

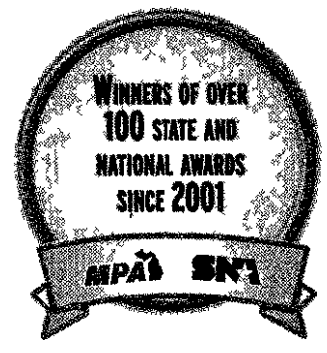
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State eyes dumping of bus inspections

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 \$13 million by eliminating the annual

state school bus inspections conducted 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"

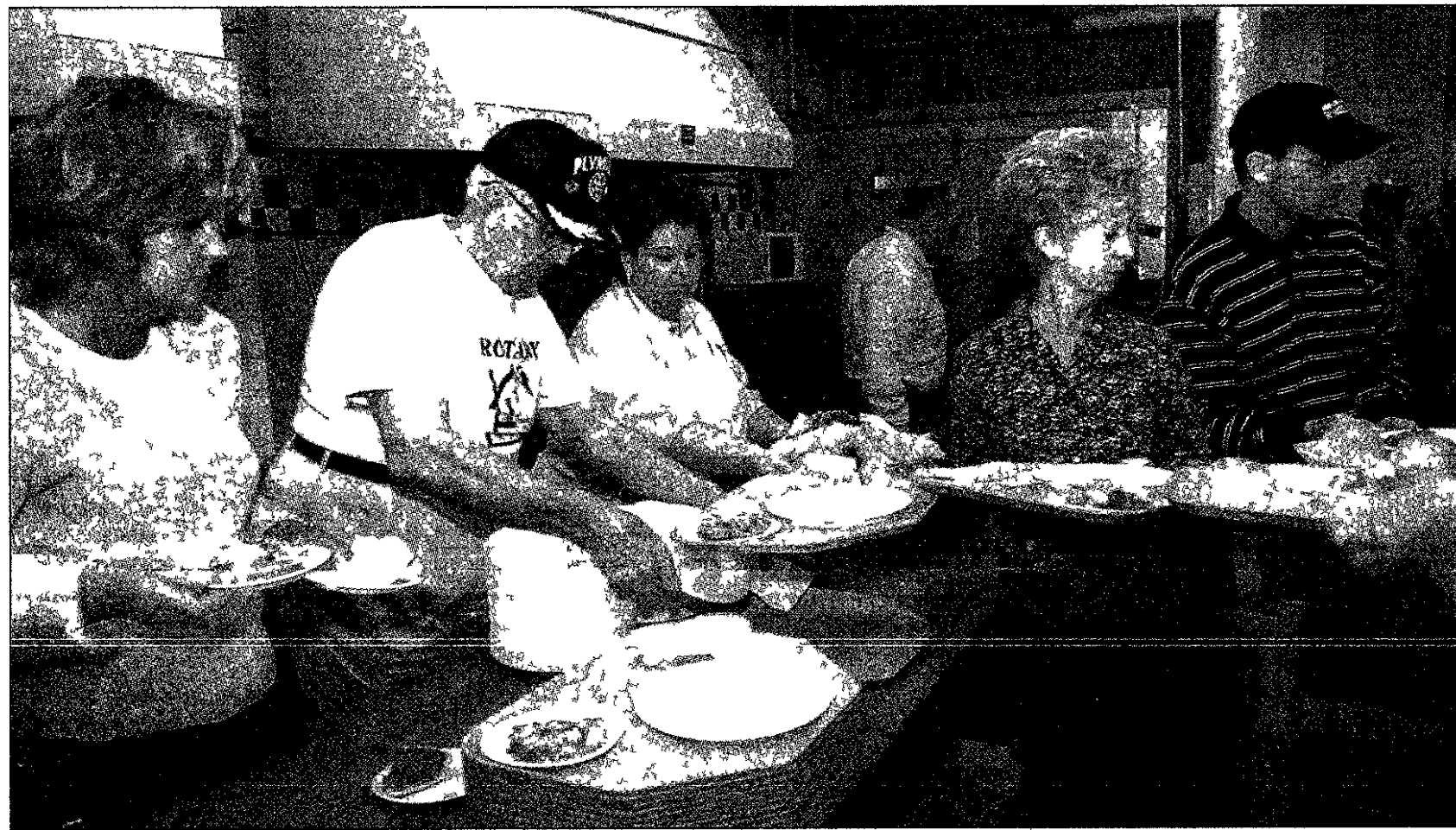
"And, the people who think this is a good idea, do they really want their kid on a bus that hasn't been checked out?" he asked. "I don't think so"

One might think bus mechanics would be pleased the state wasn't looking over their shoulders to make certain each bus meets strict



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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Rotarians (from left) Nancy Baldwin, Jack Tornqa, Linda Langmesser, Teresa Cischke and Scott LaRiche prepare to serve meals at St. Leo's soup kitchen on the west side of Detroit

Help for the hungry

Rotarian effort helps feed the homeless

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Terrance Hunter sat eating his lunch of baked barbecue chicken, mixed vegetables, bread and pie,

thankful there's a place like St. Leo's soup kitchen on the west side of Detroit to get a hot meal

"I've been out of work for seven months, so this really helps," said Hunter, as he

sat at a table with others, many who frequent the basement dining area of the church, which serves lunch daily. "We're lucky there are people who care enough to give us meals every day"

On this particular Thursday it was the Rotary Club of Plymouth, whose group of about 15 arrived close to 9 a.m. to prepare the noontime meal - barbecuing chicken, cutting fresh vegetables and slicing pie - given to anyone who wandered in

"We served 235 people, which is typical for this time of the month and the day of the week," said Russ Jones, co-chair of the Rotary's Feed the Hungry committee, which has taken on the

Easter project the past two years. "You really get to see how close to the edge some people live"

According to officials at St. Leo's, not all are homeless. However, those who have any money have very little, living on \$400-\$500 a month. "Take out some for living expenses and much of the rest for medication, and there's not a lot left for food. It's about survival," said Sharon Foster, assistant

PLEASE SEE HOMELESS, A4

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

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A5



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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

Board OKs hike in senior center renovation cost

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Senior citizens having trouble getting through the heavy doors at Friendship Station should rejoice. Help is on the way

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved Tuesday nearly \$24,000 in additional spending on the renovation project at the township's senior center, including changing both the front and back entrances

from the old, heavy ones currently in place to lighter, more senior-friendly doors

The changes are part of a five-step addition to the project proposed by township engineer Michael Bailey

The additional funding raises the total contract price for the renovation to just under \$251,000, up from the original \$227,100 initially approved by the board. The entire project will be paid for from federal

Community Development Block Grant money

The other changes include \$3,527 for soil analysis and testing, necessary for soil borings and structural testing

\$2,800 for structural engineering services

\$5,261 for additional lighting on the building and in the parking lot. The contractor will provide an exterior light above the door on

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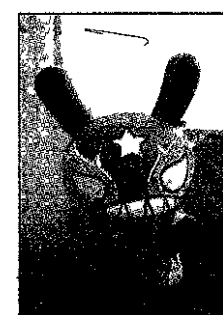


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Underground

Toy culture meets fine art at CPOP gallery in Detroit

Farmer's market

Booth space is still available for the weekly Farmer's Market in downtown Plymouth. The market opens May 7 and runs on Saturdays through Oct. 22. Last year, the market was expanded to include crafts, produce, flowers and shrubs are also welcome, all must be hand-made or home-grown by the seller. Booth space is available in front of The Gathering on the street for the full season or on a weekly basis. Cost is \$250 for the season or \$25 per week. For more information, or to rent a space, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

EEF dinner

The Educational Excellence Foundation serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hosts a dinner-theater evening at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at Salem High School. The district's culinary arts team will prepare dinner and

dessert and, after dinner, patrons will enjoy reserved seating in the Gloria Logan auditorium for opening night of the Park Players performance of the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Tickets are \$50 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the performing arts. To purchase tickets, call (734) 416-2718.

Pompon tryouts

The Canton Chieftette pompon team will be holding tryouts for the 2005-2006 squad during the 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.

End-of-era T-shirts

With the opening of Plymouth High School in



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Bands on the run

The East Lansing-based band Ettison Clio takes the stage at the WSDP fund-raiser, the "King of Spring" benefit concert at Canton's Summit on the Park. Ettison Clio, a Forever Inside Records artist, headlined a card that included half-a-dozen bands playing on two stages. Three Ettison Clio members graduated from Plymouth-Canton Schools.

