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Complex opening delayed again



Would-be tenants are frustrated as their moving date for apartments at Sheldon Place has been pushed back again. The federally-subsidized senior citizen complex didn't pass a HUD inspection last week.

Joan McPherson's life is on hold, along with 55 other senior citizens who were planning to move May 1 into the newly-built Sheldon Place in Canton Township.

The federally-subsidized high rise for seniors at Ford Road and Sheldon didn't meet inspection by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD). The builder, DeMaria Building Company of Novi, has been given a punch list of repairs to complete before tenants can move in.

McPherson, 78, moved into her daughter's Plymouth Township home on Saturday after being told once again that her new home wasn't ready for tenants. The original move in date was

August 1997.

"Once my lease was over in January, I had to go on month-to-month and the rent went even higher that way," she said.

McPherson also forwarded her mail to her new home at Sheldon Place, arranged for telephone service to begin May 1 and changed her address on her identification and at the bank.

"It's just devastating. Everything was packed. I didn't know whether to start unpacking the boxes or what. It was a tremendous job just to pack everything."

The boxes with all her belongings

now sit in her daughter's garage as she waits for word on the opening.

"We went from having (the new tenants) all excited about moving in to crushing them in one phone call," said Ginie Hauck, who had the task of informing the tenants of the bad news last Thursday.

Hauck is the manager of the new Sheldon Place and its companion building, Canton Place. Both are operated by the nonprofit National Church Residences. Residents of both centers must be 62 or older, make less than \$20,000

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'98 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

STUDENTS SHINE

Top students ready to make a difference

They're the best and brightest of their graduating class. They stand poised on the brink of life, ready to jump in and make a difference.

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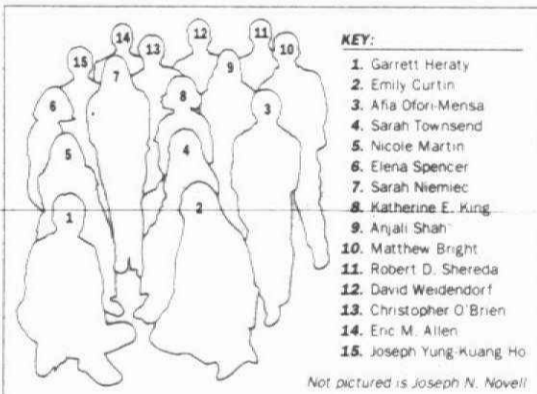
Meet 16 of the most accomplished high school seniors in the metro area, the 1998 Observer Academic All-Star Team. A group of area high school principals met at the Observer in March to tabulate test scores and grade point averages and determine the winners.

Your newspaper today includes a special section spotlighting the 1998 Observer Academic All-Stars. Take time to read about their accomplishments and look at their pictures. You're looking at the future, and it looks pretty good.

The team

The 1998 Observer Academic All-Stars, chosen from nominees from local public and private high schools, include: Nicole Martin of North Farmington High School, Katherine E. King of Livonia Stevenson High School, Afia Ofori-Mensa of Plymouth Canton High School, Matthew Bright of Plymouth Salem

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- Garrett Heraty
 - Emily Curtin
 - Afia Ofori-Mensa
 - Sarah Townsend
 - Nicole Martin
 - Elena Spencer
 - Sarah Niemiec
 - Katherine E. King
 - Anjali Shah
 - Matthew Bright
 - Robert D. Shereda
 - David Weidendorf
 - Christopher O'Brien
 - Eric M. Allen
 - Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho

Not pictured is Joseph N. Novell



Top scholars: Meet some of the most accomplished high school seniors in the metro area, the 1998 Observer Academic All-Star Team.

Business leaders cited by chamber

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BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Tom Gerou isn't one to back into a project so it's no real surprise the Canton chiropractor was named Wednesday as 1998 Business Person of the Year by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Sally Bailey, site administrator for the Canton St. Joseph Mercy Health Center, was honored with the Athena Award, a national program that recognizes local business owners and professionals for demonstrating support and assistance to women in the workplace.

Edward Coury, Midwest bureau chief for the Wall Street Radio Network, was the keynote speaker at the annual luncheon at the Summit, which drew about 100 people. Coury's business and "Cyberneering" computer reports are heard locally on WWJ-AM.

Gerou was singled out not only for his business accomplishments, but his involvement in the community, including the Downtown Development Authority Board and co-sponsorship of three Adopt-A-Highway cleanup projects.

"His approach to doing business is to put his customers' needs first ... and to educate the community about health and wellness," said Tim Ford, in presenting the award.

Gerou's brother, attorney Mike Gerou, and David Griffin of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home were chosen as first and



Congrats: Sally Bailey (right) accepts the 1998 Athena Award and a congratulatory hug from Nicki Wilson, last year's winner.

second runners-up, respectively, among the 12 nominees.

In accepting her award, Bailey talked about the changing role of women in the workplace. She cited statistics that showed only 6 percent of mothers returned to a job immediately following the birth of a child in 1960. That figure is well above 50 percent today, she said.

"You can see what we're in for in the new millennium as women continue to make progress in the business world,"

Bailey said.

Bailey received the Athena award from last year's winner, Nicki Wilson, who praised the 1998 winner as someone "who has been identified for her initiative and creativity in all the work she does both for her career and in the community."

Bailey's accomplishments include opening of the first Interactive Health Education Center in Michigan as part of the new St. Joseph medical center.

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Schools file second suit on funding

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is once again going to court in an attempt to recover lost funding from the state of Michigan for special education programs.

If it sounds all too familiar, it is because the district, along with 83 other Michigan school districts, just settled the well-known Durant case.

The 17-year court battle finally ended when the Michigan Supreme Court ruled the state had to pay back to school districts a limited amount of money they spent on special education programs, which the state was required to fund according to the Headlee Amendment.

Subsequently, Plymouth-Canton received a check April 15 for \$5.3 million, much less than the \$12 million the district spent for special education.

"In spite of that settlement, the state has continued practices of underfunding mandated programs ... which is contrary to the Headlee Amendment,"

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Kohl's renovations under way at New Towne

A renovation is under way at New Towne Plaza at Ford and Sheldon to make room for Kohl's Department Store, which is expected to open Aug. 21 — just in time for back-to-school sales.

The renovation includes a facade improvement at the former Kmart site, an expansion to the shopping center and parking lot reconfiguring and landscape islands.

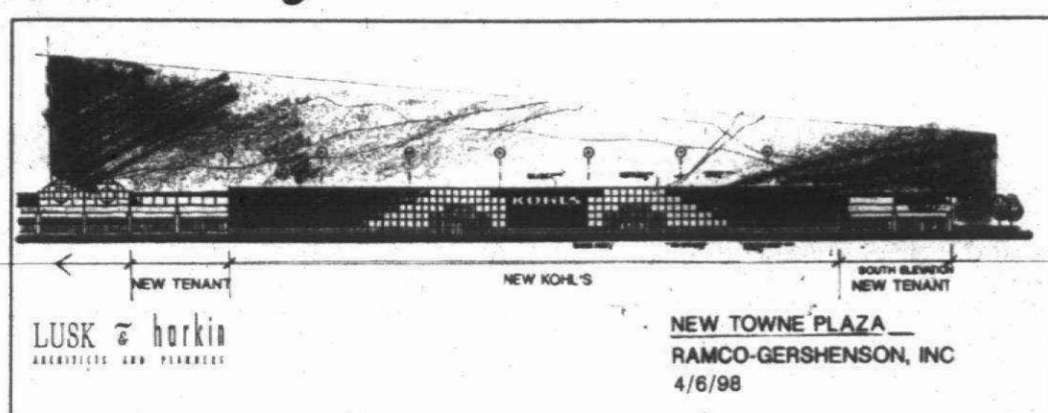
The plan also includes the long-awaited removal of barricades to neighboring Canton Landing shopping center.

Opening up access routes to neighboring businesses has been

on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) check list for some time in order to prevent cars from having to re-enter busy Ford Road.

Kohl's and New Towne Plaza operators Ramco-Gershenson also will be required to install light poles and brick walls to coincide with other DDA storefronts along Ford Road.

On Monday, the Canton Planning Commission recommended site plan approval to Ramco-Gershenson and Kohl's for the 10,849-square-foot expansion to the center. The township board will have final approval.



Rendering: An architect's rendering of the Canton Kohl's store, which the retailer hopes to open Aug. 21, in time for back-to-school shoppers.

Additional retail space will be available to the west of Kohl's, next to the vacated Winkelman's store. Keith Blum of Ramco-Gershenson said it is not yet known who will occupy that space.

Winkelman's is currently in bankruptcy proceedings, delaying a new tenant from occupying the retail space, he said. Old Navy stores, a division of The Gap, is attempting to buy out Winkelman's.

"We'll be landscaping an area near JoAnn Fabrics because we're concerned with the race-track atmosphere. The landscaping should slow down traffic," said Blum.

In addition to the landscaped buffer at the westernmost end of New Towne Plaza, the parking lot fronting Kohl's also will get several landscaped buffers.

Planning Commission chair Vic Gustafson said he'd like to see additional landscaping throughout the parking lot, not just in front of Kohl's.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin agreed: "This is a dramatic improvement to what's been on the Kmart end there, but I'd like to see something to break that up. It's (the asphalt) so immense," she said.

Blum agreed to add four more landscaped islands in front of the other retail stores to the west.

Other improvements include:

- The Ford Road entrance
- islands will be reconstructed.
- The existing pylon sign posts and foundations will be removed from the Ford Road frontage.
- Access along the east end of the building, between north and south Sheldon Road entrances will be converted into a landscaped, greenbelt area.
- The south Sheldon Road entrance will be reconstructed to include a mountable concrete island to better control traffic.
- Landscaping throughout the site will be upgraded, including the new greenbelt area along Sheldon Road, foundation plantings and additional trees and shrubs along Ford Road.
- The access easement agreement between New Towne Plaza and Canton Landing will be executed before Kohl's is allowed to open for business.

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annually and be able to take care of themselves.

"There's nothing structurally wrong with the building. It's just a punch list of repairs, like walls that need to be repainted, ceiling, cabinet doors nicked, cracks in the tile. HUD wants these things done before we take the building over so we don't have to move furniture around to do it," said Hauck.

"It's not big stuff, but when you're talking about 56 apartments it's a long list," she added.

HUD did not incorporate an incentive clause into the contract with DeMaria Builders so there is no penalty for the delay, she said. "There's no penalty for being 317 days behind," said Hauck.

HUD has paid \$2.9 million of the overall \$3.5 million construction costs, said Don Duggan, an architect for HUD. The remainder will not be paid until the repairs are made.

Pat Mys, marketing coordinator for DeMaria, said in a prepared statement that a punch list is standard procedure.

The primary reason for the delay is that the architect hired

by DeMaria died prior to the construction start. Mys also claimed that they filed a 317-day extension that allows them until June 9 to complete the project.

Hauck said National Church Residences, owners of the high-rise, filed the change order on their behalf because they were behind.

"There is no reason why this shouldn't have been done in August. DeMaria dropped the ball and that can be attributed to poor management and not caring about people," she said.

DeMaria did find temporary homes for two of the Sheldon Place residents, who didn't have anywhere to go in the interim, Hauck said.



Not ready: Sheldon Place manager Ginnie Hauck must wait until HUD gives the OK before seniors can move into their new homes.

McPherson said she was looking forward to moving into Sheldon Place to be with other seniors, and live close enough to her daughter's Plymouth Township home. "In an apartment, you're just stuck there. Here,

they'll be other people and lots of activities," she said.

According to Hauck, "One of the first things we're going to do is cook them dinner and then, we'll share our war stories."

"I think it's quite equitable."

Teachers approve three-year pact

Teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district have overwhelmingly approved a three-year contract.

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association knew after only half the ballots were counted the agreement easily passed.

"The pact, which covers 875 teachers, calls for a 2-percent increase the first year, with 2.5-percent wage hikes in each of the next two years.

The other major component of the contract is a \$60,000 buyout for teachers at the top end of the wage scale who want to leave.

"I think most people are happy with it, definitely those who will get the buyouts," said one Plymouth Salem teacher who didn't want to give his name. "Our union leadership tells us compared to other districts the pay increase is good. Those of us who have been around a little longer think we should be getting a little more."

"I think it's quite equitable."

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Salem High teacher

said Charlotte Milotz from Pioneer Middle School. She and Pioneer colleague Leann Gross believe the security of a three-year contract is worth more than the pay increase.

Several elementary teachers didn't like at least one facet of the pact. PCEA President Chuck Portelli said the state is mandating an additional 12 minutes to the length of the teacher's school day.

The board of education is expected to approve the pact at its May 12 meeting.

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School suit from page A1

said Superintendent Chuck Little. "In this latest suit, about 50 districts thus far are seeking a declaratory judgment, an effort to get full funding for the expenses we're incurring right now."

Little noted the current group of school districts is hoping to add another 100 districts to the suit.

Little believes that if the state doesn't live up to the Headlee provision, the district will be denied \$500,000 in funding for the 1997-98 school year. That's money which will then have to come out of the district's operating funds.

"It's quite clear the state has made no plans to pay the money," added Little. "They've said our foundation grant goes toward special education.

They're playing a shell game."

Without the money, the district will continue to pay more than it believes it should for state-mandated programs.

"Over the next five years, nationwide expectation is that special education needs will increase by about 19 percent," said board trustee Elizabeth Givens. "So, if we don't increase what we get from the state, we'll be that much more in the hole because of inflation."

Board member Carrie Blamer was concerned about legal costs becoming higher than the returns. However, administration officials said they don't expect that to happen, noting the district spent \$36,000 for two trips to the Supreme Court to recover \$5.3 million.

@ the Canton Public Library

Did you know:

- Golfing is such a hot sport that it has increased about 24 percent since 1986, to roughly 25 million people participating?
- Women are the fastest growing segment of the golf industry, comprising 32 percent of all beginners?
- Senior golfers play more than twice as many rounds (an average of 35.5 per year) as all other adult golfers?
- More than \$15 billion a year is spent on golf equipment, apparel, related merchandise and playing fees?

New fiction
Here are some new selections with Irish themes and authors:

- "An Irish Eye" by John Hawkes
- "Waiting for the Healer" by Eamonn Sweeney
- "Cabbage and Bones: An Anthology of Irish America Women's Fiction"
- "Irish Magic: Four Tales of Romance and Enchantment"
- "The Irish Americans" by William D. Griffin

Web Watch
Check out these new Web sites:

- <http://www.asean-coco.irt.net>
- <http://irishamericannet.com>
- <http://www.joslin.org>
- <http://www.aw3as.org>

Multi-media
Here are some new CD-ROMs for kids available from the library:

- "Reading Blaster Ages 4-6"
- "Reading Blaster Ages 6-9"
- "Reading Blaster Vocabulary"

Q & A
Q: Who was Mary Harris Jones?
A: The feisty labor organizer, Mary Harris Jones, led a 125-mile march of child workers all the way from the mills of Pennsylvania to President Theodore Roosevelt's vacation home on Long Island in 1903. Called "Mother" Jones by everyone, her goal for the march was to bring the evils of child labor to the attention of the president and the national press.

The source for this information is "Infoplex."

New non-fiction
Here are some extra-terrestrial selections in the library's non-fiction section:

- "The UFO Files" - Palmiro Campagna
- "The UFO Book" - Jerome Clark
- "Area 51" - David Darlington
- "The Real Roswell Crashed-saucer Cover-up" Philip J. Klass
- "Saucer Attack" - Eric Nesheim

Hot topic of the week
■ If Macular Degeneration or some other visual condition is making it difficult for you to read, the Canton Public Library may have some help. The library now offers the Magnisight electronic magnifier. This unit offers variable magnification from 3 to 80 times for all printed materials. It allows users to maintain their independence in reading and writing without struggling to see.

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Canton man takes EMU post

Dave Demers of Canton has been appointed to the staff of Eastern Michigan University. Demers earned his bachelor's degree in computer science at

EMU in 1997. He served as microcomputer specialist at EMU and programming assistant at Data Entry services Corp. in Redford.

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Teens assault bike rider

A 10-year-old boy was assaulted and shoved off his bike in an attempted robbery by older teens about 4:45 p.m. Friday.

The boy was riding his bike northbound on Lilley, just south of Procter, when he was approached by three teens. Two were on bikes, the third was walking.

