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come all

You are invited to attend a **Candidate Night for the 1998 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election**, sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers. The forum will be 7-8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 27, in the new Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, just south of Plymouth City Hall.** Candidates seeking election to two, four-year terms include incumbent **Susan Davis**, newcomers **Sheila Friedrich, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Darwin Watts, and Judy Mardigian**, who is seeking election to a two-year seat to which she was recently appointed. The forum will be moderated by **Tim Richard**, state and regional reporter for HomeTown Communications Network, which owns the Observer Newspapers. Observer reporter **Tony Bruscato**, as well as Plymouth Observer editor **Joanne Maliszewski**, and Canton Observer editor **Tedd Schneider** will host the event. Call the Observer at **459-2700** for information.

Options narrowed for program



How should a joint city-township recreation program be operated? That's a question one of two subcommittees is trying to answer in plenty of time before township voters go to the polls in August for a recreation millage.

The list of options for how a Plymouth Township-city recreation department could be run could be narrowing to two. One option would be to operate a joint department on a similar model to

the one created for the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Another would involve both communities paying for YMCA management of a joint recreation department. These options and others are to be

reviewed at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth City Hall by a recreation structure subcommittee. The committee's findings are to be presented to a full township-city recreation committee, then to the city commission and township board of trustees.

Ultimate approval will happen Aug. 4. That's when Plymouth Township voters will decide on whether to approve a half mill tax increase for joint recreation. The city has pledged to

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contribute a half mill from its budget, if the township tax increase is approved.

Recreation structure subcommittee members meeting at city hall May 20 said it was time to seriously review options, to make a recommendation by

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THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Schools: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School Media Center, 46081 Ann Arbor Road.

Agenda: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. at township hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

WEDNESDAY

For sale: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Art Rental Gallery has a sale of some of its inventory 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The center is at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction

THURSDAY

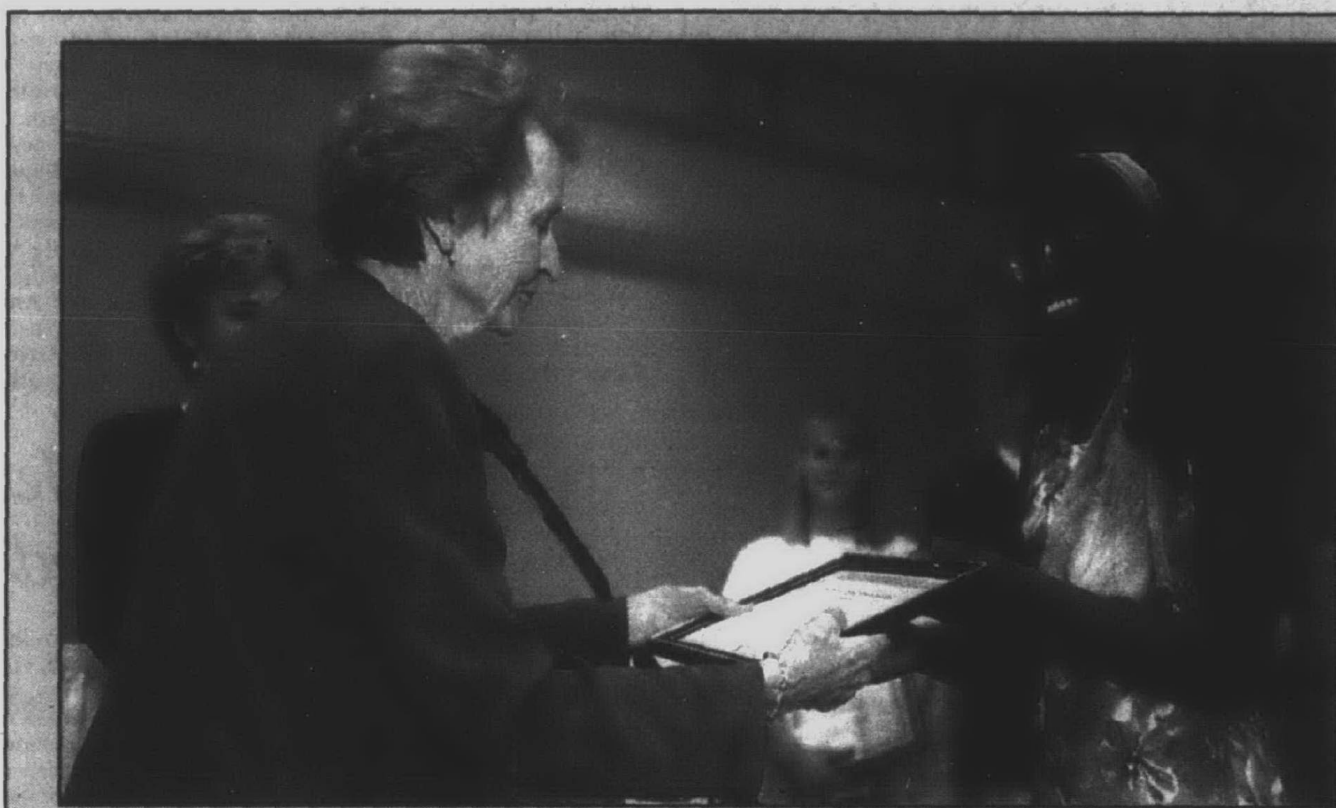
Mark your calendars: Get ready for the Plymouth Historical Museum Yard Sale 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and Farmer's Market 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Congratulations: Marian Kehrl, a member of the Woman's Club of Plymouth, awards Plymouth-Canton senior Afia Ofori-Mensa a \$1,000 college scholarship. Kehrl donated the award for the annual scholarship program. Ofori-Mensa plans to study business.

Woman's Club

And the 1998 winners are ...

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Guests oohed and aahed as students with grade point averages of 4.0 and above were asked to stand. They did the same when students with averages of 3.9 were asked to stand; and again when those with averages of 3.8 were asked to stand. Congratulations kicked off the annual Woman's Club of Plymouth Scholarship Awards Dinner May 19 at Plymouth Manor. "With over 90 applicants this year, it was extremely difficult to narrow the field," said K.C. Mueller, Plymouth Township trustee and chair of the club's schol-

arship awards program.

But Mueller and the scholarship committee worked weeks to determine which students would receive scholarships and merit awards - donated by area businesses and individuals. In the end, 59 awards were given, based on grade point averages, two essays, community service and recommendations.

"The class of '98 has been the largest class as far as the number of applicants we have ever received since we began our scholarship program in 1983 in celebration of our (the club's) 90th year," Mueller said.

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Kathleen Keen McCarthy, a club member, congratulated parents for their work. "For all of you here tonight, you should be proud. You have done a marvelous job in raising these young people."

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Charles Little lauded the winning students. "I hope you realize this is a celebration. In you, you have put together the possibilities for a very great future. You represent the connection for us to the future. The adults in the community are saying we validate what you have done."

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Celebrate Memorial Day early

Set your alarm early Monday for the 7:30 a.m. Memorial Day Parade.

Why so early? "Because the Fourth of July parade (also at 7:30 a.m.) seemed to be a big hit," said parade organizer Dennis Shrewsbury, a Plymouth city commissioner and former president of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528.

"People can get in and out early and go out and do other things," Shrewsbury said.

The parade will start at Main Street and Theodore and continue south to the World War I and Spanish-American War memorials outside Central Middle School.

Participants include color guards from the Vietnam Veterans and Plymouth Township police, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts "and no politicians," Shrewsbury said.

The grand marshal is Jack Wilcox, a former military officer.

After rifle volleys are fired outside Central Middle School, the parade will continue south to the Kellogg Park bandshell. There, the commemorative poem "Flanders Fields" will be read along with a short address.

The ceremony will be capped by the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Taps."

Mardigian: Proposal A needs tweaking

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of stories about the June 8 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education race. Candidates are newcomers Sheila Friedrich, Darwin Watts, Richard Ham-Kucharski, and incumbent Susan Davis, all of whom are seeking election to a four-year term. Judy Mardigian, recently appointed to a seat vacated by Jack Farrow, is seeking election to the two years remaining in his term.

Judy Mardigian has been a member of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education since mid-March, when she was appointed by the board to fill the seat vacated by Jack Farrow. In the June 8 school board election, Mardigian was the only candidate to file nominating petitions for the remaining two years left in the term and is running uncontested.



the experience of community and school involvement.

"It's a morally challenging job," said Mardigian, a Plymouth resident. "You want to make good decisions, but they need to be good decisions for the whole district. Sometimes that doesn't work for an individual interest, and that's tough."

Mardigian, who has a 10-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter enrolled at Isbister Elementary, is focused on the issues she wants to tackle the next two years: reducing class size, school financing and new schools.

"I think our elementary school class

sizes are too high," she said. "When we have kindergarten and first-grade classes with 28 kids, we still have very big problems. When you think about what children are learning in the core subjects of math and reading at that age, you need to invest early."

When it comes to school finance, Mardigian is quick to point out there is an equity funding problem, and something needs to be done.

"Irrespective as to how we got to our state funding level of \$5,900 per student, the fact that most of our neighboring districts get more in the foundation grant helps tell the story. With the same number of students as Plymouth-Canton, Livonia gets \$16 million more than us and Dearborn \$25 million more. When the governor came to Plymouth, I told him I don't want to

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YMCA: We can run joint program

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Despite opposition from local sports groups and recreation activists, officials with the Plymouth Community Family YMCA say they can successfully operate a joint recreation program for the city and township.

"We aren't trying to take it over," said Sandra Watts, YMCA, board vice president. "We are just going to facilitate programs with city and township input."

Plans for a joint city and township recreation program have been a long time in coming. In August, Plymouth Township voters will be asked if they want to pay a half-mill for recreation. If it passes, the city will contribute an equal amount toward the program.

What remains to be determined - by two subcommittees - is how a joint program would be structured and operate, including the makeup of a governing board, as well as what type of programming is wanted and needed.

Options

Two options face city and township officials. Either the program can be run similarly to how the Plymouth Community Fire Department is operated jointly, or by the Plymouth Community YMCA, a proposal which has drawn concern and criticism from some recreation and sports advocates in the community.

"The city and township approached the YMCA," said Joanne McCarthy, YMCA executive director, who sits on the structure subcommittee. "We were asked to sit in on their committees. We also made an agreement with the city to move the YMCA preschool over to the Cultural Center. And it's thriving over there. We do other programs, as well, including dance and indoor soccer."

Issues

Recreation programs and financing are primary issues for the joint recreation program. McCarthy and Watts are certain the YMCA can do a good job for the community. "We do programs. That's what we do best," McCarthy said.

But some in the community, such as Richard Teeple, who is involved in Plymouth soccer programs, disagrees. "They have not demonstrated to me they have the expertise and track

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Judy Mardigian

Ford to create new center for subsidiary

Ford Motor Co. subsidiary Visteon says it will create a new global headquarters in Plymouth Township.

Visteon's Climate Control Systems Division plans to consolidate more than 800 employees in a revamped 250,000-square-foot facility formerly used by Winkelman's in Metro West Industrial Park.

Climate controls systems are auto heating and cooling components including air quality sensors and compressors.

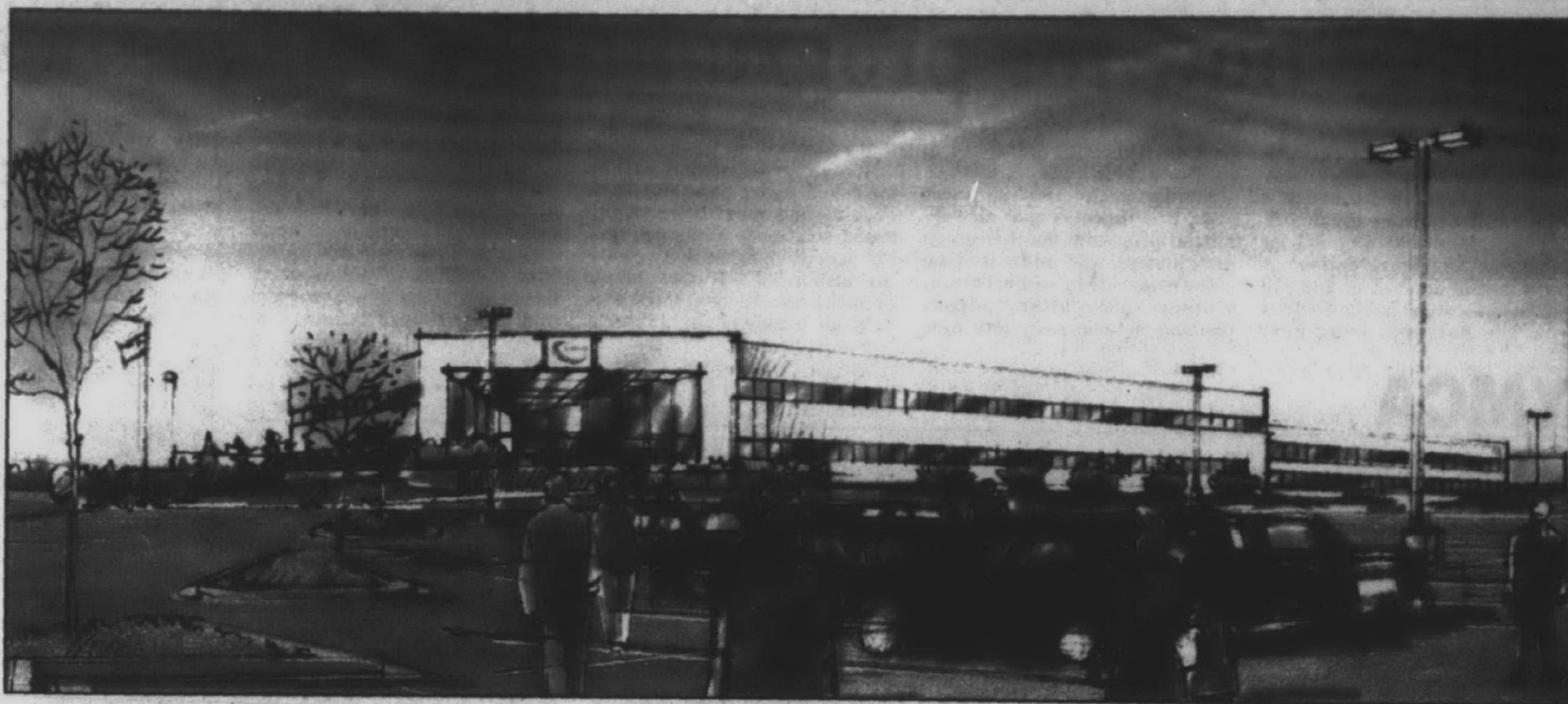
Renovations to the facility totaling \$17 million will be made in three phases. The first phase, office renovations, is scheduled to be finished by July. Occupancy will follow in August.