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.

Nursery open house

Vendor representatives will be on hand, door prizes will be given and refreshments will be served when Plymouth Nursery hosts its annual open house April 16-17. On Sunday, April 17, guest speaker Janet Macunovich discusses "Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens" and "Shade Gardening," beginning at noon. Macunovich is a master gardener, newspaper and magazine columnist. Plymouth Nursery is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Road at the corner of Gotfredson. Call (734) 453-5500.

Resume seminar

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Career Networking Group presents "Resume 101," a resume writing seminar for job seekers at 7 p.m. Monday, April 4 in the social hall of OLCG Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial. A follow-up "Resume 202," takes place at 7

p.m. April 11. The seminars will focus on formatting, use of language, content and how to tailor a resume to the job seeker's desired position. Admission is free, people who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs, looking for a new job or a first job are invited. For information, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245 or the church office, (734) 453-0326.

Spring renewal

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is the site for the first "Spring Renewal," a special evening for couples, from 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 1. The evening includes appetizers, desserts and beverages, wellness strategies and nutritional tips from Betty Maliska at First Fitness, 10-minute couples massage plus tips to use at home from certified massage therapist Rachel McKolay, rejuvenating hand treatment for men and women from Crista Bekker of Clearly You, men's fitness instruction from Paul Seymour of The Blitz, mini-makeovers for men and women from Salon Awesome, treats compliments of Benmigan's, prizes and giveaways. Proceeds will pay for shipping care packages to tsunami victims. Tickets cost \$15 per couple in advance, \$17 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Clearly You, 261 S. Main, Benmigan's and The Blitz. For reservations or more information, call (734) 453-7475 or (734) 414-0609.

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A piece of the south

Eatery gets cookin' with Southern-style touch

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Kirk and Tina Duncan had been eyeing a vacancy further down Starkweather when they spotted the little building that used to house Shelleys.

Noticing the short hours and lack of customers, Kirk Duncan decided to give the owners of Shelleys a call. When he did, he found out the man was considering retiring, and shortly thereafter, Duncans new restaurant, 542 My Place, was born.

And Duncan, a Canton resident new to the restaurant business, believes strongly God led him to that time and place.

"When I called the owner, he said, 'How did you know I wanted to retire,'" Duncan said, recalling the conversation. "I told him I didn't, but God did."

The Duncans had been thinking about getting into the restaurant business "for about three years," Kirk Duncan said, and had been trying to find a location and get financing in place.

Then two things happened that not only got Duncan started, but convinced him God was driving his path. His mother, a devoutly religious woman from the South, passed away. At her funeral, Duncan said, "I gave my life to the Lord."

Then, money he inherited from his mother was "the last piece of the puzzle" providing Duncan with the capital he needed. He and Tina, who had waitressed at the Ram's Horn in Westland for 18 years, opened 542 My Place last month.

"I got tired of going out Friday nights and leaving most of my meals on the plate because I was dissatisfied with the food," Kirk Duncan said. "I felt there had to be an opportunity for someone who could present good food."

The first decision — what to serve — was an easy one. With a mother



Great home cooking, like these ribs, greens, sweet potato, and cornbread are prepared at 542 My Place, where co-owner Kirk Duncan settled on southern-style food 'because I knew it was good food.'

from the south, Duncans family had been raised on southern-style food. So Duncan went with what he knew, and the My Place specialty is barbecued ribs.

Other items — catfish, wings, corned beef and cabbage, shrimp, mashed potatoes and greens — dot the menu.

The restaurant is primarily a carry-out venue, with delivery and limited dining also available.

"I knew it was good food," Duncan said of the menu decisions. "I love ribs, and I knew they could be taken to another level if I found the right guy, and I did."

The right guy, according to Duncan, was cook Phillip Stoudmire, who spent 35 years at Hawkins Place in Ypsilanti. A friend introduced Stoudmire to the Duncans, and the chance to run his own kitchen was too much for Stoudmire to pass up.



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I got tired of going out Friday nights and leaving most of my meals on the plate because I was dissatisfied with the food. I felt there had to be an opportunity for someone who could present good food.
— co owner Kirk Duncan

"I've been cooking since I was 5, Stoudmire said.

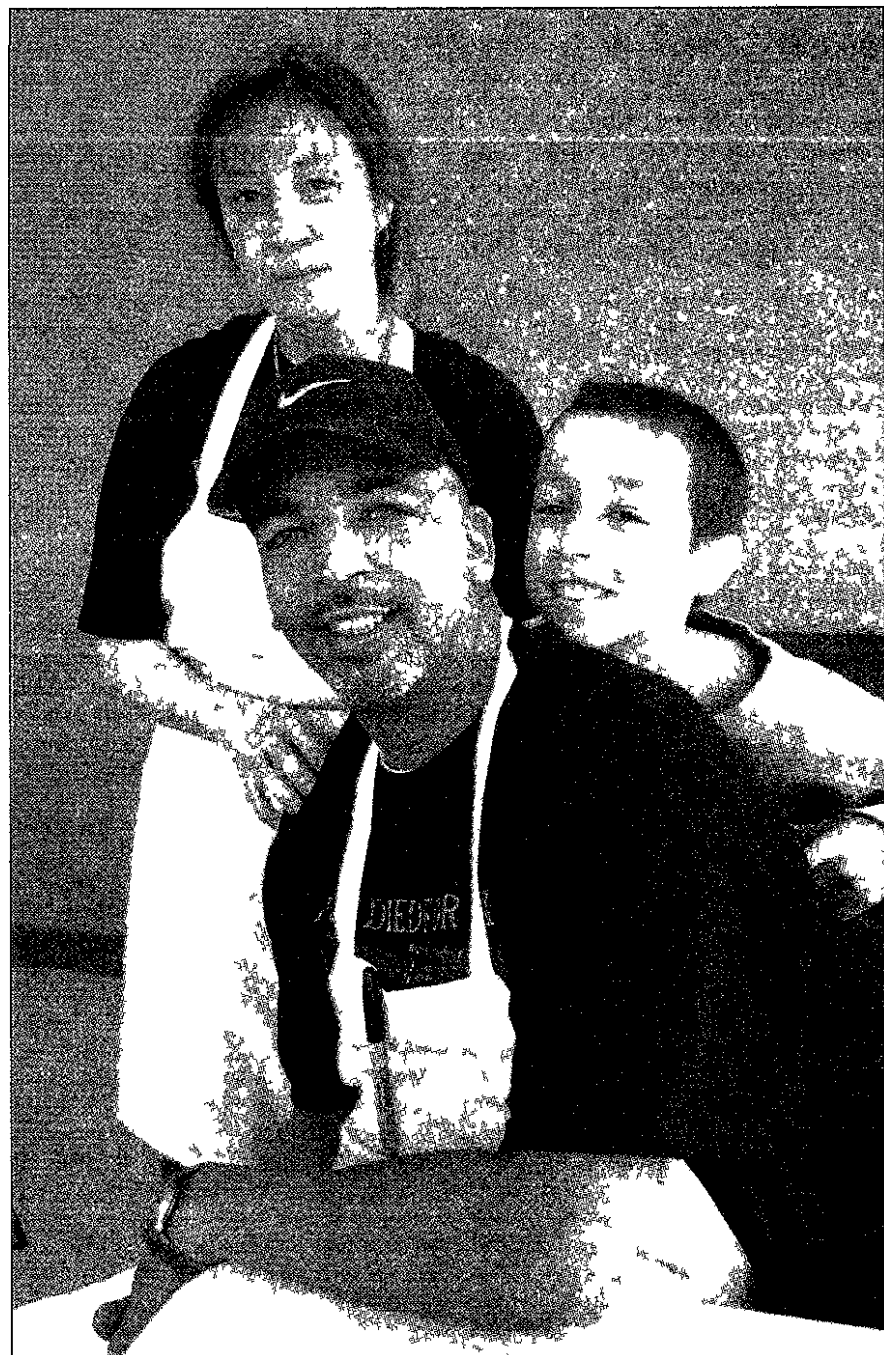
"It (running his own kitchen) is something I've always wanted to do."

It's definitely a "family restaurant." In addition to Kirk and Tina, 18-year-old daughter Starlette also works at My Place, and 9-year-old Spencer also hangs out a lot, lending a helping hand.