The teen who was walking ordered the youngster off his bike and when the boy refused, assaulted and pushed the boy off the bike. All three headed northbound on Lilley, the boy told police.

The boy and his father returned to the area a short time

later and found his bike laying on the front lawn of a home on Procter.

Police looked through area neighborhoods for the three teens, but were unsuccessful.

The boy suffered with some scrapes and abrasions, but required no medical attention.

Disorderly person
A police officer was assaulted by a man officers had arrested Saturday night for being drunk and disorderly. Officers said the man was highly intoxicated and found lying face down in some

COP CALLS

bushes on Canton Center Road. The man was taken to Oakwood-Canton for medical treatment and became verbally abusive with several nurses in the emergency room.

The officer was hit by the man when the restraints were taken off of the man to change the bedding.

Break-in
A home on the 7000 block of Hillsborough in the Morton Taylor and Warren area was burglarized Sunday morning while the homeowners were asleep.

The burglar pried open the side door of the garage and then pried open another door to the house, police said.

The homeowner found the back door open when he awoke about 6 a.m. The only item stolen was a "Fanny pack" with \$120 in cash.

The home owners received a phone call later that day from a person who had found the Fanny Pack and most of its contents except the cash in the area of Van Born and Henry Ruff.

Marijuana possession
Police seized a bag containing approximately 2.3 grams of marijuana from the driver of a car parked in a trailer park on Mott Road.

Police said they could smell the odor of marijuana when approaching the parked car. They also found open wine coolers inside the vehicle.

The driver faces charges of possession of narcotics and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The passenger was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Canton on display at Info Expo



Firepower: Canton residents Linda (left) and Carol Devisch examine some of the weapons used by Canton Police S.W.A.T. team members during Saturday's Information Expo at the administration building. At right, visitors and employees check out a Canton Fire Department pumper. The public safety display was one of the highlights of the first-time event, designed to encourage residents to learn about the various township departments and have questions answered by staff on hand. The Expo was sponsored jointly by the township, the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.



PHOTOS BY BOB POKORSKI

All-Stars from page A1

High School, Robert D. Sherada of Livonia Churchill High School, Joseph N. Novell of Clarenceville High School, Eric M. Allen of Harrison High School, Elena Spencer of North Farmington High School, Anjali Shah of Plymouth Canton High School, David Weidendorf of Farmington-Harrison High School, Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho of Livonia Churchill High School, Sarah Townsend of Ladywood High School, Sarah Niemiec of Garden City High School, Garrett Heraty of Redford Union High School, Emily Curtin of Farmington High School, and Christopher O'Brien of Lutheran High School Westland.

Allen, who will major in computer science at Michigan Technological University, said "sticking it out" was his key to a success in high school.

"Setting goals to be the best" propelled Afia Ofori-Mensa of Canton and Joseph Yung Kuang Ho of Livonia to academic success. Ofori-Mensa has an internship with Procter and Gamble. She plans to study business at the University of Michigan and eventually become a corporate lawyer.

Garrett Heraty of Redford reduced his success to two factors: luck and a love of science. He will study a branch of physical science at Michigan State University.

Parents, take a bow
Rosemary Martin of Farmington Hills said people often ask her what she fed her daughter Nicole as a baby. From the time Nicole tucked a pencil across her shoulder at age 3 in imitation of violinist Itzhak Perlman to her senior year when she scored a perfect 1600 on her SATs, Rosemary has taken little credit.

"The day we brought her home, I started reading to her. That's all I did. And I talked to her constantly."

Martin said her daughter would never "brag" about her achievements, such as playing the violin at the White House in 1996 or winning a four-year scholarship to the University of



Joseph Novell, Academic All-Star

Michigan. "She's just a nice humble kid."

B.R. and Thomas King of Livonia always made sure they answered their inquisitive daughter's questions. "If I couldn't answer one of Katy's questions, we would look it up or find a resource person who could," said B.R.

The Kings also provided rewards. "My husband told Katy when you speak Spanish as well as I do, we'll go to Spain," said B.R. Katy managed to condense five years of Spanish into two and a half. The Kings are planning a trip to Spain this year.

Katherine King and Nicole Smith attended pre-school and kindergarten together. They recently met at a University of Michigan scholarship weekend and rekindled their friendship.

Dipti Shah of Plymouth said her husband, Rajesh, has been their daughter's role model. "Anjali had to be like him. He's her idol. She always compared herself with him. He was an excellent student."

Robert D. Sherada of Livonia, who will major in biology and bio-chemistry most likely at the University of Michigan, sees his generation contributing great advances in biological engineering, communication devices and alternative energy.

"All of this will be accomplished with the mistakes of the past in mind; unlike our predecessors, we will make our advances in a moralistic and prudent fashion."

Anjali Shah of Plymouth, president of Plymouth Canton High School's National Honor Society and captain of the tennis team, hopes to help create a society that values the sciences and humanities equally and is "more accepting of different people and cultures."

Shah plans to major in business, engineering or psychology in college.

Emily Curtin of Farmington Hills, a future engineer from Kettering University, said her generation will contribute "amazing technological advances and cures for many diseases."

Katherine King of Livonia, who won a University of Michigan Regents Scholarship, envisions a return to the "religious values of our ancestors." She hopes her generation respects diversity without compromising what is right and strengthens its families.

Matthew Bright of Plymouth has dual expectations for his generation: great contributions in technology and communication and a return to more traditional family and community values.

For generations, dreams and aspirations have propelled young people forward with hardy a backwards glance. The 1998 Observer Academic All-Stars are ready for the future. What an exciting journey.

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Voters to decide SMART millage

Voters in Garden City, Livonia, Redford and Westland can expect to see an Aug. 4 ballot proposal asking for approval of the SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority) on Regional Transportation millage.

The owner of a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000 will pay \$16.50 annually for the millage.

The Wayne County Commission is expected to support a ballot proposal at its meeting today.

The Wayne County Transit Authority approved a resolution that outlined the ballot language last month to be placed before many Wayne County voters. The authority called for 1/3rd of a mill for four years.

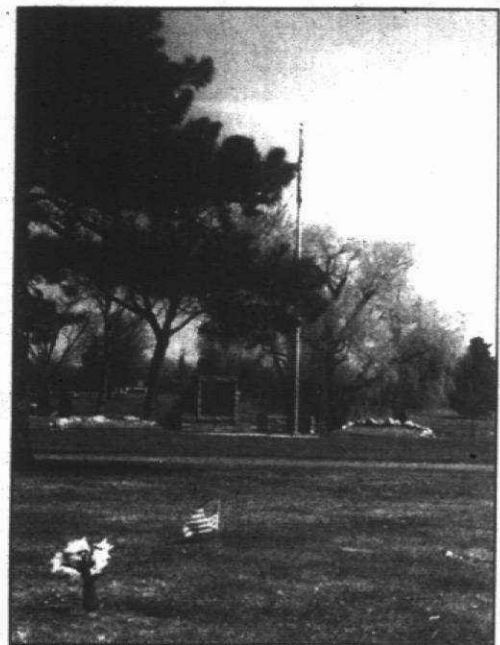
George Cushingberry, chairman of Ways and Means, said the authority will "Please see SMART, A6"

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Funding crisis looms for community colleges

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A crisis is brewing among Michigan's 28 community colleges — the same kind of funding crisis that precipitated Proposal A of 1994.

"It's one of those simmering issues," Macomb Community College President Al Lorenzo told a House Appropriations subcommittee meeting May 1 on Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus.

"The lowest funded college gets \$5,000 per student; the high is \$10,000. If that range grows over time, it might become a public policy issue," Lorenzo warned.

Oakland Community College ranks near the bottom in per-student funding — \$5,214, second lowest in the state, Chancellor Richard T. Thompson said. Lowest is Kalamazoo Valley at \$5,071.

At the top is Kirtland, in northeastern lower Michigan, with \$10,402, followed by Wayne County Community College at \$10,309.

Other area colleges are below the state average of \$7,816. Schoolcraft, in western Wayne County, has \$6,939; Macomb, \$5,434; Henry Ford in Dearborn, \$6,457; and Lansing, \$6,524.

Lorenzo likened the 2-1 spread to the vast gap between K-12 school districts, from \$4,000 to \$11,000 per student, prior to the crisis that resulted in Proposal A in 1994. Voters approved major property tax cuts, a sales tax increase and a funding formula that now guarantees nearly every district \$5,400 per pupil.

"It bothers me," said Rep. Tom Mathieu, D-Grand Rapids, "that some students get \$5,000 and some get \$10,000."

Lorenzo predicted: "If it gets to the point where it breaks, the public will say it's too big a difference."

"The big issue is making it known to the public," said Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, whose district includes Garden City.

The irony is that community colleges in areas with large business tax bases — such as OCC and Schoolcraft — are among the lowest in per-student funding. Among K-12 districts prior to 1994, the highest spending districts were in the metro Detroit suburbs and Great Lakes shoreline districts.

Another problem is that 65 state representatives are being forced to retire this year because of voter-approved term limits.

Lawmakers and many college people fear the result will be a "loss of institutional memory" in the House.

The House panel, chaired by Rep. Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, will hold hearings in Grand Rapids and Mt. Pleasant before marking up the Senate-passed bill.

Gov. John Engler recommended \$271 million — a zero percent increase — in state aid for community colleges in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The Senate added 3 percent — 1.5 percent across-the-board and 1.5 percent for the complex Gast-Mathieu funding formula.

Here's what the Senate recommended for area colleges:

- Oakland — \$20.3 million — up 2.3 percent from Engler's recommendation.
- Schoolcraft — \$11 million — up 3.8 percent.
- Wayne — \$16.1 million — up 2.5 percent.

Engler had defended his recommendation of flat state aid by saying that college pension costs were being cut as a percentage of payroll.

Bad example, said Macomb's Lorenzo. "In the one year there's a decrease (in pension costs), it's viewed as an increase in the community colleges budget. But when costs were rising in six of the last seven years, there was no recognition of that in the budget."

Price noted the original community college funding formula called for 50 percent from the

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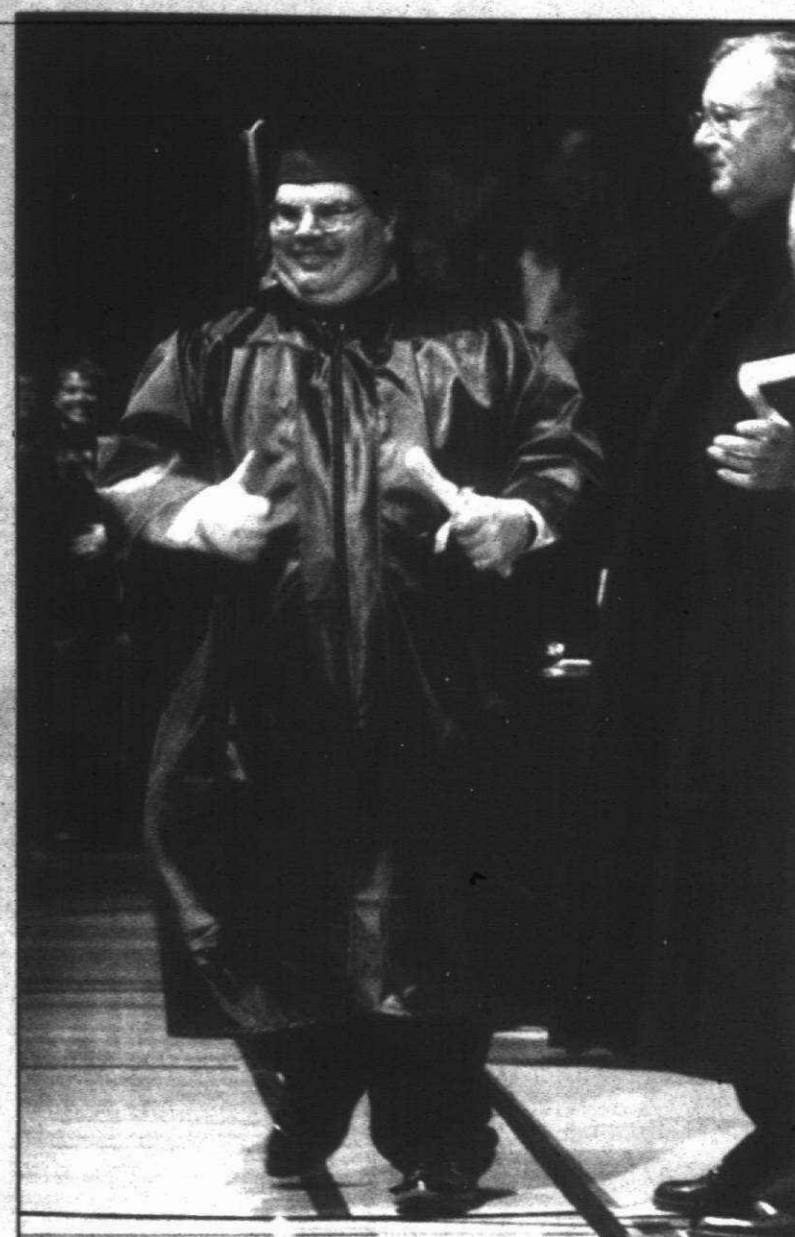
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Schoolcraft grads urged on to success



Happy grad: Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell (right) looks on as Steven H. Dock gives the thumbs after receiving his associate's degrees in applied science Saturday.

Schoolcraft College graduated its largest class ever Saturday with 1,070 students receiving degrees.

"It was a hard-working class, and that helped push the numbers," said Richard McDowell, Schoolcraft president.

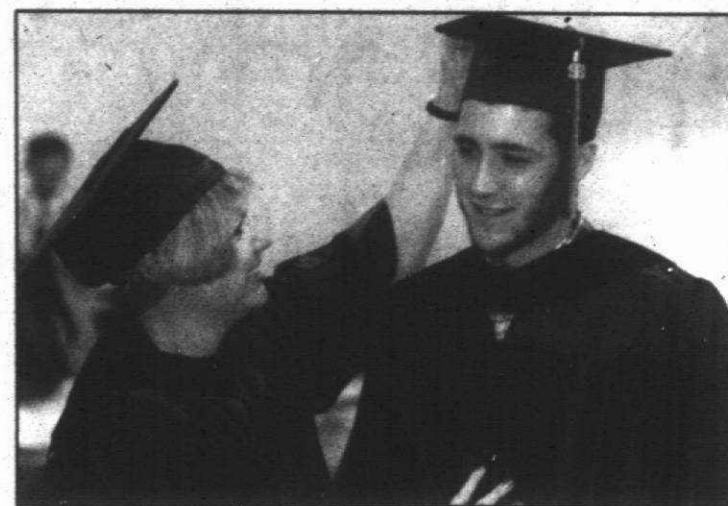
Florine Mark, president of Weight Watchers International of Farmington Hills, was guest speaker at the commencement. Mark, whose firm employs 2,500 people, talked to students about being a success in life.

Mark received an honorary degree as did Thomas McCordle, president and CEO of Kolene Corp. of Detroit, and Arthur and Diane Rockall, two active supporters of Schoolcraft.

McCordle's firm is the world's largest maker of fused salts and equipment for cleaning, finishing and treating ferrous-material surfaces. McCordle has taken an active part in Schoolcraft metallurgy and materials science department for 30 years.

Arthur Rockall retired from Ford Motor Co. and is a Schoolcraft graduate. He initiated two scholarship funds. His wife, Diane, is an author and columnist and active in several library associations.

The Rockalls are planning a reunion for Schoolcraft scholarship recipients.



Special time: Ann Welkinback (left) holds her great-grandson, Justin Welkinback, 3½, as they watch the students walk into the gym. Joyce Galindo (above left) adjusts her son Brian's cap, before the mother and son team march in to receive their diplomas. (Above) Carla Kitter of Canton makes one final check before commencement exercises begin.

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Senate tackles crime issues, bills pending

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Catching up on crime and other bills in the Michigan Senate:

Guards empowered

Private security guards at theaters and arenas would be able to eject unruly patrons if a Senate-passed bill is enacted by the state House of Representatives. "This would allow private

security to remove people who are screaming, standing on chairs, fighting, spilling drinks," said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, the former police officer who sponsored Senate Bill 995.

"Now they have to seek out police officers. Court decisions say they (places of public entertainment) have a duty to protect the public."

The guard could eject the unruly person from a theater,

arena, circus, athletic grounds or any entertainment place with a seating capacity of 200, including a shopping center. The guard could not perform an arrest.

