary Hospital's annual fund-raiser, Hollywood Nights, said tape recordings of the Diamonds will be played.

In fact, the group will be at the event, Thursday, Oct. 17 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

For more information call 655-2907.

Summer taxes are due without penalty Sept. 16

The Canton treasurer's office will collect 1996 summer taxes without penalty through Monday, Sept. 16.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 17, a 1 percent interest fee will be charged. On Oct. 1

the penalty becomes 2 percent and increases accordingly through Feb. 28, 1997.

School from page 1A

the two-and-a-half-year struggle to make the dream of a new Catholic school into a reality. They and their three children, Elizabeth, 4, Mary Kate, 2, and Stephen, 3 weeks, are Plymouth Township residents and member of St. Kenneth's. "I think this is going to be a class A number one school," she said.

Kristoff, Mitchell, and other parents formed a committee called ACCESS (The Action Committee for Catholic Educational School Systems) in April, 1994. According to Kristoff, they found a lot of parents who wanted to send their children to a parochial school but were unable because of long waiting lists. Of the five Catholic churches in the Plymouth-Canton communities, there is only one Catholic school, Our Lady of Good Counsel, in Plymouth.

Kristoff cited the need for the school based on anticipated population growth as well, particu-

larly in the Canton area "where they project phenomenal growth in the next five to seven years," she said. "When you have three Catholic parishes, one with 3,600 families, and not even one Catholic school, it definitely attests to the need for something out in this area."

The three Canton parishes, St. John Neumann, St. Thomas A'Becket and Resurrection, along with St. Kenneth's in Plymouth Township will donate \$250,000 toward the building fund.

Things looked a little shaky for the school's future when a May 1 deadline this year resulted in only about 200 registered children out of a targeted 460. Four of those were yet to be born. At the time, a lack of architectural plans or artists' renditions was a definite drawback. There was also a \$5,000 educational fee expected from each registered family on top of the \$2,500

planned yearly tuition per child.

"We've never wanted this to be a school for the rich," said Kristoff. "We've never proposed it as that...it was more or less, let's go forward with this and then we can back-track and try to find the money for those who are truly in need."

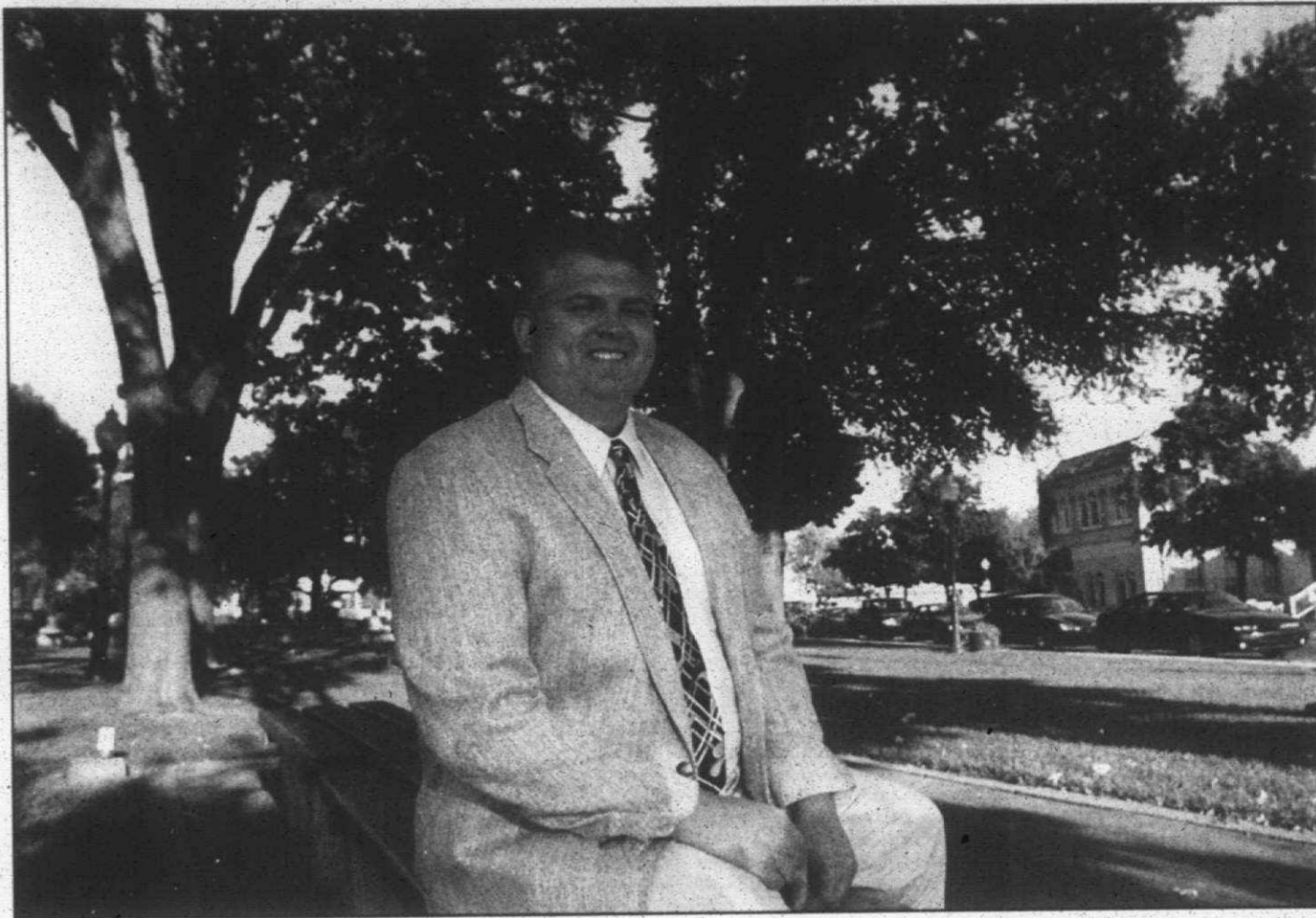
Kristoff said because Cardinal Maida was so pro-education, because he saw the growth and the need in the Plymouth-Canton area, he officially approved the school building project in June even though enrollment was still not at the expected number.

The educational fee, used to partially fund the building of the school and eventually to cover maintenance, was reduced to a one-time fee of \$3,500 per family, \$1,750 due at time of enrollment and the other half due in March of the year when the first child enters school. At last count there were 225 children enrolled at the new school.

"It's all been a dream come true for us," noted Kristoff who had nothing but kudos for the Canton community and officials.

"The Canton officials that we've dealt with have been very nice and very supportive on all levels," she said. "Dr. (Chuck) Little and Mr. (Tom) Yack and everybody have been very supportive of all this. We can't ask for any better people than the public officials and the public school officials."

Registration forms for the school can be picked up at any of the four supporting churches. St. John Neumann, 455-5910; St. Kenneth, 420-0288; Resurrection, 453-0444; or St. Thomas A'Becket, 981-1333.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Involved: Canton resident Dr. Clark K. Smith, a Redford dentist, served as president of the Plymouth Fall Festival this year. Canton and Plymouth have always been favorite spots for his family.

Busy guy Canton resident heads up fall festival

BY DIANE GALE
SPECIAL WRITER

At first glance you might wonder why Dr. Clark K. Smith, a Canton resident and Redford dentist, is serving as president of the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Especially when you consider that in addition to his fulltime practice, Smith is an elder and serves as assistant to the pastor of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plymouth Township, another fulltime commitment.

"I keep quite a schedule," he said. "People always ask me how I do it. I just go from one job to another."

Now, sitting on the throne of the fall festival board, Smith, husband to Kim and father to Ashley, 7, has a third "fulltime job."

Why is a Canton resident serving as president of the Plymouth Fall Festival?

"The official name of the Plymouth Fall Festival is the Plymouth Community Fall Festival," Smith said. "It's supposed to be all inclusive. I've lived in Canton six years and before that

'Every year you learn a little more about how it can be done.'

Dr. Clark K. Smith
—Festival president

I lived on the western edge of Westland. The Plymouth and Canton area has always been a favorite spot for my family. As a kid I used to come out here, because friends owned a farm. It was out in the boon docks and now it's a subdivision."

As an adult, Smith is heading one of the community's premiere events. His involvement in the festival started six years ago when members of RLDS decided they wanted a booth at the family-oriented folksy community gathering that began 41 years ago.

"I started attending meetings and became the representative for the church," Smith said. "One thing led to another. I've attended nearly every fall festival board meeting in the last five years. As you become more at

home at the meetings you start to offer more input into how the festival is going."

In fact, the church's involvement in the festival has become the single biggest money maker. They first year they sold donuts, coffee and nachos.

"Every year you learn a little more about how it can be done," he said adding that recently the church began selling pretzels and french fries with chili.

"It's a niche we found and we settled into that," he said. "We're working on perfecting it."

Last year the church netted around \$3,000 and like all the other booth operators returned 25 percent to the festival.

"This year we should do better," he said.

All the festival booths are operated by non-profit service organizations, schools and churches.

"The purpose of the fall festival since it was started 41 years ago by the Rotary Club is to have a fund raiser for organizations to raise money for causes they wanted to get involved in and to provide a festival for the people of Plymouth," Smith said adding

that people from all over Michigan and visitors from other states attend.

His goal is to raise about \$50,000. Last year it cost \$44,000 to run the festival.

Magic Ride preparations are rolling

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Better oil the spokes on your bike before putting it away for the winter, because next spring you'll want to be ready to ride in the 1997 Southeast Warm-Up Magic Ride on May 17th.

For the last five years, Canton Township has hosted the event, which raises money for the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County.

'It's such a fun event. We went one year in the rain and it was still fun. My goal this year is to get the families involved.'

Michelle Hall
—Organizer

Canton Township Hall and the surrounding grounds are used as a staging area for the ride. It's a family activity, and everyone is invited to pedal their way through the five-, 15-, 25- or 50-mile route.

and the satisfaction of participating in a worthwhile cause. The Child Abuse Prevention Council's "Be a hugger, not a slugger" program is presented in the high school's life skills classes and before other community groups.

Michelle Hall of Canton, an enthusiastic organizer for the event, is hoping for increased participation this year. "It's such a fun event. We went one year in the rain and it was still fun. My goal this year is to get the families involved."

For additional information, contact Sandra L. Murphy, executive director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County at (313) 721-5901 or Michelle Hall at (313) 455-2137.

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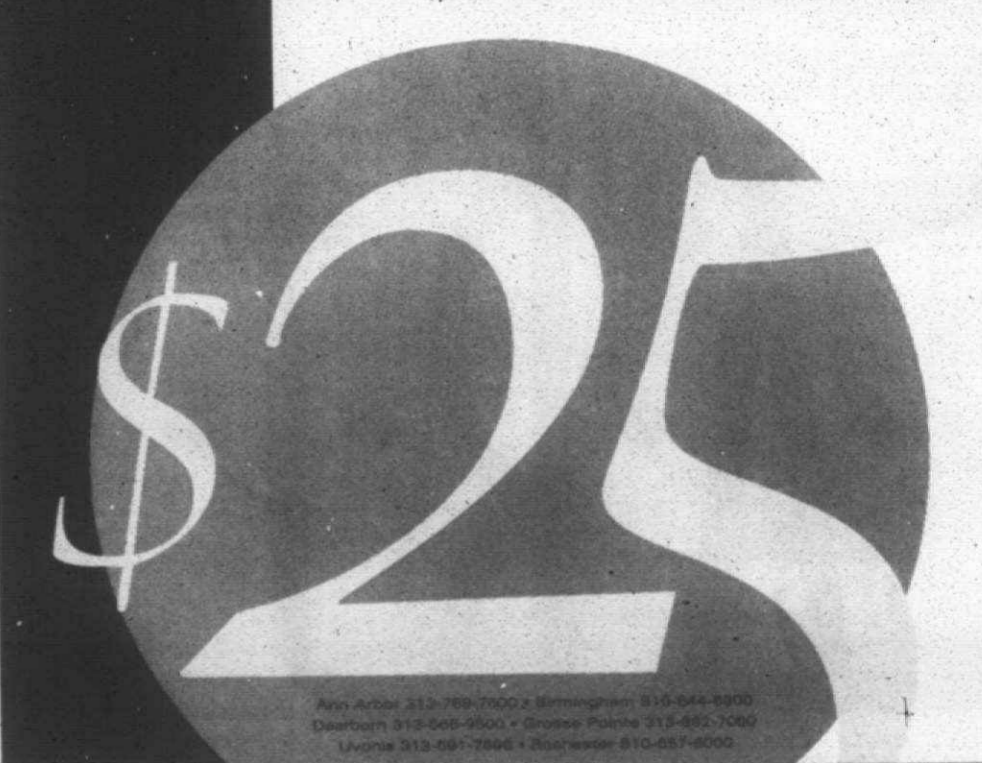
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Break-ins

Police discovered a possible break-in in progress about 5:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2 at Children's World Learning Center, 7437 N. Sheldon. A bus window and several windows on the building were broken, causing about \$200 in damage. Police found a 6-year-old boy at a nearby gas station, who said he had run away from home. Police are investigating the incident.

Drunken driving

The driver of a 1987 Chevrolet pickup truck was arrested for drunken driving about 10:15 p.m. at Cherry Hill and Buckingham. A breathalyzer test revealed the man had a blood alcohol level of .17. In Michigan .10 is considered too drunk to drive.

The driver of a 1990 Ford pickup truck was arrested for drunken driving at 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1 on Haggerty Road. A breathalyzer test revealed the man had a blood alcohol level of .17.

A 42-year-old woman was arrested for drunken driving and driving without a license after she left the scene of an injury accident, police said. The woman was driving a 1989 gray Lebaron on Haggerty near Canterbury Drive about 5:45 p.m. Sunday. She was transported to Ann Arbor Hospital where a search warrant was obtained from 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald to draw blood for a blood alcohol test. The results have yet to be released.

