

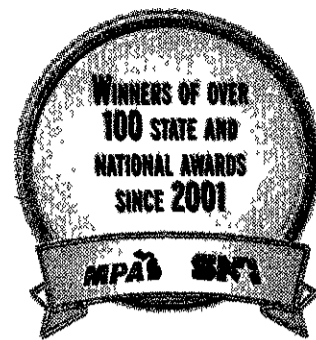
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# State eyes dumping of bus inspections

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Paul Michalsen of Plymouth Township remembers when his high school-age daughters used to ride Plymouth-Canton school buses to elementary and middle school.

Michalsen was confident his daughters were in good hands once they boarded the brightly colored vehicles. However, after hearing that Gov. Jennifer Granholm would like to save \$1.3 million by eliminating the annual state school bus inspections con-

ducted by Michigan State Police, Michalsen said he'd have concerns about transporting more than 10,000 students a day in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"If the school districts know the state isn't going to inspect them, I'd be afraid they'd have a tendency to cut back on proper maintenance," said Michalsen.

"As a parent, you trust the safety of the bus driver to pick up the kids at the appropriate time, and then you expect the vehicle to be properly maintained, just like you'd maintain your own personal vehicle," he said. "The safety of

our kids is the most important thing."

Even as Michigan State Police bus inspectors were painstakingly scrutinizing each of the 130 buses in the district's fleet - going over a 127-point safety checklist - at Plymouth-Canton's bus maintenance facility on Lilley Road this week, mechanic Ken Joslin said it would be short-sighted on the governor's part to cut back funding for bus inspections.

"If it's eliminated, I'm afraid someone, somewhere, will get hurt on a bus that has no business on the road," said Joslin, a

Plymouth-Canton Schools mechanic for 21 years. "Then, everyone will wonder how we let this happen."

"And, the people who think this is a good idea, do they really want their kid on a bus that hasn't been checked out?" he asked. "I don't think so."

One might think bus mechanics would be pleased the state wasn't looking over their shoulders to make certain each bus meets strict guidelines in order to be out on the road. However, Joslin said



Mechanic Vernon Osborne did body work on this damaged bus, but the Michigan State Police will no longer be doing bus inspections under a plan by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton residents Matthew Trevarthen (left) and Mario Villanueva have come together to form the hip-hop group VeRb.

## Local hip-hop band raps to a different beat than peers

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

By day, Matthew Trevarthen and Mario Villanueva are a couple of 20-year-old guys. But by night they are X-It and T-exT, the two rappers who make up the hip-hop band VeRb.

The duo from Canton is being signed by Detroit talent company One Eleven Entertainment in April.

"When that happens, we get down to business," said Villanueva.

That's when the 12-18 month cycle

of a record contract begins. The cycle includes a wave of promotional appearances and the distribution of professionally produced song samplers to anyone who'll listen to them.

The band hopes they'll be invited to the August Billboard Hip Hop and R&B awards in Atlanta.

"One Eleven is really trying to get us down there, and we really want that to happen. That would be great exposure," Trevarthen said.

Trevarthen and Villanueva met when they were sixth-graders riding

the same bus to school. The two shared a love of music, particularly rap and hip hop, and two years later performed at a school talent show.

That's when they caught the performing bug, and they haven't been able to cure it since. They get together as often as they can to make music, write lyrics, choreograph their routine and mix their recordings.

It's not all fun and games, though - they take it seriously. For days leading

PLEASE SEE BAND, A3

## District, teachers eye wages in negotiations

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school district is projecting a \$4.7 million budget shortfall next year, which doesn't include pay raises for any of the nine unions that are negotiating entire contracts or wage reopeners.

It's expected the unions will look at the deficit, and then turn their collective eyes toward the line item labeled fund balance, which is just under \$19 million.

"They're going to spend more money than their revenues, but they have money saved," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which bargains for the district's more than 1,000 teachers. "That's what the fund balance is for, to get you through the hard times."

"The district keeps saying it will be out of business in two years," added Portelli, who has been union president for 14 years, and was recently re-elected. "I've heard that every year for the 29 years I've been in the district."

The PCEA and district negotiating teams met Monday to set dates for bargaining a wage reopener, with the first meeting scheduled for

April 12. It's the fourth year of a contract which saw wage increases of 3 percent, 2.5 percent and 2.25 percent the previous three years.

The way Portelli sees it, teachers have always helped the district in tough financial times.

"The PCEA has always helped by taking lower salaries, or paying for health care through lower salaries, and paying for class size in their salaries," said Portelli. "Since I've been here, teachers have had three years where there weren't any raises."

Portelli said that while at one time Plymouth-Canton teacher salaries were among the top five in Wayne County, PCEA salaries are now ranked near the bottom.

Despite the strong words, Portelli already agrees with Superintendent Jim Ryan on one issue, that a contract can be reached during the eight scheduled bargaining sessions.

"We understand past settlements have been below the cost of living," said Ryan. "Let's take a look at their needs and the needs and status of our budget."

"This contract will set the tone for

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## Caccamo hopes new Web site provides public forum

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

It started as an idea to give Canton residents a place to voice their opinions, and last week, Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo's brainchild, www.cantonvoice.com, officially opened its doors on the World Wide Web.

A week later, the site had 10 members and a handful of posts to the message boards.

"I wanted to give people a voice in the community," Caccamo said of the site. "It's just a forum to give people a place to express their views."

Whether it's a reality or just a perception, elected officials are not particularly accessi-



Caccamo

ble, according to Caccamo. The site is one way to lend his ear to the public, he said.

But Caccamo hopes other elected officials will take his lead and also participate on the message board.

The site may be just fine to surf for entertainment, but as a means of communicating with residents, it's got its limitations, according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who

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## Total concentration

Erica Hagan, 16, draws back on her bow Tuesday night while participating in the Mobile Archery Learning Lab, a four-day clinic that was sponsored by Canton Leisure Services and held at Plymouth Christian Academy. Twenty-two youngsters between the ages of 8 and 16 learned the basics of archery from veteran instructors Bob and Rachel Fenton. For more on the clinic, please see story on page B1.

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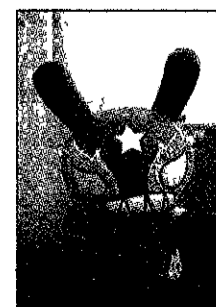


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### Coming Thursday in Filter



**Underground**  
Toy culture meets fine art at CPOP gallery in Detroit

**Pompon tryouts**

The Canton Chieftette pompon team will be holding tryouts for the 2005-2006 squad during the week of week Of April 11. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at the Canton High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Canton High general office.

**New salesmen**

Canton resident Doug MacLean recently joined the Southfield-based First Commercial Realty & Development Co., Inc. as a sales associate. He will be responsible for leasing company owned properties, as well as third party work involving the sale and leasing of client properties and tenant representation.



MacLean

MacLean brings to the company more than 20 years of experience in the retail and wholesale industries, having worked in a variety of management capacities for J.C. Penny and, more recently, as an independent manufacturer's representative of consumer goods. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Oakland University. Additionally, he holds current licenses in real estate and insurance, and is a licensed builder in Michigan.

**Bookmark contest**

The Children's Library at the Canton Public Library is sponsoring a bookmark contest for kids grade K-5 to celebrate National Library Week.

One winner from each grade will receive a prize and 100 copies of each winning bookmark will be distributed at the library. Entries will be judged on three criteria: originality, design and how well they depict the theme "Celebrate Reading and Libraries."

The contest is open to children who live in Canton. Entry forms are available in the Children's Library and all entries must be received by Monday, April 4. Only one entry per child. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 12.

**End of an era T-shirts**

With the opening of Plymouth High School in 2003, the class of 2005 will be the last graduates from the park when only blue and red existed. The senior classes from both schools hope to remember the past by printing T-shirts reading Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem across the front, and "The End of an Era 1973-2005" on the back.

Park alumni and community members are invited to support the senior class by ordering shirts through Heather Michalsen at (734) 207-5200 or Samra Haddad at (734) 416-4193. The cost is \$10 per shirt and orders must be placed by April 8, 2005. Students at the park can order shirts in the Salem and Canton cafeterias during their lunch hour.

**Identity theft seminar**

The Canton Police Department is hosting an identity theft and fraud prevention seminar April 23 at Summit on the Park. Sgt. Scott Hilden will be on hand to discuss how residents can prevent identity theft from occurring.

The seminar is being offered at no cost to Canton residents and businesses. To make a reservation, contact the community relations office at (734) 394-5325, or e-mail shilden@canton-mi.org.

**Caccamo office hours**

Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo will be holding office hours from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 2 at the Brand New Day Coffee Shop, which is located on Cherry Hill, just west of Lilley.

"If you want to chat about issues or just hang out and relax and talk about motorcycles (that would be a nice change of pace), I'll be there...hopefully with my bike," Caccamo said.

**Stress Reduction Workshop**

Feeling stressed out? Dr. Brackney will present a free workshop on Tuesday, March 29 and Tuesday, April 12 at 6:15 p.m. at 8524 Canton Center Rd., Canton. Come and learn the seven danger signs of stress and how to decrease emotional, chemical and physical stress. Learn how to relieve tight and sore muscles the natural way using "Trigger Point Therapy."

Due to limited seating, registration is required. Please call (734) 455-4444 to register.

**Take a virtual cruise**

Canton Leisure Services has the remedy for you and your families "cabin fever" this spring break. Enjoy an evening of special family-friendly "after hours" with your neighbors and make some new friends. On Saturday, April 2, families are invited to enjoy the many facilities of the Summit including the aquatics

center, lazy river, water slide, a game room and the gym from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Visit such destinations as Hawaii or Mexico through several vacation destination related activities.

The event is suitable for all ages with an activity fee of \$3 per person, not to exceed \$15 per family; non-residents add \$1 each.

**DEATHS**

**B**  
William Earl Black, of Waterford, died March 22.

**C**  
William A. Cross, 74, of Clarkston, died March 21.

**D**  
Eleanor Dombrowski, 94, of Waterford, died March 12.  
Robert Joseph DuCharme, 81, of Canton, died March 23.

**G**  
Robert Carl Gill, of Northville, died March 20.

**H**  
William A. Herd Jr., 72, of Oakland, died March 15.  
David Hodgson, 64, of Rochester Hills, died March 10.

**J**  
Arthur Janson, of Westland, died March 21.

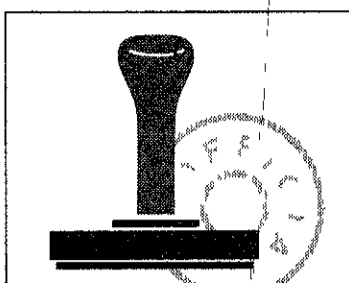
**L**  
Margaret Lucille Lander, 75, formerly of Farmington Hills, died March 22.

**M**  
Robert J. "Bob" Linder, 64, of Union Lake, died March 22.

**N**  
Stephen P. Malone, 88, of Naples, Fla., died March 21.

**O**  
Philip A. Mertz, 76, of Birmingham, died March 17.  
Norma E. McDonnell, 71, of Garden City, died March 23.

**P**  
William L. McMurphy, 77, of Chesterfield Township, died March 10.



**For the Record** appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's *Community Life in Passages* on page C5.

**Garry A. Messerschmitt**, of Redford Township, died March 22.  
**Sofie Miess**, 91, of Leonard, formerly of Eastpointe, died March 7.

**P**  
**Norman F. Prentice**, 90, of Auburn Hills, died March 5.

**S**  
**Eleanor G. Smith**, of Westland, died March 20.  
**Allen L. Smyth**, 71, of Pontiac, died March 18.

**T**  
**Stanley F. Svoboda Sr.**, 84, died March 22.

**U**  
**Robert E. Tobin**, of Livonia, died March 18.

**W**  
**Matthew Scott Wray**, 52, died March 24.

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# Refilling printer cartridges good for the Earth and wallet

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

All kinds of human refuse ultimately makes its way into our landfills. Items, once new and coveted, are used up and discarded by people, often with little thought. One such item is the inkjet cartridge that is used in printers by most home computer users.

Well, a local entrepreneur is offering an alternative to chucking those cartridges out with the morning eggshells. Canton resident Dhara Rai recently opened Cartridge World near Sheldon and Ford roads. Her specialty is re-filling those empty cartridges, so they can be used again, and again, and again. Cartridge World also refills most laser toner cartridges.

"You can refill an inkjet cartridge five or six times. Laser cartridges can be used indefinitely, because we replace all the parts, unless something is broke," she said.

And with each time a cartridge is refilled means there is one less cartridge heading to a local landfill. While it might not seem like such a small item could make a difference, Rai says millions upon millions of cartridges are tossed into the garbage each year. In fact, she says more than 350 million cartridges make it into landfills each year in America alone, which then take up to 450 years to decompose.

Almost 90 percent of the cartridges used in the United States are discarded.

The other environmental impact to consider is the fact that it takes around one gallon of oil to produce a new laser



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dhara Rai, owner of Cartridge World in Canton, can help you save big money by refilling your inkjet printer cartridges. The staff at the Harvard Square business includes Ryan Williams, standing in background.

cartridge. So it makes good environmental sense to reuse the cartridges.

Rai said it also makes good economic sense.

"You will pay about 50 percent of what you would pay at an office supplies store for a new one," she said of getting the cartridge refilled at Cartridge World.

Cartridge World is a actually an Australian-based franchise, which started up some 16 years ago, and now has about 600 stores worldwide, including more than 150 in the U.S.

Rai said the store refills most popular inkjet and toner cartridges, including those manufactured by HP, Epson, Canon, and Lexmark.

Rai, 32, grew up in India,

and has lived in Canton for about eight years. She had been looking for an opportunity to operate her own business, when the Cartridge World opportunity came along. She said it seemed like a logical venture because of the popularity of computers.

"Everyone uses printers and they need to buy cartridges," she said.

And, unfortunately, she said most people still throw them away.

Cartridge World is located at 5924 N. Sheldon. It is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, and is closed Sundays. For more information call (734) 254-0544.

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## Hoppin' good time

The Easter Bunny got just as excited as the kids as he made his way along saying hello before the annual Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills Park Friday morning along Hines Drive.

## BAND

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up to a performance, they run while they rap to perfect their breathing and build the stamina required for performing live. They hope the discipline will help set them apart from any other two guys who make music in a makeshift basement studio. But it's also an attitude in their music - a positive, regular-guy with a dream message - that makes them different from other performers in their genre.

"Our lyrics aren't about guns, drugs and ho's," Trevarthen said.

"It's about what we're feeling and what we go through every day, with our families, our music, our dreams or just driving in the car with our girlfriends," Villanueva added.

And the lyrics have so far appealed to broad audiences. According to the pair, only one

person who's heard VeRb has said he didn't like them.

They don't expect overnight success, but they're banking on their dreams anyway.

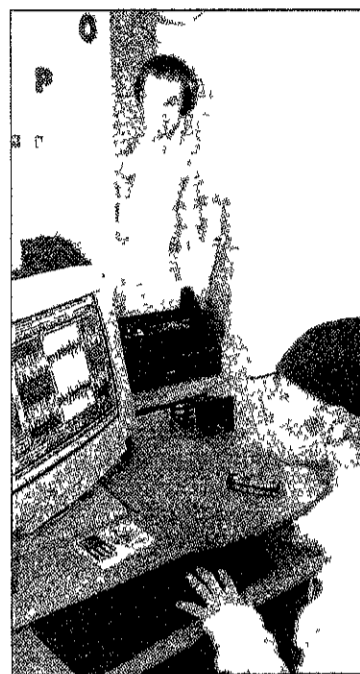
"We're different because we understand that this is a business and it will take three to five years for people to recognize us," Villanueva said.

"What happens to a lot of people when they get signed is they say right away, 'OK, now I'm signed. Where's my check? Where's my fame?' But we know it's not like that. We have to invest in it."

For more information about VeRb, call the VeRb hotline at (313) 961-6035, or visit on the Web at

www.talentmatch.com/VeRb. VeRb will be performing April 17 at I Rock in Detroit at a Battle of the Bands, and at June 4 at Boulders in Plymouth.

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Mario Villanueva works on tracks as Matthew Trevarthen takes a look at the progress from behind their recording booth in their Canton basement recording studio.

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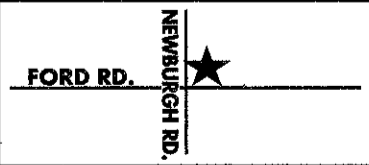
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# Laser tag, video games to fill the old Waterbed Gallery site

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

For 10 years Gaz Ismail has enjoyed building a successful business, Zap Zone, on Ford Road in Canton. But for the past couple of years, he's felt like he could use some room to grow. Just across the street, he could see the building, which once housed the Waterbed Gallery, and watched as the building emptied and sat unused and thought, "That would be a great building for my business."

Soon he will get his wish. Ismail bought the property and will give the former Waterbed Gallery building a much-needed renovation. Zap Zone will occupy a building near the rear of the property and he'll rent out the 20,000 square feet of space in the building that fronts Ford Road.

The move will allow Ismail to expand his laser tag business, already popular with the kids who are just a little too young to drive, but just a little too old for Chuck E. Cheese, he said.

Instead of two rooms for parties, he'll have four or five, he told the Canton Township Planning Commission last week. Ismail's plans required

planning commission approval because he will have more than four video games, and township ordinance requires special use permitting for that. In fact, there will be a lot more than four video games. There will be between 40 and 50, provided mainly for customers who are waiting to get in on a game of laser tag. The move will also mean the addition of bumper cars, Ismail said.

Most of his customers are young - between the ages of 8 and 13 - and most come with groups, such as scout troops, church clubs and birthday parties. Only 10 - 15 percent of Zap Zone's business are walk-ins, Ismail said.

The planning commission unanimously approved the special use variance for Zap Zone, with the condition that the video games in the business are rated acceptable for teen players and young children.

Commissioner Greg Greene looks forward to seeing the site get the sprucing up it's needed for some time.

"On Ford Road, the bar is raising, and it's raising very fast. We're sure this will just add to that," Green said.

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# Developer gets OK to build condos near Mettetal

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Despite a recommendation from the State of Michigan and a history of unhappy neighbors of Mettetal Airport, a small parcel of property near Lilley and Warren has been rezoned to allow for residential construction.

The 4.77 acre parcel was zoned light industrial, but the Canton Township Planning Commission last week recommended the property be

rezoned, which will allow for a small cluster of condominiums to be built there.

The state recommended denial of the request, due to complaints from nearby Canton Cove condominium residents, who object to Mettetal Airport noise and have safety concerns.

"This is probably not the best use of that property," said pilot Henry Moore, asking the commissioners to state on record, "buyer beware." Commissioner Melissa

McLaughlin said it would be hard for anyone to overlook the fact that the property is adjacent to a small airport, and anyone who may buy a home in that area would be well aware of Mettetal's proximity.

The state requires disclosure by Realtors selling property near airports.

The property won't accommodate much building, according to Planning Director Jeff Goulet. Tonquish Creek runs through part of the property, requiring a 50-foot set-

back and there is a 60-foot setback requirement off Lilley.

"They may only be able to get four or five buildings there," Goulet said of the property owner, J.A. Bloch & Company.

The company has proposed requesting an office use zoning if the residential rezoning is denied by the board of trustees, which must ultimately approve the rezoning.

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# Phony good Samaritans steal from elderly driver

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A 77-year-old Westland woman was bilked of \$260 after a pair of con artists followed her home and offered to repair a wheel that they told her was about to fall off of her 2003 Mercury Sable.

The woman, a widow who didn't want her name used, told her story in hopes that her warning will help other potential victims avoid a similar scam.

During the afternoon of Friday, March 18, the victim noticed that a black minivan was trailing her after she had gone to a doctor's appointment and then stopped at a grocery store in Canton Township. She was followed to her home on

Hix Road, near Warren Road.

A male suspect, accompanied by a woman he said was his pregnant wife, pulled behind the victim in her driveway and identified himself as a tire company employee.

"He got out of the minivan and told me that a wheel on my car would come off unless I got it repaired," she said.

The man pretended to call a tire company employer, and he convinced the victim to give him \$260 so that he could supposedly go to buy parts to fix her car.

"He was supposedly going to get parts," the woman said. "He said he was going to leave his wife here. He said she was pregnant and cold, and he asked if I would fix her a cup of tea."

The victim agreed and left

the female suspect alone in her home while she went to make the tea. When she came back into the room, the woman and man were both gone.

The victim learned later that the man had tampered with wiring on her car, a move that ultimately cost her another \$180 in repairs, bringing her total losses to \$440.

"I would advise anyone who notices someone following them to drive to the police station or someplace," the victim said.

That's good advice, according to Westland police Lt. James Ridener, who is in charge of the detective bureau.

"If you know you're being followed, don't go home," he said. "Drive to the nearest police station, whether it's in Westland, Canton, Livonia or

wherever."

If a potential victim is followed home, however, Ridener recommended going inside and calling the police rather than inviting the possible swindlers inside.

"These type of con artists tend to be very cordial and polite, but they can be pushy, too," Ridener said.

By acting as a couple, he said, the swindlers are able to distract the woman and "divide and conquer."

Such swindlers aren't typically violent, Ridener said. "They're just thieves."

No arrest has been made. Anyone who is the victim of such con artists is encouraged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

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# Class offers training to be weather spotter

Garden City Emergency Management, in cooperation with the Wayne County Amateur Radio Public Service

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"Skywarn spotters are a key component of our communities emergency management activities, and annual training is an important step to assure their readiness in an emergency," said Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Bill Forbush.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) program fields about 50 volunteer amateur ham radio operators during storms to act as the local eyes of the Weather Service.