Bouchard's bill sailed through the Senate April 29 on a 30-6 vote but without debate. All area senators voted yes except Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

Bomb bills OK'd

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloom-

field Township, won unanimous support for his pair of bills to prevent manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction.

"Times have changed, and we need to address the very real threat of chemical, biological and radioactive weapons," said Peters. "My bill will give prosecutors the tools they need to deal with this new threat."

The package includes: ■ SB 443, which makes it a crime to manufacture biological,

chemical or radioactive substances, punishable by 15 years in prison. For property damage, the penalty would be 20 years; if injury to a person, 25 years; if serious impairment of a body function, life in prison; if death, a mandatory life sentence without probation.

If the bomber's target were "vulnerable" such as schools, churches, hospitals or other public buildings, 25 years would be attached. It would not apply to

the military, law enforcement or a person using them on the job.

■ SB 1011, which prohibits parole for prisoners sentenced to life in prison for use of explosives, chemical or biological weapons. The Senate Fiscal Agency couldn't estimate a total cost, but the cost for a single prisoner, assuming 50 years behind bars, would be \$900,000. Both bills go to the House.

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SMART

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Means, said Tuesday the resolution "continues with the status quo" regarding the two systems, which will postpone any discussion of a merger of SMART with the Detroit Department of Transportation.

"We've lobbed the ball to the state," Cushingberry said, in reference to the state's funding for part of the operations of SMART and DDOT. Cushingberry believes the state can pressure the two bus systems to seriously consider a merger.

Cushingberry said the committee amended the resolution to require maps of both systems be made available for citizens.

Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon said at a tri-county summit on Tuesday proposed that a joint task force be formed to talk to the state about merging the system and securing financing."

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state, 25 percent from student tuitions and 25 percent from local property taxes. How had it worked out?

Thompson said OCC is getting 17 percent from the state, 40 percent from students and 43 percent from property owners.

College chiefs also attacked business tax breaks as eroding their local revenue streams.

Macomb's Lorenzo said, "We (colleges) have no tax without a vote. It's inappropriate for anyone to change the mind of voters by diverting money" to TIFAs (tax increment finance authorities) and DDAs (downtown development authorities).

OCC loses \$312,000 per year and Schoolcraft \$109,000 per year through breaks given to business, according to the Michigan Association of Community Colleges.

Statewide, community colleges lost \$11.3 million in fiscal 1995-6 due to business tax breaks. That's the equivalent of 4 percent of Engler's budget recommendation for state aid.

Other college presidents, however, saw a "dilemma" in tax breaks. On one hand, they cost community colleges revenue. On the other, they are necessary to save manufacturing jobs.

CLARIFICATION

A story in the April 23 Wayne County editions of the Observer "Hard work culminates in Madonna degree" incorrectly identified a Madonna University graduate. The story should have said that Livonia resident Linda Acosta, now a substitute teacher, was among more than 760 graduates who received degrees.

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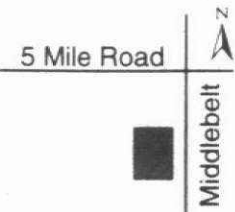
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Sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, SB 1050 doesn't cover professionals called on a 9-1-1 service. If passed by the House, Geake's bill would take effect July 1.
Current law provides Good Samaritan protection for persons who render CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to another.
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Geake argued down an amendment from Sen. Diane Byrum, D-Onondaga, who wanted to require owners of AEDs to

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"This flies in the face of the purpose of the bill," Geake said of Byrum's amendment. "It imposes a duty of instruction. Once we open the door to imposing a duty, we open the door to lawsuits — which is opposed to the purpose of the bill." The Byrum amendment lost in an unrecorded voice vote.
A companion bill, SB 1051 sponsored by Dale Shugars, R-Portage, would provide liability protection for emergency and medical personnel using an AED unless gross negligence or misconduct were involved.
Both go to the House for action.
Refer to bill number when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

**BY AL HARRISON
SPECIAL WRITER**
Michelle Podorske of Redford Township had been working for The Plate Lady for about five years when she started to complain of a backache last October.
After a visit to the doctor and several tests, she was told she had leukemia.
"I was completely devastated," she said.
Now, after months of hospitalization at Botsford Hospital, she has been able to return home and continue her treatments.
"The outlook is very promising and I am feeling much better," said Podorske, 31.
But even with health insurance, the expenses mount up. That's when Nancy White of Farmington Hills — owner of The Plate Lady on Middlebelt Road in Livonia — stepped in.
White is donating a Swarovski



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Tri-county lawmakers pledge cooperation

County commissioners from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties hope a united front can assist them in dealing with issues from transportation to sewer and drainage systems.
That's why they gathered at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit Tuesday as they met, shook hands and had lunch together, courtesy of the Michigan Association of Counties.
While no action was taken on any issues, commissioners say it is the first time these tri-county legislators have sat down together at a meeting.
"A spirit of cooperation not only will serve us well as legislators but also will be a benefit to our respective constituencies," said Ricardo Solomon, chairman of the Wayne County Commission.
SMART still a concern
The commissioners did not discuss nor act on an actual priority

list of issues, but many believe transportation, economic development and sewers will be the hot topics.
One topic is the possible merger between Suburban Mobility Authority of Regional Transportation and the Detroit Department of Transportation.
"We're concerned about preserving the quality of SMART," said John Hertel, chairman of Macomb County Board of Commissioners. "We're here and we're open-minded to what Ricardo has to say about the merger."
Solomon proposed that the commissions form a joint task force to talk to the state about merging the systems and securing the appropriate financing to give us a real regional mass transportation system.
McCulloch said crime, aging infrastructure and water quality were the major regional issues. McCulloch referred to water quality throughout the counties as a regional issue that requires unity.
"We cannot afford to argue

amongst ourselves for limited resources," McCulloch said. "Working together, we can lobby for additional funding. Working together, we can encourage our state and federal legislators to adopt regulations and standards that are fair and equitable to all of the communities comprising the tri-county region."
Hertel said Eight Mile Road, once referred to as a dividing line between the counties, now could serve as a road that the three jurisdictions could unite on to improve road funding and other efforts.
Later, Solomon said: "We've pretty much agreed that there would be discussion on transportation and economic development, on what we'll do next," Solomon said.
Oakland County will host the next meeting on Aug. 14.
Optimistic
Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, thought the summit "went great."
"We have so much more in common, because we all deal with similar issues. We need to work together."
Beard was surprised the group did not decide on specific issues to discuss, but added: "It is better to discuss it when you have a full two hours to do so."
Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township and a portion of Livonia, was optimistic.
"It's good to get a dialogue going between the commissioners," Husk said. "I'd like to find out how Oakland County and Macomb County run their counties with lower taxes. What are they doing that we could do to help save money?"
Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said the summit was a "positive development."
"It didn't hurt to have it," McCotter said. "The county didn't really do anything bad, so I guess that's a positive development."
"You have to give Solomon credit, it was a good gesture."

Fishing derby set May 16

Wayne County Parks and Recreation will host a fishing derby 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at Northville's Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area. Anglers should bring their own equipment and bait. To register, call (313) 261-3285.

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OBITUARIES

LELA M. RUSH

Services for Lela M. Rush, 94, of Saginaw Township...

She was born July 31, 1903, in Peck, Mich. She died April 29 at the Home for the Aged.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garrnett G. Rush, on Dec. 26, 1969...

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or the charity of your choice.

JOSEPHINE L. LANE

Services for Josephine L. Lane, 77, of Canton were May 2 at St. Thomas a' Becket Church.

Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born Nov. 3, 1920, in Detroit. She died April 28. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick; five daughters, Johanna (Patrick) Heaney, Sharon Gray, Kathleen Moore, Mary Ann (John) Zehel, Theresa (James) Smith...

DALLAS E. GOSS

Services for Dallas E. Goss, 69, of South Lyon were March 20 in Fenton, Mich.

He was born Feb. 24, 1929, in Hartland, Mich. He died March 17 in Ann Arbor. He attended Adrian College and Central Michigan University...

Central, and Canton High School. In 1952, Dallas Goss married Majorie Alice Bachus, also of Fenton.

Survivors include his wife, Majorie; his mother, Rose of Fenton; one son, Mark of Florida; one daughter, Bonnie McKenzie of Whitmore Lake...

Memorials may be sent to Bob Williams or Mary McGrath at Canton High School.

GERTRUDE Z. SUMPION

Services for Gertrude Z. Sumpion, 96, of Chelsea were May 5 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating.

She was born Dec. 27, 1901, in South Bend, Ind. She died May 3 in Chelsea. She was a homemaker.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the V.F.W. Auxiliary and the Ruth Circle at the First United Methodist Church.

being with her family. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and one son, James. Survivors include her daughter, Evelyn (James) Anthony of Plymouth...

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

GLADYS M. SHOLLACK

Services for Gladys M. Shollack, 83, of Westland were May 5 at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Myron F. Sordahl officiating.

She was born Sept. 14, 1914, in Detroit. She died Saturday, May 2, in South Lyon. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Augusta Wright. Survivors include her two sons, Robert (Catherine) F.

Shollack of Plymouth; John (Sharon) H. Shollack of Canton; one brother, James (Ann) Wright of Farmington...

Memorials may be made to Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33333 Warren Road, Westland 48185.

DAVID A. MYNATT

Services for David A. Mynatt, 83, of Plymouth were April 22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tonya Arneson officiating.

He was born May 7, 1914, in Knoxville, Tenn. He died April 19 in Plymouth. He was a machine repairman. He retired from General Motors in 1979 after 26 1/2 years of service...

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Duda; two sons, Steven Duda, David Duda; her mother, Helen Sopo; two sisters, Charlotte Sopo, Helen Stojkovic; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Orbie Mynatt. Survivors include his wife, Ellen V. Mynatt of Plymouth; one son, David (Patsy) Mynatt of Jacksonville, Ala.; one daughter, Joyce (Mike) Herter of Plymouth...

Memorials may be made to Plymouth First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

SANDRA LEE DUDA

Local arrangements for Sandra Lee Duda, 55, of Canton were handled by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

She was born Sept. 26, 1942, in Detroit. She died May 3 in Livonia. She had a career in merchandising with Macklinburg-Duncan Inc. for 20 years.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Duda; two sons, Steven Duda, David Duda; her mother, Helen Sopo; two sisters, Charlotte Sopo, Helen Stojkovic; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended...

WITKOWSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 134 99 0012 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING...

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

SEE ATTACHED MAP



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: May 7 and 21, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS May 14, 1998

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams

- 1. Peter Toarmina, 47500 Hanford Rd., Canton, MI 48187, for property located at same. Appealing Article 26.02, Schedule of Regulations...

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

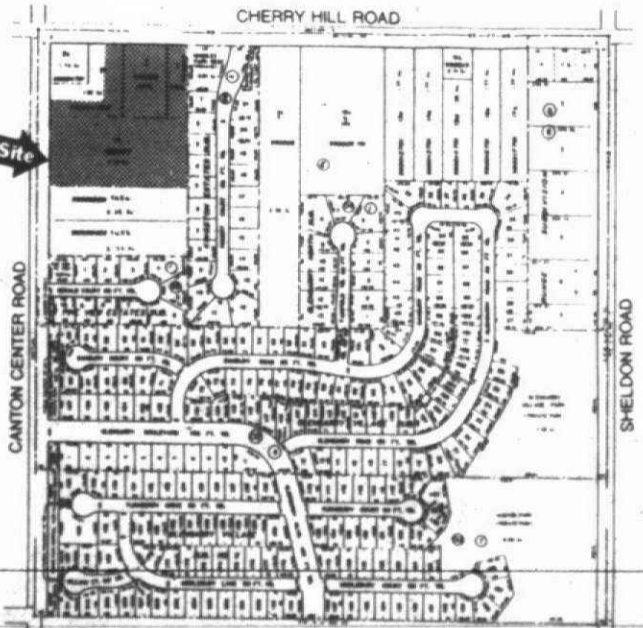
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road...

ATM-V SHOPPING CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER GREATER THAN 40,000 SQ. FT. BUT LESS THAN 200,000 SQ. FT.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.



VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings...

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Schools win NCA accreditation

Bentley, Field and Gallimore Elementary Schools, have received full accreditation, according to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., May 21, 1998 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., May 28, 1998 for the following:

EXTERIOR PAINTING OF FELLOWS CREEK CLUBHOUSE

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CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Cold War: It was up close and personal

Did my eyes deceive me? Was that Mikhail Gorbachev, former leader of the Soviet Union, doing a recent fast food commercial?

Younger people may not find this surprising since the U.S.S.R. was dissolved six years ago. To those of us who lived through the height of the Cold War, though, this is a remarkable transformation.

An experience a few years ago drove this point home. Shortly after the breakup of the U.S.S.R., Don and I took our children to a professional soccer game. The teams competing were from the U.S. and the newly created Russian alliance, the Commonwealth of Independent States (C.I.S.).

I was deeply affected by the sight of the huge C.I.S. banner above our opponents. It brought a monumental change in global politics to my doorstep.

"This marks a tremendous moment in history," I told Natalie and Phil. I followed up with a thumbnail sketch of the downfall of a world power — our communist nemesis.

They took my explanation in stride. The dynamics of the event were too far removed to hold the same meaning as for me. Their history textbooks, of course, described the communist witch hunts of the McCarthy era.

Documentaries showed clips of the Senate hearings and described the political mindset. The kids absorbed an academic understanding of the Cold War, so, to them, the demise of the Soviet Union was merely a change in government noted on the evening news.

To understand what this experience really meant requires calling up memories from the 1950s. The McCarthy hearings were not documentaries to us; they came live into our living rooms.

There was talk of building bomb shelters in backyards. Plans for constructing them were available, along with instructions for stocking them. My sister Regina had a few friends whose fathers put them in.

Seeing the 'need'

The "need" was not lost on our young minds. At the time, we thought these flimsy shelters would protect us. Never mind the kind of world to which we would return.

In school, we practiced atomic bomb drills. We were marched into the basements where we knelt in the fetal position, our hands protectively covering our heads. The teachers made it clear this was what we would do not if, but when the Russians attacked.

Even more ludicrous, given the utter devastation of nuclear warfare, was the drill Regina's classmates were made to practice. They had to jump off their bikes and curl up into the fetal position — next to a curb, of all places — to wait out an attack!

We laugh at some of this from our safe distance, but, at the time, a list of reasons made the possibility of war very real to us. We lived near Chicago, which, the community had been told, would be one of Russia's first targets. Detroit was another.

Dentist Leslie Swartz, who grew up in Detroit, remembers that his father attended monthly meetings and was issued a civil defense captain's badge from the Detroit Police Department.

In addition, war itself was not remote. Our nation had already engaged communism on the battlefield in Korea, but the reality of war that loomed largest in our consciousness was the fresh memory of World War II. My father's wartime stories, and those of relatives, were frequently told. Our parents' realities became ours.

Moreover, danger of the Cold War escalating into a hot one during the '50s lead to a frequent refrain that reached our young ears: "We shouldn't have stopped with the Nazis; we should have marched into Russia and finished the job."

Please see HISTORY, B2

MWF looks to women for help

■ The demand far exceeds the money the Michigan Women's Foundation has available to grant to programs that benefit women and girls, so it is looking to convince women they don't need to be rich to be philanthropists.

When it comes to women, Peg Talburt speaks matter-of-factly. Women, she says, are givers. They volunteer more than men and give more of their time.

It's that attitude of giving that Talburt wants to tap into. She wants women to realize that they can give of their resources, that they don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist.

And she has just the place for them to give to, the Michigan Women's Foundation, a statewide public foundation devoted to promoting economic self-sufficiency and personal well-being for women and girls.

"We want to encourage women to act as philanthropists so that they feel connected to the problem facing women and girls and to the problem-solving," said Talburt, the foundation's executive director. "We'd like to see women step up to the plate."

"Only 5 percent of foundation dollars given nationally and in the state are targeted for women and girls. We know women have resources and we know the needs of women and girls exist, so we want to foster that match."

The foundation is encouraging women to make the decisions now about where their assets should go — planned donations or living legacies — when they are gone. And with good reason.

According to an Independent Sector/Gallup survey done in the fall of 1996, 71 percent of women gave to charities in 1995 as opposed to 65 percent of men. And an IRS publication, Statistics of Income Bulletin, in 1993, showed that 43 percent of Americans with assets greater than \$500,000 were women.