Malicious destruction

A Ypsilanti man was arrested after throwing rocks at two vehicles driving along Michigan Avenue near Canton Center about 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1. The suspect was walking in traffic on Michigan Avenue when the incident occurred, police said. One driver of a 1993 Mercury Topaz reported \$200 in damage to a rear door window. A 59-year-old Canton man driving a 1991 Chevrolet Corsica said the suspect broke his front windshield by throwing a rock at it. The driver told police he stopped his car when he saw the man walking in the road. The suspect then threw the large rock

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and jumped on the hood of his car. Damages to the Corsica were estimated at \$700. Approximately \$1,100 in damage was reported after six windows on a bulldozer were broken while it was parked at the construction site of the wetlands area, Warren west of Sheldon. The vandalism occurred sometime between Friday, Aug. 30 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3. A shovel was used to break the windows, police said.

Strong arm robbery

A 66-year-old resident was robbed of a half-gallon of whiskey and two 12-packs of 7-Up at his home at Sherwood Mobile Home Park. The robber also cut the phone lines before fleeing. A female guest at the trailer let a mutual acquaintance into the house against the resident's request. Both threatened the man before taking the items, police said.

Stolen car

A 1984 red Ford Mustang was stolen from the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and the Pleasant Glen trailer park sometime between Saturday, Aug. 31 and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3. The car had been for sale. Police investigating the crime discovered that the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department already found the car submerged in a pond.

Domestic violence

Police arrested an intoxicated man who had taken more than 40 blood pressure pills taken from his ex-wife about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday. Officers had to strike the suspect with a flashlight to subdue him after he refused to release the choke hold he had on the K-9 dog, police said. The man allegedly pushed his way into the home on Canton Center, threatened his former wife and struggled with his 18-year-old son before running outside and hiding from police. Officers searched for the suspect for about 30 minutes. He was taken to Oakwood Hospital after being apprehended, police said.

Gill from page 1A

in Wayne County." Humorous memories of Cherry Hill included pranks kids older than he played. Occasionally, a farmer rose to greet the day and found his wagon sitting atop the Cherry Hill School roof.

The engineering feat didn't surprise Gill since similar, nature-defying stunts are common among college students. "I'm sure that there were enough of them so that they could use a rope and some manpower to get it up there."

Six or eight boys formed his circle of friends. "We got together on Saturdays a lot. One place, where Melissa McLaughlin lives now, there was a shed, and we used it for a clubhouse. We had all kinds of dreams and talks and so forth."

He recalled Henry Ford, who built one of his village factories in Cherry Hill. "He took the creamery and moved it south, and they used it for a dormitory. He brought in war veterans and people after the war and some of the wounded, and then he trained them."

Gill's younger brother, Stan, met Ford one day while bike riding with friends. Ford asked the

boys who their favorite teacher was. They mentioned Sam Williams, who had moved to Pennsylvania. "Ford went to Pennsylvania and hired Sam Williams and his wife to come back and teach at the two-room school."

Historians view Ford as a paradox of congeniality and intolerance. Canton residents like Gill remember him as a pleasant, accessible man when he visited his factory and farm here. "While my brother was talking with Ford, he got out his jew's harp and played a little tune for him. He was just a down-home guy. Even though he had money, he could have forgotten his background, but he didn't. He was just a common person as far as talking with kids and enjoying life."

Boyhood memories included Dunstan's Garage. "He had a gas pump. It was the old-fashioned hand pump. You pumped 10 gallons into the glass container at the top, and then gravity would feed it into the car." The shop doubled as the local blacksmith shop.

Nearby sat the sawmill Ambrose Dunstan owned with

weighed, cooled over an aerator whose water was pumped from a well on site, then put into a bulk truck for shipment to Detroit. "I remember it especially because the truck that they were using was old even for my time. It had a chain drive, side curtains, and hard rubber tires."

His father and grandfather began with 10 dairy cows, five or six steers, 40 sheep, 25 or 30 hogs, and four horses to do a lot of the farm work. "If a man had 40-80 acres per man, it was considered a relatively large farm."

Present-day machinery allows a farmer to do much more. "We had gotten up to 450 cows before I retired from the partnership. We had a milking parlor and two men could milk 80 cows in an hour."

The daily yield from 19 cows was one-to-two cans (20-30 gallons). Today, some of the bigger farms ship 4,000 gallons of milk each day.

"It was just a gradual change, and that's why you see so many abandoned farm buildings. They just don't fit in with today's agriculture. You have to build pole-type buildings and structures that fit into today's society."

Gill discussed factors contributing to the disappearance of Canton's farms. Land prices and taxes are much higher than outstate, making farming far less profitable here.

Of the days before TV and rapid transportation, he said, "People were more socially involved in the church, school and community." His grandparents always took him to Canton Community Club parties, especially the summertime ice cream socials.

That sense of being a tight-knit community was a common thread throughout the interviews. But, even though modern life drives the community in different directions, Gill said, "I think Canton is doing a good job by having concerts in the park and the recreation program and so forth. Perhaps, as far as drawing the community together, that's the best today's society can do."

Gill summed up his thoughts about what life was like overall when Canton was still a farming community. "I wouldn't call it the good old days. But at least they were good days when we were living back then."

Auditions set for kids' shows

The Whistle Stop Players proudly open their third season of children's theater productions with a trio of cherished Christmas classics.

Auditions are Sept. 17-18-19 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction). Children 5-15 years-old are welcome and should plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. and stay until 8 p.m. No experience/preparation necessary.

The 50-minute production includes delightful and dramatic vignettes from these immortal stories: "The Shoemaker and the Elves" by the Brothers Grimm, "A Merry Christmas" from "Little Women," and "Little Cosette and Father Christmas" from Les Misérables. In addition to their rich literary value, these plays remind us of the greatest holiday gift of all - human kindness.

Director Jennifer Tobin is excited to say, "In doing these separate plays with different casts there are so many good parts to offer young people with busy fall schedules. We can really explore and refine those great works because each of the three 'cuttings' are about fifteen minutes in length."

Scheduling is a dream for parents on this one. Each actor will rehearse once a week on the same night for 10 weeks, on either Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m.

For any information on the Whistle Stop Players, call Jennifer Tobin at 453-5212.

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Pursell will lead fight to defeat county tourist tax

Former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell has kicked off a campaign in opposition to a proposed tax to fund the Detroit stadiums project.

And Bill McMaster, state chairman (volunteer) of Michigan Taxpayers United, said Thursday he is seeking legal counsel to fight the tax being placed on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Proposition S, which is being called a tourist tax by some and an excise tax by others, would impose a 1 percent tax on hotel room rentals and a 2 percent tax on car rentals to raise money to help fund a baseball stadium in Detroit for the Detroit Tigers.

The proposal is part of a plan for the county to enter a project that would result in building two stadiums side-by-side in Detroit. Besides a new Tiger stadium, a domed-stadium would be built to house the Detroit Lions football team.

Pursell said he will begin this week organizing a group to campaign against the tax and is planning to set up an office at a to-be-determined site on Telegraph Road.

Called CAPS, Citizens Against Proposition S, the group will organize to begin

fund-raising and then launch a "David and Goliath type of war," Pursell said.

The group doesn't oppose building new stadiums, but objects to the use of tax money, Pursell said. The county is asking people to support a tax that goes to a millionaire, he said.

The proposed tax and stadium authority have "all the connotation of more bureaucracy and more taxes," he said.

The group will do mailings and have a speakers bureau, he said. Meanwhile, McMaster put the Wayne County Commission on notice Thursday that he thinks the special meeting held Aug. 22 to approve putting the proposed tax on the ballot was in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

The public was not notified properly of the special meeting and the minutes were not made available in eight days after the meeting, McMaster said.

Notices were posted and mailed as is usual for a commission meeting and the minutes were available within eight business days, with Monday counted as a holiday, Al Montgomery, clerk of the commission, said.

After McMaster's statement, Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon defended the meeting, saying he resented the implication of wrongdoing.



Carl Pursell

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Stadium tax Municipal group to decide stand on issue

Canton Township supervisor and chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne, said there are parts of the proposal he doesn't like.

"The county will be pledging its full faith and credit," he said. Also, the county is putting in \$100 million while the city of Detroit is putting in less, \$85 million, and none of it from new taxes, he said.

The resolution the CWW members voted on in July said that it would "officially oppose any and all future county millages that are not brought before the conferences prior to their placement on the ballot. The conferences will require that, at a minimum, they be given time to study the proposals and the opportunity to provide input and direction to county officials on these matters. Failure by Wayne County officials to comply with this request will result in a public position of opposition to the millage request in question."

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The county satisfied the requirement to meet with the conferences a day before the vote. "That's not to say the conference wouldn't still oppose the tax," Yack said, calling it good government to meet beforehand with elected officials in Wayne County.

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House from page 1A

his eyes at that point. You could have put me in the same category."

The Franklin House was built around 1867. Twenty years later it was purchased by British immigrants William and Maryann Franklin.

The Franklins farmed 80 acres surrounding the house until 1915, when they retired and moved to Sheldon Village, a settlement on Michigan Avenue.

One of their two children, George and his wife Hilda, bought the house and produced four children of their own.

Myrtle Medaugh, 77, was one of them. She and her husband Howard now live in the house William and Maryann moved to when they left the farm.

"I still go by there as often as I can and look at it," said Medaugh of the house where she grew up. "I've still got memories there."

George sold the surrounding farmland to developers in the 1970s, but kept the two acres the house occupied. He died in 1976, and Hilda followed him in 1989.

A couple years later Medaugh and her siblings sold the house to someone who sold it to Harmony Homebuilders.

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full-blown renovation effort this year and plan to ask \$180,000 for the old house beginning in September.

O'Keefe marveled at the strength of the building when he jacked it up to replace worn cement block in the basement. He expected the jacking process to take all day, but he had the sturdy house on stilts in a couple hours.

"This place was built tough," he said.

It helps when your floor joists are stout logs with the bark still attached.

O'Keefe, who is the construction half of the two-man Harmony Homebuilders team, replaced the plumbing and wiring, put in a new heating system and changed the inside configuration from five-bedroom, one-bath to three-bedroom, two bath.

O'Keefe also added the first closets the house has ever had, putting one in each bedroom and a fourth by the back door. The ceiling upstairs was raised from seven feet to eight feet and the kitchen got a cathedral ceiling.

What June described as "a seriously dumpy old porch" has been transformed into a

breakfast nook and a laundry room.

Once the project is finished, this old house will have most of the modern conveniences. "Somebody can get the best of both worlds," June said, "an old house that's 100 percent updated."

The two-acre lot has been split into four lots, and the partners plan to build three new homes in the remaining area.

Out back is a small brick building where Bill Franklin stored milk. "That building is actually a refrigerator," noted O'Keefe. The walls are two and a half feet thick.

"We're just going to clean it up and leave it," O'Keefe said. "Whoever buys the place can turn it into whatever they want," June added.

O'Keefe and June are relatively new to Canton home building, but they have put up six houses already on Palmer near Sheldon. And they are partly responsible for Woodwind Estates, Gleggarry Woods, Nolan Court and Cherry Hill Estates.

"Canton is a nice community," said O'Keefe, who lives in Plymouth. "We've done well with Canton."

"Our experience working with everybody at township (hall) has been absolutely splendid," said June, who lives in Livonia. "It's a positive atmosphere to do business in. They're just plain nice people."

Teachers from page 1A

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—PCEA president

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\$60 co-pay. Employees would pay \$15 for every office visit.

"At this point, it's not a side-by-side, equal choice," he said.

Goldman said that a union-selected consultant called the existing and proposed health plans comparable. Portelli noted that while the PCEA found the consultant, all parties agreed to use him, and his fees were shared by all parties.

The consultant said he doesn't believe the savings will reach the projected \$450,000 should teachers agree to switch from Blue Cross to the Preferred Choices PPO, said Portelli. The PPO would use a third-party administrator, Benefit Sources of Ann Arbor.

Evola said teachers unable to get through when calling in for a substitute are to report to their building administrator.

Sick teachers "haven't been an issue. We have had a few more call ins that what has been anticipated, but the district has been able to handle it with substitutes," said Evola.

Another parent who asked not to be named called for Goldman's removal from the negotiating table.

"A group of parents is very concerned about how the negotiations are going," she said. "We'd like to see Errol Goldman off the negotiating team and someone new replace him. We believe that (Superintendent) Chuck Little would like to see it resolved, as would teachers and parents, yet it seems like Goldman is the person who is affecting these negotiations."

"When he left the last district he was in, they had a party. He did the same exact thing there. Now he's working for us, and our community is suffering because we cannot come together."

Portelli said that under the health carrier favored by the district, co-pay would go from \$50 per individual and \$100 per family to \$100 per individual and \$300 per family. To keep Blue Cross, teachers would have a

gun out for a bottle," he said. "I can see jumping out and putting up your knuckles, but a gun, c'mon."

John Cleveland
—Neighborhood Watch captain

Approximately 10 shots were fired about 1 a.m. Monday when a rear passenger in a black Ford Explorer with tinted glass leaned out the window with a 9 mm handgun and opened fire on a group of 10 to 12 teens, according to witnesses.

The shooting was apparently in retaliation for someone throwing a bottle at the vehicle as it headed northbound on Stacy Drive. Witnesses observed three occupants inside the Explorer.

"Someone tossed a bottle at it and it just drove down to where the gates are locked, turned around and came back... it was going about 3 m.p.h. the whole time. They never even hit the brakes when the bottle hit," said John Cleveland, captain of the Neighborhood Watch.

Cleveland and his wife, Ada, were sitting on the porch. A bullet was found lodged in a brick wall within five to 10 feet from where they were sitting, he said.

Bob Bise said he was laying in bed when he heard the first two shots ring out. His daughter was with the group of friends gathered outside. "I ran down the

steps and just as I said to my wife that I heard gunshots, I heard more shots... It sounded like a machine gun," he said.