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larly emergency communication, is one of the cornerstones of amateur radio," ACES Officer Dan Hancock said.

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# Levin: There's no crisis with country's Social Security

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

While Social Security may be in need of adjustment and reworking, it is by no means at a critical, make-or-break point, Sen. Carl Levin told a gathering Monday night at Oakland University.

Levin (D-Michigan) spoke to students, faculty and community members at an event hosted by the Rochester Area Democratic Club, the Honors College of Oakland University and the school's political science department.

Levin said the fate of Social Security is the top issue before the nation outside of the Iraq war. He said the country needs to make a choice about what to do with the Depression-era program, but not right away.

"The president says there's a crisis," Levin said. "He believes that atmosphere will cause people to decide to privatize."

It's not at crisis stage, he said, and even if it were, it wouldn't require Americans to revamp the entire system. The trust fund was broke in 1982 and a bipartisan effort kept it from going under.

"The difference is that now, we're in a situation where 50 years from now, Social Security will have a shortfall where it will only be able to cover 70 percent of benefits," Levin said. "It's not a crisis, it's a challenge, something to address, but not a crisis by any definition."

If anything, he said the move to privatize Social Security will make that challenge harder by moving the date of the budget shortfall closer by 12 years when \$2 trillion will have to be used to start the program — a move he called fiscally and morally "irresponsible."

At the heart of the issue is a question of world view. Levin said the debate is more about whether the country wants to achieve common

goals or not, one of them being protecting seniors from poverty.

"If the system is privatized, there will be winners and losers," Levin said. "If the market does well, if private accounts do better than treasury notes, there will still be winners and losers."

Brian Koss, president of the College Republicans, agreed with the senator in that it is a question of outlook.

"Levin comes from a dif-

ferent ideological background," he said. "He believes government should provide a social safety net. I don't believe it should. I view restrictions on the amount of money given to the government is better for the U.S."



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Koss said that by creating a safety net, the federal government was usurping the

duty of families and communities to take care of their own.

Doug Merriam is a Saginaw native taking classes in public administration and public policy at Oakland. He said he suspected the hype around Social Security was more politics than reality, but the debate would be good for everyone.

"In the long run, I think Social Security will end up returning to the program it started as," he said.

"Something to provide for the basic needs of seniors rather than the main retirement program for them."

Dr. Jude Nixon is an English professor and director of the Honors College of Oakland University. He said getting a speaker like Levin is always a high priority.

"When we were informed he was coming to the area, the Honors College jumped at a chance to take ownership of the visit," he said.

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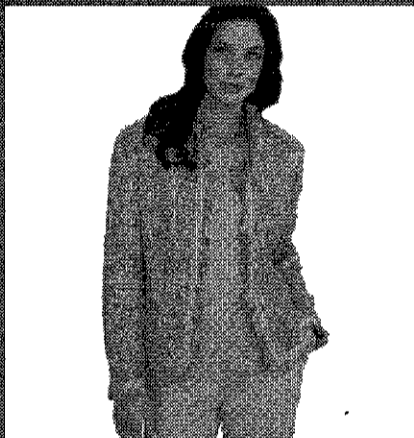


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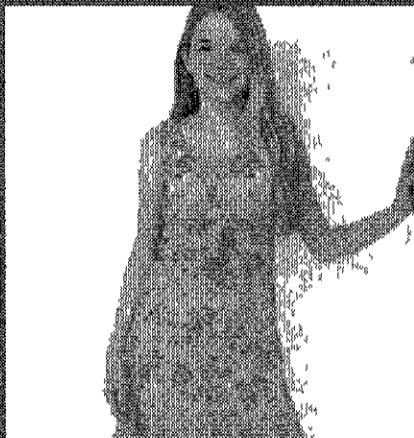
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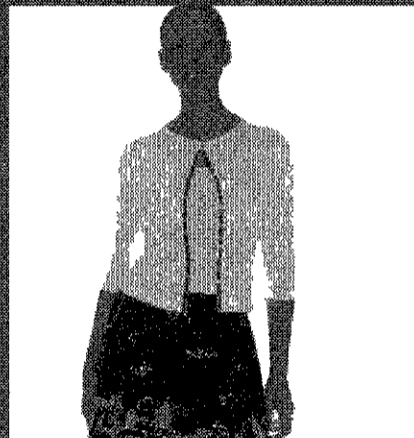
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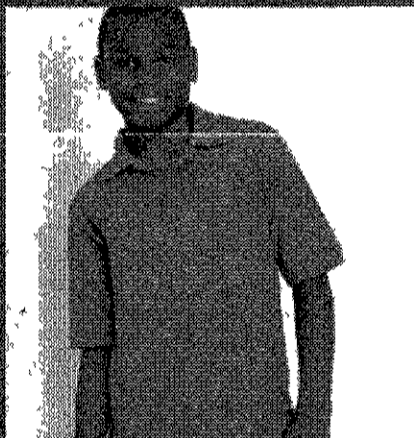
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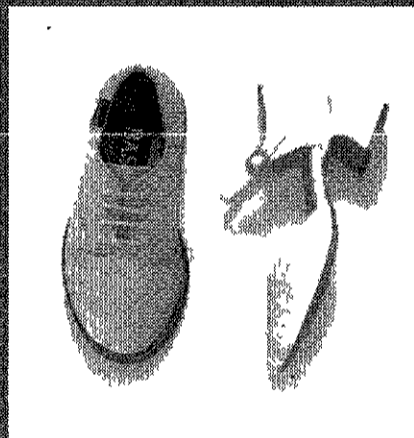
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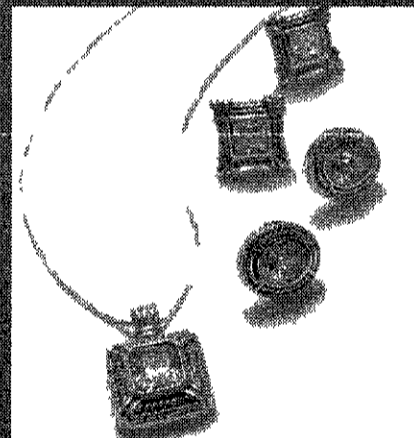
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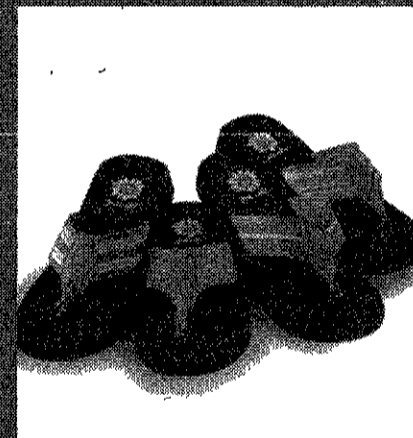
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# Schiavo case raises questions about state and personal rights

It's a story many of us have enacted. We have been forced to make a decision on whether to end or prolong the life of a family member who is beyond the reach of medical care. We desperately want to believe that this person we love can someday return to us, though deep in our hearts we know they have left us.

In the case of Terri Schiavo, the story is especially painful because of her age, her visible if involuntary response even after 15 years in what doctors call a "vegetative state" and the acrimonious battle between her parents and her husband.

It's a personal, private, painful affair that has become snared in a political whirlwind.

On Monday, the Republican leadership in Congress with the support of the president reached into this private matter using the 14th Amendment as an excuse for moving the Schiavo case from a Florida state court to a federal court. The action was an extraordinary departure from Republican federalist principles. Many southern Republicans are former southern Democrats or their heirs who fought just such a use of federal intervention during the height of the civil rights movement. It is on that principle that the South moved from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party.

But the Republican leadership also has a strong voting base rooted in conservative Christian religious groups. They represent a crucial element in the GOP's recent ascendancy as the majority party. Their support is important to advance the GOP's economic positions.

Torn between two principles, Tom DeLay, Bill Frist and George Bush decided to play to the religious right.

Bush made the extraordinary comment that it was "always better to err on the side of life." This from a man who as governor of Texas presided over a large number of executions (even when there was doubt) and as president has never shied from sending others into battle long before exhausting diplomacy for the sake of life.

But as anti-abortion advocate Randall Terry has been saying over the last couple weeks, the Republican Party wasn't sent to Washington without some expectations. Terri Schiavo's case is really about abortion rights, not about Terri Schiavo.

The painful thing is that this private matter has become a media circus, with wild accusations, carnival-like demonstrations and rhetorical posturing on all sides. We don't know what Terri Schiavo's wishes are as she never left written instructions (and what 26-year-old thinks about making a living will?). We have only her husband's word for what she said 15 years ago and he has been demonized, because that's what

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these people do to people who have different views than they do. Following a federal court ruling, one person is quoted in a news story as saying, "This is a clear-cut case of judicial tyranny. All the judges who have ruled against Terri are tyrants, and we fully expected this decision."

Never mind that every state and now every federal court has upheld the decision to remove her feeding tube as requested by her husband. Never mind that such a ruling might be "for Terri rather than "against" her.

It is hard not to be sympathetic to Terri Schiavo's parents and siblings. But this sad story should never have become a national cause celebre.

And what about the issue of states' rights (or as it's now known federalism, to distance itself from those nasty racial overtones)? How does the GOP defend that principle now?

In a column a couple months ago, I wrote that the Civil War was fought over slavery. A reader corrected me and wrote that the war was actually fought over states' rights. He then challenged me to consider what my position would be if the federal government decided to drain Great Lakes' water to fertilize Texas fields or fill Arizona swimming pools.

It was a good question, a conundrum without an easy answer. On the question of the lakes, the issue is really international as we share all but Lake Michigan with Canada and they would not support draining the lakes.

But that's too easy, obviously there are reasons for a federalist system that separates national and state powers. Where is that line? Was slavery and the government's decision to limit its spread a reason? Were the rights of millions of African Americans to equal protection under the law a reason? Was a perceived weakness in our educational system a reason? Was the case of one tragically injured woman caught between her parents and her husband a reason?

It's something to ponder when this sad case runs its course.

One of the positives of this story is a reminder that we all need to make our wishes known about what we want when we can no longer say.

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# There's a lesson to be found in the closing of the schools

It's difficult seeing your old school die. It's even worse presiding over its death.

For the past 15 months, I have been a member of the St. Florian school board in Hamtramck. It has been an enormously challenging time as we have been faced with building enrollment, which is down to 116 students. Still, we were enthusiastic and optimistic that we could increase enrollment and get back on sound financial footing in a relatively short time. We have initiated a number of programs and outreach efforts to attract new students and were making progress.

None of that matters anymore.

I got a call from a fellow board member Tuesday April 15. She had learned that we were on a list of schools to be closed by the archdiocese. This was shocking because until that day we didn't know there was such a list and, in fact, we had been assured earlier that any decision to close the school would be made by the parish, not the archdiocese, and a year ago we were promised two years of operation to rebuild the school.

On Wednesday, it was made official. Instead of making plans for our open house next month at our newly renovated facilities, we are closing the doors for good.

My initial reaction was anger. And I still feel a good deal of that. But more than that, I just feel sad. Cardinal Maida said closing the schools — 15 in all across the metro area — was a "difficult" move.

I don't think he knows how difficult. You can't argue with the numbers. Catholic schools have lost nearly half of their enrollment in the last five years. And while tuition there is cheap, it isn't as cheap as charter schools, which have siphoned away much of our student base.

The archdiocese has pumped millions of dollars into the schools over the last two decades and must stem the losses.

But this isn't — or at least shouldn't — be just an issue of dollars.

More and more, I see the church turning its back to the people. Its rigid stance against abortion, gays and, yes, even divorced people; its steadfast opposition to allowing women to assume a larger role in

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The Archdiocese of Detroit, specifically, is abandoning metro Detroit. It's being done in stages, first with the consolidation of some parishes, now with the closing of schools and later this year when the closing of more parishes will be announced in the "Together in Faith" process.

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**INSPECTION**

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it's just the opposite. "Drivers do their pre-checks every day. We do our checks," said Joslin. "The state police inspections are a great checks and balance. It's all about safety of the kids. "The inspectors point things out, and show us things we should look for, like if the manufacturer is having an issue with a certain design," he said.

Plymouth-Canton Transportation Director Melvin Latnie agreed with Joslin. He's afraid the governor will put the onus on school districts to pay for privatized inspections.

"We can't afford another unfunded mandate," said Latnie. "Shifting it to our backs wouldn't be fair. That would basically be a tax shift, and we have a shrinking budget."

"A volunteer inspection program would not encourage participation from fleet operators who are getting poor ratings," he added. "The state police bring continuity, uniformity and integrity to the inspection program. If there was a third-party provider, whose to say the process wouldn't be compromised?"

Latnie felt so strongly about improving Plymouth-Canton's red-tag reputation when he was hired in 2001, he hired two additional bus mechanics, bringing the district's total to eight. His garage supervisor is Kurt Miles, who worked on the buses before being promoted. Miles watched, this week, as two state police inspectors began taking the fleet apart.

"It's a big moment for our department, we don't want to get (yellow or red) flagged," Miles said. "We want them perfect, but we know the odds of that are slim."

As of Thursday, 80 of the district's 130 buses had been inspected, with one red flag, meaning the bus can't be back

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Melvin Latnie  
transportation director

on the road until the problem is fixed.

"It was a damp spot in the hydraulic brake system, which means something was seeping in the lines," said Miles. "The potential could be you eventually lose your brake fluid and have limited brakes. We fixed it right on the spot."

Plymouth-Canton's bus fleet received nine red flags in each of the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years, mainly because of old buses that had hundreds of thousands of miles on them. As a bus replacement program was put in place, the red flags went down. There were only two the following year, and four last year, in a fleet of 130 buses.

Miles said bus routes range between 40-120 miles a day. Most special education routes go outside the district to places like Garden City, Dearborn and Flint.

"We have two mechanics who bring in two buses a day to the lube rack," said Miles. "We shoot for 3,000 miles, just like you would on your car."

"They also do a safety inspection, checking things like tires, brakes, seats and lights," he said. "If there's something that looks like a red tag, we take it out of service until it's repaired."

"We can't ignore it and put it back on the road," said Miles. "We're responsible to the kids, the parents and the district."

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**NEGOTIATION**

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the other eight unions," he said "I want a fair settlement, but my goal is not to bankrupt the district."

Ryan said that while the district hasn't budgeted for salary increases, he's hoping to pay for them without increasing the deficit. The district has budgeted for 300 new students. Anything above that will bring in additional \$7,025 per pupil from the state. This year, the Plymouth-Canton Schools population increased by 497 students.

Next year's budget is predi-

cated on a \$125 per pupil state foundation grant increase. Ryan is hoping it will be closer to what is being discussed in Lansing, which could be as high as an additional \$200 per student.

"I've got to be able to tell my board how I'm going to pay for the raises, without increasing the deficit," Ryan said.

If the district proposes an Early Retirement Incentive, or buyout, there could be a savings in salaries as more experienced and higher-paid teachers will leave, with less experienced and lower-paid educators filling their positions.

"They are bringing the ERI to the table, but it's a stand-alone issue," said Portelli. "It

doesn't need to be bargained, and isn't part of the wage reopener. They can offer it anytime they want"

However, school board members have reportedly told Ryan they want to use early retirement as a bargaining incentive.

Portelli's negotiating team will include union vice president Dave Wert, who teaches at Hoben Elementary; Karen Abraham from Starkweather; Holly Lloyd, Plymouth High School; Bob Williams, Canton High School; Joann Gustafson, Discovery Middle School; Chris Moore, Pioneer Middle School; and Jim Angell from the Michigan Education Association.

Portelli said it's unusual for a superintendent of a district the size of Plymouth-Canton to be part of a contract negotiating team.

"We appreciate that he's there," said Portelli. "It shows he's serious about trying to resolve this as quickly as possible, and we're prepared to do the same."

Along with Ryan, the district's bargaining team will consist of assistant superintendents Patricia Brand and Ken Jacobs, as well as Ray Bihun, executive director of human services.

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**WEB**

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had not yet perused the site.

"I'll probably look around it a little bit. But I have to say I've never been a message board person. I've never participated in one," Yack said. "It's entertainment, but I have to admit, I don't have the time to spend being entertained by them. People can get hold of me directly on the issues they care about."

And when people call or see Yack in person, he doesn't have to question their identities like he would on a message board.

"I don't know where these messages are coming from. I don't know if these people are just a bunch of aliases or real people. When people send me an e-mail I ask for their real name and their telephone number," Yack said. "I'm available all day long, my number is in the book and my e-mail address is on the township Web site."

**'I want people to participate. Unless it's something defaming, derogatory or just plain nasty, I say put it up on the board.'**

Todd Caccamo  
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Besides, there's nothing like the personal touch of talking face-to-face or over the phone.

"When you talk to someone, you can hear the intonations in their voice and put emotion with words," Yack said.

The board is set up so that unregistered users may read news, but you must register in order to read posts from members and to post messages yourself. Those who register must be over the age of 13 or have parental permission, and must provide a valid e-mail address.

Though Caccamo will not moderate the message board,

he said terms of the service require users to refrain from libelous or malicious speech, and he warns readers that there is no fact-checking mechanism in place to ensure the accuracy of posts.

"I want people to participate. Unless it's something defaming, derogatory or just plain nasty, I say put it up on the board," Caccamo said.

He hopes that people with a

variety of opinions will participate, and says that even though Canton has a reputation for being politically conservative, it's really an independent community with voters of all persuasions.

"I hope all elected officials will use it to help solicit opinions and input," Caccamo said.

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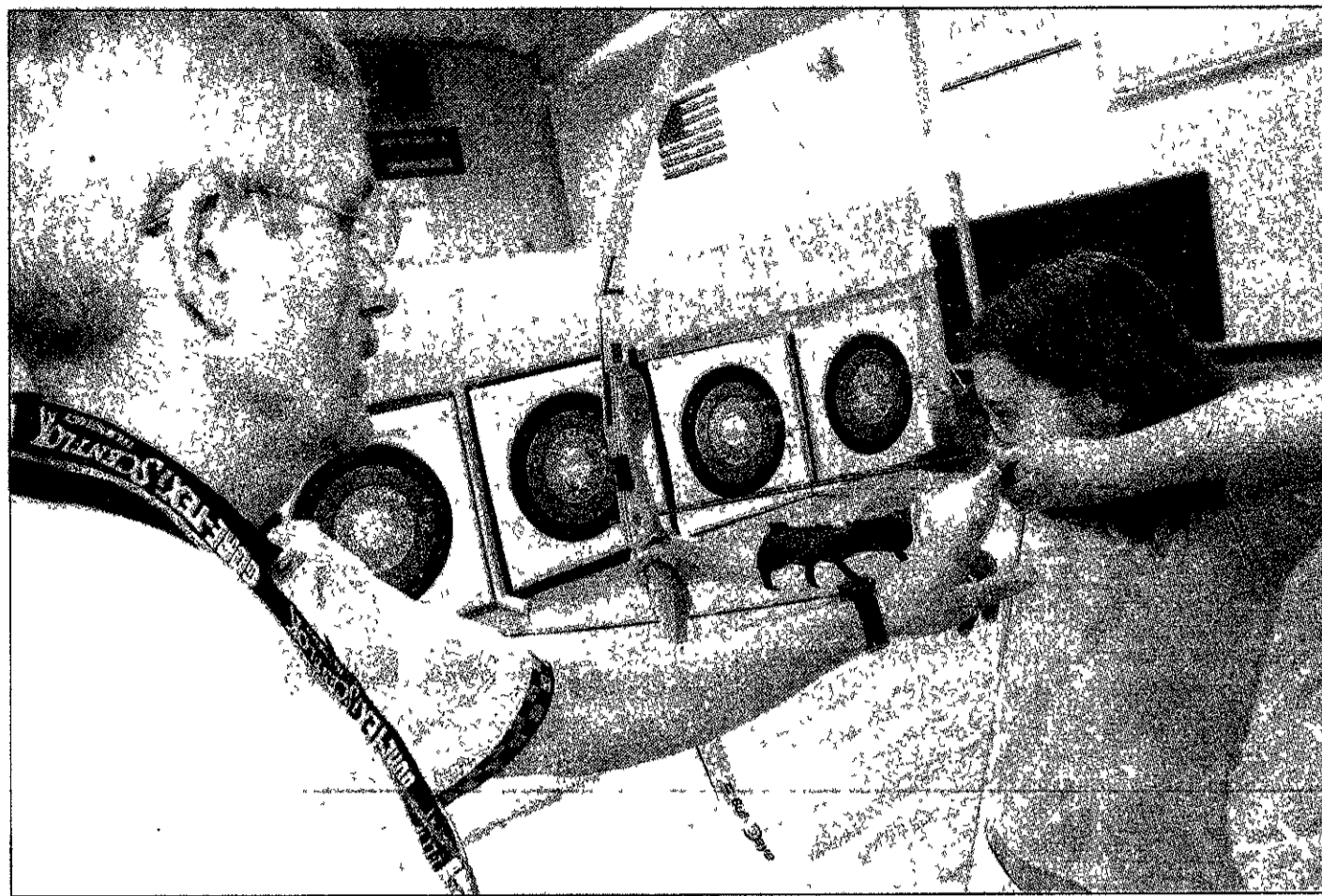
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Instructor Bob Fenton gives some pointers to 11-year-old Bria Dobson of Canton during an archery clinic at Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday night. The four-day clinic drew 22 young archers between the ages of 8 and 16.

## On target

### Clinic teaches local students fine points of archery

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The six-foot-tall raptor with balloons taped to its skin didn't stand a chance as it stood in the middle of the Plymouth Christian Academy gymnasium Thursday night.

The rubber dinosaur figure served as one of the unique targets for the 22 young archers who participated in the annual Mobile Archery Learning Lab, a four-day clinic that was sponsored by Canton Leisure Services.

