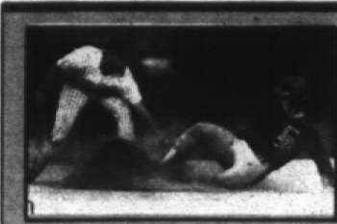


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Seeing double

Twin sets are getting to be commonplace in the Jim Kosteva residence. The 37th District state Democratic representative and his wife, Laura, are expecting twins — their second double bundle. Their children, Jessica and Adam, are 2 years old.

Months were dropping and cheers of excitement were heard at Canton Township Hall when election returns were coming in Tuesday night. No, it wasn't a victorious candidate. It was Kosteva telling friends about the new family members due in February.

Long day

Election worker Alex Jagodzinski described the long election day last week by taking a vote button with a smile face and turning it upside down.

"We walked in smiling," he said. "It was a long day and hectic."

"I don't think we were trained well enough before we went in," said Robert Pfister, chairman of the precincts Jagodzinski worked.

"Too many questions came up that you had to wait for an answer. We've been here almost 12 hours now," Pfister said last Tuesday night.

Another poll worker, after turning in election results, headed for the drinking fountain at township hall.

"I wish it was cold beer," she said, taking a sip. "But that's not what's coming out of it."

Election views

With less than 20 percent of the electorate bothering to vote in a highly contested primary with two tax hike proposals on the ballot, it was heartening to see some people make the effort.

In the 11th Precinct, poll workers were surprised to see a man on crutches, with casts on both legs, come in to vote.

After he finished voting, the man left, saying, "See you in November," a poll worker said. But at that time, the voter did not plan to have the casts or crutches.

Computer update

A sophisticated computer system is planned for Canton's new library, to open mid-September next to township hall on Canton Center Road. The new library will have 31,500 square feet.

But technology is quickly outdated, said James Gillig, Canton library board member.

"When we open the doors of the library it will be the most modern library in the state," he said.

A year later, however, new systems probably will be on the market and a lot of the technology will be outdated, he said.

Social time

The Canton Historical Society will cool off the summer doldrums with an ice cream social this weekend. The fifth annual ice cream social and arts and crafts fair is set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday next to township hall, Canton Center and Proctor.

A quilt from the 1800s and a 1/2-scale steam engine will be part of the activities during the social.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Shoppers filled Harvard Square shopping mall on the north-east corner of Ford and Sheldon one day last week.

Strip malls

More in works; residents say enough

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Drive through Canton and you'll find at least 19 existing shopping malls and seven more in the construction and planning stages.

Developers say supply and demand rule the market. Residents say they're sick of strip malls.

"A problem is when suppliers lose sight of the fact that demand has been satisfied," said Dave Nicholson, community development director.

"What we're experiencing is over supply," he said. "We have too much commercial development being built."

IN JULY 1987 the commercial vacancy rate in Canton was 11 percent, said John McLenaghan, Canton appraiser. By the end of the year it fell to 8 percent.

Canton had 420 shops in 1983, McLenaghan said. By 1988, the number of stores jumped 47 percent to 620.

Township officials say their hands are tied from stopping strip malls from popping up on commercially zoned land, Nicholson said. Lawsuits loom if they don't approve.

Since development runs in cycles, Nicholson added, the trend will probably correct itself. Market surveys will show saturation, he added.

"Banks can do what we can't, because banks can stop it," Nicholson said. "In the marketplace the banks want to know what the supply and demand is."

National Bank of Detroit looks for well-laid plans, said Vincenette Morganti, senior vice-president.

One reason for the mall trend may be that thriving subdivisions represent potentially large numbers of customers and that attracts retailers, she said.

"WE LOOK for pre-leasing in the form of anchor tenants — probably a large, well-established chain that will create traffic to a center," said Morganti, adding malls without anchors or themes have more difficulty surviving.

Demographics, growth projections and other similar nearby projects also play roles in the success of a mall, she said.

Using failed malls as a tax break is passe, Morganti said.

"Today, due to the changes in the tax law, the sale of tax losses are no

longer a viable investment vehicle and I don't think those types of deals are being done today," Morganti said. "Today investors are looking toward cash flow deals."

UNLESS YOU'RE on the far west side of the township, almost anywhere you go in Canton you can either see or walk to a shopping mall. Residents jokingly refer to the township as the "shop until you drop community."

"I think we are overloaded with them," said Carol Perrin, Canton resident and Sunflower Village association member.

"I would like to see other types of stores come in — like Jacobson's or something like that," Perrin said.

"Instead we keep getting more and more strip malls. The one's we've got aren't even rented and we still keep getting more. Most residents I talk to say they're concerned, because that's all we're getting and we already have so many."

Shopping malls result from a healthy suburban Detroit-area economy, said Dean Nelson, president of Dean Appraisal, Co.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A "Space Available" sign loomed at a mall on the northwest corner of Ford and Sheldon.

Trustee outspends both GOP challengers, still loses primary

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Canton trustee Robert Padgett outspent both his Republican challengers in a failing effort to win the township supervisor's seat.

Tom Yack, a teacher in the Wayne-Westland school district and a former Plymouth-Canton school board member, defeated incumbent Supervisor James Poole.

Padgett received \$4,500 in campaign contributions, according to campaign finance statements filed with the Wayne County elections commission. He spent \$3,333.

Listed among his contributors are Southfield developer J.A. Bloch Co., \$800; Gregory Donovan of Donovan Investments, \$500; Suri Harcharan,

owner of Omnicom Cablevision, \$250; Richard M. Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty in Oak Park, \$250; Aaron J. Jade, owner of Canton Softball Center, \$500; Kevin Frawley of Westland, \$500; assessor Glenn Shaw Jr., \$200; Donald Zdyrski, of Wade Trim, \$250; James Jabara, \$25; and Bruce Patterson, \$25.

Among Padgett's largest expenses was \$250 to rent a horse and buggy for the Canton Country Festival parade.

Poole obtained a waiver from the Wayne County elections commission, and was not obligated to file any financial information.

Waivers are granted to candidates who complete forms saying they do not plan to raise or spend more than \$1,000.

YACK REPORTED total receipts of \$3,450 and expenditures of \$1,766.

Yack spent \$1,250 of his own money. Among his campaign contributors were Canton dentist Jim and Sandy Gillig, \$200; Ford Motor Co. engineer Doug and Lynn Tomayko, \$250; Katherine Baldrice, \$25; and Frank McMurray, \$50.

The Gilligs entertained 50 guests at a wine and cheese fund-raiser for Yack, raising \$1,700. Yack received 45 contributions of more than \$20, and 70 contributions of \$20 or less. Jim Gillig serves on the Canton Library Board.

His largest expenditures were \$258 for printing for absentee mailings and the fund-raiser, and \$120 for lawn sign materials.

Money race was a draw in clerk bid

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Canton Clerk Linda Chuhnan and trustee Loren Bennett spent roughly the same amount of money in last week's clerk's race.

Chuhnan, seeking her second term, was defeated by Bennett in the Republican primary.

Bennett reported total receipts of \$3,400 in financial statements filed with the Wayne County elections commission.

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Strip mall polarization

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"With everybody working there's a lot of spendable money around," Nelson said. "When there's spendable money these stores will make it."

TWO YEARS ago the market was much slower, he added. "There was a lot of vacancies and not much activity," he said. "Everything seems to be filling up."

"I don't know when the bubble will break, but it's been going super," Nelson said. "I don't know what residents have against it, because it would make competition better and prices better and cut their tax burden too."

Selective Development has built extensive residential and commercial projects in Canton and Plymouth. "We made a conscientious effort

'A problem is when suppliers lose sight of the fact that demand has been satisfied.'

— Dave Nicholson
community development director

to be part of the community both from a residential standpoint and a commercial standpoint," said David Gans, Selective Development partner.

Location was a prime drawing card. Both communities have easy access to I-75, M-14, I-96, and Metropolitan Airport. "They're 30 minutes from everywhere," Gans said. "They're stable

communities to live in and a good place for people to conduct their business."

Ford Road is saturated with commercial development, Gans said. "They are on the verge of being overbuilt," he said. "We have elected not to develop on Ford Road. We see it as slightly overbuilt."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The only tenants at Djs Plaza are a dance studio and a video store. A party store on the site closed in December.

A glimpse of recently built or planned malls

Following is a glimpse of recently built or planned shopping malls:

- Center Square, Canton Center and Sheldon Center: 13,250 square feet. Selective Development, developer.
- Sunlight Plaza, Canton Center between Warren and Ford on the site of Dennis Market: 9,400 square feet.
- Golden Gate, second phase, Lilley south of Joy: 70,000 square feet. Nick and Ed Tufenkjian, developers.
- Cherry Hill Court, corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley: 79,800 square feet. Spartan Foods will be on 13,700 square feet with 2,400 for future off-

- Spartan Foods, developer.
- Gateway Plaza, Sheldon and Joy: 3,880 square feet, will include Amoco gas station and some retail space. Amoco and Hop-in Foods, developer.
- Sant Center, also referred to as Sheldon Corners, on Michigan Avenue and Sheldon: 7,600 square feet. Larry Sant, developer.
- Canton Corners, Lilley at Ford: 180,234 square feet. JFK Properties, developer.

Most of the existing malls are:

- 28,500 square feet; Licht/Karp, developer.
- Cherry Hill Plaza, corner of Haggerty and Cherry Hill: 10,550 square feet.
- Coventry Commons, south east of corner of Joy and Morton Taylor: 113,565 square feet; Nelson Development Co., developer.
- D.J.'s Plaza, Canton Center between Ford and Warren: 21,966 square feet; Karl Petrof Mak Co., developer.
- FDR Plaza, also known as Fountain Square, Ford Road near Haggerty: 19,380 square feet; Frank Essa, developer.

- F&M Center, southeast corner of Ford and Lilley: 72,984 square feet; Fox Group, developer.
- Grand Central Station, Ford Road west of General Cinema Theater: 50,400 square feet; Jon McCarty, developer.
- Harvard Square, northeast corner of Ford and Sheldon: 23,500 square feet — not including Kroger; Harvard Company, developer.
- Kennedy Plaza, north west corner of Ford and Canton Center: 11,500 square feet; Vince Domenico, developer.
- Lilley Road Shopping Plaza, also known as Canton Plaza, south-

- east corner Lilley and Ford: 21,600 square feet; Lake States Investment Co., developer.
- Meijer Thrifty Acres, southwest corner Ford and Canton Center: 185,000 square feet; Meijer Inc., developer.
- New Towne Plaza, northwest corner of Ford and Sheldon: 39,820 square feet; Ramco ershensens, Associates, developer.
- North Canton Center, north east Warren and Sheldon: 18,000 commercial and 9,000 office; Donald Summers, developer.
- Oakview Plaza, northwest corner of Plamer and Lilley: 6,000

- square feet; Nassib Souweidane, developer.
- Kings Row Plaza, north west corner of Warren and Lilley: 34,111; Peter Zerbo, developer.
- Pine Tree Plaza, on Joy between I-275 and Hix Road: 28,000 square feet; Bill Carmer, developer.
- Rohr Row, west Canton Center between Ford and Warren: 8,262 square feet.
- Rose Shores, Ford Road west of Haggerty: 22,400 square feet.
- Total Plaza, north side of Ford Road east of Canton Center: 11,500 square feet.

Receipts equal, but incumbent clerk loses

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Bennett's total expenditures were listed at \$2,648. Bennett was assessed \$30 for missing the July 22 filing deadline by three days. Bennett's contributors included Canton business owner Robert Card, \$500; Canton Softball Center owner Aaron Jade, \$500; Ornicom Cablevi-

sion owner Suri Harcharan, \$250; Southfield developer J.A. Bloch, \$500; Gregory Donovan of Donovan Investments, \$500; and Richard M. Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty of Oak Park, \$250. Bennett's largest expense, \$1,572, was for printing.

CHURHAN REPORTED receipts of \$3,475 and expenses of about

\$3,350. She spent \$2,550 of her own money. Contributors included assessor Glenn Shaw Jr., \$200, and real estate agent Richard Lewiston, \$60. A wine and cheese fund-raiser/graduation party held in June for Churhan raised \$925. Twelve donors gave Churhan more than \$20 each. The clerk's largest expense, \$977, was for advertising.

Clerk candidate Cynthia Burgess, unopposed in the Democratic primary, reported total receipts of \$700 and expenditures of \$317. Burgess loaned \$200 to herself, and was given a \$500 contribution by David Deniski of Canton Recycling.

Burgess reported spending \$317 on posters and assemblies.

CANTON TREASURER Gerald Brown spent \$1,305 in his successful re-election bid. He reported total receipts of \$1,500, all his own money.

Brown, a Republican who is seeking his second term, spent \$850 on posters, emery boards, pencils and rulers. Carol Bodenmiller, running unop-

posed on the Democratic ticket for Canton treasurer, received a waiver and wasn't required to file financial information. Waivers are granted to candidates who complete a form indicating they don't intend to raise or spend more than \$1,000 in their election bid.

Treasurer candidate Ruth Allegrina, who lost to Brown in the Republican primary, also was granted a waiver.

All of Canton's trustee candidates obtained waivers. They included Ed Rasmussen, Mattie Ostrum, Delmar Myers, Henry Whalen Jr., Honorio Orenca, Elaine Kirchgatter, John Prencicky, Bob Greenstein, John Shefferly, and Ralph Shufeldt Jr.

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Fallen limb cuts power for Canton

A tree limb knocked out power for 1,870 Canton customers Thursday night. Around 7:30 p.m., a tree limb hit a

power line at the Detroit Edison sub station near Joy and Hix and several electrical wires came down, said Dan Vecchioni, Edison spokesman.

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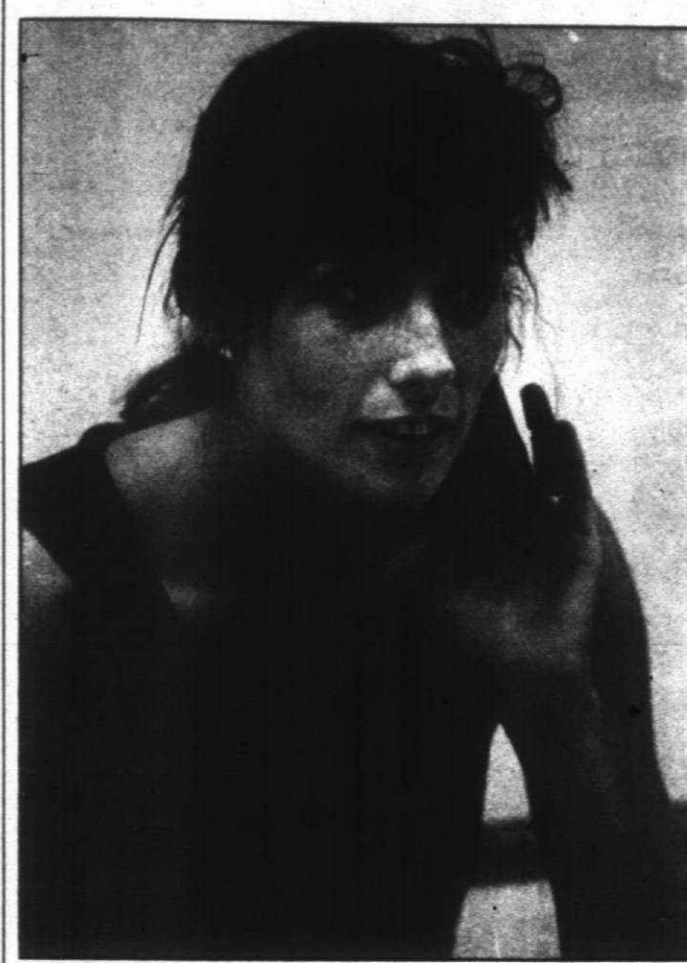
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Little feet, big steps

Young dancers perform with TV star

The call went out — children's performer needs some choreography and children to perform in area production. One child has to be animated and exactly 4 feet tall. Answering the call was LaDanse studio in Canton. The studio provided some of the talent needed for Bob McGrath's performance Saturday at Meadow Brook. McGrath, who is best known for his work on "Sesame Street," performed a singing routine for children. But he needed some help, said Nancy Whiteford, director of the dance studio. The connection between the local dance studio and a nationally known performer came about because of an instructor at LaDanse, she said. Instructor Laurie Zubele, who is

with the Harbinger Dance Company, was called upon for help. "They phoned her and asked if she'd be willing to choreograph some numbers for the production and provide some children as extras," Whiteford said. The answer was yes, and that's where the 4-foot-tall performer comes in. The show had a rabbit costume that could only fit a certain size child. Thirty children, 3 to 14 years old, were chosen for the production after auditions, Whiteford said. Five weeks of practice followed before they made their Meadow Brook debut. And dancing was only part of the act. Some of the students were

called upon to sing, juggle and walk on stilts, she said. The studio draws students from the Canton/Plymouth area and surrounding communities. And fortunately for Bob McGrath and "Sesame Street" fans, an animated 4-foot-tall performer wasn't too busy to act like a rabbit.