"I'm pretty good at it, and I like working with the public," Tina Duncan said. "This is right up my alley."

Kirk Duncan believes God is driving his life, and he unashamedly lets you know about it in his new restaurant.

The sign out front proclaims My



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Kirk and Tina Duncan opened 542 My Place with help from 9-year-old son Spencer 18-year-old Starlette a high school student.

Place as "Food for the Soul," and the menu points out in large type "We Serve the Lord."

Serving the Lord is what we're about, Duncan said.

"The Lord understands I have to make a living, but my job is to serve him."

Still, the focus is on good food.

"It's important to us that every meal that goes out the door is a good one," Duncan said.

It's about people coming in the next day, or the next week, and saying, "That was the best meal I've ever had."

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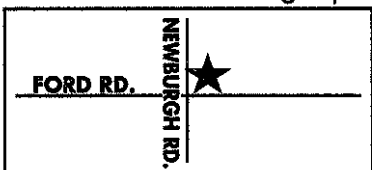
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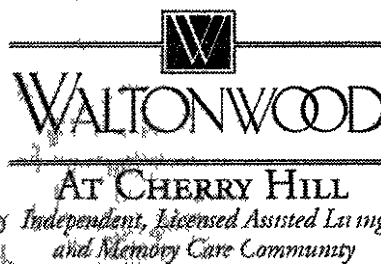
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William Earl Black, of Waterford died March 22

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

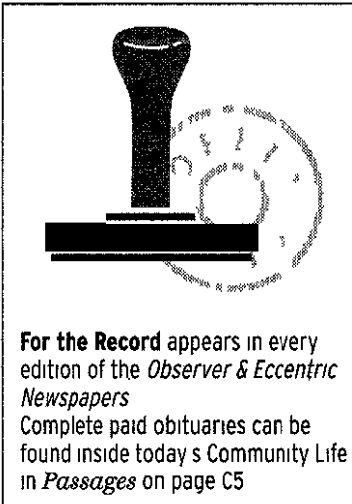
J
Arthur Janson, of Westland, died March 21

L
Margaret Lucille Lander, 75, formerly of Farmington Hills died March 22
Robert J "Bob" Linder, 64, of Union Lake, died March 22

M
Stephen P Malone 88, of Naples, Fla died March 21
Philip A Martz, 76 of Birmingham, died March 17
Norma E McDonnell, 71 of Garden City, died March 23
William L McMurphy 77, of Chesterfield Township, died March 10
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 Smyth of Westland, died March 20
Allen L Smyth 71 of Pontiac, died March 18



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

S
Stanley F Svoboda Sr 84 died March 22

T
Robert E Tobin of Livonia died March 18

W
Matthew Scott Wray, 52, died March 24

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period between March 16-22

■ Tuesday, March 22 – Commercial rescue run on Mill, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Trail, residential rescue runs on Newporte on Sheridan and on Northville Road, carbon monoxide detector run on Mayflower Court rescue run on Haggerty south of 5 Mile, mutual-aid-received rescue run on General Drive

■ Monday, March 21 – Rescue run to a public building/school on Holbrook commercial rescue runs on Concept Drive and on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, residential rescue runs on Mill, on Grant and on Ross

■ Sunday March 20 – Commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Northville Road, on Westbury on Newporte and on Morrison, investigation on Hilltop Drive

■ Saturday, March 19 – Vehicle accident on the eastbound M-14 ramp to northbound I-275 vehicle fire on Joy, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road

■ Friday March 18 – Residential rescue runs on Haggerty on Starkweather and on Hartsough Court

■ Thursday, March 17 – Residential rescue runs on Dogwood Court on Liberty and on Newporte, vehicle accident at on Schoolcraft at I-275

■ Wednesday March 16 – Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, industrial rescue run on Helm, residential rescue runs on Blunk, on Fair and on Northville Road

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Bob Petersen (left) and Russ Jones were among Plymouth Rotarians volunteering at St. Leo's soup kitchen on the west side of Detroit

HOMELESS

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director at St. Leo's "If we didn't have groups like this, we couldn't survive. It's rewarding to see someone smile when they get a meal."

Jack Tornga spent the morning cutting vegetables, peeling potatoes and setting up chairs, duties that aren't too unusual for him as he volunteers at soup kitchens in Detroit's Cass Corridor and Pontiac with members of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

"I just want to serve and do something for someone," said Tornga. "The majority of the people are very gracious and very grateful."

Committee co-chair John

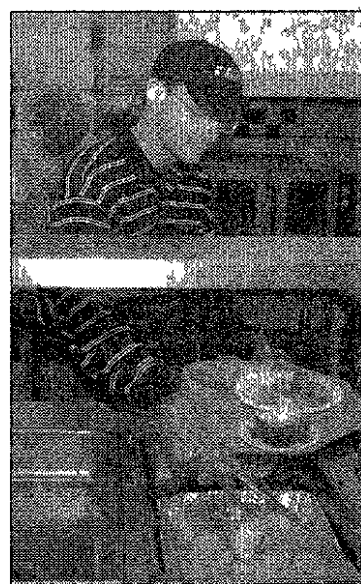
Morano said he started his group's effort at St. Leo's after being challenged by the Rotary's district governor to help the homeless.

"This is so rewarding and phenomenal," said Morano.

"The thank yous we get when they come through the line. It's sad we live in a country where everyone can't get a meal. We don't do enough."

Jeff Rice, a frequent visitor to the soup kitchen, finished his meal and headed toward the basement staircase, carrying a plastic bag full of clothes.

"I don't know who they are, but I'm glad some people care about the less fortunate," said Rice. "We need more people like them."



Plymouth Rotarian Scott Lariche dishes up some good food during the Rotary Club's volunteer effort at St. Leo's soup kitchen on Detroit's west side

BOARD

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the east side of the addition to the building, and two pole-mounted lights.

It's been determined the lights for the current parking won't be suitable, Bailey told board members.

■ \$5,280 to provide for asphalt three inches thick, double the original thickness for the north parking lot.

The door replacements will total just over \$7,000. Engineers weren't sure whether the cost included automatic door openers that would make the entrances handicap-accessible.

The board voted 5-1 to

authorize the additional funds. Trustee Charles Curm was the only dissenter.

"I'd only do (the soil analysis and structural engineering), and add the automatic door if we have to," Curm said. "The rest of it, let's save money. These are tough times."

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BUSES

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guidelines in order to be out on the road. However, Joslin said 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 check 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 Latmie 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 Latmie. "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?"

Latmie 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 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."

SCHOOLS

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"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 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 addition-

al \$7,025 per pupil from the state. This year, the Plymouth-Canton Schools population increased by 497 students.

Next year's budget is predicated 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 savings in salaries as more experienced and higher-paid teachers will leave, with less experienced and lower-paid educa-

tors 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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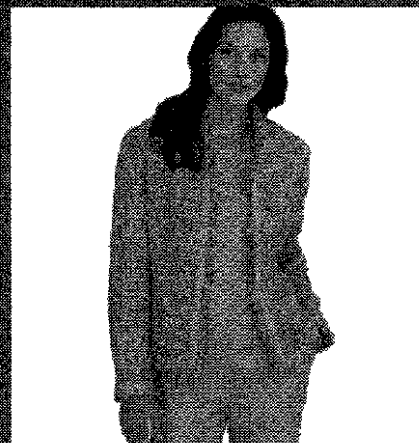


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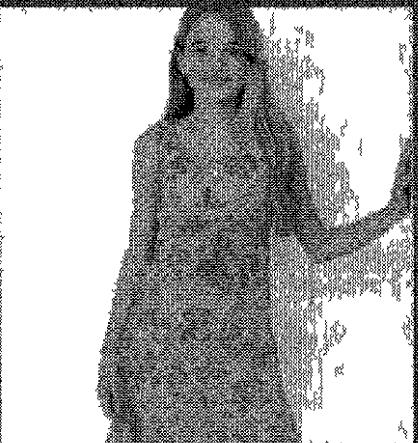