An office mezzanine level will be created and parking lot renovations finished in October. A third phase, construction of an engineering laboratory, will be completed early next year, according to the company.

The facility, just north of Visteon's Sheldon Road Plant, will house employees now working in six separate engineering and testing buildings in Dearborn.

"This facility offers us the opportunity to leverage our systems expertise by locating our entire climate control team in the same place and with a research engineering lab on premises," said Frank Croskey, vice president and general manager of the Climate Control Systems Division.

"The time and energy we used to spend trying to



Imagine: This is an architectural drawing of the new global headquarters for Visteon, a subsidiary of Ford Motor Co. The new building will be in a facility formerly used by Winkelman's in Metro West Industrial park. The first phase is planned for July.

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Frank Croskey
-Vice president

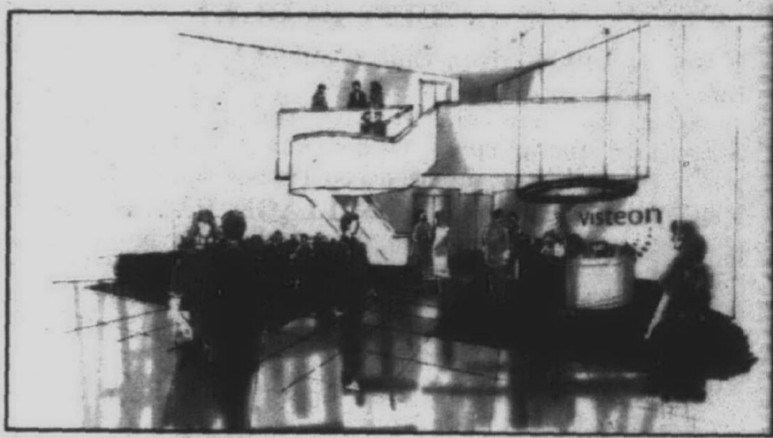
work with each other in six different buildings will now be spent working more closely with our customers," Croskey said.

The renovated facility will feature large windows on both levels of the building, a glass atrium-lobby area, extensive landscaping and Visteon's orange energy dot logo.

Visteon has 79,000 employees in 77 plants. They include 31 joint venture facilities, 30 sales offices

and engineering and technical centers in 19 countries around the world.

Cheryl Eberwein, Visteon spokeswoman, said it's possible that a few employees at the Sheldon Road Plant could be moved to the new facility in Metro West Industrial Park.



Enter: This is a drawing of what the new lobby for Visteon will look like when visitors enter.

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June 1 as sought by Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

At the meeting next week, a YMCA representative familiar with how the YMCA could manage community recreation is to make a presentation, said Plymouth Community YMCA Executive Director Joanne McCarthy.

"My gut feeling is if we look at our community fire department, the basics are there, it's working," said committee member Dave McDonald, a Plymouth city commissioner. "I have yet to hear anyone tell me about any

heartburns about the community fire department."

The joint fire department was formed by having the township fire department take in former city firefighters. An intergovernmental agreement specified how both city and township would contribute financially, on a formula based largely on property values and fire runs in both city and township.

On having the YMCA manage joint recreation, McDonald said, "The voices that talk to me don't like that idea, that's not an option." Still, he said the option

like others should be reviewed.

David Cook said government should run joint recreation "just like they do in all other communities."

Chuck Curmi, a township trustee, responded, "This is Plymouth and we don't do things like everybody else, we want to be creative." Township Supervisor McCarthy has stated support for looking closely at the Y managing recreation, to get government out of managing it.

Joanne McCarthy said that while the Plymouth Y "is looked at as not doing very well, we are

doing fantastically well. People come to us because of our programs."

Curmi encouraged structure subcommittee members "to anticipate future problems, think about the what-ifs, and do as much background as possi-

ble," adding other community recreation program structures could be incorporated.

Answering a question posed at a past meeting, Joanne McCarthy said that by YMCA bylaws 2 percent of program fees would go to the national Y - with

45 percent of that coming back to the community for Y management services.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters estimated the annual 2-percent contribution at \$16,000-\$18,000.

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repeal Proposal A, but just tweak the aspects that don't work.

"Money isn't the only difference. We can do our job with the money we have. It's just that we strain a lot of the resources of our staff and parents."

Mardigian worked on the Long Range Planning committee for two years, "which was one of my most difficult assignments of all time. It covers higher standards of achievement, class size and appropriate facilities."

Appropriate facilities is the third of Mardigian's goals for the next two years.

"Do we have appropriate facilities?" Mardigian asked. "We're losing Lowell Middle School. Central Middle School is really decrepit, and we have 25-year-old portables at the high school. I think what our community is willing to accept is not appropriate."

Mardigian, a supporter of a middle school bond proposal, believes the bond can be successful beyond a reasonable doubt.

"Everybody I know says they want to work hard to make it decisive. A lot of people didn't get out and vote last time. I think we'll get out the vote more effectively this time."

The fact there is already a \$79.6 million bond issue tied up in the courts doesn't deter her.

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Judy Mardigian
-Candidate

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"Every school will feel the pain. Boundaries will change, there could be split schedules. The community is savvy enough to see the difference."

Mardigian, who worked on the last bond proposal, says unless there's a settlement soon, the money won't go as far as planned.

"Every year we delay, we don't replace a computer lab," she said. "One of the high school

labs has eight-year-old computers in it. That's almost criminal when thinking about the working world today."

"There was money in there for new buses. If you've seen some of the buses dragging around town, they're pretty bad."

Mardigian says she's willing to give Jerry Vorva his day in the Court of Appeals as he challenges the high school bond issue

"However, if he decides to take it further we need to make a decision as to what we will do. The value of the money won't even be able to build the scaled-down school we planned."

Mardigian also worked on the Citizens Election Committee. The new high school should be built at Joy and Beck because "I believe you follow through on what you told the voters."

The district's labor-management team is important, Mardigian said

"I think it's a great new day for our district," she said, alluding to the recent settlement. "With three years of labor peace, we can get a lot accomplished on the non-economic side. There's trust, and that hasn't happened for a long time."

Calling all grads to All-Night Party

All 1998 graduates of both Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools are invited to attend the Senior All-Night Party on graduation night from 9 p.m.-4 a.m., Sunday, June 7. No admittance after 11 p.m. This is a closed party for 1998 Canton and Salem graduates.

The parents of the Senior class transform the school into a festive atmosphere including fan-

tastic food, prizes, dancing, games and entertainment creating a fabulous celebration on graduation night in a safe environment.

Pre-sale tickets will be sold during lunch hours at both schools on May 27, 28, 19; June 1, 2, and 3. Advance tickets including a T-shirt are \$25, at the door \$30. A school ID is required to purchase tickets.

An open house is scheduled for 7-8 p.m., Sunday, June 7 for parents and friends to view the party decorations. It is recommended that parents of Juniors stop by to get ideas for next year.

Help from parents is still needed for the set up on Saturday, June 6 and chaperones at the party Sunday, June 7. Contact the chairperson or co-chairperson at 459-2857 or 455-8066.

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Once again, the Drug-Free grant for the 1998-99 school year is being coordinated through a subcommittee of the Plymouth-Canton Community Council for Substance Abuse Prevention. A grant in the amount of \$88,812 has been awarded to the District from the Safe and Drug-Free

Schools application submitted to the State of Michigan. Similar to the 1997-98 grant year, it is expected that all submitted proposals for this grant distribution will address drug prevention, drug intervention, violence prevention, parent training or community programs

that address these issues. Any program which will be approved using Safe and Drug Free monies must be research-based strategies and programs. For specific information regarding authorized activities, please contact Linda Kelly at (734) 416-3154 for a copy of this informa-

tion. Applicants submitting a proposal that would seek funding under the Drug-Free Schools grant should complete an application/proposal form and return it to the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth no-

later than Friday May 29. Interviews are scheduled for Monday, June 5. Since these will be the only interview days scheduled, applicants should hold these dates open. Interview times will be determined after receipt of the application. Applications for proposals are

available at the Office of Assistant Superintendent from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. All activities provided through the Drug-Free grant will need prior approval of the CCSAP Committee.

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record to do this totally on their own." Watts and McCarthy are aware of concerns. "They don't think we can manage 1,300 soccer kids. That's not a large program to us. It's a small program," said Watts, who served on the joint recreation program

subcommittee. "Our whole purpose is to manage programs." **Agreements** McCarthy points to other YMCAs that have agreements with communities for recreation programming. They include: Livonia YMCA, which manages

the city-owned Sheldon Pool and organizes competitive soccer teams; Hasting, Mich. where the YMCA is contracted to serve as the community recreation department; Ionia YMCA that manages the school district swimming pool; and the Detroit YMCA which is about to enter an agreement to manage swimming pools at Chandler Park.

dollars over to the YMCA to conduct the programs. A board with representatives - including from the city and township - is expected to be formed. "A lot of this is supposed to come out of the structure committee," Watts said.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 1998-99 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 1, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 1998-99 City Budget. **PROPOSED 1998 CITY MILLAGE RATES:** The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 1998 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

The 1998 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.76 mills, which is the same as the 1997 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.76 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.

The 1998 tax rate for debt service millage to fund a portion of the debt service requirements for the 1997 and 1998 General Obligation Bond issues is proposed to be 1.86 mills, a decrease of .02 mills from 1997.

The 1998 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.40 mills, an increase of .15 mills over the 1997 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.02 mills for 1998, which is .13 mills higher than the 1997 total City tax rate of 14.89 mills.

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established tentative 1998 equalization factors of 1.0778 for residential classes of property, 1.0254 for commercial classes of property and 1.0000 for industrial classes of property. Since the City has increased assessments for the residential and commercial classes for 1998 by the proposed factors, all 1998 equalization factors will be set at 1.00.

1998-99 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth as proposed for 1998-99 are as follows:

GENERAL FUND: REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Property taxes	\$3,415,300	Administration	\$ 979,690
Licenses & Permits	112,250	Buildings & Grounds	358,140
Federal Grants	46,000	Police Department	1,669,640
State-shared Rev	1,190,700	Fire Department	648,000
Sales of Service	340,870	Public Works Dept.	788,410
Cemetery Revenue	142,000	Bldg & Eng. Dept.	249,480
Parking Revenue	34,200	Other Functions	210,500
Other Revenue	634,550	Capital Outlay	576,400
Transfers to Other	29,640	Debt Service	208,160
REVENUE TOTAL	\$5,945,510	Transfers to Other Funds	227,090
		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$5,945,510

Gas & Wgt Taxes			
Contrib & Other	1,487,630		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,795,030	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,795,030

LOCAL STREET FUND:	
Gas & Wgt Taxes	\$ 123,000
Contrib & Other	1,039,730
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,162,730
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,162,730

RECREATION FUND:	
Property Taxes	\$ 152,900
Prog. Fees & Other	763,760
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 916,660
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 916,660

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND:	
Property Taxes	\$ 410,900
Sales of Service	155,900
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 566,800
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 566,800

OTHER CITY FUNDS:		
	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 351,400	\$ 351,400
DDA Debt Fund	378,530	378,530
Old Village Dev. Fund	81,430	81,430
Public Improv. Fund	173,000	156,070
1997 G.O. Bond Const. Fund	100,000	2,420,000
Parking Fund	4,950	0
Cemetery Trust Fund	19,500	13,000
1997 G.O. Bond Debt Fund	645,280	645,280
1998 G.O. Bond Debt Fund	66,050	66,050
Highway Debt Fund	30,790	30,790
Building Authority Funds	493,920	493,920

Financial plans for the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Waste & Sewer Fund and the Equipment Fund are also included in the Budget Document.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS: As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE: A complete copy of the 1998-99 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

AGREEMENTS

McCarthy points to other YMCAs that have agreements with communities for recreation programming. They include: Livonia YMCA, which manages

REVENUES

With the YMCA operating a joint program, the local organization's revenues - about \$300,000 - would join the city and township revenues devoted to joint recreation, McCarthy said. YMCA revenues include program fees, fundraising and money from the Plymouth Unit-

ed Way. Admittedly, McCarthy said, two percent of the Y's revenues are handed over to the national

YMCA IS 37

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is celebrating its 37th year. Here are some facts about the Plymouth YMCA gathered by its board members:

- The organization is headquartered at 248 S. Union Street in downtown Plymouth.
- The local organization has 1,800 members, including from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton and the Northvilles.
- The Annual Run attracts approximately 1,000 runners and has been listed as one of the top 50 runs in Michigan.
- The YMCA Day Camp provides organized activities to approximately 650 children during 10 weeks in the summer.
- The backyard swim program teaches water safety and progressive swim to more than 300 kids in June, July and August.
- Twenty-one residential swimming pools are donated to the Y for water safety and swimming classes.
- The YMCA Indian Guides Parent/Child Program has 144 members.
- There are 113 youngsters on waiting lists for various sports classes.
- The Y coordinates programs at 14 sites.
- The Y has a licensed preschool call Y Kids.
- More than 3,000 infants through adults participate in YMCA classes per year.
- The Plymouth Y with three other area YMCAs offer various recreational sports leagues.
- The Plymouth Y operates under a set of bylaws and has a board of directors: Thomas LaBeau, president; Sandra Watts, vice president; John Blackwell III, vice president; Burt Dickinson, secretary; Dr. Tom Morse, treasurer; Mike Maupin, general board member; three open seats on the board; Joanne McCarthy, executive director.