"We try to make it fun for the kids, so we always bring along some interesting targets," said Bob Fenton, who instructs the clinic along with his wife, Rachel.

"Last year we had a bear out there. We also have a skunk that the kids like to shoot at."

Fenton said the first thing he and his wife try to establish at the clinic is self-confidence in their students. Pulling the bow's string back for the first time can be an intimidating task, they said.

"For a first-timer, releasing the string is probably the toughest thing," Fenton said. "There is a fear factor involved. Once they get over that, it gets easier."

"We want the kids to have a lot of confidence right away, so we line them up five yards from the targets. The smiles they get on their faces when they hit the bull's-eye for the first time are ear-to-ear. I'll tell you what — it not only makes

the kid feel good, but it gasses up the instructor's tank too. Eventually we move them back to 10 yards. By the time the four days are over, just about all of the arrows end up in the targets — not on the floor."

"A lot of them pick it up right away," said Rachel Fenton. "It takes a little longer for others, especially right-handers whose dominant eye is their left one. Our number-one goal is for the kids to leave here with more self-confidence. A lot of our students are the kids who don't play football, baseball or other team sports. They're looking for a different niche, and archery provides that for

PLEASE SEE ARCHERY, B3

## Schoolcraft College asks hoop coach to step down

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The *Observer* has learned that Schoolcraft College has asked for the resignation of men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, the state's winningest college coach with an eight-year won-loss record of 226-36.

The former Schoolcraft NJCAA All-America guard, who played at Baylor, has guided the Ocelots to three trips to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., four Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles and six Eastern Conference crowns, not to mention a minority student graduation rate of over 70

percent. Schoolcraft finished the 2004-05 season with a 27-3 record, but was unable to compete in postseason play, or for the Eastern Conference championship stemming from NJCAA sanctions as a result of an off-season rules violation.

Briggs, who has sent over 35 players to play in the NCAA Division I ranks since he was hired, would not comment about his pending dismissal or a rumored sixth-month severance deal offered by the school which would pay him through December.

When contacted Thursday, Schoolcraft Executive Vice President John Tomey, who is retiring in June after 31 years on the Livonia campus, told the *Observer*: "We will not discuss personnel issues."

Tomey, along with Director of Student Services Cheryl Wright and former interim athletic director Bill Tolstedt (also the women's soccer coach), conducted an internal probe into the men's basketball team's NJCAA rules violation and determined that a school-owned van was illegally used to transport nine players to the JUCO All-American Challenge, a showcase camp for college scouts held last July in Indianapolis, Ind. The other off-season violation also included paying for a meal for the players.

After the NJCAA cited Schoolcraft for the violations, the administration decided against appealing the sanctions, thus barring the Ocelots from competing in the NJCAA Region 12 Tournament or the MCCA state playoffs.

Tolstedt, who has since been replaced by Sid Fox as Schoolcraft athletic director on a permanent basis, also failed to inform the MCCA Executive Committee of the NJCAA violations in a timely manner, resulting in another ban from competing for the conference title, which Briggs maintains he was not informed about until the Ocelots had already played against three Eastern Conference opponents in early January.

In a letter provided to the *Observer* by Schoolcraft (dated Nov. 15, 2004) from Tolstedt to MCCA president Gene Gifford of Muskegon Community College, the interim AD wrote in part:

"As you know, I am new to the position of athletic director. There was no intent to not inform nor anyway mislead the MCCA. I was not simply aware of the need for me to advise the MCCA."

"I believe the actions taken by the NJCAA to put our men's basketball program on probation for the 2004-05 were harsh but appropriate. As you are aware, there will be no post-season play allowed. I would not want to exacerbate an already difficult situation because of what I failed to do. While my lack of experience is not an excuse, it is the cause for your action."

Tolstedt then asked Schoolcraft to be reinstated for the MCCA playoffs and be included in the standings, but his request was denied by an MCCA appeals committee in a letter dated Dec. 7, 2004.

(Also under Tolstedt's watch last fall, the Schoolcraft men's soccer team was caught using an ineligible player and had to forfeit seven victories before earning a trip to the NJCAA Nationals in Tyler, Texas.)

Briggs' relationship with both Tomey, Wright and Tolstedt has been rumored to be extremely contentious, especially after Briggs lost two of his main allies over the

PLEASE SEE COACH, B3

## Attack'ed

### Whalers fall in playoffs opener

Owen Sound goaltender Mike Brown was playing in his first-ever Ontario Hockey League playoff game Friday night, but you never would have known it by his performance.

Brown knocked away 21 shots to lead the Attack to a 1-0 victory in Game 1 of the best-of-seven quarterfinal series. Brown's performance overshadowed a stellar effort by Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie, who stuffed 33 shots. The game's lone goal was scored at

**An Owen Sound record-breaking crowd of 3,187 witnessed the game, which featured tight checking and incredible work in both net-minders.**

the 18:35 mark of the first period when Jeff Kyrzakos deflected a Trevor Koverko shot past Nie.

An Owen Sound record-breaking crowd of 3,187 witnessed the game, which featured tight checking and incredible work in both net-minders.

The Attack grabbed the early momentum by out-shooting the Whalers 6-1 in the game's opening five minutes, but Nie was up to the task. Owen Sound out-shot their visitors, 16-11, for the period.

Nie's most spectacular save of the night may have come in the second period when he made a right toe save on Attack leading scorer Brad Richardson, who had rifled a shot from high in the slot. Nie also recorded a series of highlight-reel-caliber saves mid-way through the third period when he stifled a pair of scoring chances by Stefan Ruzicka.

Game 4 of the series is set for Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth Township.

## Stinglines

### Pride Stars win

The Pride Stars 10U girls fastpitch team won the 2005 Sport Zone Winter tournament held in Indianapolis, Ind., last weekend. The team compiled a 3-1 record and finished first in its division.

The Stars consist of: Sarah Blue, Abby Brennan, Andrea Gietl, Brianna Giordano, Kelly Harris, Megan Johnson, Elliott Mitchem, Allison Raylean, Karen Rebain, Kayla Rebain, Carly SanMillan and Lindsay Stemberger. The team is coached by Clint Johnson.

### MU signs spiker

Diana Sesto, a 6-foot outside hitter from Macomb Community College via Clinton Township Chippewa Valley High School, became the third women's volleyball player to sign a national letter of intent with Madonna University.

Sesto, who also plays basketball, becomes third recruit for coach Jerry Abraham, joining Cindy Parslow, a 6-3 middle hitter also from Macomb CC (Dakota High School) and 5-9 outside hitter Nikki Ellul from Dearborn Divine Child.

"Diana is another great addition to our program," Abraham said. "We have worked hard to sign her out of high school. And now that she is in the fold, I couldn't be happier."

Sesto was a two-year letter-winner in volleyball at Chippewa Valley where she helped the Big Reds to nine straight district tournament wins. She also lettered twice in basketball and once in track as a shot put/discus specialist.

She also captained both the volleyball and basketball teams at Macomb CC.

"I've said it before, you can't teach height," said Abraham, whose team finished 42-5 last season. "With Diana and Stephanie, we get two tall girls that not only know how to play the game, but they are familiar with each other, so that should help in their chemistry up front."

### MU baseball No. 18

The Madonna University baseball team, off to a 13-1 start, made its debut at No. 18 in the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll.

The Crusaders are the only team from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference to earn a spot in the top-25.

### Rec offerings

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be running men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues beginning in early May. All games will be played at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

Registration for returning teams begins March 21 while new teams can start registering April 1, or until the leagues are full. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem swimmer Nick Dixon stands beside the pool that served as the setting for many memorable races throughout his four-year high school career. Dixon qualified for the state meet every year at Salem.

## State swim meet was annual trip for Dixon

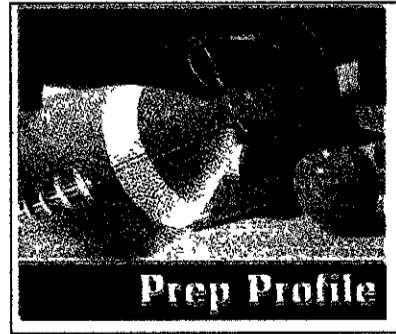
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Nick Dixon can swim like a fish, but he might sink like an anchor if he ever had to dive into the pool with his letter jacket on.

The talented swimmer's jacket is weighted down by close to 40 medals — each one a testament to the Salem senior's extraordinary combination of talent and work ethic.

Dixon is one of a rare breed of high school swimmers who can say they qualified for the Class A state meet four consecutive years. He capped his stellar career two weeks ago by finishing fourth in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the backstroke.

"When I was a freshman, I was



lucky to have a great group of seniors who taught me a lot about what it takes to be successful at this level," Dixon said. "Guys like Eric Lynn and Mike Johnson went out of their way to teach me the basics — things like how the team runs, how to be a good sport, how we always do a cheer

PLEASE SEE DIXON, B3

# Senior-laden Chiefs have talent to spare Segura's 299 game highlights tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## BASEBALL PREVIEW

The Canton baseball team's 2004 record of 10-21 should have an asterisk — or a Red Cross symbol — placed beside it.

The sub-.500 mark was due more to a lack of health than a deficient amount of talent for the Chiefs, who were hampered by a series of injuries to key players.

"The only good thing that happened last year was that a lot of our juniors got a lot of experience due to the injuries," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "They really improved as the year went on."

Only three players — Rich DeMeyere, Kevin Kwiatkowski and Dan Mintz — graduated from last year's unit, which means the Chiefs will be loaded with seniors this season. Both Mintz, who was an All-Western Lakes Activities Association selection at shortstop last season, and DeMeyere are both playing for the Central Michigan

University junior varsity team. Canton's pitching staff is deep and talented. Unlike last year, the Chiefs' mound crew is also — knock on wood — healthy.

Seniors Brian Whiting and Matt Hemmelgarn along with junior Shawn Little will all get their share of innings in 2005. Whiting was one of the team's top hurlers down the stretch last year, earning victories over Livonia Franklin, Wayne Memorial and Walled Lake Western.

The righthander, who will also see time at first base, pitched well in a 5-4 loss to Redford Catholic Central.

The strong-armed Little will start in left field when he's not pitching and he'll also serve as the team's No. 3 hitter. Hemmelgarn's non-pitching duties will include patrolling the outfield.

Junior Tarik Khasawneh will handle the majority of the catching duties for the Chiefs.

Khasawneh hit .311 as a sophomore and compiled a .966 fielding percentage.

"Tarik is one of the top catchers in the conference," said Dickey. "I'd put him up against anybody in the league except maybe Matt Williams of Northville."

Senior Jake Powers, who is entering his third varsity season, will start at first base and bat clean-up for the Chiefs. Joining Powers on the right side of the infield is senior second baseman David Neu, who collected All-Lakes Division accolades last year when he hit .351 with a .939 fielding percentage.

Justin Latin will take over for Mintz at shortstop. The junior will also provide Canton with pitching depth.

"Justin is a great competitor," Dickey said. "He should be our starting shortstop for the next two years."

Seniors Eric Byrne and Kyle Muliolis will man the hot corner for the Chiefs.

The starting outfield will consist of Little in left, senior Craig Galarnau in center and

either Scott Steffes or Brad Gallison in right. Senior Shane Gring, Kyle McKinney, Shawn Ruman, Ryan Smith and Joe Mishler will provide the Chiefs with plenty of depth.

"With all the seniors, we have strong leadership this year," Dickey said. "I think we're going to be a good defensive team and we'll hit better than we did last year. We'll have good team speed, too."

Dickey said Wayne Memorial and Northville are two top contenders for the WLAA crown.

"Wayne returns 90 percent of their team, and they were tough last year," he said.

Canton opens its season April 4 when it hosts Dearborn Divine Child in a double-header. The first game is set for 4 p.m.

As usual, the Chiefs will play a challenging non-conference schedule as Swartz Creek, Birmingham Brother Rice, Saline and Redford Catholic Central join DC on the non-WLAA slate.

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In the early days of this nation, native Americans in the Louisiana area would stake out their tribal boundaries by placing red sticks into the ground, marking their territory in that way.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

The French settlers called the red sticks "Baton Rouge," and that is how the city got its name just in case you were wondering.

Some of the highlights from last week's inaugural U.S. Bowling Congress activities were

a 299 game in the singles tournament event Ernie Segura, Jr., one of the Greater Detroit Bowling association directors.

Part of the entertainment at the "Le Finale Grand" party on Friday night was the still dancers, simply amazing and exciting to watch.

The worst experience came from a couple in the Flint area who arrived at Bishop Airport for their connecting flight to Detroit.

The airplane had trouble and left for Detroit three hours late resulting in a missed connection.

They were finally put on another aircraft to New Orleans after another long delay in finding available seating.

Upon arrival they rented a car to get to Baton Rouge only to get in a car/truck accident on the highway.

After more delays, they finally checked in just as we were checking out.

And of course, all their baggage was lost somewhere including four bowling balls, and only hours from their scheduled tournament spot.

All they had was the clothes they were wearing, cut-off jeans and T-shirts. I hope they made it and that their luck changed for the better.

There was no joy in this town last week for basketball fans as the LSU basketball team lost in the first round of the NCAA.

The state capitol is located there and it is the tallest building in the nation.

They call it the "new capitol," even though it was built in 1923.

The American Bowling Congress tournament was the last one, from now on it will be known as the USBC Open Championships.

If someone bowls a 300

game, it will be termed "certified" rather than sanctioned. Future USBC tournaments and conventions will be held separately in regards to time and location.

Next year for example, the convention will be in Orlando, Fla. and the tournament in Corpus Christi, Tex.

In Speaking of 300 games, Bryan Wright of Livonia logged his first in the Devon-Aire Mixed Sunday League, Nov. 28, at Merri-Bowl in Livonia.

Jack Dahlstrom of the GDBA presented Wright with his 300 ring on March 20.

A fund-raiser for the Bowl for Breast Cancer Research will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

It will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Livonians Pam Jones and Karen Gajda are walking 60 miles over three days in July to bring in additional donations.

Cost is \$20 per person to enter (\$18 goes to the foundation and \$2 to the mystery drawing).

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■ Trivia question: What is the lowest score ever on record in league competition? Answer below.

■ The Michigan Junior Masters Association monthly competition brings forth the finest young bowlers in Michigan and nearby states for top level bowling competition and a lot of scholarship money to be won.

Ronnie Sparks, Jr. of Wayne won the latest singles title at Jackson with a 238-233 victory over Matt Langolf of Port Huron and Dan McLelland of Windsor, Ontario, 216-147 to win his first MJMA singles title.

Sparks, a member of Junior Team USA, has won two doubles titles in his MJMA career but this was his first in singles. Sparks received \$300 in scholarship money with the win.

The MJMA, founded by the late Dan Ottman, has now exceeded \$500,000 in scholarship monies awarded in the 19 years of youth bowling tournaments. Pat Barter of Westland finished 14th and Sean Hall of Redford was 15th.

On the girls side, Jessica Pierson of Kalamazoo, took first, while Kerry Schmanky of Westland placed fifth and was the Junior Gold Qualifier.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

# Juniors will lead Plymouth's first varsity baseball squad

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## BASEBALL PREVIEW

Plymouth baseball coach Chuck Adams will be looking for some junior achievements this season, the first varsity campaign for the Wildcats.

Adams' junior-dominated roster racked up a 13-6 record against junior-varsity competition and a 1-5 mark against varsity teams.

"We understand that this season will be a whole new ball game compared to last year," Adams said. "It's time to wipe the slate clean. This year we're going to focus on just letting the kids play the game and to minimize mistakes. Ability-wise, I'm not sure if we're going

to match up with a lot of the teams we play because of our lack of varsity experience.

"We're young and inexperienced, but we're going to compete."

Heading the pitching staff for the Wildcats will be a quartet of juniors: Bryan Stotz, Alex Harvey, Andy Swanson and T.J. Downey. Stotz is the lone lefty in the group.

"They all made good strides last year," Adams said. "They limited the number of walks and they kept the ball around and they kept the ball around the plate. Their change-ups and breaking balls are still in the developmental mode, but they're getting there."

All four players should see significant playing time when they're not pitching. Stotz will start in the outfield, Harvey will play shortstop and Swanson and Downey should both see time at third base.

The hurlers will be throwing to either Brandon Winowiecki or Matt Schultz, two juniors who are battling for the starting catcher position.

Sophomore Matt Barrera will start at first base.

"He's left-handed and very athletic," Adams said. Another 10th-grader, Ben Kosmowski, will start at second for the Wildcats. The speedy Kosmowski is sure-handed with the glove and will likely be slotted near the top of the batting order.

Harvey will see the majority of the time at short and Kyle Feldscher will battle for playing time at third base.

Six players are competing for starting outfield berths, including Stotz, Mike Walsh, Tyler Locklear, Pat Goulet and Nate McManus. Max Vaughn and Alex Mihelick will give the Wildcats depth.

"I think our strength is that we're going to hit the baseball," Adams said.

Plymouth opens the season April 7 when it hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln in a double-header.

The Wildcats will also take on non-conference foes Belleville and New Boston Huron before opening their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule April 18 at Walled Lake Western.

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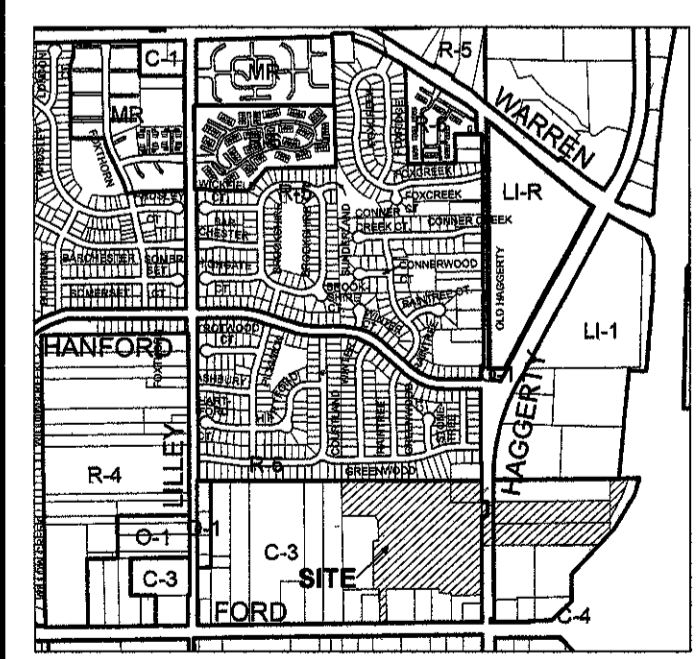
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**IKEA-CANTON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 044 99 0017 706,044 99 0022 001,047 99 001 0 000 047 99 001 2 000 AND 047 99 0014 003.** Property is located north of Ford and east and west of Haggerty Road. **(Second Public Hearing.)**



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 31, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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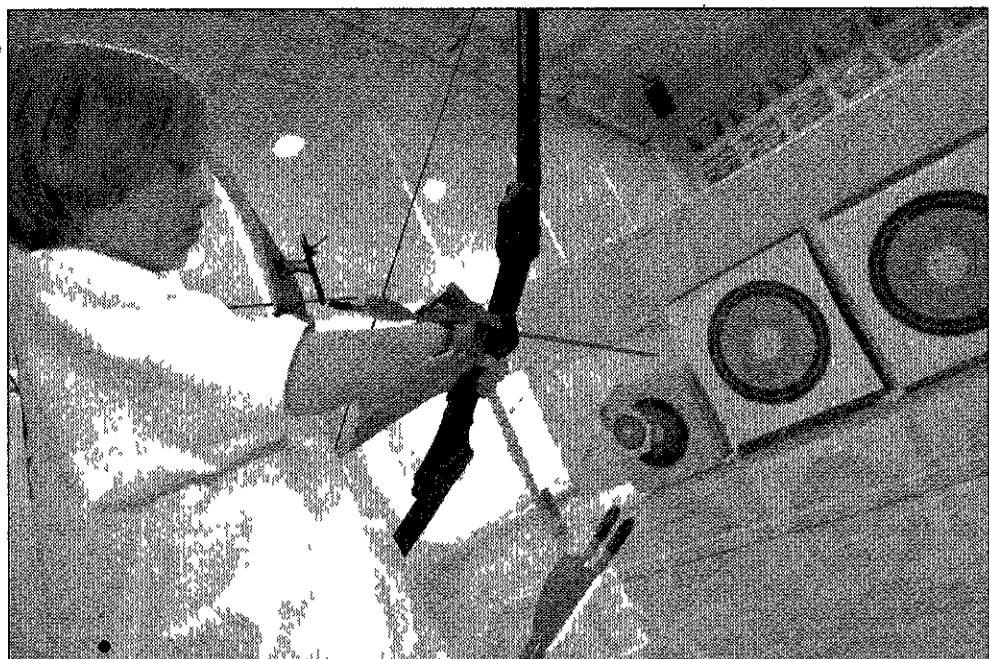
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Al Arbie, 10, of Plymouth sets up for a shot during an archery clinic held at Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday night.

**ARCHERY**

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them." The Fentons have been teaching the sport to kids and adults for 30 years. Bob Fenton used to compete on the national level until the sport became too competitive. "It got to a point where you could record a perfect (300) score, and still not win," Fenton said. "You could put 50-some of your 60 arrows on the bulls-eye

and finish in 10th place. I lost interest (in competing) when it became too much like work." Fenton said he observed several young archers during the past week who could have a successful future in the sport. "I saw at least six or seven kids who have the talent to go further," he said. Archery equipment for newcomers to the sport is relatively inexpensive, Fenton said. "Someone who wants to try it for recreational pur-

poses can get everything for around \$150," he said. "But for serious competitors, bows can run anywhere from \$700 to \$1,000, and arrows cost \$300 for a dozen. Plus you need a lot of accessories that cost another couple hundred dollars. "It's a fun sport, though, and it's something everyone can do. We've had students in wheelchairs who don't have use of their legs, but they can still try this." ewright@oe.homecomm.net (734) 953-2108

**DIXON**

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after the meets. They were good mentors. Right after Eric broke the state record in the backstroke, he yelled to me, 'Hey, Dixon — you have three years now to break my record.'"