Jessica Snowden (left), Kelly Sturgill and Melissa Emory go through their routine.

Bar license pulled

But Rock stays open pending hearing

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has revoked the liquor license of the Plymouthrock Saloon. Commissioners Maxine Perry and Wallace Warner signed the order Thursday. LCC officials said Friday. But because of action taken by attorneys for the Plymouthrock and the LCC, the liquor commission is barred from enforcing or implementing the revocation. Plymouth Township last February asked the LCC to revoke the license on grounds that the bar has become a public nuisance. In anticipation of the license revocation, Plymouthrock attorney Norman Farhat Tuesday sought and obtained a restraining order in Ingham County Circuit Court. The order, signed by Judge James Kallman, prohibited the LCC from revoking the license pending a Sept. 21 hearing. The next attorney general's office the next day went to court on behalf of the LCC. Kallman modified his earlier decision, ruling that the LCC could revoke but take no action to remove the license pending an Aug. 31 hearing. "Isn't that nice? It's only the 5th of August," Plymouth Township prosecutor John Stewart said, upon learning of the revocation.

In anticipation of the revocation, attorneys for the saloon obtained a restraining order pending a Sept. 21 hearing.

board is contrary to law and not supported by the facts. "The township board has no legal right to determine an abatement of a public nuisance." "The action of the township board was arbitrary and capricious and therefore unconstitutional." "The action of the township board deprives (the bar) of its property without due process." "The plaintiff has invested thousands of dollars in its business, which is inherently dependent on the issuance of these licenses and permits and without which is worthless." "The procedures followed at (February's) hearings were so inherently biased and unfair as to be unconscionable to enforce by the taking of property." Farhat, who said he believes the Michigan Supreme Court should, and may, revamp the state's liquor laws, is asking the court to determine that the "board did not comply with its ordinance and that the request for revocation was unauthorized and should not be accepted by the LCC." Farhat also is asking that the township ordinance be declared unconstitutional because "it confers arbitrary and capricious action on the board, since the ordinance has no standards or guidelines in setting forth grounds for a determination of a public nuisance."

Judge grants Hillier bond

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Vera Massey Jones Friday granted an appeal bond for a Westland woman convicted in a drunk driving death in Plymouth Township. Bond for Yvonne Hillier of Westland, 21, was set at \$80,000. Dorcas Ruth Amann of Canton, 67, was killed in the head-on crash outside the Plymouthrock Saloon on Joy Road near I-75 in December 1986. Hillier, who'd been drinking at the Plymouthrock before the accident, is serving five years for manslaughter in connection with the fatality. "I have no idea how we are going to raise the money," said Hillier's mother, Marcia Middlebrook, Friday. Hillier's attorney, Carl Weideman of St. Clair Shores, planned to go

back to court this morning to try and get the appeal bond lowered, Middlebrook said. HILLIER IS appealing her conviction, hoping to convince the court there isn't enough evidence to prove she, and not her companion the night of the accident, was driving. No trial date is set. Discharged from the National Guard after the incident, Hillier plans to "spend some time with the family, and then get a job," after getting out of Colwell's Florence Crane Correctional Facility, Middlebrook said. Hillier was engaged to Chris Turnbull, 22, of Wayne before being incarcerated. Wedding plans are up in the air. "They'll have to get to know each other again, and wait and see how things are," said Middlebrook.

torneys are organizing a fund-raiser to be held in December at a Dearborn Elks Club to help defray legal expenses. No drinking or smoking will be permitted, something Middlebrook is doing to show young people they can enjoy themselves without using substances, she said. Mothers Against Drunk Driving and others have expressed outrage over the fund-raiser. Hillier's blood alcohol level was .20 the night of the accident. A blood alcohol level of .10 is considered legally intoxicated in Michigan. "We could get letters from her employer. Alcoholics don't work double shifts and show up on time every day," said Middlebrook. "But because her alcohol level was so high, the judge said she was an alcoholic," she said. "They served her way beyond the point (of being drunk). I hope they do close the bar so this doesn't happen to anyone else."

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Festival's board ousts group over political ties

By Doug Funke
staff writer

A group opposed to controversial teaching materials in the community has been bounced from its booth at Plymouth Fall Festival because it engages in political activity. Citizens for Better Education, founded in 1985, was voted out last week by the festival's board of directors. CBE had been approved for a booth in May. "When we approved them in May, their application stated they would be using money for a newsletter and to further research into educational materials," said Ken Holmes, president of the festival board. "We since have discovered money was used to finance campaign literature for political candidates," he added.

NOTHING IN the bylaws of the festival board would disqualify a political organization from having a booth due to its political nature. "We don't specifically ban political groups. We don't ban Eskimos,

2 township adults charged

Two young Canton Township adults and two juveniles from Westland were charged in the burglary of a home on Colony Road in West Bloomfield last Monday. A preliminary examination is set for 8:30 a.m. today.

Michael Harvey, 19, and his brother Daniel Harvey, 20, were arraigned Wednesday before 48th District Judge Edward Sosnick. Both stood mute and were jailed in lieu of

excursions

- TOLEDO TRIP**
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Travel and Tours will be offering a trip to Toledo on Thursday, Aug. 11. The price of \$37 includes the following: round-trip transportation via bus, admission to the Toledo Zoo (featuring the panda), boat cruise on the Ohio river, buffet lunch at an outstanding river-front restaurant and shopping at the Portside Shopping Center. For further information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.
- UPPER NEW ENGLAND**
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Travel and Tours will be offering an 11-day/10-night trip to New England and Nova Scotia. The tour date is Wednesday, Sept. 14, and the tour cost of \$919 includes the following: round-trip bus transportation, 10 nights accommodations, two breakfasts, one lunch, eight dinners, touring in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Nova Scotia, and much more. For further information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department, 455-6620.
- TIGER BASEBALL**
Canton Seniors are going to the ball game Aug. 17th. \$10.50-per-person charge includes round-trip motorcoach, and tickets for first-base-line seats. For more information, call 397-1006, Ext. 277.
- QUAKER SQUARE**
Canton Seniors are sponsoring a trip that will include visits to the Goodyear Rubber Museum, a tour of the Stan Hywet Mansion and a cruise on Portage Lake. The trip costs \$145 and includes transportation and one night at the Quaker Square Hilton. For more information, call 397-1000, Ext. 278.

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Candidates debate plant closing bill's merit

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Advance plant closing notice is still an issue in one local U.S. Congressional race, even though the bill has become law and even though both candidates support advance notice.

Nonetheless, the 2nd District race between Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and state Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, is heating up over the issue.

Pursell supported recent federal legislation that gave workers 60 days notice in the event of plant closings. Pollack has introduced similar legislation into the Michigan Senate — but Pursell criticizes that move.

"On this issue, she's dead wrong. It's going nowhere. She did it for effect," Pursell said. Pollack, however, sees it differently.

"The question is," Pollack countered, "Are you going to follow the band or offer leadership? I took the lead."

Pollack's bill was introduced June 9 by President Reagan vetoed a trade bill containing the plant closing provision. It requires 60 days notice to Michigan workers facing plant closings or large-scale layoffs.

Though Pollack's bill remains before the Legislature, it isn't certain it will receive action.

Pursell, a seven-term incumbent, and Pollack, a two-term state senator, are competing in a district that includes Plymouth Township, Plymouth and northern Livonia.

"Meanwhile, the issue isn't an issue in the nearby 15th District, home of Rep. William Ford, the plant-closing bill's original sponsor.

Ford, D-Taylor, said President Reagan's decision not to veto the bill this time is "not based on a change of heart."

"He realized he didn't have enough votes to sustain a veto the second time around, and he's trying to save George Bush's skin," Ford said. "He wants to get this issue out of the public's mind long before November elections."

Burl Adkins, a Republican facing Ford in the November race, said advance notice is "good to have. It's just unfortunate it has to go through the legal process."

"The only problem I have with it that Conroy had reported to work, only to find his employer had folded the company without advance notice to employees."

"This isn't unique. It happens all the time. But the whom-oh is the same each time. It doesn't get any easier," Conroy said. "At least, each time it happens, it doesn't get any worse."

Conroy originally moved to Michigan in 1960 for a job with a Detroit-works. It was the fourth time in 28 years.

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is that somewhere down the line 60 days doesn't become six months," Adkins said.

The 15th District includes southern Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Canton.

It is more of an issue in the 17th District. Incumbent Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, supported the plant-closing bill and called Pollack's efforts "most appropriate."

"A lot of people, some Democrats but mostly Republicans, got on board in the last few months when it became overwhelmingly clear this was popular with the public," Levin said.

But Dennis Fiesland, his GOP challenger, expressed fears plant-closing notice "will put U.S. industry at a competitive disadvantage in world markets."

The district includes Redford Township. Pursell said Pollack's bill "is a real mistake for Michigan. It would put us in a real bind with neighboring states as far as getting new businesses to locate here. We should be

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Pursell said he switched positions because the 1985 version of the federal bill called for 90-180 days advance notice, depending on the number of employees involved in a plant closing.

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points of view Fortunes found on Main

Even the American Consul at Panama does not hesitate to aid in swindling the unsuspecting who rely on him as one whose duty it is to protect him and his rights.

Young Collins Kellogg, the Plymouth resident who went to California during the Gold Rush days, was implying that America's representative in Panama was in cahoots with the shifty steamship firm that carried him and his riches to San Francisco.

The ship's name was "Clarissa." The travelers signing up for the trip were told that the passenger list would not number more than 100. They later found that 140 were aboard. They were also told that sufficient provisions for the 90-day trip, and a physician would be aboard.

"THE PROVISIONS were not sufficient for a voyage of 45 days. Not only was there no physician, there was not even medicine for ordinary sickness. Add to this," Kellogg wrote in his diary, "the abuse of a captain who was a fit subject of an insane asylum. The above is but one instance of many of a similar nature which thousands can attest."

Somehow the ship made it to California, sighting the coast off Monterey about three days before arriving in San Francisco harbor. It was now near the end of June, 1850. Kellogg had left Plymouth on March 7 and Panama City on April 24. The closing entry in his manuscript is a lyrical, if somewhat overblown, tribute to the Golden State.

"Here was something to dispel the monotony incident to a long sea voy-



past and present
Sam Hudson

age, where no exercise for mind or body are found except a reflection on the great and wonderful works of nature, as displayed by a view of the world of waters overhung by the stupendous canopy of heaven, studded with worlds innumerable and shining with a more than diamond brilliancy," he wrote, without pausing to catch his breath.

"We had seen many fish of various kinds and sea fowls in abundance, but these did not interest like a view of the mountains, forests and plains covered with roaming animals and the waters of the Bay, covered with a greater variety of birds and vessels which spoke plainly of the residence of man. We received a pilot on board and passed through the straight (sic), or as it is styled, the Golden Gate, which indeed is a beautiful sight, and anchored in fair view of the city at 10 a.m. on Sunday."

Conner was 20 in 1848 when gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill. A few years later, he and Fralick went to Ohio to join a wagon train of prospectors on their way to California. Conner dug for gold for four years, but, like most others, never made his fortune there.

In 1856, the year of the Main Street fire, Conner returned to his mother's farm in Plymouth, traveling back on a sailing ship by way of Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America. When he was 27, he bought a hardware store at the corner of Main and Sutton from Henry Bennett.

Like Collins Kellogg, Conner had had a taste of fortune hunting and adventure and was ready to settle down. Conner's hardware store was to be a landmark at that corner for the next 87 years.

Medicine helps duffers

IN MY long-ago childhood, a usual Saturday night dinner guest was an Aunt Nettie," fortunately not a blood relative. She worked as a secretary to the richest man in our little town, but suffered terribly from migraine headaches. What a pity that medical knowledge hadn't progressed to the point it has today, or at least as I see it emphasized by headache specialist Dr. Ronald S. Bennett.

The Farmington Hills doctor's specialized neurological practice has led him to open clinics in Redford and Dearborn, and it was because of a dear friend named Marda Benson, an educational executive of quite some note in her younger days, that I became a captive audience in listening to tapes of his technical discourse.

Only then did I learn that those beastly migraines can be hereditary, which prompted me to say I'm glad "Aunt Nettie" was not a blood relative. Dr. Bennett says that even those who are afflicted can be treated and taught relaxation techniques for relief.

I have read that headaches are one of mankind's oldest complaints, that ancients even drilled holes in skulls with stone instruments to cure them by letting the "evil spirits" out. I think that was the process used upon me the first night I overindulged at a University of Michigan freshman 7,000 years ago.

The more intent I became in listening to Dr. Bennett's tapes, the more scary it became personally. Stuff like loss of memory, semitonia, scintilla, numbness in the limbs, night-time leg cramps, ailments like that.

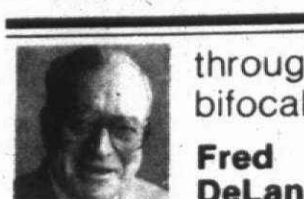
Hell's bells, it sounded like he had been appointed staff doctor for a 19th Hole seminar of our Silver Duffers golf group.

Please understand, this is not meant to scoff at Dr. Bennett or his profession. More likely, it's an admission that there's truth in the old saying, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." You see, as I sit here typing this, I know I have beaten the odds in many ways. If you think you have a symptom of a disease, please go to a physician.

But I was born with one. Maybe several. Most interesting medically is the fact that I am that one in a million—people born with the heart on the wrong side of the body who live to age 70 and beyond. My righteous discipline keeps me in the ball game. After I cross the finish line, the cadaver will give the U. of M. Medical School.

Because I search for a reason to laugh in every situation, and because memory lapses are common topics among my peers, let me steal a yarn from Judd Arnett who used this in 1986:

"The story is told of Tim and Maggie who were at home one summer's eve and he said, 'Maggie, old dear, wouldn't it be nice to have some ice cream?'"



through bifocals
Fred Lano

cream?" "O, it would be lovely," she replied.

"Indeed," he said, "So I think I'll walk to the store and get a pint of vanilla."

"That is the best idea you've had all week, Timothy," she enthused. "Wait a minute and I'll write it down."

"You don't have to write it down," he replied. "Heaven's to Betsy, Maggie, I can remember to get a pint of vanilla ice cream. And while I'm at the store I might as well get some chocolate sauce, and we can have a chocolate sundae."

"Timothy," she murmured, "what a wonderful man you are. Just one more thing, while you're at the store, why don't you get a small can of peanuts, and then we can hear what we used to call a Tin Roof."

"But you'd better write it all down, Maggie warned."

"Now," he said, "I can remember vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce and peanuts. I have everything fixed in my mind."

"Maggie put small dishes and spoons on a tray, then tuned in her favorite television program. She forgot about Timothy and his errand."

"He returned just as the program ended and put a dozen eggs in the middle of the kitchen table. Maggie looked at the eggs, and then at Timothy, and she said, 'Dear, you forgot to bring the bacon.'"

Dr. Bennett, you're welcome to play with the Silver Duffers any week you wish, but don't forget to bring your golf clubs.