YMCA organization. The local YMCA is also considering joining the Detroit Metro YMCA. "We are now what they call an independent YMCA, as is Ann Arbor," McCarthy said. "In joining Metro, there would be pluses and minuses."

Detroit Metro CEO and President Reid Thebault did not return inquiries from the Observer regarding the Plymouth Y's efforts.

Watts, however, said there are differing opinions about whether to join the larger organization. "A lot of people I've talked to want to keep local control. If we join Metro, our board here becomes an advisory board. But the up side is that we would get more staff support."

Employees
The local Y has 21-24 part-time seasonal employees, five part-time office employees, a sports coordinator who is just less than full-time and McCarthy who is full-time. Watts and McCarthy maintain that as a non-profit organization, the YMCA would have fewer expenses with salaries than if the city ran the program. "We don't pay what the city pays,"

Watts said. When asked what they would do with city recreation employees, such as recreation director Tom Willette, Watts admitted, "we aren't going to boot them out. We don't want to do that." Issues such as personnel, McCarthy and Watts said, are expected to be addressed by the structure subcommittee, which will meet again at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Teeples said he is concerned that any fees charged to recreation participants will include a portion of the fees that the YMCA needs to send to the national YMCA organization. "Does that mean I will send a portion of my tax dollars to the YMCA? Where is the separation between church and state?"

But McCarthy said that despite the organization being the "Young Men's Christian Association," no one is discriminated against and everyone will be given an opportunity to participate, regardless of race, religion or sex, and skill levels. "In the Y programs, everyone gets to play the same amount of time. We give all kids a chance," Watts said. "But we would still have competitive and non-competitive

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Most local commissioners oppose jail millage

Wayne County voters will see yet another ballot proposal in the Aug. 4 primary election, this time to renew the county jail property tax.

County commissioners voted Thursday, 10-4, to ask voters to approve one mill for four years. An earlier motion to approve a 10-year proposal fell short of the 10 commission vote minimum needed to place the item on the ballot.

A mill is \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of

state equalized valuation, half of a property's market value, or inflation-capped taxable value.

County voters will be asked to approve the jail tax and a "Supermajority" proposal calling for a 60 percent voter support of county ballot proposals before they are effective.

Voters in Garden City, Livonia, Redford and Westland also will vote on the three year, 0.33-mill proposal to fund the Suburban Mobility Authority of

Regional Transportation.

Thursday's resolution is a renewal of a proposal first approved in August 1988. Wayne County voters approved 1 mill to acquire, construct or operate jail misdemeanant or juvenile detention facilities.

That money also could be used for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution. One tenth of a mill was earmarked to acquire, build and operate a

juvenile offender work/training institution.

Supporting the jail millage proposal were Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit and Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, along with Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell, Edna Bell, Kim Cockrel, George Cushingberry, Bernard Parker and Jewel Ware, along with Edward Boike, D-Taylor, and Susan Hubbard, D-DeARBORN.

Opposed were Commissioners

Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, who also represents Dearborn Heights; Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park. Commissioner Chris Cavanagh, D-Grosse Pointe, was absent.

Beard supported the proposal, but would have preferred a 10-year, rather than a four-year, term on the tax.

"Crime is down, and the mes-

sage is now clear that we've been able to take criminals off the street," Beard said. "People are finding out about the consequences."

"We'd have to close the jail if the people didn't approve it, as there would be no funding."

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, said the package represents a compromise with western Wayne police chiefs who pre-

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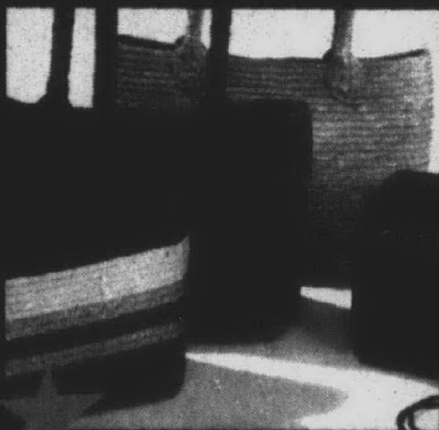
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House OKs changes on watercraft bill

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The House of Representatives gave all but unanimous approval to a watered-down bill to regulate personal watercraft (PWC), sometimes known by the trade name Jet Skis.

The vote was 97-3 to concur in Senate amendments.

"The minimum age should be higher than 14," said state Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, who opposed

the bill. "Sixteen is more appropriate. Some inland lakes are very small and very congested."

Missing the vote was Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, whose district also includes part of Redford Township.

The measure, House Bill 5426, goes to Gov. John Engler for signing.

As it passed the House, the bill would prohibit persons under 16 from running PWCs and placed

starting time at 9 a.m.

The Senate dropped the age to 14 and starting time to 8 a.m. It also reduced penalties.

Other provisions:

- DNR is required to establish comprehensive educational programs in boating safety, a program to train operators and a system of issuing boating safety certificates to persons who complete the program satisfactorily.
- A person born after Dec. 31,

1978 may not operate a PWC unless he or she has obtained a boating safety certificate, effective Jan. 1, 1999.

- PWC operators and passengers must wear flotation devices (life jackets).
- Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or designee.
- PWCs must be kept 200 feet from a shoreline unless operated at a "slow - no wake" speed.

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viously had opposed the package. Wayne County agreed to investigate ways as a "central negotiator" on house ordinance violators, Duggan said.

Wayne County also will examine a tether program where first-time, non-violent offenders, such as shoplifters or driving on a suspended license, serve 60 or 90 day sentences at home.

The four-year millage length allows the chiefs a chance to evaluate these programs, Duggan said.

Patterson didn't buy the rationale or the threat that the jail would be closed to support the millage. "The shoe's on the wrong foot again," Patterson said.

Patterson believed the jail could be financed through the general fund, and wondered Wayne County was taxed higher than all other Michigan counties, with Oakland County residents

taxed at only 60 percent of the rate of Wayne County residents.

"We collect over \$400 million in the general fund, and we have a \$2 billion budget, yet we always have to ask for more money," Patterson said. "The question here should be, 'Why can't you operate within your means?'"

Husk opposed the proposal because she believes the jail money was mismanaged and also thinks detention facilities could be funded through the general fund. "The tax money that was collected was not spent as originally intended. It took a number of years to build the juvenile facility."

A report last year for the Conference of Western Wayne stated that more than \$12 million in revenue had been shifted to other areas of the budget. In 1996, \$770,000 was sent to

departments of economic development and corporation counsel.

But county officials deny that money was shifted and said the county must house pre-sentence felons and is required under state law to house felons sentenced to less than a year for state offenses. They argue budget adjustments from millage money and increased jail revenue are used to reduce the general fund subsidy of new jail beds. Even after that subsidy, the county's general fund still subsidized beds for \$1.4 million.

The total jails budget since 1988 has increased dramatically, far exceeding the \$24.9 million raised in 1995-96 from the nine-tenths of a mill tax rate. Since the millage has passed, the total jails budget has more than doubled from \$35.7 million to \$75.6 million per year.

Duggan called the Republi-

can's position "totally irresponsible" and "typical grandstanding."

As for funding the jails out of the general fund, "I'm waiting for their proposal on what we should cut," Duggan said.

McCotter said he would gladly sit down with Duggan and County Executive Edward McNamara to cut \$30 million from the budget.

"Housing prisoners is an essential function of county government and the residents of Wayne County shouldn't have to pay a special tax for it," McCotter said.

Beard said she was glad it was going on the ballot. "Most people understand the value of that jail," Beard said. "People are doing things to reduce crime, and it's up to the people now to make the determination on the millage."

"I hope they'll be studying it and hope that people will be thoughtful."

Madonna sets fall signup

Madonna University's open registration for fall term begins Monday, June 15, and continues through Friday, Sept. 4, for new and returning students. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours will be extended to 7 p.m. Monday, June 15, and Thursday, June 18. The office will be closed on Friday, July 3. Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 3, through Friday, Sept. 4, office hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays. The office will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Fax-in registration will be accepted until Friday, Aug. 21 prior to the start of classes.

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Belgian beer, seafood are sensational pair

How about this glorious spring weather! If you're like me your grill has been getting a workout. I've grilled chicken, a whole turkey and tuna steaks. A sweet-dry, spicy Belgian beer is the perfect accompaniment.

Belgian ale and seafood complement each other flavorfully. Hoegaarden Wit (Whogarden) is a Belgian wheat beer made from malted barley and unmalted wheat, spiced with coriander seeds and Curacao orange peel.

It's a thirst-quenching summer beer whose fruity spiciness complements Sea Scallop Ceviche with Papaya Mango Salsa.

Ceviche

Ceviche is the cooking of seafood using the acid from lemon or lime juice. You must use freshly squeezed lemon juice, no cheating, trust me. I made it once with bottled lemon juice, and the results were less than satisfactory.

The sea scallops must soak in their lemon juice bath for 24 hours. No heating up the kitchen to make this dish.

Buy some extra lemons to make lemonade, when was the last time you had real lemonade?

Tuna Steaks with Citrus Marinade is another summertime dish made with freshly squeezed juice. You can

also use this marinade for pork chops or chicken. I once made up a large amount of citrus marinade and soaked a 12-pound turkey in it overnight. The next day I cooked the turkey on a covered grill. It was the best I ever tasted, the meat fell off the bones.

My citrus marinade recipe is not written in stone. Make it up, taste it, and adjust the seasonings and ingredients according to your taste.

SCALLOP CEVICHE WITH PAPAYA MANGO SALSA

2 1/2 pounds sea scallops (20 to 30 size, which means 20-30 scallops per pound)

Freshly squeezed lemon juice to cover scallops (juice from about 2 dozen lemons)

Salsa

2 ripe papayas, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch dice
2 ripe mangoes peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch dice
1/4 cup red onion, small dice
1 red bell pepper, roasted and cut into small dice
1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and cut into fine dice
1 clove fresh garlic
1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1/3 cup olive oil

Garnish:
Shredded radicchio

For Salsa: Place papaya, mango, onion, and peppers in a glass or stainless steel bowl.

In a food processor or blender, place cilantro, garlic, lime juice and olive oil. Pulse until well blended, and add to mixture in the bowl. Gently mix together. Salsa can be made a day ahead.

For Ceviche: Rinse scallops well under cold water and dry thoroughly on paper towels.

Place scallops in a glass or stainless steel bowl, or pan and pour lemon juice over top. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours. Just before serving drain well.

To serve, lay some shredded radicchio on a small plate, top with some salsa, then the scallops. Serves 4.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Home Sense
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SANDWICHES

a meal into your busy summer



Great sandwich: Grilled Chicken and Provolone Panini, accompanied by a light and refreshing Parmesan Filled Tortellini Pasta Salad with Sweet Red Peppers, is sure to please guests at your summer gathering.

Memorial Day weekend is the official start of summer. Going to the beach, vacationing, amusement parks, family reunions and parties — there are so many things to "sandwich" in between these short summer months.

Easy to prepare and serve, sandwiches are satisfying summertime fare. You can dress them up or dress them down. You can make them tall or short, round or square, simple or extravagant. Sandwiches have grown up and out of the lunch box and found its place as welcomed food option in a variety of settings.

"Sandwiches have personality," said Kathy Stark, executive chef for The HoneyBaked Ham Co. in Troy. "Depending on the selection of bread, garnish and ingredients, sandwiches can accentuate the theme of a party or gathering. Thinly roasted turkey served on petite slices of pumpernickel bread and garnished with watercress and radish is very gentle and elegant. On the other hand, lean ham stacked high on a crusty roll with bright, fresh pineapple salsa is fun and informal."

Sandwiches first appeared in 1762 when John Montague, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, got hungry during a particularly long card game. The Earl refused to interrupt his game or get his cards greasy, so he ordered his servants to bring him cheese and meat between two slices of bread.

It was a convenient and humble beginning to a culinary technique that today has become a near art form. The great art of making a sandwich is limited only by one's imagination and taste buds. You can be as creative as you want to be by choosing from a variety of fresh breads, vegetables, proteins and spreads.

According to a recent national survey by the American Dairy Association, nearly 86 percent of Americans will pack a snack or lunch to enjoy outdoors at least one time a month, while almost 18 percent heed the call of the great outdoors and transport their favorite foods more than four times a month.

Nearly 22 percent of Americans take their portable snacks into the wilderness for camping or hiking, and 17 percent chose the neighborhood park as their outdoor picnic spot of choice. But the most popular outdoor destination, picked by 27 percent of those surveyed, was their own backyard.

In June the American Dairy Association is celebrating Dairy Month. They're offering a free leaflet of portable summer recipes, which include fresh ingredients and a variety of cheeses. You'll find recipes for salads, cookies, and, of course, sandwiches.

For your copy, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: "June Dairy Month recipes," c/o the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, 2163 Jolly Road, Okemos, MI 48864, or visit the cheese web site at www.ilovecheese.com

See recipes inside.

Sandwich tips:

- The best sandwich breads are dense breads such as pumpernickel, rye, wheat or grain or crusty rolls and bagels. Dense breads don't absorb moisture quickly and won't become soggy.
- Cut the bread into interesting shapes using cookie cutters or a knife.
- Add a pleasing bite to the taste of the sandwich by adding pecans, herbs or vegetables to your cream cheese, butter or mayonnaise spread.
- Be sure to use the highest quality fresh ingredients.
- Thinly slice all ingredients so they are easier to chew.
- Use fresh vegetables and a variety of greens for a fresh presentation and crisp taste.
- To keep sandwiches fresh, cover with a very slightly damp cloth and wrap in plastic for up to 4 hours in the refrigerator to maintain freshness.

Information courtesy of Kathy Stark, executive chef for The HoneyBaked Ham Co.

Quick, easy lasagna family favorite for 25 years

With her two children away at college, Judy Peak no longer has to worry about satisfying everyone's tastes. Cooking is simpler now.

