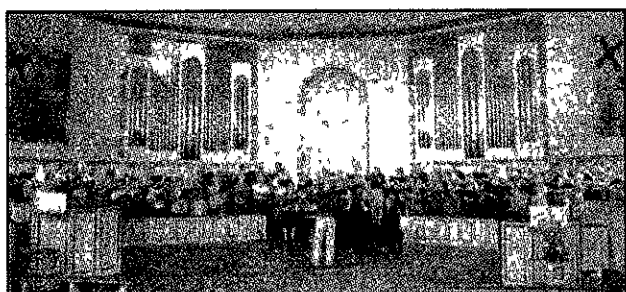


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Eclectic mix of music 'escapes' round-the-clock at WSDP

## Low-watt station, high-voltage sound

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

It was about three years ago that John Franzel, while driving from his home in Detroit to his job in Ann Arbor, hit the scan button on the car radio and found a song he didn't recognize, so he stopped to hear.

After listening a while, Franzel, now 28, found the radio station played an eclectic range of music to his liking - electronic, R&B, metal - much of it from local bands.

Franzel soon discovered the station on the left side of the FM dial wasn't one of those 50,000-watt, clear channel corporate-owned Detroit radio stations with studios in a high-rise building with a golden dome. Instead, it was the 250-watt powerhouse WSDP, the student-operated FM with studios in classroom-size studios located inside Salem High School, known as 88.1 The Escape.

"Sometimes I catch their punk rock program, sometimes it's more of the hipster music," Franzel said. "Compared to other radio stations in Detroit that play the same 20 songs over and over, I know that I can always find something new on WSDP. It keeps me coming back because I've found at least six or seven great bands that I never would have heard of otherwise."

It's that kind of loyalty that inspires the staff at WSDP as they get ready for the annual on-air auction - from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. May 14 - to raise money that helps purchase studio equipment and other necessities to keep the station on-the-air.

"Last year, we raised nearly \$12,500 ... a record since I've been here," said Bill Keith, the station's general manager. "We set a goal of \$10,000 and we completely obliterated it."

Keith said the aim for this year's auction, during which listeners can bid on items donated by local businesses, is \$15,000.

"We're using the auction this year as the first fund-raiser for a 2 1/2-year campaign to build an endowment fund for the radio station," said Keith, "so that maybe in the future there won't be talk of cutting it."

It seems each year the school district faces financial woes, WSDP and its \$80,000 budget are mentioned as a way to save money. However, this year there hasn't been talk of pulling the plug, despite a multimillion budget deficit.

"We'd like to move toward self-sufficiency," said Keith. "The way school funding is now days, we need to be self-sufficient."

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Jessica Pilkiewicz works the 2-4 p.m. slot filling in for a missing staffer at the student-run WSDP 88.1-FM. Pilkiewicz's regular shift runs from 4-5:30 p.m.

'Key' committee  
to legislators:

## 'Show us money'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Amin, who has three children attending Isbister Elementary, believes education funding is at a crossroads.

"I've seen the struggles the district has gone through the past few years, and I can see we're reaching a critical point with school funding," said Amin, who lives in Plymouth Township. "So far, we've gotten by without drastic cuts being made. But, now it's to that point where it's going to hurt us all."

Amin, and more than a dozen other educators and parents in the Plymouth-Canton school district, are banding together in an effort to convince the governor, state legislators and anyone else who will listen to fully fund public schools.

They're part of a group called "key communicators" from each school building in the district, working with the Board of Education's legislative committee, who will rally their school and neighborhood communities to write letters and e-mails to lawmakers, urging them to stop the tide of financial cutbacks forcing many school districts into deficit spending.

"Funding education is a given," said Bob Pennock of Plymouth Township, an intervention teacher at Fiegel Elementary, who also has one child at Allen. "We need to fund it well if we want our children to do well. There are a lot of demands on them. We can't do it for free."

School board member Carol Saunders, during the first meeting of the group, told volunteers that without more money, the future of the district is in doubt.

"The district has no say and no control," Saunders said. "This is all decided by the state. Hopefully, teachers will have materials, hope-

PLEASE SEE MONEY, A5

## Children's specialist mixes fun into trip to the dentist

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

For many people, especially children, a visit to the dentist can be a scary notion, which is something Dr. Farah Khan is trying to change. That is evident the moment you walk into her new Canton office, which not only features bright colors, but is almost impossible not to notice all the Disney characters that provide an inviting theme - if you are a child.

And that's the point, according to Khan, who is the only certified pediatric dentist located in Canton. In fact, the name of the practice is Pediatric Dentistry. Khan treats children up to the age of 14, something the 28-year-old Canton



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Farah Khan just opened a pediatric dentistry practice in Canton.

resident believes she is perfectly suited for.

"I'm a kid at heart, which is why I love Disney. My dream was to open an office with a Disney theme, and I did it," said Khan, who grew up in Canton's Sunflower subdivision and graduated from Salem High School. "I work well with kids. I relate to them more. There's never a dull moment. I enjoy the screaming and yelling."

Kahn acknowledges that working with young children certainly has its challenges, something

PLEASE SEE DENTIST, A3

## Christians set for annual prayer day

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

For some 15 years, the Canton and Plymouth communities have gathered bright and early on the National Day of Prayer to share their faith over breakfast. But this year, on the first Thursday of May, the Plymouth and Canton Christian faithful will gather a little later in the day.

"This is a new approach to an old process," said the Rev. William Moore, Trinity Presbyterian of Plymouth. "We had for many years a prayer breakfast, inviting leaders from education and government and the community, to spend time listening to a message and then praying for our country."

But morning - early morning to be precise - is not the easiest time of day, even for the most

devout, and the event planners thought it may be a better-attended event if it was held in the evening.

So this year on May 5, the event that used to be the annual prayer breakfast will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian.

"We'll invite the same audience, and we are connecting the community in the same way, but at a more convenient time," Moore said.

Several local churches will join efforts to put on the event. Canton's Resurrection Parish will lead attendees in song, and then at 7 p.m., Trinity will pick up a satellite transmission from a Christian broadcasting station. The presentation will feature guest speakers Lee Strobel and Jerry Sittser, who will present "When God doesn't answer prayer."

"I thought this would be a

wonderful opportunity to connect on this National Day of Prayer," Moore said. "We often look at prayer as something that we want to have answered, but God doesn't always answer them."

After the presentation, attendees will break into small groups for prayer circles to ask for God's help and blessing for the nation.

A voluntary collection will be asked, but the event is free of charge to attend. It will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 5 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 459-9550. All proceeds from the offering will support Habitat for Humanity projects in the Plymouth and Canton areas.

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## Coming Thursday in Filter

New American opera about the African-American experience makes its international debut at the Detroit Opera House.

**RE/MAX scholars**

Four Plymouth-Canton area students were among the 20 recipients of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's "American Dream" scholarship program.

Local students among the winners included Emily Barlage of Canton and Agape Christian Academy; Amber Forbes of Canton and Salem High School; Heta Mehta of Canton and Canton High School and Clare Selden of Plymouth and Canton High School.

The program — \$500 to each of 20 student recipients — was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary in 2003 to recognize and encourage the pursuits of local students.

To apply for the scholarship, qualifying students from Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Wayne counties were required to submit a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them, and the role that higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials were judged on con-

**Student selected for leadership**

Canton resident Maralyn O'Brien was recently selected as one of 29 students from campuses across Michigan to participate in Michigan State University's summer leadership program, Tomorrow's Political Leaders, which is a hands-on colloquium on public policy and politics.

O'Brien is a political science senior at Albion College. She is president of both the Albion College Democrats and Albion College Model United Nations, as well as secretary of POWER, the college's feminist group, and a member of the student senate.

She will be attending the two-week TPL session May 15-27.

**Pom/dance tryouts**

The Salem High School Rockette pom/dance team holds tryouts for 2005-06 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. during the week of May 16-21 in the Salem High School gym.

A mandatory parent-student meeting takes place at 7:30

p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Salem High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Salem High School general office.

**Saberette events**

The Plymouth Saberettes host a Pompon Kids Clinic from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to girls ages 3 through the eighth grade.

Cost is \$35 to learn a pom routine with the Saberettes, receive a pom T-shirt and a snack. All participants will be invited to perform in the Saberette Variety Show May 6-7.

Register for the clinic from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 25, at the Plymouth High School Athletic Wing. For more information, call (734) 455-4318.

The Saberette Variety Show takes place at 7 p.m. May 6-7 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

**CCW class**

The Canton Police Department's training division is hosting a carrying concealed

weapons (CCW) permit class 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Canton Police Training Range, located at 5646 S. Lilley (just north of Van Born).

The cost of the class is \$125 and the class size is limited to 14 Canton residents only. Participants must bring their own unloaded pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition. In addition, a holster, eye and ear protection, and a locking device are highly recommended.

The class will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Pre-registration is recommended. For additional information or to register, call (734) 394-5451.

**Prayer observance**

Residents of Canton will be participating in the annual "Meet at City Hall" on May 5 to observe the National Day of Prayer, and to pray for a moral rebirth of America.

All are welcome to meet at the war memorial directly behind the administration building to pray for 20 minutes, beginning at 12:20 p.m. The building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

For more information, call (734) 981-3442.

**Patterson hours**

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district director will hold office hours for all Van Buren Township residents, and any other interested constituents of State Senate District 7, on Monday, April 25, 2005, from 11-1 p.m., in the Van Buren-Denton Room of the Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road.

Please contact Patterson's Lansing office at (517) 373-7350, or (866) 262-7307, if you believe you will be stopping by.

**Alzheimer's gala**

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter will be holding its annual gala, on April 28 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. This year's gala, entitled "Living Longer and Loving It II", will feature Dr. Terri Orbuch, who is locally known as "The Love Doctor." The event will also feature 23 exclusive businesses from the local area, and music from the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society. State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, will also be a featured speaker.

Hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, free goodie bags and a cash bar will be available. The event is open to the public on a first-come first-serve basis by pre-registering with Renee Merckx at (734) 658-4317. There is a \$5 fee to pre-register or \$10 at the door.

**Youth orchestra auditions**

The Celebration Youth

Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2005-2006 school year on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, 2005. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, which is located at 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com.

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Walt and Alma Soto stand in the Buck-It Dollar Store, which they recently opened at Cherry Hill and Lilley.

# One dollar at a time

## Local couple bucks rat race to open own store

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

When Walt and Alma Soto of Canton decided to leave the rat race, they concluded they would make their living one dollar at a time.

The couple opened their store, Buck-It Dollar Store, in March.

"I just love dollar stores," Alma Soto said. "It doesn't matter how much money you have. You don't have to pay more than a dollar for some things."

Alma left a career as a vice president of a global communications company, a job which kept her on the road and on airplanes about half of her working life.

"I was out of the country more than I was at home," she said. "I didn't want to live like that anymore. I was missing out on spending time with my husband, with my grandchildren. I couldn't do it anymore."

Walt was a successful car

salesman for 20 years before he left his career to open the store. He was feeling the same stress as his wife.

"The hours were terrible. I needed to do something else," Walt said.

Walt wanted their family business to be a bar - a hot nightspot in Canton - but Alma insisted the dollar store would be more fun, and so far Walt said he can't argue with her.

"We did the research and I thought there is just no reason Canton can't support another dollar store," Alma said.

Where they say they hope to differ from other dollar stores is service.

"We both love retail. And we both have that kind of background. We're all about customer service," Alma said.

The store is designed so that the Sotos can see visitors from the cash register and greet every customer who walks in the door.

While she talked about the

store's design, Walt helped a customer find exactly what he was looking for.

"We had a customer come looking for this brand of spices," he said, holding up an empty jar the woman brought with her. "We don't carry it but I'm going to special order it and start carrying it."

It's not just good business, the Sotos say. It's about being part of the community they love.

"When people see me out shopping or when they see me at the Post Office, I want them to say, 'There's the dollar store lady,' and be happy to see me. That's what it's about to me," Alma said.

Buck-It Dollar Store is located at 42484 Cherry Hill, just west of Lilley. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 844-7323.

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# Yack: Board needs 'intestinal fortitude' to OK rental inspections

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

As the Canton Township Board of Trustees prepared its list of goals to carry members through 2008, most of their objectives include updates and the continuation of projects and goals that have been long in the making. But there's one that's been kicked around for a decade and just can't get off the ground: a township inspection program for commercial and residential rental properties.

"This has been talked about for 10 years or more," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said of a long-pondered residential rental properties inspection program. "No board has found the intestinal fortitude it would take" to approve such a program.

Yack said the main reason it has gone untouched is there is either no interest or commitment from the board to do so.

But according to some, it should be of great interest.

"I think that could be a great service to our residents," said trustee Todd Caccamo. "Renters can often be under-

appreciated and used."

According to Caccamo, renters often can't get their landlords to bring properties into compliance with building codes. However, a program that would require businesses to undergo township inspections was not as attractive a proposition to Caccamo. He said using township officials to inspect rental properties could pose a conflict of interest.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin noted, however, that if people go to eat at a terrific restaurant, which happens to be located inside a strip mall that hasn't been maintained, it's unfair to the restaurant owner, as well as the customers.

"Is that fair to the owner of that great restaurant? Or to the other great businesses that could be in the strip mall? Or is it fair to the customers who want to go there?" she said.

The board will hold a future study session to get input from the real estate community and property owners regarding township inspections of commercial and rental properties, as well as a residential resale inspection program.

Other items that will be in the upcoming board goals and objectives include:

- Enhancing the workplace for township employees,
- Achieving recognition as a safe community and enhancing the public perception of the public safety department.

- Enhancing the township's communications plan to inform and educate residents.

- Expanding use of technology, particularly improving the township's Web site to include interactive payment of bills and tickets.

- Investigate a community-wide fiber optic loop and wireless communication system for Canton's intranet.

- Road safety improvements.

- Water and sanitary sewer updates.

