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Township seeks liquor licenses

Canton Township officials have applied for liquor licenses for the Summit on the Park community center and the nearby Pheasant Run Golf Course. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission must OK the licenses.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Summit on the Park community center and nearby Pheasant Run Golf Course clubhouse will each

have a liquor license if the state Liquor Control Commission gives its blessing.

"Under LCC guidelines, a community can apply for special licenses for

public facilities," said Connie Roessler, acting clerk. "These buildings were built for that type of use, such as banquets."

The township has applied for special on-premise liquor licenses for both facilities. The licenses would allow wine, beer and liquor to be served at the community center and golf clubhouse.

Plans for the Summit include renting the banquet area for weddings

and other functions during which beer, wine and mixed drinks, could be served. With Pheasant Run, a liquor license would allow alcohol to be served during regular hours, as well as for beer carts during golf outings.

The special licenses don't appear to count against the township's quota of Class C licenses that are issued based on population. The township has four quota Class C licenses left through

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Greetings



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Hostess: Bernadette Van Lenten and husband, Michael, recently opened their Willow Brook Inn Bed and Breakfast on Warren Road, the first inn in Canton. Van Lenten prepares brunch in the dining room.

Home's an inn place to be

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Consider yourself at home. "My thinking is that this is where people can come back to where they can be pampered as a child," said Bernadette Van Lenten, owner of the Willow Brook Inn Bed and Breakfast, 44255 Warren Road, just east of Sheldon.

Bernadette and Michael Van Lenten have officially opened their B&B — the first in Canton — and have already had guests enjoying the Semi-Arts and Crafts bungalow, originally built in 1929 and moved from Monica Street in Detroit to Canton in the 1950s.

The country inn is designed to take guests back to that place that made them feel warm and safe — not to mention homey — with a decor that features needlepoints, old-fashioned toys and dolls, framed post-

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Carousel suite: The Willow Brook Inn Bed and Breakfast offers guests three rooms, one of which is an upstairs suite.

Whyman denies ties to militia

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Republican state Rep. Deborah Whyman says she is not connected to the para-military Michigan Militia that has dominated national news reports in the past week.

"I am absolutely not a member, nor is my family," said Whyman of Canton.

She said she had received a number of calls from the media throughout the week, calls she believes stem from a photograph last year of her during a rally on the state Capitol steps where the Michigan Militia also gathered.

Whyman said at the time she was having her own rally with seven speakers who spoke about federal legislation relating to the United Nations.

"I got caught on Channel 7. It was a high stress day for me," said Whyman, who added that the rally was on Oct. 24, known as United Nations Day, but that she was not involved with the Michigan Militia, who was also there.

Whyman said that perhaps Michigan Militia members support some of her philosophies. "I endorse the idea that we support the Constitution and all its amendments," she said, adding that to her knowledge her campaign workers in 1994 were not Militia members.

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Helping efforts lauded

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The organizers of two benefit hockey games to raise money for a Canton boy in need of a double-lung transplant are among the first to be honored for their good deeds by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

"We have a distinct honor because they are four of our own," said Supervisor Tom Yack. The board added a recognition period during the regular meetings to honor community members for their achievements.

Resolutions were presented to firefighters Jim Davison and Mike Caruso, as well as police officers Leonard Schemanski and Rick Pomorski, for two fund-raising hockey games they organized between police and fire union members and the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in February and March.

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Woman steps up, helps Oklahoma search dogs

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Some four-legged friends aiding the rescue effort in Oklahoma City got support last week from a Plymouth pet supply store and a former Plymouth woman.

Terri Bennett, owner of Specialty Pet Supplies on Sheldon Road, matched donations of dog food made by some area dog lovers, to dogs used in the rescue effort that followed the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Bennett said 500 pounds of dog food, along with dog "boots" that protect paws from broken glass amidst the rubble, were loaded on a Dependable

Transport of Canton truck that arrived April 24 with relief items.

Former Plymouth resident Debbie Eichner, now of Northville, said she called three pet stores seeking donated dog food before she found one that would — Specialty Pet Supplies.

"They said if I bought five bags they would match it," Eichner said.

Her mother also donated five bags and a Romulus woman's donation was also matched. Ten sets of dog boots were also donated "because their dogs were getting cut up by the glass. I thought that was awfully nice of her to do that," Eichner said, of Bennett.

Eichner said she wasn't sure of the number of dogs used in the rescue effort; she guessed seven to 10. On TV, she saw dobermans, collies, labradors and an Irish setter.

Why get involved? "Because I'm a dog lover and they're a big part of the rescue team," said Eichner, who has two dogs.

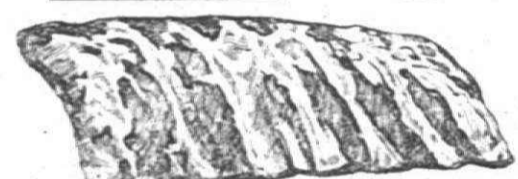
Bennett said that while watching TV reports of the rescue on Thursday, she spotted a dog wearing the boots.

Bennett said she got involved. "Because this is the time we do things like this. It's for the rescue dogs."

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cards from grandparents and county memorabilia. "Over the years we have collected things that led to a childhood theme for the inn." Van Lenten said.

"We have always liked the simple kind of furniture," Van Lenten said, referring to the oak and pine furniture throughout the inn.

The three bedrooms each boast their own theme. "The Doll House Room" and "The Farm Room" are on the first floor where guests will share a bathroom.

Originally, the Van Lentens bought the house nine years ago as a family home. Bernadette Van Lenten recalls her husband phoning her when he found the house.

"On the way home, we thought, gosh, we can do this with the house we are in," Van Lenten said.

Guest rooms

The three bedrooms available to guests feature country antiques, hardwood floors, local handicrafts and keepsakes collected along the years by the Van Lentens.

Guests may also venture in the common areas of the inn, including a cozy living room boasting an entertainment center, books, local menus and games. The room is decorated with memorabilia and antiques, such as a wood burning stove and antique sewing machine.

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The games were organized to raise money for Greg Unger, 14, who has cystic fibrosis and is expected to have a double-lung transplant this summer in St. Louis, Mo. The firefighter and police unions raised more than \$21,000 for Greg, which helped push the total contributions beyond the \$100,000 goal to help

with associated costs of the transplant. "He is our buddy," Davison said of Greg Unger, who attended the presentation with his mother, Barbara Unger of Canton. "We wish him the best. Our prayers are with him. We know everything will work out."

Feeling at home

The Van Lentens also offer breakfast with each day's stay in the dining room, which like the rest of the inn is decorated in oak and memorabilia of a simpler time. When the Observer visited, fresh fruit and scones with Devon cream were offered, followed by omelettes, and non-stop coffee and tea were served.