Cleveland said he thought it was a random crime "like he snapped in the vehicle."

Police questioned two men in connection with the shooting, but found no evidence to link them to the attempted homicide, said Detective Dave Schreiner. Police are following up on several leads, he said.

Plymouth paving project sparks commission debate

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

It was a bumpy ride for awhile as Wayne County commissioners debated funding part of a road paving project in Plymouth Township.

After more than an hour of discussion, commissioners Thursday approved paying 25 percent of the cost of paving Ridge Road from Powell to North Territorial and Powell from Ridge to Beck. The vote was 9-2 with three commissioners abstaining and one absent.

Local commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Michelle Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township; and Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, all voted yes.

The county will pay \$331,110 of the \$1,257,330 project, while Plymouth Township will pay \$926,220. The project also includes widening the intersections of Powell and Ridge, North Territorial and Ridge and Powell.

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Concert added to close season

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
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NOTICE OF COMPLETED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY and
REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The Wayne County Department of Environment (WCDE) has provided the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) with the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RIFS) and a proposed remedial action plan (RAP) to restore Newburgh Lake, located at Newburgh Road and Hines Drive in Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan. This notice is provided to notify interested persons of the RIFS and RAP and to allow for public comment prior to final approval of the proposed plan.

This meeting is to provide a brief summary of the RIFS, to outline the proposed remedial action, to offer an opportunity for public review and comment and provide for a public meeting near the site. WCDE will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

Wayne County Department of Environment will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 19 at the Livonia City Hall Auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. Interested persons may provide comments on the proposed remedial action plan at the meeting. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Zachary Ball, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. at (313) 963-6600, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Written public comments will be until 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 1996 and should be directed to Ellen Lindquist, Chief Deputy Director, Wayne County Department of Environment, 415 Clifford St., Detroit, MI 48226. Copies of the complete RIFS and remedial action proposal are available for review during normal business hours at:
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• Livonia City Clerk, at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia
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Published: August 19, 22, 26, 29, 1996, and September 2, 5, and 9, 1996.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE
The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 17, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 705 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or call the following:
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Plymouth District Library
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CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Dir.

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE
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GOP aims for middle road on 'dignified death' bill

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Republicans on a state Senate panel intend Thursday to report out a "dignified death" bill, probably on a split vote, and send it to the full Senate.

A Democrat served notice he will seek to amend the bill to allow doctor-assisted suicide, subject to approval by voters.

"I will support the bill. It's well written," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, a member of the Senate Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill 1102 is intended to assure that doctors tell terminally ill patients their rights to accept or refuse treatment; are given immunity when they prescribe narcotics as pain-killers; and tell patients that Michigan case law prohibits anyone from assisting in a suicide.

Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, also seemed pleased with the bill. Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, missed last Thursday's meeting and public hearing but is expected to vote yes.

But Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, will offer a substitute "which provide a process to allow a terminally ill individual to request from a physician a prescription to end his or her life in a dignified manner." The Peters substitute would require voter approval to

become law.

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said, "The best determinant of the state's interests is a vote of the people," indicating he will support the Peters substitute. Peters is likely, however, to wind up on the short end of a 3-2 vote.

The "dignified death" bill that will get majority support steers a course between two polar views.

Right to Life spokesman Ed Rivet supported it but would prefer a bill that provides criminal penalties for a physician who assists in a suicide. "It should create a felony offense for coercion of a patient to commit suicide," added Rivet, citing the abused woman who was assisted in her suicide by Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

"Theological tyranny," said Howard Simon, Plymouth resident who is executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. "You're forcing some people to live by someone else's theology," said Simon, referring to a section that prohibits anyone from assisting in a suicide.

In many Christian sects, suicide is a sin that bars the sinner from Heaven and burial in consecrated soil.

Both sides agreed the bill, sponsored by Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage, was good in requiring a physician to fully inform a terminally ill patient of alternative

treatments, risks, the right to court-appointed guardian, and the right to end treatment.

"Everybody's in favor of more dialog," said ACLU's Simon.

"The bill is a catalyst for patient empowerment," said RTL's Rivet.

Critics found the bill ambiguous in a subsection that allows a patient to order the withdrawal of life support systems.

"It's a desire for an earlier death," said Shaw Livermore Jr., Lansing, representing Hemlock of Michigan. "If it's respiratory (support), death occurs in minutes. They know absolutely what the consequences will be. It's no different than asking a doctor to prescribe something to cause death. Nobody's fooling anybody."

But Shugars, the sponsor, said there's a clear difference between taking one's own life artificially and allowing nature to take its course in time.

Kenneth Shapiro, Lansing, of Merian's Friends, blistered the bill as "hot air... a mirage... a smokescreen. You're removing the most potent pain reliever of all (suicide). Two to 20 percent of terminally ill patients don't

respond to pain management except by a drug-induced coma. If you want to stop Kevorkian (assisting in suicides), you would legalize and regulate it."

Sen. Peters had a substitute to put before the people, Shapiro said. "But I would probably be shocked and need resuscitation if that got out of committee."

Merian's Friends is an Ann Arbor and Northville group that takes its name from Merian "Fredericks," one of Kevorkian's late patients.

Dr. Ed Pierce, a former state senator from Ann Arbor, asked the panel to legalize restricted assisted suicide. Pierce, also

active in Merian's Friends, would limit it to mentally competent adults diagnosed twice as facing death within six months, require a psychiatric evaluation, and impose a seven-day waiting period.

Lisa Gigliotti, staff attorney for Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, supported the Shugars bill as leading to "better patient-doctor communication."

Sue Homart, of Michigan Hospice in Lansing, gave the bill "strong support" because it will "provide good deaths and dignified deaths."

She asked that the bill include hospice in its list of alternative treatments because "physicians occasionally forget to tell patients about hospice care."

Sen. Geake promised to offer amendments to include hospice.

The Shugars bill is one of a four-part package of bills designed to alleviate patients' desires for assisted suicide. Other parts include a hospice licensure law (sponsored by Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth); a "do-not-resuscitate" bill (sponsored by Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek); and pain management legislation (sponsored by Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township).

Refer to SB 1102 when writing about the Shugars bill. Refer to SB 1102 (sub 1) when writing about the Peters substitute. Your senator's address is: State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

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Leggy looks: These autumn separates from Jantzen are complimented by roll-crew anklets over tights which add a sporty touch while keeping toes warm.

Fall legs: Color and texture rule!

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

The New York Times reports that between 1987 and 1995, the number of women with memberships at gyms in the U.S. rose 108 percent to 7.5 million. It's no wonder shapely legs take on high voltage looks this fall!

"Burgundy mixed with red is a hot hose color this season as well as bottle green, plum and eggplant. Wear these colors as an accent if you have a black suit," said Anne Clark, owner of Fogal at the Somerset Collection South in Troy.

There's a mixing of textures today, women are wearing a tweed suit with fishnet hosiery. The nude leg is still big. This summer women got used to experimenting with different stocking styles. Fogal, a Swiss hosiery manufacturer since the 1920s, offers more than 130 colors and 100 different styles of leg wear. Even their nude hosiery has a little shimmer. To accent a black suit try layering a fishnet over an opaque color of your choice, preferably to mirror your blouse. Or how about adding pizzazz with black hosiery hand-embroidered with a red and gold floral pattern (\$369)?

"A lot of women are focusing on hosiery now because there's more to choose from. If you can't find your color here, you probably won't find it anywhere," boasted Fogal manager Cherie Cunningham. "Show your skin a little. For day, it's black with lots of shimmer, for evening it's black with Swarovski crystals running in a seam down the back (\$210)."

For anytime, Cunningham recommends lamb-wool tights in a tweed pattern (\$105) to wear with a bulky sweater. Beige cashmere tights (\$301) make a great gift from yourself or someone else when matched with a cashmere bodysuit (\$550).

"It's a total look. You just add your suit and that's it. It's easier dressing," said Cunningham.

Fogal's new fishnet thigh high called Can-Can (\$22) brings to mind Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec's posters of Moulin Rouge dancers. Garter belts and stockings are growing in popularity after declining with the invention and perfection of pantyhose. Many soon-to-be brides are buying the ivory all-in-one garter belt and stockings for \$75, said Cunningham. Fogal's Limoges (\$63) is the finest matte finish sheer I've ever felt. It not only feels good on your leg but looks great.

"Fogal's mentality is - it's makeup for your leg," Cunningham said.

Conservative takes a walk on the wild side at Saks Fifth Avenue. Rows of sultan, taupe and black dominas in the Wolford, Calvin Klein, Ellen Tracy, and Ralph Lauren hosiery bins because clientele demands it, according to assistant manager Nydia Lund. Socks are classic angora, ice-landic, wool and chenille. However, hosiery and socks in New York designer Donna Karan's lines go wild with color.

"Donna Karan's new colors for fall are citrine green, zircon orange, sapphire and mahogany. Remember how popular these colors were in the 70s? She follows through with socks. They're fun. Classic ribbed shorties by DKNY in red, maroon, orange and peabody yellow, can be worn with a patent leather shoe or classic chocolate loafer. The nice thing about adding the latest hosiery or socks is you don't have to buy a whole new outfit," Lund beamed.

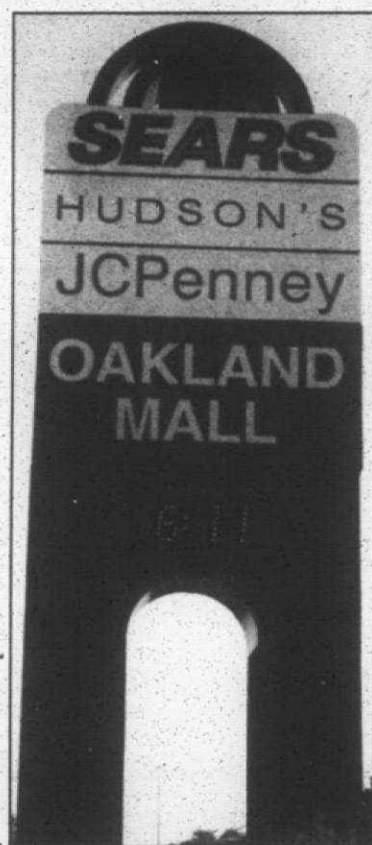
Nudes (\$13.50-\$17) are also hot at Saks.

"We have to pull people out of Donna Karan. The nudes continue to be very strong. They come in seven different colorations to match them up to your skin. They're the lightest and finest sheers. They premiered last summer. I sold 19 pairs while I was stocking the shelves."

Anne Clark offers a few tips for extending the life of hosiery: "Wearing cotton gloves (while putting on your stockings) is the best way to preserve your hose. Wash stockings by hand or put them inside a lingerie bag before hanging them to dry."

Basic black: Still a wardrobe staple, dark hose adds panache to fall outfits. These are by Honors at Target, \$2.49.

Oakland Mall dedicates two new signs



Then and now: The 30-year-old sign at left had become an eyesore for the mall, the city, and passersby. Everyone's thrilled with the new version featuring a bronze-finished steel clad base with illuminated store names, and a series of concentric circles that repeat the architectural motif of the mall's curved entrance.

1-75 motorists can relax once again - Oakland Mall launched its new sign on Aug. 29, and folks can resume setting their watches and noting the temperature as they pass the 75-foot high electronic pylon near 14 Mile.

Troy Mayor Jeanne Stine threw a switch illuminating the \$300,000 landmark, while hundreds of youngsters from the mall's Giggie Gang placed a time capsule full of 90's trinkets into the base for posterity. Their names are being etched into a plaque that will hang near the bottom of the pylon.

Music and refreshments fueled a parking lot tent party until 10 p.m. One of the tallest signs in Michigan, Oakland Mall's pylon was cre-

ated by Warren Sign Systems. It stands 75-feet, 2-inches high and is 25 feet wide. Its sister, a mere 45-feet tall, sits on the other end of the mall facing John R. The 1965 original sign by Acme-Wyley Signs of Chicago, marked the first time Sears and Hudson's ever appeared together on a shopping center beacon.

The new signs will "help reflect the mall's vitality and its responsiveness to customers," according to consultant Ken Smith of the Key Marketing Group of Waterford. He said the mall's emphasis on being a family-oriented center means Oakland Mall may be immune from niche competition that emphasizes only the affluent shopper.

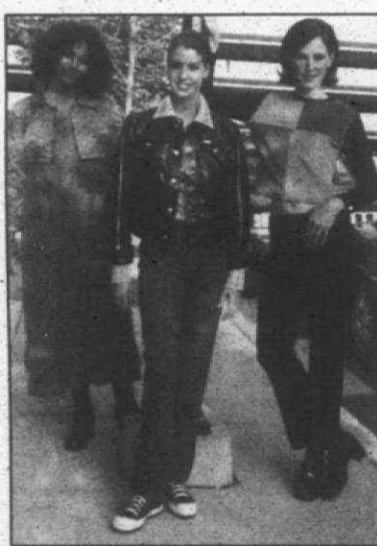


The Big Switch: Troy Mayor Jeanne Stine (center) flips the switch on Oakland Mall's new pylon with smiles from mall co-owner Douglas Mossman (left) and Sears manager Peary Pearson.

City's fashion show benefits cancer stars

BY SUSAN DeMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

It's important to attend downtown Birmingham's fashion benefit Wednesday night and John Telles can tell you why.



Urban chic: From left: Wendy Pollack of Detroit models an outfit from Caruso Caruso. Jennifer McGrath of Troy wears jacket/jeans from It's The Ritz. Wendy Schaffer of Highland sports funky threads from Frankie & Debbie's.

The 24-year-old chemistry major at Wayne State University owes his upcoming junior year in part, to the scholarship money he received as a pediatric cancer survivor. The scholarship funds come through Beaumont Hospital from Birmingham's annual Fall Spectacular.