The board's final draft of goals for 2005-08 will be complete by Sept. 1, 2005. Items that are budget-sensitive will be discussed this summer before the budget process is under way.

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# Turn off TV and head to the Summit

National TV-Turnoff Week is April 25 through May 1, and Canton Leisure Services is marking the event by hosting a community day on Tuesday, April 26, at Summit on the Park. There will be a number of activities offered during the event, which is free for Canton residents.

The day's schedule includes:

- Yoga for Youngsters, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: Parents can bring children ages 4 and 5 to this fun yoga class. Enjoy practicing basic yoga through the use of games and flashcards.

- Story Time, 1-1:30 p.m.: In addition to physical activity, TV-turnoff week celebrates reading, and pre-school instructors will par-

ticipate in a story reading.

- Dance Dance Revolution, 4-8 p.m.: Children can participate in this music video game that is played on a dance pad with four arrow panels: up, down, left, and right. These panels are pressed using the player's feet, in response to arrows that appear on the screen in front of the player. The arrows are synchronized to the general rhythm or beat of a song.

- Taste and See, Sample with Me, 6-7:30 p.m.: Dietitian Diane Reynolds will provide examples of the best and tastiest foods your local grocery stores have to offer.

- Aquatic Center Extravaganza, 6:30-8 p.m.: All

the features will be available in the aquatic center for a party in the pool.

- Chair Massage, 6-9 p.m.: Relax with a chair massage from Canton Massage Therapy Center.

- Tai Chi, 7-8 p.m.: Join a certified Yang Tai Chi instructor for an enriching mind-body workout.

Participants can also use the Summit track, fitness center, gymnasium, aquatic center, and racquetball court (reservation recommended). Valid ID proving Canton residency is required for free access. All facility rules and age limits apply. All programs are drop-in, which means no registration is necessary.

## DENTIST

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she was prepped for while training at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. In addition to learning how to fill cavities and clean teeth, Kahn also learned the ins and outs of behavior management, which comes in handy when trying to work

inside a 3-year-old's mouth.

"They just know mommy, daddy and ice cream. You just have to talk to them and let them know this has to be done for their own good," she said. "The rewarding aspect is that you can get something done that no one else can."

Pediatric Dentistry, which is located at 45535 Hanford next to the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is open from 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Khan said as business picks up, she will remain open one late night per week, as well as one Saturday a month. As part of her grand opening, Khan is offering a 10-percent discount off teeth cleanings for appointments made before May 31. For more information call (734) 254-0786.

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## Police ceremony to recognize top officers, civilians

The 19th annual Canton Police Awards and Citation Ceremony will pay tribute to officers and civilians for their heroic contributions and meritorious service to law enforcement and the welfare of the community. The ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Summit on the Park.

The Rev. Patrick Casey will begin the program with an invocation. John Santomauro, Director of Public Safety, will follow with opening remarks and recognition of dignitaries and citizens. More than a dozen awards will be presented by the Canton Police Department command staff.

This year award categories include Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year. There will also be several unit commendations and certificates of merit presented at the awards ceremony. Additional awards including the Safe Driving Award, Good Conduct Award, Physical Fitness Award.

## DEATHS

**B**  
Marie E. Boughton, 81, of Farmington Hills, died March 14.  
Val W. Baran, 85, of Rochester, died April 12.

**C**  
Patricia Ann Clark, 43, of Westland.

**H**  
Jarold Lee Heick, 70, of Westland, died April 21.  
Frank T. Hornung, 93, died April 18.

**J**  
Ben S. Jones, of Troy, died March 26.

**K**  
Nancy L. Kauth, 68, died April 17.

**M**  
Ann McCubrey, 98, of Canton, died April 20.  
Daniel W. Meyka, 56, of Canton, died April 19.

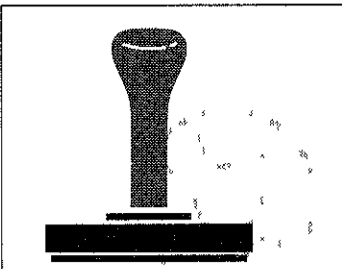
**O**  
Brian "Duke" O'Mara, 82, died April 20.

**P**  
Julie Otter Pearce, 72, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died April 14.

**S**  
Wallace C. Sutherland, of Waterford, died April 19.

**V**  
Marvin H. Voight, 78, of Lathrup Village, died April 21.

**W**  
Mabel I. Walker, 82, of Blissfield, formerly of Westland, died April 21.



**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.

## Working out

### Clients find center offers more than just exercise

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

There's no sitting around on bar stools, but Fast Pace Fitness is a place where everybody knows your name.

"Here (owner) Marianne (Couchman) makes sure we all know everyone's name," said Barb Roberts, a Garden City Hospital nurse, after her workout. "I've been here two years - I've never stayed at any (workout) place that long."

"It's interesting talking with people from different walks of life and different goals," said another member Pat Dewalt, a retired teacher from Dearborn Heights. "We exchange all kinds of ideas on food, pets, travel. We talk about everything."



Garden City's Fast Pace Fitness owner and nurse Mary Ann Couchman takes the blood pressure of senior Vicki Brusinski, 73, of Garden City after a round of exercises.

A registered nurse and certified exercise specialist, Couchman, who is a Canton resident, emphasizes improved health benefits from exercise, improved nutrition weight loss, but doesn't discount the benefits of a friendly atmosphere.

"It thrilled me that this turned into a great group of friends, I didn't expect that," said Couchman. "We have a book club on the side. There is a social support system as much as anything."

**BACKGROUND HELPS**

Couchman retired in May after 27 years as a nurse at Garden City Hospital, the last 13 of which she spent working in cardiac rehabilitation. She opened Fast Pace Fitness in Garden City a little over two years ago. The exercise center features 30-minute circuit training, but also nutrition counseling and blood pressure monitoring. Currently, there are about 340 members, including 15 men.

"I wanted to influence people before they had heart attacks or other health problems. I want them to learn to take care of themselves before they get sick," said Couchman, who offers nutrition classes and keeps up with new healthier food products. "Even though we're a weight loss center, it's more about staying healthy."

Due to the medical expertise of Couchman and her staff who are all nurses, the center does attract people with some specific health concerns including heart problems.

couldn't go because I have a pacemaker. I was overweight and I have arthritis," said Dewalt. "My doctor is really happy. I've made tremendous improvement since I've been here."

The circuit training in which members spend 30 seconds on particular machine was attractive to teacher Sara Carter, who joined Fast Pace Fitness in November.

"I knew I could anything for 30 seconds - sometimes we do 40 seconds to change up," said Carter, who has lost 30 pounds and 30 inches despite giving up a 35-year smoking habit Jan. 1. "I usually go five times around - I could barely do three when I started."

Not having seen a doctor in 20 years, Carter finally got a checkup after joining Fast Pace Fitness at the suggestion of her friend.

"My friend said I'd feel comfortable and I sure do. I told my doctor I don't know what it is about coming here. He said 'They care,'" added Carter, 55. "When I first started, it felt good there was a nurse here in case I fell over. Marianne walked with my friend and I each stop the first time we came."

When appropriate, staff members will take blood pressure readings, exercising and at rest, for members which will be sent to their doctors.

Garden City resident Laurie Butkovich has multiple sclerosis and has seen her condition improve since she's been exercising at Fast Pace Fitness.

"I had no reflexes on the right side. I've lost a lot of weight and

got those muscles working again," she said.

**EATING WELL**

Nutrition information including examples of healthy products and recipes are on display in a room adjoining the workout equipment.

Couchman is a big supporter of the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension or DASH Diet which emphasizes whole grains, vegetables, fruits and low- or non-fat dairy products along with lean proteins.

"The DASH Diet is the gold standard. After the first two weeks, the South Beach Diet becomes the DASH Diet," said Couchman. "A lot of our members are on South Beach and doing quite well. I'm very anti-Atkins. It's not healthy and very hard on the kidneys."

Each person has their own style for eating and losing weight, she said, so it's important to look at the person's lifestyle and health concerns.

"It's hard for people to learn and remember things with new blood pressure and cholesterol guidelines," Couchman said. "We give them a lot of information so they can take charge of their own health."

**Fast Pace Fitness** is at 28505 Ford just west of Harrison. The center is open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. weekdays and 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays. There is a \$75 registration fee and monthly charges of \$30 although discounts are available for longer memberships. For more information, call (734) 524-9402.

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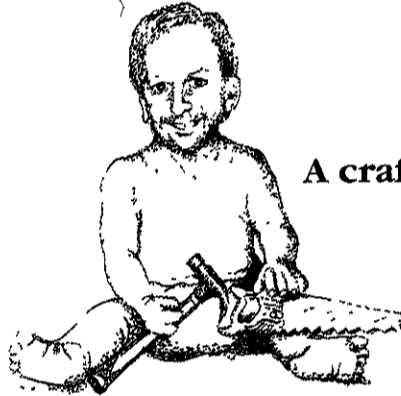
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## Woman charged with filing false report in assault

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

A 24-year-old Clinton Township woman, who claimed she was sexually assaulted along the shoulder of I-696 earlier this month, faces four years in prison for filing a false police report.

Michigan State Police Detective David Robertson said it was determined after interviewing the woman for a second time this week that the assault never took place.

He said the woman gave "no good answer" as to why she allegedly lied when she originally told police a man in a truck stopped to help her fix a

flat tire along the shoulder of the freeway in Farmington Hills and then subsequently sexually assaulted her April 6.

Police say after investigating the alleged incident, it was found the woman's car didn't even suffer a flat tire that day. State police took the accusation seriously at first and went as far as interviewing and releasing a possible suspect and making a composite sketch of the suspect.

Sabrina M. Zerzycki was arraigned Thursday in 47th District Court with one count of filing a felony false police report. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf. She was released on \$10,000 personal

bond before Judge James Brady. Her pre-trial exam is set for Monday morning.

Zerzycki offered no comment at her arraignment.

Robertson said Zerzycki was remorseful for allegedly lying to police and undergoing a full rape examination at a hospital.

"She is sorry she put everyone through this," Robertson said. "She was remorseful."

The detective said the woman, who is single, lives with her father in Clinton Township and that her last job was as a factory worker for an auto parts supplier.

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Catherine Furman edits an interview for the 5:30 p.m. news program at WSDP, which recently moved to 24-hour programming.

## RADIO

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Keith said he's also looking to develop a monetary appeal to the nearly 500 WSDP alumni to help raise money for the endowment.

"There are a lot of people out there who remember the communication skills they developed, improvement in their writing, teamwork they learned and leadership abilities they were able to pick up, tracing it back to their days at the radio station," Keith said.

Bryan Kelly, 17, is WSDP's production director, producing promos and public service announcements. The Salem High School junior also plays alternative rock from 4-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

"I think it's actually helped me with public speaking, because I used to be really, really nervous in front of people," said Kelly, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I'm more calm, now, when I get in front of people. I do it on the radio, so it's no big deal to me anymore."

Maggie Kelly (no relation to Bryan), a 14-year-old Plymouth High School freshman from Canton Township, writes and anchors the news.

"It's fun and you meet a lot of different people," said Kelly. "It helps you become more confident, and learn to talk in front of people."

WSDP went on-the-air Feb. 14, 1972. On March 7 of this year, equipment was installed that allows the station to broadcast 24 hours a day.

"When you have to close down on evenings and weekends, or for long breaks like Christmas and

the whole month of August, people disappear and get into their old listening habits," said Keith. "It's nice getting e-mails from folks who have found us, and tell us they like what they're hearing."

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## MONEY

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fully we'll have transportation, hopefully we'll have teachers, all the things children should have for an excellent education," she said. "If we don't solve the funding crisis, we can't promise what's going to happen."

Board Secretary Joanne Lamar last year led a group of Plymouth-Canton representatives to a demonstration at the state capitol for increased school funding. Lamar said it's time for parents to take over for school officials who have been pressing

for more foundation allowance. "When they see the grassroots voters come at them with opinions, it really counts," she said. "We have to go from awareness to action."

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said if he receives multiple letters and e-mails on a particular subject, it stands out as an issue important to his constituents.

"If I get a half-dozen to a dozen letters, it has a lot of impact," said Stewart. "It makes me stand up more, and I'll call them or see them in the district."

Stewart, who said he has a personal standard of returning calls within 24 hours, said individually

written notes, not form letters, grab his attention.

Bob Mauseth, chief of staff for Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, said e-mail and Web sites have made it easier for constituents to express their opinions.

"The senator treats each letter seriously, and we try to address each one as thoroughly and thoughtfully as we can," Mauseth said. "The more people that contact us on a particular subject sends a signal that it's important to a certain select number of folks."

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# Smoooooth ... Boyhood dream of flying fulfilled 30 years later

## LeBlanc pilots his way into wild blue yonder



Richard LeBlanc, a Westland City Council member and reserve Canton police officer, pilots a Cessna 172, realizing a dream he has had since he was a teenager.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Richard LeBlanc turns the key, and the engine of the four-seat, single-propeller Cessna 172 starts with a loud rumble.

That's a good sign. Right? Never mind that the airplane sounds like little more than a noisy farm tractor.

Forget that LeBlanc — yes, the Westland City Council member — became a pilot just four months ago.

Ignore weather reports that winds have picked up around Oakland Southwest Airport in New Hudson.

One propeller. Somehow, it seems reassuring that LeBlanc, 46, has a reputation as a city leader who pays meticulous attention to detail.

Some critics say he's too meticulous. Suddenly, it's a welcome trait as he checks that cabin doors are properly closed, that flight controls are working and that fuel levels are adequate.

"Ready for takeoff," LeBlanc says, speaking through headphones that allow him and his two passengers to communicate over the noise.

There's no turning back as the Cessna 172 rolls down the airport runway, reaching speeds of 65 mph.

One very important propeller. Then, the aircraft leaves the ground.

Smoooooth.