Originally, the Van Lentens bought the house nine years ago as a family home. Bernadette Van Lenten recalls her husband phoning her when he found the house.

What that meant was a lot of hard work. But the Van Lentens were up to it. They handstripped all the wood, removed the paint — one room had 10 coats — took down the stapled acoustic ceiling tiles, and began renovating.

The Van Lentens had often stayed in B&Bs. They signed up for a special class on B&Bs at Schoolcraft College. They also completed an internship at Hibbard Tavern.

"On the way home, we thought, gosh, we can do this with the house we are in," Van Lenten said.

OBITUARIES

HENRY R. "BOB" SMITH Services for Henry R. "Bob" Smith, 71, of Plymouth were Friday, April 28, at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born Dec. 14, 1923, in Grand Rapids, and died Tuesday, April 25, in Plymouth. He was a painter for Wayne County General Hospital and the General Motors Buick Assembly in Ypsilanti. For 24 years he was a police officer for the city of Plymouth.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He was past post commander of the Mayflower-La. Gamble V.F.W. Post No. 6695. He was an associate of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. North-west A.R.C. Mr. Smith served six years in the Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Foote DD-511 Association.

He is survived by his wife, Anna M. Smith; daughters, Ter-

sa Smith of Plymouth, Mary Ginotti of Westland, and Sue Smith of Plymouth; son, Robert Smith of Lake Orion; six grand children; sisters, Jenny Lorenz of Plymouth, Bernice Kopenksi of Westland, Sophie Preston of Plymouth, Dorothy Archer of Montana, and Ed Smith of Plymouth.

lyn O.; daughters, Maureen D. Wall of Essex, England, Margaret E. Sikes of Plymouth and Lynda J. Van Engelen of Woodhaven; sons, James R. of Grimby, England, Brian K. of West Bloomfield; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Heart and Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, Mich. 48072.

ANNA DOROTHY PRINGLE Services for Anna Dorothy Pringle, 84, of Gregory, Mich., formerly of Westland and Plymouth, will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Caskey Funeral Home with Dr. Gilson M. Miller officiating. Burial will be in Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

She was born Sept. 3, 1910, in Plymouth and died Friday, April 28, in Howell. She was a homemaker. She also had worked for the Anchor Coupling Co. in Plymouth. She was a member of the

Newburg United Methodist Church and was very active in the church and its functions. She enjoyed playing cards and bowling. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Daymon; son, Frederick Pringle, all of Gregory; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

DONALD L. LUCAS Services for Donald L. Lucas, 66, of Canton were held recently at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. He was born May 17, 1928, in Cleveland, Ohio, and died Wednesday, April 26, in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He worked as an assembly worker at Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by his son, Ronald S.; sisters, Madeline Percival, Gloria Ann Parr, Lorett Schapiro; nieces and nephews.

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A Michigan newspaper also carried a short story April 26 about a resolution Whyman wants adopted that demands that the "federal government oppose any actions that would abdicate our national sovereignty and to take certain other actions to preserve and protect our national sovereignty."

The media reported that the measure was postponed. But Whyman said it remains on the state House calendar. According to media reports, some lawmakers say the resolution contains rhetoric similar to opinions voiced by Michigan Militia members.

"It's the liberals' attempt to marginalize a public issue," Whyman said, adding that the resolution conforms with provisions of the Republican's Contract with America. Whyman said that U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and U.S. Rep. Dick Armey speak about the limits of national defense. "Our contract with America includes a vote to stop putting

American troops under U.N. command; to stop raiding the defense budget to finance social programs and U.N. peacekeeping," according to the contract.

"The Michigan Militia likes that," Whyman said, adding that while she supports the Contract with America, she is not endorsing the Militia. "I am talking about the Constitution, believing in America and having less government and less taxes."

Whyman said she has received numerous calls from parents of service men and women who lauded her for the resolution she is trying to get adopted in the state House.

"The causes the U.N. fights for aren't necessarily the ones Americans would fight for," Whyman said. "We don't want our fighting men and women under the command of a foreign country. Right now we can be put under the command of a British or Somali officer."

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the end of the century.

"We know we are probably eligible for a couple more but we would have to pay for a special census," Roessler said.

Supervisor Tom Yack said there are efforts in Lansing to remove beer and wine permits, known as tavern licenses, from a community's quota of Class I licenses. Establishments with beer and wine licenses include Johnson's Restaurant, Palermo's Pizzeria and Chuck E. Cheese.

Canton's Fellows Creek Golf Course also has a liquor license but it is in the concessionaire's name. If obtained, the licenses for the Summit and Pheasant Run would be in the township's name.

"It really doesn't matter whose name it is in. We would be sued anyway," Yack said, referring to possible lawsuits over alcohol-related incidents stemming from both facilities. "Everything we do has liability."

Senators seek school code comment

A state Senate committee today will be in Farmington to hear public comments on a law that until 1995 has been non-controversial for 65 years — the School Code.

From 4-6 p.m. the Senate Education Committee will hold the sixth of a series of hearings in the Farmington Training Center, 3300 Thomas.

Members are chair Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, Doug Carl, R-Mount Clemens, Walter North, R-St. Ignace, Ken DeBeaussart, D-New Baltimore, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. All but Carl are Senate freshmen.

Gov. John Engler surprised the public in his state of the state address by calling for abolition of the School Code but has yet to be specific about its flaws. Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alton, announced in a news conference in February that Senate Republicans had "repealed" the School Code, but no such bill has come to a vote.

Meanwhile, the Michigan Association of School Administrators last week called "wholesale repeal of Michigan's education laws not only unnecessary but also unwise," MASA called for selective revision.

The School Code is about 20 percent of the law governing Michigan's 560 public school districts, according to the Michigan Association of School Boards. The School Code sets up four classifications of districts, provides an election system, and generally sets up their governance.

Also covered are the new charter academies, accreditation, special education, bond issues and the like. But budgeting, public meetings and civil rights are covered by other laws. Testing programs, core curriculum and special education are handled by the rules of the State Board of Education.

Gerald Keidel, executive director of the school administrators, said MASA wants to:

- Minimize the number of school district classifications.
Eliminate as a school responsibility the enforcement of the law requiring parents to immunize children.
Designate the core curriculum as a "model" curriculum rather than a mandatory one.
Make the accreditation program voluntary rather than mandatory.

Jobless rate up in most of state

Unemployment rates in most of Michigan's major labor markets rose in March, according to Michigan Employment Security Commission estimates.

March, at 29 percent. The lowest was Washtenaw County at 3.1 percent.