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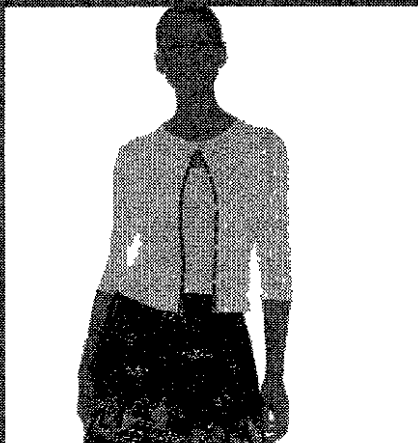
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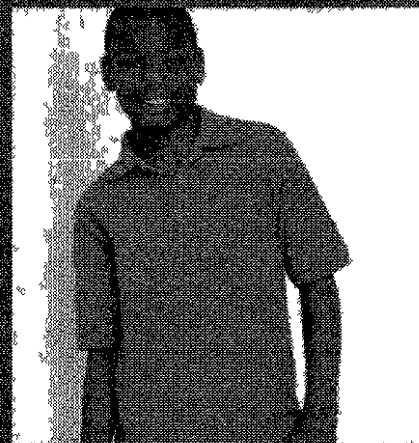
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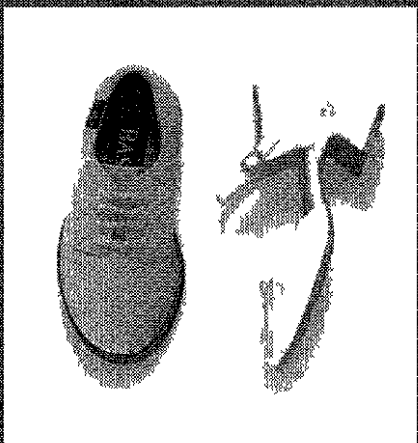
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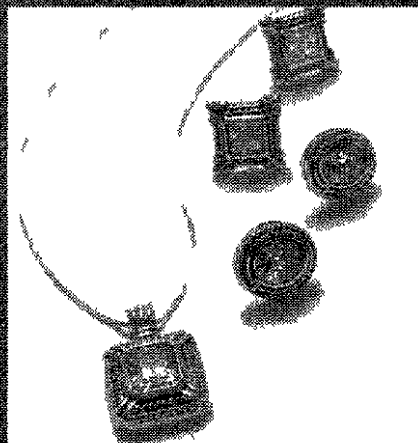
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Schiavo case raises questions about state and personal rights

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.

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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.

The church argues that it is going to where the people are.

But what about the people left behind? We have a school that we think is viable and, just as important, a school board and pastor dedicated to making it succeed.

And after 96 years of continuous operation, St. Florian will close this June.

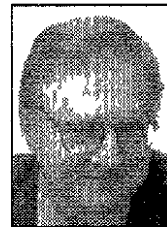
That will not have much, if any, impact on the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Or will it?

Our school once had nearly 2,700 students and the parish was the second largest in the archdiocese. But when you play a numbers game, the only thing that counts is the tally sheet. And if the tally sheet doesn't add up the right way, no parish anywhere is secure. Even here.

That's the price you pay when the only thing that ultimately matters is money.

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Women share worship, fellowship

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Lillian Roe was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. In the late 1940s she attended a Holy Week breakfast at a Muskegon church and brought the idea home.

It's just been an annual tradition for all these years, said Ailsa Blunk of Northville, moderator for the Presbyterian Women at the church. "The men do all the serving for us."

The men were indeed busy Thursday morning serving a tasty breakfast following the worship service. The name White Breakfast is based on the decorations, although Blunk noted color is now used as well.

This has become definitely a cherished tradition, she said before entering the sanctuary for the 9:30 a.m. service. This year's theme, "The Wheat and the Grapes," focused on communion.

Thursday's gathering was the 56th such observance and drew more than 100, including women of other denominations. Jan Sockolosky of Plymouth Township, a coordinating team member, was



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Dave Richards serves Pam Zinn (left) and Elizabeth Pierce breakfast after the Thursday morning service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

among those enjoying the worship and fellowship.

"Oh, I love being here," she said. "I think it's a wonderful way to start the Easter week."

Women were dominant during the worship service leading the worship and providing music. The Rev. Mary Jean Bird, associate pastor, was involved, as was the Rev. Jennifer Saad, former interim associate pastor at the congregation.

It is a joy to be back and see much-loved and familiar faces, Saad told the congrega-

tion. She read from Scripture, and talked about the events of 9/11. "Whatever innocence any of us may have had left was shattered that day," she said.

Saad read from the biblical passage where Jesus tries to prepare his disciples for his impending death. "We too want to avoid pain and sorrow," she said, just as the disciples did.

Saad, who now works with the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, talked about "What ifs?" and the need to surrender battles to God.

During the breakfast, Susan Kage was awarded an honorary life membership in Presbyterian Women. Sue epitomizes what it means to

put your faith in action," Blunk said of the retired educator.

The Rev. James Skumms, pastor, said Lent's a time to reflect before celebration of Christ's resurrection. "Lifes too crazy around here," he said. "Pause, reflect, pray and then celebrate."

His church members are enjoying the Easter season, despite the cold. The early Easter this year follows the early Christian calendar, Skumms said, which is unlikely to change.

"We would have to have every Christian group in the world change it and that's not going to happen."

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Plymouth Township officials announced the beginning of the townships curbside compost collection April 4.

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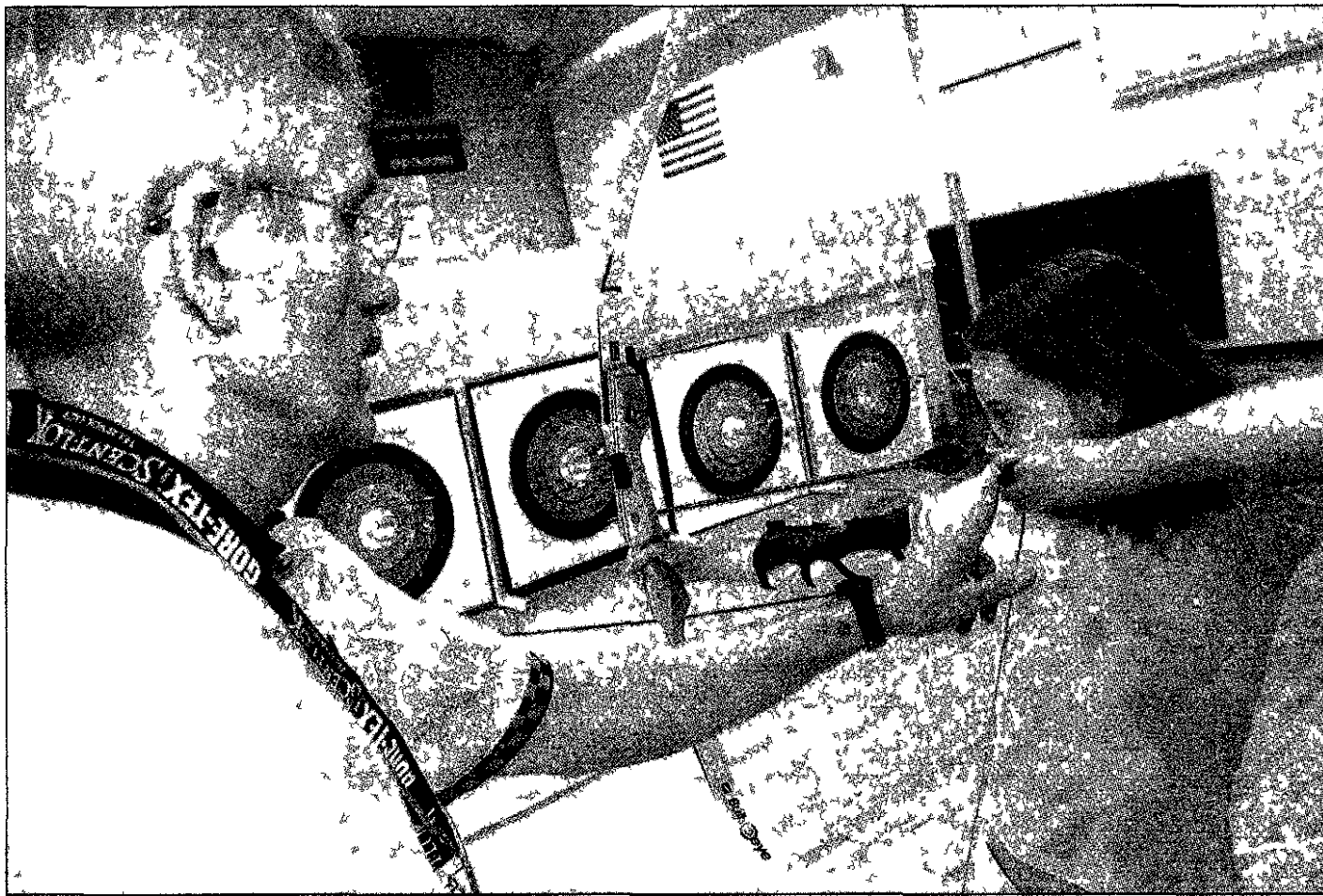
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Instructor Bob Fenton gives some pointers to 11-year-old Bria Dobson of Canton during an archery clinic at Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday night. The four-day clinic drew 22 young archers between the ages of 8 and 16.