**HIGH STANDARDS**

Dixon didn't break Lynn's record, but he set a lofty standard for future Rock swimmers to follow — both in the water and out. He sculpted a solid 3.6 grade-point average and will attend either Michigan State University, Purdue or the United States Air Force Academy in the fall.

"I will find out in a few weeks whether or not I have been accepted at the Air Force Academy," he said. "It's very difficult to get in there because there are only about 4,000 students there and the tuition is paid for at the federal service academies. If I do get accepted there, I will definitely swim on the team. I've been corresponding with the coach since I met him on a recruiting trip.

"I've been accepted already at MSU and Purdue. Swimming for either one of those schools would be a whole new ball game because I wouldn't have a scholarship, so I'd have to walk on."

**YOUNG CRUISER**

Competitive swimming entered Dixon's life for the first time when he was 8.

"My mom signed me up to swim with the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers," he said. "Billy Horgan was on that team, too, so we have been teammates for over 10 years. He beat me out for the 4-D award, but I got most improved. I did pretty good back then, but I wasn't as dedicated to the sport as I am now."

After competing for the Pioneer Middle School team, Dixon made an immediate splash at Salem when he finished 13th in the backstroke as a ninth-grader in his first state meet.

"That was the last year that only the top 12 times made it to the finals, so I just missed," Dixon said. "Now the top 16 reach the finals."

As a sophomore, Dixon stroked to a sixth-place state finish in the 500 freestyle and ninth-place showing in the 200-

yard individual medley. He was also a member of the Rocks' All-State medley-relay foursome. He also excelled his junior season as he was fourth in the 200 IM and seventh in the 100 backstroke.

**SUCCESS WASN'T FREE**

The price Dixon paid for his success included hundreds upon hundreds of hours in the Salem pool.

"Practices would last a good three hours after school, so you have to be dedicated to it," he said. "The biggest sacrifices we had to make was all the vacation time we spent over Thanksgiving and Christmas break swimming."

"The toughest part of swimming to me is when you have to

work hard for the entire season just to drop maybe two seconds off your time in an event. The thing with swimming is you don't get your best results until the state meet, so it's something you have to work towards."

Dixon said the highlight of his swimming career at Salem was being voted by his teammates to be a captain for this year's squad.

"Being a captain was a great honor for me," Dixon said. "I enjoyed the responsibilities of being a captain, both in the water and out. Things like helping out at fund-raisers, making sure guys were doing their workouts. The young guys tend to look up to the captains for guidance. I know I did when I was younger."

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**COACH**

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summer, Schoolcraft trustee Richard DeVries, who was murdered, and athletic director Ed Kavanaugh, who resigned in June.

It was Kavanaugh, who remains as a tenured faculty member, who hired Briggs when he was an assistant coach at a high school in Waxahachie, Texas.

After taking over a cellardwelling program when he arrived, Briggs turned Schoolcraft into a national power, including an impressive 35-1 record and a third-place finish in the 2002 NJCAA Division I Tournament.

Among the former Schoolcraft names who have

excelled in the NCAA Division I ranks include Sam Hoskin (DePaul), Mike Williams (Western Michigan), Gary Johnson (Central Florida) and Derrick Bird (Auburn).

Keith Emerson, a former area high school coach and athletic director and supporter of the men's basketball program, told the *Observer* Friday he has contacted Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress.

He has asked for a meeting and wants the school to elaborate on the reasons why Briggs is being dismissed.

He said he plans to rally support for Briggs in an effort to win his job back.

"I know a lot about sports, and between the lines, there is no better tactician in the state of Michigan," Emerson said of Briggs. "He (Briggs) has really put Schoolcraft in the limelight

and it's been positive publicity school-wise. I'm impressed with how they play, how their kids act as gentlemen, and how they are disciplined. His kids are in study hall and they have done well academically."

In a telephone conversation with Jeffress last week, Emerson also did not rule out that Briggs' civil liberties may have been violated.

"He (Emerson) made that warning," Jeffress told the *Observer* Friday. "I said I would listen to him and I appreciate he gave me a heads-up."

Jeffress also said he would not discuss Briggs' job status.

"Not until there's some sense of closure, it's way too premature," the Schoolcraft president said. "When things have settled down I'll make a comment."

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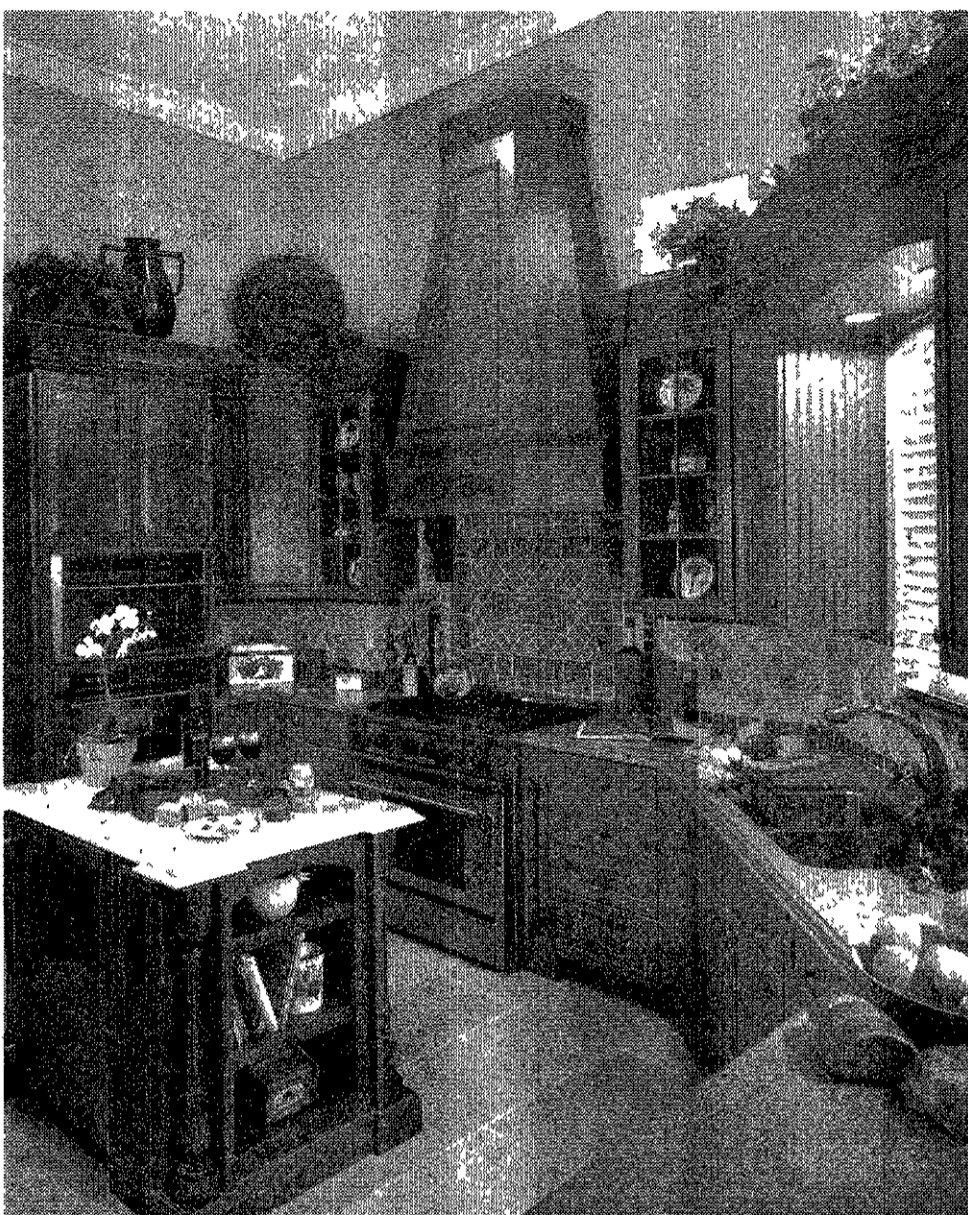
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Deb Madonna

## Little drummers and singers

Concerned about her 16-month-old daughter, Deedee Bialy spent five months visiting specialists. Deedee's fear that "everything wasn't OK" was confirmed when Ashley was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder — Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome — marked by developmental disabilities, hyperextensible joints, and a collection of medical problems, including cardiac anomalies, kidney abnormalities, ocular and orthopedic problems.

Dawn Ham-Kucharski's son was born prematurely, at 32 weeks. Alex, now 6, has amassed many diagnoses — "stroke at birth, bradycardia, sensory-neural progressive bi-lateral hearing loss, autism, asthma, large vestibular aqueduct syndrome, cerebral palsy spastic diplegia."

Too many big words for a little girl and boy. Dawn says Alex has "Alexism."

Deedee reacted with shock and fear, "confused over what this would mean for our child." Dawn wondered, "Will Alex have friends? Will he drive a car? Will he go to college? Who will care for him when we're gone?"

But Deedee and Dawn, determined to learn whatever they needed to know to care for their children, reached out to family, friends and supportive professionals, who see their children as individuals, not labels. The Internet gave them access to research and others with similar experiences and concerns.

It wasn't long before they transformed from worried mothers asking for help into advocates and trusted mentors.

For the last two years, Dawn has organized monthly "Ladies Night Out" at the Canton Applebee's for women who care for children with special needs.

Deedee wrote a book, *Embracing Ashley*, "to reach out to others, to offer support and minimize feelings of isolation."

Dawn co-authored *The Autism Book* "to help families of children with autism, who feel there is nowhere to turn and need quick answers, not long, drawn-out medical articles."

Alex and Ashley may have unfamiliar characteristics, but luckily they have mothers and families who don't forget to celebrate their strengths, gifts and childhood.

Ashley and Alex have busy schedules — school, doctor and therapy appointments. Dawn: "I know how exhausted I am at the end of every day. Alex must be even more so, but yet he accepts it all with a big smile and high five, reassuring us that he's fine and everything will be okay. He worries about other children and will stand up to those who tease others."

Deedee: "Ashley loves music and tap dancing. She captures your heart and teaches me to feel the joy of living in the moment."

Dawn: "Alex loves to snuggle and listen to a good book."

Deedee: "My daughter's expressive language continues to expand daily with increased clarity! We didn't know if she would ever become verbal. It's a huge blessing, when I'm driving, and I hear her in the back seat singing her heart out!"

Deanne (Deedee) Bialy, *Embracing Ashley: One Mother's Reflections on Raising a Child With Special Needs*, published 2003.

Dawn Ham-Kucharski & S. Joanna Robledo, *The Autism Book: Answers to Your Most Pressing Questions*, will be available in April 2005.

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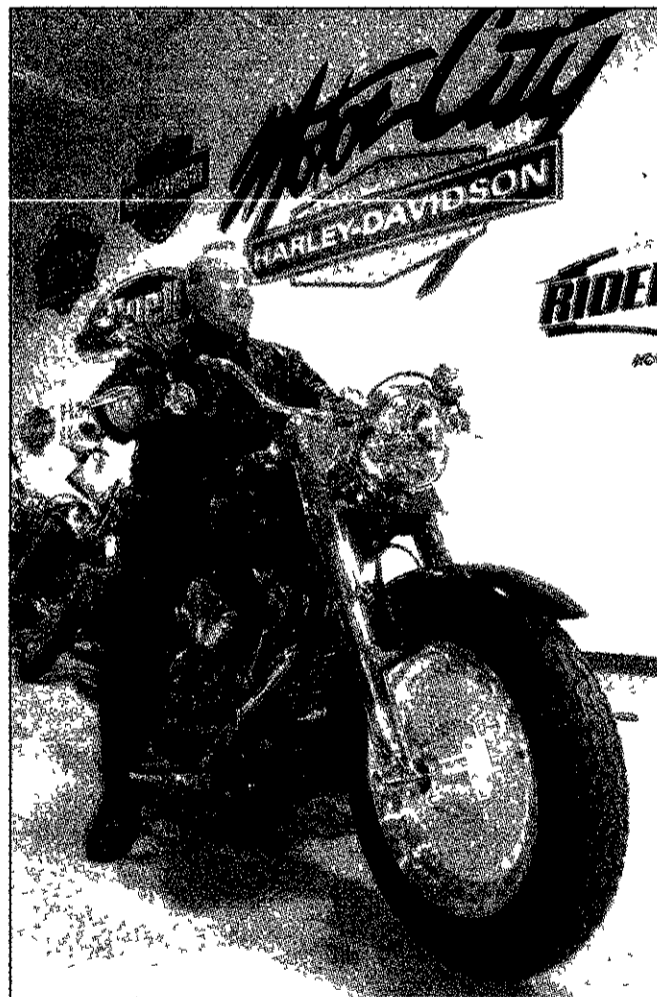
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Jan Landis and students Patrick Paddock and Patrick Fabian display auction items for Madonna University's New York-New York Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Gala. Items include a signed Tarkay print and a miniature electric motorcycle.

# New York, New York



John Landis on board a Harley-Davidson Fat Boy which will be raffled off at the Madonna University Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Gala on April 15 at Laurel Manor. Only 500 tickets (at \$200 apiece) will be sold.

## Fund-raiser brings a little bite of the Big Apple to Livonia

Guests should be prepared to be dazzled by the bright lights of New York City when they walk into Laurel Manor in Livonia on Friday, April 15. Madonna University volunteers are working hard to recreate a little bit of Manhattan for their 17th annual Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Gala.

This is no ordinary auction dinner. When doors open at 5:30 p.m., guests can shop till they drop at the Unique Boutique and Import Shop on Fifth Avenue in addition to bidding on items that range from a vacation in the British West Indies to a private wine tasting for 20 people. The evening includes silent and live auctions displayed in untraditional style. Specialty shops such as Wine Keeper's Inn will allow guests to bid on items such as glasses and baskets. If they're more interested in tasting, PRP Wines and John Jonna's Merchant's Fine Wines of Dearborn offer the opportunity to try a variety before

dinner begins at 7:45 p.m.

"When people come in they go through Chinatown and then enter the shops around Central Park with its antique light posts and park benches which will also be auctioned off," said gala coordinator Rose Kachnowski. "In the Broadway district, they can bid on silent auction items like tickets to plays. There will be a jewelry district with fine jewelry, the Trendy Spot with unique items for house and home, and a shop called A Guy's Things with Dominic Pangborn ties, golf bags and a miniature electric motorcycle for anyone up to 250 pounds."

### GREAT STUFF

Kachnowski credits the incredible list of auction items to the choice of this year's theme. Weeklong stays in Sanibel and Marco islands in Florida, Grand Cayman on 7 Mile Beach, and an abbey in France have been donated

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## Film captures labor Legacy in Bronze

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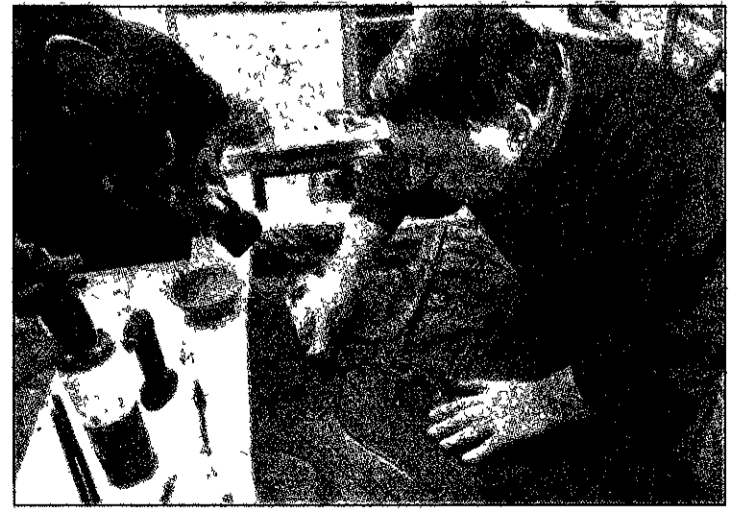
Sergio De Giusti isn't quite sure how he feels about seeing himself on the big screen in the Cranbrook Museum auditorium on Saturday, April 2.

The Redford sculptor does think filmmakers should document more artists who create monumental works such as his and David Barr's *Transcending* in Hart Plaza. The work combines Barr's arcing steel sculpture and De Giusti's bronze

reliefs which focus on the legacy of the labor movement in Michigan. It's taken De Giusti 3-years to complete the project. He expects to install the last of the 29-reliefs when the weather breaks in the next couple of weeks.

The 30-minute *Legacy in Bronze* film follows the process. "It's kind of historical where you're filming something in the process of creating it," said De Giusti. "The film shows the process that people are not aware of."

Director John Prusak calls it magic from the moment De Giusti flattens the clay with a pin then sculpts images onto the surface before pouring molten wax over the clay and smoothing it out with a torch. With each step De Giusti brings the materials in his studio to life as he pulls the wax with the positive image off of the clay and heads off to the car wash to remove the remnants before shipping it to a foundry where



PLEASE SEE FILM, C3

Chardell Brown films Sergio De Giusti as he works in his Redford studio.

# Web and print resources invaluable for parents of teens

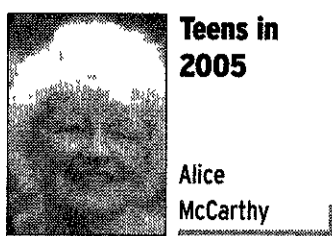
Ever since I began this column about adolescents in January 2005, I have wanted to give you some of the reliable and well-researched sources I use in my writing. Please be aware that not all you read on the Internet is accurate. You need to be selective and careful; these are Web sources and books that I can recommend.

Below are excellent Internet sources followed by a few of the many books I have reviewed for my *Healthy Newsletter* publications.

■ [www.healthinschools.org/parents](http://www.healthinschools.org/parents) — The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools (CHHCS) has launched a new Parents Resource Center that provides two types of information: Learn Now, a Web portal offering links to parent-friendly resources on child and adolescent health issues, and Act Now, a guide that helps parents assess health-related services and programs at school.

■ [www.commonensemedia.org](http://www.commonensemedia.org) — Reviews by thoughtful professionals of videos, DVDs, movies, books, music and Web sites for kids. You will find this site carefully covers a wide range of media.

■ [www.ncjrs.org](http://www.ncjrs.org) — Strives to help families meet the challenges of raising a teen by addressing topics that include



Teens in 2005  
Alice McCarthy

school violence, child development, home schooling, organized sports, child abuse and the juvenile justice system.

■ [www.hbns.org](http://www.hbns.org) — On this site parents can read articles, on a daily basis, related to the health of children, adolescents and adults. Summarizes articles from leading national newspapers and, in most instances, you can access the entire article. Sponsored by the McArthur and Annenberg Foundations.

■ [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org) — A superb Web site operated by the Nemours Foundation, with the content reviewed by physicians at Harvard. There are many articles available, not only for parents, but also for teens and children. Don't miss this one.

■ [www.bridge-comm.com](http://www.bridge-comm.com) — Articles from past editions of *Healthy Newsletters* are available on this Web site. Readers may make personal copies of articles.

■ [www.ncfr.org](http://www.ncfr.org) — Reliable stepfamily and divorce help is on this Web site from the National Council on Family Relations, where consumers can

get access to family-related research, a book catalog, and current and back issues of *Family Relations*. The Children's Rights Council also offers information at its Web site [www.goCRC.com](http://www.goCRC.com).

## BOOKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

■ *Consuming Kids: The Hostile Takeover of Childhood* by Dr. Susan Linn (The New Press, 2004, \$24.95)

"Consuming Kids should be read by every parent, policymaker and professional who works with children." — Alvin Poussaint, M.D., professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School.

■ *Drug Proof Kids: The Ultimate Prevention Handbook for Parents to Protect Children from Addictions* by Frank Simonelli (A Tree Publishing Book, 2004, \$19.95) Draws on the 12-step recovery program for prevention wisdom and relates this to parenting. Easy to use, quick and practical — and very helpful.

■ *The Good Father* by Mark O'Connell (Simon & Schuster, 2005, \$25.00) Dr. O'Connell has a psychotherapy practice and serves on the Boston Psychoanalytical Institute and the Harvard Medical School.

■ *Kidnapped: How Irresponsible Marketers Are Stealing the Minds of Your Children* by Dan Acuff, Ph.D.,

and Robert Reiher, Ph.D. (Dearborn Trade Publishing, June 2005, \$18.95) Examines how repeated viewing of violent or sexually inappropriate images by children is harmful.

■ *Kids Helping Kids: Breaking the Silence of Sexual Abuse* by Linda Lee Foltz (Lighthouse Point Press, 2003, \$21.95) Victimized kids reveal valuable life lessons about living, loving and healing, and how to get safe and stay away from sexual abuse.

■ *Nutrition for Life* by Lisa Hark, Ph.D., R.D., and Darwin Deen, M.D. (DK Publishing, 2005, \$30.00, 253 pages) Nonsense approach to eating well and healthy weight.

■ *Ready or Not, Here Life Comes* by Mel Levine, M.D. (Simon & Schuster, 2004, \$26.00) Dr. Levine says that some young people are unable to find a "good fit" between their minds and their career direction.