Unemployment in Wayne County was 6.1 percent in March. Sixty-five of Michigan's 83 counties had higher unemployment than Wayne County.

In Oakland County the unemployment rate was 4.4 percent. Only three counties had unemployment rates lower than Oakland County.

The Benton Harbor area was the only major market where unemployment dropped in March, falling from 6.6 percent to 6.4 percent.

The Ann Arbor area remained unchanged from February to March at 3.9 percent.

SC chair caught driving drunk

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW

Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Chairman Steve Ragan pled "no contest" in 35th District Court April 19 to driving while impaired.

Ragan, 29, who is running for re-election this year, was given six months probation, fined \$490 and required to pay court and probation costs of \$225.

Terms of his probation require Ragan "not to leave Michigan without prior written consent of the court" and to "attend, faithfully cooperate in and successfully complete the Alcohol Highway Safety Program."

The probation also restricts Ragan's driving to work related trips and trips to and from the Alcohol Highway Safety Program classes.

Ragan was arrested at 2:15 a.m. Thursday, April 6, by Canton Township Police officer Scott Aiden on Michigan Avenue at Belleville Road.

Aiden's report indicates that Ragan's Ford Probe was swerving down Michigan Avenue at a speed of 65 miles per hour.

Aiden reported that Ragan said he drank just two beers, but the Breathalyzer test indicated a blood alcohol level of 0.14 percent. A level of 0.1 or greater is considered legally drunk.

Officer Aiden arrested Ragan for operating under the influence of liquor after giving him four sobriety tests. Ragan posted a \$100 bond. The charge was later reduced to operating while impaired.

Ragan is one of five incumbent Schoolcraft College trustees seeking re-election June 12.

He has been a member of the board since he was appointed to fill a vacancy in February 1991.

Ragan works at Eastern Michigan University as the director of the Campaign for Scholars, EMU's \$16-million capital campaign.

Ragan is also the chairman of the Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the 13th Congressional District Republican Executive Committee.



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New chairman seeks advice from county residents

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission has formed a panel of county residents called the Citizens Advisory Board to tell commissioners how the county government can do its job better.

The first meeting of the 150-member board was Saturday at the county building in downtown Detroit.

Ten citizens from each of the 15 Wayne County commission districts were appointed to serve two-year terms on the board by the commissioner who represents their district.

According to commission chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, the goals of the citizens board are:

- To assure the most efficient use of resources by the county government.
- To help make county government more responsive to the citizens of the county.
- To address collectively, current and emerging needs throughout the 43 municipalities that comprise Wayne County.

"I think it's important for a person downriver to understand the concerns of Detroit and vice versa because, as chairman, my concerns cannot be exclusively for

Detroit. I have to be just as concerned about Northville, Canton, Romulus, Westland as I am Detroit," Solomon said.

The recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Board, Solomon said, will be reflected in the commission's legislative agenda, scheduled to be published in June.

The citizens board will meet three times each year. The locations of the meetings will rotate among Detroit, the downriver area and western Wayne County.

Solomon, who visited the Observer offices Wednesday, April 26, for an interview, has been chairman of the commission since late last year.

Since the beginning of 1995, Solomon has cut commission spending by slashing the payroll, initiating an operations audit to see where efficiencies might be found and dedicated himself to "fiscal integrity, open government and full disclosure."

Solomon, 40, stressed the importance of getting the commission's house in order before criticizing other areas of county government.

Once that job is done, "we can objectively and critically look at the county executive, the sheriff,



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Ricardo Solomon
commission chairman

the clerk and anyone else, not from the standpoint of being nit-picky, but from the standpoint of, 'We can look at you because we've gone through that process ourselves.' We're going to look at how the county operates and how we

can be more efficient in doing that."

In the past, the county commission has been characterized as a bickering bunch, but Solomon said things are different now.

"When you see us disagree with (Wayne County Executive Ed-

ward McNamara) it won't be because of something petty. It will be based on philosophy."

Solomon's agenda includes alliances with area universities and corporations. "It's important that we maintain corporate and community support in every aspect of what we do because they are as big a stakeholder in the growth and development of Wayne County as we are," he said. "I'm a big proponent of corporate, community, government partnerships, providing there's no conflict of interest."

As chairman, Solomon said he wants to create an atmosphere whereby exports from Wayne County will increase and small business will prosper.

"I have never viewed myself as an elected official who will go out and say, 'I'm going to create a job,'" he said. "I do view myself as a person to enhance the ability for

business to do better. And the way I do that is by helping to create a climate, an environment. If we can increase the level of small business, no matter where that small business is in Wayne County, than we're better served."

Solomon grew up in Detroit and attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., where he got a bachelor's degree in political science. He later earned a master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University.

He has headed a marketing, research and development firm and taught classes at Jordan College and Mercy College.

In government, Solomon has been a contract compliance officer for Detroit, an aide to former U.S. Rep. George Crockett Jr., assistant director of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County and an employment specialist with the Wayne County Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

Here are Observer-area representatives

The representatives from Observer communities who have been appointed to the Wayne County Citizens Advisory Board are:

12th District

From Westland: Former city councilman and AFSCME official Ben DeHart, Westland Housing Commission member and retired Ford engineer John Franklin and former state Rep. Justine Barns.
From Garden City: City charter

committee chairman and planning commissioner Edward Kane, retired Livonia school teacher Billy Pate and former city council members Ron McDonnell and Mary Jane Schildberg. Beard also appointed three Inkster residents.

10th District

From Livonia: Financial planner and council candidate Valda Vandersloot, Realtor and council candidate Brian Duggan,

former schools administrator and mayoral candidate Jack Kirksey, Detroit Edison attorney and Livonia League of Women Voters member Colleen McClorey and William Switzer.

From Plymouth: Realtor Joe Van Esley, former congressional aide William Case and Schoolcraft College Board Chairman Stephen Ragan.

9th District

From Redford Township:

James Bordas, deputy township supervisor Bill Yunk, Grace Lutheran Church Pastor Vic Halboth and Redford Democrat Club president Garth Christie.

From Livonia: Community activist Ralph Williams and David Schneider.

11th District

From Canton Township: Nankin Transit Authority chairman Ralph Shufeldt and Herb Scott.



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CHEF LARRY JANES

How to make taco shells and other reader requests

Thanks for your calls and positive responses to my recent column on cutting fat. Because of your responses there will be more to follow.

Barb MacIntyre of West Bloomfield wants to know how to make taco shells like Mexican restaurants. Well Barb, pick up a package of fresh flour or corn tortillas in the refrigerated dairy case of your local grocery. Authentic Mexican recipes call for the tortillas to be "passed" through some hot oil in a fry pan just enough to soften and roll.