"Eighty-five percent of the consumer decisions are made by women, so women are used to making economic decisions for themselves and their families," Talburt said. "But a vast num-



Listen hear: Peg Talburt will go to the far corners of the state in her role as the executive director of the Michigan Women's Foundation, to talk to women about supporting the work being done by the foundation.

ber of women worry they won't have enough for retirement. Once they get past these feelings, they can make the decisions that need to be made when they are alive.

"There are assets the need to be placed somewhere and, we're trying to make them aware that the decisions need to be made now."

Serving women, girls

The Michigan Women's Foundation was created in 1986 by "founding mothers" Mary Jo Pulte, Julia Darlow, Geri Larkin, Lana Pollack, Patricia Curran, Sharon George, Mildred Jeffrey, Sarah Power, Maureen Reilly and Helen Milliken who recognized the need for a funding source that specifi-

cally served the needs of women and girls.

In 1987, the foundation made its first grants, totaling more than \$64,000, and since then has given out more than \$1.2 million to more than 100 organizations. This year, 18 groups from throughout the state will share a record \$100,000 in general grants.

The recipients range from a high school program to prevent sexual abuse, a treatment center focusing on recovery programs for women to a leadership development project to improve the self-esteem of low-income women.

"This year, we received more than 80 proposals to the tune of \$600,000 in general grants," Talburt said. "The needs far exceed our resources."

The foundation also conducts two other grant programs — the Women's Health Funding Initiative and Young Women for Change.

The initiative provides \$50,000 grants for Careerline Tech in Holland, which offers educational support, vocational assistance and social services for pregnant teens and keeps them plugged into their education with home teachers, and Hutzel Hospital's Community Health Program for production of a videotape and discussion guides for girls ages 9-12 and caregivers on the issue of teen pregnancy.

Young Women for Change targets the needs of girls and young women in Kent County. A committee of 14 teenaged girls makes the decisions as to how the \$20,000 grant will be used. Plans are in the works to start a second program in southeast Michigan.

"We've been referred to as the best kept secret in the state and we want to refute that," Talburt said. "We don't want to be a secret."

The foundation is "bicoastal," according to Talburt, with a small office in Grand Rapids and its main office in Livonia, where it is close to 50 percent of its grant recipients and a majority of its donors.

Grant money is raised in several ways, including grants from other foundations which it then regrants to selected projects. A case in point is the \$50,000 matching grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation that was used for the Women's Health Initiative.

"We act as a pass through organization," Talburt said. "We were able to get this money because we were able to target the money for projects with laser beam precision."

The foundation also takes its message on the road with Talburt, board members and a grant recipient talking about the MWF at city receptions around the state.

The receptions are small, intimate gatherings in homes for 50-100 women. By invitation only, participants pay \$35 to attend. Last month, Talburt was in Farmington at the home of Marcia Stroko. Upcoming receptions also are planned in Ann Arbor, Holland, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe and Traverse City.

Please see WOMEN, B2

And this year's winners are ...

Begun in 1991, the Michigan Women's Foundation's "Women of Achievement and Courage" recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the lives of women and girls. The honorees are selected for their leadership, vision, passion and accomplishments.

This year's honorees are:

■ Vernice Davis Anthony, the senior vice president of Urban and Community Health at St. John Health System in Detroit has been a statewide leader to prevent infant mortality and teen pregnancy.

As director of the Michigan Department of Public Health for four years, she implemented a number of health and education programs that led to lowest infant mortality rate in Michigan's history and a reduction in teen pregnancies.



Anthony



Josaitis



Wolfe



Beckwith

■ Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder and executive director of Focus: HOPE, has been a significant contributor to increased public awareness of hunger and malnutrition to the formulation of public policy and responsible legislation.

She has played a major role in the

development of Focus: HOPE's nationally recognized training programs which promote movement from poverty to the financial mainstream.

■ Joann Luedders Wolfe, founder of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council, is recognized internationally for her many contributions to environmental protection.

She organized and led the work to assure passage of the Michigan Environmental Protection Act of 1970 that served as a model for laws in nine other states and played an instrumental role in the passage of Michigan's Inland Lakes and Streams Act, and authored "Making Things Happen: How to Be an Effective Volunteer."

■ Gladys May Beckwith, a professor of American thought and language at Michigan State University, is executive director of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame and historian of the achievements of women.

She is co-founder and first president of the Michigan Women's Studies Association, the first such association in the United States, and executive producer of "Living History Series," a seven-part series about Hall of Fame honorees.

Students go 'big time' with 'Dreamcoat'

In rehearsal: Eighth-graders John de Vries (left) as the Pharaoh and Philip Rousseau as Joseph rehearse a scene from St. Matthew Lutheran School's weekend production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Each year St. Matthew Lutheran School puts on a spring production. This school year drama coordinator Rich Schumacher decided to do something a little different.

"I realized that we haven't done anything major so we decided on 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,'" said Schumacher. "This is the first big name show that we've done. We've done the basic school program sort of thing. We decided we could better."

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, at the school's gymnasium, 5855 Venoy Road, north of Ford Road, in Westland.

Schumacher and principal Jeff Burkee decided on "Joseph" based on their backgrounds in theater.

"Personally, I have a strong background in drama having performed in many community theater shows," said Schumacher who also teaches seventh and eighth grades. "Our principal has produced several shows at the other schools he's been at. We had a desire to do something better."

Schumacher explained that "Joseph" bodes well for his cast which ranges in age from third through eighth grade.

"When Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber wrote it, they wrote it for a school production," he said. "It's very appropriate for this age level."

Rice and Webber were commissioned by the school's headmaster to create an original musical piece for the end-of-term concert. The play debuted March 1, 1968, at Colet Court School in London as a 15-minute play.

Please see JOSEPH, B2

History from page B1

Tensions were high between the two superpowers as the next decade dawned.

In 1960, the continuing threat of war was vividly etched in our minds with the image of Nikita Khrushchev banging his shoe on a desk at the United Nations and shouting. Or telling Western diplomats that "We will bury you," or assuring us "Your children will live under communism."

Of course, while all this was going on, we were still kids. We

played baseball, ate ice cream cones and otherwise occupied ourselves when we were not practicing dodging atomic bombs.

Frightening time

Nonetheless, underneath all this, the political climate of the 1950s frightened the dickens out of us. I clearly remember childhood nightmares where I was being chased for political reasons. "We all did," a friend said recently.

A few weeks ago, Regina went to an auction where bomb shelter water barrels were being sold. They still bore instructions to clean them and replace the water every three months. She laughs recalling how, despite the Cold War paranoia that gripped

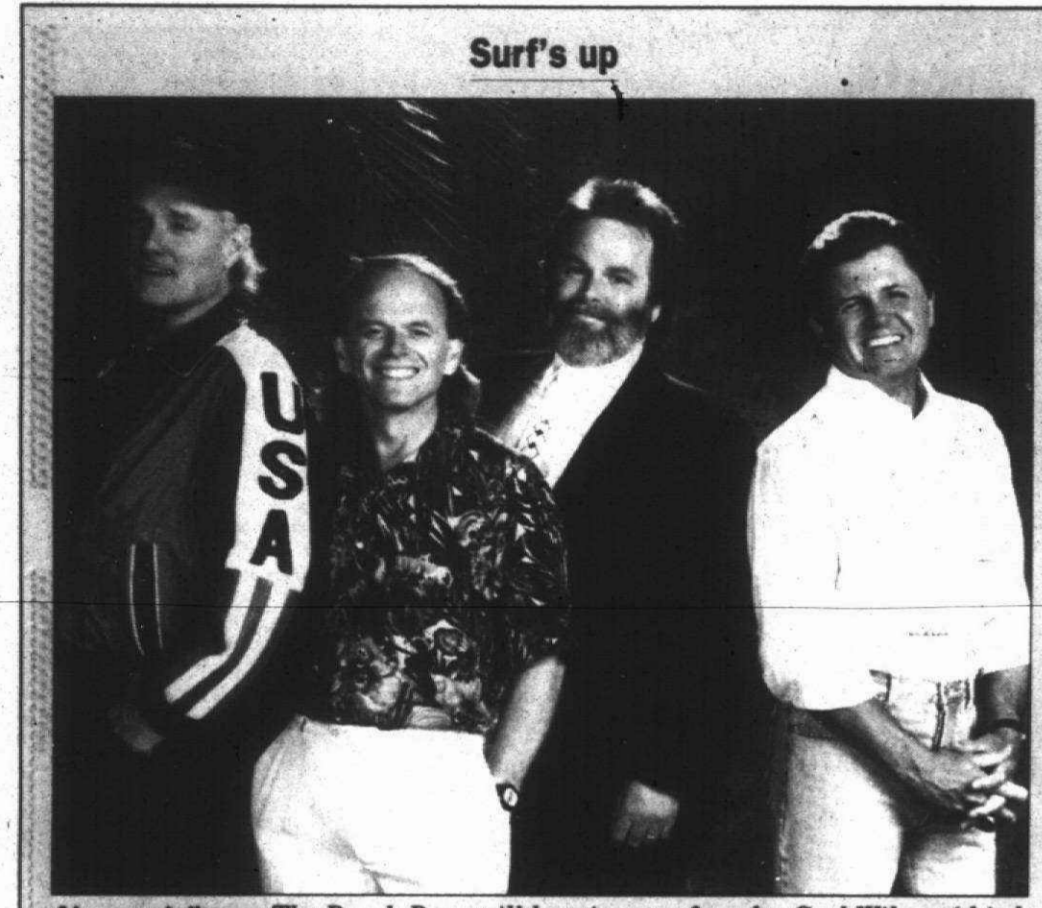
the country, practicality ultimately had taken over.

"Had anyone needed to use the bomb shelters, they would have been hard-pressed. Every time my friends' parents were short of storage space, they used the bomb shelters. Eventually, there wasn't any room left for people."

It's this shared experience that has made "The Russians Are Coming" one of our family's favorite movies. The brutality of communist regimes notwithstanding, the film pokes fun at paranoia-run-rampant during the Cold War.

Lacking a personal frame of reference, however, young folks Natalie and Phil's age can no more appreciate the movie's political satire than they can my feelings at that soccer game.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.



Surf's up

At annual dinner: The Beach Boys will be minus co-founder Carl Wilson (third from left), who died of cancer in February, when they perform at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute's 16th annual dinner Saturday, May 9. The dinner will be at Chrysler Corporation's Connor Assembly Plant in Detroit, home of the Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler. The band, which has embodied the spirit of America with a string of hits beginning with "Surfin' USA" in 1961, will headline the event. Tickets cost \$750 for patrons, \$500 for friends and \$250 for friends. For more information, call Lisa Zanlungo at 1-800-KAR-MANOS (527-6266).

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"We've found that women love to give money and love a good story," Talburt said.

Recognizing women

The foundation's major fundraiser is its two "Women of Achievement and Courage" dinners, sponsored by General Motors.

Four women have been selected to be recognized at the dinners, held in Grand Rapids last month, and at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn on Tuesday, May 12.

They are Vernice Davis Anthony, Eleanor Josaitis, Joann Luadders Wolfe and Gladys May

Beckwith. The event is being co-chaired by Deborah Dingell, president of the General Motors Foundation, and Geneva Williams, executive vice-president and COO of United Way Community Services.

"They expect the dinners will attract more than 850 people and raise close to \$225,000 for the foundation. Tickets for the May 12 dinner at the Ritz Carlton cost \$150 each and are available by calling the MWF at (734) 542-3946.

"This event achieves two important outcomes," Williams said. "It raises funds that directly support programs for women

and children in our state, and at the same time, it's a wonderful opportunity to recognize the women in our state whose leadership and commitment are vital to women's and children's causes."

"The dinners represent the largest, single chunk of money raised for the foundation," Talburt added. "The dinner is the first place we go for corporate donations. We also go to the corporations for partners for grants."

The Michigan Women's Foundation is at 17177 Laurel Park, Suite 445, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 542-3946.

Joseph from page B1

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" tells the story of Joseph, the second youngest and favorite son of Jacob.

Jealous about the attention Joseph received, his brothers attacked him and sold him as a slave to a band of Ishmaelites. The brothers told their father that Joseph had died.

"It's a show that I personally have enjoyed," Schumacher said. "I haven't seen it on Broadway but a lot of the kids have. It's a good show as far as notoriety

and name.

"Also, the music to it is very simple and very easy for the kids."

Auditions for St. Matthew's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" were held in September and the students have been rehearsing for it since then. Eighth-grader Philip Rousseau of Westland will play Joseph.

Each night 80 kids primarily from Garden City, Westland and Canton will perform characters to chorus members.

St. Matthew's production, Schumacher said, will rival other companies' presentations.

"We have a stage set up in the gym with a number of props similar to what many people have seen at other productions of Joseph," he said.

Tickets for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" cost \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children ages 5-12, and free for kids ages 4 and younger.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the St. Matthew's School at (734) 425-0261.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Lundy-Holappa

John and Denise Lundy of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Todd Michael Holappa, the son of Ronald M. Holappa of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of West Bloomfield, and the late Carol Holappa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington. Her fiancé is employed as an area manager for Priscilla's. A June wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

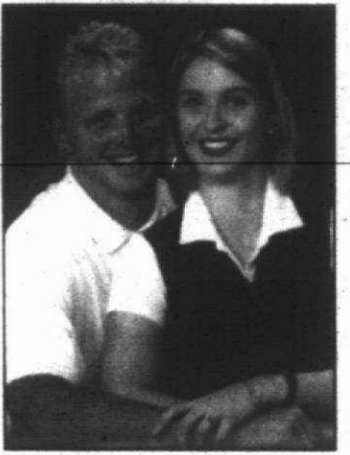


Zimmerman-Walter

Clyde and Yvonne Zimmerman of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Julia, to Bryan James Walter, the son of James and Patricia Walter of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an environmental scientist for an engineering consulting firm in Ferndale.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School. He is employed as a carpenter for Walter Construction Inc.



Trostle-Rave

Donald and June Trostle of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Elizabeth, to Todd Mitchell Rave, the son of Char and Bee Rave of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and attends Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Hudson's as a visual display artist.

Her fiancé also is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a



degree in philosophy. He attends Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wis.

A June wedding is planned at the Dixboro Methodist Church in Ann Arbor.

Patyle-Putman

Joseph and Magdalyne Patyle of Hinsdale, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Anne of Westland, to Robert Donald Putman of Livonia, the son of Terry and Ruth Putman of Onsted.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. She is employed as a case manager at Fairlane Behavioral Services.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. He is employed as a project manager at Phillips Service Industries.



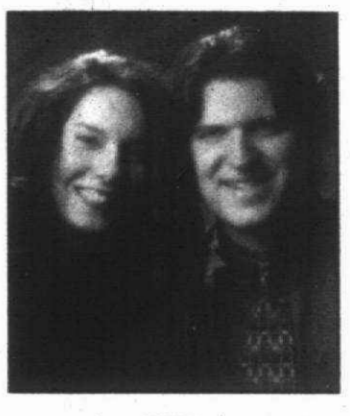
St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Turczyn-Piasentin

Thomas and Jane Turczyn of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, to John Guido Piasentin, the son of John and Julia Piasentin of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in international business. She is employed as a project planner at TRW-Automotive Electronics.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He expects to earn a master's science degree in mechanical engineering.



neering from WSU in 1999. He is employed at General Dynamics-Land Systems Division.

An October wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

Carlisle-Leonard

Jim and Carol Carlisle of Dallas, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter to Anthony Sigmond Leonard, the son of Raymond and Patricia Leonard of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed by Ameriserve as a senior program analyst for Taco Bell.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an electrical engineer by Texas Instruments.



A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Dallas.

Dangerfield-Collier

Terry and Georganna Dangerfield of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Terra Lee, to Stephen Leslie Collier, the son of Stephen and Carole Collier of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Taylor Kennedy High School. She is employed by Wayne County.

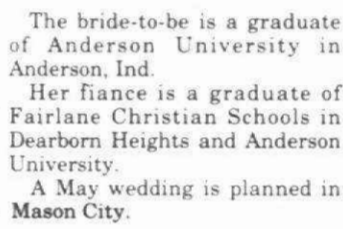
Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed by Time-Warner Cable.



A September wedding in Wyandotte is planned.

Robinson-Stolt

Mel and Ellen Robinson of Mason City, Iowa, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Richard John Stolt, the son of John and Nancy Stolt of Redford.