"It's more relaxing," she said. "Cooking is different now. I can spend more time and make stuffed cabbage, if I want, or spend less time and make something simple like grilled cheese and tomato soup."

A student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Judy lives in Canton, and is working on her degree in child development.

While she doesn't cook as much as she used to, Judy and her husband Matthew, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary in June, enjoy entertaining friends. Lorraine Gurta's Lasagna is one of Judy's favorite dishes.

"It's so easy to put together and tastes good when you're done," she

said. "It can even be made ahead of time. I just recently made the recipe with ground turkey instead of beef for a friend who doesn't eat beef. You couldn't tell the difference."

Lorraine Gurta's Lasagna recipe was given to Judy by her mom, "many, many years ago."

"It is a family staple as well as an entertaining staple," said Judy. "I've been making this dish for 25 years," she said. "Whenever we have company they are usually served this often requested lasagna. It's quick and easy to make and delicious!"

LORRAINE GURTA'S LASAGNA

8 ounces lasagna noodles
1 pound ground beef (or ground turkey)
1 chopped onion
1 small (4 ounce) can mushroom stems

1 tablespoon parsley flakes
1 tablespoon oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
12 ounces tomato paste
1 1/2 cups water
1 large container cottage cheese
1 egg
2 (8 ounce) packages shredded mozzarella cheese

Boil noodles according to package instructions.

Brown beef with onion in pot. Add tomato paste, mushrooms, parsley, oregano, salt, pepper and water. Simmer for 15 minutes.

In a separate bowl, combine cottage cheese and egg.

In a 9-by-13-inch baking dish, alternate layers of 2 thicknesses of noodles,

cottage cheese mixture, meat mixture, and 8 ounces of mozzarella cheese sprinkled on, ending with cheese.

Bake at 350°F for 3/4 to 1 hour, or until top is browned. Remove from oven and let stand for 15 minutes before cutting.

Serves about 6.
Serve with your favorite tossed green salad and garlic bread.

Recipe

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Sensational sandwiches super for summer gatherings

See related story on Taste front.

GRILLED CHICKEN AND PROVOLONE PANINI

- Makes 4 sandwiches
- Prep time: 15-20 minutes; cooking time: about 15 minutes
- 4 chicken breast halves, boneless and skinless
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons fresh sage, chopped, or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, chopped or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 crusty rolls of choice, French, Italian, sourdough
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar dressing
- 2 cups (about 4 ounces) arugula, washed and dried
- 8 pieces (about 4 ounces) prosciutto, thinly sliced
- 8 pieces (about 4 ounces) provolone, thinly sliced

Brush chicken breasts lightly with melted butter. Combine sage and rosemary and sprinkle on both sides of chicken. Season with freshly ground pepper and salt. Grill chicken breasts over charcoal grill in stove-top grill pan, or under broiler until firm to the touch.

Transfer to plate and let cool approximately 10 minutes.

Slice rolls in half. Sprinkle each roll with vinaigrette. Divide arugula among the four rolls. Layer 2 slices of prosciutto and 2 slices of provolone on each roll. Slice each chicken breast in half crosswise into diagonal slices, about 1/2-inch thick, and place on

top of cheese. Drizzle more vinaigrette over chicken. Place top of roll on and press down gently so sandwich stays together. Tightly wrap each sandwich in plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving time.

PARMESAN FILLED TORTELLINI PASTA SALAD WITH SWEET RED PEPPERS AND ARTICHOKE HEARTS

- Makes 4 servings
- Prep time: 30 minutes; Chill time: 1-4 hours
- 9 ounces (1 package) refrigerated cheese filled tortellini
- 1/2 cup (about 2) carrots, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup (about 1/2 large) sweet red pepper, diced
- 2/3 cup (about 6 ounces) canned artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 8 kalamata olives
- 2 tablespoons pesto, homemade (recipe follows) optional
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, optional
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup (2 ounces) Parmesan cheese, freshly shredded

Prepare tortellini according to package directions, rinse under cold water and drain well. Place in serving bowl. Cook carrots in boiling water until tender, approximately 4 minutes. Rinse under cold water and drain. Add carrots, red pepper, artichokes and olives to pasta. Toss with pesto.

Add 1-2 tablespoons olive oil if mixture seems dry. Season with ground black pepper to taste. Refrigerate 1-4 hours to allow flavors to meld. Toss with shredded

Parmesan cheese immediately prior to serving.

HOMEMADE PESTO

- 1 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- 1-2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed
- 1-2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 1/8 cup extra virgin olive oil

Place basil, pine nuts and garlic into blender or food processor. Blend until finely minced. Add cheese and oil and process until blended. Transfer to small container, cover and chill. Use within 3-4 days. Recipe may be doubled.

Recipes courtesy of American Dairy Association.

HONEYBAKED HAM SANDWICHES WITH PINEAPPLE SALSA

- Serves 8
- 2 pounds HoneyBaked Ham slices
- 8 Provolone cheese slices
- 8 crusty sourdough rye rolls
- 2 cups fresh pineapple, chopped and drained
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey mustard
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

To make Pineapple salsa: Combine pineapple, onion, peppers, honey mustard and vinegar together and mix well. Season with salt and pepper and chill for 2-6 hours. Makes 3 cups.

To make Sandwiches: Stack 2 or 3 slices of HoneyBaked Ham on rolls and top with a slice of Provolone cheese and 2 tablespoons of salsa.

SMOKED TURKEY, WATERCRESS



Sandwich for any occasion: From casual to elegant, the sandwich is a welcomed food option for any event. A fun and informal sandwich, The HoneyBaked Ham and Pineapple Salsa Sandwich is pictured next to the more formal and elegant Smoked Turkey, Watercress & Herbed Cream Cheese Sandwich.

& HERBED CREAM CHEESE SANDWICHES

- Serves 8
- 16 slices of pumpernickel bread, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 pound HoneyBaked smoked turkey breast
- 1 bunch of watercress
- 3/4 cup cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons of fresh snipped chives
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley,

- chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Radish for garnish

To make Herbed Cream Cheese: Combine cream cheese, herbs, mustard and salt in a bowl and mix well. Can be prepared 1 day in advance.

Sandwiches: Cut the crusts off of the bread slices and cut in half. Spread each half with about 1 tablespoon of the softened cream cheese mixture. Top with a sprig of

watercress and a few thin slices of smoked turkey. Place other half on top and arrange on a large platter, or individual plates. Garnish with additional watercress sprigs and a few fresh radish slices.

Sandwiches can be made four hours ahead and covered with a slightly damp cloth. Cover platters with plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving time. Makes 16 tea sandwiches.

Recipes courtesy of HoneyBaked Ham Company.

Strawberries, pastry and cream, luscious dessert

AP - This dessert, Strawberry Napoleons, is a version of a favorite pastry, just the thing to satisfy a springtime longing for the first taste of fresh fruit.

STRAWBERRY NAPOLEONS

- 1/2 package (17 1/4-ounce size) frozen puff pastry (1 sheet)
- 1 package (about 3 1/2

- ounces) vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped, or 2 cups thawed frozen nondairy or dairy whipped topping
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons milk
- 1 1/2 cups sliced strawber-

ries
Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 F.
Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Cut into 3 strips along fold marks. Place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until golden. Remove from baking sheet and

cool on wire rack.

Prepare pudding mix according to package directions with 1 cup milk. Fold in whipped cream. Cover and refrigerate.

To prepare icing, in small bowl mix confectioners' sugar and 2 teaspoons milk and set aside.
Split pastries into 2 layers, making 6 layers in all. To make the top layers, spread icing on 2 layers. Spread another pastry layer with 3/4 cup pudding mixture. Top with about 1/3 cup strawberries. Repeat layers. Top with an iced pastry layer. Repeat to make second dessert.

Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 4 hours. Makes 12 servings.

Recipe from Pepperidge Farm.

Cheers from page B1

TUNA STEAKS

- 4 (8 ounce) yellow fin tuna steaks
- Marinade
- Juice of 1 lime and zest
- Juice of 1 lemon and zest
- Juice of 1 orange and zest
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 8 tablespoons Inner Beauty Black Marin Sauce (available at Vic's and other specialty markets)
- 1 bottle Hoegaarden Wit beer
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix well.

Place tuna steaks in a glass pan, pour marinade over steaks and refrigerate for 4-5 hours.

Grill over medium heat just until fish begins to flake easily when tested with a fork. Allow about 10 minutes per inch of thickness, turning once during cooking. Serves 4.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the fourth Sunday of the month in Taste.

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Fresh apricots are fabulous for breakfast or dessert

A juicy, ripe, fresh apricot is a mouthful of sunshine and poetry. Pounce on the first one of the season, however, and you are not likely to experience this bliss.

Early in May, when apricots are one of the first fresh fruits to appear, you may be tempted to buy them. Wait until June and your patience will likely be rewarded.

Most of the commercially-grown fresh apricots available are grown in California, with a much smaller percentage from Washington state. To ship well, the fruit is picked when not fully ripe. Such fruit will never achieve its best possible flavor. For a true taste of an apricot's honeyed sweetness, you must wait for locally-grown apricots that are tree-ripened.

Apricots are grown in small quantities in much of the U.S. so local fruit does eventually appear in farmers markets and supermarkets around the country.

The type of apricot makes a

difference in its flavor, yet supermarkets rarely label them by variety, such as Castlebrite, Patterson, or Blenheim. Most likely, you will find the first two varieties, since they ship well. Unfortunately, they are not even close in flavor and succulence to the more fragile and late-ripening Blenheim. Taste and texture aside, you can also tell Blenheims by their lightly freckled skin.

Select fresh apricots based on aroma and color. A whiff of apricot fragrance is more important than perfectly smooth, blushing fruit. Never select fruit that is tinged with green.

Poached apricots are tasty for breakfast or dessert. Whether you use fresh or dried apricots, the secret to poaching them is to let the fruit cool in the syrup for more than 24 hours, before serving them. Use any leftover syrup as a delicious addition to a banana smoothie.

POACHED APRICOTS

1 cup sugar

- 8 fresh apricots, or 16 dried halves
- 2 (1-inch) strips lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon toasted sliced almonds

In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar with 2 cups cold water. Bring to a boil and cook until the sugar dissolves.

While the syrup cooks, halve the fresh apricots, if using, and remove the pits. Place the apricots in the boiling syrup. Add the lemon zest. Reduce the heat and simmer the fruit gently for 15 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat. Stir in the vanilla.

Cool the fruit in the syrup. Serve the apricots, with some of the syrup spooned over them, and garnished with the almonds.

Each of the 4 servings contains 236 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Information from the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author Dana Jacobi.



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Delicious treat: Try poached apricots for dessert or breakfast. They give less-than-perfect fruit a boost of flavor. Dried apricots are also good served this way.

Lemony stir-fry chicken with rice 'Fast and Healthy'

AP - This low-fat recipe for Light and Lemony Chicken includes the chicken, the vegeta-

bles and the rice over which to serve them - all prepared in about 25 minutes.

It's one of 350 "easy" recipes in the "Pillsbury Fast and Healthy Cookbook" (Potter, \$24.95),

which is full of palatable, practical ideas for dishes, from appetizers and salads to desserts and cookies. Many of them are shown in succulent detail in color photos.

Panels of general advice crop up frequently. On the page with this chicken recipe, for example, you can read about "Chicken Nutrition: No matter which chicken part you prefer, keep the

profile as healthy as possible by trimming visible fat before cooking, choosing low-fat cooking techniques, removing skin before eating (cooking it with or without the skin makes no difference so long as you don't eat the skin) and controlling portion size."

3 cups hot cooked instant rice (cooked as directed on the package, omitting margarine and salt)

- Sauce:**
- 2/3 cup ready-to-serve fat-free chicken broth with 1/3 less sodium
 - 1 teaspoon lite soy sauce
 - 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 - Dash pepper

LIGHT AND LEMONY CHICKEN

Rice:

- Stir-fry:**
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into bite-size strips
 - 8 green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 1 pound fresh asparagus spears, trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces (3 cups)
 - 2 cups frozen baby carrots

While rice is cooking, in small bowl combine all sauce ingredients; mix well. Set aside.

Spray large nonstick skillet or wok with nonstick cooking spray.

Heat over high heat until hot. Add chicken and onions; cook and stir until chicken is lightly browned and no longer pink. Remove skillet from heat; place chicken and onions on plate.

Spray skillet again with cooking spray. Heat over high heat about 1 minute. Add asparagus and carrots; cook and stir 3 or 4 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender.

Return chicken and onions to skillet. Stir sauce well; pour over chicken and vegetables. Cook and stir just until sauce thickens. Serve over rice.

Makes 4 servings.

