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LONGEST surviving, or surviving, Rich Marinucci became Farmington Hills' longest-serving fire chief on Feb. 20. He'll mark his fifth year as chief on Nov. 12, surpassing John VanDeVoort, who served 4 1/2 years. "We as a department came a long way under Rich's leadership," Deputy Chief Peter Baljota declared at the department's fifth annual awards recognition banquet Tuesday at Glen Oaks. "We've won national and international recognition. And no wonder, Rich is out there telling everyone how good we are!" As a token of its appreciation, the department presented the chief an engraved crystal distinguished service award.

Memory lane

25 years ago:

- Gov. George Romney will visit Farmington via motorcade on Oct. 3. Farmington's "Meet Your Governor" committee will make three public appearances.
- Rezoning of parts of 160 acres at Halsted and Grand River to allow development of the Village Green apartments, a country club community proposed by builders Thomas Duke and George Duke Jr., was approved by the township zoning board.

— Farmington Enterprise, Oct. 1, 1964

This week

MICHIGAN drug czar Don Reilig will speak at a kickoff breakfast Wednesday at Mercy Center for Substance Abuse Awareness Month in Farmington and Farmington Hills. A schedule of activities is planned for the month.

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SPECIAL SECTION IN TODAY'S ISSUE

Area woman survives canyon crash

By Susan Buck staff writer

A Farmington-area woman was the youngest of 11 people who survived a sight-seeing plane which crashed Sept. 27 on landing approach after a 30-minute scenic flight over the Grand Canyon in Northern Arizona.

Susan Cline, 42, who police said lives in Farmington, was listed in stable condition early Friday and released later in the day from Flagstaff Medical Center in Arizona, according to hospital spokeswoman

Some passengers said they saw the pilots reach for levers above them, when a red light came on and the alarm went off.

Laurin Bosse. Cline was not taking telephone calls. "She is suffering from a broken right wrist, she's pretty bruised," Bosse said. "Her family is with her.

Her mother and sister came long distance. Cline was the youngest passenger on board," Bosse said. The oldest passenger admitted to the hospital was 75 years old; the oldest passenger on board was a 78-

year old woman who was found dead at the scene, Bosse said. The worst case was a man, admitted with a head injury, who was listed in guarded condition, said Bosse.

Cline took the Grand Canyon flight apparently without friends or other family members, Bosse said. It was unclear whether Cline was traveling with others, or was traveling alone.

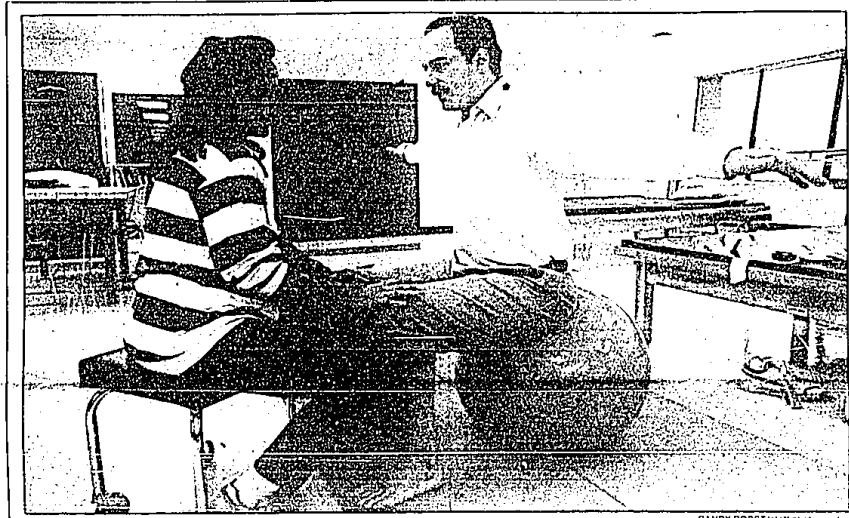
Cline flew to Phoenix where her tour group rendezvoused before traveling to the Grand Canyon airport and boarding the plane, she said. The Canyonlands tour, arranged through Connecticut-based

Tauk Tours, began September 5 with the first night in Scottsdale and will end October 9 in Las Vegas, said Phil Otterson, operations manager for Tauk Tours. It is not known whether Cline intends to continue with the tour.

Only some of the tour participants took the Grand Canyon flight, Otterson said. Bosse said "there are 300,000 tourists who take those flights every year. That was just one airline."

The plane, a twin-engine, propeller plane, was damaged.