For a healthier version, warm each tortilla in a fry pan or griddle sprayed with non-stick coating spray until warmed throughout. To make authentic crispy taco shells, stuff the tortillas with cooked seasoned meat, secure with a toothpick and deep fry for two minutes.

You can also purchase a taco fryer from a cooking shop that positions soft tortillas in a basket for frying. After frying, the tortillas turn into crispy shells. Expect to pay about \$10 for the taco fryer.

For more on Mexican cooking, pick up a book by Diane Kennedy. She is one of my favorite Mexican cookbook authors.

Herbed oil

Betty Lund of Troy requested a recipe for herbed canola oil. The easiest way to make herbed oil is to gently heat the oil to about 250 degrees, add some fresh herbs, toasted nuts, spices, hot peppers or citrus rinds in a clean, sterilized jar. Carefully pour the warmed oil over the infusion mixture into the jar. Seal and allow to stand in a dark cupboard for two weeks. This can be done with canola, olive, peanut, vegetable, safflower or sunflower oil. Do not use fresh garlic as the garlic can turn toxic.

Theresa of Livonia wants information on freezing potatoes. In her book "The Potato Garden" (copyright 1993, Quarto Inc. \$17) Maggie Oster doesn't recommend freezing fresh potatoes, but says you can freeze mashed, baked, stuffed, hash browns and potato pancakes with good results. Potatoes in soups or stews freeze poorly and often disintegrate when reheated.

Springtime pie

Here's a reader-requested recipe for Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie. It's incredibly easy, and if you don't have a good pie crust recipe, store bought pie crusts can be substituted. If you're using frozen rhubarb and strawberries, add 10 minutes to the baking time.

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB PIE

- 1 double pie crust
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups fresh strawberries
- 2 1/2 cups of 1/2-inch pieces fresh rhubarb

Prepare dough for pastry. Line a nine-inch pie pan with one crust. Set aside. Combine sugar, flour and salt in a medium bowl. Add strawberries and rhubarb. Toss lightly to coat. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Spoon filling into unbaked pie shell. Make a lattice top or use top pie crust as desired.

Glaze top of crust with a little milk or lightly beaten egg. Cover pie crust edges with foil. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove foil. Bake for 25-30 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown. Makes 8 servings.

George Keller of Garden City wants to know how to get rid of the "fishy" taste when cooking fish. Well George, good fresh fish shouldn't smell fishy. As I've said before, know your fish monger and don't be afraid to ask how fresh the fish is.

Frozen fish should be completely defrosted before cooking. Never over cook fish. When cooking defrosted fish, soak it in milk for 15 minutes before cooking as the lactic acid has a tendency to reduce the "fishy" taste. To reduce the fishy smell, sprinkle a baking dish with 1/4 inch of baking powder and place in the bottom of your oven. It helps remove some of the smell and when finished, rinse it down your drain.

See Larry Janes' family-tested recipes inside. Chef Larry is a free-lance writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave a voice mail message for him dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1888.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- You can always count on mom for the best recipes.
- Sue Prouse of Birmingham shares super vegetarian supper.



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Cutting-edge cuisine: Jim Lark (left), Chef Marcus Haight, and Mary Lark at the restaurant.

Fabulous Feast

TREATS GUESTS ROYALLY

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Have you ever wanted to prepare an extraordinary dinner, but hesitated because you didn't know how to pull it off? It's not that difficult if you plan ahead.

With suggestions, and recipes from Marcus Haight, Chef de Cuisine, Lark restaurant, 6430 Farmington Road, W. Bloomfield, you can recreate, in part, the celebrated Three Emperors Dinner.

Three Emperors, William I of Germany, Tsar Alexander II, for whom Roederer Cristal Champagne was created, and Tsarevitch (later Alexander III), met in Paris on June 7, 1867. They had a 17-course dinner at the famed Cafe Anglais, now more renowned and prestigious in its modern moniker Tour d'Argent, a Michelin Guide three-star restaurant.

The celebrated event was designed to illustrate the splendor of La Grande Cuisine Francaise. Over the past five years, the dinner has been recreated in 61 cities around the world as a promotion for the art of good living.

"Once celebrated, it is never done again in the same city," said Roederer Champagne spokesman Yves Fourault. It was recently celebrated at the Lark.

It should not go without mention that this site was selected before the restaurant, owned by Jim and Mary Lark, was voted the nation's top restaurant in a reader poll conducted by "Conde Nast Traveler." The announcement was made in April. Being tops in a field of 250 U.S. restaurants is no small accomplishment.

For the celebratory Three Emperors Dinner, Haight

selected from the original 17-course menu and designed a six-course offering with each course accompanied by a different Roederer Champagne.

"Using recipes and directions from the latter half of the 19th century is not anything like following a modern recipe," said Haight. "Actually, all I had to work with was a detailed description of the method and some broad, general parameters. Deciphering the recipes and methods reminded me of reading Escoffier, something I used to do about two hours each night when I was in culinary school. It brought me back to those days."

"Food served at the Three Emperors Dinner was cutting edge for 1867," said Jim Lark.

Haight expanded on this remark by commenting that the lobster recipe he suggests, (see recipe inside) represents the "in" thing in modern cuisine.

"Preparing fish with vegetables is considered the latest cooking trend," he said. "It only goes to prove that cuisine is cyclical and there is something to be said for classical cooking."

"No beef," was Fourault's suggestion for a champagne dinner. "Serve a Rose (pink champagne) with duck or lamb prepared medium rare."

Jim Lark echoed the no beef idea, but said he's not personally fond of lamb with champagne, even a Rose.

"Courses need to be light," he stressed. "Start the meal with a Brut style, build to a Rose, perhaps, and end with a demi-sec." He also suggests that fowl, veal and rabbit make good matches for champagne.

See recipes inside.

Share a historic moment with some good friends. Invite them to a dinner fit for a king. Recreate the celebrated Three-Emperors Dinner. It's not that difficult if you plan ahead.

Recreation of such historic dinners is among the reasons the Lark's diners voted their favorite restaurant to top billing over many outstanding dining establishments nationwide.