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

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

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

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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.

Sidelines

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 Rebaln, Kayla Rebaln, 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 Elul 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.

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 win-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 returning 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



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

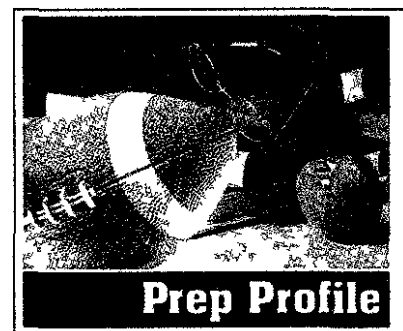
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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



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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

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

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

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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 Tank Khasawneh will handle the majority of the catching duties for the Chiefs.

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

"Tank 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 Mulholis 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 Grung, 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 W-LAA 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-W-LAA slate.

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Segura's 299 game highlights tourney

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 stilt 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 Merr-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).

It should be a fun time for participants and for a great cause that merits your support. For further information, call (248) 476-3201.

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 McLellan 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 Schmansky 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

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

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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 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 Winowicki 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 Kosmalski, will start at second for the Wildcats. The speedy Kosmalski 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 Mihelchek 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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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.)

Part of Sections 11 & 12

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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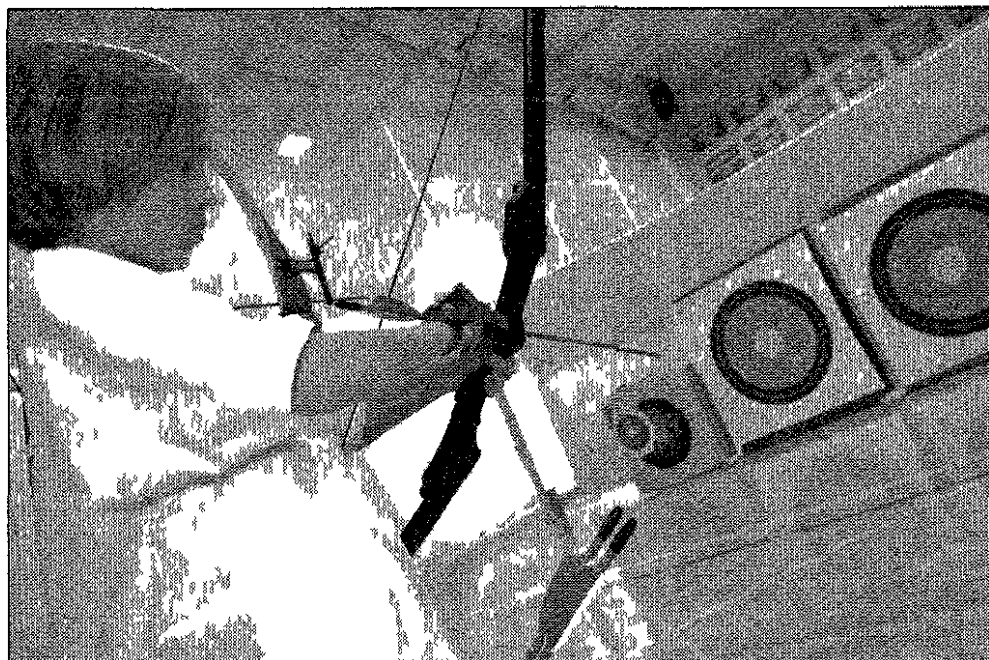
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Al Arbie, 10, of Plymouth sets up for a shot during an archery clinic held at Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday night

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

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

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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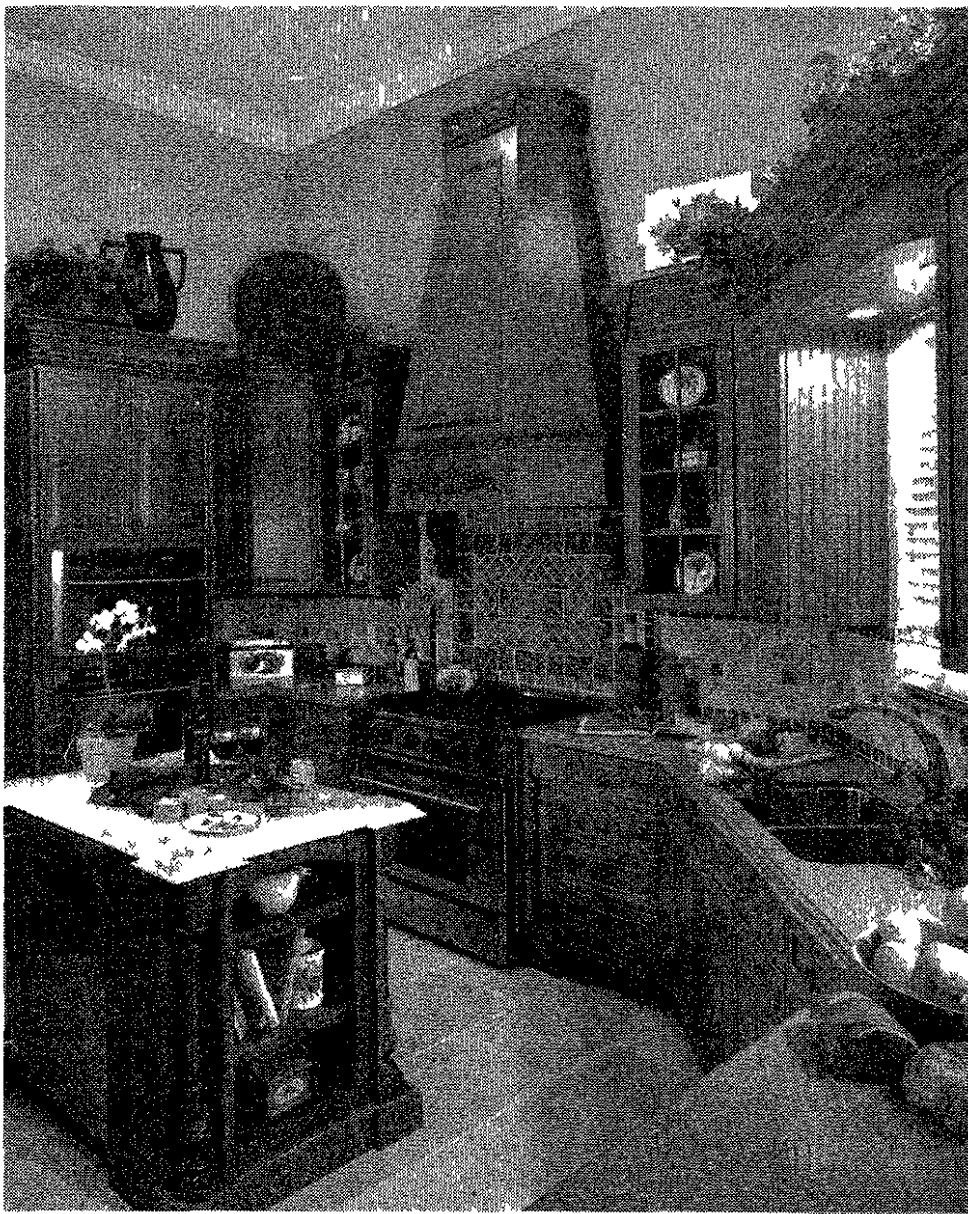
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Deb Madonna