"There was a time when we thought we would lose John," his mother said during a pre-benefit party, "but he made it and we're elated. We're so happy to have him now. The scholarship is so wonderful. It came as a blessing."

Birmingham retailers adopted the pediatric oncology ward at Beaumont Hospital years ago and work long and hard to produce the fall scholarship benefit which includes a silent auction of donated goods and services, entertainment, tastes of the town's 20 restaurants, a hour-long fashion production and a desserts and coffee afterward.

Ticket tips

Tickets are \$25 each presale, \$35 at the door, patrons \$100, sold in shops throughout the business district. The Wednesday, Sept. 11 event gets under way at 6 p.m. "under elegant tents behind the Townsend Hotel."

Chairpersons Richard and Debbie Astreine of Astreine Jewelers, said the event is an outpouring of generosity from independent merchants who donate from the heart.

"It's one thing when a major company underwrites an event, or a

"The event is an outpouring of generosity from merchants who donate from the heart."

Richard Astreine, Chairman

mall spends marketing funds to host a benefit, but it's quite another to go to individual businessmen and women and ask for merchandise and cash donations. Yet that's what happens here," Astreine said.

Dr. Charles Main, chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Beaumont Hospital came up with the idea of a cancer survivors scholarship noting that due to frequent hospitalizations for chemotherapy and treatment of infections, it is very difficult for young patients to maintain their grade point averages during high school. Working to earn college tuition is almost impossible.

"They deserve a break," he said. "They're wise beyond their years because of what they've been through. And they're mature. They make excellent students."

Main said he expects to award 11 scholarships at the Fall Spectacular thanks to the sponsors and guests of the Birmingham Fall Spectacular.

All Star line-up

Jim Harper, of the Breakfast Club on WNIC radio, will emcee the event. Fashions will be provided by

Jacobson's, Adamo/Nicole Miller, Basic Goods, Caruso Caruso, Ceresine & Offens Furs, Edward Dorian, Fitigues, Frankie & Debbie's Furs by Robert, Hansel & Gretel, It's The Ritz, Kathryn Scott, Kiddywinks, Linda Dresner, Lisa Parks Knits, Maxwell, R. DeLaura Clothier, Shades Optical, Sherman Shoes, Tender, The Claymore Shop, Thom Leffler, Timbuktu, Urban Walker, Hairstyles by Antoni, Kennice Bashar, Salon Sydney and 90th Floor.

Auction action

Some of the 150 auction items include an XJ6 Jaguar Sedan for one year (owner's choice of color); a sheered heaver fur by Robert Grosvenor, two-round trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S.

"It takes tons and tons of time to produce an event of this quality," said Tracey Toepf of It's The Ritz, "but we do it for the kids, always the kids. And with me, it's also very personal. My nephew, now in remission and entering the second grade, was a patient at Beaumont. Before he could walk, he was in the fashion show. When he was three, he became a patient. You just never know."

Last year the Fall Spectacular raised \$60,000 for the cause. The town hopes to surpass that record this year.

For information about the scholarship or the event, please call (810) 258-0226 or (810) 642-5353.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Sportswear Collections

Saks Fifth Avenue hosts reception and fashion show beginning at 6 p.m. with reps from Ellen Tracy, DKNY, Isaac Mizrahi, Calvin Klein and Versace. Reservations suggested. Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (810) 614-3349.

Photography Exhibit

Bloomfield Plaza's mall serves as an exhibit hall for the works of Mark Stadler who specializes in dance photos, through Sept. 19. Shoppers can meet the exhibitor at a reception, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Bloomfield Plaza. Maple/Telegraph. (810) 649-6500.

Petites Fashion Show

The latest Liz Claiborne petite collection is modeled for Hudson's shoppers 1 p.m. Second floor. Somerset Collection North. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (810) 816-4000.

Health tests

American Heart Association co-sponsors free blood pressure screening 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. near Montgomery Wards. Repeated on Sept. 28. Wonderland. Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia. (810) 644-1515.

(313) 522-4100.

Art Auction

Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists join Jacobson's and the Great Oaks Mall to present a multi-media auction to benefit the Michigan Aids Prevention Program beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Art Gallery within the mall. An exhibit commemorating the event will run through Sept. 22 at the mall. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Great Oaks Mall. Livonia/Walton. Rochester Hills. (810) 650-1686.

Rose Show

Detroit Rose Society exhibits prize collections through Sept. 15 in the center concourse. Laurel Park. Six Mile/Newburgh. Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

Farmer's Market

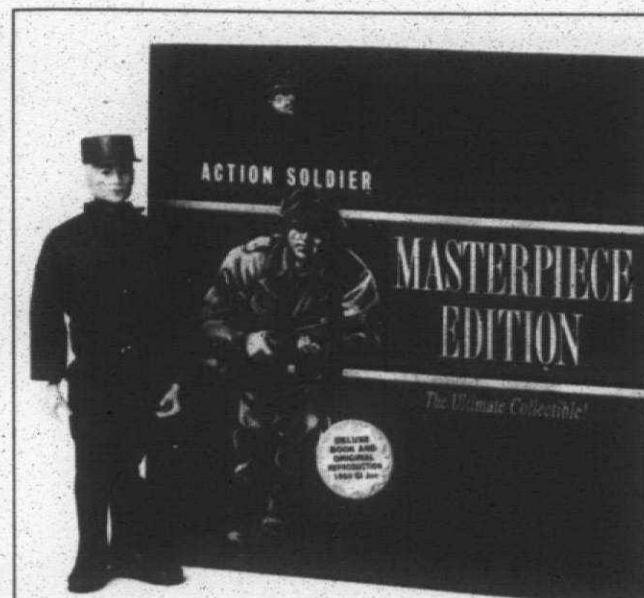
Both downtown Farmington and Plymouth have small produce, bakery and craft stands from the morning until afternoon each Saturday in the heart of their business districts until late October. (313) 453-1540.

Kids program

Borders presents Stellaluna, the tale of a fruit bat who loses her mother, 11 a.m. Children make a Stellaluna craft following the story. On Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. professional story tellers Sue Cresson and Deena Vanetta return with books by Robert Munsch. 13 Mile/Southfield. Birmingham. (810) 644-1515.

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GI Joe History



Collector's Edition: Target Stores have brought back a reproduction of the original 1964 male action figure along with a book about his beginnings by Don Levine, father of the famous play toy. The "Masterpiece Edition" sells for \$49.99. Illustrations were made by collector/author John Michlig. According to a Target spokesman, last year's limited edition series became such a hot topic, Internet surfers had to wait up to four hours to chat on-line about GI Joe. Levine, a Korean War veteran-turned toy designer, came up with the figure after watching the 1945 World War II film "The Story of GI Joe" with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. Levine said boys should have something to play with that resembled Barbie, but wouldn't "carry the stigma of playing with dolls."

Livonia Mall begins new club for walkers

Livonia Mall and Botsford General Hospital of Farmington Hills are hosting a complimentary, continental breakfast to kick-off of a new Walkers Club, Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 8-10 a.m. at the shopping center at Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia.

Livonia Mall Walkers Club members receive free gifts like ID badges, T-shirts, monthly blood pressure screenings and health programs, plus mall discounts and incentives to mark

their fitness progress. For more details call the center at (810) 476-1160.

"We want to give our walking customers a more organized program," said a mall spokeswoman. "We already have a good size number of walkers each day at 7:30 a.m., this way they can enjoy their climate-controlled walks on a more regular basis."

Walkers are asked to use Entrance G for the Walkers Club Program.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

From a recent list, two callers informed us *The Vermont Country Store* catalog has ladies shoe covers, as well as recliner chair covers available. To receive this catalog full of unique products, call 1-802-362-2400, fax a request to 1-802-362-0285 or write Vermont Country Store, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, Vermont, 05255-3000.

Another reader suggested Meijer Thrifty Acres as a source for recliner covers.

John Townsend of Farmington said she found plastic ironing board covers for \$8.99 in the *Walter Drake* catalog 1-800-525-9291. Item #H5586.

* Ruth Moss of Beverly Hills

needs to find a glass, screw-in bowl for a Kitchen-aid mixer about 20 years old.

"Barry Jensen of Birmingham is looking for plastic playing cards, not just plastic coated. *Betty Kampa of Livonia needs a blade replacement for a Faberware Processor Model 386. *Jean Murphy of Detroit is shopping for bed pillows manufactured under the name "Blue Heaven."

*Richard Wright of Livonia needs a copy, new or used, of "The Scarsdale Diet."

If you've seen any of these items let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Call (810) 901-2567.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls and Mainstreets beat. To be included, send information to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax (810) 644-1314.

Crowley closes Birmingham store

When its lease expires at the end of the year, Crowley's at 200 North Woodward in Birmingham will close.

Plans call for the building to be demolished in the spring, and an entertainment/retail complex to rise in its place. The announcement came last week from the Related Retail Corp. of New York City. Spokesman Jim Weiner said the new 130,000-square foot complex will feature a 16-screen movie theater on the second and third floors. The main and sub street levels will house small boutiques and a restaurant. Weiner said his company is talking leases with retailers like Loehmann's and Virgin Records.

Neiman Marcus hosts fall fashion benefit

Neiman Marcus will present its Best of Fall under a tent in the Somerset Collection South, Troy, Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. to benefit Orchards Children's Services. Guests will be treated to a light lunch after the runway show, "The Art of Fashion."

Garments from the show are featured in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar. The show is a traveling production that is appearing throughout the U.S. Tickets are \$50 for friends and \$100 patron. For reservations call 810-433-8600.

New skin care line

Natura Biase debuts exclusively at Neiman Marcus with a facial and body clinic Sept. 12-14. Appointments are limited and a reservations are required by calling (810) 643-3300 ext. 2101. The collection is designed to "provide salon results in the leisure and comfort of your own home." Glyco-Line is a collection of products containing 10- to 50-percent glycolic acid and other alpha hydroxy acids buffered with a pH balance of 4.5 formulated to exfoliate the skin. A Glyco-Peeling 25-percent and Glyco-Peeling plus 50-percent can be incorporated into skin care regimes to enhance the absorption and penetration of all other skin care products.

MedMax health programs

The MedMax super store across from West and Shopping Center, 35800 Central City Pkwy., is offering a perinatal program for moms-to-be and their partners, Thursday evenings, Sept. 12-Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$55. The seminars are co-sponsored by Garden City Hospital and registration is required by calling (313) 458-4330. Programs about living with spina bifida, diabetes, and the rehab process are also scheduled soon. Call the store for more details.

Hudson's Marketplace hosts cooking classes

From Sept. 19 through early October, the marketplace department at Hudson's will host cooking workshops with manufacturer's representatives and chefs. Reservations are requested. The classes are complimentary. For a complete listing and store location near you, call 1-800-265-COOK through 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Some of the companies represented include Concorzo Oils, Calaphon, Cuisinart, Krups and KitchenAid.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, more than 50 companies will demonstrate products from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Somerset Collection North store in Troy. Trend information and samples will be dispensed.

Nordstrom hosts series

Tickets are still available for Nordstrom's Lifestyle Series featuring celebrity speakers, fashion shows and breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. once each month through the fall. Reservations are required.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be arranged by calling (810) 816-5100, ext. 1690. Paula Zahn speaks on Sept. 21. Alexandra Stoddard on Oct. 19, and Elsa Klehn on Nov. 9.

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Cookbooks help college students tackle 'home' work

My kids aren't old enough to be sent off to college, but I helped my best friend last weekend in the ritual send-off of his first-born son to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. It was a lesson for me not only in economics, but also in ergonomics. We attempted to cram a 1,000-watt stereo system and a mini kitchen into an 8- by 12-foot dorm room common area already occupied with necessities from three other guys.

Homework

Before the send-off I did a little research and found two books to help my friend's son make the culinary transition from home to college. I wanted him to know there are options besides ticketed dorm food, pots of coffee, and Ramen noodles, which can be cooked in a clean coffee pot or a microwave in less than 5 minutes.

My first foray was a rather fast fly through of "The Campus Survival Cookbook #2" by Jacqueline Wood and Joelyn Ghilcris, (copyright, 1981 Morrow Quill Paperbacks, \$8.95). Although this book offers some fairly in-depth ideas and suggestions, it's somewhat outdated. I don't know any college dorm student who is willing to cook "Braised Italian Chicken Hugo" or "Survival Bone Soup," which calls for nothing more than water, soup bones and a couple of pigs feet.

The list of items that the authors suggest to put in a "minimum" kitchen is six pages long and lists some things that I don't even own! (i.e. a potato ricer). What the book does offer is some outstanding tips on cooking all the basics like rice, pasta, meatballs and lentils.

But if you continue to search for something small that should be considered a "must have" for any college student or person venturing off into their first apartment, it's a copy of "Where's Mom Now That I Need Her" by Betty, Kathryn and Kent Frandsen, (copyright 1983 by Aspen Publishing, \$21.95). The Frandsen kids put together this cumulative effort. It's one of the best books on the market for folks who had a momma like me who ironed towels, used a mangle on his sheets, shopped and did everything a 1950s June Cleaver would do while wearing a mumu instead of a perky dress, and curlers instead of pearls. This book is fun to read. There are chapters on "conquering the grocery store" and "how to" purchase everything from avocados to zucchini, how to read food labels, recipes for things you can't eat (cheap cleaning supplies), and all sorts of meat charts, cooking charts, measuring charts and so forth. All of the recipes serve 2-4 people and each chapter offers a few pages that are lined for inserting "mom's old favorites." Like the Campus Survival book, it also explains how to do everything from poach an egg to remove laundry stains.

If I were moving out of the house, I would feel very confident with a copy of "The Joy of Cooking," and this book, tucked neatly between my pressed underwear and momma's old crock pot (that I still use). Both books were available at all Kitchen Glamor stores.

Cooking programs

For those going off to school or wherever with nothing more than the clothes on their back and a computer, I recommend two good basic cooking programs.