WINE SELECTIONS

Italian whites are fresh, crisp and delicious with seafood:

- 1993 La Marina Gavi di Gavi \$17
- Italian chianti matches any red sauce pasta dish:
- 1990 Castello d'Albola Chianti Classico Riserva \$14

Try the following chardonnays with game birds, poultry or wild mushroom risotto:

- 1993 Beringer Vineyards Chardonnay \$12
- 1992 Clos du Val Carneros Chardonnay \$15
- 1993 Chateau Souverain Rocheli Vineyards Chardonnay \$16
- 1993 Pira Springs Chardonnay \$20
- 1993 Pin Merita Chardonnay \$22

Cabernet sauvignon pairs well with Beef Wellington, rack of lamb, roast duck, vealton, meats, aged Parmesan, Cheddar, Roquefort and Swiss cheese:

- 1990 Foppiano Russian River Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$11
- 1992 Chateau Souverain Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$12
- 1991 Semi Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$35
- 1991 Joseph Phelps Insignia \$50

Best buys under \$10

- 1992 Castello d'Albola Chianti Classico \$9
- 1993 Rutherford Ranch Chardonnay \$9
- 1992 M.G. Vallejo Cabernet Sauvignon \$8

Viognier is a white grape with an attitude

Viognier, a white grape native to France's northern Rhone Valley, is used to produce Condrieu and Chateau Grillet. Ten years ago, little viognier was planted in France. Condrieu and Chateau Grillet, two small appellations, could boast slightly more than 100 acres of viognier total. Now there are about 300 acres of viognier in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France with more plantings planned.

Not much is different in the United States. In 1984, there were no bearing viognier vines in California. Today, there are just under 300 acres with a domestic total of about 350 acres. Virginia has 32 acres, and is second to California, but Horton Vineyards is the only commercial viognier producer in that state.

The best thing about viognier is that it is not at all like chardonnay. We like chardonnay and there are many good ones, but sometimes we need a change. The other neat thing is that France does not have a lock on making viognier. Domestic producers have looked to France as a model for producing cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay and pinot noir, but now the French are experimenting with viognier as much as we are.

While visiting some Rhone Valley Condrieu producers, we learned that one may

barrel ferment viognier and put it through malolactic fermentation in the style of a chardonnay, while another tank ferments the wine and does not use malolactic fermentation. There is no French model. Viognier is a grape with an attitude, challenging winemakers and consumers to discover its nuances.

Winemakers Scott Harvey of Renwood Winery, and Lee Sobon of Sobon Estates speak of the difficulty ripening viognier. Sobon says that "viognier is similar to zinfandel with its uneven ripening." Harvey's experience says "get it ripe and it naturally makes a big wine."

Arrowood Vineyards winemaker Mike Berthoud maintains that "when you let viognier get ripe, you also find out that half of it has been eaten by birds. We roll the dice each day during harvest and wait to get the ripest viognier to make the most flavorful wine."

Winemaker Dwayne Helmuth of Callaway Vineyards admits, "We're so inexperienced, we don't know what to expect and are using inconsistency as viognier's middle name, but the grape is really following its genetic design. We need time to discover this and learn to deal with it effectively."

See WINE, 2B

Answers to food questions

For answers to questions about food safety, nutrition and preferences, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline...

Wine from page 1B

By Craig Williams of Joseph Phelps Vineyards explained that while malolactic fermentation gives a buttery character with chardonnay, it yields a creamy texture and extra flavor with vignier...

Depending on where the grapes are grown, vignier may also exhibit peach, apricot and melon characters with some spicy, herbal complements...

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Chef Larry answers reader requests

See Chef Larry Jones' Taste Bud's column on Taste front. A few readers called a bit confused about making my no fat fries...

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Royal Emperors feast is fit for mere mortals

Chef de Cuisine Marcus Hight of the Lark restaurant presents these recipes for a royal feast. The recipes for Homard is a Parisienne (White Lobster Parisian Style and Artichoke Crowns with Vegetables and Aspic) as a first course...

Artichokes: 2 lemons, 3 tablespoons butter, 12 lobster claws, chopped. Bring a large pot of water to rolling boil. Add the lobsters and return to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook 12 minutes...

Enchiladas fit Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo — the fifth of May — is one of Mexico's liveliest national holidays. Celebrated with parades, fun and feasting, the day commemorates a momentous battle fought in the small town of Puebla in 1862. There, Napoleon's invading troops clashed with a meagerly equipped Mexican army one-third their size and were roundly defeated...

Buenas Beef and Bean 'Chiladas

1 pound boneless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch cubes. 1 medium onion, chopped. 2 cloves garlic, minced. 1 teaspoon vegetable oil. 2 cups picante sauce. 1 can (1 1/2 ounces) whole tomatoes, drained, chopped...

Cooking Calendar

SPRINGTIME ENTERTAINING. Join Judy Antishin as she features the how to's of setting a beautiful and bountiful buffet that includes roasted meats, vegetables, old world breads... KITCHEN SHORTCAKES. Betty Topped Shortcakes, new dessert ideas featuring Susan Chastney...

Vintage Market. Prices Effective May 1-7. U.S.D.A. Choice Whole N.Y. Strip Loins \$2.99. Ground Chuck 3 Lbs. \$1.49. Chicken Breast 1/2 Lb. \$1.29. U.S.D.A. Choice English Roast \$1.59. Amish Country Hickory Smoked Bacon \$1.29. U.S.D.A. Choice Beef Sirloin Tip Roast \$1.99. Classic Vintage Buffets \$4.95.

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Hotline answers garlic questions

It might stink, but is it good for you? The answer to this and other questions about garlic, also known as the "stinking rock," are happily answered by the "Garlic Information Hotline," a new service of the Garlic Information Center of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York City...

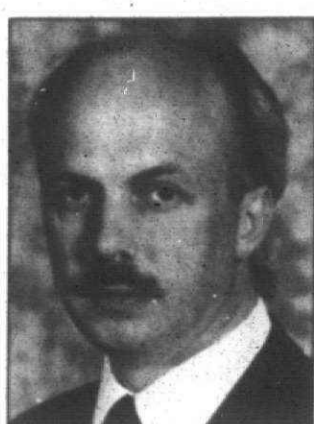
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Oakland man named to county finance post

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has promoted Oakland County resident Tom Naughton to the county government's chief financial officer.



Appointed: Tom Naughton is the county's new chief financial officer. He replaces Lester Robinson, who recently left the county to join First of Michigan.

Naughton replaces Lester Robinson, who resigned to join the public finance department at First of Michigan Corp., a Michigan-based brokerage company.

Naughton has been with Wayne County for six years, working as deputy chief financial officer under Robinson.

He was responsible for the management and budget, accounting and risk management divisions.

Job fair to offer information on employment with county

Wayne County will host a job fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6 in the Wayne County building atrium.

This job fair is an excellent chance for job seekers to obtain information on employment opportunities with Wayne County.

Wayne County director of personnel and human resources.

The building is located at 600 Randolph on the corner of Randolph and Congress in downtown Detroit.

The following positions, which require a high school diploma or GED, are available: typist I, stenographer I, legal typist I, and police officer (position requires current MLEOTC scores).