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 Applebees 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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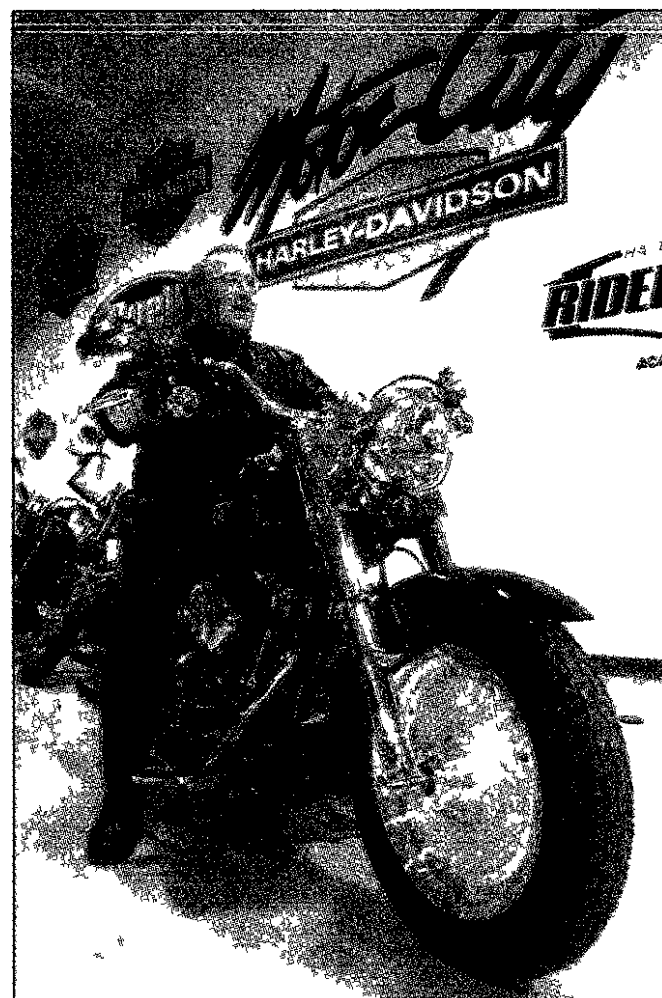
Observer LIFE



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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 Samibel and Marco islands in Florida, Grand Cayman on 7 Mile Beach, and an abbey in France have been donated.

PLEASE SEE FUND-RAISER, C4

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN | STAFF WRITER

Film captures labor Legacy in Bronze

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sergio De Guisti 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 Guisti's bronze

reliefs which focus on the legacy of the labor movement in Michigan. It's taken De Guisti 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 Guisti. "The film shows the process that people are not aware of."

Director John Prusak calls it magic from the moment De Guisti 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 Guisti 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 Guisti 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 resources and books that I can recommend.



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

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

■ www.healthnschools.org/parents — The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools (CHCS) 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.commonssensemedia.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 — Strives to help families meet the challenges of raising a teen by addressing topics that include

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

■ 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 — 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 — Articles from past editions of *Healthy Newsletters* are available on this Web site. Readers may make personal copies of articles.

■ 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.gorcrc.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 Poussant, 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 Psychoanalytic Institute and the Harvard Medical School.

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

and Robert Reiter, 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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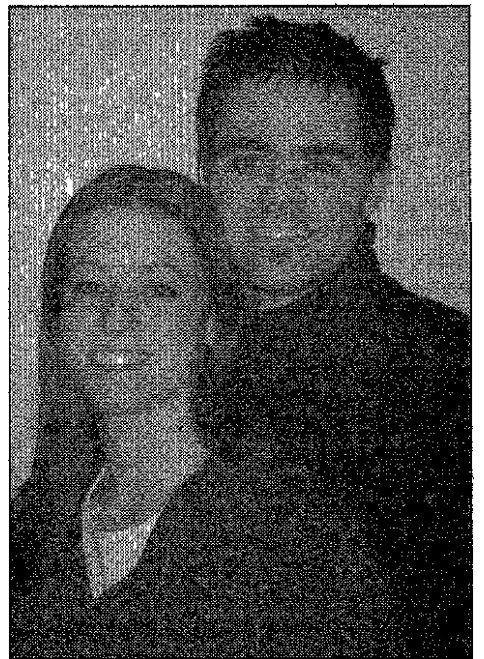
Snyder-Ries

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



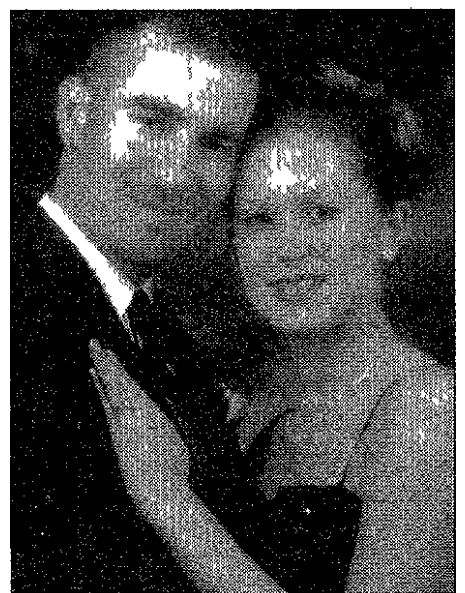
Shane-Meldrum

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 an April wedding at First Congregational Church of Wayne.



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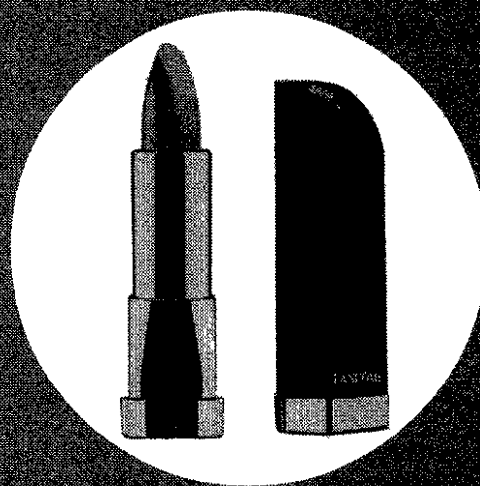
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(March 27-March 30)
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

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 subtleties 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 overstepped 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.

FILM

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molds will be made. De Gusti 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 Gusti 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 Gusti 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 Gusti. "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 Gusti 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 Gusti for a 30-minute documentary to premier April 2, at Cranbrook Museum Auditorium.

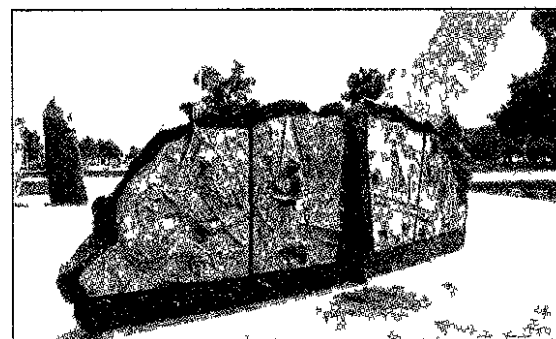
Gallery in Birmingham this May. That's what Prusak hoped to capture with the film funded by The Public Benefit Corporation of Detroit.

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 new born 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 Gusti 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. (chomin@oe.hometown.com | (734) 953-2145)

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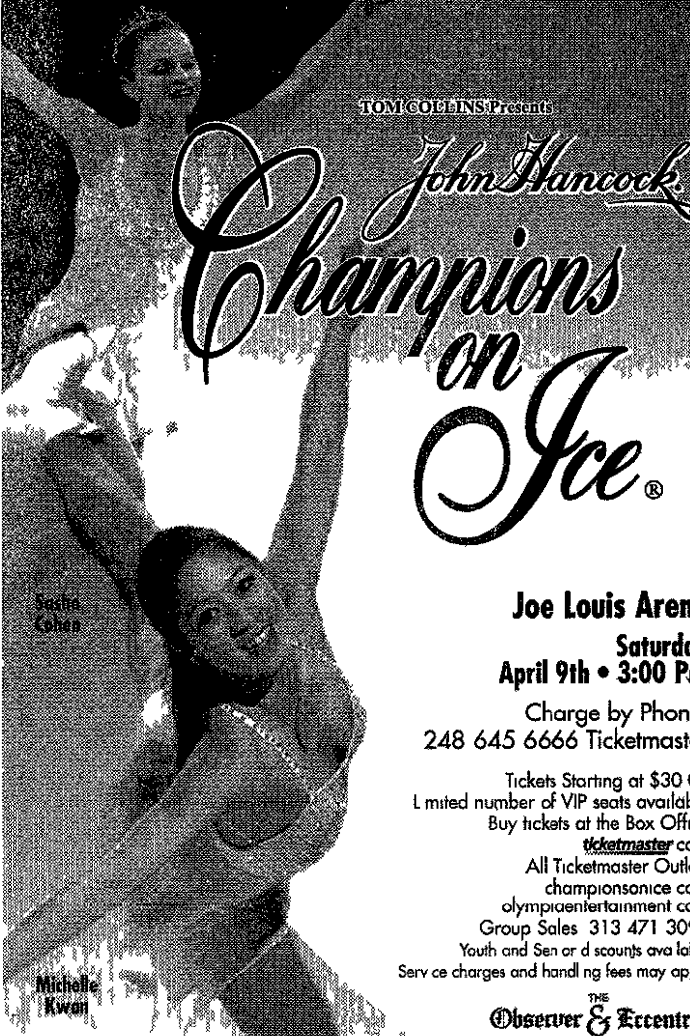
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along with an appearance on Jonathan Swift's cooking show at the new Guilio's Restaurant in Livonia (to be aired on Channel 56 and Comcast), a mini refrigerator and a dessert each month from Cozy Cafe in Plymouth, spa days for women, men and their 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 US 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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Cooley High School
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Detroit Mackenzie
Classes Jan/June 1945
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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 RHSI955Reunion@aol.com