Please contact me and describe outstanding, helpful books and Web sites you have used.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

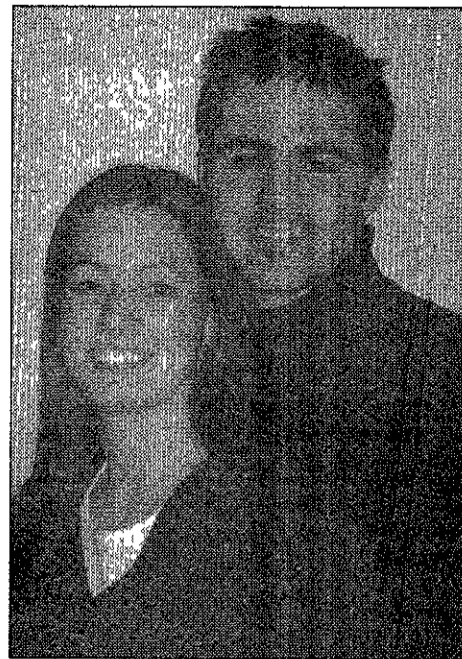
### Snyder-Ries

Clifford and Sharon Snyder of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Snyder, to David Ries of Plymouth.

Lisa is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed with Albert Kahn Associates Inc.

Her fiancé, David, is the son of Lee and Pam Ries of Howell. He is a 1993 graduate of Howell High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed with Harley Ellis.

David and Lisa are planning a June wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Howell.



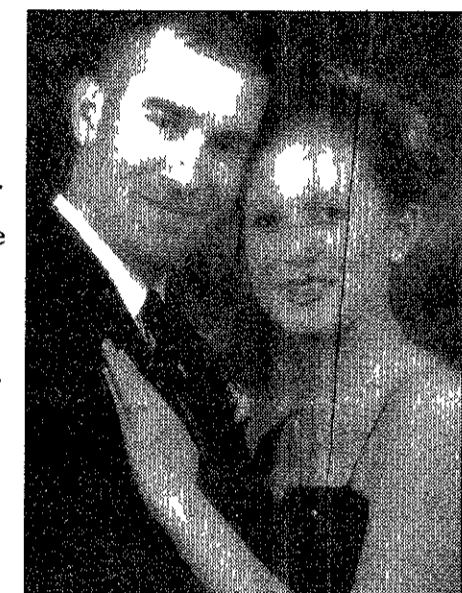
### Shane-Meldrum

Donald and Cheryl Shane of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Christina, to Gerald David Meldrum of Garden City.

Kelly is currently attending Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Corey's Jewel Box as an assistant manager.

Her fiancé, Gerald, is the son of Christine Marken of Canton and the late Gerald Meldrum of Westland. He is employed at SBC as a telecommunications specialist.

Gerald and Kelly are planning a April wedding at First Congregational Church of Wayne.



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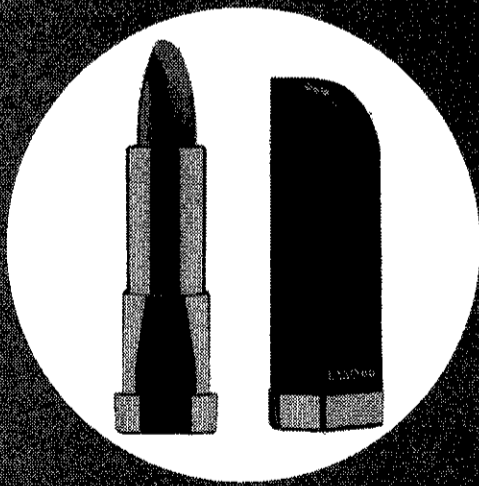
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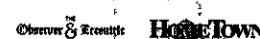
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## Star Struck

(March 27-March 30)  
By Dennis Fairchild

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Indeed, you're the busy Ram. However, you can't go on much longer at your current pace so start slowing down with Mercury retrograde and think of ways to consolidate what you have gained. Remember, the more things you try to hold on to, the more you're likely to let slip.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If there has been tension in a personal or work relationship since St. Paddy's Day, now is the time to do something about it. Don't think it's a sign to admit you were wrong. On the contrary, Bull, it's a sign of strength. Be true to yourself and refuse to let others put words in your mouth.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You appear to be at a loss to know what you can do to save others from their own stupidity, Twins. However, this is a time to let distance lend enchantment, consider your various options, and ensure that a proposed alteration in the working pattern of your life really is to your long-term advantage.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It's possible to speak without saying anything—just as it is not unusual to listen but not hear. This week's cosmic forces are urging you to recognize the subtext and to pick your words with care. There is much to be learned, but only if you work at it. MoonKid.

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

If a stalemate is to be resolved satisfactorily, a colleague or loved one is going to have to face reality. But with Mercury and Pluto both retrograde now, this isn't a good or smart time for confrontation. It might be better to let the evidence speak for itself. Lion.

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

There are good ideas and there are great ideas, Virgo. The skill lies in being able to differentiate between them. An idea that you will have this week stands a fair chance of turning into a great one, but you would be

wise to keep it to yourself until you know the best way to utilize it.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Why are you worrying about things that almost certainly will never happen? That's not like you at all, Balancer! Perhaps it has something to do with retrograde Pluto moving through the most sensitive area of your chart. Or maybe you're just being paranoid. Don't be cautious about the wrong things. Be here now.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You are apparently reluctant to reveal your true feelings to someone influential (or may be soon). Not doing so may be the easy solution, but not necessarily the right one. There are ways of expressing your feelings, and once you've learned that, there are significant benefits to be had.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Buck up, Archer! There will always be people who want to see you fail, but they'll never succeed so long as you believe in yourself. It also helps if you refuse to react to provocation. What they say may at times be unpleasant, but in no way can they harm you, so ignore them.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You are not as self-confident, controlled or unemotional as others seem to imagine you are. However, current adverse planetary influences only urge you to stop making all of those excuses for those who have over-stepped the mark or involved you in some kind of a costly arrangement.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Once the communication planet changes direction in a couple of weeks, you will find it so much easier to come and go as you please. You will still face as many restrictions as you did before, but soon you will be less inclined to let them hold you back. Be strong, WaterBearer.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Making money is nothing to be ashamed of, Fish. In fact, it tends to be a necessity. The retrograde mercury-Pluto liaison should open up your mind to new ways of improving your finances, so don't be afraid of putting them into effect. You should start securing your future now.

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## FILM

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molds will be made. De Giusti is precise and methodical about creating the figurative work rich in symbolism.

"I've known Sergio for about 25 years and never had the opportunity to document him, then I happened to be at Hart Plaza one day and realized it wasn't complete," said Prusak. "I thought it was a good opportunity to see Sergio's magic, the mystery involved in bronzes. Most people don't think about how that sculpture or relief gets that way."

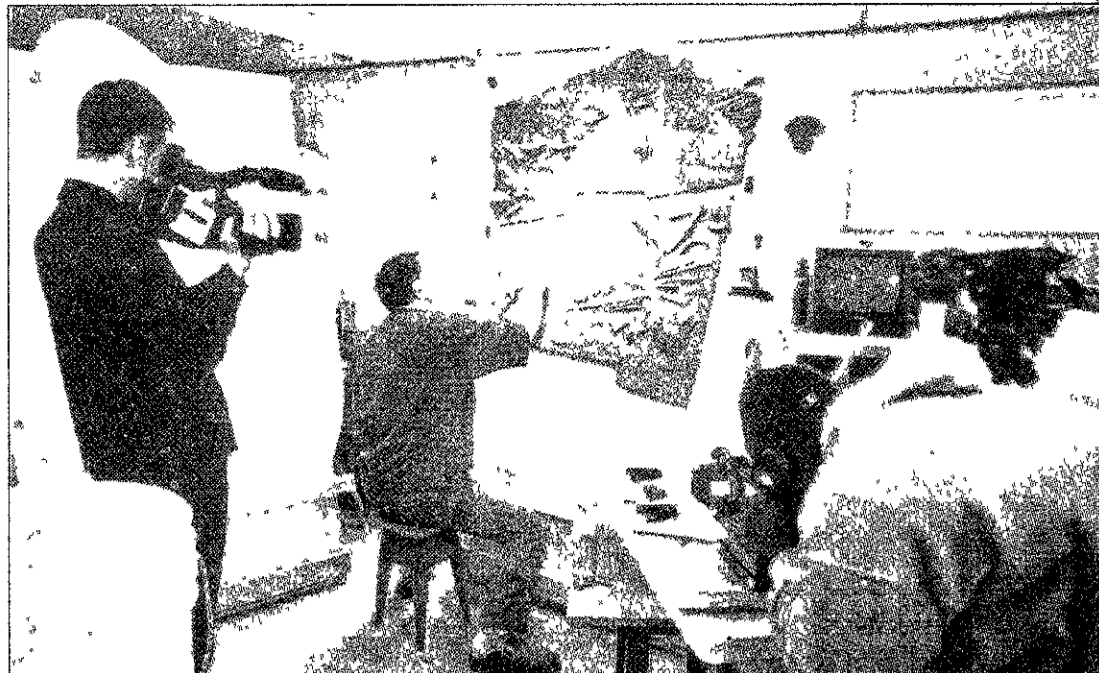
Prusak and young cinematographers David Frank and Chardell Brown follow De Giusti from the concept stage to casting the bronze at Campbell Plaster and Iron. The Vermont foundry cast all of the panels except for two of the smaller ones which were done at Fine Arts Sculpture Centre in Clarkston.

But the work doesn't end there. Once cast and the molds broken, the bronze is sandblasted then shipped back to De Giusti who applies the green and brown patina by adding chemicals to the surface then going over it with a torch at Venus Bronze Works in Detroit.

"It's very educational to see the process," said De Giusti.

"The sculpture is intended as a stage for everyone. When they walk in they become part of the work. The panels deal with everything from early Detroit, the fur trading and ship building to the skilled laborers, iron workers, architects and engineers who helped to make the monument to labor a reality. I hope it captures the dignity of all workers. During filming, I had a chance to talk with the young filmmakers about what my career was all about. We spent a lot of time in my studio."

De Giusti has spent countless hours in the studio over the last 35-years as he created reliefs for the State of Michigan Library Archives & Historical Center in Lansing, Blue Cross-Blue Shield building downtown, law school at Wayne State University, and a one person show at District Arts



David Frank (left) and Chardell Brown (right) film Sergio De Giusti for a 30-minute documentary to premier April 2, at Cranbrook Museum Auditorium.

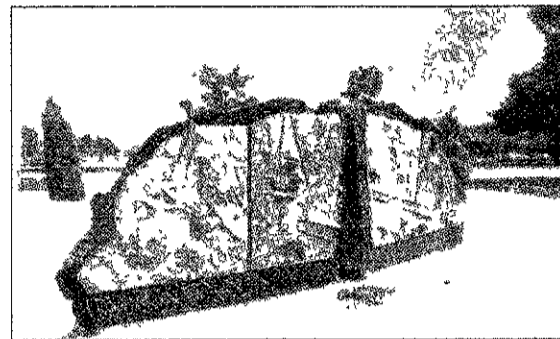
Gallery in Birmingham this May. That's what Prusak hoped to capture with the film funded by The Public Benefit Corporation of Detroit.

Co-produced by Prusak and Kathy Vander, Legacy in Bronze will be available in VHS and DVD through www.vanderfilms.com.

"I'm excited about the premier. Every film is like a newborn and we're in the waiting room now," said Prusak, who taught at the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland for 20-years before retiring to spend more time on film projects. Over the years, Prusak has produced 60 films, the most recent on Silvio Barile, a pizza maker who builds sculptures behind his bakery in Redford. Legacy in Bronze is the third film Prusak's shot in Redford where he grew up.

"We plan to enter it in film festivals. I see it being used at universities and art schools," said Prusak who still teaches animation for teachers at Wayne State University. "When I've shown it to art students, they're very caught up in it because it is a mysterious type process."

Frank and Brown, Prusak's former students were just as captivated by the process. Both studied with him at the Student



These are three of the 29-panels Sergio De Giusti created for Transcending, a monumental work by the Redford sculptor and David Barr in Hart Plaza.

Animation Workshop in Howell Nature Center. For more information about the workshop, call Detroit Area Film & Television at (248) 547-0847.

"I was fortunate to have former students work with me," said Prusak. "The biggest challenge was scheduling the trip to

Vermont. The work is very specialized and we had to be there at the right time."

Tickets for the April 2 showing of Legacy in Bronze are \$10. For reservations, call (248) 542-8935 or send e-mail to vanderfilms@wideopenwest.com. (chomn@oe.hometown.com | (734) 953-2145

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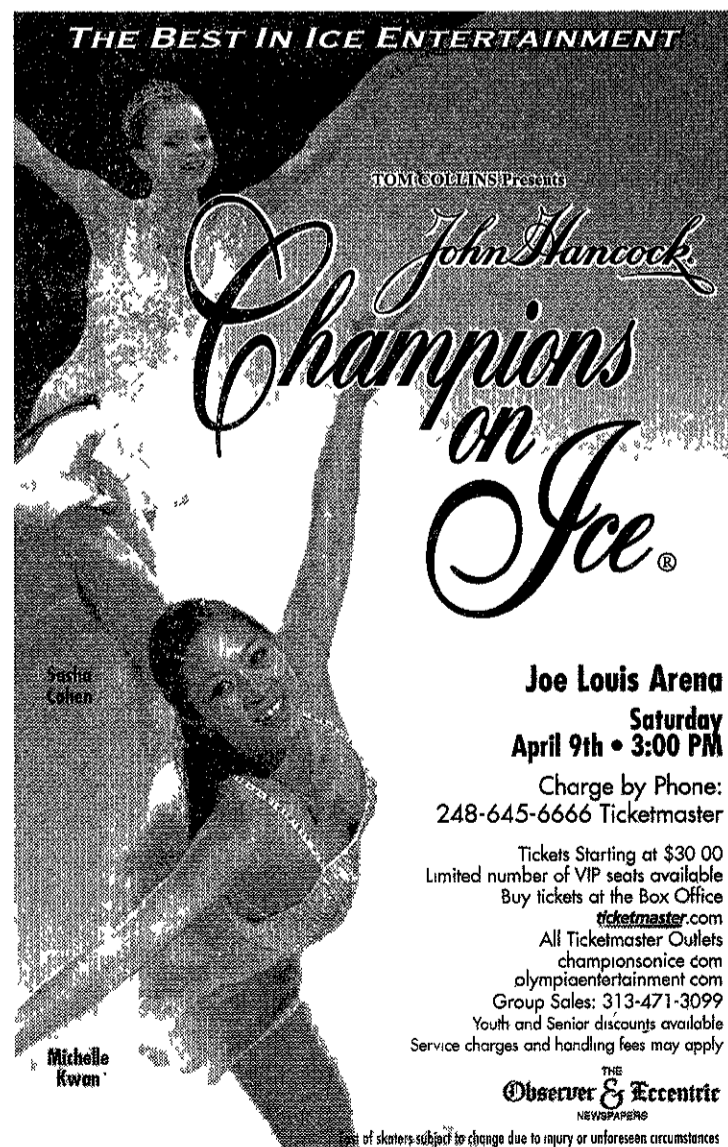
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along with an appearance on Jonathan Swift's cooking show at the new Guilio's Restaurant in Livonia (to be aired on Channel 56 and Comcast); a mini refrigerator and a dessert each month from Cozy Cafe in Plymouth; spa days for women, men and their cars; a package including tickets to a Plymouth Whalers hockey game and dinner with team coaches and NHL scouts; an hour live on the Magic Morning Show with Jim Harper; dinner with hockey legend and Hall of Famer Ted Lindsay; an international wine dinner for four at the DAC, and a lobster party for eight.

"We're trying to create a mini version of New York. That's where we went on our honeymoon 40 years ago," said Kachnowski. "We settled on the U.S. after events that featured Australia and African themes. We've had a good response from businesses this year who have given items for the auction. We've had a lot of new interest from sponsors because we're doing New York."

**GO FOR THE BIKE**

If John Landis holds the winning ticket to a raffle for the choice of a 2005 Mustang, Fat Boy Harley or \$15,000 cash, there's no doubt he'll choose the motorcycle, one of three items donated by Tom Celani Motor City Harley-Davidson, Al Long Ford and Madonna University. Landis is chairing this year's event with his wife, Jan. He came up with the idea for a New Year's Eve celebration to be held at the end of the live auction.

"We're trying to make this a fund-raising and fun event," said John Landis, Madonna University trustee chairman

and a Livonia resident. "We're trying to bring the community together at the event. Madonna is a very integral part of our community. I've been involved since 1978 with Madonna and have watched it grow. We want people to know the quality of education here. Being on the board of trustees it's important to me to maintain the quality of education."

"We are looking at expanding the campus buildings. Enrollment is up to 4,600. We want students to look at Madonna as a really good alternative to going away to school. I'm looking to the future and don't know how people are going to afford education in the future."

The scholarship dinner auction helps make it possible for students to attend the university. Jan Landis is volunteering her time to help raise money for students like her daughter, Kelly, who graduates from Madonna University with a master's degree this spring.

During the last three years, the event has raised \$200,000 each year and more than \$3.5 million since the first auction dinner 17 years ago. Proceeds go to scholarships and educational projects.

"It's kind of exciting to see the background of the event - the beginning, the middle and the end," said Jan Landis who's been soliciting ads for the program.

Students Patrick Fabian, a senior, and Patrick Paddock, a sophomore, more than likely will be back next year to volunteer.

"It takes a great deal of effort to put an event like this together," said Fabian.

"We do it because it's fun to volunteer," added Paddock, "and we're helping to support our school."

Tickets for New York-New York Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Gala are \$125 before April 4, \$150 for VIP reserved seating. After April 4 all tickets are \$150. Call (734) 432-5421.

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**CLASS REUNIONS**

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number

**Cooley High School**

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.

**Denby High School**

Class of 1965  
A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or e-mail: toBbytheC@msn.com.

**Detroit Mackenzie**

Classes Jan/June 1945  
A 60-year reunion is planned for June 18, 2005. Other 40's also welcome. Contact Richard Saxby at (313) 837-0641.

**Detroit Redford**

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHI1955Reunion@aol.com.

**Garden City High School**

Class of 1985  
A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 1, 2005, at Roma's in Garden

City. For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) Mifsud at Sherylmi1967@aol.com or call (734) 612-4193.

**Livonia Churchill**

Classes 1971-2005  
Yearly Summer Bash is June 18, 2005, at Waterford Bend Park. For more information, go to www.ChurchillAlumni.com or e-mail SummerBash@ChurchillAlumni.com or call Chris or Gayle Nicholson at (734) 728-0393.

**Northville High School**

Classes of 1964, 1965 1966  
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details, contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

**Old Plymouth High School**

There will be an all-school reunion from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, in the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Open to all graduates of the Plymouth High School on Main and Church in downtown Plymouth. A \$5 admission includes refreshments and a cash bar. Call Chuck VanVleck (734) 453-7377 or email: emergmgt@aol.com.

**Plymouth High School**

Class of 1955  
A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in the Hilton Gardens Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Cocktail hour, 5-7 p.m. Dinner and reunion 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information call Chuck VanVleck (734) 453-7377 or email: emergmgt@aol.com.

**@ THE LIBRARY**

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

**FICTION**

1. "The Rising," Tim LaHaye
2. "Impossible," Danielle Steel
3. "The Broker," John Grisham
4. "Vanishing Acts," Jodi Picoult
5. "Honeycomb," James Patterson

**NON-FICTION**

1. "Blood Brother," Annie Bird
2. "Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
3. "Juiced," Jose Canseco
4. "God's Politics," Jim Wallis
5. "Men in Black," Mark Levin

**PARENTS' CHOICE**

**NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

1. "Grandma's Bears," Gina Wilson
2. "A Child is Born," Brigitte Weninger
3. "Boy," James Mayhew
4. "Beatrice Doesn't Want To," Laura Numeroff
5. "I Am a Tyrannosaurus," Karen Wallace

**CLARIFICATION**

The Art of Aging Successfully Conference takes place Wednesday, March 30, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 West 7 Mile, two blocks east of Telegraph, Detroit. A March 20 story on the conference, presented by Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, incorrectly stated the date.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
To all residents and other interested parties: the agenda's and minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township website [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org).  
Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.  
Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth  
Publish February 13, 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20 & 27, & April 3, 2005

**PLYMOUTH TWP. PD**  
734-453-3869  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that on April 01, 2005 at 10 a.m. at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather Road, Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following:  
1994 Dodge Ram 2B7HB21X4RK557493  
1994 Ford Aerostar 1FMDA31X0RZB39528  
1995 Ford Escort 1FASP11J2SW252503  
Publish March 27, 2005

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:  
David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394-5260  
Publish March 27, 2005

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (PCCS) **CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND JUST IN TIME (JIT) DELIVERY.** Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, RE: Custodial JIT Bid, on or before 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2005 where they will be opened publicly. For additional information and/or bid specifications, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.  
Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary  
Publish March 20 & 27, 2005

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
**FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION**  
**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005, SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH for**  
Police and Fire Service Millage Renewal of 1.6348 and increase of 0.3652; and  
**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Elect one member to the board of education for a full term ending 2009; and  
**SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Elect two members for six-year seats ending June 30, 2011, and one member to a four-year seat ending June 30, 2009.  
PLEASE NOTE that April 4, 2005, is the last date to register for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Registration for electors within the Charter Township of Plymouth will be taken at the office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office or state designated agency. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.  
Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth  
Publish March 24 & 27, 2005

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP**  
**REZONE FROM: R-1, Single Family Residential District**  
**REZONE TO: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District**  
**DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 20, 2005**  
**TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a proposed conditional approval petition to rezone parcels R-78-060-02-0078-002 and R-78-060-02-0081-000 from **R-1, Single Family Residential District to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District.** The applicant requests that the rezoning be subject to approval of the PUD, Planned Unit Development, Planning Commission Application 1869 for Plymouth Towne Square. The property addresses are 9563 and 9595 Gold Arbor Rd. Application 1872  
  
**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 006**  
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-060-02-0078-002; R-78-060-02-0081-000.**  
**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to a use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.  
**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 to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-453-3840. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).  
KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Publish March 27 and April 14, 2005

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## AROUND TOWN

**Peter Cottontail**

The musical version of the classic tale of "Peter Cottontail" hops its way into Northville's historic Marquis Theatre through May 1. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1; and Monday-Friday, 2:30 p.m., March 28-31 and April 1. Tickets for all performances are \$7.50. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

**Tai Chi classes**

Tai Chi beginner classes for health improvement are offered by the Taoist Tai Chi society of Michigan, a non-profit charitable organization, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (one mile East of I-275) at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Classes are also available in Bloomfield Hills, Garden City and Detroit. ALL beginner classes start the week of April 4, 2005. Morning and afternoon classes are also available. Registration is \$20 and monthly dues are \$30. Pre-registration is not required. For further information, visit the Web site at [www.taotaichi.org](http://www.taotaichi.org) or call (248) 332-1281.