Job openings which require a college degree in a related field are registered nurse I, public health nurse I, public health nurse II, public health sanitarians, chemist, environmental specialist, victim witness assistant.

The county is looking for a college sophomore in an engineering program for a cooperative engineering position. Other positions include recreation leader, social workers, mental health professionals, and chemical toxicologist.

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ROLL CALL REPORT

How local reps voted on term limits

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending March 31

HOUSE

Term Limits: The House failed, 227 for and 204 against, to achieve the two-thirds majority required for approval of a constitutional amendment (HJ Res 73) restricting House members to six terms (12 years) and senators to two terms (12 years). The limits were delayed until after ratification, and courts were left to decide whether states could require their U.S. lawmakers to serve even shorter terms. Three other term limit proposals before the House (below) drew less support than this measure. On this vote, 189 Republicans and 38 Democrats supported limits and 40 Republicans, 163 Democrats and one independent opposed them.

Majority Leader Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said the Democratic Party "has it in its power tonight" to pass term limits because "if half of the Democrats, only half, vote with 85 percent of the Republicans, term limits will pass tonight. It will take a deliberate decision of the Democratic Party to deny the American people an opportunity

Martin Meehan, D-Mass., said Democrats "are not the ones who ran for Congress on the Contract With America all around the coun-

try talking about the need to bring in term limits. My Democratic colleagues were honest about it... they did not run on term limits."

Retroactive Limits: By a vote of 135 for and 297 against, the House rejected a term limits constitutional amendment similar to HJ Res 73 (above) except that it covered present members of Congress and permitted states to limit U.S. lawmakers to even shorter terms. This offering by Democrats was the only retroactive proposal before the House.

Supporter John Dingell, D-Mich., said "contemplate yourself going home and trying to explain to the people that you serve, 'I'm for term limits'... but you don't tell them that you are for term limits which will begin somewhere between 13 and 20 years from today."

Opponent John Conyers, D-Mich., noted that under a six-year limit "none of the leaders of the Republican party... not Majority Leader Army, not Speaker Gingrich, and indeed not a single Republican committee chair" would still be in office.

States' Option: By a vote of 164 for and 265 against, the House rejected a proposal by Van Hilleary, R-Tenn., that was essentially the same as HJ Res 73 (first issue above) except that it enabled states to impose shorter terms.

SENATE

Bond fire: A yes vote was to limit House service to six years and senators to 12 years. Area representatives voting no were: Kildee, Knollenberg, Levin and Rivers.

Federal Buildings: By a vote of 45 for and 49 against, the Senate rejected nearly \$325 million earmarked for building U.S. courthouses and other federal structures in 20 states. The vote preserved the cut in a bill (HR 1158) that rolls back \$13.5 billion in appropriated funds and provides \$5.7 million in new spending for disaster relief.

Timber Cutting: By a vote of 48 for and 46 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment in HR 1158 (above) concerning Northwest timber cutting. To speed the salvage of dead and dying timber in designated forests, the bill waves the right to certain court challenges. This amendment, in part, required compliance with environmental laws and banned salvage operations in federal wilderness and scenic river areas.

A yes vote was to spend \$325 million already appropriated for certain federal facilities. Michigan Senators Carl Levin, D, and Spencer Abraham, R, both voted no.

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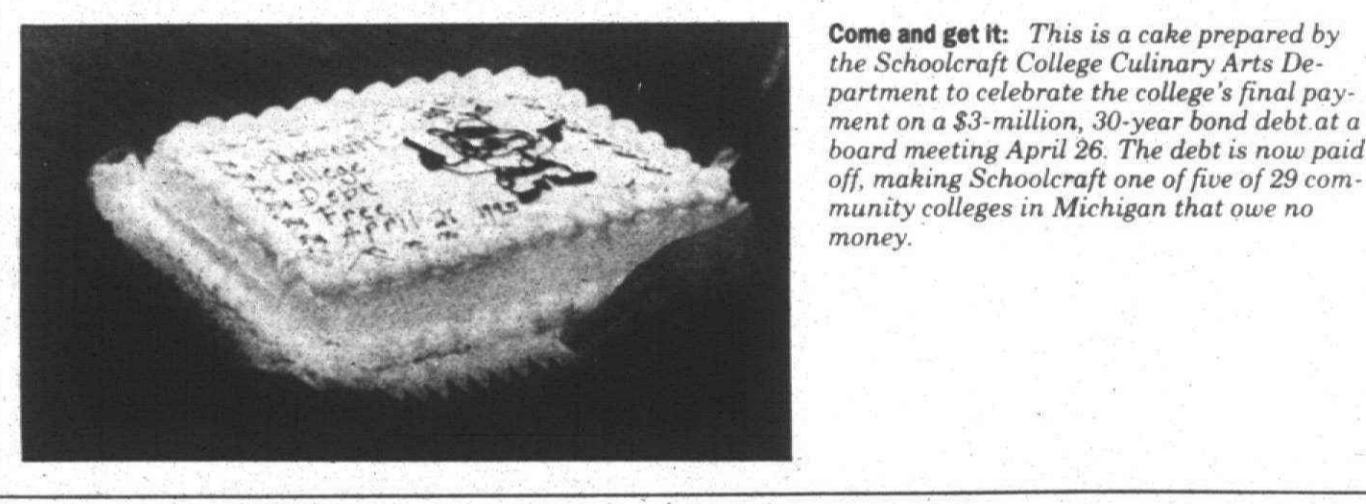
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Bond fire



Burn, baby burn: Schoolcraft College trustees (from left) Harry Greenleaf, Carol Strom, Mary Breen and Steve Ragan light a match to the bond debt certificate.



Come and get it: This is a cake prepared by the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department to celebrate the college's final payment on a \$3-million, 30-year bond debt at a board meeting April 26. The debt is now paid off, making Schoolcraft one of five of 29 community colleges in Michigan that owe no money.

GOLF CAN BE A REAL CHALLENGE.
See the First of America Challenge. Memorial Day at the Golden Fox.
Michelle McGann, Nancy Lopez, Peter Jacobsen, Dave Stockton, Jim Colbert.
Senior Players Championship in Dearborn will lead the Challenge. Joining Dave from the Senior Tour will be Jim Colbert, who has compiled eight regular Tour championships and nine Senior Tour championships including the 1993 Senior Players Championship.
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Engler allies oppose MEGA tax break bill

Capitol capsules: Some of Gov. John Engler's best friends voted against his MEGA bill — the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, which will be able to give single business tax breaks to businesses which expand jobs here.

The Senate agreed 29 to 5 recently in the House substitute for Senate Bill 350. Four of the five opposing votes were Republicans — Loren Bennett of Canton, Michael Bouchard of Birmingham and Robert Geake of Northville, as well as Engler's closest political pal, Senate majority leader Dick Poethum of Alto.