### INTO THE SKY

Houses, freeways, cars and lakes become smaller and smaller as LeBlanc pilots the airplane skyward at 500 feet per minute, before leveling off at 4,300 feet.

He appears relaxed as he starts pointing out familiar sites. Interstate 696 looks like a toy race car track. Walled Lake looks like little more than a pond. So does Kent Lake.

Though firmly in control of the plane, LeBlanc momentarily seems less like a skilled pilot than the teenage boy who, 30 years ago, dreamed of flying.

"Isn't this cool, gosh darn it?" he asks, soaring across the sky at nearly 140 mph.

LeBlanc apologizes for a sudden wind shear that didn't really seem to rattle the plane much. Moments later, he maneuvers the Cessna sideways to get a better view of the lakes that dot the landscape below.

One propeller. Working fine. LeBlanc, a Ford Motor Co. staffer and Canton reserve police officer, recalls being around 10 years old when he first climbed aboard a small plane. A neighbor who was a corporate pilot gave him a ride.

"We were able to fly over our own houses," LeBlanc said, during an interview on the ground. "But, I was probably 16 when I thought it would be really cool to fly a plane by myself."

He had to put those hopes on hold for nearly 30 years. First, he married his wife, Cheryl, and he couldn't afford to spend thousands of dollars to become a pilot. They needed the money to raise their two sons.

Later, LeBlanc's political career as a city council member became a higher priority, but he found that he had more time after he lost a mayoral race in 2001.

"I mentioned it to Cheryl. She was not — and is not — enthusiastic about it," he said. "But, as she has done throughout our marriage, she acquiesced."

LeBlanc became serious about his dream in 2003, after he passed a medical exam and received his student pilot certificate. He first flew with an instructor in July of that year.

"He let me assume the controls for a bit," LeBlanc recalls. "I still get goose bumps thinking about it."

He started his lessons in earnest last June, flying with an instructor three times a week.

"He really didn't falter much. It was definitely a good progression," the instructor, Erik Fisher, said. "I'd say he's a very safe pilot. It's a learning process. As long as you live through it, you learn from it."

### FLYING ALONE

LeBlanc made his first solo flight last July.

"I darned near wanted to cry," he said. "I worked hard for this, and I had waited a long time. It was a blast. It was euphoric."

In all, he has logged more than 80 hours in airplanes that he leases, and he officially became a pilot in December, meaning he could then bring passengers aboard. On New Year's Day, he took his wife and another couple for a flight along the Detroit skyline.

"He was very good when we went up, but I don't like the little planes. They scare me," his wife said. "We flew over Comerica Park and over the waterfront in Detroit. The water was what scared me. I always think of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane going down."

"I think he's really good, though," she said of her husband's piloting skills. "Most things that he sets out to do, he does very well."

LeBlanc plans one day to fly to his family's cottage in Moorestown, Mich., near Houghton Lake — a trip that would take about 100 minutes.

"I really don't envision flying beyond a vacation destination like that," he said. "My goal is flying for pleasure."

In the air, that becomes evident as he starts returning the Cessna toward Oakland Southwest Airport. He points to the landing strip.

"We're three miles away," he says, even though it looks closer.

LeBlanc starts descending at 1,500 feet per minute. Houses, freeways, cars and lakes look bigger and bigger.

He turns the plane and starts descending toward the runway.

"We're a little off course," he said. "But it will be fine."

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# Michigan's population decline has benefits

Is growth always a good thing?

This past week, the U.S. Census Bureau released information on Michigan's projected growth that seemed to spread a shroud over the peninsulas. According to bureau projections, by 2030 Michigan will have slipped from the Top 10.

For a pop group, a television show or a sports team, that's certainly bad news. But is it always bad news for a state?

The bureau says Michigan will "only" grow 7.6 percent between 2000 and 2030 while the country as a whole will grow by 29 percent. As has been happening over the last 30 years, the population is shifting south and west.

The Great Lakes State is expected to drop from its current 8th spot to 9th on the Hot 50, with Georgia overtaking us in 2019. In 2020, North Carolina moves into 9th and by 2030 Arizona will boot us into the 11th spot.

Nobody ever shouts "We're No. 11."

And looking at things from the perspective of today, those "bleak" projections don't seem at all unrealistic. The state's major city is in steep decline, it's metro area racially and economically cleaved and it's major economic engine, the auto industry, struggling to stay competitive. The state government's finances are in disarray, for all of the above reasons and more. The state is strangled by a government that needs to spend but is unwilling to tax and unable to compromise.

Other parts of the state, particularly Grand Rapids, seem to be prospering a little better, but even there, the once vital furniture industry has been hobbled.

One person offered the opinion that Michigan might be in retreat toward becoming a backwater, agricultural state, sort of a very large Vermont.

Horrors!

And according to Michigan's state demographer Kenneth Darga, not necessarily true. In a press release from the Library of Michigan, Darga says Michigan's population decline may be overstated. He argues that the bureau's projections are based on out-migration from the state equaling the out-migration over the last 30 years. Darga says those figures are skewed because of the high number of residents who left the state in the 1970s and '80s (remember when the joke was "The last person in Michigan, please turn out the lights" and everybody was moving to Houston?).

Darga argues that like the Ghost of Christmas Future, the bureau's projections are about what "might" be, not what will be. He says things might be different if we make our cities more attractive and improve our economic climate; if water constraints keep population down in the west and southwest (assuming they don't drain the Great Lakes); more former Michiganders come back home; and immigration to the country decreases because of security concerns.

Of course, losing population does have consequences. We would lose representation in Congress (as we have over the last two censuses) and federal funds and programs. A decline in population and housing will affect jobs (which will further drive people from the state). The reasons for Michigan's decline are troubling, especially for a state that was once a beacon to the unemployed, a powerhouse for the nation.

But a slower growth has its benefits. Once lush Florida is becoming a worked-over, paved-over urban tangle. The southwest is producing cities where no cities were ever meant to be, and creating a false demand for water and a serious intrusion on nature's landscape.

Here we might be able to restore and, certainly, preserve some of Michigan's wonderful environment. Here we might discover ways to make smaller cities and towns inviting, without encouraging the high-rise, superhighway mania of big cities. Here we might build on a different economic model that is still successful in maintaining a level of good employment, while understanding that the days of being a jobs magnet are over.

It is unlikely, with all the resources of nature and people that Michigan possesses, that we will ever become an agricultural backwater. But there is much to be said for the ways of small towns, farms and forests and Michigan has a rich history in those areas as well.

I shudder at every ugly development along Lake Michigan as a step backward even as it's promoted as "progress" by the chambers of commerce. Not all building, not all population growth, not all shopping malls, not all industrial development is a good thing for all places.

A little slow down in population, a little less paving over paradise might be just what Michigan needs.

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Hugh Gallagher

# Now is time to prepare for the tornado season

It's tornado time

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. These rotating funnel-shaped clouds can create winds that reach 300 miles per hour and can devastate a neighborhood in seconds. Each year, about a thousand tornadoes touch down in the United States, leaving behind them a mass of destruction. With tornado season upon us, it may be wise to review some tornado facts.

A tornado occurs when warm, moist air comes into contact with a cold front. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. Even if you cannot see the characteristic funnel-shaped cloud, swirling debris can sometimes be spotted from a good distance away. This violently rotating column of air extends down from a thunderstorm to the ground.

Tornadoes can strike quickly, with little or no warning, and move an average of 30 miles per hour. An average tornado is on the ground fewer than 10 minutes and travels a distance of about five miles. This is an average, and they can last longer and travel farther. Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., but can occur at any time. While most tornadoes move from southwest to northeast, they can move in any direction. Tornadoes tend to strike during the spring or summer months.

A "Tornado Watch" means tornadoes are possible. Keep alert by watching the sky for approaching storms, a dark greenish sky,

loud hail and a loud roar. Keep track of the television/radio reports of any tornadoes and where they are.

A "Tornado Warning" means a tornado has been sighted and you are advised to take shelter immediately. Tornado Warnings will trigger the city's emergency warning sirens that you hear on the first Saturday of each month, at 1 p.m.

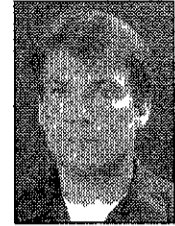
The best shelter most homes have is in the basement, under the stairs or under a large, heavy work bench. If your home has no basement, get as many walls between you and the outside as possible. A closet or hallway would be a good choice. Stay away from windows if at all possible.

A "Disaster Supplies Kit" would be good to keep in your designated shelter. This kit should contain a first aid kit, battery-powered radio and flashlights, bottled water, non-perishable food and a manual can opener.

There is a myth that you should try to "equalize pressure" in the home by opening windows. Do not open windows, as this can increase damage in the home and waste precious time during an emergency.

Take a few minutes and discuss with your family what to do during a tornado emergency. Older children may be home alone when the siren sounds, and will need to know what to do. Younger children will need the reassurance and guidance of trained adults. As in most emergency situations, you don't use the information a lot, but when you need it, it's nice to have practiced what to do before the situation arises.

Lt. Tom Kiurski serves with the Livonia Fire & Rescue.



Tom Kiurski

## LETTERS

### Let customers vote on ban

In the article printed in the *Observer and Eccentric* about the Wayne County smoking ban ("Smoking ban doesn't generate much fire" April 21, 2005) Heather Needham quotes the American Cancer Society's bogus claim that second-hand smoke kills 35,000 to 40,000 Americans a year. The problem with that figure is no one can identify ONE such death. There is no emergency room record, death certificate nor medical record of ANYONE dying of exposure to second-hand smoke.

As the busybodies finish their assault on the property rights of restaurant and bar owners to ban smoking there, the second stage of their program has been announced. On March 8, 2005, a major Detroit newspaper printed

the proposal of the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems that defines "problem drinking" as more than two drinks PER DAY for a man and one drink PER DAY for a woman. There it is. The next step in protecting us from ourselves will be no bottles of wine sold with dinner. No after dinner drink allowed if the lady has had a beer with her meal. That is exactly what neo-prohibition is: They start with smoking and go on to other things.

The choice to allow or to ban smoking in a restaurant should be left to the owner of the establishment. The customers will vote with their attendance or non-attendance.

Bert G. Osterberg  
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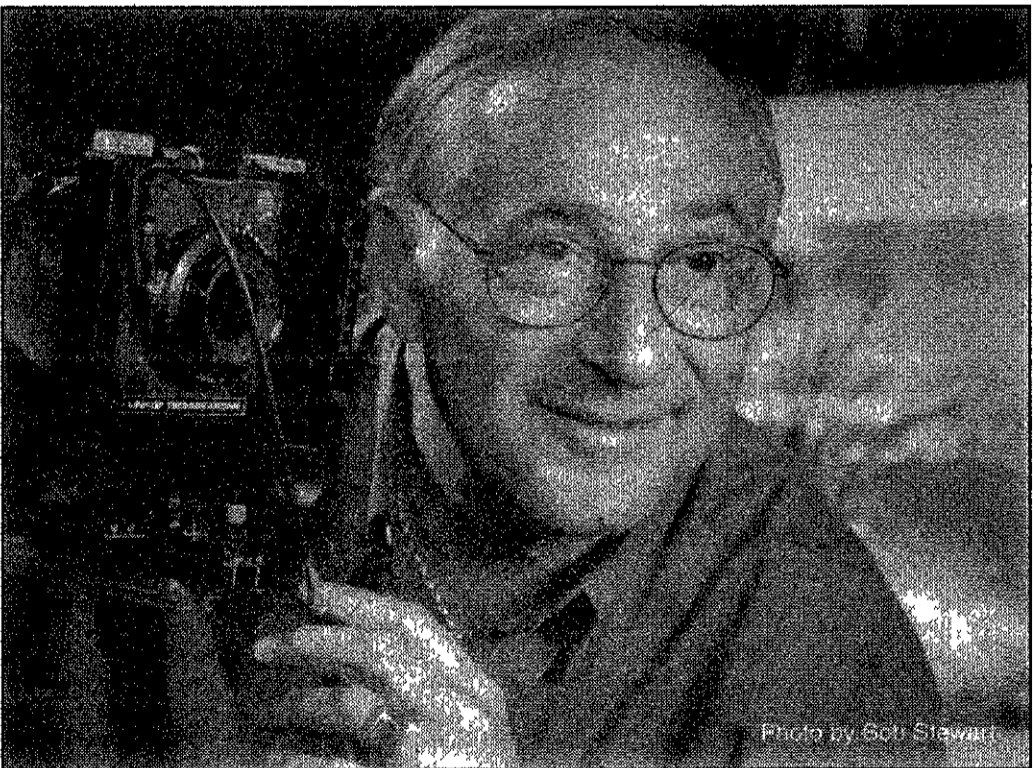


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### 'The Eyes of a Child'

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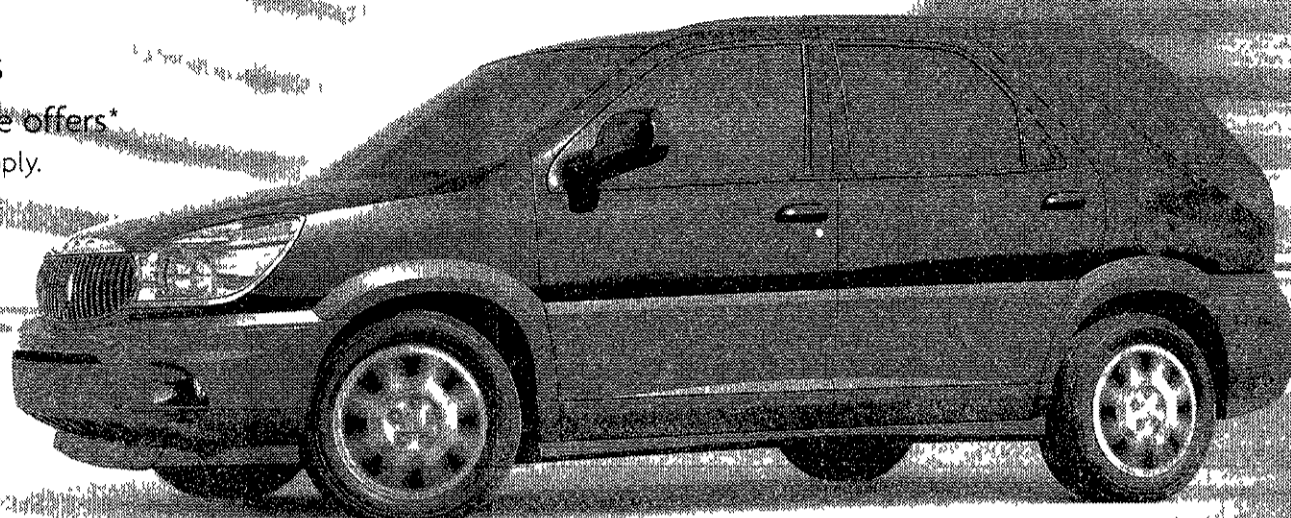
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Salem pitcher Courtney Davis held Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville to just four hits over nine innings Wednesday in the Rocks' 1-0 victory.