The first is dubbed "Mangia!" and is available for around \$35 wherever computer programs are sold. The second, called "Master Chef" is a more advanced collection of great recipes and how to food tips that also includes a nutritional value program for every recipe. Expect to pay around \$40 for the Master Chef program. It is available for both Mac and IBM formats.

Now if money is of little concern, one of the hottest holiday gifts to be unwrapped this season will be a color television with a programmable CD Rom player built in called the Kitchen Coach. Initial reviews show this promising video alternative to be an upscale way of incorporating personalized, private cooking lessons right in your own kitchen. The remote control can take you anywhere in a recipe with just the push of a button. Sounds high tech but fun! The only place I've seen it is at Kitchen Glamor stores. Although it retails at \$999.95, the folks at Kitchen Glamor tell me they sell out fast. Call (313) 537-1300 for details.

Chef Larry Janes is a free-lance writer. He welcomes your calls and comments. To leave a message for him, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1886. See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:
■ Focus on Wine column.

Fall is crunch time in Michigan

To me, fall means apple season. Biting into an apple straight off the tree is a simple pleasure that just about everyone in Michigan has experienced. As a kid, I remember hiking in the woods with some friends. After going quite a distance, we came upon a clearing with a big apple tree. Boy did those apples taste good! Never mind that they had a few holes and blemishes, we just ate around them. Fresh, crisp and tart, they satisfied our hunger and thirst all at once.

Everyone has heard that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away." But whether that is folklore or not, it is true that apples are juicy, sweet and just the right size for a snack. They have been called "nature's toothbrush" because they cleanse the teeth and exercise the gums.

As far as nutritional content goes, apples contain a little bit of lots of nutrients including vitamins A and C, iron, thiamine, riboflavin, phosphorus, magnesium and potassium. Apples are fat, cholesterol and sodium-free, an excellent source of fiber — five grams per medium (154 gram) apple, and contain only 81 calories.

Everyone likes apples. This could be because apple juice is one of the first tastes experienced by babies, and applesauce is one of their first solid foods. This is because apples are low in acid and easily digestible.

Measuring apples for recipes

- 3 medium apples generally weigh about 1 pound
- 1 pound of apples equals 3 cups, peeled and sliced
- 2 pounds of apples (6 apples, peeled and sliced) is enough for one 9-inch pie.

Apples are grown in 39 of the 50 states, and are probably one of the most popular and versatile fruits around. Apples are available year-round, but are at their peak in Michigan in August, September and October.

Visiting a cider mill is a fall ritual for many people. Watching the apples being pressed into cider, along with the combined smell of apples and fresh hot doughnuts delight the senses. Learn to slowly enjoy one doughnut, then have an extra apple and your waist and heart will thank you.

One area of controversy involving apples is pesticide residue. Apple processors have developed methods to remove pesticide residue before processing. They use scrubbers, sprayers, brushes and cleansing solutions. Thoroughly scrub apples in warm or hot water before biting into them.

Apples are also part of the Jewish New Year celebration, Rosh Hashana, which



MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE

Apple-polisher: Michigan is among the top apple-producing states in the county and is known as the "Variety State" with nearly two dozen types of apples grown commercially throughout its hilly terrain.

begins this year at sundown on Sept. 13. According to the authors of "From Generation to Generation," a kosher cookbook published in 1993 by the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, Rosh Hashana marks the 10 Days of Awe and is the time when hope springs eternal for the year to come.

"Like all Jewish holidays, food contributes to the celebration. It is customary to partake of apples dipped in honey, honey cake and delicious taiglach (cookies cooked in honey). Eating these foods symbolize a wish for sweet new year."

The custom of eating something sweet, and avoiding sour foods during Rosh Hashana prevailed throughout the ancient world because of the belief that what one

Celebrate the harvest at these festivals

- **Kensington Metropark Fall Festival** • Sept. 14-15
Nature Center & Farm Center, Milford (800) 47-PARKS
- **Crafts & Cider Festival** • Sept. 21-22
Clarkston (810) 625-2499
- **Honey & Apples Festival** • Sept. 28-29, Oct. 5-6
Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills (810) 645-3209
- **Holly Ciderfest Weekend** • Sept. 28-29
Holly (810) 634-8981
- **Fall Harvest Days** • Oct. 5-13
Greenfield Village, Dearborn (313) 271-1620 or (313) 271-1976
- **Apple Cider Days** • Ongoing during Oct. and Nov.
Stoney Creek Nature Center, Romeo (810) 781-4621
- **Autumn Magic Family Festival** • Oct. 13
Independence Oaks Nature Center, Clarkston (810) 625-6473
- **Armada Applefest** • Oct. 12-13
Armada (810) 784-8520

Michigan Department of Agriculture's "Farm Market & U-Pick Directory," has lots of information about cider mills, u-pick farms and farm markets. It's available at Michigan Department of Transportation Welcome Centers along major interstates, by calling (517) 373-1058, or writing the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Marketing and Market Development Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

Tips for selecting and storing apples

- Select firm apples that are free of bruises.
- Handle apples gently to prevent bruises.
- Refrigerate apples to keep them crisp longer.
- Store apples in a ventilated plastic bag away from strong odors.
- Coat apple slices and dices with apple or lemon juice to prevent browning.

An apple a day

- Whip a frozen applesauce "slushy" in your blender for a breakfast beverage.
- Stash dried apples in your glove compartment or desk for a quick pick-up.
- Slice an apple onto your sandwich for a crunchy treat.
- Dice an apple into salad for extra zip.
- Spoon canned apple slices onto low-fat pound cake for a tasty yet elegant dessert.
- Mix apple chunks into hot cereal or put them on pancakes to energize your breakfast.
- Drink apple juice instead of coffee during your morning commute.
- Pack an apple into your backpack or briefcase for a snack on the go.
- Dip apple slices in vanilla low- or no-fat yogurt for an easy snack.
- Microwave a cored apple in a little juice or cider for a quick, low-calorie dessert.

Information supplied by the International Apple Institute

ate determined what the year would hold.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management company. Look for her column on the second Monday of the month in Taste.

• See recipes inside

Substitutions cut fat to the core in apple coffee cake

BY LAURA SYKES
SPECIAL WRITER

Apples are at their best this time of year, and September is a wonderful month to take advantage of the bargains that can be found at local farmer markets, fall fairs, and festivals.

While apples make fabulous snacks, desserts containing apples tend to be very high in fat.

Let's look at an apple coffee cake recipe to see how we can reduce the fat and calories.

The original recipe requires one whole egg. If we substitute egg whites from two large eggs, we can easily reduce the fat by 5 grams, eliminate 213 mg of unnecessary cholesterol and 58 calories.

Milk is the next ingredient. Because this recipe contains a very small amount of milk the benefits are not as noticeable. Yet, if we compare one cup of whole milk to one cup of skim milk you'll see the difference is significant. One cup of whole milk has 8 grams of fat and 150 calories. Skim milk contains only 0.4 grams of fat per cup, and 84 calories. Skim milk can almost always be substituted for whole milk in a recipe without causing any problems.

The original recipe calls one-half cup of shortening. Here is where fat can really pile up. One-half cup of vegetable shortening contributes 102.5 grams of fat and 922.5 calories. If we replace the shortening with one-half cup of fruit flavored non-fat yogurt the change is dramatic. We now are only adding 50 calories and no fat.

Blend the cinnamon and sugar together in a small bowl. Pour the cake batter into the pan and then sprinkle the cinnamon and sugar mixture

APPLE COFFEE CAKE

Original recipe

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 large apple peeled and diced
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons butter

Serves 10
Per serving:
273.2 calories,
15.6 grams fat,
34 mg cholesterol,
31.9 grams carbohydrates,
2.4 grams protein,
197 mg sodium.
Percent of calories from fat 50.6 percent.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix first seven ingredients in a medium mixing bowl. Fold in apples. Pour batter in a greased and floured loaf pan. Blend 2 tablespoons sugar, cinnamon and butter with a fork. Sprinkle over top of batter. Bake for 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

over the top of the batter. Next, swirl the topping into the very top layer of the batter. The cake will have all the flavor from the topping without the unnecessary fat that is added from the butter in the cinnamon/sugar mixture.

For more low-fat and fat-free recipes and kitchen hints from Laura's Fat Free Kitchen, an

APPLE COFFEE CAKE

Low-fat version

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large egg whites
- 2 tablespoons skim milk
- 1/2 cup fruit-flavored yogurt, (such as strawberry or raspberry), non-fat
- 1 large apple, peeled and diced
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Serves 10
Per serving:
148.2 calories,
0.2 grams fat,
0 mg cholesterol,
34.1 grams carbohydrates,
2.9 grams protein,
163 mg sodium.
Percent of calories from fat 1.4 percent.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix first seven ingredients in a medium mixing bowl. Fold in apples. Place batter in a non-stick loaf pan. Combine 2 tablespoons sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in a small bowl. Sprinkle over batter and gently swirl into batter with a fork. Bake for 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

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Easy dishes help students survive without mom

See related Taste Buds column on Taste front.
I didn't think it would be a good idea to print basic cooking instructions for rice but after going through the "The Campus Survival Cookbook #2," I found this great recipe that can be made in an electric skillet and has all the tastes of what my momma used to call "comfort food."

MARION'S PORK CHOP DREAM

2 medium onions
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

6 thick center cut pork chops (1 1/4 1/2 ounce) can brown gravy
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can water
4 ounces canned sliced mushrooms
1 cup raw white rice (Uncle Ben's Converted)
Salt and pepper to taste

Peel and chop onions. In an electric skillet, melt butter or margarine over 375° F. heat. Add onions and stir and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add pork chops and brown 2-3 minutes on each side. Reduce heat to 300° F. Add gravy,

water, mushrooms and rice, mix well. Cover and cook for 30 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serves 6 or 3 if you're really hungry.

Recipe from "The Campus Survival Cookbook #2" by Jacqueline Wood and Joelyn Gilchrist, (copyright, 1981 by Morrow Quill Paperbacks, \$8.95).

Here's another recipe that can be cooked in anything from a hot plate to an electric skillet I made it and it was just as good as it sounds! It also made great leftovers and was outstanding as a sandwich the next day!

PORCUPINE MEATBALLS

1 pound ground beef
1/4 cup uncooked rice
1 (10 1/2 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
1/4 cup minced onion
1/4 cup minced green pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 egg, beaten
1 cup water

Thoroughly combine the ground beef, 1/4 cup of the creamed soup, rice, onion, pepper, salt and egg.

Mix well and shape into meatballs. Brown in a skillet for 2-3 minutes on each side. Mix remaining soup with water; pour over meatballs, cover and allow to simmer for 30-40 minutes or until rice is tender. Serves 3-4.

When was the last time you found a recipe for homemade drain cleaner that doesn't consist of the things you would find at a toxic dump? Here's one from the book:

DRAIN CLEANER

1/2 cup salt

1/2 cup baking soda
2 tablespoons cream of tartar

Mix dry ingredients in a bowl and store, covered. Label. To use, spoon 4 tablespoons of the mixture into a slow drain and slowly pour in 1 cup hot water; the mixture will bubble. When bubbling has stopped, repeat, then run cold water down the drain. Use this mixture once a month to keep drains running free.

Recipes from: "Where's Mom Now That I Need Her" by Betty, Kathryn and Keny Frandsen, (Copyright, 1983, Aspen West Publishers, \$18.95).

Michigan apples add flavorful dimension to foods

See related story on Taste front.

CHICKEN APPLE CURRY

Serves 8

2 tablespoons olive oil
3 cups chopped apple
1 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic
4 tablespoons flour
4-6 teaspoons curry powder (amount & strength to taste)
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups low fat milk
2 cups no fat, low sodium chicken broth
4 cups cooked, cubed chicken breast

Heat oil in non-stick pan. Sauté

onion, garlic and apple for 5 minutes. On low heat, stir in flour, salt and curry. Slowly add milk and broth, stirring gently.

Sometimes more flour is needed to thicken sauce. If needed, remove some of the sauce and stir a little flour into it, then return to the pan while stirring. Add chicken last. To make ahead of time: make sauce and leave chicken separate until time to serve. Serve over white rice.

This dish is traditionally served with chutney. Other condiments that complement it are chopped tomatoes, raisins, shredded coconut, chopped peanuts, finely chopped parsley, and green onions.

Nutrition information: per

serving 385.4 calories, 19.42 g protein, 7.43 g fat, 67.72 mg sodium, 58.88 g carbohydrate, percent of calories from fat 17.35.

Recipe from Peggy Martinelli-Everts, registered dietitian, HDS Services, Farmington Hills.

FRENCH STYLE CHICKEN WITH APPLES

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 sliced onion
10 ounce can condensed chicken broth
3 tablespoons apple brandy, cider or apple juice
3 sweet-tart or tart apples, cored and sliced
6-8 canned artichoke hearts,

drained and cut in half. Pinch each of ground cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and pepper, minced fresh dill or parsley

Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking spray. Brown chicken breasts on both sides. Remove chicken from skillet and set aside.

Stir in sliced onion, apples, artichokes, broth, juice and spices. Cook 3 minutes. Spread chicken breasts in skillet; arrange apples, onions and artichokes on top. Simmer, covered, about 10 minutes or until chicken is tender and heated through. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Garnish with fresh parsley or dill and apple slices before serving. Serves 6.

Nutrition information: 241 calories, 5 g fat, 66 mg cholesterol, 3 g sodium, 252 mg sodium, percent calories from fat 18 percent.

Recipe from The International Apple Institute.

CINNAMON BAKED APPLES

8 sweet apples, cored
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup water
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 cup boiling water

Pare apples 1/3 of the way down from top. Place in 13 by 9 by 2-inch baking pan. Combine sugar,

2/3 cup water, lemon juice, cinnamon, lemon peel and nutmeg; bring to boil. Pour over and around apples. Bake, uncovered, in 350° F. oven 50 to 60 minutes or until apples are tender. Baste with mixture in pan every 15 minutes. Cool in pan.