Bouchard gave a formal explanation of his negative vote, echoing Engler's old campaign speech: "There are real philosophical concerns... policies that restrain the marketplace or pick winners and losers. It would be my preference to reduce business costs to all businesses, rather than pick winners and losers."

Engler praised the Legislature's action. "This job-creating legislation directly attacks the disadvantage Michigan currently faces in head-to-head competition with states such as Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio that offer similar programs."

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AAU regional champs

All three Western Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams went undefeated and qualified for the state tournament (May 5-7 in Grand Rapids) after regional action April 21-23 at Northville High School.

Members of the 13-year-old Wildcats include Kelly Abdo, Lindsay Baber, Katie Blazewski, Janell Cobor, Bree Pastalanic, Andrea Pruet, Brooke Rath, Katie Schwartz, Angela Sillmon, Lindsey Smith and Laine Sterling.

The 12-year-old squad consists of Kelli Bracken, Melanie Burns, Theresa Carter, Heather Cormier, Bethany DeCorte, Callie Gizicki, Lindsay Klemmer, Monica Mair, Laurie Phillips, Monica Rensi and Amanda Suder.

The 11-year-old team includes Dawn Allen, Janine Guastella, Katie Kelly, Becky Kowalski, Amanda Lentz, Meghan Lukasik, Angela Neu, Jessica Shusteric, Summer Smith, Jenna Van Wagoner, Brianna Wolcott and Ashley Williams.

Riflemen sharp

The Livonia Sportsman's Club junior rifle team took top honors last weekend at the NRA Junior Section April 22-23 at the University of Michigan rifle range in Ann Arbor.

On April 22, Livonia Clarenceville High senior Lucinda Roddy took a gold medal in the Three-Position competition (prone, stand, knee).

Teammate Jeremy Breithaupt, a junior at Plymouth Salem, and Shari Jedinak, a sophomore at Westland John Glenn, took the silver and bronze, respectively.

The Livonia junior team, captained by Churchill High senior Karyn Juziuk, also took team honors. (Roddy, Breithaupt and Chris Boyer of Warren Mott were also members.)

In Air Rifle, Roddy took the gold, while joining Juziuk and Boyer to take team honors.

On April 23, the trio of Breithaupt, Boyer and Roddy took gold, silver and bronze, respectively, winning the Four-Position event (prone, stand, sit, kneel). The foursome of Breithaupt, Boyer, Juziuk and Jedinak also took the team title.

Juziuk, the 1995 Michigan Smallbore champion, plans to major in pre-med and will compete next year for Xavier (Ohio) University.

Roddy, the 1995 Michigan Air Rifle champ, has signed a national letter-of-intent with Jacksonville (Ala.) State. He plans to major in communications.

Boyer, meanwhile, has been accepted to West Point and will major in engineering.

Hitting stride

University of Detroit Mercy's baseball team had a good week ending April 23, winning five of seven games to improve its record to 18-14. On April 22, the Titans took a pair from Wright State, 2-1 and 10-5; they collected 19 hits to equal their season high in the second game.

One of the hitting stars in that second-game victory was junior Ed Gundry, a Plymouth Salem graduate from Canton. Gundry banged out three hits, driving in two runs, and slugged his first home run of the season.

Other U-D stars during the week included senior right-hander Steve Ross, a Redford Catholic Central grad who won his sixth-straight game in stopping Wright State in the April 22 opener.

And in the Titans' 16-3 trouncing of Wayne State April 19, senior Dave Roman (Livonia Franklin) had two hits and senior Lawrence Scheffer (Westland John Glenn) clubbed a two-run homer.

EMU golf outing

The seventh annual EMU basketball Fast-break Open will be Monday, June 5, at the Huron Golf Club.

The cost for the scramble golf tourney is \$125 per person (includes lunch/dinner, range, embroidered shirt, refreshments on course and prizes/awards).

For more information, call Brian Miller at (313) 487-0464.

Recreation news

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual kids fishing derby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Park ponds. Registration cost is \$1 per child (for a one-hour time period); the derby is open to kids living in Canton 15 years old and under.

The ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout, with awards for the largest fish caught. First place is a \$100 gift certificate. Advanced registration required. Call 397-5110 for further details.

The Senior Golf League gets under way Tuesday, May 9, with tee times at Fellows Creek Golf Course starting at 8 a.m. The league is open to all seniors 50 years old and over. Cost is \$15 for registration plus weekly greens fees. The league will meet every Tuesday through mid-August.

For more information, call 397-5110.

Anyone wishing to submit items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Hawks tip Canton in 10th

No championship game could have offered more than this test between two of the best teams in Observerland. In the end, someone had to lose, but it took extra innings to decide who that someone would be.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



The game was billed as an early season clash between two of the best softball teams in Observerland, and it was everything it was supposed to be.

To heighten the suspense, they even played 10 innings before Stephanie Schwalm's bases-loaded single gave host Farmington Hills Harrison a 2-1 win over Plymouth Canton.

"It's a flat-out shame there weren't 50,000 people here to see this," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said.

"I can't see anyone paying to watch overpaid professionals when they can come here for free. It's too bad somebody had to lose."

The defending champion Hawks improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs are 4-2 and 2-1.

"I don't think it proves we're the team," Teachman said. "If anything it proves to other teams in our league there are two teams to contend with — and maybe more."

"It was one of those games you're



Putting it down: Canton's Amy Lagrow lays down a bunt in a game in which every play meant something.

proud to be part of it, whichever side you're on."

Canton coach Jim Arnold was. His team, with four sophomores in the starting lineup, represented itself well against a mostly senior Harrison ball club.

"I'm proud of them," he said. "We played tough against them, and we're a young team. I'm looking forward to this year and a couple more yet."

"This is probably the best defensive team I've had, and we're starting to hit the ball well."

Harrison was led by senior third baseman Amy Geary, who went 3-for-4 and scored both runs, and senior pitcher Erin LaCrosse, who won a duel with Canton's Jackie Nicastr.

The Hawks decided the issue in the bottom of the 10th, loading the bases with one out.

Geary singled, Holly Foster was

safe on an infield error (the only one of the game) and Kelly LaCrosse had a bunt single. Schwalm followed with the winning hit — a ground ball through the right side of the infield.

"I'll keep saying this all year," Teachman said. "We have good people on this team, but the eighth and ninth batters (Foster and Kelly La-

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Madonna reaps standout cage class

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

What made the difference in Bill Potter putting together his best women's basketball recruiting class, by far, at Madonna University was a simple matter of being first.

That and an ample amount of confidence.