The bride-to-be is a graduate of Anderson University in Anderson, Ind.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Fairlane Christian Schools in Dearborn Heights and Anderson University.

A May wedding is planned in Mason City.

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Christ United Methodist Church will have a spring rummage sale 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at the church, 27830 Avondale...

St. Damian Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 29901 Joy, Westland.

St. Timothy Church in Canton will present a chatty speaker Pam Stenzel at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland.

Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will present a chatty speaker St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile...

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ment. A picnic lunch will be available for \$2. For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

WOMEN'S AWOL The Canton/Westland Chapter of Women's Aglow International will share songs and informal Bible study with the residents of Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren Road, Westland, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile, Farmington, Cost will be \$8, including refreshments.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass—10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beechdale, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia—call Val at (734) 729-1974—for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday—call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION Canton Friendship Church will have a Mother's Day celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 10, in the Walnut Room of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The theme will be "Don't Mess with Mom," with Friendship's youth services director Howard

single Point Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go from Here?" focusing on "From Community to Intimacy—Building Healthy Relationships," as part of Single Point Ministries' Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile west of Hagerty, Northville. Carol has six albums, 10 Dove Awards and 2 Grammy Awards to his credit, not to mention numerous nominations. A free will offering will be provided.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST St. John Bosco will have a Mother's Day pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at the church, 12100 Beech Dale, Redford. Cost will be \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 12 years and under for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Matthews giving the message. The service will be the beginning of the church's "Home Improvement" series which will explore themes dealing with marriage, sexuality, parenting, discipline, family finances and more.

Canton Friendship is a new contemporary Christian congregation affiliated with the United Methodist Church. For more information, call the church office at (734) 451-2100 or visit its Web site at www.cantonfriendship.org.

MEDITERRANEAN MAGIC

The St. Francis Family Services will sponsor Mediterranean Magic, a fundraiser to benefit foster parent recruitment efforts, Wednesday, May 13, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church Parish Hall, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia.

The evening will start with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:25 p.m., entertainment at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$50 and include dinner featuring a Mediterranean cuisine, Turkish coffee bar, magician/comedian and open bar.

For more information, call St.

Francis Family Services at (248) 552-0750. A non-profit child welfare agency, it is dedicated to the preservation of families throughout the tri-county area. Its offices are at 17500 W. Eight Mile, Southfield.

INFORMATION NIGHT

St. Edith Catholic Church will have a Garden and Pet Information Night 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia. A professional gardener and veterinarian will be on hand to answer questions. There also will be door prizes and free samples. Admission is free. For more information, call the Christian Service Office at (734) 464-2027.

MILLENNIUM CLASSES

Unity of Livonia Church is offering a new class, "New Thought for the New Millennium," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays for 13 weeks throughout the spring and summer at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

Rev. Gene Sorensen will teach the class, using the "Twelve Powers for the 21st Century," textbook with chapters penned

by Barbara Marx Hubbard, Bernie Siegel, Sir John Templeton, Eric Butterworth, James Dillet Freeman, Barbara King, Jim Rosemergy and others. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

CARD PARTY

St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have its annual springtime card party at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Parish Social Hall, 23749 Elmira, Redford. There will be door prizes, table prizes, raffle, dessert buffet table, coffee and tea. To reserve tickets, priced at \$6 each, call Betty at (313) 533-8239, Dorothy at (313) 533-5698 or Lillian at (313) 533-9197.

CLASSICAL BELLS

A spectacular handbell concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will mark the 15th anniversary celebration of the Classical Bells, a semi-professional 12-member handbell ensemble, directed by Diane Ebersole.

Besides six octaves of handbells and five octaves of choichimes, the concert will include harp, oboe, organ, trum-

pet, flute, percussion, handbell solo and more. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the concert.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. They are available by sending a check, payable to the Classical Bells, at P.O. Box 51253, Livonia 48151 or by calling Ebersole at (734) 454-9285 or Corinne Kert at (734) 414-9940.

SOLENN SERVICE

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, will hold a special solemn service to remember the

catastrophe Al Nakbah, which befell 2 million Palestinian people who were driven out of their homes and off their lands and massacred to make room for the newly formed Zionist State.

The candlelight vigil will be at 12 noon Sunday, May 17. In attendance will be His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba, primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, and Rt. Rev. Bishop Antoun, auxiliary bishop to Metropolitan Philip, and many priests and delegates from throughout the country who are meeting as a task force to aide

Orthodox Christians in the Holy Land.

For more information, call Rev. George Shaloub, pastor of St. Mary's Antiochian, at (734) 422-0010.

IN CONCERT

Proclaim, one of the area's gospel quartets, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Merriman Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The group, based in Monroe, is well-known for its beautiful harmonies and stirring testimonies. Admission is free. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

'Woman to Woman' focuses on Mom

In a special edition of the weekly radio talk show, Woman to Woman, host Phyllis Wallace will interview two national celebrities whose intensely driven lives continues to be impacted by their mothers.

In the 30-minute special, "To Mom, With Love," Suzanne Douglas, star of the television sitcom, "The Parent Hood," will share her adult relationship with her mother and reflect on her 20-year career in acting. She also will share insights into mothering her young adopted daughter.

The program also will feature an interview with LaDonna Gatlin, the youngest sister of country music's famous Gatlin Brothers. Gatlin's life as a popular contemporary Christian artist continues to be inspired by sustaining a strong relationship with her mother through the years.

The "Woman to Woman" Mother's Day special can be heard locally at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10, on WAAM-AM 1600. It also is available in

RealAudio on the Internet at <http://www.lhm.org/w2w>.

To learn more about "Woman to Woman" and other programs from the Lutheran Hour Ministries, Internet users are invited to visit "Wired With the Word" at <http://www.lhm.org>.

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Award-winner

Matti Kilpelainen, of Canton, was named an award-winner at the first annual Michigan Association of the USA Track and Field Board of Governors Awards Banquet March 21 at the Baldock Park Recreation Center in Detroit.

Awards were presented for excellence in athletic achievement in track and field. Kilpelainen was the winner for 1997 in the Masters men's division.

Among the 27 others honored was Plymouth Salem track and cross country standout Ian Searcy in the Youth Track and Field and Cross Country category, young men's division.

For Kilpelainen, it was certainly an honor well-earned. Among his achievements for 1997: first in the pole vault at the National Masters Indoor Championships, 50-54 age division, with a jump of 13-feet, 1-inch; an American record of 13-8 in the pole vault for 51 years old or older men, June 1, 1997; second in the decathlon for 50-54 year olds at the National Masters Championship, Sept. 20-21, 1997.

Golf league forming

The 1998 Senior Golf League, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, is now accepting registrations for its upcoming season, scheduled to begin play next Tuesday at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

There are no residency requirements. Play is open to all those age 50 and over, both men and women. The league meets at 8 a.m. every Tuesday through mid-August. Cost is \$15 to register plus weekly greens fees.

Registration may be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services offices, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

For more information, please call (734) 397-5110.

Schoolcraft hoop camp

Registration is now underway for the Schoolcraft College Basketball Camp of Champions, for boys 6-18 years old. The camp will be under the direction of SC basketball coach Carlos Briggs, former NJCAA All-American at SC who later starred at Baylor University; Briggs guided the Ocelots to their best season in school history in his first season as coach last year and was named NJCAA Eastern Conference coach of the year.

The camp will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. daily, from June 22-25. The main focus will be on fundamentals of the game, in shooting, ballhandling, passing and defense, with drills in rebounding and one-and-one play. There will also be guest speakers daily, including former pro and collegiate players.

Cost is \$100 per camper, which includes a free camp T-shirt. Registration forms are available at the Schoolcraft College athletic offices.

Left out

In last Sunday's sports editions of the Plymouth and Canton Observer, the winning pitcher from Plymouth Canton's softball victory over Northville was inadvertently omitted. It was senior Patty Snook, who improved her own personal record to 3-1 in the 18-7 triumph.

Snook pitched all five innings in the 10-run mercy win, allowing four earned runs on six hits and one walk, with two strikeouts.

Going for the title

The Western Wayne Wildcats, an under-12 girls AAU basketball team, will compete this weekend against 16 teams at the AAU state finals in Grand Rapids.

The Wildcats advanced to the finals after winning the regional championship in Lansing April 25-26.

Members of the Wildcats include Cassandra Calcagno, Meghan Depp, Kelli Howse, Krissy Lake, Anna Lukasik, Jennifer Murray, Colleen O'Brien, Stephanie Phillips, Michelle Roelofs and Sarah Samulski.

Western Wayne is coached by Harold Howse and Steve Murray.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to the sports editor, 96251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

A drawn-out battle



Bottled up: Neither Salem nor Canton could get much going offensively Wednesday, despite the efforts of Salem's Mia Sarkesian (above right) and Canton's Kelly Connell.

If these two teams clash again — and it's almost a certainty they will — bring a pacemaker.

You'll need it.

The regular-season showdown between cross-campus rivals Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem was waged last night, and nothing was resolved. After 80 minutes of hard-nosed, hard-hitting soccer, the scoreboard had not changed: Canton 0, Salem 0.

As far as the Western Lakes Activities Association is concerned, the game means nothing. Canton clinched the WLAA's Western Division Monday when it beat Livonia Churchill; that means the Chiefs play at Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. next Thursday (May 14) for the WLAA championship. Salem finished second in the Lakes Division behind Stevenson, which means the Rocks host Churchill at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Both Salem and Canton are now 11-1-2 overall.

But whatever this match may have lacked in suspense as far as the WLAA is concerned, it made up in raw rivalry. This was only Round One; it's a preview of the district tournament, quite likely a look at what to expect when the two teams meet in a match to determine their fates in the state tournament.

Wednesday's result was not what was anticipated. Both teams, while exhibiting tough defenses throughout the season, had seemed to be better offensively; they both lived on their scoring.

But it was defenses that controlled play throughout Wednesday's match.

"We were real happy with the way we played," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld. "We created the four/five opportunities you're going to get in a game like this, and that's about all you can hope for. It's indicative of the kind of teams these are."

Indeed, the marking for both sides was so tight, there was only one truly solid scoring chance recorded by each side. Salem's came with 15:30 left in the match, a long but accurate shot lifted by Missy Simons that Canton keeper Kristin Lukasik leaped to punch out of the box, and out of harm's way.

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Elsner's homer catapults Canton

Thought this kind of stuff only happened in the movies!

That assumption was definitely wrong. With first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division on the line, and the game extending past the seven-inning deadline with no runs scored, the drama kept building.

When the end finally did come, it was with such a resounding, crushing blow that no doubt could remain who belonged on top.

Liz Elsner provided that proof. The senior outfielder did something that, prior to this season, hadn't been done at Canton HS since the Chiefs'

SOFTBALL

Danielle Mortiere did it in 1992 — and it was the second time this season Elsner has managed it. After Sarah Freels reached base with a single in the bottom of the ninth inning, with one out, Elsner knocked an Ali Ault pitch into the next field, a home run over the fence to boost Canton to a 2-0 triumph over Farmington Harrison Monday at Canton.

"It was just a great game," said Chiefs' coach Jim Arnold, his team now 15-6 overall and 6-1 in the WLAA's

Western Division. Harrison fell to 5-2 in the Western. "The kids are just playing great ball. They've got a great attitude. Everyone knows their roles. I can see it all coming together."

It took nine innings for the offense to come together against Harrison. Fortunately, the pitching and defense was enough to keep the Chiefs in the hunt. Gretchen Hudson took another big step forward in her recovery from an elbow injury suffered during the pre-season; she worked all nine innings to earn the pitching win (she's now 9-0), tossing a three-hit shutout. She walked two and

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Runaway champs

Salem dominates at Observerland

Ian Searcy anchors Plymouth Salem's relay teams but he's the leadoff man when it comes to doing chants with his teammates.

He's comfortable with either role.

"When I say S-A, you say 'L-E-M,'" yelled Searcy, leading teammates in a victory chant after the Rocks dominated Saturday's 28th annual Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill, winning nearly half of the 16 events and finishing with 112 points.

Salem won seven events and finished second in four others.

Searcy, a senior, was on four winning relays and seniors Scott Kingslien and Andy Brigg were on three each. Mike Shull, Nick Allen, Matt Anderson and Bob Cushman were on two each.

Searcy anchored the distance medley relay, which won in 11 minutes, 8.4 seconds, the sprint medley relay (2:30.0) and the 1,600 relay (3:28.3). He also cleared a personal best of 6 feet, 2 inches to help the Rocks win the high jump relay with a combined jump of 18-6.

"Ian can do whatever he wants," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "He said he'd like to do hurdles someday but we'll have to put the

kabosh on that."

This was Salem's fifth Observerland championship, the fourth under Baker.

Salem's total was more than twice as much as its closest competitor, Livonia Churchill, which took second with 53.5 points. The real battle was for third and North Farmington won out with 48 points, ahead of Plymouth Canton (46) and Northville (44).

"Our goal in the last week and a half was to try and score 100 points," said Baker, who also won an Observerland championship while attending Salem, back in 1981. "We figured on paper we could score 109 and we surpassed that goal. Our seniors stepped up big. We rode our horses tonight."

Kingslien joined Searcy on the sprint medley relay and the 1,600 relay and anchored the 800 relay, which took first in 1:31.9.

Winning the sprint relays was especially gratifying for the Salem sprinters, Kingslien joked.

"We kept getting dogged by our distance runners, saying we never win anything," Kingslien said. "We had to get first to show them who's boss."

Brigg ran second on the winning distance medley relay and also led off the winning relays at 6,400 and 3,200 meters. The 6,400 relay finished in 18:30.9, a new school record, and the 3,200 relay finished in 8:05.0.

Churchill, an eight-time champion, had its best finish in years. The Chargers had a pair of first-place finishes and a tie for first to go with one second.

The Chargers' Ryan Kearney won the open 110 hurdles in a school-record time of 14.1 seconds and he also led off the winning shuttle hurdle relay team that finished in 1:01.5. The pole vault team tied Farmington Hills Harrison for first with a combined jump of 32-6.

"I'm elated, and surprised, but the kids work so hard anything is possible," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "They made it happen tonight."

North Farmington, which hasn't won an Observerland Relays, was ecstatic about taking third. The Raiders had 22 points in the field events, winning the shot put relay, and had three third-place finishes.

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Crusaders win WHAC crown; Series is next

Talk about catching lightning in a bottle.

Madonna University, the third-place team during the regular season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, captured the WHAC baseball playoffs with four straight wins capped by Monday's convincing 14-0 triumph over Tri-State (Ind.) in the finals at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

The Crusaders (29-24-1 overall), in their inaugural WHAC season, advance to the eight-team, double-elimination NAIA Great Lakes Region Tournament beginning Friday in Marion, Ind. There will be five conference champions and three at-large teams. A blind-draw is pending.

"We put everything together," said Crusader coach Greg Haeger, a Redford Catholic Central and University of Michigan graduate. "We pitched well, we hit well and we played defense well. During the season, we had streaks where we pitched real well and we hit as well as any team in the country. During the tournament, we put it all together."

How far the Crusaders will go in the NAIA Tournament will depend on how their pitching survives. "If we continue to pitch a little bit and play some defense, we have a good chance because our offense at times can be phenomenal," said Haeger, noting three Crusaders with 10 or more home runs on the season.

That, of course, could depend on making it past the opening round games without a trip through the loser's bracket. "That's the key," agreed Haeger. "If we go into the loser's bracket we might have a tough time. I think we're a pitcher short."

The Crusaders have been shy a pitcher since losing promising freshmen Kevin Bilbia (Plymouth) and James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) to injuries during the season.