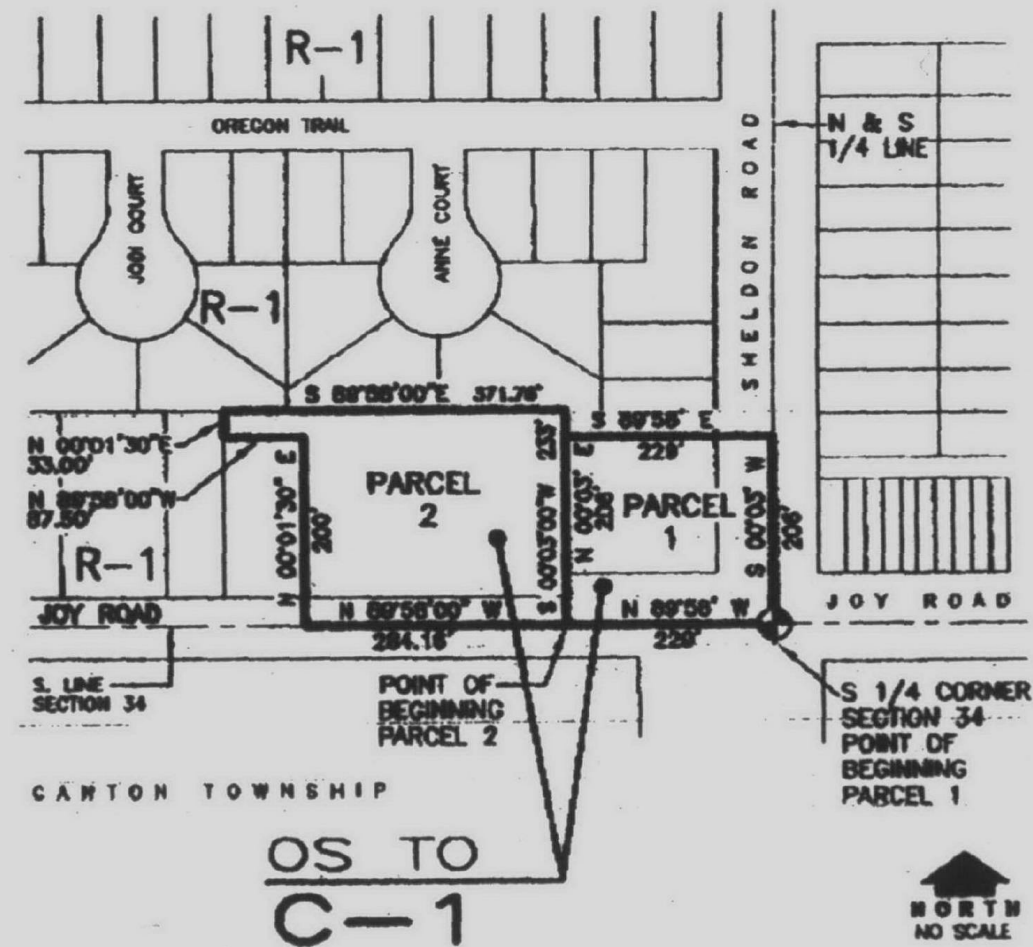
Nutritional information per serving: 350 cal., 4 g fat, 75 mg chol., 260 mg sodium, 45 g carbs., 33 g pro.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: OS, Office Service District
TO REZONE TO: C-1, Neighborhood Shopping District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, June 17, 1998
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from OS, OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT, to C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING DISTRICT.

Application #1519



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tax ID Nos: 058-99-0044-001, 058-99-0045-001
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PARCEL 1

That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 34 and proceeding thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West along the South Section line 229 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes East 206 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East 229 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes West along the North and South 1/4 Section line 206 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2

Part of the Southwest 1/4 Section 34, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 34, also being the centerline of Joy Road, North 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 229.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, and proceeding thence along the South line of Section 34, also being the centerline of Joy Road, North 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 284.16 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 87.50 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East 33.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 371.76 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West 233.00 feet to the point of beginning.

ORDINANCE NO. 83

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 101

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is 46555 Fort Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

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Safety Jamboree

The Family Safety Jamboree, set to kick off Saturday, May 30 at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia (corner of Lyndon and Stark) is a four-hour event designed to promote safety awareness amongst children and adults.

Tips and hands-on activities will include topics such as bike and helmet safety, fire prevention, lawn mower safety, healthy eating, water/boating safety, sports injury prevention, home-safe-home ideas, baby-sitting skills, training for child/infant choking, first aid and much more.

Special highlights during the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. event will be car seat safety checks at 10 a.m.; a presentation by Perfection on Wheels, a professional BMX stunt team at noon; appearances by 911-Andy the Ambulance and Nurse Rosey.

The event is sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Livonia Public Schools, City of Livonia Parks/Recreation, Botsford Hospital, Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia, Mission Health-Providence Hospitals and Medical Centers, Oakwood Healthcare System, St. Mary Hospital and Livonia PTA Council. For more information call the safety hotline at (734) 466-2412.

Blood drive

The Detroit Tigers Memorial Day weekend blood drive will take place Saturday, May 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bell Creek Office Plaza in Livonia, 29691 Six Mile - Suite 100. Every person who attempts to donate will have their names entered in a drawing for six box seat tickets and an autographed baseball from catcher Joe Oliver. To make an appointment, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

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HOME HEALTH CARE NURSE TAKES JOB TO HEART

Cindy Lidster makes her way onto Trailbrook Circle a few minutes early for her appointment with the Detore family. The extra seconds give her a chance to make one more phone call — checking the status of a prescription for another patient and maybe a brief moment to catch her breath.

It isn't long before she's sliding her van door open, gathering her medical supplies and greeting Jenny Detore at her front door. Jenny is always relieved to see Cindy, the Henry Ford Hospital home health care nurse who has made it possible for her 77-year-old husband, Dominick, to continue living at home rather than being cared for in a nursing home.

Now it's Jenny's turn to catch her breath.

Cindy begins her routine despite the watchful eye of a reporter, photographer and hospital public relations representative. The Detore living room is quickly transformed into a mini-hospital amidst the family photographs and collectibles.

"Hello, Dominick," says Cindy loudly to the elderly man, who has trouble hearing her if she doesn't raise her voice. "How's that foot doing?"

Dominick began to see Cindy in his



Caring touch: Cindy Lidster, R.N. a Henry Ford Home Health Care Nurse, removes the dressings from the right lower leg of Westland patient Dominick Detore.

wound has continued to ulcerate despite the concerted efforts of herself, Dr. David Montez (Florida podiatrist and family friend) and two of Dominick's physicians, Dr. James J. Jeffries, an internist at Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane, and Dr. Daniel J. Reddy, head of the division of vascular surgery at Henry Ford Hospital.

"We've been changing his treatment as the wound changes," said Cindy. "So I have been in constant contact with all of his physicians."

No sooner does Cindy finish explaining the collaborative effort she maintains between physicians than the phone rings and Jenny announces it's Dr. Montez from Florida.

"Cindy's here right now looking at his foot," said Jenny, who makes the best of the group of strangers in her Westland home. Despite the crowd, she keeps a watchful eye on Dominick, who's temporarily wincing from the pain he feels as the dressings are removed. Cindy works diligently to clean and redress Dominick's wound.

"We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in November," said Jenny glancing in Cindy's direction. "I'm glad she's so gentle with him. So caring. She talks to him and he trusts her."

Cindy's trust comes from the experience she's developed not only with the Detores but the hundreds of other patients she's treated over the last four years working as a home health care nurse. Prior to her current position with Henry Ford, she worked as a nurse technician in the spinal cord unit at the Detroit Medical Center.

"Home health care is emotionally more taxing," said Cindy. "You don't just see a patient in a gown in a hospital bed then two days later there's someone else in their place. When you're caring for people in their home, you spend more time talking, feel the concern from their children and see photos of their grandchildren on the walls."

"It makes it harder not to want to go above and beyond because you say to yourself 'I know they'll be better if I do this and this and this.' It makes you a

better nurse."

Cindy, 35 and a Canton resident, sees an average of 30 patients per week, six a day from New Boston and Detroit to Ann Arbor and Garden City.

"The biggest challenge to the job is that it never ends," says Cindy. "There's patient paperwork when you get home, blood work follow-up, medical supplies need ordering, scheduling daily visits and phone calls. If you have a patient who has more than one doctor, you have to coordinate with each one the next phase of treatment for a patient and make sure that it doesn't conflict with another therapy the other has prescribed."

The rewards far outweigh the challenges, says the Canton registered nurse. People are so grateful for the changes you're able to make in their lives. "In this field you treat the patient as a whole from their diet and physical therapy to medication and emotional well-being."

Home health care nurses also educate the spouse, family member or loved one on the course of treatment necessary to maintain a good health status. "Knowing doesn't always equal doing," said Cindy of some patients who aren't willing to accept a lifestyle change.

"We teach them the right way of doing things, make them feel safe and confident about their care at home and eventually work ourselves out a job."

On today's visit (one of three Cindy will make to the Detore's home this week), Dominick is showing no signs of fluid in his lungs. "I look for changes in his lungs such as wheezing, gurgling or bubbling. So far so good."

Dominick has his pulse and blood pressure checked each visit. "124 over 68," says Cindy.

"It's good," replies Jenny.

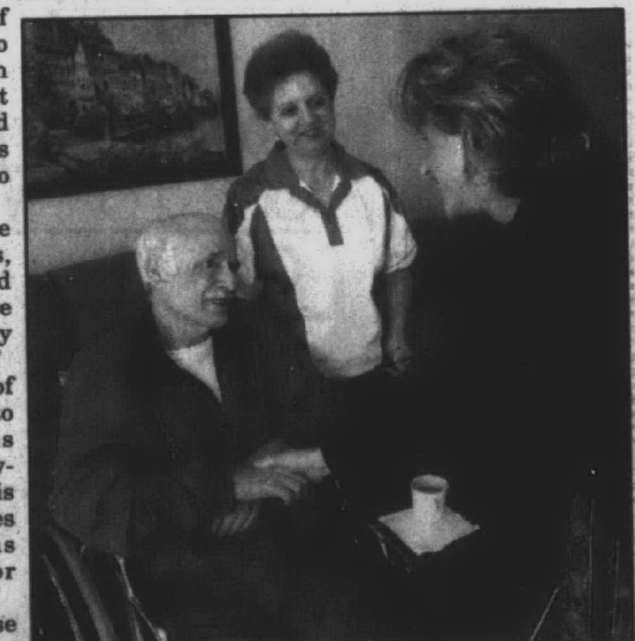
The remainder of the visit centers around Dominick's pain management. "He's very tolerant of pain," says his wife. Cindy knows that's no comfort to herself or Dominick, who has trouble sleeping due to the pain in his lower right leg.

"His pain isn't being managed," said Cindy. "We've tried several different things but to no benefit. I'll call Dr. Jeffries and see what our next course of action can be to bring him some relief."

Cindy's visit ends with a lot of thank you's from the Detores. "All nurses should be like you," said Jenny.

Dominick grabs my hand as I'm leaving and says of Cindy, "She gives me the true report. She gets right down to the nitty gritty."

Update: In the last month, Registered Nurse Cindy Lidster reports Dominick's ulcerated sore is not getting better or worse but is holding its own. "We have also managed to control his pain and are keeping up with the maintenance of the wound."



Moment of thanks: Detore and wife Jenny thank Lidster before she leaves to care for another home health care patient.

50,000 patients cared for at home each year

Henry Ford Home Health Care, a 15-year program comprising more than 175 home health care nurses throughout the Henry Ford Hospital Health Care System, admitted approximately 21,000 new patients into their home health care program last year — 1998 projections are 24,000.

"Home health care is a very valuable tool," said Greg Solecki, vice president of HF Home Health Care. "Our qualified nursing staff provide care and case management of patients — serving as a liaison between the patient and their physicians."

Solecki, who refers to the Henry Ford program as a "badge" in contrast to the traditional Visiting Nurse Association organization, says they offer a full line of services as a continuation of care following hospitalization

to provide treatments in the home setting to promote a smooth recovery.

"Statistics support the belief that patients heal faster and respond to medications better in their home amongst family and friends," said Solecki. "Last year Henry Ford Home Health Care made approximately 219,000 home visits through a comprehensive system of services."

Home health care services provided by the hospital include registered nursing, licensed practical nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, medical social work services, nutrition services and home health aide services. The hospital also has an array of programs for mothers and newborns through the "Partnership in Pregnancy and Parenting Program."

High technology care for patients with organ transplants, ventilators, intravenous therapy or tube feeding; as well as orthopedic care through the Joint Replacement Program, can be done in the home, thanks to many medical advances.

"There are many treatments we perform in the home that weren't done in the past that required an extended hospital stay including ventilation and intravenous therapy," said Solecki. "Some early discharge initiatives we established involve appendectomies, obstetrics, stroke and wound care."

"High-tech needs can be managed at home only after it is determined the patient isn't being sent home unnecessarily and that it's 100 percent safe for them to receive therapy there."

Solecki said home health care

doesn't require the patient to travel to and from their physician for follow-up care, they are not hospitalized with other sick patients, it reduces the likelihood of acquiring a new infection, helps to contain costs and it empowers the patient and their family with the education necessary to care for themselves or their loved one.

"At home, patients become more independent and self-sufficient in comparison to the dependency they may develop in the hospital," added Solecki.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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TUE, MAY 26

PROSTATE SUPPORT GROUP The Us Too Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital auditorium in Livonia. Guest speakers Gina Vidrio and Ann Jakobson discuss Caverject.

WED, MAY 27

THERAPEUTIC TOUCH Therapeutic touch. Botsford staff member Susan Meinke, R.N., explains how this technique can ease sore muscles and headaches, relieve stress, alleviate chronic fatigue and balance body energy, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Botsford General Hospital's Classroom 2 East, A & B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Call to register, (248) 471-8020. \$5 fee.

CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION CLASS St. Mary Hospital is offering a cholesterol education class, "Eater's Choices," on Wednesday, May 27, and June 3 from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion Conference Room A, near the South Entrance. Registration required. \$25 fee covers course materials. Call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

MON, JUNE 1

DIABETES EDUCATION Certified by the Michigan Department of Public Health, this five-week series (beginning June 1, 2, and 3) is planned to help you Live Well With Diabetes. Includes hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, foot care, meal-plan exchange system and glucose monitoring. Physician referral required. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

TOPS CLUB TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Monday

from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh in Livonia. For more information please call Marilyn at (734) 464-2844.

PATHWAYS TO PARENTING Offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share concerns and gain information. June 3 - Infant Massage; July 1 - Dental Awareness As Your Baby Grows; August 5 - Reading To Your Baby; Meets the first Wed. of every month. Information: call Botsford at (248) 477-6100

HEART PALS Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others; meets at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-4330 (Garden City Hospital).

DIABETES AND YOU Six-week course explores all areas of diabetes self-care; day and evening classes available. Sessions begin June 1, 24, 25; July 16, 27; Aug. 19, 20. Call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

Workshop to be held

Madonna University will host an all-day workshop on the university's campus in Livonia titled "Options & Decisions: Preparing for End-Stage Dementia."