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• TOUGH LOVE
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Area workers affected by early plant closings

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based company. Reporting to work the first morning, Conroy learned the company closed two days earlier while he was busy moving wife, daughter and furniture from Massachusetts to Plymouth Township.

HE AGAIN FOUND himself out of work when, after 10 years with another Detroit firm, the company moved to Tennessee with no advance notice.

He was left jobless a third time when the Livonia supermarket where he worked closed.

"They just filed chapter 11 and shut down," said Conroy who had been employed as a baker for six years. Conroy is now completing a course

in truck repair and maintenance at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Chris Deeg, 30, and Bill Brent, 33, worked in the of Seven-Up warehouse, Deeg for eight years and Brent for nearly 10.

"It was a lousy deal," said Deeg of the way in which he and Brent discovered they no longer had jobs.

"We went to work Jan. 22 and they told us to get lost." Both men lost out on limited retirement benefits, available after 10 years employment.

FOR BRENT, the search for a new job is made more difficult because he is deaf and unable to speak. Schoolcraft College provides an interpreter for him in class.

In contrast, Cadillac Motor Car gave employees notice in December 1986 that its Clark Street assembly plant would be closing one year later.

James Eastman, 25, and wife Sheryl, 22, both worked for Cadillac.

They had time to "pay off all our bills, plus six months in advance. Then we started looking for schools for retraining," James said. He expects to complete the course at Schoolcraft Sept. 2 and then will begin looking for a new job.

"Advertise that in the paper for me," he said with a laugh.

The truck maintenance course is one of five specialized automotive courses aimed at dislocated workers.

Schoolcraft also offers retraining in Insurance Billing, a 200-hour program completed in 10 weeks, and Optical Dispensing, a 100-hour program completed in 12 weeks.

For more information on course cost and enrollment, call 591-6400, Ext. 475.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Leo Conroy of Plymouth Township (front), who has seen four jobs disappear without notice, works toward a new career at a Schoolcraft College program designed for workers whose companies have closed or moved. Instructor Ron Burroughs assists.

SC to start mail-in registration

Mail-in registration for Schoolcraft College continuing education courses will be conducted Aug. 15 to Sept. 19.

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Many kinds of lettuce to choose

Not so long ago, when you and I were little kids, before the days of McDLTs, radicchio and Boston bibb, Mamma would venture to the store and look for large, solid heads of iceberg lettuce. Occasionally, she would notice some different, expensive varieties folks would call romaine and leaf.

Nowadays, a trip to the produce section has us choosing not just between the old standards but also some tasty varieties like buttehead, mache, purple leaf, escarole and endive.

Today, lettuce can be seen not just in a salad but topped on burgers, stuffed in pita, tossed with taco ingredients, made into soups and used as a garnish on everything from cottage cheese to shrimp cocktails.

It is believed that the growing of lettuce may date back as far as 4,500 B.C., because depictions of lettuce-like leaves were found in ancient Egyptian tombs.

THE ANCIENT Greeks and Romans had a high esteem for lettuce, as evidenced by, 1., Hippocrates' praise for its medicinal value and, 2., the erection of an altar and statue in honor of lettuce by Augustus Caesar, who believed that it had brought about a cure from an illness.

Columbus brought lettuce seeds with him on his second voyage to the Caribbean, where the early cultivation of this crop led to the development of a Puerto Rican variety that was grown later by the first colonists. The first lettuce planted in California and the West Coast was brought there by Spanish padres.

However, commercial lettuce production did not get underway till the early 1900s in what is now California, the "lettuce capitol" of the world. The rapid growth of lettuce production is due largely to the development of refrigerated railroad cars and storage facilities that made it possible to distribute the fresh vegetable across the country.

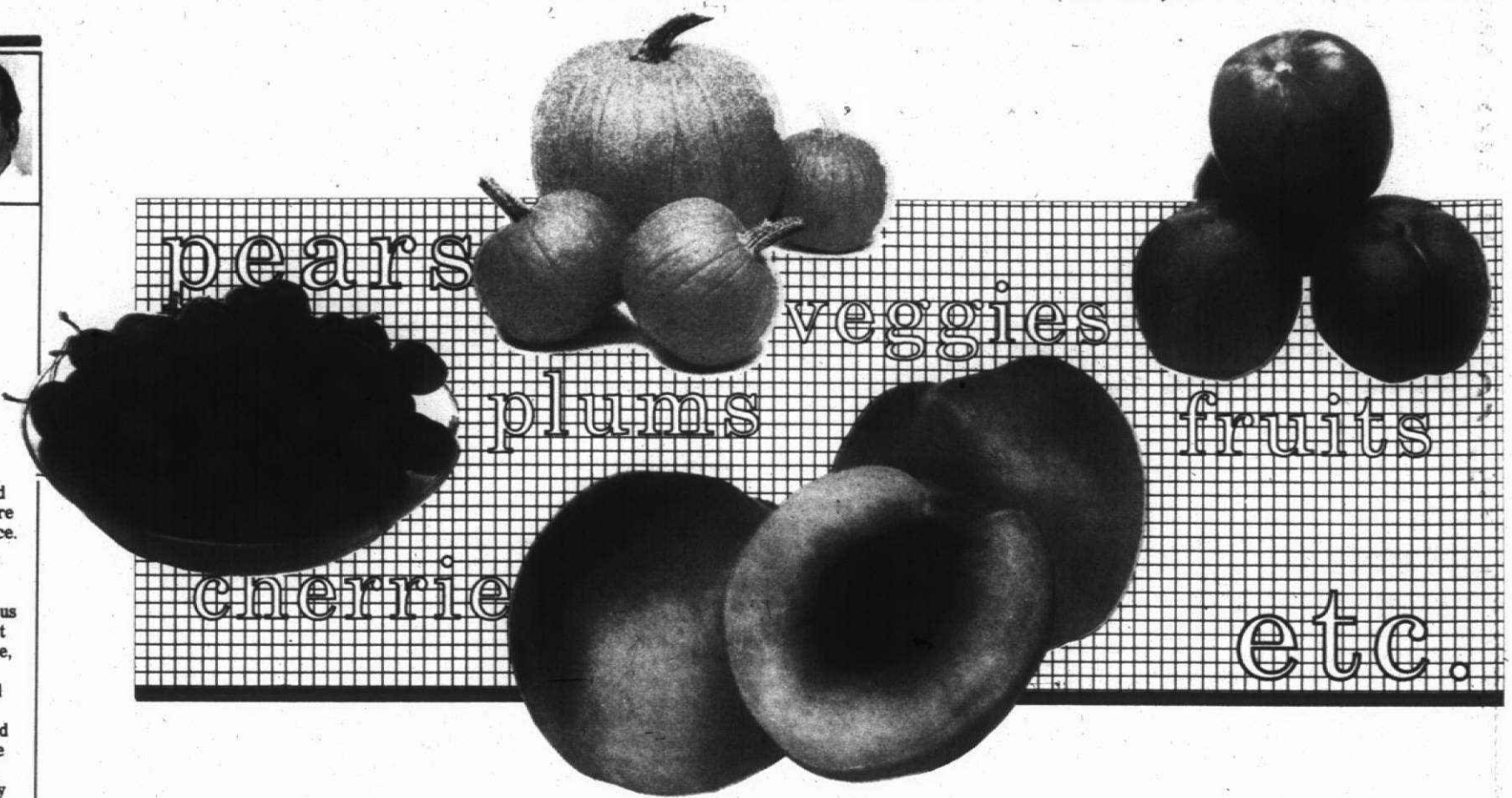
Lettuce requires a cool, mild weather for optimal growth. It can be grown in warm weather in as little as 60 days or during the winter months, for up to 120 days. Lettuce is processed immediately for shipment simply by packing in boxes (usually done right in the fields) and then trucked to refrigerated coolers for storage before shipping.

It is processed to a very limited extent, mainly because it can't be frozen or heated without becoming limp and losing much of its appeal.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING to purchase the best lettuce, look for good quality that is clean, crisp and tender. The heads should be fairly firm to firm, and free from a rusty appearance, which can cause quick decay.

All types of lettuce have a high water content (94-96 percent) and are exceptionally low in calories. A one pound head has about 56 calories.

The darker the green in color, the richer the lettuce is likely to be in nutrients. A darker color will mean a greater amount of iron and vitamin A and more folic acid than other types.



Summertime: master canner saves the best

By Geri Rinschler
special writer

IT'S DIFFICULT to say right now how the canning season of '88 will be affected by the lack of rain. But one thing is for sure, it will be educational.

If you've already begun to put up any fruits or early summer vegetables, you've undoubtedly noticed that the frequently irrigated crops are ripening ahead of schedule.

Some early vegetable plants may have dried up in their early growth stages and may arrive late since many optimistic farmers planted a second early crop. The good news is that the crops being harvested now are generally sweet and full of flavor.

Sound confusing? If you've recently been bitten by the canning bug or are a veteran canner, don't fret. Your friends and family will be enjoying summer fruits and veggies into the winter.

With some careful planning, advice from a master gardener-master canner and some tried-and-true recipes, you'll be well on your way to stacking the pantry shelves with fruit preserves, fruit butter and jam.

BEFORE THE FIRST official canning jar was patented by John Mason in 1858, fruits were preserved with sugar.

As Mrs. Beeton comments in her famous cookbook, "Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Man-

agement" (1861, Exeter Books, New York): "Fruit is a most important item in the economy of health; the epicurean can scarcely be said to have any luxuries without it; therefore, as it is so invaluable, when we cannot have it fresh, we must have it preserved."

That certainly isn't the case in the 1980s, with exotic and domestic fruit being transported through the air daily. During a summer with a normal amount of rainfall, economy often plays an important role for many who preserve fruits and vegetables.

A more compelling reason to can or preserve is that foods grown locally are generally harvested at the height of their flavor and freshness and often sold the same day at farmers' markets and roadside stands, a luxury which commercial food outlets can't provide.

Although fruit preserving may not be as complex as low acid and high acid vegetable canning, it's not a subject to be taken lightly. A simple blend of sun-kissed peaches and plum sauce or the mixture of berries, raisins and nuts simmered into a spicy conserve can add a sophisticated culinary touch to any repast. But fruit preserving, like all other culinary techniques, varies from cook to cook as proportions vary from cookbook to cookbook.

SO WHAT BETTER way to locate the best techniques and recipes around than by consulting someone who has mastered the subject.



DUANE BURLESON

Barbara June of Troy, a master gardener-master canner, ladles a batch of jam into jars.

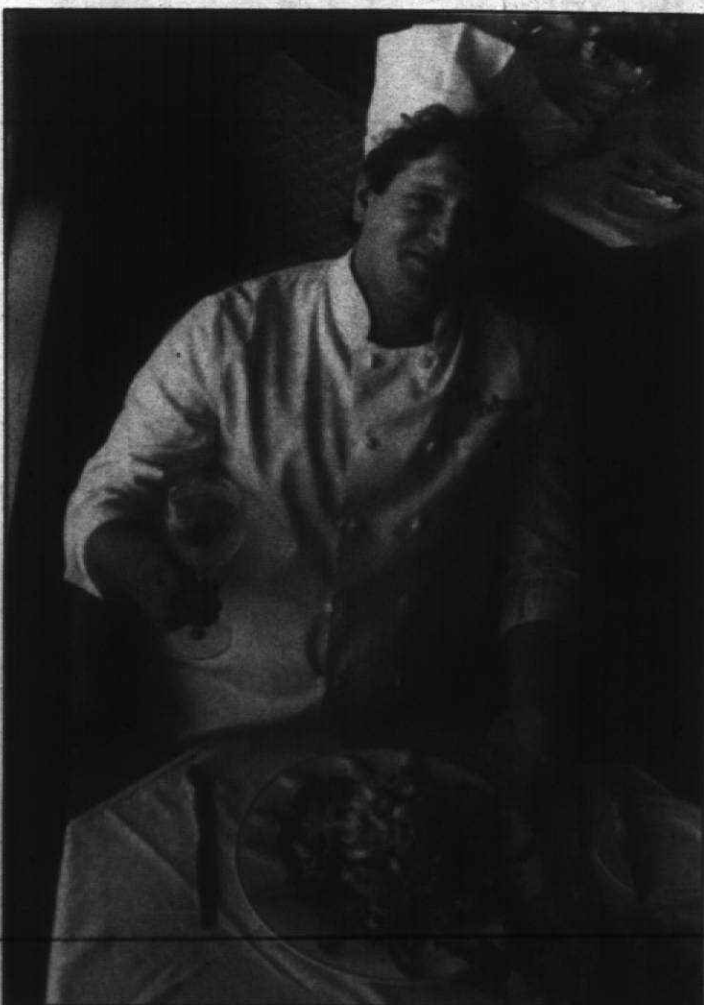
Barbara June began her gardening career as a young girl living on the east side. Before moving to Troy more than a year ago, with her husband and two young children, she decided to increase her knowledge on the science of food preservation through a master canner program given by the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University in Mt. Clemens.

"I needed to learn more about food preservation for two reasons," she said. "My family loves eating fruits and vegetables. When I freeze and can, I don't have to worry about running to the grocery store at all hours of the day, I can start a sauce at nine in the evening, because I have the ingredients on hand."

The other, equally important reason is, "This way I can also control the amount of sugar my family eats."

See recipes, 2B.

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Chef Patrick Hanna of the Benchmark restaurant at Southfield's Michigan Inn recommends his Hot Chicken Salad Diane.

These salad days bring on delicious ways with greens

By Michele MacWilliams
special writer

For as long as man has existed on this earth, we have included green leafy vegetables in our diet. Salads have been around for centuries, accompanying meat and grains, or on their own as a main course.

We all know that salads are good for us. They provide fiber and are an important source of many different vitamins and minerals. Best of all, green, leafy vegetables are low in calories. But especially now, during this long, hot summer, we may begin to grow tired of the same old lettuce-tomato-cucumber-croton type salad. So after all these centuries, what can we do to spice up the old traditional salad?

Many things, says Chef Milos Cibicka of the Golden Mushroom restaurant in Southfield. The chef personally dislikes traditional head or iceberg lettuce, deeming it too sweet and bland. He also says leaf lettuce is not suitable for salads; it is better off lining plates or used as a garnish.

Instead, Chef Milos prefers bibb lettuce, Belgian endive or chicory. These greens have more body and taste, although some people may not like their somewhat strong, slightly bitter flavor. These people, he says, may prefer Boston lettuce or butter lettuce.

See recipes on 2B.

FOR THE particularly adventurous, arugula is an Italian green which looks like radish leaves. A trendy salad ingredient, arugula — or rocket as the French call it — has a very pungent taste and aroma. Chef Milos admits that this vegetable takes some getting used to. However, it is gaining popularity with food trend followers.

Radicchio, an Italian lettuce that resembles red cabbage but is actually much more tender, is also an interesting salad addition. With a taste similar to that of Belgian endive, it is now grown in the U.S.

All this greenery, the chef says, is usually available at the Eastern Market in Detroit. We also checked a local Great Scott! supermarket and found its produce section stocked with Belgian endive, escarole, chicory, romaine, red leaf lettuce, hydroponic butter-lettuce, fresh spinach, bibb lettuce and radicchio. The store also offered other interesting salad ingredients, such as sweet red peppers, china peas, bok choy, celery, cabbage and dried tomatoes.

But traveling to the supermarket isn't necessary if you know what to pick right in your own backyard.

Chef Milos says another popular and pretty salad addition is the edible flower. He recommends trying nasturtiums, impatiens, dandelions and squash flowers. Some flowers are not edible and the chef suggests steering clear of other varieties besides those he mentioned.

If you're a gardener, planting some mache, or corn salad, in autumn can make for an interesting salad right into the winter. Mache is characterized by its small leaves that can be harvested even after the snow falls.

HERBS CAN BE good in salads, too. A fresh sprig of basil, parsley or tarragon adds aroma as well as flavor.

Another salad ingredient gaining in popularity is the dried cherry. Chef Milos plumps them first in boiling water before adding the tart fruit to his Golden Mushroom house salad. Dried cherries can be found in many supermarkets and are a trendy new item used by many restaurants in the Traverse City area during its summertime cherry festival.