When ready to serve, remove apples to serving dish. Add 1/4 cup boiling water to pan to dilute mixture in pan. Drizzle mixture over apples. May top with frozen yogurt if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information: 221 calories, 1 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g fiber, 2 mg sodium, percent calories from fat 3.

Recipe from The International Apple Institute.

These root veggies can't be 'beet'

By Lois Thielke
SPECIAL WRITER

Burgundy, red, black, orange-yellow and ivory are the colors, miniature to massive, round to flat or cylindrical, they are all beets. Bunch beets have the green tops still attached, trimmed beets are loose packed in plastic or canned, whole, sliced, diced or pickled, these are some of the available forms of beets.

Beets have the highest sugar content of any vegetable so are noted for their sweetness. However, they are still low in calories, 44 calories in three-fourths of a cup sliced.

Beets purchased early in the growing season are generally smaller in size and the leaves are more tender and flavorful. Some of the very large beets can be woody and tougher in flavor and texture, besides taking longer to cook. Always look for beets that are smooth, hard and have a healthy color. Attached leaves that are bigger than eight inches or yellow in color are bitter and less palatable.

After purchasing beets cut off the green tops before storing to help reduce moisture loss. When cutting the tops off, leave about two inches of the stem attached or they "bleed" and will be pale in color when served. Store separately and use the greens as soon as possible. The beets can be stored for up to three weeks, but make sure they don't become soft. They can also be stored in a root cellar for up to six months.

Beets can be baked very similar to a potato. Instead of trying to pierce a beet so it doesn't explode, wrap it tightly in foil and set in a roasting pan and bake 45 to 60 minutes. Don't peel beets before baking, you'll lose the red juices and they will turn a very unappealing brown. Scrub beets well (just like a potato) before baking or cooking. Dry heat seems to lock in the nutrients and intensifies their natural sweetness.

When cooking, prepare extra for another meal. Cooked beets keep very nicely in the refrigerator for use later. Beets can be served hot or cold, whole, sliced or diced. Raw beets can be peeled, shredded or grated for salads or added to salsa. Strong flavors such as vinegar, lemon juice, horseradish, ginger, or curry complement and make

beets more colorful and flavorful. Pickle beets quickly by adding peeled, cooked beets to simmered red wine vinegar, onions and spices such as cinnamon, whole cloves and anise, bring to a boil, cool and chill in the liquid. These will keep in the refrigerator for several days if covered with the liquid. Uncovered, beets will dry out.

Other ideas for beets:
■ A relish tray isn't a relish tray until pickled beets are added.

■ Add pureed pickled beets to plain yogurt seasoned with minced red onions, salt and pepper. This is a perfect dip for any vegetable.

■ Shred cabbage with diced pickled beets and fresh parsley, this makes a beautiful salad.

■ Sliced chilled beets, oranges and onions make a refreshing salad.

■ When adding beets to a salad, wait until the last minute to mix so the beet juice doesn't run all over the greens.

■ Great seasonings to add to beets are: fresh ground ginger, orange or lemon zest, caraway seeds, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon.

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2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
One 7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate pieces
Heat oven to 350° F. Lightly grease 13 by 9-inch baking pan. In large bowl, combine oats,

flour, baking soda and salt; mix well. Add butter; blend with electric mixer on low to medium speed until crumbly. Reserve 1 1/2 cups oat mixture for topping; set aside. Press remaining oat mixture evenly onto bottom of pan. Bake 15 minutes.

Remove pan from oven to wire rack. Drop spoonfuls of marshmallow creme in rows across crust. With knife or spatula, carefully spread creme to within 1/4-inch of edges. (If marshmallow creme is difficult to spread, place baking

pan in warm oven about 1 minute to slightly soften the creme).

Sprinkle chocolate pieces evenly over marshmallow creme. Crumble reserved oat mixture evenly over chocolate pieces.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until topping is light golden brown around the edges. Cool on wire rack 30 minutes. Cut into bars while warm. Serve warm or cool completely and store tightly covered. Yield 2 dozen.

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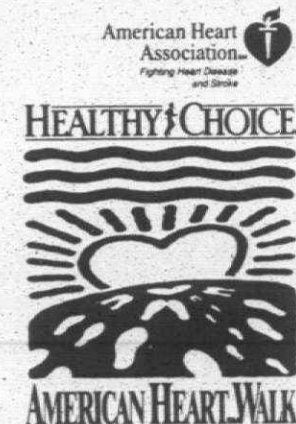
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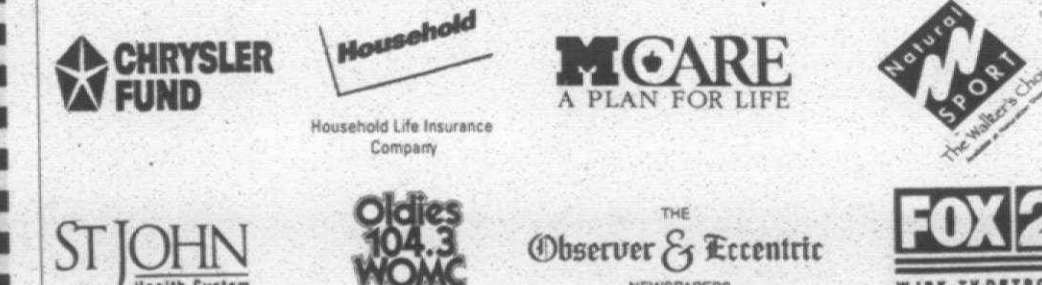
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'The Fan' has moments to cheer, and boo

BY DAVID GOODMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — San Francisco knife salesman Gil Renard (Robert De Niro) lives for baseball.

With an ex-wife who despises him and a career in freefall, the hallowed confines of Candlestick Park are a happy, green haven. For Renard, it's a place where time stands still, where he can connect with his idealized boyhood.

"Baseball is better than life," he says. "It's fair."

Fourteen years ago, Renard began following the career of high school center fielder Bobby Rayburn (Wesley Snipes). Now he has been lured back to the San Francisco Giants in a controversial deal worth 40 million dol-

lars. When the beleaguered Rayburn falls into a no-hitting slump, the salesman casts himself as the white knight who will defend Rayburn from his critics and earn his undying friendship. Renard only "knows" Rayburn through the newspapers and a brief exchange on a sports talk radio show hosted by Jewel Stern (Ellen Barkin). But he's just crazy and desperate enough to picture Rayburn and himself as comrades in victimhood.

And when he thinks Rayburn's terrible form may be due to teammate Juan Primo (Benicio Del Toro), Renard's obsession turns to thoughts of murder to restore his idol's reputation.

The movie's virtues are centered in its first two-thirds, where De Niro and Snipes hold the space to unravel their subtle,

REVIEW

mixed characters.

Another big push from director Tony Scott ("Crimson Tide," "Top Gun") are the right-the-at-the-plate baseball sequences, which include an appearance from ex-major league infielder John Kruk and technical advice from baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr.

There's also a superb, thumping soundtrack featuring The Rolling Stones, Nine Inch Nails and Santana, among others.

But "The Fan" has drawbacks. Considering the amount of action, the latter part of the 120-minute movie is strangely plodding as De Niro's character, so shaded at the beginning, is allowed to turn into the standard, cardboard stalker.

The movie reaches a peak in a scene where Renard gets to hang out with Rayburn at his beach house after rescuing Rayburn's son from drowning.

But the carefully cherished, idealized image of his hero is blown to pieces when the straight-talking Rayburn dismisses die-hard fans as "losers." The fan's fragile adoration switches all too easily into the hate of a spurned lover, and Renard kidnaps Rayburn's son.

From this point on, it's all downhill. With a plot line that manages to be both clichéd and unlikely, the movie's final 20 minutes start to resemble an expensively filmed but vacant made-for-TV movie.

Until that moment, the screenplay by Phoebe Sutton does a nice job giving Rayburn some dimen-

sion. We see him struggling to conquer a crippling neurosis — the belief that he can't play without the number 11 on his shirt — and working through his simmering dislike for Primo.

De Niro's Renard initially seems normal enough — just a guy going through a bad patch — but Scott keeps introducing little clues to show that everything's not as it seems.

At the opening day Giants' game with his young son, for example, Renard treads on the boy while clambering to catch a ball that's flown into the stands. Later, he tries to make amends by buying the kid a pizza, but seems unaware that his son hates mushrooms.

The movie has Renard a peddler of knives — which creates an air of menace around his character and provides excuses for

much ghoulishness later on. Not surprisingly, De Niro seems to have perfected his routine from "Taxi Driver" and "Cape Fear." The now predictable repertoire of psycho moves are all here — the witchy, the cold stare, the curled-down lip, the crazy smile where the eyes crinkle sinisterly.

The overly familiar performance is also lessened by some annoying, intrusive camera work. There are a few too many jump-cuts and extreme close-ups used to create tension. It's like the camera is the star here.

Considering the film's collection of talent, that's an odd choice.

"The Fan" is produced by Wendy Finerman. The screenplay is based on a book by Peter Abrahams.



Thriller: Josie Potency (Halle Berry, right) appears to have it all, including a rich husband, Tony (Christopher McDonald, left). When Tony is murdered, Josie becomes the prime suspect and the victim of blackmail, in "The Rich Man's Wife," opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 13

"FEELING MINNESOTA"
Romance story about a down-and-out drifter who lures after the same woman as his brother. Stars Keanu Reeves, Vincent D'Onofrio, Cameron Diaz, Delroy Lindo.

"GRACE OF MY HEART"
Story about a young woman struggling to find her own voice in the male-dominated world of music. Stars Matt Dillon, Illeana Douglas, John Turturro, Eric Stoltz, Bruce Davison.

"THE RICH MAN'S HEART"
A psychological thriller about an unhappy wife who goes on vacation without her husband, only to find that the man who turns out to be a sociopath. Stars Halle Berry, Christopher McDonald.

"FLY AWAY HOME"
Family adventure inspired by the life and work of Bill Lushman. The story of a father and his daughter who rebuild their relationship after a nine-year separation when the daughter discovers a nest of goose eggs and brings them home to hatch. When the geese imprint on the girl, the father and daughter undertake the task of teaching the geese to migrate. Stars Jeff Daniels.

"THE GRASS HARP"
A black comedy set against the vibrant Latin backdrop of Miami. The story of a young woman with a lifelong fascination with murder. When her interest starts on an obsession she takes a job cleaning up after murders and finds herself in a place more dangerous than her wildest dreams. Stars William Baldwin.

"MAXIMUM RISK"
A retired sergeant major from the French Army is drawn into a murder mystery involving the death of a twin brother never knew he had. An action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. Scheduled to open Friday, September 20.

"LAST MAN STANDING"
This remake of Akira Kurosawa's "Yojimbo"

takes place in Texas and it's Prohibition time with one man embattled between rival gangsters over the liquor business. Stars Bruce Willis, Bruce Dern.

"THE FIRST WIVES CLUB"
Comedy based on the best-selling novel about three women who get back at their husbands who have left them for younger women. Stars Beatrice Midler, Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton, and Maggie Smith. Scheduled to open Friday, September 27.

"ED'S NEXT MOVE"
Exclusively in Ann Arbor. A fresh romantic comedy about a Wisconsin native who lands a job in New York and learns to endure the trials and tribulations as well as the surprising rewards that life in that city can provide. Stars Matt Ross, Callie Thorne and Kevin Carroll.

"QUINCY MAN"
An independent police lieutenant specializing in serial murders must team up with a reluctant and resentful detective from homicide to track down an elusive killer stalking families in suburban Los Angeles. Stars Steven Seagal and Keele Ivory Wayans.

"SWEET NOTHING"
A mid-level Wall Street executive, lured by the quick, easy money available from selling crack, becomes entangled in

downward spiral of addiction and faces losing everything, even his life, as he struggles to free himself of the drug and his desperate society of crackheads and dealers. Stars Michael Imperioli, Mira Sorvino and Paul Calderon.

"THAT THING YOU DO!"
The story of "The Wonders," a rock and roll band from Erie, Pennsylvania whose popular song, "That Thing You Do!" is about to change the lives of the band members forever. Stars Tom Everett Scott, Liv Ullmann, and Tom Hanks. Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 11.

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BY LINDA DEUTSCH
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At the end of this long summer of loud, hyperkinetic, violence-riddled action movies, "The Spitfire Grill" may be the kind of quiet respite longed for by exhausted viewers.

A film about neither alien invaders nor pumped-up cops, "The Spitfire Grill" is a small story about people, set against the backdrop of a staggeringly beautiful new England landscape. It is by no means a perfect movie, nor one that can be embraced without realizing its glaring flaws. But its intentions are so honorable that much can be forgiven.

First, let's explain that weird title. "The Spitfire Grill" is a small-town restaurant that serves as the hub of gossip and socializing in the tiny burg of Gilead, Maine. It's where a young woman named Percy Talbot (Alison Elliott) comes to work after serving time in state prison. And it's where Hannah Ferguson (Ellen Burstyn), the crusty, aging restaurant owner agrees to take a gamble on Percy with surprising results.

Writer-director Lee David Zlotoff painstakingly sets the stage in the film's first half, showing Hannah's desire to sell the restaurant, her lingering grief over a son who disappeared into the Vietnam War and hints of a mystery that haunts her and Percy, the mysterious newcomer, is a subject of intrigue and suspicion.

It's a slow, long climb before we arrive at the center of the story. Percy's unique idea to help Hannah sell the restaurant.

The ex-convict, who helped operate the Maine Tourist Bureau while in prison (a neat little twist taken from a true story) recalls that someone once sold a cafe by running an essay contest. Bidders would send in \$100 and an essay on why they wanted the restaurant. (Again, Zlotoff says this is based on a true story.)