Salem center fielder Amy Caves (center) played a key defensive role in Wednesday afternoon's 1-0 victory over Northville. She made several outstanding defensive plays to help preserve teammate Courtney Davis' shutout. Pictured to Caves' right is Melissa Plante.

## A work of 'glove'

Salem CF Caves' defensive gems help Rocks shut out Northville, 1-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

At some point during Wednesday afternoon's softball game against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville, Salem center fielder Amy Caves' glove turned from leather to gold.

In windy conditions better suited for kite flying, Caves chased down a number of Mustang drives to help preserve a thrilling, nine-inning 1-0 victory for the Rocks. Caves' defense complemented the outstanding pitching of Courtney Davis, who shut out powerful Northville on just four hits.

"Amy made seven great catches in the outfield to save a lot of runs for us," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

"Northville has some great hitters — and deep hitters — but Amy played the batters well and covered a lot of ground."

Davis, who walked two and struck out two, outdueled Northville pitcher Jane Kruszewski, who gave up four hits and three walks while fanning five batters.

The victory propelled the Rocks to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA.

Caves also had a hand in igniting the Rocks' game-winning rally in the bottom of the ninth when she led off with a sharp single to center. Shortstop Kait McKinley then reached on an error, advancing Caves to second.

The following batter, Ali Proodian, flied out to the rightfielder, who doubled off

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## Swingin' in the rain

Pats drenched by Chiefs, 10-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When it came to playing baseball in the rain Friday afternoon, nobody did it wetter than Canton.

Or better.

The Chiefs overcame a steady stream of raindrops and flooded the scoreboard with runs in a 10-0 Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division victory over visiting Livonia Franklin. The win, which was shortened to five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule, improved Canton's record to 6-7 overall and 1-1 in the division. The Patriots slipped — literally and figuratively — in the rain to 7-3 and 1-1. Senior righthander Matt

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Hemmelgarn (2-1) baffled Franklin all afternoon, limiting the Patriots to three hits while striking out three.

"The key was we stayed poised in spite of the weather," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We only had one error to their five, so our defensive effort was outstanding. You could tell the team felt confident playing behind Matt, too. He's done a great job his last two starts, throwing a four-hitter against Brother Rice before today's game."

Following a scoreless first inning, the Chiefs' bats came to life in the second and third innings when they scored four and five runs, respectively. To the relief of the drenched spectators who braved the late-April showers, Canton pushed across the game-ending run in the bottom of the fifth.

Senior first baseman Jake Powers was the catalyst of the Chiefs' offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with four RBI and a pair of doubles. It was Powers' single in the bottom of the fifth that scored Craig Galarnau with the stands-clearing run.

## Plymouth registers first baseball win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The scorebook used for Wednesday afternoon's baseball game between Westland John Glenn and Plymouth quickly turned into a history book for the Wildcats, whose dramatic 8-6 victory was their first varsity Western Lakes Activities Association win.

Trailing 8-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Plymouth rallied for six runs off Rocket pitcher Tom Cichowski to make the game a memorable one.

"Even though we still have much to improve on, it was great to get that first win of the season under our belts," said

Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, whose team improved to 1-4-1 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA. "I was really proud of the way we battled back after squandering the lead early in the game."

"Hopefully, we can build on this win and start stringing together some quality play. A little extra confidence never hurts in this sport."

Plymouth led 4-1 after four innings before the Rockets launched a three-run fifth to tie the game and a four-run sixth to grab a short-lived 8-4 advantage.

Alex Harvey delivered the key blow in the sixth for the Wildcats, ripping a two-run double.

He later scored the game-winning run later in the frame.

Harvey and Tyler Locklear both delivered a pair of hits for the winners.

Bret Schwartz went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI for Glenn, which fell to 2-5 overall.

The teams combined for nine errors, five by Plymouth and four by Glenn.

Andy Swanson earned the pitching win for the Wildcats, whose Friday afternoon game against Wayne Memorial was postponed due to rain.

The Wildcats return to action Monday when they host Livonia Franklin. On Wednesday, they visit Livonia Stevenson before facing P-CEP neighbor Canton on Friday afternoon.

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## Canton native excels in Arena football

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Noah Swartz slides into his Pontiac Grand Prix and makes the 2-hour ride from his home in Whitehouse, Ohio, to Ford Wayne, Ind.

"I had to get rid of my Crowne Victoria," laments Swartz, a 6-foot-5, 310-pound left guard for the Fort Wayne Freedom of the United Indoor Football Association, a Tier II arena league. "It's not bad, though, a lot of country, mostly back roads."

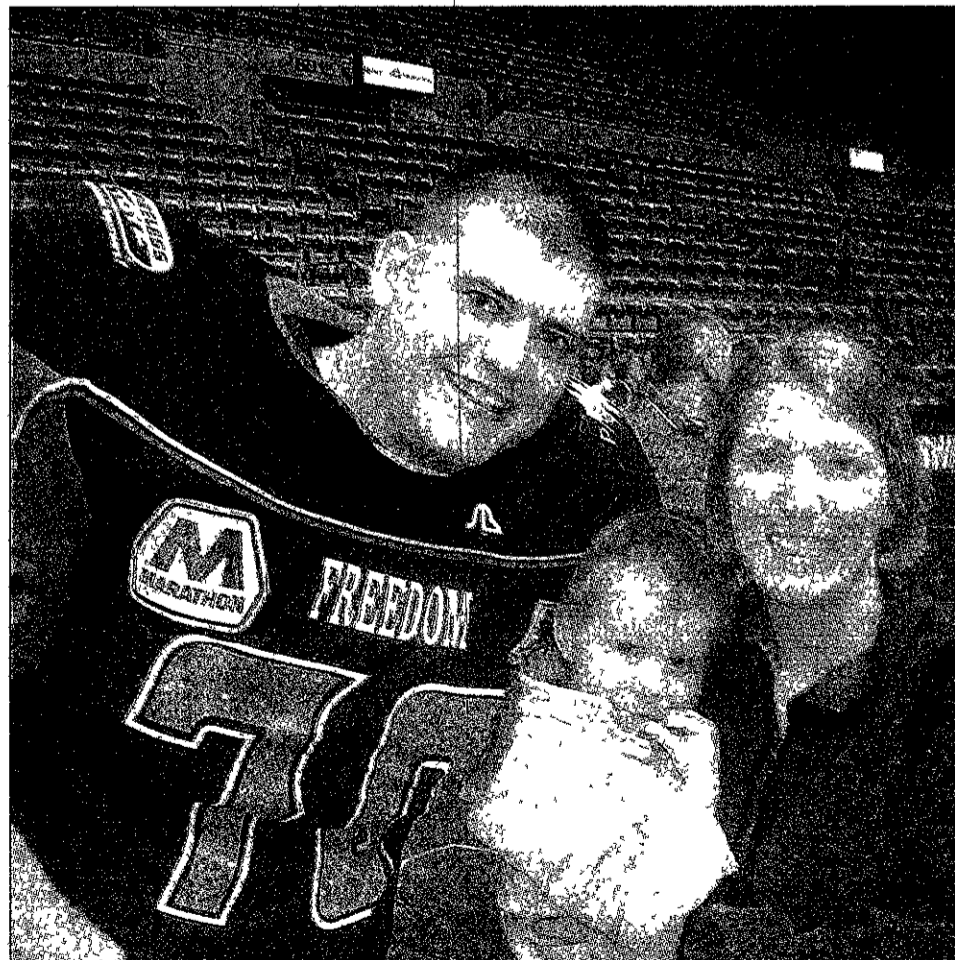
The stay-at-home dad returned to play this spring after sitting out a season following training camp stints with the Dallas Cowboys and Cincinnati Bengals (where he appeared in one exhibition game). He also spent a week on the Cleveland Browns' developmental squad before being released.

With his wife Mary, also a Westland Glenn High graduate, working full-time as a registration specialist with Spartan Chemical just outside Toledo, The Canton native seems content with his lot in life and his football surroundings. He also keeps tabs on his son Dane, who turns 3 in June.

The mild-mannered Swartz, a former standout at Glenn and the University of Toledo, feels he has the best of both worlds.

"I'm able to keep my home life and play football," said Swartz, who played in 41

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Arena League games at the Fort Wayne Coliseum are a family affair for John Glenn High graduate Noah Swartz, his son, Dane, and wife Mary.

## Sidelines

### Chiefs earn medals

Five members of the Canton boys track team earned medals at the Farmington Harrison Hawks Relays Friday afternoon. Approximately 25 teams competed in the meet, which combined the times or distances of two teammates for each event.

Chiefs Steve Paye and Josh Etim tied for fourth in the high jump with a combined leap of 10-4. Paye came back to team up with Wardell Fuqua to earn a third in the discus (175-3).

Canton's Luke Massel and Ryan Langdon finished third in the pole vault with a combined effort of 17-0.

### Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet on Tuesday May 10, 2005 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity players are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in varsity hockey at PCEP is also welcome.

### Massiah signs

Schoolcraft College's Kevin Massiah, a 6-foot-4 swingman who averaged 15.5 points and 7.7 rebounds per game this season for the 27-3 Ocelots, signed an NCAA letter-of-intent Thursday with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The Toronto, Ontario spent two seasons at Western Kentucky University, including one year as a medical red-shirt, before transferring last year to Schoolcraft where he shot 57.9 percent from the field and 73.5 percent from the foul line.

UW-Milwaukee, the Horizon League champions, finished 26-6 this season and reached the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 before losing to Illinois. Massiah also considered Northern Illinois, Marshall and Wisconsin. UW-Milwaukee recently hired Wisconsin assistant Rob Jeter to replace Bruce Pearl, who left for the head coaching position at the University of Tennessee.

### Solstice Run

The Fifth Third Bank Solstice Run will include a new 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) event along with the 5K run/walk and the kids fun run, Saturday, June 25, in Northville.

Packet pickup will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, and also starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at Ford Field in Northville. Entry fees are \$25 (10K run), \$20 (5K walk/run) and \$9 (kids run).

Shirts will go to all entrants (if registered by June 20). Free entertainment with a live band will be provided at the finish line, along with music on the course. Medals will go to the top three finishers in each age division (along with medals to the top 300). Register online at [www.SolsticeRun.org](http://www.SolsticeRun.org).





TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Tina Sniegowski attempts to turn a double play as Northville's Jenna Dumbleton sprints into second base in the fifth inning of Wednesday's 1-0 Rock victory.

## SALEM

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McKinley at first. Caves advanced to third on the play. Kelly Behr ended the game when she ripped a shot between the third baseman and shortstop to plate Caves.

McKinley and Maureen Bohr added to the hit parade for the winners.

On Friday, Salem mercied Westland John Glenn, 14-2, in five innings behind the solid pitching of Crystal Rohn, who scattered six hits while walking three. Kady

Morgan suffered the loss for the Rockets, as 22 Rocks reached base — 11 by hits, eight via walks and three on errors.

The game was played in a steady rain at the Salem softball field.

"It was a dreary game, but we stuck it out," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Our field was in excellent shape — there wasn't one puddle."

The Rockets grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when Stephanie Rees' RBI single scored Megan Dean, who had doubled.

The Rocks retaliated with

nine first-inning runs, the first scoring on a single by Caves.

Danielle Dipietro added a three-run double in the opening frame. Salem tacked on one in the second, a pair in the third and two in the fourth to finish off the visitors.

Offensively, Salem was paced by Tina Sniegowski (2-for-2, one RBI), Bohr (two hits, two RBI), Caves (two hits, one RBI) and Dipietro (two hits, three RBI).

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games during his college career while starting 28. "I couldn't get a baby sitter because my wife doesn't get home until 5:30 (p.m.), but they've been accommodating as far as the things I've needed. We practice Wednesday and Thursday nights and it works out nice for my family."

Heading into this weekend's road trip to Tupelo, Miss., the Freedom are off to a 3-0 start.

Swartz, it seems, has always been associated with winning teams dating back to his high school days at Glenn.

In his four years at Toledo, Swartz appeared in two Motor City bowls. The Rockets also captured one outright Mid-American Conference crown as well as three MAC-West Division titles.

And it's still football for Swartz whether it's eight-man or 11-man.

"It's a lot of fun, different

from regular football, faster-paced, more hitting, more action," Swartz said. "Some things are different. There are only three linemen. The whole scheme is not hard to get down. The (defensive) lineman can't twist and the linebackers don't come (blitz). You send two guys in motion. It's more one-on-one. The pocket is smaller for the quarterback. He takes a three-step drop. It's the same for lineman. We probably pass three-fourths of the time, but we also do a lot of running. I got used to the game real quick."

It's not the NFL, NFL Europe or even the Arena League, but it still remains blocking and tackling. The love of the game keeps him going.