Executive chef Michael Hanna of the Michigan Inn in Southfield uses a number of unusual ingredients for salads in his Benchmark and Bistrot restaurants. Among his favorites: Belgian endive, sun-dried tomatoes and fiddlehead ferns.

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Master canner saves the best

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"My kids don't usually eat the sugar and water ice pops. They eat frozen applesauce pops which I make during the apple season," June said.

SHE FOUND the cooperative extension program to be extremely helpful with the techniques she now uses in all her food preservation cookery.

"The course is really great." Participants attend 18 hours of classes and lectures. "In the class I attended," June said, "a different topic was covered each week — jams and jellies, freezing, pickles and relishes, pressure canning, water bath and drying."

Keeping up to date with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the area of food preservation is vitally important. The Macomb County Cooperative Extension Service, as well as the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, distributes these recommendations along with recipes and canning techniques. They're most often at local farmers' markets during the growing season.

Of all the preserves, jam is probably the simplest to prepare, and blueberry is the favorite of the June family. After crushing the fruit, it's mixed with sugar, seasoned and then reduced to a thick mass.

June is very careful about buying fruit. She generally goes directly to the fruit farms in Romeo and Armada or to farmers' markets.

"I USUALLY CHECK before

trying a new source to see if the farmer has children because that generally assures me that since they also eat the product, the pesticides which were used would be safe enough for his own children to eat," June said.

This year especially, she will ask to taste the fruit before buying any large quantities, to check for flavor as well as for wateriness. Besides buying fruit for conserves, jams and butters, June freezes berries, melon balls, and sliced peaches and plums to keep on hand for salads and baking all year long.

For these fruits, she usually rinses and sorts out the berries, removes the stems, then places them in rows on a cookie sheet. She stores them in the upright freezer. June uses ascorbic acid rinse on the sliced fruits, ap-

plying the same technique. When fruits are frozen, she moves them to heavy, plastic freezer bags.

On her freezer shelves they will be accompanied by cauliflower, broccoli, beans, green beans, corn, cabbage, tomatoes, apples, pears and saucers. This is enough to keep June busy a few days a week during the high growth season.

For warm salads, Chef Hanna also likes to use wild mushrooms. Another favorite is Jicama (pronounced hickama), a Mexican potato that tastes similar to a water chestnut.

INSTEAD OF using bottled dressings, both chefs suggest making your own. Homemade dressings can be altered to suit your tastes and they don't contain the additives, preservatives and food coloring found in commercial dressing. Try one of the dressing recipes accompanying this article to add a new flavor to your next salad.

Greens that go with salad days

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He sometimes gets creative by adding grape leaves, artichokes, hearts of palm, fresh ginger, green chilies and occasionally a turnip or two.

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Both chefs provide salad recipes using some ingredients you may be unaccustomed to, and some traditional ingredients in unusual combinations. Try their suggestions, or experiment on your own. Salads are easy, nutritious and now they can be exciting.

CHEF PATRICK HANNA'S MICHIGAN INN HOT CHICKEN SALAD DIANE (for two)
1 double chicken breast, skinned and boned
chardonnay wine (enough to cover chicken breasts in saucapan)

Salad Ingredients:
2 cups romaine lettuce washed and chopped in 1-inch squares
1 cup savoy cabbage shredded
½ cup diced Granny Smith apples
½ cup sliced nuts (canned or fresh) pitted and halved
¼ cup jicama peeled and diced

Dressing:
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons fresh, chopped bacon bits
2 teaspoons ground caraway seed
¼ cup walnut oil
¼ teaspoon white pepper

Place chicken breast in saucapan and cover with chardonnay wine and simmer about 15 minutes until white and tender. Remove breasts and reserve liquid. Mix salad ingredients with dressing, cut chicken into strips and toss with the salad. Pour a small amount of the hot poaching wine over salad to slightly wilt salad. Serve immediately. Serves 2.

CHEF MILO'S INDIAN SALAD WITH CURRY DRESSING (6 servings)
Salad Ingredients:

¼ cup chutney strained
1 head chicory or 3 heads Belgian endive
4 oranges, sectioned
1 red onion, sliced into rings
¼ cup shredded coconut

Curry Dressing:
¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup salad oil
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 tablespoon dijon mustard
1 clove garlic, mashed
1 teaspoon salt

Wash and drain greens and break into pieces and place in large salad bowl. Pour dressing over and toss. Garnish with orange sections, onion rings and coconut. Serves 6.

CHEF MILO'S CIEHLKA'S CALYPSO DRESSING
1 quart mayonnaise
26-ounce can chili sauce
1 teaspoon crushed garlic
1 tablespoon black pepper
¼ cup vinegar
Combine all ingredients

GOLDEN MUSHROOM'S LIME DRESSING
8 raw egg yolks
5 ounces lime juice
salt, msg, tabasco to taste
3 cups olive oil
1 cup coffee cream

Put yolks in mixing bowl, moisten with juice and add seasonings. Beat in oil, then add cream and lime rind. Strain.

How to select fruit for canning

For more information on the master canner program write: Macomb County Cooperative Extension Service, 11th floor, County Building, Mount Clemens 48043, or call 469-6430.

Oakland County doesn't have an ongoing program but would start one if enough requests are made.

A \$15 home study course is available through the Oakland and Wayne Cooperative Extension Services. For further information call 858-0904 in Oakland County.

In Wayne County, call the County Cooperative Extension Service at 721-8565.

Call the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service's Food Preservation/Food Safety Hotline 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 858-0904 or the Wayne County, 831-0845 in Wayne.

By Geri Rinschler
Special writer

When shopping for fruit, keep in mind that it should be ripe but firm. Before tasting, check to see if the fruit has a nice aroma. Apricots, peaches, plums and berries are best for jams, fruit butters and preserves.

Jam is a simple blend of cooked fruit and sugar, a pureed fruit spread that generally contains brown sugar. A conserve is a cooked fruit mixture containing nuts and raisins.

Fruit jams can be diluted with brandy or other fruit liqueurs and be used as a sauce for a pate, to bake poultry white roasting or to coat a fruit tart. Conserves can be served like a relish to accompany any meat or poultry entree.

SINCE ALL fruits contain natural pectin in varying amounts, not all jam or marmalade recipes employ additional pectin. Generally, for every cup of fruit in a jam or jelly recipe, ¼ of a cup to 1 cup sugar should be used.

If fruit is underripe it will be high in acid as well as in pectin. Tart apples, citrus fruits and cranberries have high amounts of pectin. Pectin like ascorbic acid is available wherever canning equipment is sold, most often in the grocery or hardware stores.

When cooking a jam, conserve or butter you may want to remove the excess layer from the top surface with a spoon. This usually will cause

the product to become cloudy.

When making a jam or jelly, it's best to test for jelly. Barbara June, master canner, recommends the sheet test. During canning season, she keeps a clean tablecloth in the refrigerator.

LOOK FOR the jam to be translucent. It should be thick enough to mound.

To be extra sure, take the refrigerated spoon and hold horizontally 8-10 inches above the pot while cooking. After a minute or two, a few drops will form on the spoon and move together to form a sheet. It is then ready.

Although many jam and conserve recipes don't specify cooking the filled jars in a hot water bath, June recommends doing so.

"This way, I know that the bacteria has been cooked out and I have peace of mind when giving them as gifts for the holidays."

This is also necessary when you don't use paraffin as a sealing agent. "I was very concerned about having hot wax on the stove when my husband was young because wax burns so easily."

TO PREPARE a water bath, use an enamel-coated canning pot. After packing hot sterilized jam jars and leaving the amount of head space required by the recipe, fill the canner halfway with water. Bring it to a simmer over medium heat.

Set the jars in the canning rack, lowering the filled rack into the simmering water. Fold in the handles. Make sure the jars are covered with about one inch of water. Cover, bring to a boil and process according to recipe.

Remove and drain. Allow to rest and cool according to the recipe.

"Never use old lids, buy new ones each year," June said. She prefers either Mason or Ball wide-mouth jars and lids.

There are not very many new cookbooks to recommend as good sources for information on technique. "The Blue Book," published by the Ball Corp., is sold in stores where canning equipment is found. Or write the Ball Corp., Consumer Products Division, 345 S. High Street, Muncie, Ind. 47302.

The book "Preserving," the Good Cook Time-Life Series, 1981, still available at local book stores, explains technique excellently. Since it is seven years old, you may need to check recommendations on pressure-canning and hot water bath canning for meats and vegetables.

Organize a no-fuss picnic

Summer is a favorite season for many reasons, one being picnics at the lake, local parks or backyard. Summer is a time for friends and family to gather together in the sunshine, warm air, listen to ball games, sounds of children playing and good food packed in a picnic basket. Make a picnic a moveable feast without the fuss.

Picnics need to be well organized so you have everything you need and that no one goes home with food poisoning. Make a checklist of food and equipment you'll need for the occasion. If possible, pack two baskets, one for food and one for beverages. The reason being the beverage basket will be opened more frequently on a very hot day, and this will warm the other foods.

Never leave the food in the sun. Keep the basket closed and well cooled with ice. Use foil wrapped over newspapers for insulation. Label the food packages so everything need not be opened before using.

CONSIDER BUYING freezable ice packets. Use them and/or plenty of ice cubes to keep food well chilled. You can never have too much ice on a hot day. If you're using a vacuum bottle for cold foods, chill it before adding food. For hot foods, use boiling water to heat inter-

rior before adding hot food.

MAKE CLEANUP easy. Moist paper towels, washcloths or dishcloths with water and store in a plastic bag. When sticky fingers appear you'll be ready. Remember to take along a first aid kit, sunscreen, aspirin and bug repellent. Picnics have a way of making these supplies necessary.

If sandwiches are on the menu, pack all the components separately and assemble at the picnic area. This eliminates soggy bread. Pack the dressings for lettuce salads separately. For a moveable Mexican feast, cube leftover meatloaf, pack tortilla chips, shredded cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes and hot sauce. Everyone makes his or her own lunch.

For a simple dessert, freeze grapes in plastic bags. When you're ready to leave for the picnic pack the frozen grapes. Serve them; they will still be chilled and delicious. Make giant-size cookies for picnics. Cookies satisfy that sweet craving without becoming a melted mess.

QUICK BREADS made with fresh fruits are also easy to take along. Bake an extra loaf next time you make banana, nut, rhubarb, strawberry or blueberry quick breads. These can be served along



Lois Thieleke home economist, Cooperative Extension Service

with cream cheese, sliced cheese or fresh fruit with no mess. Let your refrigerator brew the iced tea while you are at work or asleep. Place teabags in a jar or pitcher, fill with cold water. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. Remove teabags and it's ready to serve — no fuss. For a picnic, freeze the beverages in large plastic containers. The frozen liquids will help keep the other items cold.

No matter what you plan to eat, exercise caution especially when using grills. Be careful of leftovers if there is no ice left and it's still very warm. Two hours out of refrigeration or cooking temperature is long enough for any food. Don't take chances eating the leftovers. They aren't worth a trip to the hospital.

Summer is meant to be enjoyed, whether you are cooking and eating indoors or outdoors. Make foods that are simple, but delicious. Nobody wants to spend time in a hot kitchen cooking or cleaning. Picnics should be casual, free-spirited and relaxed. To be enjoyed.

ELIMINATE THE mess of buttering corn on the cob at the picnic. Fill a large quart jar with hot water, add 2 sticks of butter. Let this stand in the sun to melt. When the butter melts, put a cob in the jar and pull out slowly. The butter will float on the top of the water and coats the corn perfectly.

For easy side dishes and not pots to wash, place frozen vegetables in foil, top with favorite seasoning and seal tightly. Cook on the grill, turn occasionally. Serve in the foil.

Peel tomatoes; chop fine. Combine with cream cheese, ricotta, garlic salt and pepper. Wash lettuce, pat dry. Place ¼ of tomato cream mixture in each lettuce leaf and stack mixture, alternating lettuce leaves with cream mixture. Wrap in plastic wrap, chill, cut into slices, serve with French dressing.

STEAMED FISH IN LETTUCE
4 small fillets of any fish

Picnics vary from peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to cheese and chappagne. Choose foods that are easy to handle with the least amount of drag-along equipment. It is simpler to prepare the food at home, and pack it in a basket than flip hamburgers or baste chicken on a grill.

Whether you are cooking and eating indoors or outdoors. Make foods that are simple, but delicious. Nobody wants to spend time in a hot kitchen cooking or cleaning. Picnics should be casual, free-spirited and relaxed. To be enjoyed.

Chef Larry's recipes with lettuce

LETTUCE CREAM SOUP
3 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
4 cups rich beef stock
1 cup chopped watercress
3 tablespoons butter
¼ cup finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons green pepper
1 small clove garlic, minced
¼ teaspoon dried tarragon
2 tablespoons parsley
dash nutmeg
salt and pepper to taste
2 egg yolks, beaten
¼ cup heavy cream

Place lettuce in a kettle with the

beef stock and chopped watercress. Sauté onion, green pepper, garlic, and herbs in butter until soft. Add to stock mixture. Cover, bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Beat egg yolks with cream, whisk in ¼ cup hot soup. Return to rest of soup, whisking in slowly. Reheat but do not boil. Adjust seasoning to taste.

LETTUCE AND TOMATO CREAM SALAD
3 large tomatoes
1 package (8-ounce) cream cheese
1 cup ricotta cheese
2 cloves pressed garlic

Place lettuce in a kettle with the

salt and pepper to taste
1 large head lettuce
1 cup bottled French dressing

Peel tomatoes; chop fine. Combine with cream cheese, ricotta, garlic salt and pepper. Wash lettuce, pat dry. Place ¼ of tomato cream mixture in each lettuce leaf and stack mixture, alternating lettuce leaves with cream mixture. Wrap in plastic wrap, chill, cut into slices, serve with French dressing.

STEAMED FISH IN LETTUCE
4 small fillets of any fish

¼ cup butter/margarine
2 tablespoons lemon juice
4 large lettuce leaves (any variety)
3 cups white wine or broth

Wash and pat dry fish fillets. Combine butter/margarine with lemon juice and spread over top of fish. Place each fillet in a lettuce leaf and wrap to cover completely. Bring wine or broth a simmer and using a vegetable steamer, place wrapped fillets on steamer rack. Cover and steam gently for 8-10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Enjoy.

Brie cheese heightens taste of veggies

AP — Using Brie to make a cheese sauce gives it the flavor of fondue. It's great with steamed broccoli, cauliflower or brussels sprouts.

BROCCOLI WITH BRIE SAUCE
4 cups broccoli florets
1 tablespoon margarine or butter
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
Dash white pepper
2 ounces Brie cheese (rind trimmed), cubed
1 tablespoon dry white wine

Place steamer basket in large saucapan; add water to just below basket. Bring water to boiling. Place broccoli florets in steamer basket. Cover and steam 10 to 12 minutes or until crisp-tender.

For sauce, in a small saucapan melt margarine. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add milk all at once. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly; cook and stir 1 minute more. Add Brie, stir over low heat until melted. Stir in wine. Carefully remove steamer basket from pan.

Transfer broccoli to warm serving bowl. Pour sauce over broccoli. Makes 5 or 6 servings.
Nutrition information per serving:

101 cal., 5 g pro., 6 g carbo., 7 g fat, 15 mg chol., 178 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 25 percent vit. A, 73 percent vit. C, 11 percent riboflavin.

