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"Caryn was a couple years younger than my daughter, yet I could relate to her real well. There wasn't that generation gap, if you will," said Nyquist. "She was a bubbly, very outgoing 24-year-old." Nyquist recalled that Casas helped Ford achieve its first Corporate Cup championship last June when she ran an impressive 39:35 on a 10-kilometer cross country course at Casa Benton. She finished first among the Ford

months to help launch the Taurus. She'd just returned to Michigan Sept. 10. "She moved in with me and my husband and had saved a lot of money. She was going to buy a house in Ann Arbor," said Byndas. "The last time she saw her sister alive. Byndas had a premonition. The night she died, 'Caryn was supposed to run with Anne and I from the Ford Fitness Center,'" said Byndas.

Because Casas forgot her running shoes, she went home to run. "I had this feeling I wouldn't see her for a while; as though she was going back to Atlanta or something. I wanted to say something or give her a hug, but I didn't. I just stared at her a couple seconds, and she said, 'I'll see ya.' I thought she'd skip the day and not run."

When at 8 p.m. there still was no sign of Casas, Byndas' husband, Brian, went looking for Casas. The Byndases learned from the police that something had happened to Casas, and drove to the hospital.

"A doctor told me to sit down, and I knew something was terribly wrong," said Byndas. Byndas was told it wasn't known whether "the woman in the next room was my sister, because she had no identification, but if it was, she was dead. It was the worst feeling

I've ever had in my whole life. It's just not fair. She had so much going for her." In addition to being a rising star at Ford, Casas was a violinist, guitarist, artist and comedian. Byndas will continue to sell T-shirts after the marathon. Anyone interested may send a check payable to her to 674 Easley, Westland, MI 48186. The cost is \$9 per shirt, plus \$3.50 for postage. For sizes XL and XXL, add \$1.25 per shirt.

Concert will feature local singer

If you like the voices of Cecilia Bartoli and Kiri Te Kanawa, you will love "Voce di due Dive" ("Voices of the Two Divas"). Dorothy Cormie and Jan Rae, of Farmington Hills, will perform in concert with pianist, Doris Hall, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Recital Hall at Hammel Music, 15230 Middlebelt Road, between Five and Six Mile roads in Livonia.

Together they will capture the art of bel canto as they remember a gala concert 10 years ago from the Australian Opera House in which Joan Sutherland and Marilyn Horne combined their talents. Music will be heard from operatic and classical composers such as J.S. Bach, J.C. Bach, Mozart, Rossini, Bellini, Meyerbeer, Delibes, Barber, Menotti and Herbert.



Jan Rae

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Cormie is a Metropolitan Opera District finalist and Rae is a mezzo-soprano and Detroit Symphony

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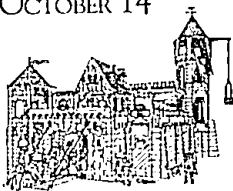
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