Most other coaches in his situation — Madonna, entering its fourth year under Potter, folded badly down the stretch last season, losing 13 of its final 14 games to finish 9-21 — wouldn't have bothered trying to recruit players of all-state caliber.

Particularly the likes of Katie Cushman, a 5-foot-2 Class B first team all-stater for the past three seasons. And Angie Negri, a 5-8 guard/forward who was fourth team Class B all-state the last two years. And Mary Murray, a 5-10 forward who was third team Class B all-state the last two seasons.

"Everyone knew we were after them," said Potter. "They kept saying, 'There's no way you're going to get them.'"

RECRUITING

They were wrong. All three have committed to Madonna.

Their game statistics are impressive, but just as important to Potter were their winning attitudes. Cushman and Negri prepped at Flint Powers, which lost in the Class B state final to Dearborn Divine Child — which is where Murray went to school.

Despite the naysayers, Potter spotted the three of them and started making calls. "We got lucky," he admitted. "I called up Flint Powers one day and talked to their coach, Kathy McGee. She gave me their phone numbers and I called and talked to them."

A visit was arranged, and that proved most fortunate. "We were the first school that they visited," said Potter. That made a huge difference: "After that first meeting, I was real confident we were going to get them."

Cushman provides scoring ability (20 points per game), strong ball-hand-

ling (five assists) and solid defense (five steals). She was chosen the state AAU all-tournament team's captain.

"She brings a hard-work ethic, a great attitude, scoring, and just general direction," said Potter.

The Madonna coach lauded Negri, whose sister Lisa plays at Ohio State, for her "experience" — an odd thing to say about a freshman, but the label fits, Potter said. "She's played a lot of games," he explained, noting Negri has played varsity at Powers since her freshman season.

"She's got a good attitude and scoring ability (12 ppg), and like (current Madonna freshman Dawn) Pelc she can rebound and play defense (six rebounds, four steals, four assists per game). Her passing surprised me — it's above average. She's got a real, real nice all-around game."

Murray is what could be referred to as hard-nosed. "She'll bring us her guts, her heart and her soul," Potter said, also praising her 13 points and six rebounds per game. "She'll run through walls for you. The girl just plays hard all the time."

Summarizing, Potter said, "Those three are going to be special players for us."

That isn't the end of it, however. When Meegan Marlatt suffered a severe knee injury in mid-season, and Maria Liwag transferred, Madonna had a hole at point guard. Marlatt's status is still uncertain; in addition, Vikki Koenig, Stephanie Crelley and Denise Williams have graduated, and Mary Bieniewicz (from Farmington Hills Mercy) won't return for her senior season.

Which means Potter has lost his entire front line. He helped fill those holes by signing Murray and 6-foot Erica Desentz, from Henry Ford Community College.

"She's a tremendous rebounder," said Potter of Desentz. Indeed she is: She averaged 17 a game for the Hawks, to go with 12 points.

"I'm looking for her to contribute right away," he said. "I'm slotting her in as the starting center for now." Desentz will have junior eligibility.

Not this time

Salem can't stop determined Rockets

The miracle finish that saved Plymouth Salem's boys track team two years ago at Westland John Glenn, the good fortune that enabled the Rocks to upend the Rockets the past two seasons, were both no-shows Thursday.

Nothing could deter a very focused Glenn team from victory: 85-52, at Glenn.

"I was real happy," said Rockets' coach Jeff Shough. "We did everything we wanted to do — and then some."

Certainly the frustrations the past two years played a role in Thursday's outcome. Shough admitted "I wasn't that concerned (with winning) because the attitude of the kids coming into the meet convinced me we'd really do well today. Our effort was outstanding all the way down the line."

"Those (previous two) were tough losses. These seniors had never beaten Salem. They wanted it real bad."

The Rockets did it with wins in 10 of 17 events. Brent Washington was exceptional, winning two individual events (in the long jump, 20-foot, 3 1/4-inches, and 100-meters, 11.6) and anchoring two winning relays (the 400, 46.16, and 800, 1:38.07). Also, Todd Peterson won both the 110 (15.16) and 300 (42.34) hurdles.

Salem got its share of strong performances on a cold, extremely windy day. Rocky Johnson won both the shot put (45-1) and discus (133-5), and

Scott Pengelly was first in the 1,600 (4:48.73) and 3,200 (10:37.43).

But it wasn't enough in a meet that very likely determined the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division championship. Salem is 3-1 overall, 1-1 in the Lakes; Glenn is 5-0 overall, 2-0 in the Lakes.

Still, there will be other chances for the Rocks to gain revenge — like Saturday at the Observerland Relays. Glenn must be considered a favorite, but Salem coach Geoff Baker wouldn't hand them the title just yet.

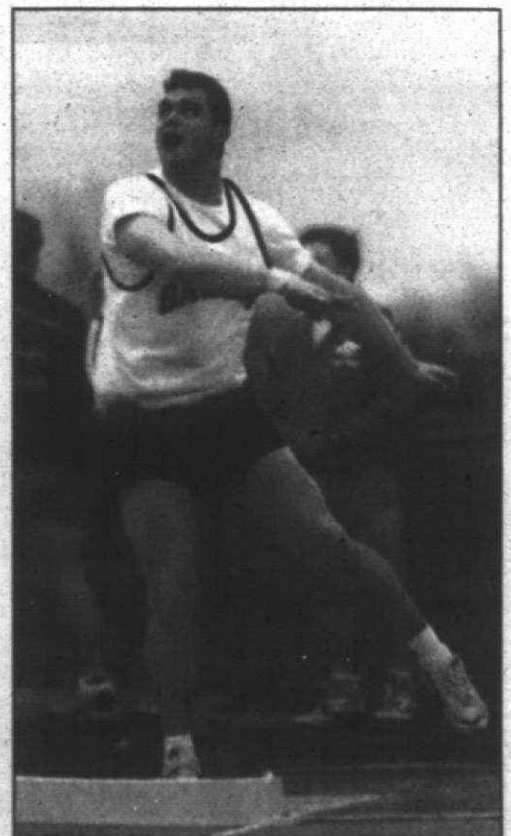
"They're good in sprints," said Baker of the Rockets. However, so too is defending WLAA champion Farmington Harrison; the two could cancel each other out, allowing someone else to claim the title.

"It's hard to say who will win it," said Baker. "The Observerland is wide open. We'll have to wait and see."

Northville 86, Canton 51: Despite a pair of personal-best performances from senior Jon Gallinger and two others in far less than ideal conditions, Plymouth Canton could not offset Northville's better sprinters Thursday at Canton.

"Northville swept the 200 (meters) and the 800,

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Firsts: Rocky Johnson claimed a pair.

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