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SPICY PEAR BUTTER
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6 pounds (or 12 medium) pears, peeled, chopped
1 ½ cups sugar
¼ cup lemon juice
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
4 cups firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup port wine
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Combine pears, water and lemon juice in a Dutch oven. Cover and cook over medium heat for about 30 minutes. Drain and mash pears. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and continue cooking. Bring to a boil and cook 1 minute stirring constantly. Pour over fruit, mix and stir for 3 minutes. Pour quickly into hot sterilized jars or frozen food containers, leaving ¼ inch headspace. Cover at once carefully so as not to scorch. Pour hot pear mixture into sterilized jars

Combine water and pectin in a small enamel or stainless steel saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook 1 minute stirring constantly. Pour over fruit, mix and stir for 3 minutes. Pour quickly into hot sterilized jars or frozen food containers, leaving ¼ inch headspace. Cover at once carefully so as not to scorch. Pour hot pear mixture into sterilized jars

Remove pits from plums. Do not peel. Grind fruit finely in food processor. Measure ½ cups peaches and 1 cup ground plums in a large bowl. Combine fruit, lemon juice and ascorbic-citric powder. Add sugar to fruit, mix well. Allow to stand 10 minutes.

Combine water and pectin in a small enamel or stainless steel saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook 1 minute stirring constantly. Pour over fruit, mix and stir for 3 minutes. Pour quickly into hot sterilized jars or frozen food containers, leaving ¼ inch headspace. Cover at once carefully so as not to scorch. Pour hot pear mixture into sterilized jars

leaving ½ inch headspace. Cover jars at once with metal lids - screw on metal bands tightly. Process in boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

BARB'S PEACH-PLUM FREEZER JAM
¾ pound fresh plums
1 pound peaches, peeled and chopped
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 ½ teaspoons ascorbic-citric powder
½ cup sugar
¼ cup water
1 ¼ ounces powdered pectin
4 tablespoons sherry

Combine orange and water and cook in Dutch oven about 30 minutes until tender. Add cranberries, sugar, raisins and currants. Slowly bring to a boil, stirring occasionally until sugar dissolves. Then cook rapidly for 8 minutes, stirring frequently as it thickens.

Place chicken breast in saucapan and cover with chardonnay wine and simmer about 15 minutes until white and tender. Remove breasts and reserve liquid. Mix salad ingredients with dressing, cut chicken into strips and toss with the salad. Pour a small amount of the hot poaching wine over salad to slightly wilt salad. Serve immediately. Serves 2.

Put yolks in mixing bowl, moisten with juice and add seasonings. Beat in oil, then add cream and lime rind. Strain.

clarification

Scallions was missing from the list of ingredients, in a recipe with the recent story on the Florida dishes

served at the Key Largo restaurant in Walled Lake. The correct amount is 1 cup minced scallions.

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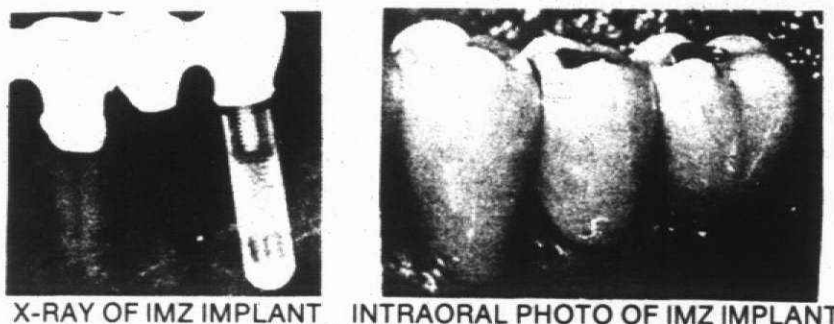
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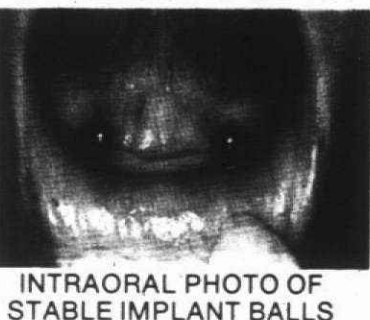
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The classes of 1968, Saturday, Nov. 26. Information: Mary Williams at 837-5880.
NATIVITY: The class of 1968, Saturday, Oct. 15, Starlight Hall. Information: Bill Kircaldy at 247-0589.
OAK PARK: The class of 1978, Saturday, Sept. 10, Radisson Hotel, Southfield. Information: Oak Park High School at 548-0209 or 6679 Heather Health Lane, West Bloomfield 48322.
OSBORN: The class of 1968, Saturday, Nov. 5. Information: Sue at 977-2643.
The classes of 1963, Saturday, Nov. 12. Information: Barbara (Monday) Kave, 465-7057 or Carol (Durke) Gause, 254-6668.
OUR LADY OF LOUDES RIVER ROUGE: The class of 1943, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. Information: Dorothy Moshier at 661-9030 or Della Duprey at 582-4426.
OUR LADY OF SORROWS: The class of 1968. Information: Megs at 981-1512 or Gina at 455-1196.
The class of 1963, Saturday, Oct. 15, Meadow Brook Country Club. Information: Fran (Thornton) Firek at 348-6613 or Pat (Keegan) Clapper at 681-1627.
PERSHING: The class of 1948, Saturday, Nov. 5, Imperial House Hall. Information: Billie Campbell at 375-9783 or 953 Wildwood, Rochester 48309.
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PINKNEY: The class of 1978, Saturday, Aug. 20, Marion House, Howell. Price: \$35 per couple or \$20 per person. Information: Kim (Wilson) Rule at 227-5783 or Sandy Vuy at 546-0558.
PLYMOUTH: The class of 1968, Saturday, Aug. 20, Novi Hilton. Information: Larry Olson at 452-2434 or 455-0451.
PLYMOUTH SALEM: The class of 1978, Saturday, Sept. 17, Sheraton Oaks, Novi. Information: 1 (312) 397-0010.
PONTIAC NORTHERN: The class of 1978, Saturday, Aug. 20, Guest Quarters Hotel. Information: Jeff and Chris Hendrickson at 899-3359 or Charlene Diehl at 474-2396.
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The classes of 1964 and January 1965, Saturday, July 8, 1989, Plymouth Hilton Inn. Information: Ann (Shields) Smedley at 689-6815.
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The class of 1973, Saturday, Sept. 3, Airport Holiday Inn, Romulus. Price: \$20. Information: 366-9040 or 227-6856.
ROCHESTER: The class of 1978, Saturday, Sept. 3, Club Monte Carlo. Information: Michelle at 651-9653 or Kelli at 651-1516.
ROCHESTER ADAMS: The class of 1978, Saturday, Aug. 20, high school gym. Information: Janet Stuckel at 643-3530.
SOUTH LAKE: The classes of 1961-63, Friday, Nov. 25, Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. Information: Penny at 445-9509 or Judy at 652-5478.
The class of 1968, Saturday, Oct. 29, Club Monte Carlo, Utica. Information: Barbara Pike at 524-1727 or Debbie Hanna at 828-7589.
SOUTHEASTERN: The class of 1958, Saturday, Oct. 22, Van Dyke Park Hotel, Warren. Information: Joe Gualtieri at 774-4600 or 885-1448.
The class of 1938, Friday, July 29, Best Western-Van Dyke Park Hotel, Warren. Information: 773-8820 or P.O. Box 1171, Mt. Clemens 48046.
The classes of 1963-64, Saturday, Sept. 17. Information: 776-7528 or 882-5924.
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The class of 1963, Saturday, Nov. 26, Northfield Hill. Troy. Information: Gary Lichtman at 642-7444 or Denise Bartlett at (616) 342-5421.
The class of 1963, Saturday, Aug. 27, Sheraton Oaks, Novi. Information: Joe Andrews at 354-3672.
SOUTH LYON: The class of 1978, Saturday, Sept. 10. Information: Noreen (Rynkiewicz) Samples at 261-7316 before 5 p.m. or Pat (Delties) Gow at 477-3488 after 6 p.m.
THURSTON: The class of 1978, Saturday, Nov. 26, Sheraton Oaks Hotel, Novi. Information: Gina (Ortale) Cullen, 962 Lincoln, Grosse Pointe 48230 or 882-5177.
The class of 1968, Saturday, Aug. 13, Novi Hilton Inn. Information: Lorna Rau Durand at 459-8373 or Chris Thomson Bastian at 229-7276, both after 4:30 p.m.
The classes of 1957-58, Saturday, Oct. 22, Mama Mia Banquet Hall, Livonia. Information: (1957) Shirley (Shember) Wood 474-1708 or (Laurel) Wood White 261-1336, (1958) Henry McCurry at 421-0739.
UTICA: The class of 1978, Friday, Aug. 26, Imperial House, Fraser. Information: 981-0652 or 739-8519.
The class of 1968, Friday, Aug. 19, Petruello's, Troy. Information: Larry Merritt at 731-4000.
VISTA MARIA: All-class reunion Saturday, Aug. 27. Information: 271-3050 Ext. 182.
VISITATION: All-class reunion Oct. 7 at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Information: Tom Watters, 478-8385.
WALLED LAKE WESTERN: The class of 1978, Saturday, Nov. 26. Information: 349-2134 or 737-2805.
WARREN: The class of 1978, Saturday, Oct. 29, Van Dyke Park Hotel and Conference Center, Warren. Information: Lynn Kuesner at (312) 251-8988 or Marty Papk at 642-9406.
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WAYNE: The class of 1968, Saturday, Nov. 25, Fellows Creek Golf Club, Canton. Information: Darlene Hawley at 598-3479 or Dorothy Shaw at 477-1760.
WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH: The class of 1963, Saturday, Nov. 5, Roma's of Livonia. Information: Donna Beyer at 729-9706.
The class of 1968, Saturday, Nov. 12, Westin Inn, 9405 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Information: Shila (Tooze) Hall at 455-9689, Pat (Fowler) Raymo at 728-6716 or Marshall Grace at 728-1122.
WINSHIP ELEMENTARY: The classes of 1964-66, Friday, Nov. 25. Information: Beverly (Brand) Scharg at 626-4915, Phyllis (Shawn) Jarvis at 851-3862 or 4284 MacQueen Drive, West Bloomfield 48053.
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Craig Stockard of the Lakers protects the puck from Mark Issei of the Wildcats, but Issei and Company came out on top in Thursday's MSHL playoff game, 6-4. The Wildcats will play the

Spartans in the Bakes Conference semifinal at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Plymouth Ice Arena. The other semi is slated for 7 p.m. Monday; the league final 7 p.m. Wednesday.

SVSC lineup includes many ex-area stars

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

football

Northern Michigan's first football season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was an auspicious one. The Wildcats went unbeaten in four conference games, posted a 10-2 overall record and reached the NCAA Division II semifinals where they lost 13-7 to Portland State.

So what does coach Herb Grenke have planned for an encore? "Our goal," he said at Wednesday's GLIAC football-volleyball media day, "is to be the most improved team in the country."

Using last year as a yardstick might make improvement seem like a lofty aspiration. But consider this: NMU returns 16 starters who earned mention on the all-GLIAC team last year.

AMONG THOSE returning is the conference player-of-the-year, senior tailback Steve Avery, who rushed for 1,300 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. Also back are six members of the all-GLIAC first-team defense.

Everything considered, it's little wonder NMU is a heavy favorite to repeat as champion. The Wildcats earned five of six possible first-place votes in the coaches' preseason balloting. Hillsdale was picked to finish second and got the only other first-place vote. Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley State tied for third, with Ferris State fifth and Wayne State sixth.

Although NMU has a devastating lineup returning, other league members also have some all-GLIAC performers coming back. SVSU's offensive line will be anchored by 6-foot, 250-pound senior guard Doug Mac, a Wayne Memorial grad and two-time first-team selection.

THE CARDINALS will need the strong blocking provided by Mac, sophomore Don McAnelly (6-2, 240), from Troy Athens, who returns at center, and sophomore Rick Forsythe (6-2, 242), from Redford Catholic Central, who returns at guard. SVSU must break in a new quarterback and replace the third and fourth best rushers in the GLIAC in '87.

There are seven returnees on defense, including part-time starter Mike Korzetki (6-4, 240), a senior defensive tackle from Wayne Memorial. Brian Tiller (5-8, 165), a sophomore from Plymouth Salem, is slated as a possible starter at strong safety after filling the cornerback position a year ago.

The kicking game is in the hands of senior Chris Piazza (Westland John Glenn). Piazza connected on 16-of-17 extra points and six-of-12 field goals, scoring 34 points in '87.

WAYNE STATE finished dead last in the GLIAC a year ago, winless in four games. The Tartars plan to improve, with a stronger defense anchored by senior defensive tackle Tony Beaune (6-5, 248) of Livonia Stevenson, a second-team all-GLIAC member last year, and senior nose-guard Marty Altounian (6-0, 240) of Livonia Bentley, honorable mention all-league in '87.

"He's a great talent," said WSU coach Joe Horn of Beaune. "I think he can be one of the best in the league. He's beginning to think there's no one around who can block him."

As for Altounian, Horn said, "Marty's just an excellent player. He's really coming into his own." The line and a strong secondary will carry the defense. The linebacking was weak a year ago and might not be much better. Which means senior cornerback Craig Pasini (Rochester) will see plenty of action. Pasini is filling his third position in three years; he's also played strong and free safety.

"PASINI'S A potential all-conference player," said Horn. "Cornerback should be his best position. He can cover."

On offense, WSU has its quarterback, junior Mike Grennier, returning (unlike four of the six other GLIAC teams). One of his main targets will be diminutive senior wide receiver

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Upsets mark hockey playoffs

Upsets remain the rule in the Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs. Last Monday the Spartans, 3-8 during the regular season, sent the Bulldogs, the first-place finisher in the Bakes Division at 9-2, to the sidelines with an 11-7 thumping.

On Wednesday at the Plymouth Ice Arena, it was the Wolverines turn. During the regular season, they had managed just one win (in the final game) and a tie in the Eagle Conference. Their opponent was the first-place Huskies, 9-1-1 during the regular season.

The result was hardly predictable. The Wolverines skated to a 4-1 lead after one period and stayed in front throughout, posting a 9-6 upset.

THE VICTORY means both fourth-place teams have reached the league semifinals, while the regular-season champs are out of the playoffs. On Thursday in the second Bakes Conference semifinal, the third-place finishing Wildcats upended the second-place Lakers 6-4 at Wayne Ice Arena.

The second Eagle Conference semi, matching the second-place Falcons and third-place Broncos,

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was last night. A Bronco win would mean the top four teams had all been eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

In the Wolverines upset, three players scored two goals apiece. Keith Pietila was the most productive, adding three assists. Matt Wiljanen had one assist to go with his two goals; Jim Storm was the other multiple scorer.

Joe Ahmet collected three goals and an assist and Mike Kneiding added a goal and two assists for the Huskies. Both will be seniors at Livonia Churchill this fall.

THE WILDCATS battled back from a 3-1 deficit after one period to beat the Lakers, and they did it in a 1:20 span of the second period. In that time, the Wildcats scored four unanswered goals — two by Mike Jorgensen, who also assisted on

another. Jorgensen finished with three goals and an assist.

Tim Olschanski added a goal and two assists and Sean Flynn got three assists for the Wildcats. Rob McDonald paced the Lakers with two goals and two assists.

The Wildcats, who now have won six of their last seven games, play the Spartans in the Bakes Conference final at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Plymouth Ice Arena. The Eagle Conference final will be at 7 p.m., with the Wolverines meeting the Broncos-Falcons victor.

The winners will meet in the league championship game at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth. The league champ will then travel to Chicago to meet the Windy City Summer Hockey League playoff winner in the two-game, most-goals Summer Challenge Cup Aug. 13-14.

Mercy rule gets lots of NABF use

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

baseball

Without doubt, Adray Appliance was the class of the Detroit Adray Baseball League this summer. Appliance finished 30-5, 10 wins ahead of the second-place finisher, and followed that by sweeping through the playoffs with three straight victories.

And yet, as impressive as that record is, Appliance is an underdog — a big underdog — entering the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) regional that starts Wednesday at Ford Field.

The reason is simple: Johnny's Auto Sales of Baltimore is coming to town.

This is no minor league operation. Johnny's is the defending AAABA national champion. Its roster usually consists of players who get drafted by major league teams.

"THEY ARE a big-time organization," said Stu Rose, who coaches Appliance with Bob Atkins.

Rose also coaches baseball at Redford Union, where Atkins is the athletic director.