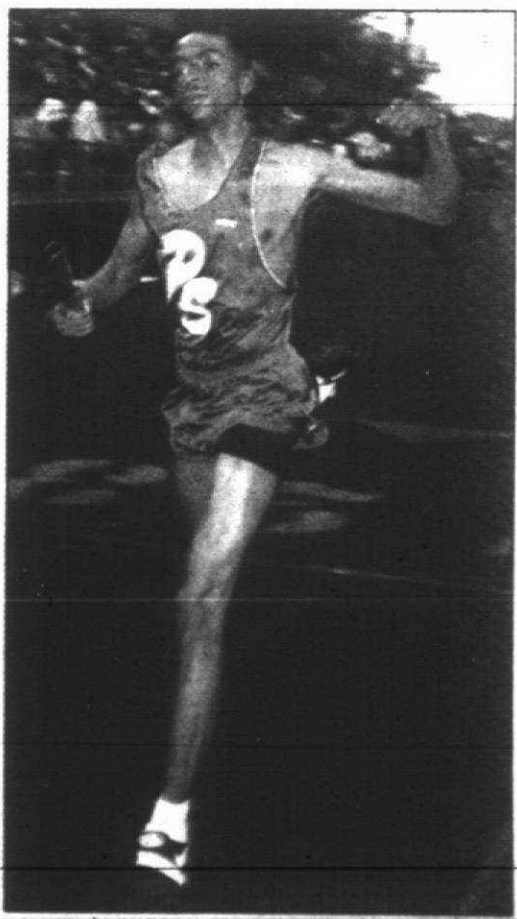
Madonna had no such worries in the WHAC Tournament. Designated hitter J.R. Taylor and third baseman Daryl Rocho paced a 17-hit Madonna attack in Monday's championship win over Tri-State.

Taylor, a senior, was 3-for-5 with six RBI, including a pair of homers (including a towering shot over the left field fence), raising his season total to 16. Rocho was 3-for-5 with five RBI. He clubbed his 13th round-tripper of the year.

Others with two hits included Kevin Foley, Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton), Aaron Shrewsbury and Jeff Warholik.

Winning pitcher Mark Serra (5-5) allowed just one hit over six innings. E.J. Roman, Matt Snyder and Jason Carter (Livonia

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Big winner: Salem's Ian Searcy was part of four winning relays, a big reason the Rocks dominated at Observerland.

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Even-up: Canton's Jessica Pallis (left) and Salem's Maureen Grif-fith won't let up.

The Chiefs put the ball around the Salem net on several occasions, but never got off a solid shot on goal. Their best chance came with just 3:15 remaining, with a shot angled toward the Rocks' goal with senior forward Melissa Marzolf in pursuit. But Salem keeper Jill Dombrowski reached the ball first, snatching it away from a sliding Marzolf.

"I knew it would be tough," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We've just got to put one in. We got a lot of good crosses into the box, but there was nothing good on the end of them."

The Canton player that most concerned Salem was freshman phenom Anne Morrell. She was well marked by Salem sophomore Suzi Towne.

"Suzi Towne did a good job on Anne," Landefeld said. "Suzi took more hits, but she knew going in that's the way it would be. And I thought Christen Shull did a good job for us as sweeper."

The number of hits inflicted by both sides made it seem more like a game of attrition. "Nobody was backing down, that's for sure," said Canton's Smith.

The Chiefs' defenders were equally adept at bottling up Simons and Mia Sarkesian, the Rocks' only two seniors and their biggest offensive threats.

The Stevenson counterattack is so precise and so formidable, it might be wise to think twice about using pressure as a tactic.

And yet, as well as each side played, it cannot be overlooked:

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struck out four in outdueling Harrison's Ault, who allowed five hits but no walks, striking out two.

Still, had it not been for the Canton defense, the game may have been decided before Elsnar's blast. In the top of the eighth inning, the Hawks' Lindsey Emmett walked and stole second on Canton catcher Kathy Mokienco, who was subbing for the injured Erica Hanzc. But when Emmett tried to steal third as well, Mokienco threw her out.

The win avenged Canton's only division loss this season, a 3-1 setback to Harrison April 6. The Chiefs are 8-2 in all WAAA games.

n. Farmington 3, Canton 2: The Chiefs enjoyed their big victory over Harrison for only 24 hours as visiting North Farmington shocked Canton.

The Raiders (11-5) rallied for three runs in the top of the fourth inning to record the win. Key hits in the inning were RBI doubles by Lynn Livernois and

Katie Deverux (each had two hits). Lauren Oullette added a run-scoring single.

The Chiefs (15-7 overall, 8-3 in the WAAA) scored its first run in the second inning. Carrie Kovachevich singled, stole second base and later scored on a passed ball.

Canton cut a 3-1 deficit in half in its half of the fourth inning when Liz Elsnar doubled and later scored on a fielder's choice.

North's Mickey Spisz held the Chiefs in check, scattering only five hits, striking out four and walking two.

Fisher took the loss, striking out five and walking three in her six innings of work.

"We just came off a nice nine-inning win over Harrison and then we had a letdown," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We weren't in the game mentally, but hopefully the team will learn from this."

Salem 4, Farmington 2: Three meaningless runs—that's all Plymouth Salem managed against host Farmington Monday. Fortunately for the Rocks, it didn't matter; they got enough runs and some solid pitching to pull out the victory.

Salem improved to 7-9-1 overall, 4-6 in the WAAA and 3-4 in

the WAAA's Lakes Division. Farmington fell to 3-4 in the Lakes through Monday.

Sophomore pitcher Amanda Sutton was the difference for Salem. Sutton limited the Falcons to four hits and no earned runs, and did not walk a batter while striking out two.

She pitched a great game," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "I'd like to see us get a few more hits, but as long as the outcome's like this I'm happy. She's just where she has to be, considering she's just a sophomore."

The Rocks only hits were singles by Becky Esper, Stefanie Volpe and Katie Gagleard.

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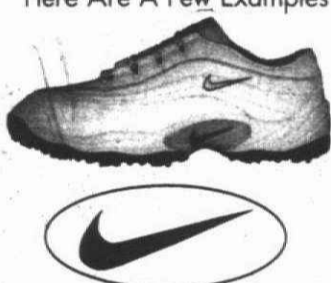
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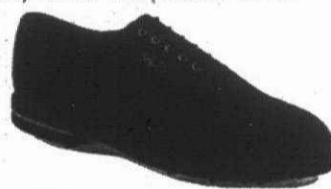
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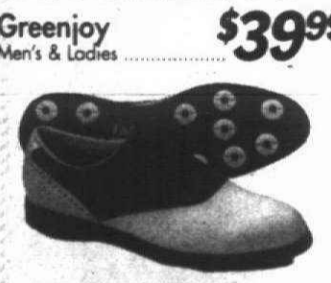
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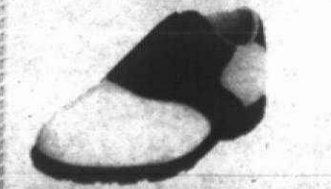
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The City of Southfield presents a Celebration Concert featuring Lou Rawls, 8 p.m. at Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets \$30 and \$35, call (248) 645-6666, or (248) 354-4854.

SATURDAY



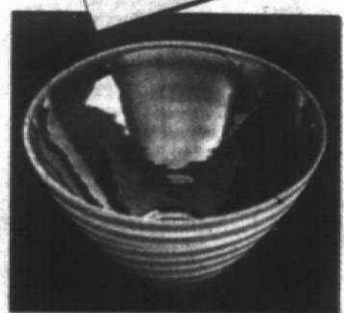
Tony O'Brien presents a Spring Concert with Lance Luce 8 p.m. at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road. They will perform solos and duets, from Broadway show tunes to classics, at the Redford's theater pipe organ. Tickets \$8, call (313) 534-1954 or (313) 537-2560.

SUNDAY



Parker Plague (left to right), Terry Heck and Adam Rockkind in "Lost in Yonkers" 2 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$22, call (248) 377-3300.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Birmingham Fine Art Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Shain Park, and adjacent streets in downtown Birmingham features live entertainment, and works by 300 artists from the U.S. and Canada including Richard Cohen who created this iridescent blue-lined bowl with golden yellow and white stripes. For more information, call (248) 644-0866.



Comedic opera: Ana Maria Martinez as Adina in "The Elixir of Love" at Michigan Opera Theatre. She is sharing this role with Janet Williams of Detroit.

Opera, a barrel full of laughs? Well, that's not the first thing that comes to mind. Especially if you've seen any of the eviscerating Romantic operas that make you want to enroll in grief counseling and wail like a baby. But for the operatic light of heart, the Michigan Opera Theatre is offering a magic potion of its own, Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love," which premieres Saturday.

The opera is among the most popular comic operas, and comes as the second of MOT's three-opera spring season.

Once again, the familiar angelic soprano Janet Williams sings the lead female role. Williams, perhaps the most famous operatic star from Detroit, is currently with the Berlin Opera.

Along with Mozart, Donizetti has written several of the most performed comic operas in the repertoire. In addition to "The Elixir of Love," he composed "The Daughter of the Regiment," and "Don Pasquale." "The characters are accessible and very contemporary," said David DiChiera, managing director of MOT. "Audiences are sympathetic (with the characters) throughout this opera."

Following MOT's critically acclaimed "Manon," and preceding the great American opera "Porgy and Bess" in their spring season, Donizetti's comedic opera offers the levity of one of today's sit-coms with some of the most recognizable operatic music.

"The Elixir of Love" is a classic comedic tale of misperception and rooting for the underdog. The story is based on the travails of a peasant named Nemorino, one of opera's most

What: "The Elixir of Love" by Gaetano Donizetti presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 9; Wednesday, May 13; Friday & Saturday, May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sundays, May 10 & 17

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

Tickets: \$18-\$95, call (313) 874-7464, or (248) 645-6666.

beloved characters.

The nerdy Nemorino and his rival, a virile soldier named Belcore, are hardly matched. The town folk deride Nemorino's chances of winning the heart of the vivacious Adina, the flirtatious treasure of the village.

What's needed, of course, is a magic potion. Preferably, an inexpensive panacea. With Seinfeld-like timing, enter a quack doctor named Dulcamara.

The rambling doc persuades Nemorino that imbibing a flask of cheap Bordeaux can work wonders. Even improve his chances of winning Adina's heart.

The real elixir, however, is clearly in the music and the vocal diversity required to wring the lessons of love from the humorous plot.

Two of opera's greatest tenors - Enrico Caruso and Luciano Pavarotti - have made the lead tenor's role among their signature performances.

After his 1904 debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera, Caruso's fame skyrocketed. Ironically, 16 years later after performing the role he suffered a throat hemorrhage and died shortly after.

For both Caruso and Pavarotti, the emotional breadth and subtlety of the romantic "Una furtiva lagrima" ("A Furtive Tear") in the second act has demonstrated their eminence as opera's royalty.

Quite likely, those won't be tears of tragedy rolling down audiences' faces. Donizetti's playful opera proves that you can get the same response by appealing to a good laugh. It's simply called "tears of joy."

FAMILY FUN

Musical brings Rugrats to life at the Fox

"Rugrats - A Live Adventure"
When: Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 17. Fifteen performances: 7 p.m. Friday, May 8 and May 15, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14; noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9 and May 16; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10 and May 17.
Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
Tickets: \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25, available at the box office, Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515.

On TV the Rugrats seen by millions of kids everyday on Nickelodeon can do anything. But bringing Angelica, Tommy, Phil, Chuckie, Lil, and Susie to life on stage for "A Live Adventure," coming to the Fox Theatre May 8-17 was a challenge.

For many children, the show will be their first introduction to the theater.

"Our live show stays true to what kids love about Rugrats - adventure - this time they turn a typical rainy afternoon into a wild ride of the imagination," said Jonathan Hochwald, executive producer.

The live show presented by Nickelodeon and PACE Variety Entertainment, Inc., features the talent behind the original Rugrat voices, including E.G. Daily as Tommy Pickles, Christine Cavanagh as Chuckie Finster, Kath Soucie as Phil & Lil DeVille, and Cheryl Chase as Angelica Pickles.

With backgrounds ranging from rock-and-roll to Broadway stage, TV and movies, a team of professionals worked to make the Rugrats bigger than life.

Please see RUGRATS, E2

MUSIC

Classical pianist tickled to play crowd pleasers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Pianist Garrick Ohlsson will be playing favorites Saturday night when he gives a brief recital as part of his special evening at the University of Michigan.

The University Musical Society has named Ohlsson the 1998 UMS Distinguished Artist in recognition of his long association with the UMS series, and especially his recent two year series of recitals covering the complete solo piano works of Frederic Chopin. Ohlsson will perform in concert at Hill Auditorium and then be feted with a gala dinner and dance at the Michigan League.



Garrick Ohlsson: Classical pianist

Ohlsson has chosen crowd pleasers for his hour-long recital - Gershwin's preludes, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata and three pieces by Chopin.

"It's Gershwin's year (his centennial) and I love playing his preludes. I don't play them very often, in fact the last time was in 1990 at the White House. They wanted something American. It's different, most people don't associate me with that music, and I love it."

Ohlsson said the idea was to play really great music that was also popular.

"The Chopin was inevitable. He's one of the great all-time composers, but also universally loved," Ohlsson said.

Ohlsson's association with Chopin is long and honorable. He gained musical fame in 1970 when he won the prestigious Chopin Competition in Warsaw. Ohlsson, 50, began playing piano when he was 8 and entered Juilliard at 13. Following school he entered and won several competitions before the Chopin.

During the 1995-96 concert seasons Ohlsson won unanimous critical acclaim and soldout audiences for his Chopin cycle, which he performed in Ann Arbor, New York City, Purchase, N.Y., (main campus of the State University of New York) and Toronto.

"When I was looking around to do the Chopin cycle, I first locked on to New York for many obvious reasons, but I wanted the experience of doing it more than once, it's like your best suit that you want to wear more than once," Ohlsson said.

The UMS series, which he first played in 1971 and played again this year as part of a tribute to Shubert, had an opening.

He said doing the complete Chopin gave him a chance to get the composer into his blood stream.

"It's the difference between going to a museum and seeing one Monet, one

Please see PIANIST, E2

Garrick Ohlsson Recital and Tribute

What: Acclaimed pianist Garrick Ohlsson honored as UMS Distinguished Artist of the Year. Performs works by Gershwin, Beethoven and Chopin.

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9
Where: Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan central campus, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$15-\$45, special \$100 and \$150 tickets. Gala package tickets \$300-\$1,000 includes concert, dinner and dancing (at the Michigan League). Call UMS box office: (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.



On Stage: Angelica Pickles and her pals come to life in "Rugrats - A Live Adventure."

DINING

Local Color Brewing Company celebrates community

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Urban meets up north at Local Color Brewing Company where the staff works hard to make sure your visit is enjoyable, every time. The atmosphere on all three levels designed by Ron Rea of JPRA Architects, is casual and comfortable.
"I want customers to feel special," said owner Peter W. Paisley. "We're very family oriented."
While traveling in Europe, Paisley, 30, visited a few European pubs, and developed an appreciation for the hearty character and taste of German beer.
Local Color has seven beers on tap - Smooth Talker Pilsner, Old Friend Stout, No. VI Brown Ale, Tomboy Red, Corporate Jim's Pale Ale, Social Climber Light Lager, and a seasonal microbrew. If you're not sure which to try, order the Local Color Sampler Tray. Ken Belau of Milford is the brewmaster.

Local Color Brewing Company
Where: 42705 Grand River Ave., (next to Vic's Market) Novi; (248) 349-2600.
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. seven days a week.
Menu: Classic American fare including steaks, ribs, seafood, and chicken with a Bavarian touch. Wood fired pizzas, salads, pub style sandwiches, appetizers and soups.
Cost: Entrees range from \$9.25 to \$19.85; sandwiches \$5.85 to \$6.99; salads \$7.50 to \$9.95. Children's menu available.
Reservations: For parties of eight or more except on weekends.
Highlights: Microbrews, house-made root beer. An outdoor beer garden will open soon with seating for 70 people.
Restaurant seats: 300



Putting people first: Local Color Brewing Company owner Peter W. Paisley (left) and general manager Randy Banish on the second level of the brewing company, which stresses quality and consistency.

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:
Champps Americana - 19470 Haggerty Road, (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads) Livonia, (734) 591-3334. Open 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday. Sunday brunch menu 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Menu:** Classic American dining including salads, sandwiches, pasta, chicken, steaks, seafood, pizza and hamburgers. Children's and late night menus available. **Cost:** Entrees \$9.95 to \$14.50; sandwiches \$6.25 to \$10.50; burgers \$4.75 to \$6.95; pizza \$6.50 to \$8.25. Sunday brunch items range from \$6.95 to \$8.95. **Reservations:** Not accepted. **Credit cards:** All majors accepted. **Seats:** 300 people. **Highlights:** Magician performs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays during brunch.