**Career women meet**

The National Association of Career Women-West Suburban Chapter, meets April 12 in a networking session for all members and guests. The luncheon meeting will be devoted to commercials by all present about their businesses and business networking among members and guests. NACW meets at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Road (just east of I-275) in Plymouth Township from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Call Linda Shoumate, (734) 459-4506, to RSVP.

**Basement remodeling**

Wayne-Westland Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, offers an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 19/21 at Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy in Westland. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. Cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to the teacher. Spouse's discount is half the tuition. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, April 15 to Wayne-Westland Community Education. Call (734) 419-2426 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Fibromyalgia workshop**

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 that discusses what can be causing fibromyalgia, which the expert says is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

**WineMaker dinner**

WineFest 2005 commences at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, with its annual WineMaker Dinner at Mediterraneo Restaurant in Ann Arbor. WineFest will be held Saturday, May 14, at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. WineFest 2005 honorary chair Leonardo LoCascio, CEO and president of Winebow, will host the WineMaker dinner, a gourmet dinner perfectly paired with fine wines from Winebow Imports. Mediterraneo Restaurant owner John Roumanis will arrange a menu especially prepared to complement the wines chosen by LoCascio. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on items featured exclusively at WineFest's Showcase Preview Auction. Guests will also enjoy a private evening, as Mediterraneo will be open exclusively for the WineMaker Dinner. WineMaker Dinner, sponsored by Ann Arbor Commerce Bank, costs \$135 per person. Mediterraneo is located at 2900 South State Street in Ann Arbor. For ticket information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

**Homeschool spring formal**

Palaestra homeschooling group hosts its annual spring formal catered dinner-dance for homeschooled students (14 and over) in the tri-county area from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile (just west of Stevenson High) in Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person, with Christian DJ Steve Chavez and ballroom dance instructors. Reservations required; contact Susan Weisbrod, (734) 397-1225 or e-mail to [curlyysu918@aol.com](mailto:curlyysu918@aol.com)

**Volunteer week**

In honor of the 31st-annual celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum offers free admission to all volunteers who are a

part of Museum Volunteer Coordinators Network of Southeast Michigan. The program takes place April 16-24. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum volunteers can visit all the participating institutions for free; likewise, volunteers can visit the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum for free. Volunteers need to have either a picture ID from their institution or a form letter from their institution plus a valid picture identification. Participating organizations include the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science, The Detroit Historical Museum, The Detroit Institute of Arts, The Detroit Zoological Park, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Henry Ford Estate, The Henry Ford, Howell Conference and Nature Center, Meadow Brook Hall, University of Michigan Museum of Art and Walter P. Chrysler Museum. Although no free admission is granted at the New Detroit Science Center, the Monster Trucks exhibit will be complimentary with a coupon available at participating institutions.

**Glass demonstration**

The Ann Arbor Art Center features a glass demonstration from 1-3 p.m. April 16 in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Barbara Yerace of Creative Glasswear in Saline will demonstrate the fine art of lamp-worked glass beads. Several techniques and design applications will be shown such as round, bicone, flat and sculptural. The demonstration will be open to the public and held at the Art Center, at 117 West Liberty, in downtown Ann Arbor. For further information about Michigan Glass Month demonstrations or featured artists, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 119. For more information about the Ann Arbor Center, call (734) 994-8004 or visit [www.annarborartcenter.org](http://www.annarborartcenter.org)

**Genealogical society**

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Gregg King, author of "The Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide" speaks on "What to do to preserve tombstones in cemeteries." Meetings and classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

**Shakespeare performance**

Henry Ford Community College presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night," Fridays through Sundays, April 8-May 1. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The comedy of will and consequences is filled with song, dance, disguises and farcical fights. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$4 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 845-6475 for information and reservations.

**Hospice art dash**

Arbor Hospice and Home Care announces Art Dash 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office, which cares for hundreds of patients each year - throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. Doors open at 6:30, with the dash starting at 8:30; by the end of the evening, each ticket holder "dash"es" for a beautiful piece of artwork. Tickets are \$250 each, which admits up to two people. St. John's Golf & Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road. To register or for further information, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 662-5999, Ext. 152, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on-line at [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org)

**Grief support series**

Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 24 through April 28 from 4-5:30 p.m. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series is free and open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145 or toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

**Off the Wall Gallery**

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White, with the theme of "wild and



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**On stage**

Bentley Elementary School student Wesley Tsou as Bailey Bear gets some honey from The Bees during the school's performance of The Share Bears. The performance by the third-graders promoted the theme of sharing and giving, and served as a motivator for the district-wide book collection drive.

wacky" silhouettes, featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burn Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners, the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event, with the black and white style reflected throughout this year's décor. For more information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 111

**Flea market**

The Wyandotte Lions Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to servicing the visually handicapped, sponsors its annual indoor Flea Market at the Wyandotte Yack Arena, 246 Sycamore April 2-3. The market is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 3. Admission is free, though a \$2 donation is requested.

**Hospice training**

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

**Grief support**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

**Crafters, artists wanted**

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a

juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at [djvanddyke@peoplepc.com](mailto:djvanddyke@peoplepc.com) or call (734) 416-3354.

**CLUBS****Rotary A.M.**

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at [rscoggins@wideopenwest.com](mailto:rscoggins@wideopenwest.com) or call (734) 455-9565.

**Mosaic**

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of

each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or [resha@uno.com](mailto:resha@uno.com)

**Moms Club**

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734)458-8143 or Martina (734)464-0481

**DAR**

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information

**German/American Club of Plymouth**

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

**American Legion**

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the

I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

**Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth**

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

**Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club**

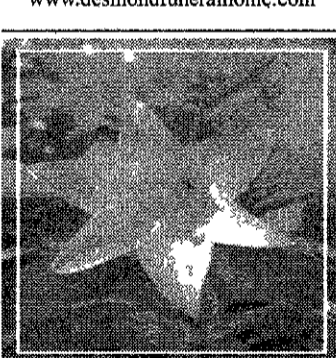
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

**Mothers & More**

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site [mothersandmore63@onebox.com](http://mothersandmore63@onebox.com).

**MATTHEW SCOTT WRAY**

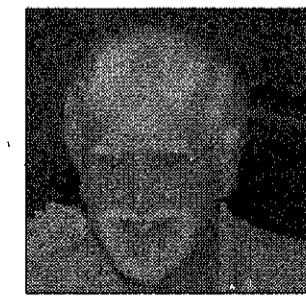
March 24, 2005, age 52. Beloved husband of 27 years to Mary Eileen (nee: Crandell). Loving father of Lauren and Sean. Dear son of Beverly and the late Edward Wray. Grandson of Bob and Kay DeFrance. Brother of Stephen Wray (Karen). Funeral Service Tuesday 11 AM at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Monday 2-9 PM. Memorial Tributes American Cancer Society. View obituary and share memories at [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)

**NORMA E. MCDONNELL**

Age 71, passed away March 23, 2005. She was born on January 23, 1934, in Detroit, to the late John and Ethel (Skinner) Turnbull. She was formerly of Garden City, prior to moving to South Lyon. She was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church and was very active in the Garden City community. She won Miss Fix-Up in 1965, Family of the Year in 1982, Co-chair of the 1997 Bi-Centennial in Garden City, and served on the Garden City Council from 1980-1982. Norma is survived by five children: Vickie (Steven) Ritton of Milford, John (Janine) McDonnell of Milford, Cynthia McDonnell of South Lyon, Elizabeth (Nicholas) Pritula of South Lyon, Heidi (Bill) Parent of South Lyon; four sisters: Florence, Margie, Rosalie, Jackie, sister-in-law Geri; nine grandchildren: Ryan, Elizabeth, Brandon, Zachary, Sarah, Nicholas, Jennifer, Madelyn and Jacob. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Henry and John Kenneth. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, March 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

**MARGARET LUCILLE LANDER**

Age 75, of Howell, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Survivors include husband, Robert A. Lander; children, Kathleen (John) of Farmington Hills; Robert J. (Carol) Lander of Dallas, TX; Michael (Ellen) Lander of Lansing; Susan (Louis) Horvath of West Bloomfield; Theresa Lander of West Bloomfield; 8 grandchildren; brothers, Joseph Rahilly of St. Ignace and sister, Mary Lou Fossitt of Newberry. She was preceded by twin daughters, Mary and Barbara. Funeral Mass Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 11:00 A.M. at St. John Catholic Church, 2099 Hacker Rd., Howell. Visitation Friday 6-8 P.M. with scripture service at 7:00 P.M. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell. Contributions suggested to: Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, Henry Ford Hospital or The College of St. Catherine or Angela Hospice.

**STANLEY F. SVOBODA SR.**

March 22, 2005. Age 84. Beloved Husband of Geraldine for 63 years. Dear Father of Stanley F., Jr. (Kathy) and Sandra J. Boland, Laura D. McElroy, Monica M. (Don) Suchara and Robert C. (Fara). Loving Grandfather of 19 and great-grandfather of six. Brother of Frank (Joanne) Svoboda and beloved Brother-in-law of Judy Nunn. Retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1984. 52 year member of K of C, and member of Detroit Federation of Musicians since 1938. Funeral Mass Monday 10 a.m. (in-state 9 -10 a.m.) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

**ROBERT JOSEPH DUCHARME**

Age 81, longtime resident of Canton, died March 23, 2005. He was born August 2, 1923, in Stratford, Ontario. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II. In the 1950's, he came to the United States. He had a Masters Degree in Engineering, and worked as a Mechanical Engineer for Ford Motor Company for 32 years. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club. He is survived by his children, Michael (Kathleen) DuCharme of Seattle, Margot (Tom) Washington of Canton; his daughter-in-law, Lisa; eleven grandchildren; and his brothers and sisters, Lois MacGillvray, Leon DuCharme, Geanne Sevigny, and Tony DuCharme. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helene, and his son, Jeffrey. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Tuesday 12noon. Visitation Tuesday 10am until time of service. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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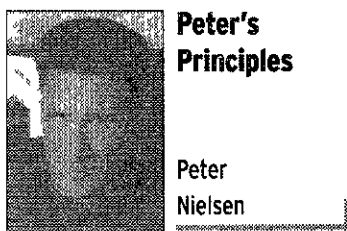
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**Question:** Sarah from Livonia wants to know natural ways to help fight cholesterol levels.

**Answer:** Sarah, the answer to your question is a little on the spicy side. Early research shows that cinnamon has plenty of potential when it comes to taking on both high cholesterol and diabetes! A recent study examined 20 test subjects over a 60-day period. It found that those taking in one gram of cinnamon daily reduced bad cholesterol, total cholesterol, and dangerous blood triglycerides. Make sure you don't go overboard though and take in too much cinnamon, as it can be toxic if consumed in very high doses. Cinnamon's impact on diabetes is definitely worth mentioning as well. Studies show that cinnamon works in the body in a way similar to insulin. Cinnamon seems to make the cell more receptive to available insulin. If you are diabetic and using cinnamon, please be sure you monitor your blood sugar levels.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](mailto:www.peternielsen.com). Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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## Living a healthier life

### New dietary guidelines promote nutrition and physical activity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When Shohreh Ashtiani's flight stopped in New York on its way to Montreal in 1977, she thought the waitress brought the wrong order. Portions were 10 times larger than the bread, cheese and milk breakfast she'd eaten every morning in Iran.

The culture shock faded when she reached her destination in Canada. For the next nine years she had no problem finding smaller servings as well as fresh fruits, vegetables and fixings for the salads she made from basil, tarragon, parsley and radishes. Then she moved to Illinois in 1985 where she found it nearly impossible to buy whole grain bread, but produce was readily available.

As a registered dietitian at William Beaumont Hospital, Ashtiani was further encouraged in early January by the announcement of new recommendations for healthier living from the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005 place emphasis on fruits, vegetables, whole grains and at least 30 minutes a day of physical activity in addition to reducing portions.

#### WESTERN INFLUENCE

"In Iran, diabetes, coronary artery disease and obesity were very rare. Any diabetes was under control by diet, but in the past 10 to 15 years they've been influenced like every other Middle Eastern country by the West. With the introduction of fast

foods, people have started gaining weight. Problems are growing parallel to each other," said Ashtiani, of West Bloomfield. "We have plenty of physical activity and have to walk or bicycle to go to work. We go to the city to walk and shop. The city is built so that everything is around you to go to the bank, the store. That's a big factor in postponing the terrible growth of gaining weight."

Many of the recommendations from cardiologists, endocrinologists and psychologists that Ashtiani works with in Beaumont's Weight Control Center mirror not only her culture's lifestyle but the 2005 guidelines. The recommendations are published every five years based on the newest scientific and medical findings. A new version of the pyra-

mid is expected to be released sometime this spring. Dietitians are debating among themselves on the form it will take.

"Basically the food guide pyramid is being rebuilt to reflect the most important elements of a healthy diet," said Ashtiani. "The bottom was the pastas and carbohydrates with no mention of complex carbohydrates. I believe the color is going to change with whole grain breads and cereals added. There will be an emphasis on essential fats coming from nuts and oil, safflower, olive oil, canola."

#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Long before the new guidelines were announced by HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson and Agriculture

Secretary Ann Veneman, Darlene Zimmerman was lecturing on the importance of eating fruits, vegetables and whole grains. A registered dietitian for the Heart Smart program at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute, she teaches nutrition classes for cardiac patients at the Henry Ford Health System in Livonia.

"These are the same recommendations from the American Heart Association that we've been telling people all along," said Zimmerman. "For a 2,000 calorie diet, you should consume two cups of fruit and 2 1/2 cups of vegetables a day. Think of a half cup as a tennis ball. If you have a tennis ball's worth of cooked broccoli, or one cup of fresh broccoli you meet one serving for the day."

Composed of 41 key recommendations, the new guidelines call for three servings a day of dairy products (1 cup of low fat or fat free milk and yogurt or 1 1/2 ounces of low-fat or fat-free cheese), three servings of whole grains that can be consumed as a slice of bread, one cup dry cereal, or half-cup cooked rice, pasta or cereal, and reducing salt, fats, alcohol, and sugar- and starch-containing foods. The new guidelines lower the amount of sodium from 2,400 to 2,300 mg. a day. For further information, Zimmerman recommends downloading a brochure at [www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines](http://www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines).

"The 2000 guidelines recommended 30 minutes of exercise a day. 2005 takes it a step further - 30 minutes a day to avoid chronic diseases, 60 minutes a day to prevent weight gain as you age, 60 to 90 minutes a day to help lose weight and keep it off," said Zimmerman who recommends walking three-four miles (per hour) because it's easy and inexpensive.

Dr. Arthur Weaver walks four miles a day before going to work to promote his Better Living Seminars, in Plymouth. On Sunday, April 3, he

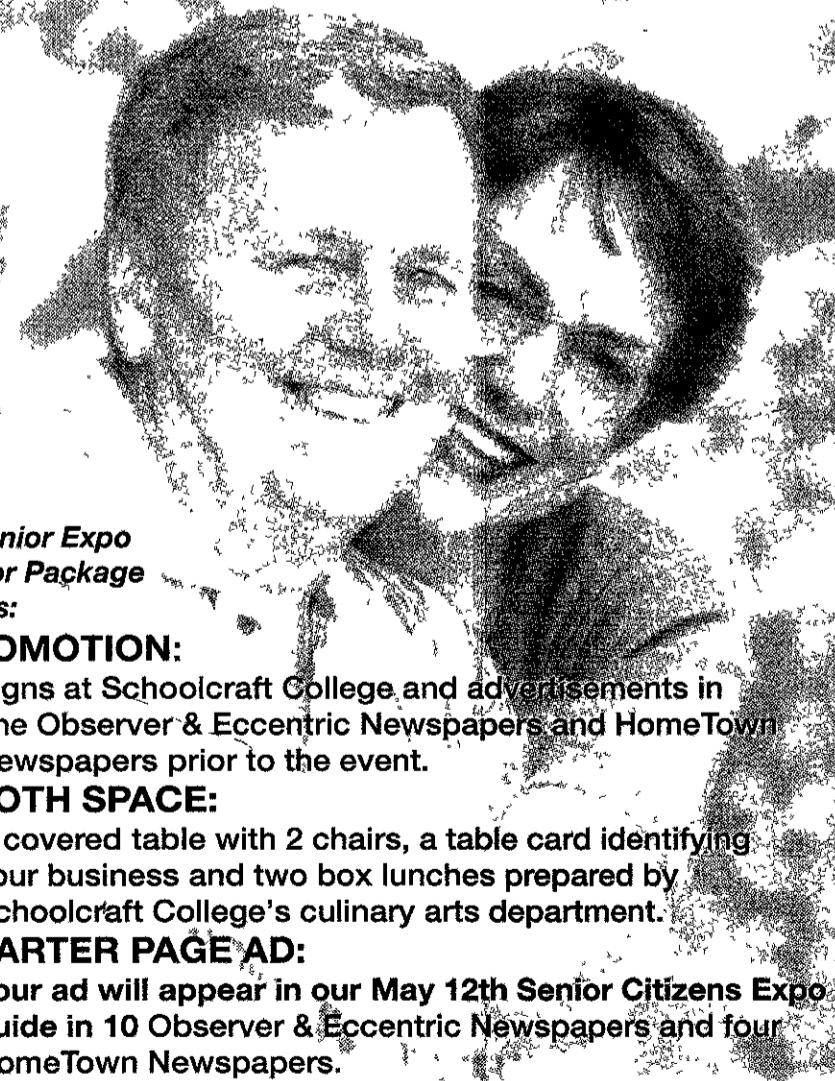
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## Hospice volunteer training

Offered by Community Hospice 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 7 to April 28, at the Community Hospice offices, 32932 Warren, Suite 100, Westland. Volunteers can choose from a variety of opportunities including providing companionship to patients, working in the office and helping out on special projects. Call Penny Thomas at (734) 522-4244 to register

## Volunteers needed

Sandcastles, a grief support program for children and teens, is seeking volunteers for its sites in Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other communities. The program is sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. Meetings are held bi-weekly. To register for training or for more information, call (313) 874-6881.

## Art exhibit

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents The Chemo-Fairies, a journey, by local artist and cancer survivor Pamela Campau through April 30, at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. The collection of artwork expresses the movement, art and emotion that Campau experienced while undergoing chemotherapy. This mixed media show includes the whimsical, yet thought provoking, chemo-fairy series, as well as additional pieces. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Lori Taylor at (248) 465-5455.

## UPCOMING

## Acoustic Neuroma Association

The support group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at the West Bloomfield Township Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road. Dr. Michael Seidman of Henry Ford Hospital will

be speaking on treatment and management of tinnitus. To RSVP, call (248) 681-0780 or (248) 683-0775.

## Fit Fore Golf

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, seminar for golfers, emphasis is on posture, flexibility and strengthening exercises, and prevention of common golf injuries especially low back, at Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River, Suite B124, Novi, use northeast entrance. To register, call (248) 380-3550

## Impact of cancer on the family

Learn how families overcome these challenges and find answers to your individual concerns at a free community program 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi across from Twelve Oaks Mall. For reservations, call (800) 742-2300 and enter category 7870. Or make reservations online at www.cancer.org/events. The discussion is sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

## Hormone workshop

Balancing Hormones Naturally for women of all ages, a free public workshop takes place 2 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the Alfred Noble Livonia Public Library on Plymouth between Farmington and Merriman. Seating limited. For reservations or information, call (734) 425-8588.

## Health boutique is hosting mother-daughter brunch

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Mariam Searcy had been thinking about eating a healthier diet for some time before deciding on hosting a Mother-Daughter Brunch at her Women's Health Boutique and Secret Rituals Day Spa in Livonia from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

Spring seemed the perfect time not only to change her eating patterns but encourage customers to do the same. The event offers the opportunity to hear holistic nutritionist Renee Surdu speak and answer questions plus enjoy a healthy brunch. Drawing attention to the fact that May is Breast Health Awareness Month was just a bonus. Searcy's stores cater to mastectomy and cancer patients and frequently features events and speakers. On May 14, cosmetologist Linda Ovitz will present a makeup workshop and talk about her book *Facing the Mirror with Cancer*.

In addition to the brunch on April 16, Michele Murdock, a representative of Camp Healthcare, provides information about breast exams, and the custom fitted breast prosthesis from Radiant Impressions.

"I need to eat more healthy, and customers because of what they've gone through with health challenges should do the same," said Searcy who hosts a radio show every Thursday at 8 p.m. on 1200 AM called Women's Health Boutique Talk Show to provide women with the latest information on health issues.