What happens as a result of the contest is predictable, but there are enough new twists to keep it from falling prey to cloying Hollywood clichés.

Percy's character, as developed by Elliott, is the movie's heart and soul. Although Elliott is likable enough, she falls short of the depth needed for a tragic heroine. A shockingly aged Burstyn creates a woman of many dimensions and even car-

ries off the cornball ending with aplomb.

But perhaps the most fully

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developed character is Hannah's daughter-in-law, Shelby, a touching portrayal by Marcia Gay Harden of a woman discovering her own capabilities in adversity.

Will Paxton and Kieran Mul-

oney provide able male support, but this movie clearly belongs to the three strong women in control.

The flaws marring this effort are the subplots. The tale of the hermit who comes out of the

woods to collect canned goods from Hannah is carried on far past the point of interest, and the solution to his mystery is telegraphed early on. The history of Gilead, a town destroyed by deforestation and seeking

rebirth, seems superimposed on this human interest tale.

That said, "The Spitfire Grill" remains an engrossing, soul-searching saga in a time when such films seem in danger of extinction.

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Judge Jessica Cooper, candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court, will speak at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (one block west of Inkster), in Livonia, from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13.

Cooper filed as a candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court as an independent.

Cooper was first elected to the circuit court bench in November 1986. She was re-elected in 1992. She previously served as the chief judge of the 46th District

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Court. She was first elected to the district bench in 1978.

A 1973 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, she began her career as an assistant defender in the State Appellate Defender's office in 1973.

She opened her own general law practice in Bloomfield Township in 1975, with special emphasis in civil rights litigation.

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Cooper has served on the boards of several community services, including HAVEN (Oakland County's domestic violence shelter and sexual assault counseling center), Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Jewish Family Service and was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of Forgotten Harvest (a mobile food distribution program for the needy).

She is a 1992 graduate of the National Judicial College and serves on the faculty of the Institute for Continuing Education.

Cooper has received her certification as a teacher of trial advocacy from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and also teaches practice through the National College of Advocacy and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

She is a founding member of the National Association of Women Judges and served as its publication editor.

She is the first woman president of Temple Shir Shalom.

Harley owners plan toy run

A new unwrapped toy is the admission fee to the second annual Harley Owner's Group Memorial Toy Run and Parade on Sunday, Sept. 22.

The parade starts at noon from the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road. The line-up will begin at 11:30 a.m. The parade will end at the Amvets Hall on Merriman in Westland, the use of which has been donated for the charity event.

Music will be provided by Sound Entertainment. Food and beverages will be available for a small donation.

A Harley Davidson collector's edition jukebox will be raffled off with all proceeds going to charity. Everyone is welcome.

Harley Owner's Group is a non-profit organization sponsored by Motor City Harley Davidson in Garden City.

Local forum to focus on education candidates

A public forum for the statewide educational candidates in the November election will be held at Livonia City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 26.

The city hall at 32000 Civic Center, 20000 Farmington and Five Mile Roads.

The University of Michigan Board of Regents candidates will be interviewed beginning at 6 p.m. The State Board of Education candidates will follow at 7. Michigan State University Board of Trustees candidates at 8 and the Wayne State University Board of Governors at 9.

The public is invited to this nonpartisan forum that is being sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Livonia branch.

Time Warner Cable of Livonia will videotape the program and will make the tape available to cable companies throughout Michigan on request.

Residents can request local cable companies to schedule the video before the election.

For more information, call Yvonne Constan (313) 261-7717 or Carol Dubuque (810) 477-0399.

Commission OKs stadium appointments

Wayne County commissioners approved the appointment of the members of the newly created Stadium Authority Thursday.

Michael Duggan, county deputy CEO, David Katz, county chief of staff, and Archie Clark, county deputy economic development director, are the County Executive Edward McNamara's appointees.

Nettie Seabrooks, deputy Detroit mayor, Roger Short, deputy city finance director, and C. Beth Duncombe, president of the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., are Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's appointees.

The authority's first meeting is set for today (Monday, Sept. 9). It will begin the land acquisition process immediately, Duggan said.

Duggan, a Livonia resident, is credited with playing key roles in Wayne County's financial recovery plan and, as interim general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, with getting a millage increase passed to support the bus system.

Katz, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, has served as chief of staff since 1991 and serves as executive director of the Wayne County Building Authority.

Clark, an Ecorse resident, has served as deputy director of Jobs and Economic Development since 1995.

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, questioned why none of the county appointees are financial officers. The county's chief financial officer and deputy financial officer are not residents of Wayne County, Duggan said.

Local commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, voted no on the appointments. Commissioner Michelle Plawewski, D-DeARBORN Heights, and Beard voted yes.

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SPORTS

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ODP regional qualifiers

Michigan once again was a leader in placing players on the Olympic Development Program regional girls soccer team, and Observerland was well-represented.

The ODP regional camp, which was at Northern Illinois University last July, consisted of nearly 300 players in each age division, from which 30 were chosen for the regional teams. From that group of 30, teams will be selected to compete in various interregional competitions.

In the 1977-78 division, chosen from the Observer area were **Mari Hoff**, a Plymouth Salem graduate, and **Marie Spaccarotella**, a Livonia Churchill grad. Both are now freshmen forwards playing at University of Michigan.

In the 1979 division, qualifiers from Observerland are **Sara Kloosterman**, a keeper from Farmington Hills Harrison; **Emilie Meier**, a midfielder from Plymouth Canton; and **Kristah Manteuffel**, a midfielder from Redford.

Mia Sarkesian, a midfielder at Plymouth Salem, was the only choice in the 1980 division.

In 1982-83, those picked were **Robyn Anne Morrell**, from Plymouth, and **Andrea Sied**, from Livonia.

Cruisers excel

Ben Dzialo paced the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim team by finishing first in the 10-and-under boys age group at the state's USS long course state swim meet, held at the University of Michigan pool.

Dzialo won the 50 and 100 meter butterfly events, placed second in the 50 and 200 freestyle, was third in the 100 free, sixth in the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley, and eighth in the 50 back and 100 breaststroke.

The Cruisers placed 10th out of the 42 teams that scored points.

Other point-scorers for the Cruisers were:

10-and-under boys division -- **Kyle Silber-nagel**, fourth 50 fly, sixth 50 free, sixth 100 free, seventh 50 back, eighth 100 fly; **Dzialo, Silber-nagel, Nick Dixon** and **Billy Horgan**, 4th 200 free relay, fifth 200 medley relay;

11-12 boys -- **Adam Sonnanstine, Garrett Stone, Bobby Keith, Matt Wisniewski**, fourth 200 free relay, fifth 200 medley relay;

13-14 boys -- **Brian Mertens, Brad Nilson, Aaron Reeder, Jason Rebarchik**, fifth 800 free relay; **Paul Perez, Nilson, Reeder, Rebarchik**, sixth 400 free relay; **Reeder, Perez, Nilson, Mertens**, sixth 400 medley relay;

10-and-under girls -- **Alicia Dotson**, sixth 100 free, seventh 50 free; **Amy Mertens**, eighth 50 breast; **Dotson, Mertens, Allison Goldsmith, Stephanie Lamar**, third 200 free relay, third 200 medley relay;

15-and-over girls -- **Yvonne Lynn**, first 100 back, seventh 200 back.

Based on their state-meet times, **Dzialo** and **Dotson** qualified for the Michigan Zone Team at the Central Zone Championship Meet at Miami (Ohio) University a week later.

Dzialo was sixth overall in the 10-and-under boys division, finishing second in the 100 fly, third in the 50 fly, fourth in the 50 free, sixth in the 100 free and 10th in the 200 free. **Dotson** was 13th in the 100 free.

Supervisor needed

Plymouth Salem's athletic department is looking for someone to manage their weight room after school, Monday through Friday, for the duration of the school year.

Anyone wishing to serve as supervisor from 2:15-6:15 p.m. should call Salem assistant athletic director John Robinson at 416-7766.

Girls swim times

Ken Stark, girls swimming and diving coach at Livonia Churchill High School, will compile the weekly list of Observerland best times and scores.

Area coaches should report their results and updates to Stark at the Churchill pool from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at (313) 523-9231.

The first list will appear Thursday, Sept. 19.

RAMS tryouts

The Michigan Lake Area RAMS Amateur Athletic Federation Travel Baseball Organization will conduct a tryout camp for its college-level team (19-21 in age).

The caps are for the 1997 season, with specialized indoor training starting in November for players selected.

Call team manager Rick Berryman at (313) 455-8623 or RAMS president and general manager Dan Varon at (810) 737-9138.

Fall racquetball

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a fall men's racquetball league, Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 17. Court times will be 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at Body Rocks Racquetball in Livonia.

The 14-week season costs \$100 per person, which includes all court-time costs, awards and a T-shirt. Players will be divided by ability.

There are no residency requirements. Call 397-5110 for further details.

Salem opens with stunning upset



The stuff dreams are made of? A perfect way to describe it -- not much was expected of Salem this season, while a lot was anticipated from Belleville as it gunned for its third-straight state playoff berth.

What a reversal!

A year ago, Plymouth Salem opened its football season at home against Belleville, and it was embarrassing. The Rocks were routed, 42-0; the Tigers went on to win eight more regular season games and qualify for the state playoffs, while Salem finished 3-6.

This year, the Rocks opened at Belleville, and predictions were for another rout. After all, Salem was down in numbers, and the Tigers -- with 25-straight regular-season

wins -- were expected to have another state qualifier.

So much for expectations. The Rocks pulled off a major upset, and it was quarterback/defensive back Nate Gray who orchestrated it. Gray did a bit of everything as Salem shocked the Tigers 20-7 Friday.

"Right at this point in time, this was a big one," Rocks' coach Tom Moshimer said after recording his 198th career win. "Our kids played great. They played better than I thought they could."

Gray did a lot of it himself. The senior drove Salem 84 yards following a Belleville turnover -- the Tigers lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions -- with Doug Kinney diving in from four yards out for the touchdown. The key play in the drive: Gray's 19-yard pass to Mike Rodriguez on fourth-down-and-five.

The Rocks made it 13-0 at half-time when Gray finished a 10-play, 64-yard drive with a 1-yard keeper with 10 seconds left before intermission.

Belleville narrowed it to 13-7 on Von Cerichten's 24-yard run in the third quarter. A missed field goal gave the Tigers hope, and they drove deep into Salem territory in the final quarter.

But Gray, who also had two interceptions and a fumble recovery on defense, stepped in front of a flat pass and picked it off, then returned it 70 yards for the game-clinching TD in the final seconds.

Gray was 4-of-8 passing for 55 yards and carried the ball 10 times for 62. Kinney had 54 yards rushing on 20 attempts. Salem outgained Belleville, 229-219.

"They stepped up and played tonight," Moshimer concluded. "I think you've got to respect every team you play. But on the other side of the coin, you can't fear them."

Salem showed no fear against the Tigers, but they may have given cause for some.

Monroe catches Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Nothing's more frustrating than knowing the impossible is attainable -- and yet it still slips away.

It seems to be a lesson Plymouth Canton's football team is doomed to keep retaking.

The Chiefs were within reach of the state playoffs last season with two games left. But they lost them both and ended up a mediocre 5-4.

On Friday, they opened a new season against a team that did qualify for the state playoffs in '95, and is expected to qualify again this year: Monroe. And they had a shot at beating them.

Canton forced three first-half turnovers and had a 7-0 lead, but mistakes and the Trojans superior size eventually took its toll, wearing down the Chiefs in a 15-7 win at Canton.

"Our kids did well," said Chiefs' coach Bob Khoenle. "We were pleased with our kids. In view of the fact we were supposed to get killed."

Then, after a moment of reflection, Khoenle added, "I know we had a chance."

That they did. Monroe started slowly, with quarterback Aaron Moran fumbling snaps twice in a row in its opening possession. The Trojans recovered the first, but Canton's Pat Nelson fell on the second at the Chiefs' 48.

Eleven plays later they were in the end zone, with quarterback Rob Johnson plunging in from a yard out for a 7-0 lead with 4:42 remaining in the first quarter. Key plays in the drive were a pair of pass completions from Johnson, for 19 yards to Nelson and for 15 yards to a diving Jason Pennebaker.

A long return (49 yards) by Thomas Collett on the ensuing kickoff eventually led to poor field position for the Chiefs -- they started at their own 11 on their next possession. On first down, Johnson



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Pursued: Canton's Eric Sarrault (right) tries to elude Monroe linebacker Stephen Cheney. The Chiefs had trouble all night getting past the Trojans.

was called for intentional grounding in the end zone, an automatic safety.

Still, Monroe continued to struggle offensively. Jovan Johnson, the Trojans' 6-foot-4, 240-pound full-back/linebacker and a major college prospect, fumbled the ball away at the Canton 20, with Brian Musser recovering late in the opening quarter.

"Our fumbling concerned me coming into the game and it still concerns me," said Monroe coach Ralph Carducci. "But give Canton credit -- they played a good game."

The Trojans finally got on track in the waning moments of the first half. After two Johnson carries gained six yards, Collett broke loose around right end and romped 68 yards for the go-ahead points with 3:02 to go. A two-point conversion try failed, but the Trojans had an 8-7 lead.

And they never lost it. Carducci opted to pound the ball more in the second half, behind the blocking of his impressive book-end tackles: Brian Sharrow (6-5, 245) and Craig Beaubien (6-3, 305). With Johnson lugging it, the Trojans powered 61 yards in 11 plays, Johnson accounting for 58 of those -- including the final three for the TD.

Canton could get little going offensively. Monroe limited the Chiefs to 74 yards on the ground and, more importantly, bottled up Johnson effectively. The senior quarterback finished with 10 completions in 26 pass attempts for 179 yards, throwing an interception on Canton's final offensive play of the game. He also had just seven yards rushing on seven tries.

"Our defense did well," said Carducci. "Our objective was to keep (Johnson) contained. He's pretty dangerous, and the kids knew that. They put a lot of pressure on him, made him throw it out of bounds or throw it away."