"Most of (Johnny's) kids will be drafted. They were in scouting us last weekend — that's the kind of budget they've got. They've played about 76 games this summer, which means they will have played about twice as many as everyone else."

The team's general manager is Walter Youse, who also serves as chief scout and director of player personnel for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Other than its imposing record, Rose knew little about Johnny's, other than its left-handed attack ("They've got a great left-handed

pitcher and nine left-handed hitters").

HE'LL FIND out quickly enough. Appliance and Johnny's meet in the regional opener at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Ford Field. The third team in the double-elimination tournament is Jammers from Columbus, Ohio. The Jammers drew a first-round bye; they'll play the Appliance-Johnny's winner at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ford.

The loser of game No. 1 will then meet the loser of game No. 2 at approximately 5:30 p.m., with one team being eliminated. The final round will begin at 2 p.m. Friday.

The regional champion earns a trip to Johnstown, Pa., for the AAA-BA national tournament.

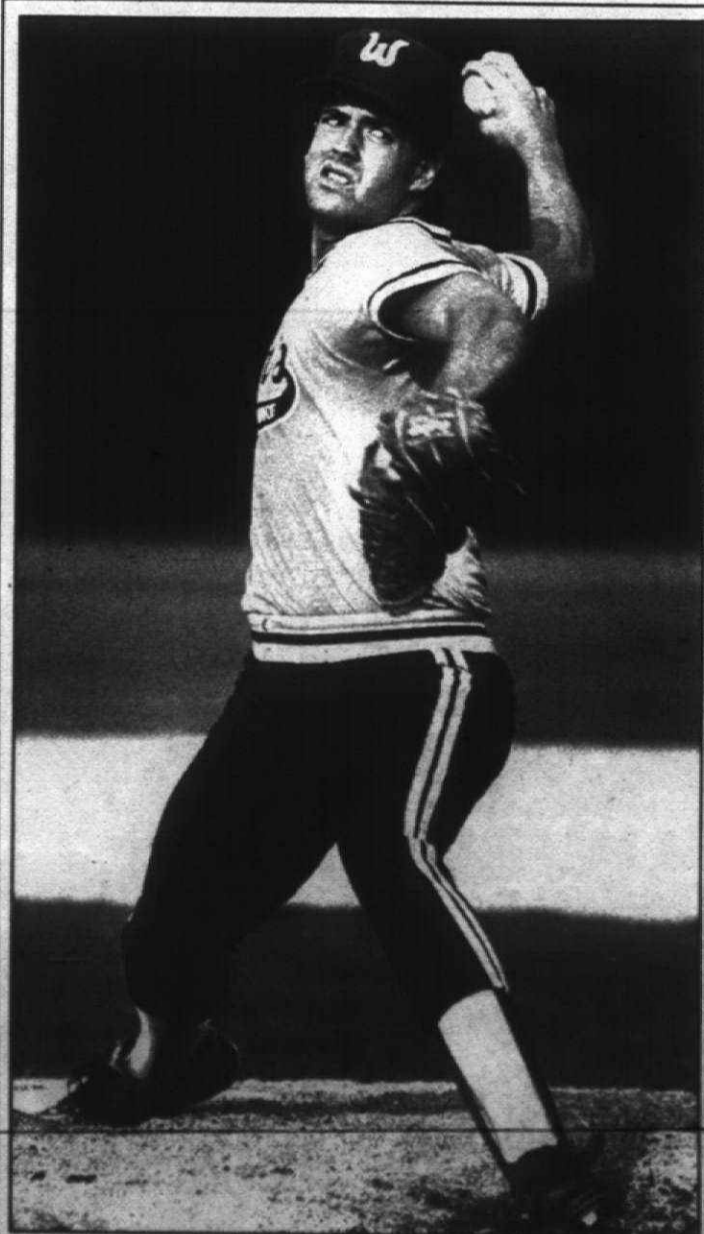
ALTHOUGH THE odds may be stacked against his team, Rose likes Appliance's chances.

"Our team's forte is hitting," he said. "We can really hit the ball. We have good batting averages for the No. 1 batter to the No. 9."

"Plus, we've got a great double-play combination in (shortstop) Dennis Bushart (from University of Detroit and Redford Union) and (second baseman) Jim Givens (Kent State). They can turn almost any ground ball into a double play."

Leading the attack is third baseman Greg D'Alejandro (Arkansas), who has been the team's most consistent long-ball threat. He led Appliance in homers and runs batted in

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STEVE FISCH/staff photographer

Joe Mackiewicz was the winning pitcher as Walter's beat Macomb 17-1 in the first round of the NABF tournament.

Appliance has underdog role

Close games were the exception as the mercy rule got a lot of use in the early rounds of the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament at Livonia's Ford Field last week.

Three of the first four games were lopsided contests, with the two Livonia Collegiate Baseball League entries, Walter's Home Appliance and Tom Holzer Ford, coming away unscathed.

Those two teams, the only unbeaten ballclubs after four games, played at 5:30 p.m. Friday, but the storm that dumped heavy rain on the metro area forced postponement of the game.

Walter's and Holzer Ford were to resume play at 11 a.m. Saturday, with Walter's holding a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Brian Smolinski and John Knittel opened the bottom half of the first inning with back-to-back singles for Walter's, and both eventually scored. Smolinski raced home on a wild pitch, and Rick Karcher's double knocked in Knittel.

WALTER'S STARTED the tournament Thursday with a 17-1 trouncing of Macomb. The only tight game among the first four was a 5-3 victory by Detroit Renaissance over Brecksville (Ohio) later Thursday.

Holzer Ford, which drew a first-round bye, thumped Renaissance 15-4 Friday, and Macomb knocked Brecksville out of the tournament with a 17-7 shellacking Friday.

Brett Loomis pitched a one-

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hitter over four innings to earn the victory for Holzer Ford, 25-10. He struck out five and walked none before Bill Bragg came on and worked the last three, allowing three hits and four runs.

Holzer Ford's 15-hit attack included a trio of three-hit performances. Kevin Ritter and Rick Tavormina were 3-for-4 and Paul Newitt 3-for-5. All three had two RBI, also.

In addition, Steve Hirschman was 2-for-5 and Keith Dutkiewicz 2-for-4. Both had one RBI.

Walter's broke open its game with Macomb when it sent 13 batters to the plate and scored nine runs in the fifth inning, boosting its lead to 14-1.

DERRICK DOWLING was 5-for-5 as Walter's collected 12 hits. Knittel and Tony Aiken, who had a double and a triple, had two hits apiece, and Micky Katschor reached base five times — three by walk, once with a hit and once by error.

Winning pitcher Joe Mackiewicz went five innings and scattered five hits. He walked three and struck out the same. Rob Knapp worked two innings of relief.

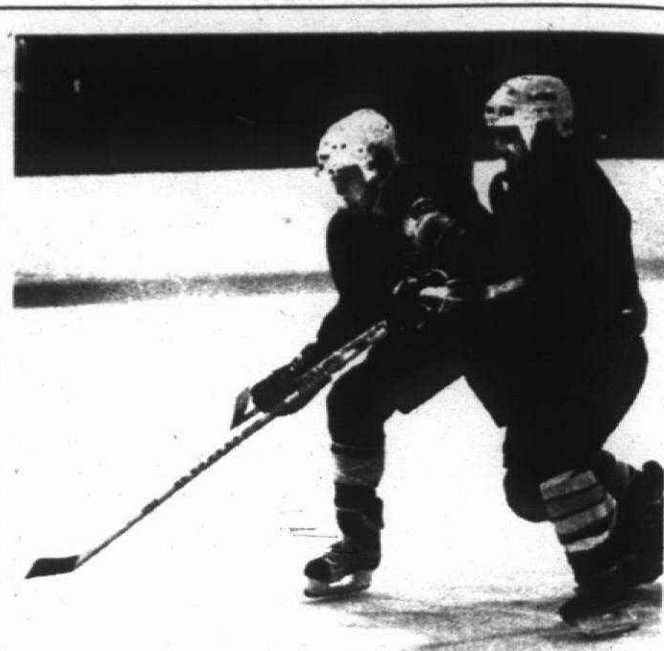
Walter's benefitted from 11 walks and four Macomb errors.

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● SALEM HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
Interested in competing on the 1988 swimming and diving team should note the first day of practice will be Monday, Aug. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Salem pool.
Beginning Monday, Aug. 29, practice will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. Questions should be directed to coach Chuck Olson at 453-7695 or 451-6600, Ext. 296.
● NINTH AND 10TH GRADE GIRLS
Who would like to play freshman or junior varsity basketball for Salem High School should attend the start of practice Monday, Aug. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Call 459-7315 or 455-8351 for information.
● RACQUETBALL
A men's fall racquetball league, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, begins play Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Rose Shores of Canton. Court times will be 7:30 and 8 p.m.
The fee is \$82 for the 13-week season and includes all court times and awards. The league is divided up based on individual ability.
Players may register in person or by mail at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton 48188.
● FALL SOFTBALL
Canton Parks and Recreation Department is registering teams for its fall softball league, which begins play Tuesday, Sept. 6.
The fee is \$120 per team plus a \$25 forfeit fee that is refunded if the team doesn't forfeit. There are no residency rules, and games are played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Teams registered in the Canton Parks and Recreation summer leagues can sign up Monday, Aug. 22, through Thursday, Aug. 25. New teams may register Friday, Aug. 26, through Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Wildcats picked to win title again

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ceiver David Lee (5-7, 140), of Garden City, who caught 23 passes for 314 yards and two TDs last season.
"His a microdot," said Horn, "and probably weighs 140 pounds soaking wet. But he's got to be watched. He's a tremendous competitor."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Playoff action

John Smith of the Lakers checks Bill Hoelzel during Thursday's MSHL playoff game at the Wayne Arena. The league wraps up post-season play Wednesday with the 7 p.m. championship game in Plymouth.

National champ casts tall shadow

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(31) and batted well over .400.

APPLIANCE MAY need plenty of hitting and defense because, as Rose described it, "Pitching is our weakest area."
This assessment comes even though Appliance boasts the Adray League's most valuable pitcher in Ryan Raymond from U-D. Raymond is 8-1 (with one win coming in the playoffs) as a short reliever.
Appliance's top two starters are right-hander Mike Ericson (5-0 for the season) and left-hander Don Lindsey.

The team picked up Bill Bates, a right-hander from EMU who played at Adray Photo this summer, to help strengthen its mound corps.
Appliance also added John Timko, from Birmingham Brother Rice and Western Michigan, who played with the Westland Hawks, and Mickey Smeek, from Eastern Michigan. Smeek played with Photo and was the League's top hitter.

Foursome fares well

Four Canton Township youths placed third or higher in the 31st Annual Detroit-Metropolitan Area Youth Fitness Program on Thursday, July 28, at Belle Isle.
Andre Ware, 10, captured first place in the Class A standing broad jump with a leap of 6 feet, 5 1/2 inches.
Daryl Ballios, 11, was second in the Class B running long jump with an effort of 12 feet, 8 inches.
Tim Stasevich, 12, placed third in Class B chinning, doing a total of 12 chinups, and Cyndi Platter, 14, was third in the Class A standing broad jump at 6 feet, 6 1/2 inches.
Ware represented Honey Tree Park, Ballios, Franklin Palmer; Stasevich, Century Farms; and Platter, Wagon Wheel.
Thirty-eight first-place contestants (ages 9-14) from Canton Township playgrounds competed in events that included softball throw, shuttle relays, dashes and agility run. Approximately 60 cities and 2,500 contestants participated.

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Picassos of plaster

By Debbie Wallis Landau
special writer

Lots of us get the urge to create something artistic. Lots of us also have two left hands. At Plaster Playhouse, the novice can feel just as proud and accomplished as the person born with a paint brush and palette in his hand.

"We want people to have fun when they come to us," Rochelle Fishman said. "That's the whole purpose of our business . . . a relaxed, no pressure setting where people can experiment with color and design and feel productive."

The main players at the Playhouse are the partners — Fishman, 36, and Judee Herman, 42. The West Bloomfield residents have succeeded in turning

their Bloomfield Township recreation center into a no fail form of instant gratification.

For a \$1 painting fee, the cost of a decorative object — from as little as \$3 — and an unrestricted imagination, anyone can create a cherished keepsake or personalized present.

The Playhouse's long rectangular room showcases a diversified selection of plastercraft molds, ranging from funky sports memorabilia to sophisticated silhouettes of art deco ladies.

If the California Raisin craze has captured you, you'll find replicas of those figures. Alf aficionados will likewise be satisfied.

Cylinders adaptable as vases or striking decorative pieces, piggy banks in the personae of bears and somber-eyed, mysterious looking Pierrots in six different styles are also available.

WHETHER whimsical, practical or comical, the pieces are all ready to paint. And that's where the fun begins.

Visitors don paint-flecked smocks, find a seat at one of the rainbow streaked tables and dip into a myriad of paints. Whimsy guides the strokes.

"The paints are all water based, and that means you can paint and repaint an object until you've achieved the desired look," Fishman said. "The old masters did that. It's not a frustrating technique, but it makes for a totally non-frustrating adventure."

Unhappy with your color? Try one of the metallic sheens or go outrageous with stripes and polka dots.

Herman likes to show off the delicious looking cherry sundaes customers have left on display. One's traditional, another went underground with some not-to-be-believed colors of ice cream and whipped topping.

"It's fascinating to see the different renditions of the same object," Herman said. "You can't tell if a kid or an adult did most of them . . . look at these Pierrots (one in pastel pink and green colors, another in dramatic blacks and silvers).

"A lot of adults who come in here say 'I've never made anything in my life'. Then they walk out of here with something that goes on permanent display in their living room."

The Playhouse is attracting a clientele as varied as the people in the neighboring communities. Professionals who want some creative "alone time," mothers with a little free time who want to produce an individualized gift, school children who become comfortable with arts and crafts in an environment which demands only that they enjoy themselves.

"WE'VE HAD quite a few young students referred to us by teachers who wanted to help them refine hand-to-eye coordination and fine motor skills," Fishman said. "In a way, it's a form of therapy, but it's so recreational the academic is taken out of it."

The desire for people to have unqualified fun and bring out the best in themselves was one of the many shared objectives that brought the Plaster Playhouse partners together.

Fishman has more than a decade of teaching experience — at Beth Jacobs School in Birmingham — behind her. She also wanted to some day launch her own business and opened Plaster Playhouse last October.

"From the beginning, I had a gut feeling, a special intuition that this idea would take off," she said. "This has truly been the realization of a personal dream."

Herman started her professional career as an oc-



Lindsay Levine doesn't have to worry about making a mess. It's a requirement at the Plaster Playhouse.



photos by JERRY ZOLENSKY/staff photographer

Ray may have sat there, but from the looks of the wall at the Plaster Playhouse, so did Robyn, Jordan, Karen and quite a few others.

cupational therapist who soon turned those skills into a thriving personal business. With her husband, she formed a company which provides mobile medical testing to business and industry.

"Rochelle is a fantastic motivator and a great salesperson," said Herman. "With her wealth of teaching experience . . . she's aware of what children and adults need to feel good about themselves. She understands that motivation has to be encouraged."

"I HAVE a strong retail management background and have always worked in service-oriented settings, so working with the public was a natural for both of us. But this is more fun than anything I've ever called work."

Fishman and Herman recently expanded their seven-day-a-week operation to kick off Playnight at the Playhouse the first and third Saturday nights of the month. The first Saturday is for older children and teenagers; the third Saturday is for adults.

The spring and summer have brought an increase in daytime visitors and as a result, the partners have formed alliances with local day camps. But birthday parties continue to be both a moneymaker and an appealing alternative to the hamburger and pizza palace circuit.

The party paraphenalia is set up neatly at tables in the rear of the store, and the guests get to paint a special object to take home with them.

"It's hectic, but they have a great time and we've been fortunate to have excellent people working for us," Herman said.

Fishman and Herman plan to open a second Playhouse by Sept. 1. Where they'll go from there is only as limited as their imaginations.

The Plaster Playhouse is at 6455 Inkster Road at Maple, Bloomfield Township. Its hours at 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. For more information, call 851-8650.