"I'd like to stop eating so much meat and would like to learn to prepare my food so that it would be healthier. Eating healthier will lead to a

healthier lifestyle. If we put things that are healthy into our body, we're bound to become healthier."

Making sure that people eat healthy is Renee Surdu's business. A holistic nutritionist and nationally certified massage therapist for Henry Ford Health System's Center for Integrative Medicine in Northville, Surdu believes in utilizing whole foods and nutrition supplements to create individualized eating programs that use food as medicine.

Trained in conventional and alternative nutrition medicine, she integrates these medical arenas to promote optimal health which can be achieved through holistic nutrition.

Surdu says, "holistic nutrition is based on the principle that all disease stems from the gut. The gastrointestinal tract is the largest immune organ in our body. Research indicates that 80 percent of all protective immune globulins are produced in the digestive tract. If this large strategically placed immune system organ isn't working well, the body's defenses are lowered. Once the barriers are down, it becomes more difficult to defend against invaders."

Surdu grew up in a family with eating disorders and became interested in what "healthy eating" meant when she developed an eating disorder. She went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in dietet-

**'I'm going to be focusing on women's health issues such as fibroids, endometriosis, estrogen levels, obesity and insulin resistance issues.'**

Renee Surdu  
holistic nutritionist

ics and exercise science at Central Michigan University before becoming interested in and going on to study naturopathic medicine, herbal medicine, homeopathy, and holistic nutrition.

"I'm going to be focusing on women's health issues such as fibroids, endometriosis, estrogen levels, obesity and insulin resistance issues, how to work through stress," said Surdu of Royal Oak. "I'm keeping it basic because people can get overwhelmed. What I want to do is open up the platform for women to ask questions.

"I'll tell them how to use whole foods, how bad sugar is, answer questions like 'is it important to buy organic foods?'"

There is no charge for the brunch and lectures, but registration is required. Call (734) 762-9324.

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and wife Jeanie will present a Nutrition and Total Health seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. A donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple is suggested. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

## HEALTH CAMP

If you can't make the seminar, Weaver is offering an opportunity to live healthier for a week by attending their 27th annual Health Camp in Grayling May 15-22. Classes on nutrition, exercises, and stress and weight control are available along with a stop smoking program. The cost is \$450. Weaver practiced cancer sur-

gery in the United States for 45 years, and spent five years in mission service in Pakistan where he rarely saw patients with breast and colon cancer because of a diet which consisted of whole wheat chapatis and lentils. Weaver's been a vegetarian for all of his 81 years. Jeanie will demonstrate some of the quick and easy recipes they eat at home. Participants will be able to taste samples at the seminar's end.

"We're going to point out the guidelines are essentially correct and they can get a balanced diet with little animal products," said Weaver, who taught cancer surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine for 35 years. "If properly planned you can get a great deal of fruits and vegetables into your diet. We're going

to show that a high protein-high fat diet is not in your best interest and can be carcinogenic and can induce osteoporosis and diabetes.

"Vegetables and fruits are all loaded with anti-cancer compounds. With the new guidelines people wonder how to get in all of these fruits and vegetables each day. We'll be able to help them with that. At our house we start with breakfast with a multi-grain cereal and throw in raisins, dried apricots or blueberries or have a patriotic cereal with half a banana, some strawberries and blueberries. A serving is a half a cup and it's not as difficult as it sounds to meet the requirements."

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#### 'The Scene' at Saks

Be a scenester at a weekend's worth of events at Saks Fifth Avenue featuring refreshments, DJs, informal modeling, giveaways and special themed activities. "The Star Scene" offers fashion StyleScopes by PINK, with complementary makeovers, 4-8 p.m. March 31. "The Dating Scene" offers hot tips for nighttime style, 2-6 p.m. April 1. "The Club Scene" will bring in jean experts to help you find the best fit, 1-5 p.m. April 2. and "The Wellness Scene" will feature healthy food and chair massages from Elizabeth Arden 1-5 p.m. April 3. Call 248-643-9000, ext. 401

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Perry Ellis and *Travel + Leisure Magazine* will host a personal appearance by NBA star Chauncey Billups at Marshall Field's, Somerset, 6 p.m. March 31. Billups will sign autographs and greet guests, who will receive a free basketball with a \$50 or more Perry Ellis purchase.

## Walking the aisle with Reem Acra

By Katherine Feldhouse

When it comes to wedding dresses and evening wear, designer Reem Acra is at the top of her game. Having created pieces for Kyra Sedgwick to Christina Applegate, Acra's designs are quickly becoming regular fixtures on Hollywood's red carpets and bride's must-have lists. She was recently in town at the Somerset Collection in Troy to showcase her designs in a runway show as part of Marshall Field's *Beyond the Aisle* event for future brides to be. Her gowns, beautifully detailed with lace, beading, and an immaculately tailored fit, have garnered her the title of "Bridal Designer of the Year" for the last three years by *Wedding Dresses* magazine. The Lebanese-born Acra, who has studied at the Esmode School of Design in Paris and the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York (where she now resides), took a few moments between bridal consultations and gown fittings to discuss her past, present and the future of designer fashion.

#### Where do you draw inspiration for your collections?

From many things. Discussions with brides, from travel and architecture. Ideas will just come up. I am blessed with what comes to me. Inspiration comes from everywhere. There is one link however in all my pieces - my embroidery and texture.

#### Do you retire pieces from your line, or continually evolve pieces to remain current and fresh?

Sometimes. A piece of a certain style can last quite a long time, which I love. It means I did my job and created a piece that people love. Sometimes I inject pieces to update them using the embroidery and embellishments I am known for, as well as infusing style and fashion. The more traditional the dress the longer it lasts. What spring trends can we look for in your current collection?

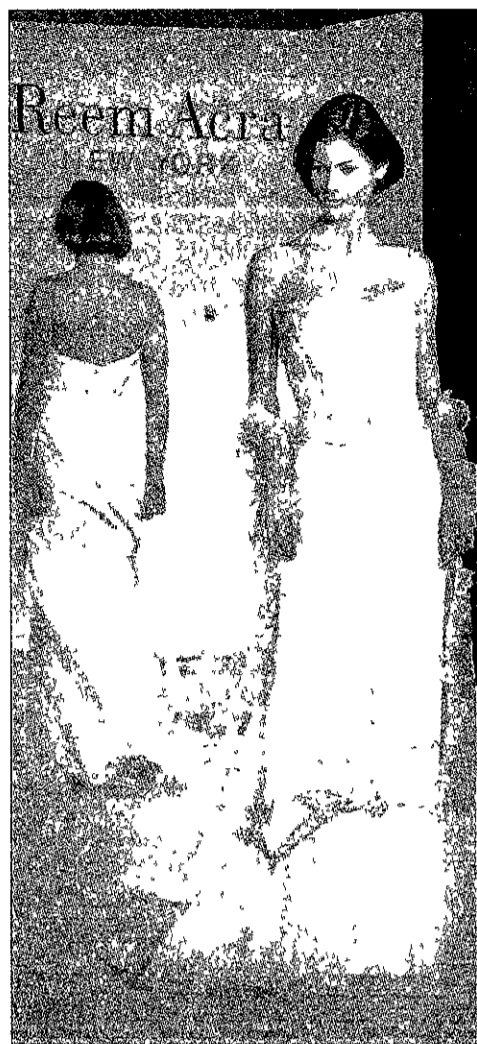
It's lightness, airiness, lots of cutouts. A bit of lace and hits of color. It's all about the shape and construction of the dress, as well as the detail.

#### Can you offer advice to future brides who may be looking for their dress?

It's not always about the body type, although a good fit is ideal. It's more about the personality. Be yourself. It's one day out of a lifetime. You want to look your best, and present who you really are.

#### We are in the midst of award season. Can we expect to see any of your pieces gracing the red carpet?

You never know, as decisions are often made last minute in Hollywood. It's unpredictable. You send your work out there and hope for the best. We shall see. (At this year's Golden Globes, both Annette Bening and Halle Berry wore Reem Acra gowns.)



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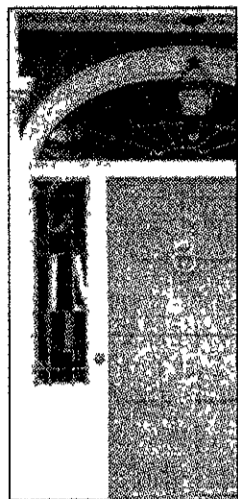
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## Buying a home: understanding the process



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Purchasing a home involves a roller coaster of emotions, a pile of paperwork, and nerves of steel. Beginning the process without a cursory course in home buying is not a wise venture. As an informed individual, you'll be better equipped to make the right decisions for your future and avoid being taken for a ride.

Consider the following before taking the plunge:

■ **Affordability:** Before you visit a real estate agent, decide on a price range. The best way to do so is to sit down with a financial consultant or mortgage broker who will weigh your current debt against your income and savings. Lenders use guidelines to determine how much you can spend on a house and whether prospective home-buyers will be able to pay their monthly mortgage payments comfortably. The guidelines generally state that a household should spend no more than 28 percent of its income on housing expenses and no more than 36 percent of its income on total debt obligations.

You will then be presented with a good example of the mortgage amount for which you'll qualify, often termed a pre-approval.

■ **Finding a home:** Finding your prospective home can be a time-consuming process. Create a list of requirements you have for your dream house. It should include the number of bedrooms, basement or garage preference, square footage and items of this nature.

When visiting homes for sale, keep an open mind and try to look beyond the current owner's design scheme and belongings. Look mainly at the structural integrity of the home, the possibilities for change, and the location of the property. You may have to visit dozens of properties to find the house that's right for you.

■ **Making an offer:** You will be

required to make a formal offer on the house in the form of a written contract. It will state your intended offer price as well as information on a down payment and proposed closing date. Your broker can also jot down other information in your favor, like "flexible closing date," "no other existing house to sell," etc. You are usually required to leave a deposit or a binder as well, which will be held in escrow by a third party.

The seller will consider the price and let your broker know if it is acceptable. He may require that you counteroffer if there are other bidders on the home. If your offer is accepted, you're on your way to home ownership. At this time, a formal purchase contract will be drawn up by your broker addressing the terms of purchase and agreed-upon price.

■ **Securing a mortgage:** Now that you know your purchase price, find a lender who will agree to lend you the money. Shop around for the best offer from several financial institutions, keeping in mind the current interest rate.

It could take several days or weeks for your mortgage documents to be finalized. Remember that the seller will need to receive copies of the finalized agreement in order to continue the selling process. If you cannot secure a mortgage in a timely manner, the house will go back on the market.

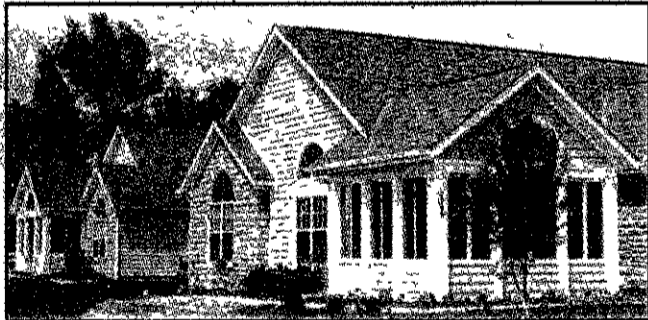
■ **Home inspection:** You should contact a home inspector to arrange to have your prospective home inspected. A licensed professional can best assess if the home is structurally sound and built according to code. Should anything be illegal or just not up to par, the inspector will include it in his report.

■ **Walk-through:** In most cases, you'll be able to walk through the prospective home right before the closing to make sure the house is in the agreed-upon condition.

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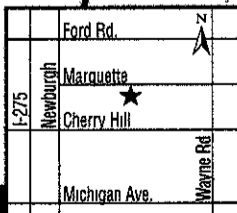
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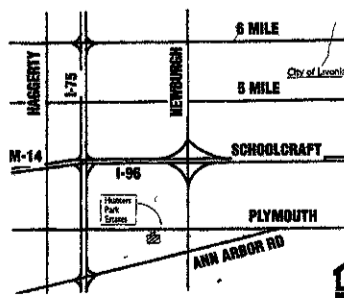


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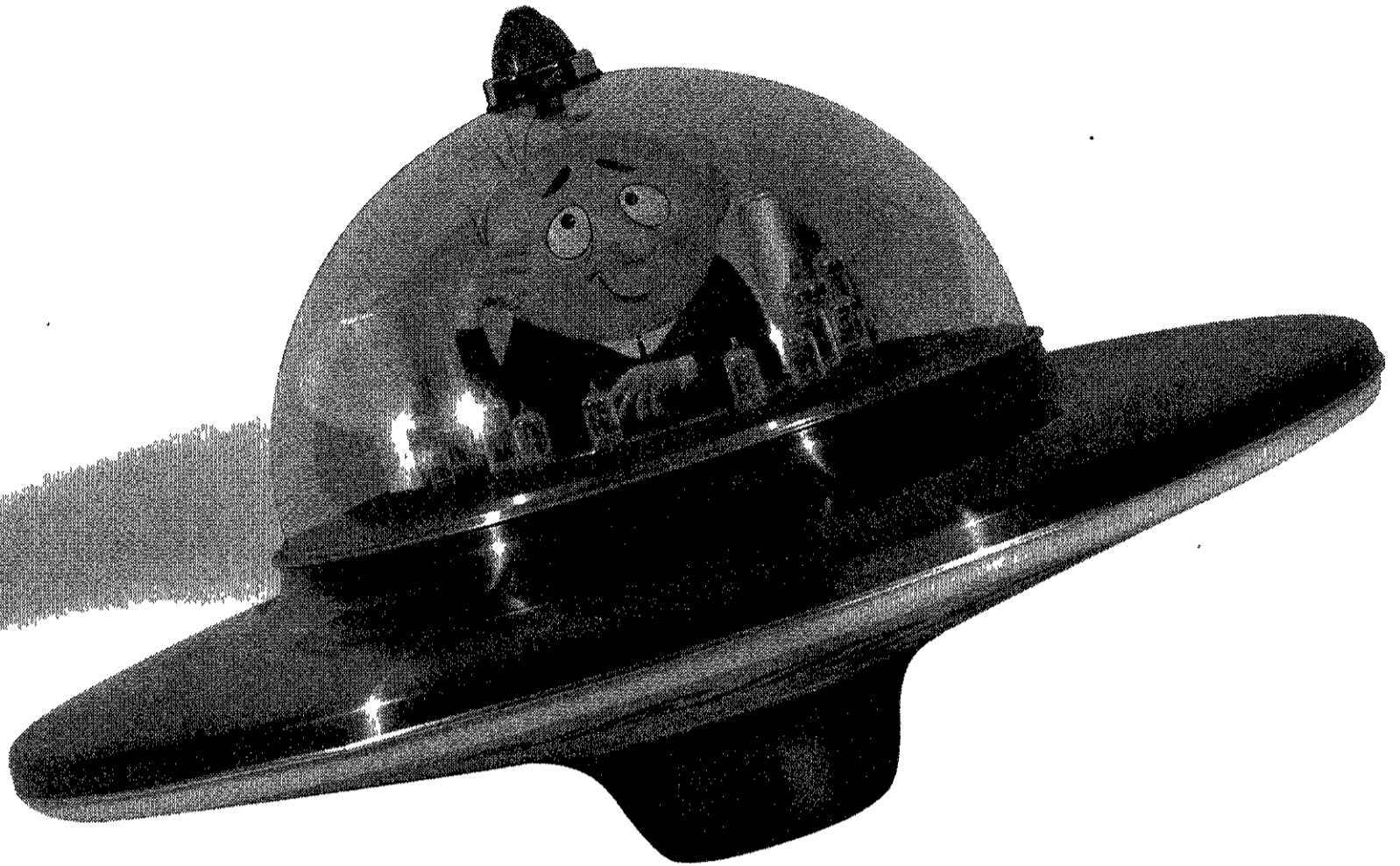
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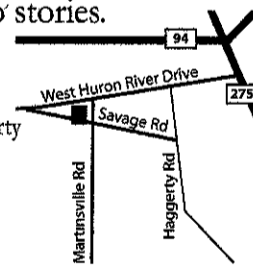
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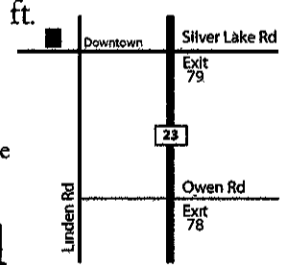
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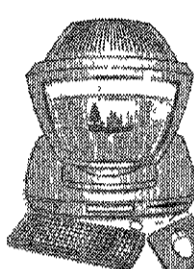


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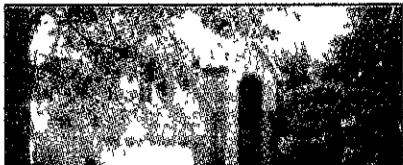
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**LAKE ORION** *Dock Your Boat Out Back*  
Lovely 4 bedroom home located on canal with access to all sports lake. Large cedar deck to relax on and enjoy the water view. Walk-out basement convenient second floor laundry and double Jacuzzi in master bath.  
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**WATERFORD** *Fantastic Lakefront*  
Lakefront living at its finest. Lot sits high offering panoramic views of Elizabeth Lake. western exposure, sandy beach multi-tiered deck. recently renovated newer Andersen windows. recently carpeted & painted.  
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**NOVI** *Your Own Private Retreat*  
Stately custom built 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial. Approximately 1+ acre with private lake. Open & spacious - perfect for entertaining. Marble entry. first floor master bedroom. gourmet kitchen with Conan. custom pool & hot tub.  
**(B25VAS) 248-642-8100 \$950,000**



**SALEM TOWNSHIP** *Hey Gearheads!*  
5+ car heated garage with car lift & work shop. First floor MBR with walk-in closet & BA with jetted tub & shower. GR with FP. Approx. 2.7 acres. Hardwood floors. DR. library/loft. unfinished walk-out. Decks/screened porch with hot tub.  
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**CLARKSTON** *New Construction Colonial*  
Four bedroom 3 1/2 bath with open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances and granite counters. Two story family room with granite surround gas fireplace. Dual staircase. Master bedroom with pen ceiling & jetted tub.  
**(B08HID) 248-524-1600 \$499,900**



**ROCHESTER HILLS** *Fabulous*  
Four bedroom 4 1/2 bath with open floor plan. Two story great room with gas fireplace living room with ceiling to floor windows. basement finished with full bath and work-out room. Three car side entry garage and in-ground pool.  
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**FRANKLIN VILLAGE** *Serene Beautiful Quad*  
Five bedrooms 2 1/2 baths hardwood floors throughout. updated kitchen with oak cabinets & Sub-zero refrigerator. Marble fireplace in large living room. Heated 2 car garage with insulated floors. Rouge River access. Must see this home.  
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** *Very Secluded Property*  
Approximately 2 acres of open seclusion canopied under large trees. Located among many multi-million \$ homes and the entire area is a hidden treasure. Value is in the land!!  
**(B55FOR) 248-642-8100 \$847,000**



**SOUTH LYON** *Classic Custom Cape Cod*  
Two-toned cherry cabinets. granite counters. upgraded trim & molding. Two story great room with large stone-faced fireplace & custom marble. Four car garage insulated & finished. Park-like yard with mature trees. 27-hole golf course.  
**(B60POI) 248-349-5600 \$729,900**



**BLOOMFIELD** *Approximately 1.3 Acres*  
Flowing 4 bedroom 2 full and 2 half bath on private wooded land with a large pond. Updated gorgeous home with Bloomfield Hills schools. Build, expand or move right in. Survey available.  
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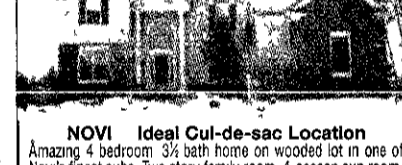
**COMMERCE** *Custom New Construction*  
Spacious built home. Open floor plan, 2 story foyer with premium bedrooms, cherry hardwood great room with cathedral ceiling. custom staircase & railing. mahogany front door, master bedroom with Jacuzzi. full walk-out basement.  
**(B64DAR) 248-652-8000 \$469,900**



**FARMINGTON HILLS** *Exclusive Location!*  
Privacy, Quiet, Nature, all abound with this 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath beauty, plus a fully finished basement. Every amenity imaginable from high windows to Jacuzzi-style tub. Extra high ceilings.  
**(B42CRO) 248-626-8800 \$550,000**



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** *Built In 1989*  
Four bedroom 3 1/2 bath brick Tudor with 3 car side entry garage. Finished walk-out lower level with sauna, beautiful in-ground pool on a deep lot. First floor laundry. never roof & Bloomfield Hills schools. A great home.  
**(B42HUN) 248-642-8100 \$769,900**



**NOVI** *Ideal Cul-de-sac Location*  
Amazing 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath home on wooded lot in one of Novi's finest subdivisions. Two story family room. 4-season sun room, basement with daylight windows. brick paver patio. kitchen with Maple cabinets. formal dining room. second floor laundry.  
**(B90SUN) 248-349-5600 \$629,900**



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** *One-Of-A-Kind*  
European stone home built in 2002 with original foundation in 1964. Large kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances. Living room with stone interior finish. Hardwood floors & doors with a warm English finish.  
**(B11DEN) 248-524-1600 \$1,050,000**



**BRYON** *Fantastic Find*  
Resort waterfront lifestyle in Argonite Township, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Andersen windows, plank oak flooring, solid 4 panel doors, cherry trim, huge deck and pool, storage building with living quarters. Great lake view on 3 acres.  
**(B80MUR) 248-652-8000 \$449,900**