"It's been a good experience," Swartz said. "A lot of fun for me. It's an opportunity to run around. So far it's been pretty good."

"Our fan base averages around 8,000 per game. It's a nice arena (the Fort Wayne Coliseum). They do a nice job putting on a show. After the game we stick around and sign

autographs for the fans."

Swartz, who thought he was headed for NFL Europe after being cut by the Browns, changed agents and now is connected with Tom Tafelski of Dearborn.

"I really didn't get much time at the (NFL) camps," Swartz said. "This is a plausible step. I'm always working for something bigger."

But for now he's content with the two-hour rides, twice a week, back-and-forth to practice, not to mention long bus rides to Wheeling, W.Va., Peoria, Ill., and Tupelo.

"The route doesn't change," Swartz said of his practice commutes. "I go most of the way down US-24."

By the time the season ends, the Freedom will have played 15 games (not counting the play-offs).

And by that time it's time to reassess.

"I'll have to find something else to do," said Swartz, who has a degree in graphic design.

But at least for now, he's back in the playing arena.

# Plymouth overpowers Rockets

Plymouth exploded for 11 runs in the third inning and went on to bury host Westland John Glenn, 23-6, Wednesday afternoon.

Plymouth outthit the Rockets, 12-3, to improve to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"The team showed a lot of drive and energy throughout the entire game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "I think they were trying to prove a point after losing Monday's game (6-2 to Walled Lake Western)."

"We did a lot of running this game. We were very aggressive."

Freshman Allison Ciotti won her first high school pitching outing, throwing the final three innings in relief of starter Claire Ostrowski.

Madison Dresser was the hitting hero for the winners, going 4-for-6 with five RBI and two stolen bases. Ciotti went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI and Rachel Juco contributed a pair hits and three ribbies.

Both teams played stellar defense. The Wildcats committed just one miscue while the Rockets were flawless in the field.

**Canton 2, Livonia Franklin 0:** The Patriots came up short against one of the top girls softball teams and top pitchers in the state on Friday.

Senior Molly Conlon hurled her fourth straight shutout, a no-hitter, as Canton downed the host Patriots in a Western Division game in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 2-0.

Canton is 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the division, while Franklin

## PREP SOFTBALL

falls to 5-2 and 0-2.

Conlon struck out 11 and allowed just three Patriots to reach base, one by error (Alex Robinson) and the other two hit-batsmen (Robinson and Nikki White). She also helped her own cause with a double and RBI single.

The Chiefs broke a scoreless deadlock in the top of the sixth inning when Rachel Wade singled followed by a Laura Delapaz double to put runners on second and third. Conlon then singled home Wade and Sarah Anthony scored Delapaz with another single.

Franklin hurler Kim Topolewski (4-2) gave up six hits and one walk over seven innings. She struck out two.

**Canton 4, Livonia Churchill 0:** Senior starting pitcher Molly Conlon (3-0) struck out 11 and recorded her third shutout of the season to lead the Chiefs to their season-opening sixth consecutive victory.

Both teams ripped five hits a piece. Churchill was hampered by three errors.

Canton, which improved to 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, was led offensively by sophomore shortstop Lauren Delapaz, who went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI and a triple. Alicia Johnson, Rachel Wade and Conlon also had hits for the winners.

The Chiefs preserved the shutout with a key 7-5-2-6-1 rundown between third and home in the third inning.

"We've been playing strong defensively," said Canton coach

Jim Arnold. "Our bats have been cold. I'd like to see us get a little more offense. It's still early, though."

Canton grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second before adding two in the third on Delapaz's triple and an insurance run in the fifth.

**Agape 20, Franklin Road 13:** The Wolverines evened their record at 3-3 Thursday afternoon with a high-scoring victory over winless Franklin Road Christian.

Agape's most productive innings were the first and seventh when they scored 10 and 6 runs, respectively. Franklin Road had chiseled its substantial early deficit to 12-8 at one point before the winners countered with two runs in the fifth and six in the seventh.

Agape outthit its hosts, 22-6. The Wolverines were led at the plate by Lindsay Gant (4-for-5, four RBI), Brittany Pierson (4-for-5, home run, three RBI), Caroline Jungquist (4-for-5, two RBI, three steals), Katie Lambert (4-for-5, one RBI, six steals) and Julie Schultz (3-for-5, three RBI).

Lambert, a sophomore, earned the mound victory, working the first five innings. Schultz was credited with the save after squelching a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the sixth.

"We eclipsed our win total from last year already," said Agape coach Rob Stockman. "Last year was a learning experience for a lot of these girls, many of whom had never played organized softball. But they worked hard together over the summer and they are really stepping up."

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# CC hitters roll over Stevenson

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Hot-hitting Redford Catholic Central scored 21 runs in a Wednesday doubleheader sweep of Birmingham Brother Rice, but that wasn't enough. The Shamrocks came right back on Thursday and scored 10 more, trouncing visiting Livonia Stevenson in the process.

A two-run homer by senior Mike McDonald and a pair of doubles by junior Brian Kirkendall (2-for-3, four RBI) propelled the Shamrocks to the five-inning, mercy-rule shortened triumph. Catholic Central improved to 10-2 overall with the win.

The lone hits for Stevenson were a pair of fifth-inning singles, by junior Clayton Pack and senior Sam Hoyt off Kirkendall, the third pitcher used by CC head coach John Salter.

"The kids swung the bats pretty good in the second half of the game," Salter said. "Stevenson's first pitcher (junior Matt McWilliams) did a good job for a while."

According to Spartans head coach Rick Berryman, whose team fell to 5-4 overall, McWilliams did hold his own until the fourth, when the Shamrocks scored four times to open up a commanding 6-0 lead. Berryman said Catholic Central batters really teed off on some of his relievers.

"It was just one of those days," said Berryman, noting that he was saving his top pitchers for a scheduled league game Friday at Walled Lake Northern. "We've just got to regroup and play tomorrow."

Sixteen of CC's 21 players got up to the plate at least once, underscoring the Shamrocks



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Catholic Central's Brian Kirkendall of Plymouth rips a single to left field to finish off the Shamrocks' mercy rule-shortened victory over Livonia Stevenson Thursday afternoon.

top-notch depth.

"We have a lot more guys than we normally have," Salter said. "It's tough to get them a lot of swings sometimes. Today, I was able to do that."

In addition to McDonald and Kirkendall, Shamrock hitters with big days included senior Matt Rodeghier (2-for-2, one RBI), senior Jeff Grad (1-for-2, one RBI) and senior Dominique Fischer (1-for-1, one RBI). Another Catholic Central run scored on a bounce-out by junior Eddie Duggan.

Starting for CC and going two scoreless innings was senior Matt Walters, who was followed on the mound by Rodeghier (one inning) and Kirkendall, who pitched the final two frames.

The Shamrocks got on the board in the second on a double by senior Eric Vrtis, followed by a couple of grounders.

A bouncing single to right by Rodeghier made it 2-0 in the third and the Shamrocks poured it on in the fourth to put the game out of reach for Stevenson.

But the game might have turned out differently if not for a key play in the fourth-inning rally. With two on and one out, Grad ripped a sizzler toward the Spartans first baseman. But instead of an inning-ending double play, the ball bounced off the glove into shallow right field to score a run.

Fischer's pinch-hit single made it 4-0 and two more scored on a single to center by

Kirkendall.

CC ended the game with a four-run surge in the fifth. Junior John Carrier singled and came home on McDonald's blast over fence in left.

Then, with the bases loaded, Kirkendall drilled one into the left-center gap to bring in the ninth and 10th runs and end the game.

Salter said it was good to see his team swing the bats so well after dropping two games to University of Detroit-Jesuit on April 16.

"After our setback on Saturday, it was good to regroup and get a little streak going," he said.

Wednesday against Brother Rice, the Shamrocks won 10-4 and 11-1 to finally beat the Warriors — who had defeated CC five consecutive times dating back to the 2002 Catholic League championship game at Comerica Park.

In the opener, a 12-hit performance backed the complete-game pitching of senior Bobby Henderson.

Seniors Eric Simcox (3-for-3), Greg Marrone (2-for-3) and Eric Vojtkofsky (2-for-4) were the big guns in the opener. Marrone clubbed a three-run homer and both Simcox and Vojtkofsky collected doubles.

A six-run first inning, featuring a grand slam by Marrone, launched CC to the nightcap victory. Marrone, who totaled eight RBI in the doubleheader, earned the pitching win. "He certainly helped his cause."

McDonald, Walters and Rodeghier each picked up two hits in the second game.

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# Northville hitters rock Salem, 13-4

## PREP BASEBALL

four and walked two to pace the Chiefs, who improved to 5-7 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Churchill dropped to 3-4 and 0-2.

"Shawn threw an inning-and-two-thirds in our tournament over the weekend and he threw well, so we were pleased heading into today's game," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "He came back today and threw a four-hitter, which was encouraging."

Canton added to its 1-0 lead with a five-run fourth. Brad Gallison, Craig Galarnau, Tarik Khasawneh and Jake Powers all contributed key hits in the inning.

Galarnau finished 4-for-4 with three RBI and a run.

Rob Laichalk took the loss for the Chargers, yielding six earned runs, nine hits and four walks in five innings.

"We had one bad inning," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz. "We've got to get the bats going."

Salem 4, Westland John Glenn 1 (suspended): In a WLAA-Lakes Division encounter suspended by rain in the middle of the fourth inning Friday, the visiting Rocks (3-3) led Westland John Glenn (2-5).

The first game will be completed Monday, May 9, at Salem as part of a double-header.

Northville upended Salem, 13-4, Wednesday afternoon in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played at Northville. The loss dropped the Rocks to 3-3.

The Mustangs led 2-1 after the first inning before piling on seven runs in the third.

Northville outhit Salem, 10-7. The Rocks committed five errors while the Mustangs had three miscues.

No other information on the game was available at presstime.

PCA 14, Sterling Heights Bethesda 1: The Eagles scored all of their runs in the first three innings — including a 10-run third — to back the pinpoint pitching of senior Andrew Shumaker, who improved his record to 3-0.

Plymouth Christian outhit Bethesda, 19-4.

Shumaker starred at the plate as well as the mound, going 4-for-4 with two runs and an RBI. Other key offensive contributors to the winners' cause included Stephen Sumner (1-for-3, two RBI, three runs), Keith Boruta and Jessie Predhomme.

"We hit the ball well and played good fundamental defense," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston.

Canton 8, Livonia Churchill 0: Junior pitcher Shawn Little tossed a four-hit shutout at the Chargers in his longest stint on the mound since his freshman season. Little struck out



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# Sport condition bowling suited for summer

Summertime is decision time for many bowlers. To rest up those moving parts after working your bowling muscles during the season, give them the summer off?

You can also join a spring-summer league and keep your arms and legs in tune by working on your game, try to improve over the past year by trying a few new twists and turns while enjoying the more relaxed competition that usually goes with the summer fare.

Many serious bowlers try to use the off-season to work on their games and stay into it mentally, whether or not they do so under league conditions.

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your skills at sport condition bowling, which is offered at various centers in the area.

Sport condition bowling is a set oiling pattern which makes for a more challenging game just in case you are looking for a more difficult shot.

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Check out your bowling shoes, which often go unnoticed during the season.

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Don't overlook the importance of your shoes when it comes right down to good performance.

Summertime is a fine time to get some lessons from a pro.

You have the extra time to work on whatever the coach advises, so you will be ready when to bell rings again this fall.

The league championship for the Sunday Goodtimers League at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills went to Team No. 3, the Jammers, consisting of Steve Fox, Novi; Herman Schonberg and Bob Kannon, both of Southfield; and Howard Davidow, Oak Park.

They were the first-half winner against the second half first place team No. 4, E.T., with Mike and Noah Zipser of Farmington Hills, along with Alan Silver and Marc Kippelman of West Bloomfield.

They split the first two games,

with the third and deciding match going down to the final frame. It was an exciting finish to a very good season.

Team No. 1, New Kids, posted high-game and high-series with 971 and 2,769, respectively.

Charlie Bykkonen of Redford rolled the high game with 288, while Tony Powell of Sylvania, Ohio was second high with 279.

Powell also recorded a 300 game in the end of season doubles, but it was under a no-tap format, so no awards given for that one, even though 11 of his strikes were real.

In the Women's International Bowling Congress

(WIBC) Championship Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., Kathy Odom of Rochester Hills remains in first place in all-events with a total of 1,633 for team, singles and doubles combined.

Rochester's Dawn Genzlinger was in fifth place in all-events with 1,476.

There is still a long way to the end of the tournament so hopefully these scores will hold up.

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Ten Pin Alley

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## Metro Mortgage wins

The Metro Mortgage Hockey Club proved you're never too old, cashing in on the USA Hockey's Over-50 National Championship, April 14-17, in Brandon, Fla.

Eleven teams competed in the tournament with Metro Mortgage capturing all five games en route to the title, including a 5-1 victory over the Essex (N.J.) Foxes in the finals.

"Our scoring was strong, but it was our overall team defense that allowed us to win," said Canton's Vince Law, a forward and one of the team's organizers. "Our defense was as good as any in the country. We have three lines that can go at any time, but the overall team defense got it done for us."

Defensemen included Greg Getchen, Livonia; Scott Edwards, Auburn Hills; Doug Karie, Shelby Township; Ken Karpezuk, Brighton; and Dennis Scarpace, West

Bloomfield.

Randy Aimoe of Largo, Fla., the only non-Michigan player on the 16-member Metro Mortgage roster, scored a total of nine goals to pace the winners.

The goaltender was Dan Whitener of White Lake.

Other forwards include Fred Haas and Brian Walsh, both of Livonia; Michael Fox, Redford; Dave Buck, Canton; Jerry Sawchuck, White Lake; Randy Keleman, Wixom; Terry Fadina, Detroit; and Rick Shaffner, Northville.