The event is designed for professionals providing supervisory and/or direct care to dementia patients. It will be in Kresge Hall on Thursday, May 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The symposium will feature keynote speaker Stephen G. Post, Ph.D. A noted ethicist and author, Post, elected fellow of the Hastings Center, is a tenured professor in the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. The symposium will include five breakout sessions.

To register, call (248) 557-8277 or (734) 432-5530.

Volunteers needed for program

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is seeking retired medical professionals to serve as volunteers for a new screening program for newborns. The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program will provide hearing screening for all babies born at St. Mary Hospital for the early detection of possible hearing impairment.

"We are looking for retired medical professionals such as physicians, nurses and technicians to serve as volunteers," said Sherri Fletcher, director, Volunteer Services and Fund Development. "This would be an ideal volunteer position for someone who wants to help with infants," she added.

The screening will be done at the mother's bedside in the Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum rooms of the Miracle of Life Maternity Center. "Therapists in the St. Mary Hospital Speech-Language Pathology Department will oversee and coordinate the screening program," said Susan Bakonyi. "We need volunteers who can really make a commitment to the program."

The Newborn Hearing Screener is an automated screening system that features an infant headset and computer monitor. If a hearing deficiency is found, the infant will be referred to a staff pediatrician for follow-up.

St. Mary Hospital is one of the few community hospitals in the area to offer hearing screening for newborns, which is part of the continuum of care offered by the hospital. The Miracle of Life Maternity Center averages about 130 births a month. Studies show that an average of six infants per 1,000 births will be identified as hearing impaired.

Interested volunteers call (734) 655-2912 or 1-800-494-1652.

Poking fun at stuffy Web sites, some offer great fun

Everybody has a Web page these days.

It's almost a status symbol with some people. And every company, big and small, now seemingly has an online presence. But a whole lot of the sites are nothing but self-serving puffery.

Have you noticed? So ... wanna have some fun with those who take their Web sites much too seriously?

A reader named Linda Burns sent along a great way to have fun and play a harmless online prank.

It involves a site that turns any Web page into a Valley Girl spoof.

When you go to the Valley Girl site, it will have a box that says, "enter the URL here". Type in the URL, or Internet address of some site you're familiar with, like, say, your employer's if you want to get some office giggles going. Or, if you want, try www.pcmike.com, as Linda did.

Then watch what happens. This page changes it to a site filled with Valley Girl-isms. When my site was processed through the Valley Girl translator, it changed from "the online home of High Tech Reporter Mike Wendland" to "the on-dweebnet home of High Tech Stud Puppy Wendland."

Hmmm.

Try it with your own site, you'll see what I mean. Don't worry, it's just temporary. It doesn't really change anything on the server. It just looks like it does.

You can even e-mail a copy of the site off to friends.

First, go to the valley girl-type site. The address is: www.80s.com/Entertainment/ValleyURL/ Then, type in any URL you choose. "I typed in some real stuffy ones," says Linda, "and suddenly those stuffy sites become very humorous. You'll have to try it to appreciate how funny it is."

Here are some other fun sites readers, radio listeners and TV viewers sent along this week:

Coupon Savings (www.supermarkets.com) - This is a great way to save at the supermarket. Just like the coupons you get at the newspaper, these online versions can be printed out and then clipped. The version I checked had \$35 in coupon savings for every day products. Besides national discounts, just type in your zipcode and you'll get a list of local supermarkets offering even more savings.

Online stories (http://www.digitalstoryteller.com/YTTL) - If you're into photojournalism, this is a site you'll come back to many times. It's maintained by the National Press Photographers Association and, besides their often stunning pictures and stories, they share insights and feelings in diary-form as they carry out their projects.

Online bookmarks (http://ibookmarks.com) - If you use a lot of different computers, and are always misplacing bookmarks, then bookmark this site and forget about the others. This site lets you set up and keep all your favorite Net bookmarks as a file on their server. You can organize, categorize and file them by the hundreds if you want and then, use this as your home page when you go online. No matter what computer you use, you've always got all your bookmarks. Best of all, it's free.

CyberFairs (www.gsn.org/cf/cbwinners98.html) - This site is run by the Global Schoolnet Foundation and you'll be absolutely amazed at how kids and schools are using the World Wide Web. Playing off the traditional science fair, Global Schoolnet held a cyberfair for schools around the world. They made up Webpages and community service uses for the Net. This site displays the winners.

Thesis/term paper templates (http://www.microsoft.com/word/enhancements/wdthesis.asp) - The government may be mad at Microsoft but for a lot of harried students right now, this site is a godsend. These Microsoft Word 97 research templates save students time by providing widely accepted formats for title pages, bibliographies, abstracts, and other kinds of supporting pages necessary in formal academic writing. So if you or the student in your family would rather concentrate on developing ideas than stressing out about the mechanics of presentation, be sure to take advantage of this free download.

DOJ vs Microsoft

(http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases3/micros/1763.htm) - On the other hand, if you stay awake nights worrying about the evil Microsoft empire, this site will add fuel to your fears. It contains the complete 52-page text of the Department of Justice antitrust complaint against the software giant.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM 1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his website at http://www.pcmike.com



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'Mama Jazz' promotes the music she loves

From the age of five, Midge Ellis remembers sitting on her father's lap in Kentucky listening to the music of Count Basie and "Father" Earl Hines on the radio.

Ellis, a Livonia resident, was reminiscing about jazz and her father as she and Plymouth keyboardist Eileen Standley prepared for a Sunday, June 21 Father's Day Jazz Brunch to help raise funds for the fourth annual Michigan Jazz Festival to be held Sunday, July 19 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

Half of the proceeds will go to Schoolcraft College's Gourmet Club which is cooking the brunch. On the musical menu, the Matt Michaels Trio performs with guests George Benson, saxophone and Johnny Trudell, trumpet.

"The brunch is always on Father's Day and a lot of people bring their fathers," said Ellis. "The food and the music are wonderful and the music is the draw and it's Father's Day."

My father was a big jazz fan. He would tell me to listen for the bass, listen to this guitar. When my kids came along, I did the same with them.

Father's Day Jazz Brunch

WHAT: Buffet brunch and jazz to raise funds for the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 19, at the Botsford Inn) and Schoolcraft College's Gourmet Club.

When: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

WHERE: Schoolcraft College, Waterman Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia.

COST: Tickets \$22.50, available in advance only. Send check or money order payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood Street, Livonia, MI 48152-2022. A self-addressed stamped envelope will be appreciated. For more information, call (248) 474-2720 or (248) 437-9468.

Jazz as art

Today, they call her "Mama Jazz" for a reason. Ellis was instrumental in bringing jazz to the Botsford Inn on Thursday nights four years ago after approaching owner Creon Smith with the idea.

"Creon Smith was very open to having jazz at the Botsford Inn," said Ellis, "but I've seen it happen where club owners are big on jazz but don't give it a

chance. I asked him to give it a fair chance."

Almost immediately, the Thursday jazz nights featuring the Jack Brokensha Quartet with Matt Michaels were a success. Ellis thinks it's because Botsford is the only listening room in town. Other restaurants offer jazz music as background to the principal activity, dinner.

"We have some of the best players in the world at the Botsford Inn," said Ellis. "Musicians stop by all the time. It's a meeting place for jazz lovers. Very few jazz musicians can make a living at their art. And Detroit has put out so many jazz musicians."

Till this day, Ellis continues to support the only true American art form. Last year's Father's Day Jazz Brunch raised \$30,000 for the staging, lighting and sound at the Michigan Jazz Festival. In addition to proceeds from the brunch, this year's festival, featuring four big bands and 12 small

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Fund-raiser: Matt Michaels and his trio perform at a Father's Day Jazz Brunch with guests George Benson, saxophone and Johnny Trudell, trumpet.



Featured soloist: George Benson, saxophone, will perform with Johnny Trudell, trumpet, and other guest artists at the Father's Day Brunch.

MOT's 'Porgy and Bess' bids for crossover audiences

INTO A BRAVE NEW WORLD

More than an hour past the time when the scheduled interview was set to begin, and Peabo Bryson finally emerges from his room where he's staying in downtown Detroit.

For the next three weeks, the smooth-voiced singer of such mega pop hits as "Beauty and the Beast" and "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)" will be a resident of Detroit, a People Mover ride away from the Detroit Opera House where Bryson has been cast as the dope-dealing, sauntering Sportin' Life in Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

The Michigan Opera Theatre's production of an unprecedented 14-performances opens Saturday.

Maybe Bryson's tardiness is due to jet lag. Perhaps the weariness of a time zone change. Not quite. Word is that Bryson isn't a morning person.

But by now, it's well past noon. In other words, "Showtime!"

With his finely tailored suit and flawlessly matching tie in place, there's no need to check his attitude. He's not a rapper with a violent case of hiccups and potty mouth.

Bryson chooses his words carefully. He even mentions the "r word" many times. As in "having a responsibility" as a role model and celebrity.

For a big-time, headlining pop star, he has a refreshing scaled-down ego. In the operatic world where egos are as voracious as Pavarotti's appetite, that's like finding a diamond in the rough.

"Peabo is more than I expected, both as an artist and a human being," said David DiChiera, managing director of the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"(Sportin' Life) is to the side of a traditional opera role," said DiChiera. "It's the role for an entertainer, a perfect role to showcase Peabo's talents."

The combination of MOT producing the only large-scale production of Gershwin's classic opera and the widespread attention to the composer during the centennial of his birth has



made "Porgy and Bess" the hottest ticket of MOT's season.

Of course, the choice of the Grammy and Oscar Award-winning Bryson in the role of Sportin' Life - once played by legendary stage actor Cab Calloway and then Sammy Davis, Jr. in the 1959 film - has helped to broaden appeal to nontraditional opera audiences.

The buzz about the opera hasn't been confined to metro Detroit. MOT's "Porgy and Bess" will receive an international audience. National Public Radio will tape, then broadcast the performance worldwide.

Cross-over appeal

For some, Bryson's move from rhythm and blues into opera might

Songs of the struggle: "Porgy and Bess" is considered the greatest American opera. Since its first performance in 1935, the opera about the struggles of southern African Americans has been described both as controversial and compassionate. Few have argued about the power of Gershwin's music.

best be summed up as entering a "brave new world."

Crossing musical styles isn't anything new for Bryson. In 1992, he became the first musical artist to have songs atop four different charts.

"A Whole New World," a duet with Regina Belle, topped the pop and adult contemporary charts, while "We Kiss In A Shadow," and "By the Time This Night Is Over," were top sellers on the classical and jazz charts, respectively.

"I don't like the perception of singers being one-dimensional," said Bryson, whose delicate articulation belies his expansive singing voice.

"If music is a universal language, then singers must learn different kinds of music. Why not opera?"

There isn't a hint of the brash South Carolina dialect of the character Sportin' Life, whom he portrays in "Porgy and Bess."

Admittedly, Bryson speaks with a Midwestern drone, although these days he lives in Atlanta, not far from Greenville, South Carolina, where he grew up "in the hood."

Success hasn't come suddenly. Since the mid-1970s, he's built a career with a smooth, luscious sound that complements jazz, and rhythm and blues arrangements. (By the way, he's not eager to talk about his forays into disco.)

Since the early 1980s smash "Tonight I Celebrate My Love" with Roberta Flack, Bryson has scored

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Multi-dimensional: Peabo Bryson, one of the most popular and acclaimed pop singers of the 1990s, brings his high energy, velvet voice and an uncharacteristic "attitude" to the role of Sportin' Life in "Porgy and Bess."

WHAT: "Porgy & Bess," an American folk opera by George and Ira Gershwin and DuBose and Dorothy Heyward, presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Wednesday-Saturday, June 3-6 & June 10-13; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31; 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. June 7, June 14

WHERE: Detroit Opera House, at the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue, Detroit

TICKETS: \$18-\$95; (248) 645-6666, or (313) 874-SING

"Porgy & Bess" - Background

An opera by George Gershwin with text by du Bose Heyward and Ira Gershwin premiered in Boston, September 1935.

Often called a "folk opera" because of the synthesis of what was called southern Negro dialect and customs along with various musical forms, including jazz, blues, gospel and classical.

Critics have called it both a "glorious love story" and "a construction built of demeaning stereotypes."

The story is set in Catfish Row, a black tenement on the waterfront of Charleston, South Carolina during the 1920s. The area is filled with fishermen, drifters, derelicts and those struggling to find joy amid misery.

The love story concerns Porgy, a cripple, who befriends and falls in love with Bess, the girlfriend of the notorious Crown.

Memorable songs include: "Summertime," "I've Got Plenty of Nothin'," "Bess, You is My Woman Now," and "It Ain't Necessarily So."

In 1952, an all-back company toured Europe where they performed to sold-out audiences in Berlin, Vienna and London.

Fifty years after its premiere, a production of "Porgy and Bess" appeared at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York in 1985.

CONCERT

Concert explores 'Mountains, Valleys & Steppes'

Doreen Zawadiwskyi believes in promoting Ukrainian talent. When Zawadiwskyi first met Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk at St. Josephat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Warren more than four years ago, his credentials as a musician in Ukraine impressed her so much that she helped him write a resume.

Schlesiuk, choir director at St. Josephat, conducted the Krzyzstan State Opera and Ballet Theater and Lviv Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, and was conductor-in-residence for the Bolshoi Theater and Kremlin Palace of the former U.S.S.R. before immigrating to the United States in 1991.

Schlesiuk, in turn, was impressed with Zawadiwskyi's devotion to classical music and asked her to join the Livonia Symphony's board of directors. Now, the two have planned a program to introduce Ukrainian music to the community. The final concert of the

Mountains, Valleys & Steppes

WHAT: A concert recognizing Ukrainian musical heritage from the rolling steppes to the Carpathian Mountains.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

WHERE: Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia.

COST: \$12.50, \$25 sponsorship tickets, and available by calling (248) 645-6666/(734) 421-1111/(248) 656-0306 or at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, (east of Farmington Road).