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Discover the summer side of Vail

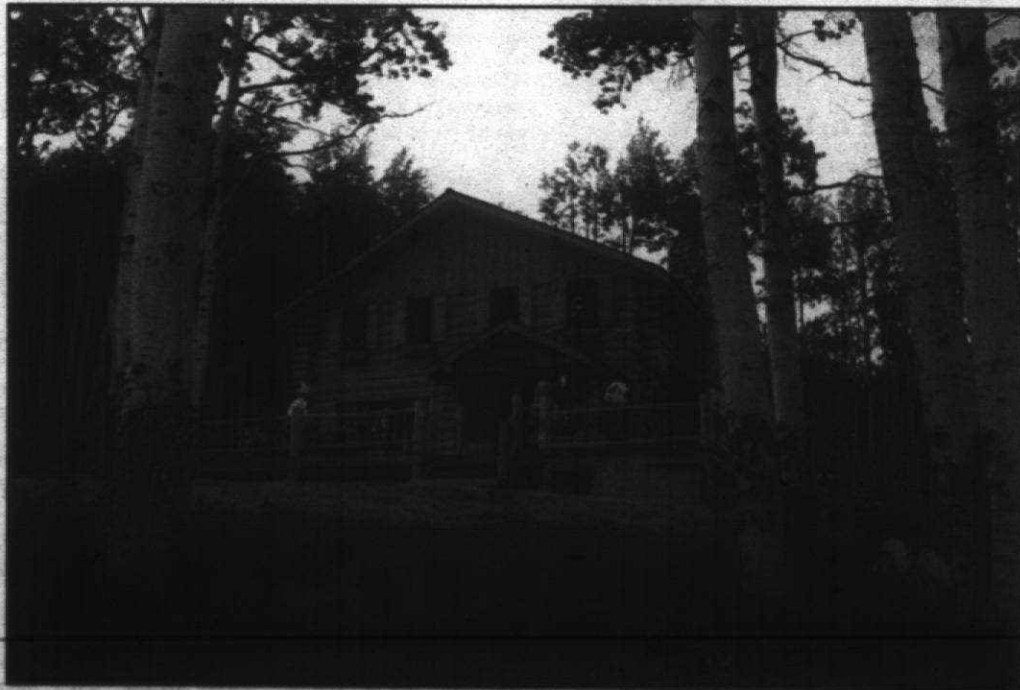
By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

VAIL, COLO. — They were built as ski resorts. Vail, Beaver Creek, Aspen, Winter Park. People all over the country associate their names with skiing. The young people who work here in the Vail Valley all have some variation of the same story — they came to the Rockies to ski, found a job and stayed.

Skiing is such an important word here, in fact, that most of us don't associate places like Vail with summer. Think about that — gorgeous mountains with green forests, peaked skylines and pale green meadows covered with summer flowers and dotted with mountain streams.

If you have only been to Vail and Beaver Creek in ski season, you have missed one of the most interesting summer resorts in the Rockies. When the sun shines down the mountain slopes, you will see the same village skylines that skiers see in winter, but the streets are full of flower gardens and tourists sit in dozens of little outdoor cafes along the village streets.

The gondola lift is still busy, but you skim down the slopes on mountain bikes.



MICKY JONES

It may look like your typical log cabin, but Trapper's Cabin, a mountaintop hideaway above Beaver Creek Resort near Vail, Colo., is anything but typical, including its per person per night price tag.

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STREET BEATS



The Aristobrats are Joe LaFata, (left) drums and percussion; John Vitale, lead vocals and guitar; and John Hughes, keyboards and programming.

Aristobrats march to their own techno-beat

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

The Aristobrats grow few Detroit area bands have gone before. To study the galaxy of dance music with today's utmost modern technology.

Yes, The Aristobrats are riding the starship techno-dance enterprise.

Samples and computer programming replace riffs and chords in the techno-dance man's vernacular. Geez, and remember when just a guitar and a drum kit used to do the trick.

Techno-dance music has been criticized, especially in rock and roll circles. It's said to be too sterilized, too impersonalized.

Of course, the Aristobrats beg to differ. They make their case for microchip music known.

"I think the technology in the last few years has brought it out of that," said John Vitale, lead singer and guitar player for the three-member group. "Like with drum lines. With the new technology, you can edit and tailor them to your liking."

"With this new technology, we can make a new sound so the drum can never sound the same. Where as a rock band live would sound the same. I would question how someone in a rock band would criticize us for that."

"WE DON'T see it as selling out to technology," added John Hughes, who is in charge of keyboards and programming for the group. "We see it as a group . . . it's our job to entertain the people who watch us."

Members of The Aristobrats appear to be doing their job. The group has already packaged a first-rate demo tape and plays the major venues in the area. Plus there's dates in Chicago at the Cabaret Metro and The Avalon Club.

The group fancies itself as staunch purveyors of the Euro-sound. Others along the same line would be English dance bands like DePêche Mode, Erasure and the Bronski Beat.

In the Detroit area, though, that type of music is set down heard. Nuts and bolts rock and roll is the style here.

The Aristobrats look upon it as just another challenge. One problem for the group is finding places to play in this area. Aside from Saint Andrew's Hall, Taboo and Todd's, there are few dance clubs.

"It's sort of good in a way because there is nobody else doing this type of music," said Hughes, a graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School. "So you get a lot of attention. You do have a lot of people in Detroit who like the European sound, which no one is capitalizing on."

THE ARISTOBRATS did, forming six months ago. Hughes was in a number of pop bands at Western Michigan University. Drummer Joe LaFata and Vitale had their own new music project going.

The Aristobrats will perform on Sunday, Aug. 14, at Taboo in Detroit. For more information, call 567-6140.

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- "This Perfect Example," Slaughterhouse.
- "Oh Well," Holy Cows.
- "All the Heroes," The Generals.
- "Eyepatch," The Orange Roughies.
- "Surfman," Tanjest Image.
- "Files of the Marketplace," Colorful Trauma.
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- "Out of the Blue," Debbie Gibson.
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STREET BEATS



The Sugarcubes hope their success in the United Kingdom will follow them here to the United States.

Sugarcubes make big with sweet new sound

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

What's all the fuss about? Siggi, drummer of the newly pegged next-big-thing Sugarcubes, doesn't sound too concerned.

Forget that his group has a lot at stake, playing before American audiences for the first time. Forget the wave of raves the Sugarcubes have received in the United Kingdom, including a No. 1 independent hit with "Birthday."

Forget the Sex Pistols, who came to the U.S. with the same type of hype, only to die out by the time they hit Los Angeles. Forget that the Sugarcubes have had little radio airplay except on college stations.

If the Sugarcubes fail to keep their current upward momentum in the states, well then so be it.

"There's no worry," said Siggi, whose group will perform Tuesday at Saint Andrew's Hall in Detroit. "There's pressure, but we try not to think about it. We're just here to play."

"I don't think it will make a big difference. Things will go well. But if they don't go down so well, we don't have any special expectations . . . We'll just go back to Iceland."

SPOKEN LIKE a true Icelandic, whose laid-back approach is a stark contrast to the cold, volcanic region where they hail from.

With or without mass acceptance in the United States, The Sugarcubes will survive. The band already is a success in England where the music weekly Melody Maker picked "Birthday" the "Single of the Year" in 1987.

Theirs is a contrast in sounds. "Life's Too Good," (Elektra) the Sugarcubes first album, captures the bold spirit of punk along with experimental futuristic technosound.

At the forefront of the group is the female leader singer Björk, whose seductive vocals can go from a purr to a howl in a note.

The nucleus of the Sugarcubes formed in the wake of the punk movement in the early 1980s. Most of the Sugarcubes were in the experimental band, Kuki, including Siggi.

Kuki (a medieval word for a person engaged in witchcraft) gave way to the Sugarcubes (or Sykurmolar as they're known in Iceland). Their single "Birthday" was a hit on the first swing.

To release the record, the band made and sold postcards commemorating the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Reykjavik. In true entrepreneurial spirit, the Sugarcubes have also established their own label, Bad Taste, featuring other Icelandic bands like Lovebites and Daisy Hill Puppy Farm.

THE SUGARCUBES may be new to these parts. But by no means, is the group unknown. One area record outlet said "Life's Too Good" is selling well.

"We play them big time," said Lew Perrotta, music director of Oakland Community College's campus sta-

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— Siggi Sugarcubes

tion WORF-FM in Farmington Hills. "They're No. 2 on our play list. Everybody loves them."

"I helped push them in the beginning, but everybody started requesting them so it took care of itself."

The Sugarcubes have found that to be true wherever they play. Even Siggi is a bit taken aback by the group's instant success.

"It's a nice accident so to speak," he said. "The band was never formed in the sense of becoming a big success and getting a major record deal. We were just amusing ourselves."

That might be where the Sugarcubes' strength lies. Before the punk movement, the music scene in Iceland was dormant.

There was only one government-operated radio station, which played very little pop music. Siggi remembers listening to American black music on Armed Forces Radio from a nearby NATO base.

ALL OF which later fueled the creative outburst of the punk movement.

"Punk took on its own phase in Iceland," Siggi said. "Bands weren't really playing punk as such. The punk movement inspired people to do it and bands were springing up all over the place. That was very good."

The latest music explosion is certainly welcomed. Siggi said the people of Iceland spend most of their time working during the week. Once the weekend hits, it's party time.

But of all the bands that have emerged, some are writing songs in English to impress the A&R folks abroad. The Sugarcubes haven't done that. All the group's songs are written in Icelandic and later translated into English.

Siggi said most of the songs will be performed in English on this tour. But some Icelandic lyrics will be tossed in for good measure, he added.

He said the Sugarcubes want to gain a little notoriety on this tour and "raise some mayhem." The sound of the band will continue to evolve.

"We haven't defined it yet," he said. "I hope we don't."

The Sugarcubes will perform on Tuesday at Saint Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For more information, call 961-6358.

REVIEWS



LOVELY — The Primitives

Way back in those heady days of the early 1960s, a new category of music was invented — power pop.

In the wake of punk rock's aggressiveness came bands who were undoubtedly influenced by punk but presented themselves with a clean and slick image.

This agreeable face of punk was much more acceptable to the mass public, the mass media and the staid record industry moguls. The latter was happy that they could appeal to the new wave market while not upsetting the existing hierarchy. The definition of a power-pop song was

catchy, guitar-based, short and fast (Does anybody remember "Turning Japanese" by The Vaporers?).

The Primitives' debut LP, "Lovely" (RCA/BMG), readily abides by this definition.

Keeping this in mind, along with the fact that they have a female lead vocalist, makes comparison with Blondie too obvious. This is an easy reference point for those who are unfamiliar with The Primitives. But lead vocalist, Tracey Tracey, is a lot more subtle and atmospheric than the gracious 45-year-old Ms. Harry.

The album starts off on a strong

note with the U.K. hit "Crash" an infectious slice of pop music which will have you singing the "na-na-na-na-na" chorus after a couple of listens. Actually, a number of their songs are liberally sprinkled with a variety of "Hey-ye-bee-ye's," and, of course, the ever popular "Sha-la-la's."

To be fair, though, "Crash" does have some excellent biting and sentimental lines: "So shut, shut your mouth/Oh I'm not listening any-how/I've had enough, enough of you/enough to last a lifetime through."

Beyond this, the highlights include the catchy and driving "Nothing Left to Say," the moody Cocteau Twinsish "Ocean Blue" and the melodic "Don't Want Anything to Change."

With only one dud, the teenage-courty, flavored "Shadow" and a few bland non-entity songs, this makes for an entertaining introduction to The Primitives.

Of course, there are probably two chances of hearing it on the radio around here — slim and none.

— Cormac Wright

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The Sugarcubes will perform Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Saint Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For more information, call 961-MELT.

● **ROBERT PALMER**
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The Affair will perform Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 10-13, at Jagers, 3481 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac. For more information, call 681-1700.

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Lil' Ed

● **LIL' ED**
Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials will perform on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Show times are at 10 p.m. and midnight.

The band, led by Lil' Ed Williams, is touring in support of its two recent releases on Alligator Records, "Roughness" and the blues anthology "The New Bluebloods." Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials are rapidly gaining a reputation on the national blues circuit for delivering a combination of rough and raw boogie-rock blues and crazy stage antics.

For more information, call 996-2747.

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● **ONLY CHILD**
Rampage recording artists Only Child will perform a special free concert on Thursday, Aug. 25, at The Ritz, Gratiot Avenue, near Nine Mile Road, Roseville. The hard rock group is touring nationally to promote the single, "A Place in Your Heart." All artist royalties and net profits due Rampage Records will be donated to Childhelp U.S.A., a non-profit organization fighting child abuse through prevention, research and treatment. The organization is trying to raise \$750,000 to help operate a national child abuse hotline. The organization needs to raise the money by Sept. 1. A booth will be set up at The Ritz to offer information.

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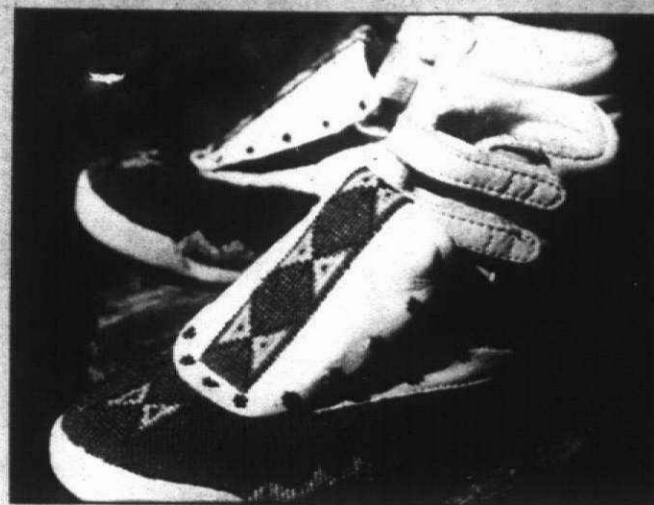
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Sneaker sensation

Albuquerque artist Melody Lightfeather's shoes are made for more than walking. Beaded in the traditional Indian fashion, they can be used for dancing. But because they are Reeboks — rather than moccasins — they can also be used for jogging or other sports. They're available at the Golden Pond, 730 N. Woodward, Birmingham, where some of the artist's unusual and unique watercolors are also on display. Melody is a Pima Indian, from the San Felipe Pueblo Indian Community along the Rio Grande River. Golden Pond's phone number is 258-0110.



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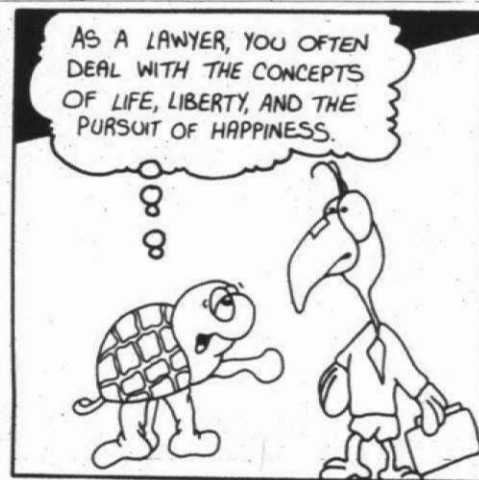
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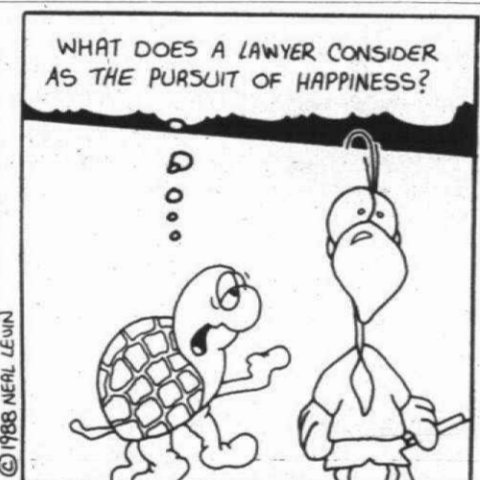
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Jamie Lee Curtis is Wanda the Wonderful, jewel thief extraordinaire, in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's zany comedy, 'A Fish Called Wanda.' Her colleagues are Kevin Kline (right), a berserk American counsel in London, John Cleese (center), a proper barrister, and Michael Palin.