Garden City High School
Class of 1965
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 Sheryl1967@aol.com or call (734) 612 4193

Livonia Churchill
Classes 1971 2005
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Northville High School
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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
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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

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Marilyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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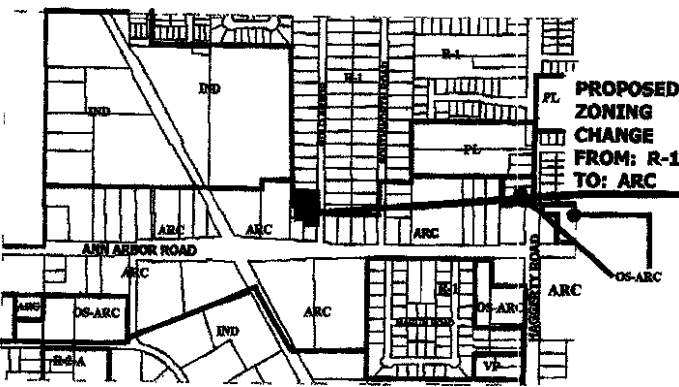
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION

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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 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. to 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. to 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 at 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 to 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 curlysus91@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. Like-wise 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 1:30 p.m. April 16 in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. Barbara Yerace of Creative Glasswear in Saline will demonstrate the fine art of lampworked 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 Art Center call (734) 994-8004 or visit 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 dashes 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.

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 24 through April 28 from 4:50 to 6:30 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



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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 Burns 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 decor. 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 Ave., I-23. The market is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 2, 9 a.m. to 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 southeast 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.

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. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a

juried show. For more information e-mail Diane VanDyke at dvandyke@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 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 discussions, time for 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@juno.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 the 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

100 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.

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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.

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. (Caroi) 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 PM, with scripture service at 7:00 PM, 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.

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 Seattle and Sally (Jim) Mitchell of Canton. His daughter in law Lisa, eleven grandchildren and his brothers and sisters Lois MacGillivray, 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, 12 noon. Visitation Tuesday, 10am until time of service. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

NORMA E MCDONELL
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) McDonell of Milford, Cynthia McDonell 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.

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.

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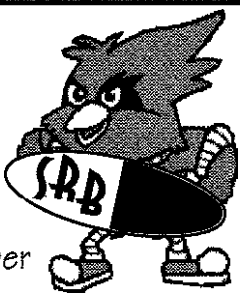
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Question: Sarah from Livonia wants to know natural ways to help fight cholesterol levels.

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. 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 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.

"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, 90 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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Post-Polio support group

Southeast Michigan Post Polio Support Group meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26, at First Presbyterian Church of Troy, 4328 Livernois about a half mile north of Wattles (17 Mile). Please park in back enter through back door. For more information call (313) 885-7855.

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, 4500 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.mcancer.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's degree in diet-

'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

etics 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."

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Marc Jacobs canvas Mary Jane



Split tunic (they're only flattering on pregnant women)

How to Lose Your Ass and Regain Your Life by Kirstie Alley

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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. 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 Presents NBA Star

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 brides 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 Esmod 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?

Its 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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In summary, patients with a moderate amount of abdominal fat and good skin tone are candidates for liposuction. Patients with loose skin and lax abdominal muscles are more suited for abdominoplasty. A mini abdominoplasty is an option for patients with lesser degrees of skin and muscle laxity. Overweight patients are generally advised to lose weight prior to any of these procedures.

To determine the best surgery for your particular needs, set up a consultation with a surgeon who is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (www.plast.surgery.org).

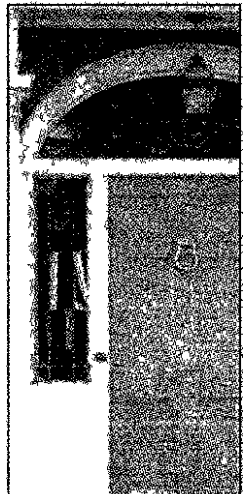
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Buying a home: understanding the process



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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 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.

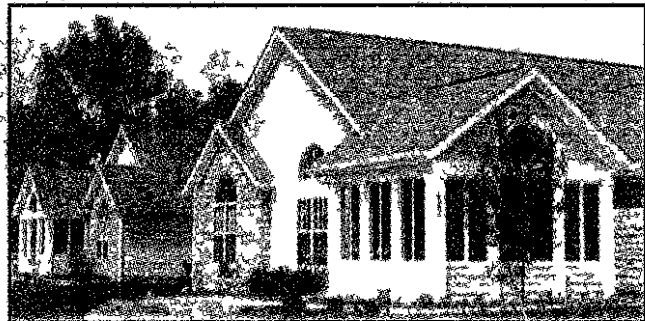
■ **Home inspection** You should contact a home inspector to arrange to have your prospective home inspected. A licensed professional can best assess if the home is structurally sound and built according to code. Should anything be illegal or just not up to par, the inspector will include it in his report.

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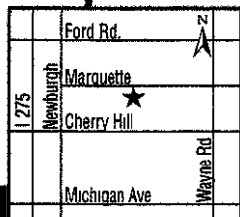
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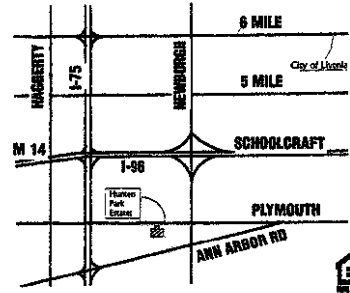
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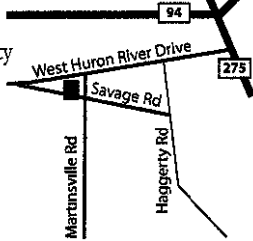
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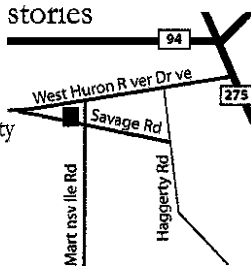
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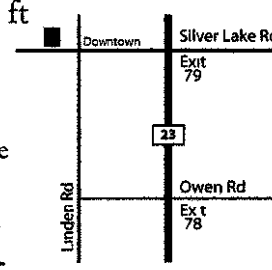
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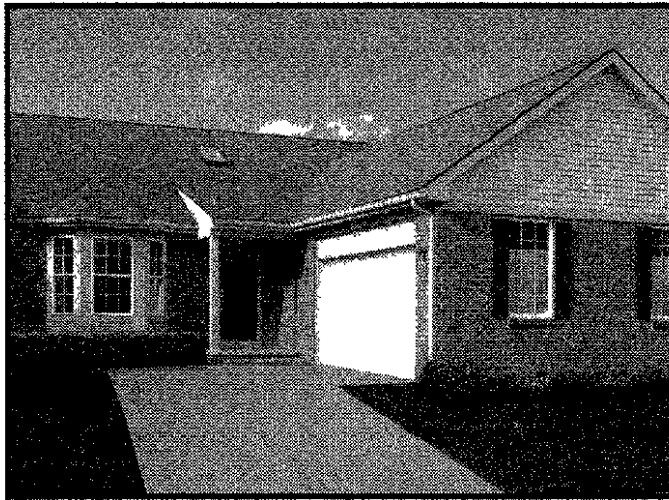
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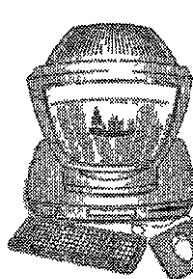
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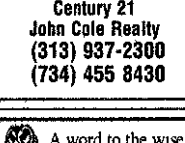
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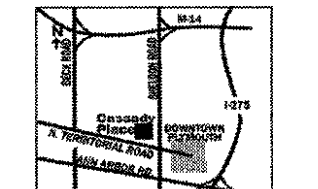