"I started playing 40 years ago with three of the other guys on this team as pee wees, and over the years we have stayed with a nucleus of 12 of the guys," said Shaffner, one of the original three along with Law and Getchen. "We've been either playing together, or against each other, for the last 10 years."



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## Audacious daydreamer ages well

Byron Reed, age 70, is an artist and a "kid at heart." He shares stories in ink and paint. His pictures depict children and adults. But no matter what the subject is, he says, "I paint what I see in my memories."

One of his paintings, "Dog Wagon," tells what happened when he was a little boy and had the great idea of having his dog pull his wagon. He didn't anticipate that the dog would chase a cat, which had a mind of his own.

The scene shows a runaway wagon, adults covering their eyes and "an adventurous ending." Even though he remembers getting in a little trouble afterward, it was the kind of misbehavior that kids should get into. He remembers a time when kids played outside all day long, just hanging out with friends.

He captures these images on canvas, using strong lines and vibrant colors. His pieces are nostalgic, depicting a way of life that may not exist any more, but they do send a strong message about the importance of children being children.

Byron has been drawing pictures for as long as he can remember. "My parents always recognized my need to create," he said. "They always supported me. I was a daydreamer. Schools didn't know what to do with me. They didn't have anything for creative people. Today too many kids don't have time to find their creative talents."

His parents encouraged him and sent him to art school. In his house, education was very important. Both his parents were college

### His parents encouraged him and sent him to art school.

graduates. His father owned a printing business and his mother was an insurance investigator. His mother used to take him with her when she was working.

He'd wait in the car and watch all the people walk by. Some of those people now show up as characters in some of his drawings such as, "Not So Innocent Bystanders."

"Art is very therapeutic and a real stress buster. Many seniors are just sitting and looking at walls," he said. "They'd do better if they drew, wrote poetry, listened to music, or thought about things that are creative. It works for me."

Grandma Moses didn't start painting until the age of 80. "When Grandma Moses died at the age of 101, she had completed over 1,600 works of art." She "never received formal training in art and did not begin to paint until she was in her late 70s. Her earliest works were embroidery, but when arthritis made it painful for her to use a needle, she turned to painting." Moses' last painting, "Rainbow," finished shortly before she died, was an optimistic painting which celebrated her 20-year career (Absolute Arts).

Says Byron: "I love what I do. I had the audacity to go on and do it. In our age, it takes audacity." His motto is, "Fire in your painting or your painting in the fire"

What's next for this Byron? "More of the same. More drawings. More painting. More audacity."

If Byron's paintings could talk, they'd say, "Do what's in your heart." Adults may not be able to hear his message, but children can hear every word that Byron paints.

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# Observer LIFE



The Plymouth Oratorio Society prepares for its 19th concert, a May 1 event featuring the works of J.S. Bach and John Rutter at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

## An evening with the classics

### Oratorio society hits the stage with Bach, Rutter

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Only three singers have performed in every concert put on in the Plymouth Oratorio Society's 19 seasons.

That's a streak to which Don and Kathy Pratt and Bob Nelson, all from Canton, will add when they take the stage for the society's 19th concert May 1 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. The concert features work by Bach and John Rutter, will be played with the accompaniment of the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and will be right up Don Pratt's alley.

"That's what has kept me into it from the beginning ... the opportunity to sing the major choral works of the master composers with a professional orchestra," said Pratt, a math teacher at Ann Arbor Huron High School. "It's something I'd never have any chance to do any other time."

The POS is an area-wide choir, drawing largely from Plymouth-Canton but also with members from about 20 different communities, according to Pratt. For instance, Karen Chapin, who will be the soprano soloist in the May 1 concert, is from Plymouth. Conductor Len Riccinto, director of choral activities at Eastern Michigan University, is from Saline.

The group does one concert per season and occasionally collaborates with other groups. They've worked often with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and twice have collaborated with the Detroit Symphony's Civic Orchestra, performing at Orchestra Hall in downtown Detroit.

"It's purposely done as a short season, because people don't want to tie up all of their time," said Pratt, who has lived in Canton for nearly 12 years. "We keep it short and focused so people can get involved in other things."

One other consideration is the



Plymouth Oratorio Society member Joyce Delamarter sings along with the choir as she prepares for the POS annual concert.



Len Riccinto of Saline, director of choral activities at Eastern Michigan University, conducts the Plymouth Oratorio Society during a rehearsal for its May 1 concert.

cost, since the POS traditionally hires a professional orchestra with which to play. That gets expensive in a budget that runs, according to Pratt, to some \$8,000-\$10,000.

Despite the costs, POS performances are still offered basically free of charge. No tickets are needed to attend, though a free-will offering is taken to help offset costs. The rest of the group's funding comes primarily from donations from local individuals, businesses and civic groups.

"It was the philosophy of the people who started the group we'd be free to the public in the sense that you don't have to go buy tickets," Pratt said. "We'll pass the hat and hope people are generous, but

you don't have to worry about getting tickets. We've gone 19 years with that philosophy and so far it seems to be working."

It's worked for Bob Nelson, the Canton resident who is president of a small engineering firm. With so much of his background being of a technical nature, Pratt uses the POS to air out his more creative side.

"My professional life has a very scientific approach to things," Nelson said. "Music is my artistic outlet, which is an important part of my life. What we sing are major works that are some of the big accomplishments of western civilization in an artistic sense."

### TAKING THE STAGE

**What:** Plymouth Oratorio Society's 19th annual concert  
**When:** 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1  
**Where:** First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, a quarter-mile past Sheldon  
**Music:** J.S. Bach's Cantata #4 (Christ lag in Todesbanden) and John Rutter's Requiem, both performed with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. Soprano soloist for Requiem will be Karen Chapin of Plymouth.  
**Tickets:** None needed; free-will offering will be taken

"The opportunity to be a part of the re-creation of those high points of civilization is a thrill," Nelson added.

The POS is not a professional group per se - "My best buddy is in the group, and he's a dentist," Pratt said with a laugh - with few of them holding major backgrounds in music. What the POS is is a group of people with a love for music.

"It's not that kind of group, where we're all music majors," Pratt said. "The professionals we hire, our conductor ... all make us come up to that next level. Our concerts sound very nice."

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## Canton resale store a dream come true for women

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

It's not just any resale shop. A & M Resale Shop in Canton is more a dream come true for the four women who opened it six years ago.

A & M Resale Shop was founded by two developmentally disabled women, Aretha and Maggie, and later, their business partners Fran and Lori joined them in the little shop on Lilley Road (none of

the disabled people from the shop are allowed to use their last names in print, according to Elaine LaMontagne, director of vocational services for Community Work Opportunities).

"The women are responsible for operating the shop, deciding what inventory stays and what gets sent off to the Salvation Army," said LaMontagne. "They do all the pricing, the cleaning in the shop, and all the bagging."

They even interview and hire the CWO staff person who will assist them with running the store. The only thing they can't do is count the money.

None of that may sound remarkable unless you've visited the store, and realize how significant their disabilities are, that three of the four women require a wheelchair, and all but one requires some help with interpreting due to speech problems.

The shop is subsidized with

funding for work programs for the developmentally disabled, but the women get to spend the profits every month. Figuring out how to spend the money isn't difficult at all.

"Casino!" Aretha said when asked where the foursome likes to spend money. Though she'd rather go to Las Vegas, Motor City will do, the women agreed.

Lori likes to spend some on dining out, while Maggie

likes to shop for clothing and get her hair done, she said.

The shop is open every day except Tuesday and weekends. They also have expanded their hours in the afternoon. Inventory is rotated on a quarterly basis and repeat customers are always coming back to see what's new.

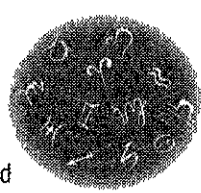
The ladies have discussed expanding their business and perhaps moving some day to

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## Star Struck

(April 24 - April 27)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The word that comes to mind when an astrologer views your chart at the moment is astonishment. And by all the laws of astrology you should astonish partners this week by not only breaking your silence but also making the break that has been on your mind since January.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

At this time of year the Sun in your sign is supposed to give you the wanderlust as well as another window on the world. You certainly deserve a break and a lot of praise for the way you have kept your head during a long phase of emotional conflicts and some kind of a financial loss, blow or reversal.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Although it would be foolish and unkind to make you believe that you can't put a wrong foot forward this week, an extremely confusing and upsetting cycle in your career or home is coming to an end. Therefore, you no longer need to bow or scrape or accept any situation that goes against your nature of principles.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Compromise is the key to success this week, and the greatest successes you can aim for now is to keep your head when all around you are losing theirs. Emotional upsets, disputes and disagreements of one sort or another are guaranteed - what has yet to be decided is how you react to them, kiddo!

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

What seemed such a good idea to begin with now seems to be eating up your resources like there's no tomorrow. Lion. Of course, it won't be long before you see a return on your investment, but the question you must ask yourself is: Is it enough? And have you bitten off more than you can chew?

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

On any journey, we must find out where we are before we can plan the first step. Therefore, under the influence of the lunar eclipse, you need to put your own house in order, then put others in the picture and place your trust in those who have

stood by you through all recent trials.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

This week's planetary activity is the kind that puts the onus on you to make the first approach or proffer the olive branch. However, if you are willing to go the whole hog and hide nothing, you will experience a greater sense of freedom and a rare feeling of optimism and well-being.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

At this of year with the Sun in your opposite sign, you frequently hit a low patch and tend to be under par. Fortunately, however, you appear to have weathered the storm and can now make a decisive move over a long-term personal issue and matters related to your earnings. Stay strong!

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Do not allow others to cramp your style this week, Archer. Quite extraordinary planetary activity relates to travel plans and new horizons. But at the end of the day no one but you determines your course, and your success - be it of a personal or a professional nature - begins in the mind.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Spring seems to have gotten off to a flying start, and you probably feel you are being blown off-course. Cap. However, what transpires this week can only make it apparent that the time is right to cover a lot of new ground and find out what life has to offer in a different setting or environment.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Although you may not be able to get certain ideas, plans or projects off the ground until this time next month, what comes to light in an unusual or unexpected manner this week must give you a final piece of a financial jigsaw puzzle that enables you to put Doubting Thomases to flight, WaterBear.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Continue to keep an open mind and plans flexible, because the current lunar eclipse in your element promises all sorts of misjudgments and misunderstandings - and only by exercising your own unique judgment and understanding can you now determine who is on the level and who is up to no good.

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# Set good example to fight teen substance abuse

Remember the ad with a laughing young woman in low-slung jeans that touted: "Vegetarian by day and Bacardi by night"?

Most parents don't read *Rolling Stone* magazine where the ad was placed but more than four million young people, who cannot legally drink, do. As columnist Jane Eisner for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* says "... Only the blind or the foolish would argue that this sexy scene escaped their (young teen's) attention."

She continues: "Correction: the blind, the foolish, and the liquor industry."

Alcohol is linked to the four leading causes of deaths of young people: auto accidents, suicides, homicides, and other accidents. Despite this, the alcohol industry is winning converts every day. Research shows that kids who start drinking before 15 are four times more likely to become alcoholics by the time they are 21.

The truth is that our community and our government, aided by the work of prominent researchers, may try to curtail underage drinking.

The major responsibility, however, rests with the family. The rules are not difficult - know your teen's friends, where they are headed, set curfews, and find out if other parents are available to monitor parties.

Perhaps the most discouraging fact reported is that many parents of heavy drinking teens know nothing about their children's drinking.

Talk to your adolescent and find out what is happening in your community. State again the rules and consequences of underage drinking in your family.

The National Center on



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University provides the following very useful guidelines for parents:

Ten steps parents can take to prevent teen substance abuse:

1. Set a good example.
2. Know your teen's whereabouts, activities and friends.
3. Eat dinner together regularly.
4. Set fair rules and hold your teen to them.
5. Be caring and supportive of your adolescent.
6. Maintain open lines of communication.
7. Surround your teen with positive role models.
8. Incorporate religion or spirituality into family life.
9. Learn the signs and symptoms of teen substance abuse and conditions that increase risk.
10. If problems occur, get help promptly.

Signs and symptoms of teen substance abuse:

- Changes in behavior:
  - Missing school, declining grade or discipline problems
  - Dropping old friends and getting new ones
  - Dropping activities such as sports
  - Increased secrecy
  - Unusual borrowing of money
  - Sudden mood changes, aggressiveness, irritability
  - Restlessness, excessively talkative, rapid speech
  - Irresponsible behavior, poor judgment
  - Depression

■ Forgetfulness, slurred speech or difficulty expressing thoughts

■ Lack of coordination, poor balance

■ More direct evidence of substance use:

■ Increased use of incense, room deodorant or perfumes (to hide smoke or chemical odors)

■ Increased use of eye drops (to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils)

■ New use of mouthwash or breath mints (to cover the smell of alcohol)

■ Drug paraphernalia such as pipes, rolling papers

■ Increased accumulation of inhalable products and accessories such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, etc.