Fire Academy Brewery & Grill - 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; noon to 11 p.m. Sunday. **Menu:** Something for everyone including hand-crafted beers and root beer, sandwiches, soup, salads, steaks, baby back ribs, chicken, shrimp, whitefish, and pasta. Children's menu available. **Cost:** Ranges from \$4.75 to \$5.95 for sandwiches, entrees \$7.95 to \$15.50. **Credit Cards:** All majors accepted. **Reservations:** Not accepted after 5 p.m. Very busy 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, expect to wait. Banquets: Able to serve up to 50 buffet style, or 45 sit down, inside a vintage fire truck. Reservations recommended well in advance. Parties are not scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Prime Rib served with a bread basket, house salad, skillet Yukon Gold potatoes and vegetables.
Some dishes such as Manistee Pork Schnitzel, Aushlager Style Chicken, and Apple Smoked Back of Ribs have a Bavarian flair, which compliment Local Color microbrews.

Often ordered salads include Pecan Crusted Salmon - served warm on Portabello mushrooms with grilled romaine leavrooms, red onions, cucumbers, Roma tomato, crusty croutons and drizzled with a honey lime dressing; and Copper Harbor - sliced chicken breast, bleu cheese, bacon, hard-cooked egg, tomato and black olives atop mixed greens served with Copper Harbor dressing. All salads are served with a flavored sauce.

On the sandwich side, customers often order Brewhaus

Reuben; Harvest Moon Grill - grilled eggplant, bell peppers, red onions and Fontinella cheese on olive bread, served open face; and Great Lakes Whitefish Melt. Sandwiches are served with tortilla chips and a side of marinated salads. Sliced pickles served on request.

Warm up with one of Local Color's tasty soups - Smoked Vermont Cheddar and Potato, North Country Onion and Ale; or Bavarian Kraut and Lentil. Ask

your server about dessert options.

Local Color seems like a strange name for a brewing company, but Paisley explains "it's all about people in the local community surrounding us."

Paisley wanted to open his own business, but he also wanted to make a difference by serving the people in the community.

"We're very big on giving back to the community," he said. "If I am successful it is because of the

support I receive from the community."

An outdoor beer garden with seating for about 70 customers is scheduled to open soon. "There's nothing better than sitting outside on a summer night enjoying a beer and appetizer with a friend," said Paisley.

Local Color also offers beer to go. They're currently bottling Smooth Talker Pilsner. It sells for \$4 a six pack or \$16 case, including deposit.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Marvin's Bistro & Piano Bar - New Sunday buffet 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; adults \$9.95, children under 10, \$4.95. The restaurant is at 15800 Middlebelt (between Five and Six Mile Roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Call for Mother's Day reservations.

Corsi's - Mother's Day Buffet. Seatings 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Cost adults \$10.95, seniors \$10.25, children under 10, \$5.75. Includes homemade lasagna, mostaccioli with meat sauce, oven roasted chicken, roast top round, homemade meatballs and Italian sausage, oven roasted potatoes, fresh vegetables, salad, pizza, soup and more. The

restaurant is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (248) 777-4960 for reservations.

Water Club Grill - Mother's Day Buffet in the lower level, seatings at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Cost \$17.95 adults, \$7.95 children age 10 and under. Tax and gratuity not included. Water Club Grill is at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0666 for reservations for parties of five or more. Menu includes salads, vegetable, cheese and fruit trays, smoked salmon pate, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, snow crab legs, roast beef, baked chicken, potato encrusted whitefish, seafood jambalaya, pineap-

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Behind every outstanding student, there's a great teacher. Almost every student on our Academic All-Star Team credited a teacher for his or her motivation to become a disciplined learner and push the limits of ability.

Our team members also had great expectations for their generation, from advancing technology and discovering awesome medical cures to reinvigorating Americans' sense of family and community values. We wish them well.

Listed in order of point ranking, team members include: Nicole Martin of North Farmington High School, Katherine King of Livonia Stevenson, Afia Ofori-Mensa of Plymouth Canton, Matthew Bright of Plymouth Salem, Robert Shereda of Livonia Churchill, Elena Spencer of North Farmington, Eric Allen of Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Anjali Shah of Plymouth Canton, David Weidendorf of Harrison, Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho of Livonia Churchill, Joseph Novell of Clarenceville, Sarah Townsend of Ladywood High School in Livonia, Sarah Niemiec of Garden City, Garrett Heraty of Redford Union, Emily Curtin of Farmington and Christopher O'Brien of Lutheran High School.

Nicole Martin North Farmington High School Farmington Hills

Nicole Martin of Farmington Hills plans to study premedicine at either Harvard University or the University of Michigan.

She received a perfect SAT score of 1600 and enjoys the distinction of being ranked first in her class of 292.

Martin is a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit

Scholar Finalist, a Quiz Bowl participant, an American Legion/Sansung Scholarship Finalist, and a recipient of the Madame Curie Award and Superintendent's Award of Excellence.

She is also co-editor of her school newspaper, a member of the U-M Bentley and Shipman Societies, and a volunteer at Botsford Hospital.

Martin credits Virginia Lambert, her Advanced Placement Biology and Environmental Science teacher, for inspiring her to continue her study of science in college and "beyond."

In addition to her talents in science, Martin loves theater and music. She played the title role in "Annie" and Maria in "West Side Story." She is concertmaster in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and a member of her school's marching band.

Regarding her generation, Martin said: "I hope that my generation will work towards ethnic and racial harmony throughout all levels of society. I also expect that we will discover cures for cancer and AIDS."

Martin is the daughter of David and Rosemary Martin and sister of Jonathan, age 12.

Katherine E. King Stevenson High School Livonia

Katherine King of Livonia will major in materials science engineering at the University of Michigan this fall.

Her academic honors include: National Merit Finalist, Advanced Placement Scholar, Madame Curie Award, National Merit Science Award, U-M Regents-Alumni Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship and Tylenol Scholarship.

She is Spanish Club president, National Honor Society secretary,Varsity Quiz Bowl captain and German Club past secretary. In addition, she is a member of Student Council, Spectrum Literary Magazine, Physics Club, Bible Study and Spirit Club.

She envisions her generation re-embracing society's core values of God.

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Nicole Martin
North Farmington



Katherine E. King
Stevenson



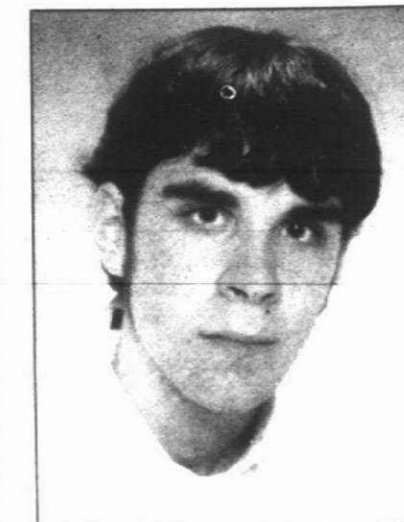
Afia Ofori-Mensa
Plymouth Canton



Matthew Bright
Plymouth Salem



Robert D. Shereda
Churchill



Joseph N. Novell
Clarenceville



All-Star team: Left to right starting at front row: Garrett Heraty, Emily Curtin; second row, Nicole Martin, Sarah Townsend, Afia Ofori-Mensa; third row, Elena Spencer, Sarah Niemiec, Katherine King; fourth row, Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho, Christopher O'Brien, Anjali Shah, Matthew Bright; fifth row, Eric Allen, Robert Shereda, David Weidendorf. Not pictured is Joseph N. Novell.

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Eric M. Allen
Harrison



Elena Spencer
North Farmington



Anjali Shah
Plymouth Canton



David Weidendorf
Harrison

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family and community. "I see us returning to the religious values of our ancestors, while learning to respect diversity of interests and opinions without compromising what is right. I hope that our generation will strengthen its families. This will lead to stronger moral values and communities that are focused on improvement and service."

Martin said her parents have been her most influential teachers. "They have supported me by listening to my thoughts and questions and helping and encouraging me to accomplish what I want to do."

"They have shown their faith in me by never letting my childish questions go unanswered or believing that because I am young, I cannot be wise. They have made me first in their lives, and I want to thank them."

She is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (B.R.) King.

Afia Ofori-Mensa Plymouth Canton High School Canton

Afia Ofori-Mensa of Plymouth plans to major in management and English or Spanish at the University of Michigan.

She is a National Honor Society member whose academic honors include: National Achievement Scholar, LEAD Program (Leadership, Education and Development), National Recognition Program, INROADS, Presidential Scholars Candidate, and WXYZ-TV Brightest and Best.

Ofori-Mensa is a member of the school's brass quintet, a member of the Law Club, and a former drum major and section leader in marching band. She also co-directed a community theater production.

She expects her generation to "advance technology and society with our wealth of individuality and creativity."

She said her math teacher, Tom Cotner, influenced her life positively. "He taught me that it's good to think for myself, and he has shown genuine con-

cern for my success in and out of the classroom.

Ofori-Mensa is the daughter of Agnes and Charles Ofori-Mensa. Her siblings include Akua, 20, and Panin and Kuma, both 11.

Matthew Bright Plymouth Salem High School Canton

Matthew Bright of Plymouth will major in electrical engineering at either the University of Michigan or Stanford University.

His academic honors include: National Merit Finalist, Hoby Youth Leadership Delegate, and placing second in the state in the Calvin College German Competition. Bright also has enjoyed the honor of being named Student-of-the-Month.

He will not forget teacher Susan Schneider after he graduates. "She taught me that good literature has value in almost every part of life."

Bright has great expectations for members of his generation. "I expect both great improvement in technology and communication and also a return to more traditional family and community values."

Bright is the son of Ken and Linda Bright.

Robert D. Shereda Churchill High School Livonia

Robert Shereda of Livonia will study biology and biochemistry "most likely" at the University of Michigan. However, he is also considering Duke University, Northwestern and Notre Dame.

Shereda is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, an Advanced Placement Scholar, a University of Michigan Regents-Alumni Scholarship recipient, Top 100 in the 1997 Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, and a member of the Bentley Society upon acceptance to U-M.

He also has received the Livonia PTA's Outstanding Youth Award and is a three-time recipient of Churchill's Scholar-Athlete Award.

He is senior class treasurer for Student Council, treasurer of the National Honor Society, secretary for Students Against Driving Drunk, past president of French Club, and captain of the swim team. He is also a member of marching band and Churchill's Big Sibling Program and Spirit Club.

Shereda believes his generation will contribute significantly to society in the areas of high-technology science. "Great advances will be made with biological engineering, communications devices, and alternative energy sources. All of this will be accomplished with the mistakes of the past in mind; unlike our predecessors, we will make our advances in a moralistic and prudent fashion."

He says his 10th-grade Advanced Placement United States History teacher, Michael Hughes, was his biggest influence during high school. "He taught me the importance of working hard consistently rather than sporadically. He also showed me that the classroom becomes more interesting and actually more effective when approached with a sense of humor."

Shereda is the son of Daniel and Ellen Shereda and brother of Laura, 16, George, 13, and Mary, 9.

Joseph N. Novell Clarenceville High School Livonia

Joseph Novell of Farmington Hills will attend Wayne State University or the University of Michigan-Dearborn this fall. He has not decided upon a course of study.

Novell is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and has been ranked first in his class. He said his generation's most important contribution to society would be "accepting people for who they are."

About English teacher Bobbi Gutman, Novell said: "She actually cared about kids and their education. She got involved in your personal life. She didn't nag you but said you had to get this done. She cared on an individual basis."

Novell is son of Richard and Nancy Novell and brother of Thomas, 15.

Eric M. Allen Harrison High School Farmington Hills

Eric M. Allen of Farmington Hills will major in computer science at Michigan Technological University after graduation.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and placed in the Top 100 in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. He also earned three academic letters.

Allen was co-captain of the Quiz Bowl, participated in the Science Bowl and was a member of the State Champion TEAM March 1998. In addition, he did cross country and track.

He hopes his generation "introduces world peace and a cure for cancer."

Of his fifth-grade teacher, Allen says: "Mr. Stafiej had the biggest influence on me because he taught me the importance of good organizational skills."

Allen is the son of Clay and Patricia Allen and brother of Paul, 11.

Elena Spencer North Farmington High School Farmington Hills

Elena Spencer of Farmington Hills plans to study biology at the University of Michigan.

She is the recipient of the U-M Regents-Alumni Scholarship and departmental awards in Spanish and chemistry. She also earned three academic letters.

Spencer's expectations of herself and her generation are all-encompassing. "I expect that my generation will contribute an increase in open-mindedness to our society that will allow for changes that can improve our world in all aspects."

She credits teacher Carl Gippert, her high school's band director, with teaching her more than an appreciation for music. "He not only taught me how to excel as a musician but how to excel in

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any facet of my life."

Spencer is the daughter of Craig and Marie Spencer.

Anjali Shah
Plymouth Canton High School
Canton

Anjali Shah of Plymouth plans to study business, engineering and psychology at either the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania or Yale University.

Her academic honors include U-M Regents-Alumni Scholarship, Gujarat Samaj Scholastic Scholarship, National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine Nominee, and her school's Student-Athlete Award.

Shah has been National Honor Society president, Spanish Club treasurer, Student Athletic Council member, tennis team captain and a member of Swadhyay, a religious organization. She also finds time for volunteer work.

Her values are expressed in her expectations of her peers: "I hope that our generation will grow up to create a society which values equally the sciences and the humanities and is more accepting of different people and cultures."

Shah is thankful to math teacher Tom Cotner and social studies teacher Scott Beaman for teaching her an important lesson: "They taught me how much you learn in a class is much more important than the grade you earn in it."

Shah is the daughter of Rajesh and Dipti Shah and sister of Amit, 14.

David Weidendorf
Harrison High School
Farmington Hills

David Weidendorf of Farmington Hills will study premedicine at the University of Michigan, Northwestern University or Harvard University.

In addition to being a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Weidendorf was Quiz Bowl captain, Science Bowl cap-

tain, a member of TEAMS (Test in Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science), and a participant in Physics Olympics. He participated in cross country and track and appeared in school musicals.

He credits his physics teacher, Mr. King, for teaching him "how to attack a problem."

Weidendorf said his generation will contribute to society what every other generation has already done: "Something no one will expect until it happens."

Weidendorf is the son of Robert and Roberta Weidendorf.

Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho
Churchill High School
Livonia

Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University or Northwestern University, where he will choose a program in biology, computers, engineering or medicine.

He graduates summa cum laude with several certificates of academic merit in both advanced placement biology, math and computer science classes and Churchill's select MSC (Math, Science, Computers) chemistry and computer math classes.

He participated in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination and qualified as a semifinalist in the 40th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Yung-Kuang Ho is a member of the National Honors Society and Spanish Club and is very active in his church's "Young People" group.

"I expect my generation to develop computers to become even more powerful and improve the Internet to be faster, more efficient and more useful. I also expect that my generation will develop many treatments to diseases and disabilities, including AIDS, Alzheimer's and cancer. I expect that the cloning issue would continue to be

debated and that a human being will eventually be cloned."

Yung-Kuang Ho says Mr. Hughes, a social studies teacher, was his greatest influence. "This is because I learned many important things in his class, including test-preparatory habits and responsibility with my work. His classes caused me to work harder in school and prepared me for other challenging courses in the future."

"Though his classes were difficult, his teaching methods and experience made them interesting and pushed me to try my best."

Yung-Kuang Ho is the son of Wei and Wen-fan and brother of Jonathan, 15, and Esther, 9.

Sarah Townsend
Ladywood High School
Livonia

Sarah Townsend of Northville will attend the University of Michigan, where she will major in economics and Spanish in a prelaw program.

She is class valedictorian, a four-year member of the Principal's List, and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She is also a National Science Olympiad medalist for 1964-96 and a 1996 Hugh O'Brien Youth foundation Ambassador.

Townsend has been an editor and reporter for her school newspaper, anthology and yearbook and a member of Spanish Club. She is past captain of the tennis team and has received many awards for the sport. She has been in competitive figure skating for 13 years.

She also has been a camp counselor and an elementary and high school tutor.

She expects her generation to place an emphasis and value on education. "With increased education, we can thus solve many of the world's other imminent problems. In addition, we can pass the zeal for learning to future generations."

Townsend says Mrs. Phillips, her

10th-grade Accelerated English teacher, was her greatest influence. "Her class was one of the most difficult classes I have ever encountered, but one of the most worthwhile. Mrs. Philips improved my writing skills immensely because she never settled for second best. She, in turn, taught me to demand the very best from myself."

Townsend is the daughter of Robert and Joan Townsend and sister of Molly, 15.