Livonia Symphony's 1997-98 season showcases Ukraine's music, rich in the legends of the rolling steppes and the Carpathian Mountains, and pays tribute to the beauty of the country's rivers, vitality of its folk songs and bal-

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Award-winning pianist: Volodymyr Vynnytskyi will play Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1" with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.



Duet: Baritone Jerome Cisaruk sings with mezzo-soprano Christina Romana Lypeckyz and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra on May 30.



Ukrainian heritage: Mezzo-soprano: Christina Romana Lypeckyz sings "Cossack Beyond the Danube" with baritone Jerome Cisaruk and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.



American premiere: Marko Farion will narrate Olexander Kozarenko's "Oresteia."

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with a series of sensuous duets with Natalie Cole, Regina Belle and Celine Dion.

Six months ago, a time when the primary roles of Porgy, Bess, Crown, Serena and Clara had been cast, MOT's DiChiera began looking for someone with mainstream star-power in the role of Sportin' Life.

He thought of about a dozen performers, including Robert Guillaume. But DiChiera was most enchanted with the singer who appealed to Disney fans and traditional rhythm and blues audiences.

Bryson jumped at the chance.

"First of all, I love theater, and

this is the greatest American opera," he said.

"The greatest questions about American culture, from the music to the slave trade - questions of right/wrong and exploitation - emanated from the south."

Cultural passage

Only in America could a Jewish-American composer interpret a uniquely African-American experience in a story by a white Southern novelist.

The mixture sounds like vintage melting pot material. Or the recipe for a political correctness nightmare.

Then again, the cultural history of Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" has had its share of each.

Based on DuBose Heyward's novel "Porgy," Gershwin's 1935 opera has invariably stirred debates about race, exploitation and who is entitled to represent a "cultural experience."

Few have debated, however, the resonance of the music in what critics call the greatest American opera.

"It's the synthesis of a tremendous story and an absolutely inspired music," said MOT's DiChiera.

"Gershwin is inspired by African-American heritage, the

language, the songs. It's a monumental work that interprets folk, blues, jazz, and there's also a Broadway element."

Even Gershwin seemed surprised at the depth and resonance of his work. Reportedly, after completing the composition, he said: "I think the music is so marvelous, I don't believe I wrote it."

Indeed, the opera's songs "Summertime," "I've Got Plenty of Nothin'," "Bess, You is my Woman Now," and "It Ain't Necessarily So" are benchmarks in the American song repertoire.

If there are any doubts about how far American life has

changed since Gershwin's opera opened in Boston in 1935, consider this: when performing in Washington, D.C., the original cast went on strike to protest the segregation policy of the National Theatre; and, in the late 1950s, the film starring Sydney Portier and Diahann Carroll was castigated for its simple, primitive portrayals of African Americans.

By the mid-1990s, "Porgy and Bess" has been continually dissected by sociologists. In February, it was the subject of an acclaimed PBS documentary, "Porgy and Bess: An American Voice."

The issues of race and the "rightful voice" of American culture, however, have hardly been resolved.

Noted social historian Darlene Clark Hine contends "Porgy and Bess" is best thought of as a window of the past.

She told The New York Times: "It's a story about black people who are no longer slaves but not quite free."

Within that cultural divide, "Porgy and Bess" seems both dated and timeless. For better or worse, that's much like notions of the American melting pot.

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lads, and skill of the Cossack riders.

"The Ukrainian community is very proud of its musical heritage and would like to present it to the Detroit area," said Zawadiwskyi, a Rochester Hills resident. "We are also proud to have such a talented musician as Maestro Volodymyr Schesiuk in

our community."

When Schesiuk approached the Livonia Symphony board of directors with the idea for the concert last year, he originally wanted it to take place in Warren, the heart of the Ukrainian community in the metro Detroit area. Overruled on the location but undaunted, Schesiuk, simply

reassessed the way in which he would seek the Ukrainian community's support. In March of 1997, then Livonia Symphony Society president Betty Jean Awrey sent a letter to Ukrainian community organizations asking for help in funding the concert. From that letter the Committee in Support of Ukraine's Musical Heritage of Metropolitan Detroit was formed. So far, about \$6,000 has been raised for the concert estimated to cost \$12,000.

"Cossack Beyond the Danube." Schesiuk knew pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky when both lived in Lviv, Ukraine. Vynnytsky, who moved to New York in 1991, plays Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1." Vynnytsky studied at the Lviv Music School for Gifted Children and later the Moscow Conservatory. After earning a doctorate degree in 1983 from the Moscow Conservatory, he taught at the Kiev Conservatory. Vynnytsky has performed with leading orchestras of Ukraine and Poland and at Carnegie Hall. His list of recordings include works by Mozart, Bartok, Chopin and Liszt for Kobza Productions (Kiev-Toronto, 1988), modern Ukrainian composer Myroslav Skoryk for Yevahan Records (Montreal), and archival recordings of Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto and Britten's "Young Apollo" concerto for the Ukrainian Broadcasting Corp. (Kiev).

It will be like theater on stage," said Schesiuk. "For the opening composition I would like to show a Ukrainian pianist, the winner of many competitions in Paris, playing a piece that everybody knows. After intermission, there will be different kinds of Ukrainian music. I chose some very modern music, like 'Oresteia' by an award-winning composer. It's a new experience for the audience. It's melodrama. It's the first time performed here but has been performed at festi-

vals in Europe."

Troy dentist Marko Farion, a leading authority on Ukrainian minstrel and oral traditions, will narrate Olexander Kozarenko's "Oresteia." Dr. Farion appeared with the LSO in 1995 performing on the bandura, a string instrument which is a cross between the lute and harp. He's played with the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America, which won the Taras Shevchenko State Award for musical achievement (Ukraine's highest cultural honor), for more than 20 years. He is also a bass soloist with the Detroit Concert Choir, winner of "Choir of the World" in Wales in 1996 and with St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church choir.

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"The concert is a way to show the American people our music heritage," said Zawadiwskyi. "The Ukrainian community is working hard selling tickets and trying to help Volodymyr Schesiuk, one of our Ukrainian musicians."

Ukrainian music by Ukrainians

Since his arrival in the area in 1991, Schesiuk has come into contact with many Ukrainian musicians. Two of the vocalists are guest artists on the program - mezzo-soprano Christina Romana Lypeckyz and baritone Jerome Cisaruk who sing a duet,

and Scool Jazz PRime, travel the country to hear jazz at festivals. Unlike Ellis who first heard her first jazz lick as a child, Standley was in her late 40s working at Baker's Keyboard Lounge as a hostess when she first heard jazz. Until then, Standley taught classical piano. Now, the two spend dozens of hours coordinating the Father's Day Brunch, a Giving Thanks for Jazz fund-raiser every November, and the Michigan Jazz Festival in July. Because admission to the festival is free, everyone who works to put on the event is a volunteer. So naturally, Ellis and Standley are looking for volunteers for the festival featuring among others Johnny Trudell, Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars, George (Sax) Benson, Matt Michaels Trio with Jack Brokensha, Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Dennis & April Tini,

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Bess Bonnier, Larry Nozero, and Scool Jazz.

"We offer it free to the public," said Ellis. "Every single musician is paid scale. There are no stars."

Added Standley, "if jazz fans want to hear jazz, this is one way they can. I love jazz. Jazz is like a language between the musicians. The jazz musician is composing on the spot, usually in a small ensemble but even in the big bands, there's solos."

As Ellis was about to leave, she pulled a form from her purse. Standley and Ellis are taking a petition to encourage WYUR 1310 AM to include "real" jazz as part of their program.

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groups, is funded by the Music Performance Trust Fund, Detroit Federation of Musicians Local 5, and private and corporate funds. Festival T-shirts and pins that say "I Support Jazz" will also be sold at the festival to raise money.

Her passion

"Jazz is my passion," said Ellis. "It's what keeps me going." And no contrary to popular opinion, "jazz is not dead."

"Jazz is alive and well and growing in Detroit," said Ellis. "Why? because it's jazz. Jazz to me is an intimate relationship that's formed between the player and listener and if it's not there, it ain't jazz. You'll go away from hearing jazz feeling like you've been part of it."

Ellis and Standley, a keyboardist with Schoolcraft College's vocal group Scool Jazz

and Scool Jazz PRime, travel the country to hear jazz at festivals. Unlike Ellis who first heard her first jazz lick as a child, Standley was in her late 40s working at Baker's Keyboard Lounge as a hostess when she first heard jazz. Until then, Standley taught classical piano. Now, the two spend dozens of hours coordinating the Father's Day Brunch, a Giving Thanks for Jazz fund-raiser every November, and the Michigan Jazz Festival in July. Because admission to the festival is free, everyone who works to put on the event is a volunteer. So naturally, Ellis and Standley are looking for volunteers for the festival featuring among others Johnny Trudell, Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars, George (Sax) Benson, Matt Michaels Trio with Jack Brokensha, Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Dennis & April Tini,

Bess Bonnier, Larry Nozero, and Scool Jazz.

"We offer it free to the public," said Ellis. "Every single musician is paid scale. There are no stars."

Added Standley, "if jazz fans want to hear jazz, this is one way they can. I love jazz. Jazz is like a language between the musicians. The jazz musician is composing on the spot, usually in a small ensemble but even in the big bands, there's solos."

As Ellis was about to leave, she pulled a form from her purse. Standley and Ellis are taking a petition to encourage WYUR 1310 AM to include "real" jazz as part of their program.

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Canton JV softball

Plymouth Canton's junior varsity softball team even outdid their varsity counterparts this season.

And that's saying a lot, considering the Canton varsity is currently 22-8 and ranks as the Western Lakes Activities Association champions. But the Chiefs' JV did even better, compiling a 20-2 record — which included wins over every team in the WLAA.

Among the JV team's leaders was pitcher Laura Stewart, who compiled a 12-0 record with one no-hitter and three one-hitters.

The team is coached by Ann Marie Moss and Valerie Canfield.

Canton-Salem hoop camp

Two of the state's premier prep girls basketball coaches — Canton's Bob Blohm and Salem's Fred Thomann — will conduct two different sessions of the Canton-Salem Girls Basketball Summer Day Camp at the Canton and Salem gymnasiums.

The first session is open to all girls entering the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades this fall. The two first-session camp dates are June 15-18 and June 22-25. Camp times for both are 1-3 p.m.

The second session is open to all girls entering the eighth and ninth grades this fall. The two second-session camp dates are July 6-8 and July 13-15. Camp times are 1-3 p.m.

Cost is \$65 per player, which includes a camp T-shirt and basketball. Joining Blohm and Thomann in conducting the camp will be players from both Salem's and Canton's teams.

For a camp application, or for further information, call (734) 416-2937.

Adult tennis lessons

Session II of the adult tennis lessons, sponsored by Canton's Park and Recreation Services, will run from June 1-24 at Griffin Community Park. Registration for residents and non-residents is now underway.

Lessons for beginners will be 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; lessons for advanced level players will be 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays. These classes are open to those 16-years-old and over.

Cost is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents. Classes will be conducted by certified professional Kristen Harrison and her staff. Register in person at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Canton Softball Center

The winner of the 1997 USSSA Sports Complex of the Year award, the Canton Softball Center is currently accepting team registrations for its men's, women's and co-ed leagues beginning June 29.

Team registration fee is \$595 (plus umpire's fees) for a 16-game season, featuring single and double-header dates. Game balls, USSSA registration, and first- and second-place trophies are included in the cost.

Register in person with a \$100 deposit from 3-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, at the Canton Softball Center (located on Michigan west of I-275), or register over the phone with a credit card by calling (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

For more information, call (734) 483-2913.

Also, the Canton Softball Center hosts USSSA Tournaments every weekend. Next up: on May 30-31, the Softball Center will host a USSSA Men's Church Tournament, a USSSA Men's E Qualifier, and a USSSA Women's D Qualifier.

For more information on any of the tournament offerings, or to be added to the Center's mailing list, call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3.

Schoolcraft golf outing

The 15th annual Schoolcraft College Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament will be June 1 at the Washtenaw Country Club, and there are still openings available. The day-long list of festivities includes 18 holes of golf, a chance to win a Pontiac Grand Am or a weekend at a golf resort in Northern Michigan, lunch, dinner and a clinic with a pro.

Proceeds provide scholarships for students. Hole sponsorships are also available. For further information, call the office of Marketing and Development at (734) 482-4417.



U-M recruit: Stefanie Volpe hit better-than .500 in her career.

Volpe: a Wolverine-to-be

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There are so many obstacles Stefanie Volpe has faced, and conquered, during her prep softball career at Plymouth Salem: the pressure of starting as a freshman, learning to play catcher, adjusting to the game at this level, handling the role of team leader as a junior.

Now her career at Salem is winding down. The state tournament starts this week; one more loss, and Salem's season — and Volpe's life as one of the Rocks — comes to a close.

Through all those challenges, the lesson learned that could be of the greatest use to Volpe as she continues her athletic career may be how to handle the frustration.

She's been exposed to it throughout her time at Salem, but never more so than this season. She averaged 30 games a year from 1995-97; in her first 29 games this year, Volpe has already been walked more than in any of her

previous three.

Why? That's easy enough to answer — her career batting average is better than .500, and she's belted 16 home runs, 12 triples and 30 doubles in her 119 games played. What opposing coach would gamble with that?

So she's been walked 81 times in her four seasons.

Those numbers also provide the answer to another question: Why the University of Michigan, owner of one of the NCAA's premier softball programs, signed Volpe prior to her senior season.

It's certainly a daunting challenge for Volpe, what with all the prep superstars already dotting the Wolverines' roster. But it's nothing more than what the left-handed-hitter has had to handle in the past.

"Just going (to U-M) is my honor," the four-time winner of Salem's offensive MVP award said. "I'm just going to work hard to earn my way, to earn a starting spot. I want to do what I've done in the past and improve on every aspect of (my game)."

If her offensive statistics get any better, someone will have to create a new category for her. This season, despite being walked once in every four plate appearances — "I like to hit," Volpe said of the frustration of being pitched around. "Sometimes I feel like I've got to remember what to do, whether they'll pitch to me or not" — she is still batting .500, with seven doubles, two triples and 26 runs batted in. Her on-base average is .630.