Monroe's defensive containment

See CHIEFS, 3C

Fiorenzi sparks Chiefs to 5th Mercy Hoops basketball title

Salem rolls over Borgess, 2c

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

As a four-year varsity player on the Plymouth Canton girls basketball team, senior Kristi Fiorenzi was ready to assume a leadership role this year.

She was a take-charge player Saturday in the Mercy Hoops Classic, leading the Chiefs to their second straight title with a 47-43 win over the host Marlins.

Canton has won four of the last five championships and a total of five since 1988.

Fiorenzi scored a game-high 15 points in both games, including a 47-34 defeat of Rochester Adams in the first round Thursday, and was named the most valuable player in the tournament.

"I remember when I was a freshman on the varsity; we had the best leaders," Fiorenzi said, citing former players Alyson Nounne and Britta Anderson. "They just helped me so much and were a positive influence. I feel it's my turn this year to give back, to be a leader and to help my team."

Also named to the all-tournament team were Canton junior Melissa Marzolf, Mercy senior Mary Jane Valade, Mercy sophomore Jessie Brennan and junior Dianna Sorentino of third-place Adams.

Fiorenzi, a 5-foot-10 post player, scored eight points in the second half Saturday to lead a Canton comeback and help rally the Chiefs from a 24-23 halftime deficit.

"We knew we didn't come out strong, and the big thing for us is playing with intensity," Fiorenzi said. "We knew we weren't doing our best, and

(coach) Bob (Blohm) let us know that. We came out (in the third quarter) with the attitude we didn't want to lose this game."

The Chiefs (3-1) scored the first seven points of the second half, taking the lead with a pair of Fiorenzi baskets and three points by Marzolf, who finished with 10 before being injured midway in the final period. Canton also forced the Marlins into five early turnovers (seven for the quarter and 23 overall).

"I think we got better ball pressure," Blohm said, adding senior guard Mary Anderson helped in that regard and with post defense. "I think we got (Mercy) a little tentative and thinking 'what should we do here?'"

"We did a better job taking away the drive to the basket. In the second half, we stepped up as a team, and that's how we have to play to survive."

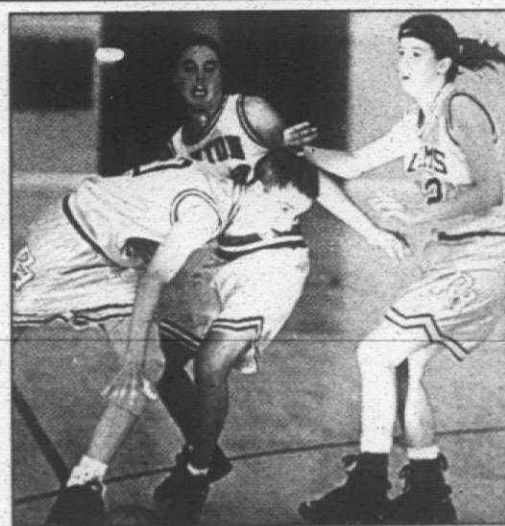
Mercy (2-1) didn't score in the second half until 2:44 remained in the third quarter. Brennan and Valade tried to keep it close, 32-28, but the Chiefs scored the last seven points of the period.

Kristin Lukasak and Fiorenzi extended Canton's lead to 43-30 in the fourth. That was the score when Marzolf fell hard on her left elbow. The Chiefs went to a spread offense but didn't score for almost five minutes. The Marlins got within five but the clock was the enemy.

"If I had to do it over again, I wouldn't do that," said Blohm of the spread offense. "(The Chiefs) were playing pretty well as they were, and I should have left them alone. I just wanted to see if we could open the floor and get to the basket."

Valade had 12 points to lead Mercy. Brennan finished with nine and Ashley Schumacher eight. Anderson and Tiffany Williams added eight apiece for the Chiefs.

"They played some fine half-court defense, and we were hoping to make it a full-court game,"



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Lane prevention: Canton's Melissa Marzolf cust off Adams' Mari McClure on Thursday.

Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "I had a bad sense as to how the game was going at halftime. I urged them to be patient, but some individuals wanted to go one-on-one against a team that wasn't going to give them any easy first shots. Our kids played with terrific intensity at the end. We just weren't as self-disciplined as we needed to be to execute the win in this game."

Mercy was 19-41 from the floor, 4-5 at the free-throw line. The Chiefs made 13-22 free throws and 17-48 field goals. "I thought the second half was our best half of ball this year," Blohm said. "We were consistent on the defensive end; we caught and passed the ball well which this team has to do to be successful."

SOCCER

Eagles soar to victory over struggling SC

When was the last time this happened?

Certainly not in recent memory — or even in the last decade. But Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has never played a schedule like this, either.

The Ocelots ran their winless streak to three-straight to start the season with a 3-0 loss at Eastern Michigan University Wednesday.

One might say SC has only itself to blame: defenseman Tim McCarley (from Livonia Stevenson), forward Victor Rodopoulos (Livonia Franklin) and defender Dave Binkiewicz (Franklin) all played at SC before joining the Eagles.

Mike Kley, a sophomore defender from Plymouth Salem, scored one goal for EMU. The Eagle defense was led by freshman defender Brian Zawislak (Livonia Churchill) and keeper Janelle Baldwin, who faced 36 shots. SC did not get a shot on goal.

Vesa Virtanen, a sophomore forward from Helsinki, Finland, accounted for two goals and an assist for EMU.

SC has now gone three matches without scoring, but fear not — the Ocelots have played two of the best teams in the NJCAA and an NCAA Division I squad.

Such experience should serve them well in the weeks ahead.

EMU 3, SC 0 (women): One team playing a full game, one team playing half a game. That about sums up what happened to Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team against Eastern Michigan Wednesday at SC. The Lady Ocelots slipped into a "defensive shell" and we struggled to get out of it the whole game," coach Nikki Johnson said.

The loss was SC's first after two wins. EMU is 1-0.

The Eagles led just 1-0 at the half, and that goal — scored by Denisha Franklin — came just two minutes before halftime. Andrea Zawislak (Livonia Churchill/SC) scored one of EMU's second-half goals; the other came from Tara Bilousius.

Johnson lauded the play of sweeper Susie Parrish (Plymouth Salem) and keeper Janelle Baldwin, who faced 36 shots. SC did not get a shot on goal.

Salem rolls past N'ville; Canton crushes Central

Nothing seems to have followed the script for Ed McCarthy in his first year as Plymouth Salem's soccer coach.

The Rocks lost a game they should have won to Redford Catholic Central, played Ann Arbor Pioneer to a scoreless tie — and then, last Wednesday, thumped what was expected to be a tough Northville team, 7-2 at Salem.

"After the CC game, I've been real pleased with our play," McCarthy said, his team now 2-1-1. "We played terrific against Pioneer, and against Northville we really finished well."

The scoring for Salem was well-distributed, and I was pleased about that," Andy Power led the Rocks with two goals and an assist, both his scores coming in their four-goal first half. Brett Konley and Ryan Konley also netted first-half markers.

Salem led 2-0 before Northville scored, Andrew Weyer narrowing the deficit to 2-1. But any hopes for a rally died quickly; the Rocks got three more goals, by Matt Sarkesian, Chris Konley and Tim Makins, in the first seven minutes of the second half to increase their lead to 7-1.

Josh Fair collected three assists for Salem; Sarkesian also had an assist. Adam Tibble got Northville's second goal.

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Ben Davis was in goal for the Chiefs, Nov. 2-1-1.

That game was a mere tune-up for this week's challenge. Canton played at state-ranked Brighton last Saturday, then hosts Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. tonight and travels to Western Division rival Northville Wednesday.

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Notedrift captured six of six games in the double-elimination tournament. Other wins came against Wiggins Inn (Ga.), 11-0; the Orlando (Fla.) Clippers, 8-5; Beach Bums (Fla.), 25-14; Good Old Boys (Fla.), 11-2; and Dixie Gas, 18-16. Their only loss came

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY C.J. RISAK
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If this was any indication of what was in store for this girls cross country season — well, put in for a pacemaker now.

Plymouth Canton's runners outmaneuvered those from Plymouth Salem, allowing the Chiefs to edge the Rocks, 26-29, in the dual-meet opener for both teams Wednesday at Cass Benton.

"It was a great race," said Canton coach George Przygodski. "It was extremely hot, so our strategy was to go out easy and then to run people down."

"They followed that exactly. The last 500 meters of the race determined the outcome."

Salem's Nicole Bolton was the overall winner (20:28).

Canton runners finished second (Beth Knight, 20:59), third (Becky Wolford, 21:28), sixth (Ariana Roy, 22:13), seventh (Christina Bradford, 22:16) and eighth (Jamie Vergari, 22:17).

The other Salem scorers were Kristie Giddings, fourth (21:32); Evelyn Rahhal, fifth (22:06); Ellen Stemmer, ninth (22:28); and Sarah Pratt, 10th (22:47).

"We're definitely ahead of where we were last year," said Przygodski, noting that he

had "everybody back from last year" and had added Roy, who won the 800-meter run at the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet last spring. This is her first time in cross country.

"She's making a huge impact," the Canton coach said, adding that others — such as Lori Schmidt — will also make an impression this season.

Salem, which edged Canton at the WLAA championship meet last fall, has the talent to challenge the Chiefs again, according to Rocks' coach Dave Gerlach.

"We came out on the short end of it this time," Gerlach admitted. "Przygodski packed them in, like he's supposed to."

"We'll see Canton five times this year, so we'll see."

As strong as Canton and Salem may be this season — Salem was third at the '95 WLAA finals and Canton finished fourth — they still may not be quite good enough to catch the top two teams.

Both Livonia Stevenson and Farmington have nearly everyone back, and they placed one-two in the WLAA last year, with Steven-

son getting edged by Troy Athens and placing second at the Class A state championship meet. Farmington was fifth at state.

"This is a tough league and a tough regional," said Przygodski, noting that both Stevenson and Farmington will be in Salem's and Canton's region. "Our intention is to move up, and to do that we're going to have to pass some people."

Among those people are the Rocks, and that's something Gerlach is not willing to let happen. Salem has lost three key performers from last season — Leah Retherford, Kim Sheldon and Liz Peltier — but there is plenty of depth to draw from.

Gerlach can also call on seniors Vanessa Bodnar and Kathy Josh, junior Erin Lang, and sophomore Becky Phelan. And there are four freshmen who are keeping the pressure on, too.

Asked if this season's team could match or surpass last year's, Gerlach replied, "I would hope so. I think we had a bad day (against the Chiefs). They underestimated what Canton could do. We just had some kids who didn't come ready to play ball."

With teams like Stevenson and Farmington on the schedule, such lapses in the future could cost dearly.

Greg Mitchell finished 12th (19:48); and junior Dave Rowe finished 13th (19:51).

"There's going to be some other guys who'll break in there, that'll be heard from," said Baker.

Other runners on his youthful team — just one senior — are freshman Jeff Chrzanoski, sophomore Jake Gray, and junior Andy Briggs.

None can match those lost to graduation: Scott Pengelly, Jason Barylski and Jared Bineicki. Barylski is running track at Eastern Michigan and Bineicki is running cross country at Cen-

tral Michigan.

Baker is hoping to get help from a pair of junior varsity soccer players who will compete in both sports: Nick Allen, a sophomore who was the Rocks' No. 3 runner last year; and Mike Shull, another sophomore who was the team's fifth- or sixth-best runner in '95.

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Salem doubles up Bishop Borgess

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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The giant continues to grow. Good news for Plymouth Salem fans. Bad news for the rest of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Undefeated Salem (3-0) doubled up on winless (0-3) Redford Bishop Borgess, 36-18, Saturday night in a game that showed how far the Rocks have come this season while at the same time displayed they still have a few things to work on.

"Our whole thing is to prepare for the season," Coach Fred Thomann said after his Rocks rolled to leads of 9-4, 16-8 and 23-13 at the end of the quarter stops en route to the victory.

It's one of the reasons Thomann likes scheduling tough opponents such as Bishop Borgess. Not to mention Thursday night's foe, two-time defending Class A champion Flint Northern.

You don't get better playing the Sisters of Charity. Not if you

have state ambitions. "As you work on the stuff you're working on," Thomann said in a bit of a Sparky Anderson-ian, "it's a great opportunity to find out if you're any good."

We know the Rocks are good. The question is, how good? Never mind the Spartans' record. They could compete in any league in the state. They might be Class C in enrollment, but they're Class A in talent.

"He'll get there," Thomann said. "He's a good coach. And the Rocks played very good defense against the Spartans. Merritt Walker did an excellent job of pushing Aisha Smith, the key Spartan post player, out or fronting her down low. Smith had problems all night getting the ball."

Smith and center Candice Finley scored just two points apiece for Borgess, which should have been just about as often as McDonald's runs out of burgers or fries.

Guard Christine Anderson scored seven points and Regina Respert five for the Spartans, who also got two from Tiffany Simon.

"Walker and Angie Sillmon keyed our defense," Thomann said. "Everything we did came off that."

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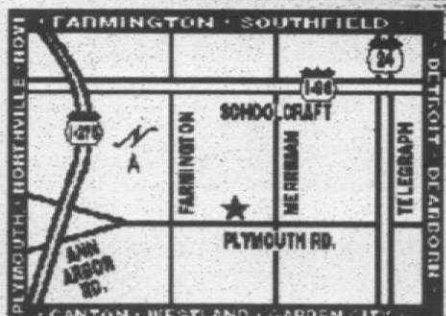
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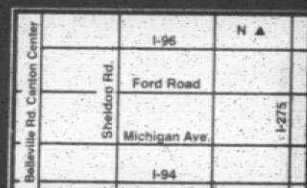


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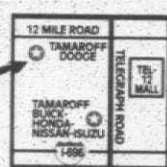
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