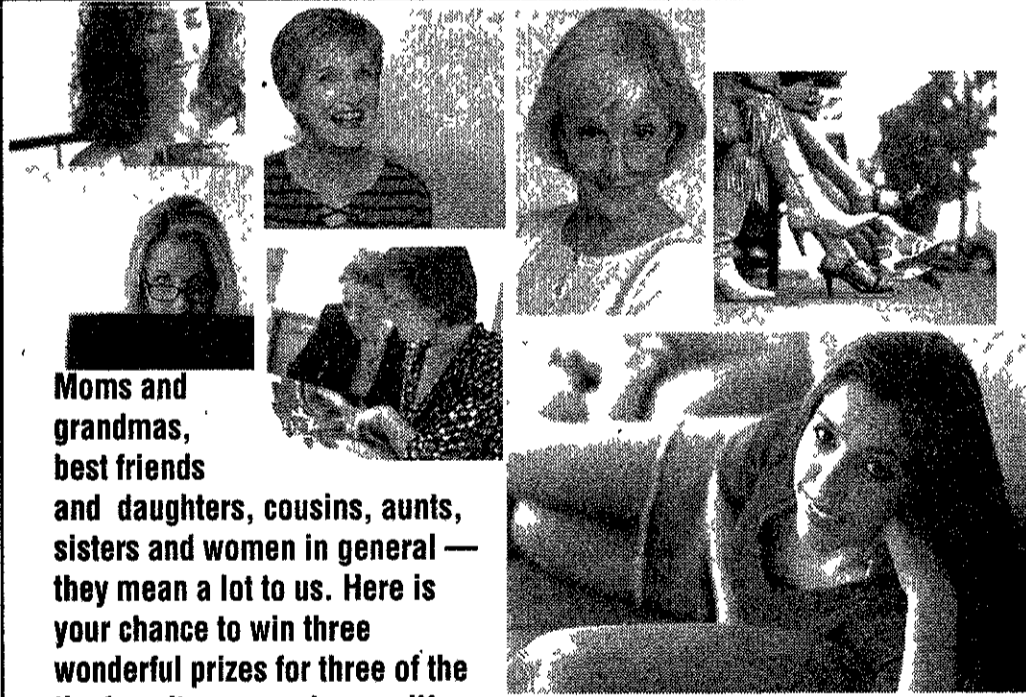
■ Missing prescription drugs - such as narcotics, stimulants and mood stabilizers

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at

www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. Last week's column was "Use of illegal drugs is a growing family affair, problem." All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will be available shortly on www.bridge-comm.com.

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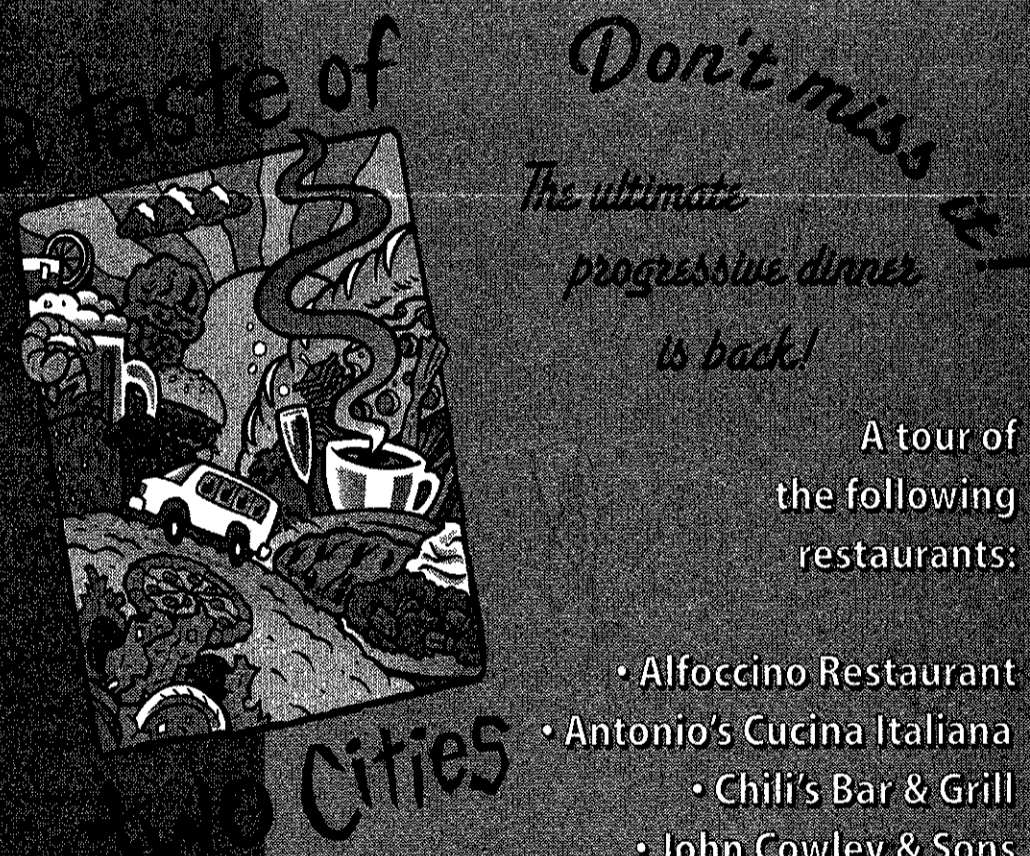
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**Canfield-Randazzo**  
Richard and Theresa Canfield of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Marie, to Anthony Joseph Randazzo of Livonia.



Shannon is a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School. She received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology from Madonna University in 1997 and her master's degree in clinical and humanistic psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies in 2001. She is a second year doctoral student at the Center for Humanistic Studies. Shannon is employed at New Oakland Child-Adolescent and Family Center in Livonia. Her fiancé, Anthony, is the son of Joseph and Cindy Randazzo of Canton. He is a 1993 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He is a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in geography and environmental studies. Anthony is employed with Hamburg Township as the director of technical services. Anthony and Shannon are planning an August wedding at St. Michael Catholic Church with a reception at Glen Oaks Country Club. They plan a honeymoon to the Turks and Caicos, and will be making their new home in Livonia.

an area with more foot traffic. When talking about the future, they all agree they are motivated, up to any challenge and are eager to serve their customers.

All four women use the services and supports of Community Living Services. CLS is a nonprofit organization that promotes inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities. CLS provides supports and services to 2,700 people in Wayne County and is funded through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. For more information, visit the CLS Web site at [www.comliveserv.com](http://www.comliveserv.com). A & M is located at 5900 Lilley Road, Suite 201. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday-Friday. For more information, call (734) 981-3709. [cmarsall@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:cmarsall@oe.homecomm.net) (734) 459-2700



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Lori folds the clothes for sale at A&M Resale Shop in Canton.



Fran makes a variety of bead bracelets for sale at the A&M Resale Shop in Canton. The store is operated by four women with disabilities.

**Dolmetsch**

Robert and Mary Lou (nee Deacy) Dolmetsch of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 16. They were married April 16, 1955, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Chicago, Ill. They have been Livonia residents for 39 years.

The couple met in 1948. They were high school sweethearts and dated for seven years. During their courtship, Robert attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. and played football for Frank Leahy from 1949 to 1952. He then enlisted in the Marine Corps, and was a captain until his discharge in 1954. He worked for the United States Gypsum Corp. as a district manager, retiring nine years ago.

Mary Lou attended Fox College in Illinois. She worked for Boyle-Midway Inc. as a secretary. While living in Livonia she was a para-pro for the Livonia Public School District, retiring eight years ago.

Robert and Mary Lou have four children, Robert (Sharon) Dolmetsch of Northville, James (Lisa) Dolmetsch of Livonia, Mary Jo (Mark) Westbrook of Plymouth, and Patti (Rick) Galli of Livonia; and nine grandchildren, Kristin, Edward, Michael, Anthony, Sara, Gina, Jeanette, Jackie and Troy. Their favorite past time is spending time with their grandchildren.



**Morales-Nelson**

Melissa Morales of Livonia is engaged to Patrick Nelson of Plymouth. She is the daughter of Karen Morales of Livonia and the late Tony Morales. Melissa is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as a Northwest Airlines flight attendant. Her fiancé, Patrick, is the son of Linda Johnson of Plymouth and John Nelson of Ypsilanti. He is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is an officer in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Patrick and Melissa are planning a July wedding in Livonia. They will be making their new home in El Paso, Texas.

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

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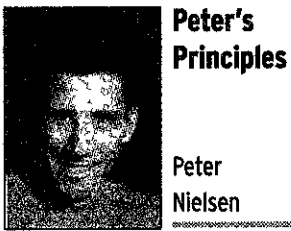


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## Whole wheat best for health

Abby from Waterford wants to know which breads are best for diet success. Abby, in this case the answer is definitely black and white. Eating too much white bread is a sure fire way to pack on unwanted pounds because it breaks down rapidly in the G-I tract. The quick break down increases blood sugar and insulin levels, in turn promoting fat storage in the body. Research shows that people who eat whole grain bread instead of white bread tend to have smaller waists. In one study 459 test subjects ate five different diets. One diet emphasized white bread, while the others targeted various food staples. Those eating a diet rich in white bread had the largest overall increase of waist size, sometimes up to five times the increase of the study groups eating more healthy foods. Whole grain foods cut the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and even some types of cancer.

Ed from Livonia recently heard about a link between heartburn drugs and pneumonia. He would like more information. Ed, you probably heard about a new study by Dutch researchers. They concluded that prolonged use of anti-heartburn drugs can roughly double your risk of contracting pneumonia. The medications in question are called proton pump inhibitors and histamine antagonists. The proton pump inhibitors seem to elevate the chance of pneumonia. The histamine antagonists were found to increase the chance of pneumonia. Both medications work by inhibiting the production of acid in the stomach. Histamine inhibitors include drugs like Tagamet, Pepcid, Axid and Zantac. Proton pump inhibitors include medications like Nexium, Prevacid, Prevac, and Prilozec. The cause of increased risk seems to stem from the reduction of bacteria killing acids in the stomach. The study shows use of the drugs can also increase the chances of getting the flu and bronchitis. I'll have more on this important study when it becomes available. If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, e-mail Peter at [www.peternielsen.com](mailto:www.peternielsen.com). Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield

# Healthy travel

### Prevent illness and stress by planning ahead

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Summer vacation is fast approaching, but before you begin packing those bags local health care professionals have a few words of advice - plan ahead. Whether traveling by car to a cottage in northern Michigan or flying to a third world country, it's important to take precautions so illness and stress don't ruin your trip. As director of Botsford's International Travel Clinic, Infectious Diseases Department, Dr. Susan Knoll makes sure vacationers and other travelers stay healthy enough to see the sights. "If you're spending big money on a cruise or big trip I hope you're taking an extra pair of contacts," said Knoll. "Put them in a carry on in case luggage is lost." While Knoll wishes she were able to travel internationally, her three children, ages 7 to 13, keep her closer to home. The family regularly enjoys visiting their cottage on Lake Erie not far from where she grew up in Pennsylvania. "My husband and I are both doctors so we always take ear and eye drops. There's always an infection or swimmer's ears," said Knoll of Farmington Hills. "Parents might want to talk to their doctor about prescribing antibiotics to take with them in case of infection. They should also take histamines with them. At least have Benadryl in case you get a bug bite." Being bitten by a bug in a third world country can cause many more serious illnesses than here in the states. At the clinic, Knoll and her staff assess a traveler's medical history along with



their plans - are they going into jungles or wetlands? Then they check for the latest information on parasitic, viral and bacterial infections. Malaria, yellow fever, tetanus, typhoid and hepatitis, always a danger when traveling in third world countries, are more prevalent in certain areas. Knoll recommends visiting the clinic one month in advance as immunizations need time to take effect. For more information, visit [www.botsfordsystem.org](http://www.botsfordsystem.org). "In areas with malaria, typhoid, it's not just immunizations they need but to wear protective clothing against mosquitoes at dusk and dawn, long-sleeved, light-colored clothing, and at night to sleep under mosquito netting," said Knoll. "The best bug repellents contain DEET. Spray the clothing and netting and a minimal amount of skin." Dr. Jeff Chapman cautions not to use a product with more than 25 to 30 percent DEET since it can cause burns. Chapman not only took DEET products with him on recent medical missions to India and Peru, but before leaving home soaked his clothing in permethrin which is available at outdoor sporting goods stores. "Most diseases that you catch overseas are either from an insect bite or eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water," said Chapman, a medical doctor in the emergency

center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Chapman studied tropical medicine in Lima in 1999. Over the last 12 years, he's gone on 42 medical missions to help people in 20 countries. During recent long flights to attend to tsunami victims in India and villagers along the Amazon river, Chapman regularly stretched his legs to prevent blood clots from forming. "I tell people who travel with me and those going on vacations to make sure they're up to date in immunizations," said Chapman. "A teenager or adult needs boosters of diphtheria tetanus and injectable polio vaccine. I highly recommended Hepatitis A vaccine as well as Hepatitis B. Probably the most important thing is if they're in a malaria area to take malaria medications prescribed by their doctor. There are lots of strains. The precise medication is of the utmost importance and failure to take it for the recommended time period may leave you vulnerable." Chapman visits the Web sites of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention ([www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)) and State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) for updates before taking his medical trips. In some areas that he travels to, not drinking the water is as important as signing up for travel-related