'The Blob' (D) (R) 90 minutes. This remake just doesn't cut it. Horror film fans may love this blob with an '80s touch, but too much blood and guts and too little story. But don't worry, Kevin Dillon and Shawnee Smith save the day. Reviewed by Jennifer Morris. 'A Fish Called Wanda' (A) (R) 110 minutes.

A very funny film with the wisest gang in town. Principals include Jamie Lee Curtis as Wanda the Wonderful, jewel thief extraordinaire. Among her colleagues are Kevin Kline in an absolutely inspired performance as a berserk American in London. John Cleese is a proper barrister, but... The whole thing is beyond words. The only solution is to go see the movie.

'The Rescue' (B) (PG) 90 minutes. Overlooking the improbable details and the schmaltzy stuff, this is an exciting, entertaining story of five Navy brats who rescue their fathers from the North Koreans after the U.S. government gives up.

'Vibes' (*) (PG) Cyndi Lauper and Jeff Goldblum in a romantic comedy-adventure about two mismatched psychics. I'll bet even Dr. Freud would shy away from this one.

SPECIAL SCREENING: Elliot Wilhelm's Detroit Film Theater does it again with the award-winning Japanese comedy about a tax collector battling to collect big bucks from a string of successful 'adult' hotels. Won nine Japanese



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STILL PLAYING: 'Arthur on the Rocks 2' (PG) (a) Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli and Sir John Gielgud do it again under Bud Yorkin's direction.

'Bambi' (A) (G) 70 minutes. Short but good animated story of young fawn growing up. Great for kids, and for adults on a nostalgia trip.

'Big' (A) (PG) 98 minutes. A shy 12-year-old boy's wish is granted when he wakes up one morning in a man's body. Tom Hanks skillfully captures the innocent childlike qualities and gestures of a 12-year-old trying to live in an adult world. Reviewed by Cathy Guyer.

'Big Business' (A-) (PG) 95 minutes. Mistaken identity is comedy's strong suit and that's what Bette Midler, Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin and Lily Tomlin do so well in this story of two sets of twins mixed at birth. Technically super production but pace falters occasionally.

'Big Top Pee-wee' (B) (PG) 86 minutes. Kids and Pee-wee Herman fans will love this — talking farm animals, dumb jokes, a circus and Pee-wee in love. Reviewed by Kathy Guyer.

'Ball Durham' (A-) (R) 105 minutes. Wonderfully wacky, but slightly overdone summer in the minor leagues. Veteran catcher Crash Davis (Kevin Costner) is brought in to steady hotshot young pitcher Nuke LaLoosh (Tim Robbins). Susan Sarandon and Jenny Robertson complement matters. Film is as explicit as possible while remaining an "R."

'Caddyshack II' (*). All-star cast starring Jackie Mason, Robert Stack, Dyan Cannon, Dina Merrill, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase and Dan Aykroyd in sequel to 1980 hit.

'Cocktail' (C-) (R) 110 minutes. Adolescent fantasy, populated with overdone, soapy melodramas about a high concept bartender, Brian Flanagan (Tom Cruise) and assorted 'chickies' led by Jordan Peele (Elisabeth Shue). Some clever lines by Bryan Brown but only Cruise addicts will sail on this one.

'Coming to America' (B-) (R) 126 minutes. Hollywood and sexist view of Africa, but Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) rebels against an arranged marriage and visits New York City to find his own bride. The good news is Murphy plays a character instead of playing Eddie Murphy and has

Grading the movies

Table with 2 columns: Grade and Description. Grades range from A+ to *

some touching scenes with his American girl, Lisa (Shari Headly). The bad news is, despite some funny stuff, there's too much adolescent humor.

The worst news: In Brooklyn, they objected to the "ethnic self-loathing and humiliation." They objected so much that Eddie Murphy is taking out his ads to defend the movie Good for Brooklyn, they're right, the movie is anti-black and racist.

'Die Hard' (*) (R). Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia in story of hostages trapped in L.A. building seized by terrorists on Christmas Eve.

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One way to take in the splendor of the mountains around Vail is by horseback. Another way that has become a summer rage in the resort community is

mountain biking. Riders use the ski gondolas to get to the tops of the mountains, then bicycle down on marked trails.

I'm a greenhorn, but I rode down the mountain. It doesn't take much leg power; I spent the whole time gripping the handle bar brakes to slow me down. It's a very scenic ride.

Summer in Vail: It's fabulous and it's fun

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tain bikes or on foot instead of on skis.

The mountains at Vail and nearby Beaver Creek are owned by the national forest service, but the facilities are the property of Vail Associates. Vail Associates also owns the Lodge at Vail and four of the hotel/condo accommodations at Beaver Creek. Otherwise the hundreds of accommodations in the Vail Valley are privately owned, although Vail Associates may market them.

Lodging, food and activities in the Vail Valley can be expensive, although they are considerably cheaper in summer, when you have a wide choice of accommodations, than they are during the busier days of winter.

A STANDARD room in the Lodge at Vail is \$125 per night in summer, \$225 during winter high season. That's one of the better digs in town, as is Vail Athletic Club and Hotel around the corner where the \$99 summer room sells for \$235 in winter high season.

What Vail Associates calls their five-star Mountain Escape cuts the rates in the condominiums at Beaver Creek and Avon. A \$90 per person rack rate at Post Montane or the Inn at Beaver Creek is \$90 per person for two nights on this package. These rooms have no kitchens. A three-bedroom luxury condo for six, like Park Plaza, costs about \$65 per person for two nights.

The less expensive accommodations are in Avon, just outside the gates of Beaver Creek Resort, espe-

cially at the Comfort Inn. Avon condos start at \$116 for two people for two nights. Avon and some of the nearby towns are where local people go for inexpensive food and drink.

Vail and Beaver Creek are 10 miles apart on Interstate-70. Vail has been there for a quarter century and offers a busy village life — shops, restaurants, clubs, etc. Most of the activity seems to go on there in summer. There are good golf courses in both places.

Beaver Creek is newer, has an older and slightly more upscale population, and is considerably quieter. Gerald Ford and many other famous people have homes at Beaver Creek.

Beaver Creek also offers a four-bedroom log house, called Trapper's Cabin, high in the woods atop a mountain. It rents for \$300 per person per night, with a four-person minimum, including gourmet meals.

T-shirts may replace ski clothes in summer, but there is still a lot of activity going on, and you will still notice the altitude here between the 8,000- and 10,000-foot level, so don't push yourself too hard.

HORSEBACK riding is popular. Try riding up the mountain with a group for lunch or dinner at Beano's in Beaver Creek.

Another new attraction at Beaver Creek is the Orvis Flyfishing School. Three-day clinics include sessions on equipment and casting as well as actual fly fishing in ponds and rivers. Fees are \$460 without lodging, \$536 per person with lodging at the Inn at Beaver Creek.

The newest and most popular sport in the area is mountain biking at Vail. Ride the gondola up and ride marked trails around the top of the mountain, or ride down the 7.5-mile gravel road for a 2,000-foot drop back into the town of Vail.

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The 18-speed mountain bike rents for \$8 the first hour, \$4 an hour thereafter up to \$20 maximum a day, \$28 overnight. Rent at the bottom of the gondola lift and pay \$8 round-trip for yourself and another \$5 for the bike to go up. If you ride down, you won't use your return gondola ticket, but you can't buy a one-way ticket. The alternative is to rent the bike at the top and turn it in at the bottom, so you at least save the \$5.

The whole mountain biking scene is new here, and the Vail Associates people are trying to adjust prices as they go. They have promised to at least reconsider this no one-way policy.

A NOTE ON THE WEATHER: Unlike Detroit, the weather is fairly predictable in Vail/Beaver Creek. You can't get up too early because it is usually clear and sunny during the first half of the day.

It storms nearly every day for a short time, starting about 2 p.m. The gondola at Vail and the lift at Beaver Creek are often forced to close briefly. It usually clears by late afternoon, and sunsets are wonderful.

GETTING THERE: Fly into Denver. I flew Continental, but United and Northwest also fly non-stop from Detroit to Denver. Other airlines have connecting flights, so check your travel agent. I flew Continental Express from Denver to Vail, but I'm not sure that's the best way. They have a bad reputation for losing luggage and the ride can be rocky. You can ride an airport van from Denver to Vail for \$25 and get two hours of glorious viewing. (Call toll-free (800) 222-2112 for van information.)

PLAYTIME: If you are looking for fine dining, you'll find it at Alfredo's in the Westin Hotel, West Vail, or the Wildflower Inn in the Lodge at Vail. Blu's in Vail comes highly recommended. So does Mirabelle at Beaver Creek.

If you want to know about the best buys in any resort town, you ask the people who work there, and Vail is no exception. Most of them can't afford to eat or drink in either resort area, so they have discovered the nearby attractions.

They drive down U.S. 24 to the nearby town of Minturn, especially to The Saloon for margaritas and Mexican food, and the Minturn Country Club, where you cook your own seafood or steaks on an open grill. Chili Willy's is also a hot spot.

There's a great little Mexican dive called The Reno a little further down U.S. 24 in Red Cliff. Redcliff is a beautiful 40-minute drive over Battle Mountains Pass, but take it easy on the beer because the mountain road home requires attentive driving.



Bridge Street in downtown Vail is bustling with tourists during the summer season. T-shirts and flowers replace ski clothes and snow and outdoor cafes are in place as opposed to the fireplaces in the ski lodges.

The Gashouse in Edwards, one exit west of Beaver Creek on I-70, serves 50-cent beer, baby back ribs and good cheap steaks. If you want to drink closer to home, you'll find the locals in Rug's Pub or the Hole-in-the-Wall in Avon, at Drinkwater Park in the Village Hall at Beaver Creek (run, like everything around here, by a former ski bum.)

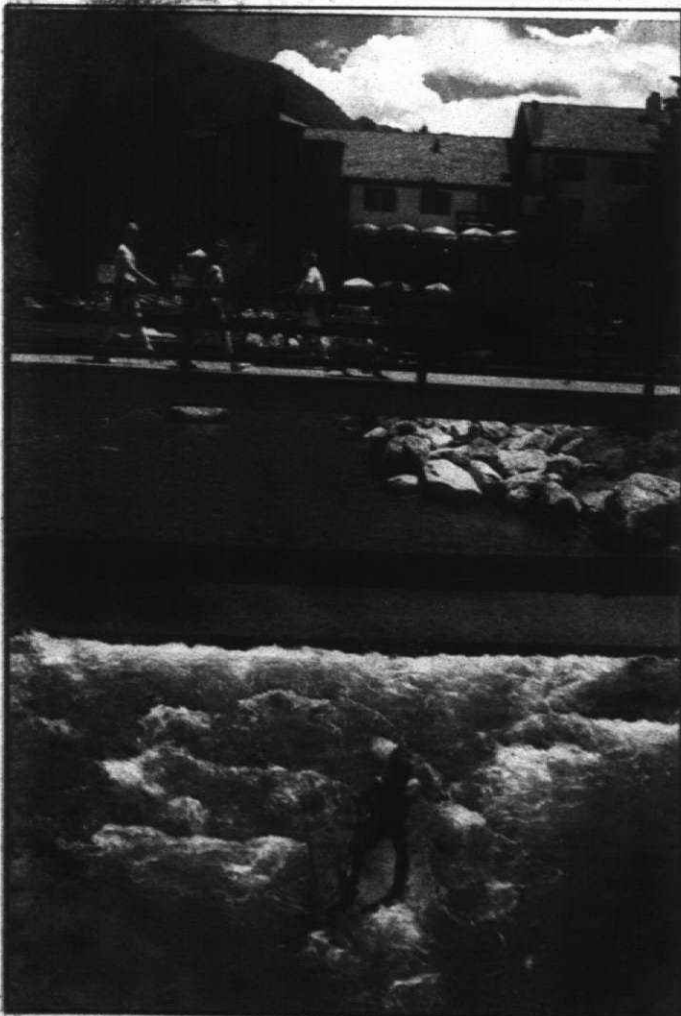
THE MUSIC hounds go to various places in the village at Vail. Pepi's Restaurant and Bar, very popular for lunch and dinner, is also one of the big hangouts when the musicians come out at night.

It is a little noisier behind the bar at Cyrano's, where a rock band plays to a loyal crowd (\$3 cover). The "Friday Afternoon Club," known around here as the FAC, is also popular at Cyrano's.

You will find folk music across the street in The Club, described to me by a resort employee as "sort of a grungy bar to locals" and by another as a "place to let your hair down and get away from the tourists." You'll find the local dancers at the Bridge Street Shuffle.

Vandetti's and Hong Kong are also popular music bars, as are the Club Altitude in the Doubletree Hotel ("rowdy and lots of dancing") and Bogle's at the Marriott. The best piano bar in town is Mickey's at the Lodge at Vail.

For information about the area, call these toll free (800) numbers: Vail reservations, 525-3875; Beaver Creek reservations, 525-2257.



photos by MICKY JONES

There may not be an ocean in sight, but that doesn't bother the folks in Vail. They still find a way to ride their surfboards in Gore Creek.

16th Street Mall: 'Heart and soul' of Denver

By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

Q: We will have a three- or four-hour layover at the airport in Denver. Is it worth going into the city and what should we do.

K.R.,
Farmington Hills

A: Denver is one of those cities that you can explore in a few hours, so you should definitely plan to take either the bus or a taxi into the city. Go to the 16th Street Mall, where the most interesting part of the city seems to be contained within a single mile.

Free buses run up and down the mall, so you can lather at one end or the other, depending on the time of day and your interests. At one end of the mall you will find the Colorado State Capitol, Colorado History Museum, Denver Art Museum and the U.S. Mint, all clustered around Civic Center Park.

At the other end is the historical district and a lot of restaurants, bars and shopping.

Eight years ago there were only three downtown buildings more than 20 stories high. Today the skyline is high with office buildings, many of them built with Canadian oil money. Oil is a magic word, but when the price drops it can devastate a city. Denver is second only to Houston as far as its depressed economy is concerned.

That means that one in four offices are empty and the hotels, which seem to have very high rack rates, are eager enough to negotiate for your business.

IF YOU have a daytime layover and decide to do a little touring start with the state capitol. It's golden dome hovers above Civic Center Park. The 13th step leading up to the state house door is exactly one mile above sea level; that's why they call Denver the mile-high city.

From the Capitol steps you can see what Coloradans

call the Front Range from Pikes Peak to Wyoming. Everything in Denver seems to be either downtown or near the Front Range.

According to a local, foothills are from 7,000 to 10,000 feet, and then the Front Range rises above that. Once you break the Front Range, you are into about a dozen mountain ranges.

If you don't have time for too much touring, see the Indian exhibit at the Denver Art Museum. It was the first museum to seriously collect Indian art. It doesn't have Indian pots, it has the "best" Indian pots.

The free 20-minute mint tour is popular, and they have a good gift shop. And the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau is right there at Colfax and Bannock, near the park; so pick up a walking map and other information.

If you start walking northwest on the 16th Street Mall, you will be following the first grid of streets in Denver. They were laid out to give a full view of the mountains, but have messed up the map ever since.

Turn right at Tremont Street for the Museum of Western Art and to have a quick look at the historic Brown Palace Hotel, with its beautiful atrium. Stop for a drink in the bar.

IF IT'S lunch time, you will find all the mall folk eating and drinking at Paramount Cafe, built into the lobby of an old movie house. If its late afternoon cocktail time, they'll be next door at Marlowe's, which Cosmopolitan Magazine named as one of the best 10 bars in the U.S.

If you are inclined to shop, or your layover is too late for touring, you might want to tackle the other end of the 16th Street Mall, where you will find Skyline Park, Taber Center, Writers Square, Larimer Square, all full of food, drink and shopping.

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