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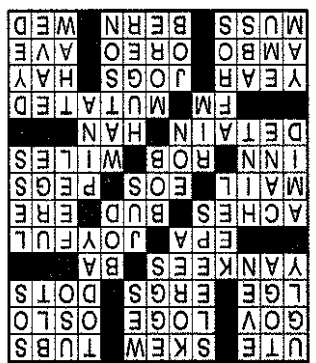
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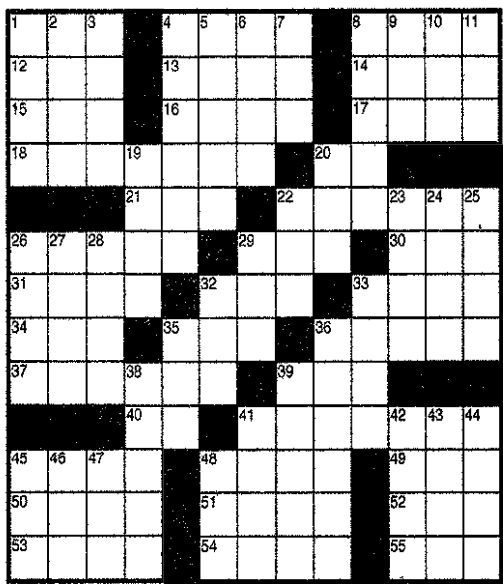
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RECASTING NURSING RECRUITMENT



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,

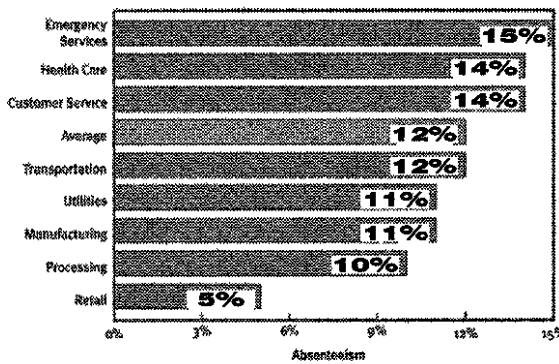
because of worker shortage and absenteeism, extended shifts are on the rise (see graph). Do people who choose shift work fare better than those who are assigned it? Circadian medical director Acacia Aguirre is aware of research indicating that "some who choose to work nights actually do better than if 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 Stephens works in Pediatric Intensive Care at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. A friend recommended the hospital

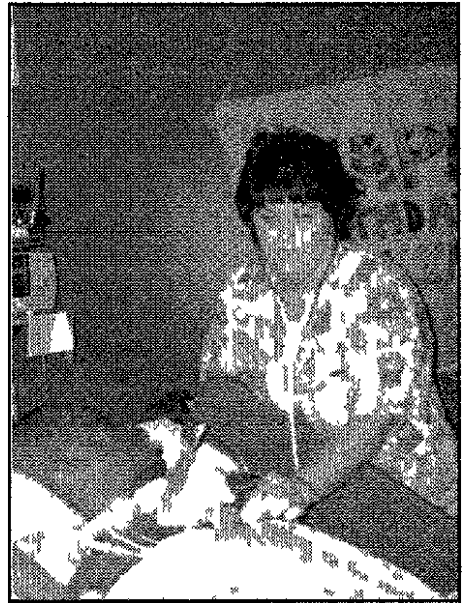
Average absenteeism by industry



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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



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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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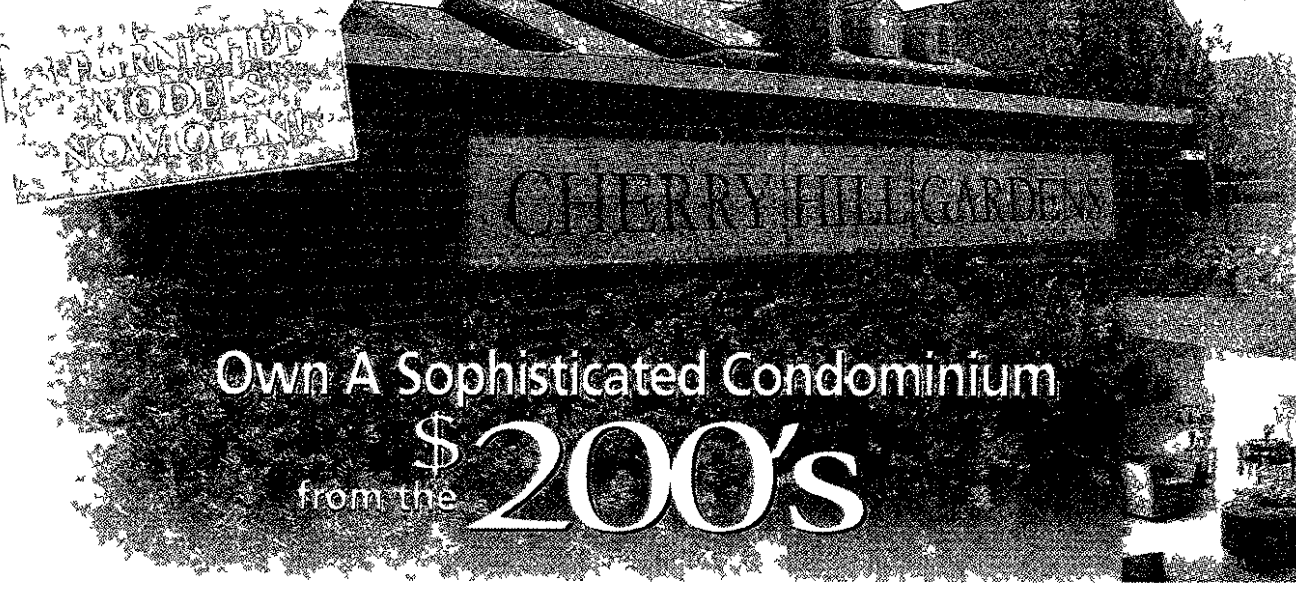
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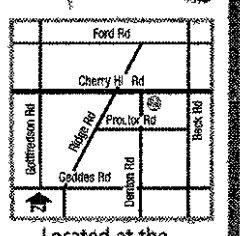
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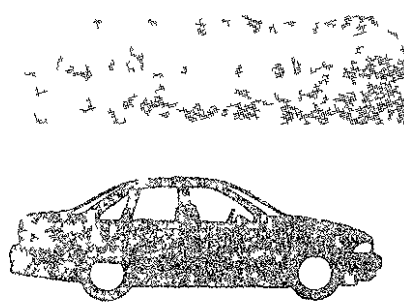
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Pontiac G6 is Sporty, and Fun

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

It rivals the integrity, sportiness, prowess and interior refinements of a fine luxury sports coupe

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 instrumentation 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 integram 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 we wouldn't expect in a vehicle of this size.

And here's an option you don't see often -- an engine block heater.

Any safety issues you would have in a small car like this are taken care of: three-point safety belts in all positions, dual-stage air bags, child safety tethers and remote vehicle starter system. (What a blessing when it's sooooo cold out there -- or even sooo hot.)

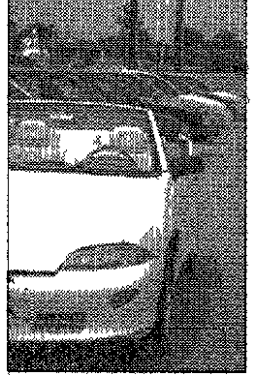
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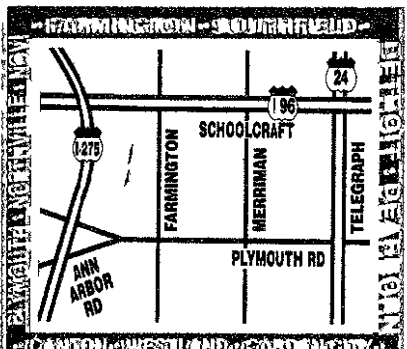
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