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Randy Klein (right) undergoes therapy in the gym at the Haggerty Center with staff physical therapist Annette Bielski.

He won't be stopped

Shooting victim fights for full recovery

By Amy Rauch staff writer

After being shot four times and left for dead, Randy Klein could have given up. But the Farmington Hills resident held on to life, and he hopes his experiences since the Dec. 28 shooting will benefit others. Klein, 23, was shot just past 2 p.m. Dec. 28 while at work in a Detroit coin and jewelry store. One of his regular customers brought in silverware that was actually flatware, Klein said. As he was bending over to examine it, he was shot twice, sending him backwards. Moments after he was shot, Klein couldn't understand what had happened. "I didn't know what

people

had happened. I thought I passed out . . . I thought it could have been the chili dog I had for lunch." It wasn't until the gunman asked him which keys opened the jewelry closet that Klein realized he was being robbed. Though he pleaded for mercy, the gunman shot him two more times. This time, Klein closed his eyes and pretended to be dead.

THE GUNMAN left and Klein screamed for help, but no one was near enough to hear. A short time later, two kids came by the store.

"I screamed and they went to the party store (next door)," he said. The store owner called police and paramedics. "It wasn't until I was in the back of the (ambulance) that I realized what had happened." Klein was shot twice in the head; one bullet entered his left shoulder and lodged in his right scapula. The other grazed his shoulder. Klein was left partially blind, his right side partially paralyzed.

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Future of FHS football program worries parents

By Casey Hans staff writer

A group of Farmington High parents and football boosters is concerned about the future of the school's football program. Word is out, they said, that the district is considering "abandoning" the program — something school officials also said would happen. Several parents also said the district's new open enrollment policy, allowing high school students to attend any of three schools in the district, had harmed the Farmington football program. One parent said some recruiting had been done, discouraging students from attending Farmington High. "The essential hurdle . . . is establishing a coaching staff that is complete . . . and stable," said Bill Dixon, a member of the Farmington Football Backers, a newly formed support group of approximately 60 parents. Dixon's son does not play football at the school, but Dixon stressed that football has a

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— Bill Dixon Football Backers

"fundamental value" to the overall school program. "The lack of commitment . . . is the biggest challenge faced by the support group," he said. "We've received assurances, but no action. This is a fundamental issue." **FOUR REPRESENTATIVES** of the FFB group came before the school board at a recent meeting, reading prepared statements with their concerns. School officials said they became aware of the parental concern last spring, when board members Susan Rennels and Jack Cotton, retired.

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Farmington High quarterback Chris Schmid drops a pass during the Falcons' season opener against West Bloomfield High Sept. 1.

Site set for new library

Depends on Nov. 7 vote

By Casey Hans staff writer

If Farmington-area voters approve a \$14.5-million bond issue Nov. 7, a new 80,000-square-foot main library will be built on 19 acres on the north side of 12 Mile, just east of Halsted.

The site of the proposed new building, which would house the Farmington Hills branch and library offices, was announced last week by Farmington Community Library director Beverly Papal.

Negotiations for five residentially zoned parcels were recently completed, allowing library officials to move ahead with site borings and preliminary engineering work. "I think, generally, the public seems pleased with the location," Papal said. "The public recognizes the growth on the west side. They also recognize how difficult it is to find undeveloped property in the city."

IF THE bond issue is approved, the library board will begin the bidding process next spring, break ground Aug. 1 and open the new building by spring 1991.

The library's new home would be about two miles west of the present library site on 12 Mile, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. Plans call for the library branch in downtown Farmington to remain in place, with renovations.

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2 papers cited for excellence

Two Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have taken two general excellence awards in the weekly newspaper division from the National Newspaper Association.

The Farmington Observer has won second place for general excellence for weekly papers over 10,000 circulation and the West Bloomfield Eccentric, third place for newspapers in the 3,000-5,999 circulation published during 1988.

Bob Sklar is editor of the Farmington Observer. Reporters are Casey Hans and Joanne Maliszewski, Randy Borst is photographer and Lorraine McClach edits the Suburban Life section. Judith Berne was editor of the West Bloomfield Eccentric during the contest period. Reporters were Carolyn DeMareo and Jeff Counts. Photography was by Dan Dean. Rebecca Haynes edits the Suburban Life section.

General excellence measures all facets of the newspaper, with heavy emphasis on its news content.

Corinne Abatt, editor of the Creative Living section, took a second-place award in competition with all weeklies for best review.