**BLOOMFIELD** *Custom Built Home*  
On nearly an acre lot. Spacious kitchen with fireplace, maple cabinets & island. Two story great room, sound system through first floor and deck. Hardwood floors in family room, kitchen & master, extra windows. 2 door walls, 2 decks, wet bar, 5 ceiling fans, 2 car garage. Recessed lights.  
**(B70DEL) 248-626-8800 \$575,000**



**BIRMINGHAM** *In The Heart Of Downtown*  
Fabulous new 04 construction. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, open floor plan, 9 ceilings, a stunning kitchen & master bedroom suite with spa-like bath. Heated garage with bonus room above.  
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**NORTHVILLE** *Transferee Ready Custom Estate*  
Premium cul-de-sac lot overlooking pond. Custom upgrades. Hardwood floors, tile back splash, maple cabinets. heartthrob room with 2-way fireplace. Custom landscaping & deck. Finished lower level with fifth bedroom. bath & bar.  
**(B00WHI) 248-349-5600 \$629,000**



**BIRMINGHAM** *Classic Lines*  
Contemporary beauty, 2 story full brick Colonial with dramatic pillared entrance. Built in 2001 on a quiet in-town street. Dramatic entrance, Brazilian cherry wood floors. custom kitchen. Richly appointed.  
**(B55CAT) 248-524-1600 \$799,900**



**ROSE TOWNSHIP/HOLLY** *Custom*  
Twenty room home on approximately 3 1/2 acres, defines comfort & luxury. Six bedrooms, 7 3/2 baths, all on private 20 acres, 60' deep spring-fed lake, heated barn for the toys, horses welcome. Call to make your appointment today.  
**(B65MIL) 248-620-7200 \$999,000**



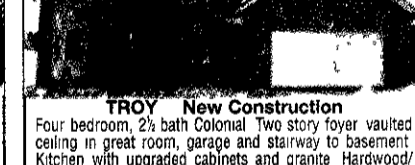
**FARMINGTON HILLS** *Former Model*  
Four bedroom, never carpeted, interior paint, kitchen floor, foyer with hardwood, crown molding, cathedral ceiling in family room, kitchen & master, extra windows. 2 door walls, 2 decks, wet bar, 5 ceiling fans, 2 car garage. Recessed lights.  
**(B69PIN) 248-626-8800 \$409,900**



**LEONARD** *On Approximately 2 1/2 Acres*  
Colonial with 5 bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths. Living room, dining room, family room with garden room & walk-out with bar. game room hot tub, Florida room steam & sauna. Basketball court, ice rink, pool & grounds. Apartment over 5 car garage.  
**(B73CUR) 248-642-8100 \$689,000**



**GROSSE ILE** *In A Choice Neighborhood*  
Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath brick Ranch with 2 car attached garage, basement formal dining room. library with bay window vaulted ceiling in great room with fireplace. first floor laundry oak kitchen with appliances + 4-season sun room.  
**(B36LAS) 734-455-5600 \$449,900**



**TROY** *New Construction*  
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Two story foyer vaulted ceiling in great room, garage and stairway to basement. Kitchen with upgraded cabinets and granite. Hardwood/ceramic floors. Luxury master suite. Troy schools.  
**(B56HIL) 248-524-1600 \$434,500**



**COMMERCE** *Quality - Lake Sherwood*  
Enjoy lakefront living, gorgeous contemporary, Five BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2 FP. Elegant first floor master with Jacuzzi tub & separate shower. Finished lower level full bath, wet bar & kitchenette. 3+ car garage. City water/sewer. Huron Valley schools.  
**(B01COM) 248-363-1200 \$899,900**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** *Upper Long Lake*  
Breathtaking views, custom built 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home, beautifully maintained. Finished basement with walk-out. Canal with access to Upper Long Lake, all sports. Tons of storage. This home shows extremely well.  
**(B73OAK) 248-626-8800 \$424,900**



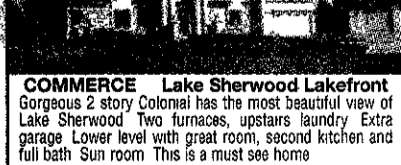
**BIRMINGHAM** *Cape Cod*  
Fabulously restored 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with first floor master bedroom suite, never kitchen with stainless steel appliances and natural fireplace. Spacious lot with patio & professional landscaping with circular drive.  
**(B81LIN) 248-642-8100 \$618,500**



**PLYMOUTH** *Beautiful Country Home*  
Five bedrooms 3 full and 1 half bath 19th century Colonial on approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors country kitchen and formal dining room. Pond deck & gazebo. A must see!  
**(B66HOM) 734-455-5600 \$519,900**



**WASHINGTON** *New Construction*  
Four bedroom Colonial with 3 1/2 baths. first floor laundry butler's pantry, basement with egress windows and a 3 car side entry garage. Gourmet island kitchen with built-in appliances. Master bedroom bath with Jacuzzi tub.  
**(B84RID) 248-524-1600 \$409,900**



**COMMERCE** *Lake Sherwood Lakefront*  
Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood. Two furnaces, upstairs laundry. Extra garage. Lower level with great room, second kitchen and full bath. Sun room. This is a must see home.  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD** *Gorgeous Pine Lake Front*  
Nestled on almost 1 acre deep treed lot with "Monet"-inspired back yard retreat. Lush gardens, pond. Great room with fireplace. Formal living & dining room with coveled ceilings. Gourmet's kitchen. Hardwood floors throughout.  
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**BLOOMFIELD** *Center Entrance Colonial*  
Four bedrooms. 2 1/2 baths on good sized lot. Hardwood floors. living room with fireplace. family room with built-ins & kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. heated sun room and first floor laundry.  
**(B26WAG) 248-642-8100 \$495,500**



**PLYMOUTH** *This Home Is Wonderful*  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with 3 car garage, basement, family room with gas fireplace. library, cherry kitchen with island and granite counters. doorwall to deck, first floor laundry and so much more.  
**(B80WIL) 734-455-5600 \$417,000**



**ROCHESTER** *2004-Built Custom Colonial*  
Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & great neutral open floor plan. Two story great room with fireplace & bridge. Custom cherry kitchen. Master suite with 2-way fireplace & fabulous bath. Pro-finished basement. Upgrades galore.  
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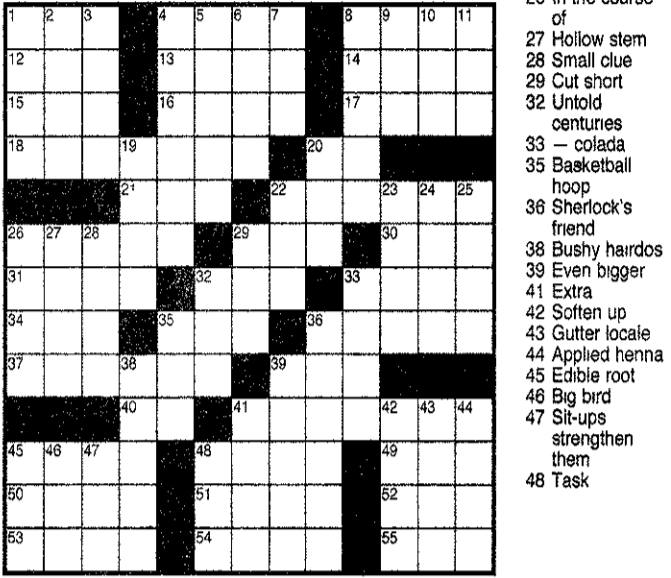
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# RECASTING NURSING RECRUITMENT



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

Whatever happened to the nursing profession, and what can be done about its labor shortage? The solution may be to highlight work and life choices.

The statistics in this profession favor the job seeker, according to "Extended Hours Issues in Nursing: Exploring the Problems, Finding the Solutions," published by Circadian Technologies Inc., an extended hours research and consulting firm headquartered in Lexington, Mass. "By 2010, 40 percent of nurses will be 50 years or older," it predicts. "New nurses are entering the field at the slowest rate ever and older nurses are leaving earlier." Five years after that, 114,000 FTE positions will go begging.

**OPPORTUNITY AND RISK** — Certainly, health care workers can find opportunity in nursing, particularly if shift work isn't out of the question. The "churn" rate in health care operations with extended hours is 19 percent -- 15 percent above utilities, 10 percent above manufacturing, just one percent above transportation. That creates opportunity.

Working unconventional schedules, however, creates personal risk in increased health problems, such as sleep disorders and musculo-skeletal injuries. Almost one-third of health care workers fall into this category, including 2.2 million registered nurses. Also,

because of worker shortage and absenteeism, extended shifts are on the rise (see graph).

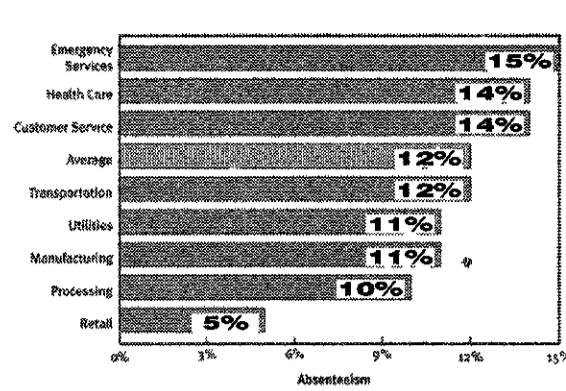
Do people who choose shift work fare better than those who are assigned it? Circadian medical director Acacia Aguirre is aware of research indicating that "some who choose to work nights actually do better than if they are required to do it." She attributes this largely to a match with their "sleep personality or profile." However, workers who choose nights for social or familial reasons, such as split-parenting, are meeting external needs. "In the long run," she comments, "there can be a toll on their relationship and it doesn't mean that they'll do better."

It's difficult to imagine that anyone entering the nursing profession wouldn't be somewhat geared up to work unconventional hours. Many nurses value their ability to choose when and where they work.

Forty years ago, Catherine White of Muskogee (Okla.) Regional Medical Center volunteered for the 3-11 shift, Friday through Sunday. "I always enjoyed this shift," she states, "for its extremely helpful staff and good compensation (base plus shift differential). The 7-3 shift is filled with action and 11-7 can be slower-paced. I consider each shift or each time I work a marvelous learning experience. There's always something new or different to learn, or that something has changed from what I knew or thought I knew." Her sleep sometimes suffers and she misses out on some family activities.

Donna Stevens works in Pediatric Intensive Care at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. A friend recommended the hospital

Average absenteeism by industry.

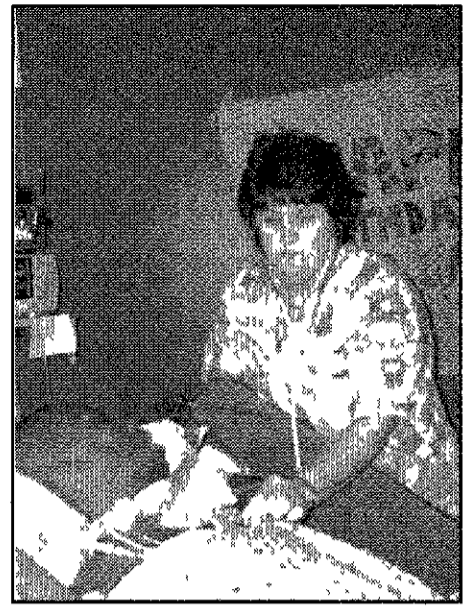


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so highly that she went to visit. "I fell in love with the way everyone took care of the kids," she recalls. She also was attracted to the idea of working three longer days with four days off. "I was in my mid-thirties and wish I'd thought of it sooner," she says. She's approaching her third-year mark there, with a total of 11 years in nursing. Stephens drives three hours from Murphy, N.C., stays with a friend, then returns to her family at the end of the work week.

"It's hard to leave and be off work when you've cared for a patient several days in a row," she remarks. "You do miss your little ones." She rates her health as "good" because of the increased rest afforded by consecutive days off -- "like a mini-vacation every week." Similarly, Deborah Hendrix of Plains

Regional Medical Center in Clovis, N.M., has been doing shift work for six years and thrives on its predictability: "It gives me set days that



Donna Stevens works in Pediatric Intensive Care at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

I can expect both to work and to have time off." She, too, volunteered and has no related health problems. She began in her mid-40s.

The profession could attack its recruiting challenge by turning shift work upon its head.

Marketing the occupation's choice of hours in the face of changing work/life demands would enhance its appeal.

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Farmington Hills Collection Agency is expanding. Experience preferred. Full time + Benefits. Call 248-553-8500.

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LANDSCAPERS & LABORERS for growing preservation co. in Walled Lake. Must be energetic, willing to work hard & have driver's license. Starting at \$7.50/hr. 248-669-2888.

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**DRIVER**  
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For tool shop. Must have valid license & F&T. 734-261-0022.

**DRIVER / OFFICE WORKER**  
Needed for Japanese office. Must have chauffeur license, driving experience and office skills. Salary, Benefits 313-567-0120 ext. 217.

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE & SALES REPS**  
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**INTERN II Civil Engineering**  
Canton Township is accepting applications for the Downtown Development Authority as Intern II (Civil Engineering) \$12.36 per hr. Must possess a current, valid Michigan Drivers License with a good driving history. Applicant may be required to apply for his/her driving record, at own expense, through the Secretary of State. Applications available at the Township Administration Bldg., Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file with the Canton Township Human Resources Division by 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2005. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Janitorial services for facility (6,700 square feet) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (after 5 p.m.), \$70.00 per evening. Contractor must provide Worker's Compensation insurance for themselves and any employees. Cleaning supplies provided. Duties include dusting, mopping, vacuuming, emptying trash, clean partitions, etc. Please submit a letter of interest and business references. Call 248-871-2850 for additional information. City of Farmington Hills, DPW, 27245 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

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Residential & commercial office bldg seeks exp & energetic team player for full time position with benefits. Send resume to [twingartner@brodersachse.com](mailto:twingartner@brodersachse.com)

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**LABORERS** needed for fire clean-up work in Westland area. Fax information to 248-282-0306

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Part time 20 hrs a week, required MLS from an ALA accredited school. Submit resume by April 9 to Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, Dept. Head Adult Services, Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188. [www.cantonpl.org/jobs/index.html](http://www.cantonpl.org/jobs/index.html)

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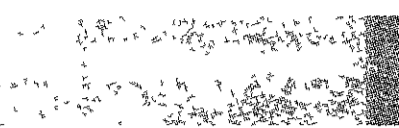
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The 2005 Pontiac G6 does not look -- or act -- like a four door sedan.

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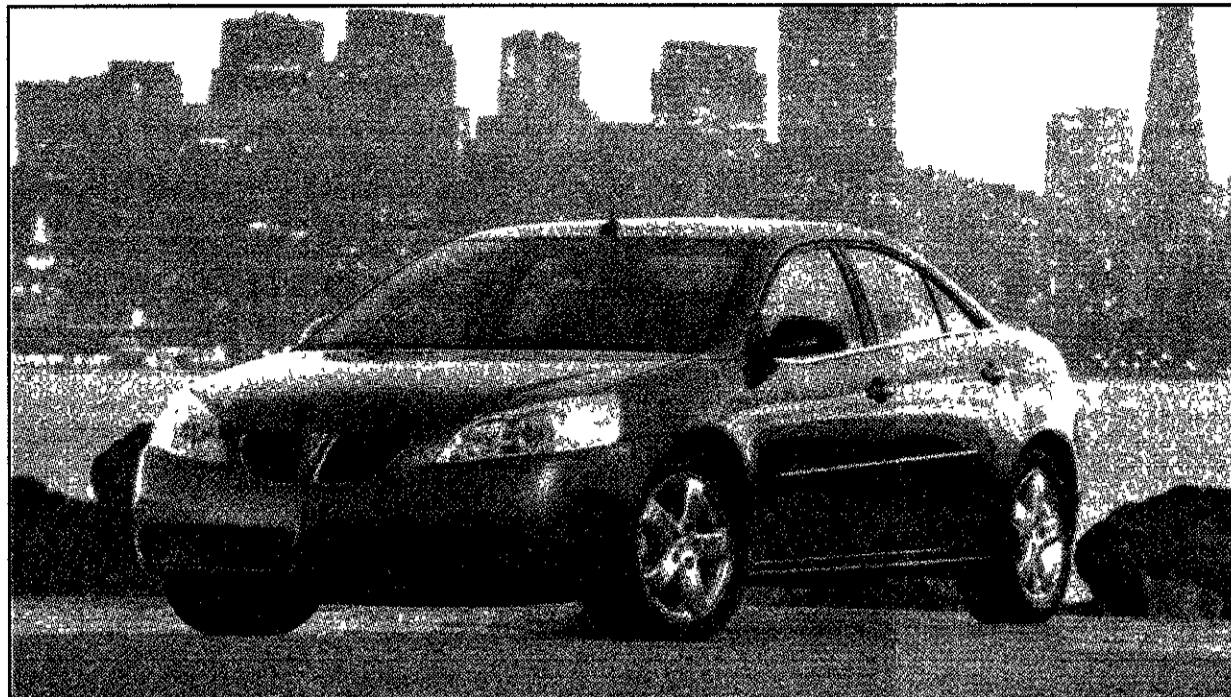
Powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine, 200 horses are under the hood working hard to make your driving experience a dream come true. Some of the cool and up-and-coming technology is evident in the G6. For example, there's variable-effort power steering, four-wheel disc brakes, telescopic steering, power windows and programmable door lock that includes lockout protection and delayed locking and driver information center. And that's all on the standard equipment list.

The price is nice, too: \$21,300. Open the door and slip inside behind the wheel and you'll find instrumentation that rivals most sports cars, including speedometer, temperature, fuel, tachometer and trip odometer all closely packaged very neatly and easy to understand.

The center console flows continuously from the back of the front seats to the center instrument stack. The floor shifter, armrest, lighted shift indicator, parking brake and storage compartments fit snugly and are easy to maneuver around. There are enough map pockets and storage areas to put everything you need in a secure place.

Beneath the driver's front instrumentation you'll find gas and brake pedals that are power adjustable. Interior lighting includes illuminated entry and theater dimming. Air conditioning is also standard, along with the great PASSlock theft-deterrent alarm system.

The front bucket seats recline, while the rear seats are 60/40 split-folding. Also available is a 4-way or 6-way power seat with power height adjustment and ratcheting lumbar support. You can also opt for leather seating surfaces that include driver



2005 Pontiac G6. Vehicle type: Compact sports sedan. Power: 3.5-liter V6 engine. Mileage: 22 mpg city/32 mpg highway. Base price: \$21,300.

and front passenger heated seats on the seat cushion and back. With this option you'll also get a leather-wrapped steering wheel, steering wheel mounted radio controls, leather-wrapped shift knob and parking brake handle.

There are two types of sunroof options to choose from, including a power, tilt-sliding sunroof with sunshade, or a panoramic power room with four-panel glass and a multi-position electric sunshade.

On the visors are driver and passenger vanity mirrors -- illuminated one on the GT model. Power windows are also on the standard list and includes both driver and passenger express-down.

Head, shoulder, hip and leg room is more than adequate for most people. The seating is also quite comfortable.

Other things you'll find that you won't in most vehicles' standard equipment are stainless steel exhaust outlet, front projector-beam integrum fog lamps, solar-ray tinted glass, halogen composite headlamps with automatic exterior lamp control and 20-second delay off feature, license plate frame, power outside mirrors, rear spoiler and intermittent wipers.

The suspension on the G6 is finely tuned so no matter how long your in the car, even with uneven roads and snow-covered messes, you'll feel comfort-

able and in control. Ride and handling is superb. I drove it in that 12-inch snowstorm we had recently and it drove like a charm, which you wouldn't expect in a vehicle of this size.

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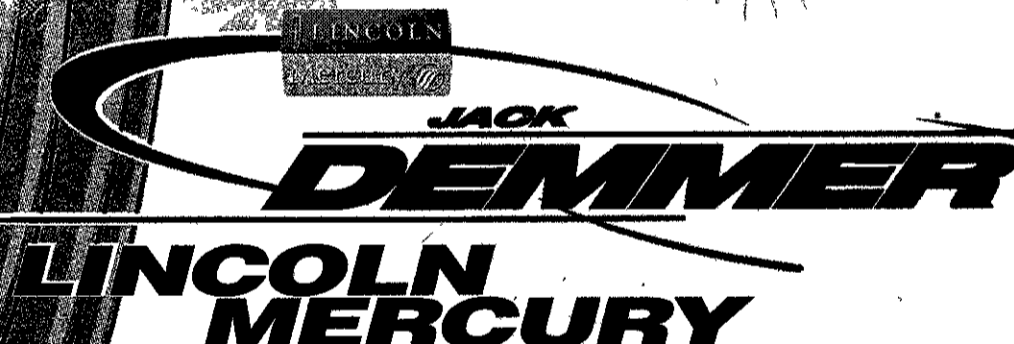
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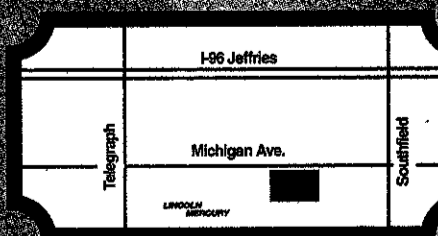
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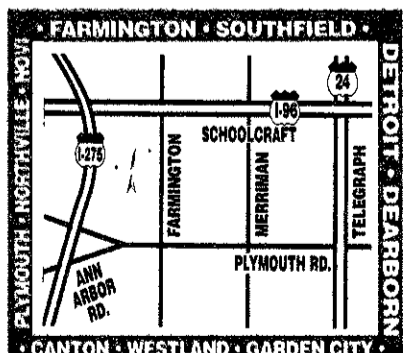
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