Sarah Niemiec
Garden City High School
Garden City

Sarah Niemiec of Garden City plans to enter a premedicine program at the University of Michigan or the University of Notre Dame this fall.

Her academic honors include the Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Wayne County Academic Achievement Award, MEGA League All-Academic Team, and several department awards in English, mathematics and science. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Niemiec is captain of the varsity cheerleading team, a DARE role model, a member of SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk), and a member of the Varsity Club. She has played varsity soccer.

Her expectations for her generation include "a cure for AIDS and the many other diseases that now plague our society."

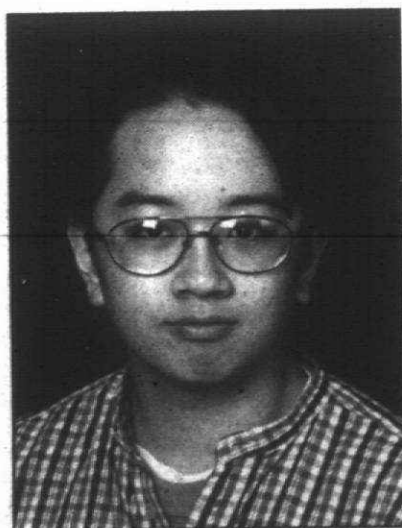
She credits her AP Calculus teacher, Mr. Penski, for being an important influence. "He showed me how mathematics applies to everyday life and he pushed me to my limits."

Niemiec is the daughter of John and Sandra Niemiec and sister of Tammy, 15.

Garrett Heraty
Redford Union High School
Redford

Garrett Heraty of Redford plans to major in a branch of physical science at Michigan State University.

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Joseph Yung-Kuang Ho
Churchill



Sarah Townsend
Ladywood



Sarah Niemiec
Garden City



Garrett Heraty
Redford Union

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His academic honors include being a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition and achieving second round in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Heraty expects his generation's contributions to society to be in the area of government. "Day after day, we see stories of government corruption and White House scandals. It is obvious that a change is necessary. I believe that the leaders of tomorrow will be more conscious of their moral obligations as elected officials."

Heraty says third-grade teacher Cheryl Patterson influenced his love of learning. "She made learning fun by making it a hands-on experience. In my third- and fourth-grade class, she worked with us on activities about chivalry, galleons, and future problem-solving. She made me look forward to going to school and learning."

Heraty is the son of Keith and Barbara Heraty and brother of Brian, 19, Amber, 14, Ashley, 11, and Katie, 8.

Emily Curtin
Farmington High School
Farmington

Emily Curtin of Farmington Hills will major in mechanical engineering at Kettering University.

She is a National Merit Commended Scholar and a four-year honor roll student.

She volunteers at senior residences and works at the Farmington Library. She sings in her school's choir and plays viola and piano. She toured Europe and the United States with the International Youth Symphony during the summer of 1995. In December 1996, she played viola with a small chamber group at a White House Christmas party.

Curtin believes her generation will contribute "amazing technological advances and cures for many diseases" to society.

"The teacher who had the greatest influence on me was probably my viola teacher Barbara Stelberg. She taught me discipline the knowledge that I can accomplish anything if I try hard enough."

Curtin is the daughter of Patrick and Mary Curtin and sister of Jessica, 23.

■ **Emily Curtin of Farmington Hills will major in mechanical engineering at Kettering University. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar and a four-year honor roll student. She volunteers at senior residences and works at the Farmington Library. She sings in her school's choir and plays viola and piano. She toured Europe and the United States with the International Youth Symphony during the summer of 1995. In December 1996, she played viola with a small chamber group at a White House Christmas party.**



Emily Curtin
Farmington

Christopher O'Brien
Lutheran High
Westland

Christopher O'Brien of Livonia plans to major in mathematics or German, maybe both, at Calvin College, Hope College, Valparaiso University or Concordia College.

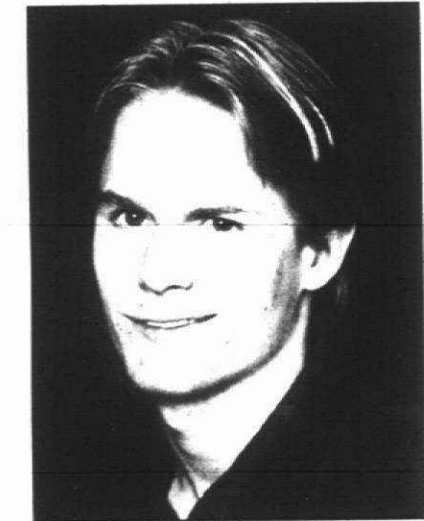
His academic honors include: National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Academic All-Conference, 1996 Football Team Academic All-State and class co-valedictorian.

O'Brien is National Honor Society president, Christian Growth Committee chairman, and member of the Chamber Choir. He has played baseball, football and participated in school musicals.

He said his generation "may be the generation to turn the trend of America's falling moral values."

For O'Brien, the teacher who had the most influence was "Mr. Zehnder, my seventh-grade teacher, with whom school first became fun and my desire to learn really grew."

O'Brien is the son of Cliff and Tina O'Brien and brother of Renee, 15, Sean, 13, and Kelly, 11.



Christopher O'Brien
Lutheran High

Area principals' judging is no small task

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers take pride in presenting our 13th annual Academic All-Star Teams. But it wouldn't happen without the help and guidance of Larry Boehms, principal of Troy High School, who organizes the selection committee.

The All-Star Team Selection Committee meets in Livonia and reviews nomination forms and makes calculations to choose the all-star teams for the Observer Newspapers and the Eccentric Newspapers.

This year, seven area high school administrators took on the task. Larry Boehms of Troy High School, Dale Culler of Livonia Stevenson High School, David S. Symington of Lahser High School, Pat Patton of Canton High School, Carol A. Baldwin of Avondale High School, Tom Johnson of Northville High School, Rebecca Jeffries of Troy High School and George Fornero of West Bloomfield High School.

The group reviewed nomination forms from more than 50 public pri-

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Choosing: High school principals review candidates for the Academic All-Star team. This year, seven area high school administrators took on the task of selecting the top high school seniors.

Madonna University at a Glance

Founded more than 50 years ago, Madonna University is one of the largest Catholic Franciscan independent universities in the country. Madonna combines the resources and diversity of a comprehensive university with the atmosphere of a small college. Current enrollment of approximately 4,000 men and women represents various economic, religious, social and cultural backgrounds, including students from more than 14 countries. A student-to-faculty ratio of 17 to 1 allows students to receive the personal attention needed to make their Madonna University education a successful one.

Majors and Degrees Offered

More than 50 undergraduate majors are offered by six academic divisions and are complimented by a graduate program in business, education, health services, hospice and nursing. The University awards associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as certificates at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Academic Programs

Madonna University combines academics grounded in the liberal arts with solid career preparation. Unique academic programs include church music, hospice, international business and economics, mental health, professional and technical writing, and Sign Language studies and interpreting.

The University's many distinctions include: the only college to offer a bachelor's and master's degree in hospice education in the United States • the only four-year independent liberal arts institution to offer a Sign Language studies degree in North America • a nationally renowned nursing program, with an average of 96 percent of its graduates passing the nursing board examinations on the first attempt • a solid reputation for responding to the needs of the educational community with its teacher preparation programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels • the video communications program produces a nationally televised public service program, which is watched by over 40,000 people in the Detroit metropolitan area.

All programs are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, 312/263-0456) and other program-related accrediting associations.

Off-campus Opportunities

The **Center for International Studies** promotes and facilitates study, work and travel opportunities and exchanges for students and faculty. The University now has formal affiliations with programs in the United Kingdom, Japan, Poland, Mexico, Austria and Italy.

The **Cooperative Education and Placement Office** gives students a head start in their careers. Students gain academic credit and paid job experience directly related to their majors. Annually the Co-op Office works with more than 100 employers.

Facilities, Technology and Services

The library has information in all formats, including an on-line catalog and CD-ROM collection, complimented by World Wide Web search capabilities.

Students have access to the **Internet, e-mail, World Wide Web and technology classrooms**. State of the art computer labs offer networked PC and Macintosh computers with current software, laser printers and advanced computer graphics. Specialty labs on campus include a writing lab and mathematics lab. Media Services provides audio-visual services in the classroom, telecourses, satellite conferences and distance learning.

Madonna University offers many support services to meet the educational, emotional and spiritual concerns of students. Students with special needs have access through a barrier-free campus. **Educational Support Services** assists disabled students and provides services such as note taking, sign language interpreting, and tutoring. All students may take advantage of a campus-wide tutoring program offered by the **Center for Personalized Instruction**. And students of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds are served by the **Office of Multicultural Affairs**, which offers counseling, advising and special events. **Campus Ministry** offers daily Eucharistic Celebrations, weekly Bible studies and annual retreats.

Student Organizations and Activities

Students have the opportunity to pursue their interests and develop leadership skills through many **campus organizations**, including Gerontology Association, International Student Organization, Multicultural Forum, MU Nursing Student Association, Project Earth and Student Government. There are also six **honor societies** which recognize and award superior scholastic achievement.

Admissions Processes and Requirements

Admission is granted to all qualified applicants who can attain their educational goals within the framework of the University. Its rolling admissions policy means applicants can expect to receive written notification of their admission status shortly after all required documents are received.

And in keeping to its commitment of making higher education accessible to students of all backgrounds, the University has dropped its application fee of \$25.

Crusaders Make Impact in Athletic Conference

Madonna University's Athletic Department has made an impact in its first season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) within the NAIA. Making a grand entrance, the Crusaders captured conference



regular season and playoff titles in both men's soccer and women's volleyball. Seven players were named to the WHAC All-Conference teams. In addition to men's soccer and women's volleyball, Madonna offers men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and will add women's soccer in the Fall of 1998.

Student Life On and Off Campus



Mary Baumgartner, student in the Education Program, reads to children during the Dr. Seuss Birthday Festival at Madonna. The event was part of Read Across America, a nationwide campaign by the National Education Association.

Bruce Bett, library co-director, helps students Anita Tucker (seated) and Malinda Woods. Madonna's library has information in all formats, including an on-line catalog and CD-ROM collection, complimented by World Wide Web search capabilities.



General dietetics major Sandy Seckell assists students from South Elementary School in Chelsea in creating a healthy plate of food using magazine pictures. Seckell was one of the volunteers for the Ann Arbor Dietetic Association's "Put on Your Best Milk Mustache" event.

Nursing students Michael Schroeder and Tracie Johnson helped turn an overcrowded storage closet into a health clinic at Coffey Middle School in Detroit. It was all part of a nursing class which brought Madonna students and faculty to the school to educate 7th and 8th graders about Hepatitis B and give them vaccinations.



The Third Annual HIV/AIDS Awareness Day featured a display of The Names AIDS Quilt Project. Madonna students from Student Government, International Student Organization, Nutrition Network, Social Work Club and Madonna University Nursing Student Association joined Midwest AIDS Prevention, Archdiocese of Detroit, Crown Pharmacy and AIDS Fraud Task Force for the event.



Tuition Remains Accessible to Diverse Student Body

The Board of Trustees of Madonna University set the tuition rates for the 1998-99 academic year, maintaining its commitment to keep a Madonna education accessible and most affordable.

The undergraduate regular tuition for the coming year will be \$207 per semester hour, nursing tuition, \$257, and graduate tuition, \$260. Room and board will be \$4,508, which includes a semi-private room and meal plan. Annual full-time tuition based on 30 semester hours, plus registration fees, will be \$6,310, considerably less than the average Michigan independent college tuition of \$12,000.

Board Chairman John Sennett, chairman of Sennett Steel Corporation in Madison Heights, stated, "The challenge for independent colleges and universities is to maintain affordable access to quality educational programs. This modest increase of less than five percent enables Madonna University to remain among the most affordable independent liberal arts institutions in Michigan. It also ensures Madonna students that they will be prepared through their excellent education to compete successfully in the world."

When asked about tuition Madonna students have this to say:

"It's a great school and I love it," said David Roberts, senior criminal justice major from Southgate. "I know tuition is

going up, but that's the way it is. There are a lot of things I like at Madonna. The computers are always up-to-date and the drop-in writing center and computer centers are really nice. This university is definitely student-oriented."

Roberts likes Madonna so much that he has encouraged his friend Kelly Dominick from Detroit to enroll. "Dave had a lot of nice things to say about Madonna and since its location is so accessible to Detroit, I plan on going here in the spring or at the latest next fall." Dominick will major in pre-radiology or pre-nuclear medicine technology.

Adult learners, Beatrice Womack from Detroit and Veronica Murawski of Garden City, students in the long term care administration program, feel that the benefits of a private school are a plus. "Tuition rates at other private schools in Michigan are more expensive," said Beatrice Womack. "I'm in my senior year and I wouldn't go anywhere else. I love it here." Murawski agreed and said that she really is impressed that the faculty give out their home telephone numbers so that they can be reached if students have any problems.

No student at Madonna University pays the full cost of his/her education. Due to the generosity of many benefactors and aggressive fund-raising efforts, students are assessed only 75 to 80 percent of the actual cost.

New Programs Enhance Academics

The American Bar Association has approved the new **Nurse Paralegal Program** at Madonna University. The program is the only one of its kind in the metropolitan Detroit area. Designed for the nurse who holds a bachelor of science in nursing degree, the 30-semester hour Certificate of Achievement will be offered as an evening program and students will take only paralegal courses.

A new **Certificate of Completion in Dementia Care** can be taken as part of the gerontology or long term care administration majors at Madonna. Practitioners may also enroll in courses for continuing education credit.

Health care professionals and the general business community may now take advantage of an online master's degree program offered by Madonna University's School of Business. Courses in the **Cohort Online Program (COP)** will be delivered by the Internet, e-mail, audio and videotapes over a 23-month period beginning Fall 1998. At the end of the 36-semester hour program, students will earn a master of science degree in business administration, specializing in health care practice management or leadership studies.

Madonna University and New Horizons Computer Learning Centers are collaborating to offer computer training to students. Madonna University will award students college credits for computer classes taken at New Horizons. A joint certification program will offer Microsoft and Novell technical training from New Horizons to prepare students to obtain certification as a Certified Novell Administrator (CNA), Certified Novell Engineer (CNE), or Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE). Students may also earn commercial art credit for courses taken in computer graphic applications such as Illustrator, Photoshop and QuarkXPress.

Continually at the forefront of supporting nurses who wish to expand their career, Madonna University has created new graduate certificates in **nurse entrepreneurship and nursing education**. The certificates are available to nurses in the University's graduate program and to those who already possess a master's degree. The certificate programs are designed for working adults, offering courses after work and on weekends.



Students David Roberts and Kelly Dominick

"Over 50 percent of our students receive financial assistance in addition to this subsidy," said Sr. Francilene, Madonna University president. "We are committed through our Catholic Franciscan educational mission of truth, goodness and service to provide access for students from many different economic, religious, social and cultural backgrounds. Our diverse student body of 4,000 men and women deserves to be taught by quality faculty, to have a wide choice of program offerings and to have the latest technology at their fingertips."

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Financial Aid Available to Madonna Students

Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible to assure full consideration for all types of aid.

Madonna University student Maria Garza was just one of 38 students chosen nationally as recipient of the CBS Foundation Scholarship Program, administered locally by the Michigan Colleges Foundation.

"The Foundation's kindness and generosity has taken a burden off my family financially and encouraged me to keep striving for the best," said Garza, a journalism/public relations major.

One of the many scholarships available to Madonna

students is the Catholic Student Award. Initiated by the University's Board of Trustees, it is a four-year grant awarded to a qualified Catholic student beginning his or her first year at Madonna.

"I was looking for a small Catholic university and Madonna was perfect. The scholarship was a bonus, because I was so certain about Madonna University," said Melame Stringer, Catholic Student Award recipient.

Nicholas Popadich received a Joseph Szymanski Endowed Scholarship from

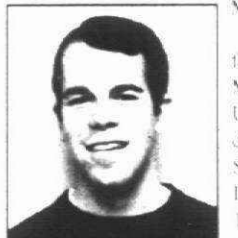
Madonna University during the Summer Institute I attended in 1995. The counselors and professors were very nice and I

telt at home," said Popadich, who is majoring in English/journalism and plans to teach after earning his degree.

Contact the Admissions Office at 734-432-5339 for more information.



Maria Garza



Nicholas Popadich



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