The list of honors Volpe has fashioned is both impressive and lengthy, from twice being named to the all-

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Salem reigns in district

Mia Sarkesian scored on a penalty kick with 4:37 remaining in the first overtime period Friday to give Plymouth Salem a dramatic 3-2 district final victory over Novi.

The goal capped an intense comeback that saw the Rocks score two second-half goals to force an extra period. Coach Doug Landefeld said his team, a 3-0 winner over Novi early in the season, was fortunate to win.

"We didn't play well against them in the first half," he added. "But we've been a pretty good second half team. Our girls played well in the second half."

Salem improved to 15-1-2 and will play Wednesday in the first round of the regional at Southgate Anderson. Landefeld said the Rocks would likely face Woodhaven. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

It didn't look like Salem would have to worry about another opponent early in Friday's game. Novi (16-4-1) came out flying and carried the play to Salem for the first 15 minutes of the game.

The Wildcats' energy paid early dividends. With just 2:38 gone by, Julia DiPonio scored off of a rebound.

Novi's Lydia Raburn began the play with a pass to Kristi Arrington. Salem goalkeeper Jillian Dombroski stopped her shot, but DiPonio was there to collect the rebound and drill it home.

Less than two minutes later, at 35:30 of the half, the Wildcats made it a 2-0 contest. Raburn sent a right wing crossing pass to Arrington in front of the Rocks' net.

She headed it in and an upset of Salem appeared to be brewing.

"We were frazzled after the two early goals," Landefeld said. "When you're down 2-0 in the first 10 minutes, the best thing you can say is that there's 70 minutes left to play."

Novi continued to press and squeezed off several more dangerous shots. Salem withstood the salvo and



began to fight back.

At the 18:10 mark, the Rocks' Suzy Towne nailed a hard shot at Novi's net. The ball just missed going in, hitting the right post.

Play began to even out from that point.

The Wildcats missed a golden opportunity to go up by three at the 7:40 mark. Raburn, who had scored

30 goals coming into the game, had a clear-cut breakthrough, but missed from about 10 yards with a kick high over the net.

Salem had a good scoring chance itself a few moments later. Sarkesian drilled a high shot that had Novi goalkeeper Sarah Clark beat, but it hit the crossbar and bounced away.

At half-time, Landefeld simply told



Pivotal scorers: Salem overcame a two-goal deficit to win, with Jami Coyle (left) getting the first goal — which eventually led to Mia Sarkesian's leap into a teammate's arms (above) after she scored the winner on an OT penalty kick.

his team to settle down. He also wanted the Rocks to concentrate on controlling the ball.

"We need to play a certain way to win," he added.

Translated that means the coach wanted more passing and less dump and chase.

The Rocks got the message loud

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Fantastic finish

Rocks shock Stevenson to win WLAA

WLAA GIRLS TRACK FINAL

The chances were slim — Plymouth Salem girls track coach Mark Gregor knew that.

His team had not been able to overtake Livonia Stevenson during the season. The Rocks lost to their Western Lakes Activities Association rivals by 18 points in an early-season dual meet; at the Class A regional May 15 at Redford Union, it didn't look as if things were getting any better when the Spartans ran away with the title, winning by 34 over second-place Salem.

The question for Gregor, prior to the WLAA meet Wednesday at Farmington HS, was obvious: What has to happen to alter that?

"I knew we had a chance if we came to play and if we got some breaks," Gregor said. "And that's what ended up happening."

The Rocks did indeed win, but not by much. They totaled 143 points to Stevenson's 141. Westland John Glenn was a distant third with 76 1/2.

The rest of the scoring: in fourth, Plymouth Canton (57); fifth, Walled Lake Western (49); sixth, Farmington Harrison (42); seventh, Livonia Churchill, 36; eighth, Walled Lake Central (33); ninth, North Farmington (27); 10th, Livonia Franklin (25); 11th, Northville (19); and 12th, Farmington (17 1/2).

To say Salem won because Stevenson did not perform up to par would be incorrect. "When I looked at the heat sheets ahead of time, I knew it would be a 10-point meet or less with Salem," said Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg. "I had us scoring 138 points and Salem 129."

"Both teams scored more than projected, so both teams did

very well."

As the score indicates, it came down to the final race: the 1,600-meter relay. "I knew if we won (the event) and someone else beat Salem, we'd win (the title)," said Holmberg. "We won, but Salem took second."

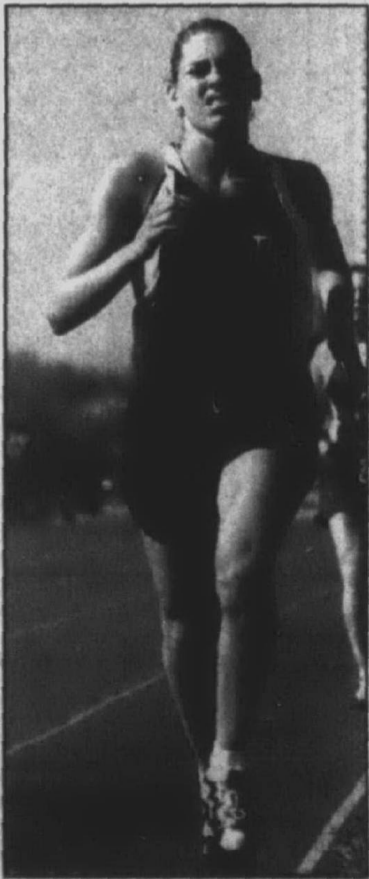
That, as it turned out, was just good enough. Stevenson's team of Katie Sherron, Andrea Parker, Jennifer Hardacre and Kelly McNeilane finished first in 4:11.5; Salem's Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Shannon Will and Katie Bonner were second in 4:12.6.

But that was just one example. "As I told my kids afterward," Gregor said, "if you scored at all in this meet, you made a big difference."

Although there was no single event that could be called pivotal, one that did make a difference was the 3,200. It was the only event the Rocks won, with freshman Alyson Flohr turning in a strong performance for the victory (11:48.7).

"For a freshman, that was exceptional," Gregor said, noting Flohr has also qualified for state meet in that 3,200.

One of the breaks Salem needed came here. Stevenson's Kelly Travis, the 3,200 regional champion, suffered an asthma attack while placing fourth in the 1,600 and was unable to compete. The Rocks took full advantage, putting three runners in the top



Point-scorer: Salem's Ellen Stemmer finished 5th in the 3,200-meters.

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Fiorenzi leads Madonna's hoop recruits

What Madonna University's women's basketball team needs is a bit of an immediate boost, which is why two of coach Marylou Jansen's three recruits for the upcoming season are junior college players — including former Plymouth Canton HS standout Kristi Fiorenzi.

The Lady Crusaders compiled an 18-13 record last season. With the loss of just one senior, guard Dawn Pelc, it would seem likely they could again challenge for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship.

If they can find that missing piece to the puzzle. Jansen believes they have, with the addition of Fiorenzi and her Henry Ford CC teammate Kathy Panganis, an Allen Park HS graduate, and freshman Carissa Gizicki, an all-state selection from Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"I do think those two (Fiorenzi and Panganis) can take us over the top," said Jansen, noting their collegiate playing experience. Both will have

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sophomore status. Fiorenzi provided Madonna with a bit of a bonus this season. Jansen recruited her after her senior year at Canton, but late. After some deliberation, Fiorenzi opted to go to Henry Ford CC for a year, at least.

It proved to be a good decision. The 5-foot-10 1/2 forward led the Hawks to a tie for first in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference at 12-4, averaging a team-best 15 points a game, which was fourth in the conference. Fiorenzi also ranked in the top 12 in the league in steals (3.0), assists (11th) and free-throw shooting (64.6 percent). Her outstanding season earned her a berth in the junior college all-

star game in Grand Rapids.

"We continued to track her at Henry Ford," said Jansen, "and it all fell into place."

What impressed the Madonna coach the most about Fiorenzi was her defense and that "she knows how to finish." Fiorenzi's scoring ability close to the basket is something the Crusaders have been seeking.

"And she's a good rebounder," Jansen said. "She plays bigger than she is."

"This is a great move for her and it's great for us."

What made it even greater was the addition of Panganis, who was spotted — and ultimately recruited — while Jansen was following Fiorenzi. At 5-11, she also adds size to the lineup, but there's more.

"Panganis is a very skilled scorer," noted Jansen. "She can score from anywhere, and she does. And

she can also create her own shot, which makes her something unique among girls players."

The all-time leading scorer at Allen Park HS (1,726 points), Panganis was second team all-state as a senior. "We needed a big scoring punch and that's what Kathy brings," Jansen summarized.

The only freshman recruit brought in on scholarship by Madonna, Gizicki — a 5-4 point guard — had a truly impressive prep career. Named to the all-Catholic League team four times, she was also chosen as one of the state's top 25 players as a senior by the USA Today.

"She's just an awesome passer," said Jansen of Gizicki, who holds her high school's career records in scoring, assists and steals. "And she can score, too. Her biggest asset is her ability to see the floor."

"I'm glad to bring in another guard who can step in and play right away."

Jansen is hoping all three of her recruits will do just that.

Salem battles back to knock off Pioneer in finale

For five innings Friday, Plymouth Salem could do absolutely nothing against Ann Arbor Pioneer softball pitcher Emily Nimke. Nothing, that is, except strike out.

The Rocks did not get a hit off Nimke through those first five innings. They struck out 11 times (there were only four other outs turned).

Then things started to turn around.

Trailing 3-0 — the Pioneers got all three of their runs in the first inning — Shannon Coultas started the Salem comeback with a double to lead off the sixth. Before the inning was over, the Rocks had tied the score at 3-3, which set them up for something even better.

Jill Schmalhurst provided it, a

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game-winning, run-producing single with two out in the bottom of the eighth that gave Salem a 4-3 home-field triumph.

The Rocks carry a 15-14-1 overall record into Saturday's Class A district tournament, which they co-host with Plymouth Canton. Pioneer slipped to 20-12 after losing to both Plymouth Canton and Salem last week.

"It was a nice game, and it was a good time to have a win — especially against such a good team and a good pitcher," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

Amanda Sutton ended up out-

dueling Nimke — who finished with 15 strikeouts, but took the loss after allowing four earned runs on seven hits and two walks — by pitching all eight innings and surrendering one earned run on nine hits and three walks, with two strikeouts.

Becky Esper was the only Rock with two hits, and both came at pivotal times. In the game-winning, eighth-inning rally, Esper got things going with a lead-off single. After stealing second, she moved to third on Stefanie Volpe's groundout. Karen Prosyk, however, followed with a strikeout, bringing Schmalhurst to the plate with two out.

Schmalhurst, however, delivered.

In Salem's three-run sixth, Katie Kelly followed Coultas'

double with a run-scoring single. Kelly stole second and came home on Esper's base hit. After Esper stole second, Volpe delivered her with a single.

Salem opens Saturday's district tournament by playing Livonia Stevenson at 10:30 a.m. at Salem. The winner goes against the winner of the other bracket at 12:30 p.m. at Canton.

In the other bracket, North Farmington meets Farmington at noon Tuesday in a pre-district game. The winner of that contest plays Canton at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Canton.

"We have a week to rest and get prepared," said Southerland. "I hope they do well. They deserve it — they worked hard to get there. And they're just starting to come around now,

which is when you want them to, at the end of the season."

W.L. Western 5, Salem 3: Walled Lake Western's defense and pitcher Angie Balconi would not allow Salem a chance to mount a big inning in Wednesday's WLAA crossover game, played at Western.

The Warriors scored three times in the second inning off Salem's Sutton and added two more in the fifth, which the

Rocks could not overcome. Salem did outlast Western, 8-7, with Heather Sonntag collecting three of them. Prosyk added a run-scoring double in the seventh, and both Volpe and Esper added RBI singles.

Balconi allowed three runs on eight hits and three walks, striking out five to get the win. Sutton took the loss, surrendering five runs (four earned) on seven hits and three walks, fanning one.

Volpe — D1

Observer team (this season's squad has not officially been selected) to being selected as one of the state's top-10 players.

"It's just fun to watch her play," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "I think Michigan was looking at her for her bat, but also because she can play anywhere. She's an awesome outfielder, but we have to use her at catcher. I wouldn't be surprised if we see her in the outfield, not at all."

Volpe sees herself filling a variety of roles for Michigan. "A utility player," was her self-description. "I can be put anywhere, infield or outfield."

What about catcher? "I could slide in there," she replied. "I could slide in anywhere."

All Volpe wants to do is play, which is what has made her such a joy to coach. "It's just fun to watch her play," said Southerland. "She has such a love for the game. To me, she's what softball stands for, in a nutshell. She's what every player strives for."

Volpe already owns every offensive record for Salem. Can she do the same at U-M?

That would indeed be an awesome task. But certainly not beyond her reach.

Soccer — D1

and clear. Salem completely dominated the next 40 minutes.

Sarkesian and Missy Simons controlled the middle of the field and kept constant pressure on Novi.

Jami Coyle broke the ice for Salem with a curving shot from the right wing at 35:27. Clark got a piece of the ball, but couldn't keep it from going in.

The Rocks kept turning up the heat. Kristina Seniuch finally tied the game at the 8:03 mark with a long shot from the left wing.

"She has scored big goal after big goal for us," Landefeld said.

As much as Salem dominated in the second half, the Wildcats came within a whisker of winning in the closing seconds.

Novi's Raburn had a corner kick deep in Salem's zone with five seconds left. Her initial kick bounced around in front of the Rocks' net, then squirted back to her on the right wing.

Raburn kicked the ball and scored. But the scoreboard horn sounded just before the ball crossed the goal line.

Salem continued to dominate in the 15-minute overtime.

With 4:37 remaining, Novi pulled Simons down in the penalty box. The Rocks were awarded a penalty kick, which Sarkesian made no mistake on.

She kicked the ball in the left corner past Clark and the game ended with Salem earning the right to advance.

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