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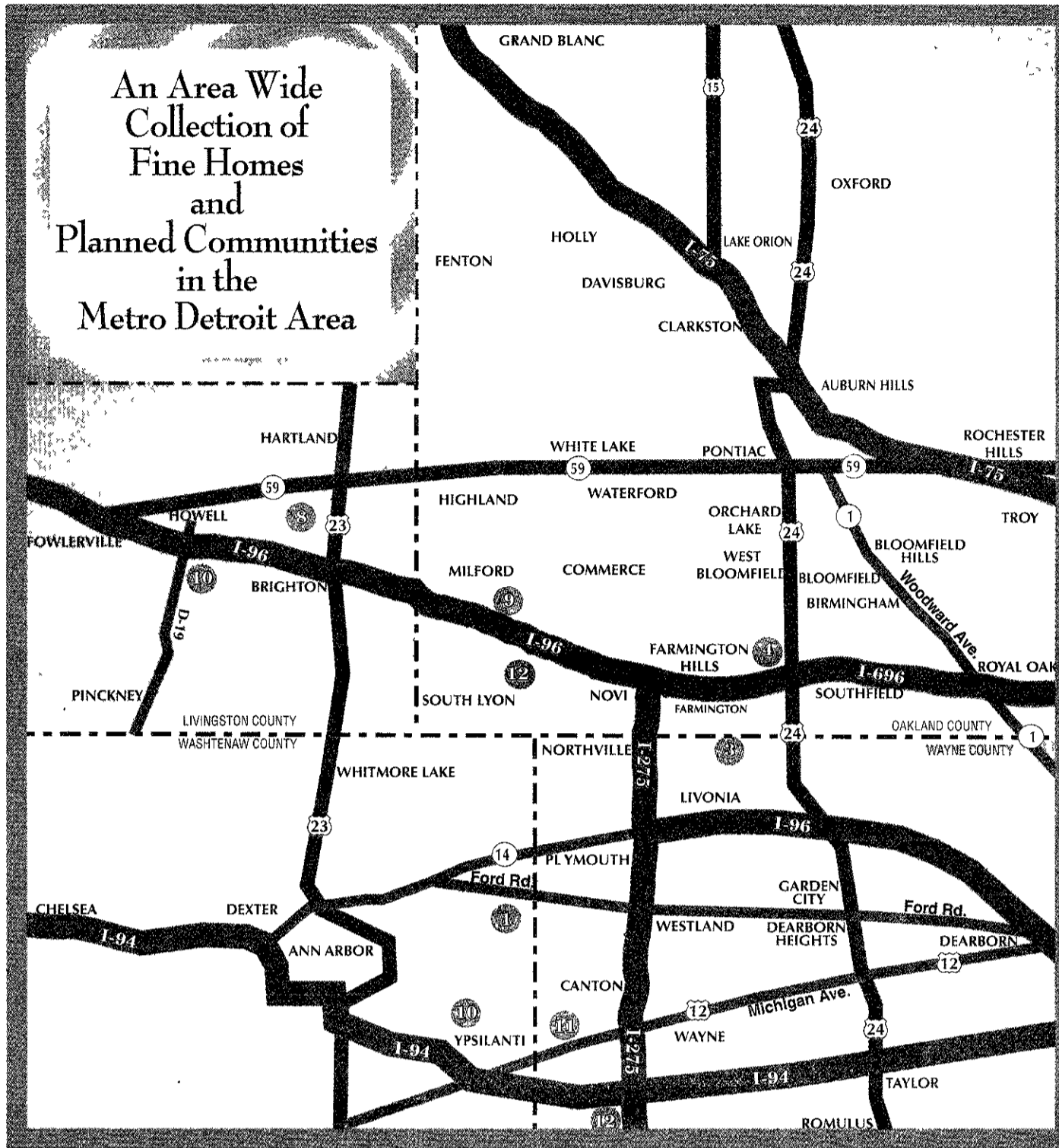


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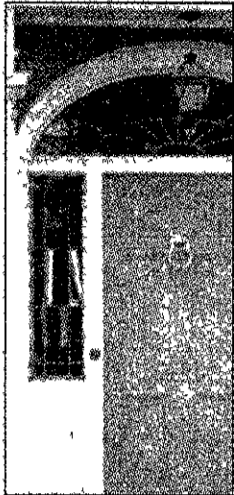
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BY JOE DANIELS  
CORRESPONDENT

There is a lot to keep in mind if you decide you want to have a home built for you, but if you invest time and effort before the project even starts, your dream home can indeed be just that — a dream home.

"A lot of adult education courses at the local high schools offer courses on how to be the contractor on building your own home," said Jim Martin, a Detroit area carpenter for more than 20 years and now an expert in the lumber department at a Home Depot store.

"Spending \$100 or whatever it is and a few nights in that class can get you thinking about a lot of things you may not thought of."

Key on Martin's list of "musts" when it comes time to build your new home is to work with a licensed builder.

"It just saves any number of problems that could come up. If the guy has a license, that takes care of a lot of insurance issues that could come up and also means that he's going to be more accountable if a disagreement arises," Martin said.

Martin also recommended taking in at least one home show prior to signing any contracts.

"You might make some rough sketches and drawings of what you want. Take photos of the property if you already own it. Take all that to a home show, where you have numerous builders and others there that can talk with you about not only price, but ideas and new materials and plans that you may not be familiar with," Martin said. "An afternoon at a home show is a great way to start."

Once you're ready to contract with a builder for your custom home, here are some tips on what to look for:

■ **Reputation** — Look for an established builder with an extensive client list. A local real estate agent might be a good source for a list of quality builders.

■ **Area of operations** — Choose a builder who is familiar with the area where you want your home to be built. Local knowledge is important because residential construction is very regional in nature. An out-of-the-area builder might not be prepared to handle variations in local building codes, subcontracting practices, inclement weather patterns or other factors.

■ **Type of home** — Select a builder who has extensive experience constructing homes in your price range and general design style.

# Preparation is key to a successful new home



■ **Compatibility** — Building a home is a highly personal and emotional experience. That is why you will want to choose a builder with whom you'll feel comfortable.

■ **Warranty** — The builder should be willing and able to offer you a comprehensive written warranty on your new home.

■ **Financial stability** — Some builders run their businesses better than other builders do. Make sure the building company you select is financially viable.

■ **Financial strength** — Success in the home-building business is earned by building a quality product at a fair price. A builder who is financially successful likely will still be in business during the warranty period for your new home.

The first contract you'll enter into with a builder is known as a preliminary agreement. Preliminary agreements typically retain the builder to assist the buyer in evaluating and selecting a lot, monitoring the design and specifications process, estimating the cost of building the home, preparing a loan application package and starting the building approval process. Expect the builder's fee for these services to amount to approximately 1 percent of the total construction cost.

Once the preliminaries have been decided upon, you are ready to enter into a general construction contract, which should include the following provisions:

■ **Price and allowances** — These items outline what is, and is not, included in the builder's cost breakdown.

■ **Plans, specifications and cost-breakdown** — These documents can be incorporated by reference into the contract.

■ **Completion date**  
■ **Dispute resolution procedure** — Negotiation, mediation and arbitration are alternatives to litigation.

■ **Procedures for change orders**  
■ **Insurance** — Insurance, including builder's risk, worker's compensation and liability. The contract typically should state the types of insurance and the policy limits and designate whether you or the builder will be purchasing each type of policy.

■ **Warranty** — The time frames and performance standards for warranty work typically should be clearly stated.

■ **Contingencies** — Examples of contingencies include obtaining financing or selling your current home.

■ **Payment procedures** — The contract typically should detail when and how payments will be made to the builder.

Once your home is complete, you need to give it a thorough inspection. On a project as complex as a house, the odds are high there will be something that requires follow-up work by the builder or one of his subcontractors. Most of these will be routine items that can be fixed carefully, but still you should follow a formal procedure to identify any problems.

In the event of an impasse, contact your local home builders association. If your builder is a member, the local association may have a system for examining and resolving construction complaints without going to court. The builders association may be able to bring both sides together to reach an agreement.

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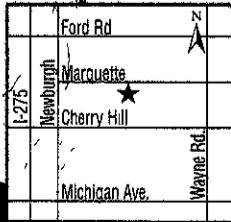
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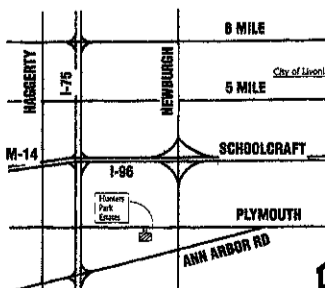
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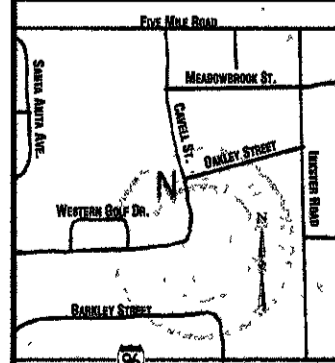
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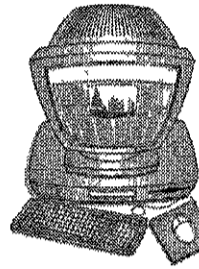
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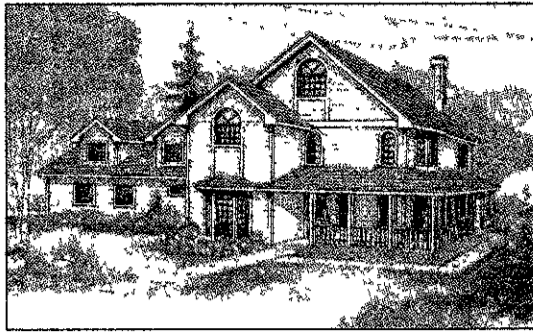
The 2,030 square foot second floor of this plan contains the main sleeping areas. A huge master suite occupies one corner of this floor. There is plenty of room for a king-sized bed and there is a bay window for enjoying the outside view. Additional amenities in the master suite include his and her walk-in closets and a large private bathroom with vaulted ceiling, twin basins and spa.

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Two more large, nearly identical rooms occupy the remainder of the top level. One is designated as a library/game room, and the other as the fourth bedroom. This room would work well as guest quarters.

The first floor layout provides an easy flow of movement throughout. To the left of the entry is a modest living room with a bay window facing the front yard.

The expansive walk-through kitchen/family room combination is definitely the focal point of this home. An island cook top allows the cook to prepare meals without missing any of the conversation.



Formal meals may be served in the adjacent dining room, which also has a bay window. For more informal occasions, there is a very large nook that houses a walk-in pantry and has easy access to the wrap-around front porch.

The family room also has double doors that open to a small back deck that is just roomy enough for a few chairs and a barbecue. A corner fireplace keeps everyone warm and cozy. A small niche off the kitchen has a sink and laundry chute from the top floor. Extra storage space is available under the stairway.

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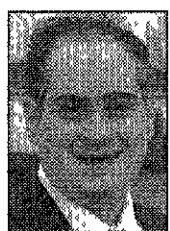






## Ready your house for an open house

I am having my agent do an open house. What should I know about preparing my house for it?



Ask A Realtor

Michael Aldouby

People usually buy a house mainly due to emotion. I recently took a couple to see a few houses. As soon as we entered one house, the wife started singing because she loved it so much. That was the house that they ended up buying.

It's critical for buyers to get a good feeling when they enter and are looking around your house. How do you help make this happen?

- Put on some soft music.
- If it's cold and you have a gas fireplace, turn it on.
- Light some candles.
- Make sure the house

isn't cluttered.

■ The house should be clean. If buyers come in and see clutter and dirt they will most likely be turned off from the very beginning and not even consider buying the house no matter what other features it may have.

■ Create good curb appeal. Mow the lawn. Fine tune the landscaping. Put out some colorful plants.

■ Make sure everything is working proper-

ly, especially the things that would be obvious when the buyers walk through. Lights should turn on when they are supposed to and doors shouldn't creak.

■ Place fresh flowers throughout the house. That will make the house smell good as well as add some beauty.

■ Check to see if there is too much furniture in a room. This can make a room look smaller than it is. If you have too much stuff consider putting some of it in storage.

■ Most importantly, don't be there. The seller should not be at the open house. Buyers are often very uneasy looking in someone else's house when the owner is right there. You want buyers to

feel comfortable, so that they can determine if it's the house that they want to buy.

Remember, that it's the little things that buyers will notice. They want to feel comfortable in a home that they will put an offer at. It's often these little things that don't cost much money to do that could end up in you getting thousands of dollars more.

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## Be creative in your design

(MS) — It comes as no surprise then that come the start of warmer weather, many homeowners make the yearly pilgrimage to home-improvement centers, nurseries, and garden shops to stock up on the supplies they'll need to create a winning landscape.

Before you make your shopping list, consider which elements you'll want to include to best achieve your garden design. Key landscape aspects that you may want to consider are:

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■ Edging — Just like a piece of art, a garden or playground is made "complete" with a nice frame or border.

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■ Recreational spaces — If you have an area that proves resistant to growing plants, it might be the ideal spot to plan a kids' sandbox or playspace.

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### CHOOSING YOUR HAMMOCK

The most popular hammock is handwoven from rope. Rope hammocks' appeal comes from how they

contour to the user's body and provide a comfortable, floating-on-air feel — a true magical carpet. Quilted-fabric hammocks, though slightly more expensive, are perfect for those who prefer a full fabric bed when lounging. Both style hammocks can be colorful and comfortable with the use of DuraCord, a yarn used in hammock ropes and fabrics.

### SAFETY ISSUES

So your vacation is enjoyed without mishap, there also are safety issues to keep in mind. Laurie Rudd, creative director for The Hammock Source, manufacturers of Hatteras Hammocks and The Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammocks, said, "Items to look for in a rope hammock are weight and amount of rope in the bed.

"The more rope, the stronger and

the more comfortable the hammock will be."

Heavy-duty steel end hardware also should accompany your hammock for safe hanging (or safe installation). Most hammocks are made for two-person lounging with a weight capacity in excess of 400 pounds. When hanging the hammock, make sure the structure from which the hammock is hung will hold the weight planned for the hammock.

### TRAVEL ACCESSORIES

Accessories can make your back yard vacation spot even better. Whether on your deck or next to a favorite garden, a hammock stand solves the need for two perfectly positioned trees.

"Most hammocks will come with hooks for hanging from a tree or post, while a large variety of stands are available for those who wish to

change their vacation location," said Chuck Sineath, president of Nags Head Hammocks. The most popular and safest stand available is made of steel and has a weight capacity of 450 to 600 pounds. It easily assembles without tools.

But no vacation would be complete without a comfy place to lay your head — in this case, a hammock pillow.

"Weather-resistant fabrics are used to craft large, beautiful hammock pillows that accommodate two-person relaxing and can dress up the look of the hammock," said J.R. Pelletier, manager of TheHammockCompany.com, an Internet retailer.

### EASY MAINTENANCE

Once your hammock is situated in your vacation spot, it is important to maintain it for years to come. Quality

hammocks are built for long life in the outdoors and easy clean up when they encounter the elements. A mild soap solution removes most outdoor dirt, while keeping it out of direct sunlight and rain whenever possible adds to its longevity.

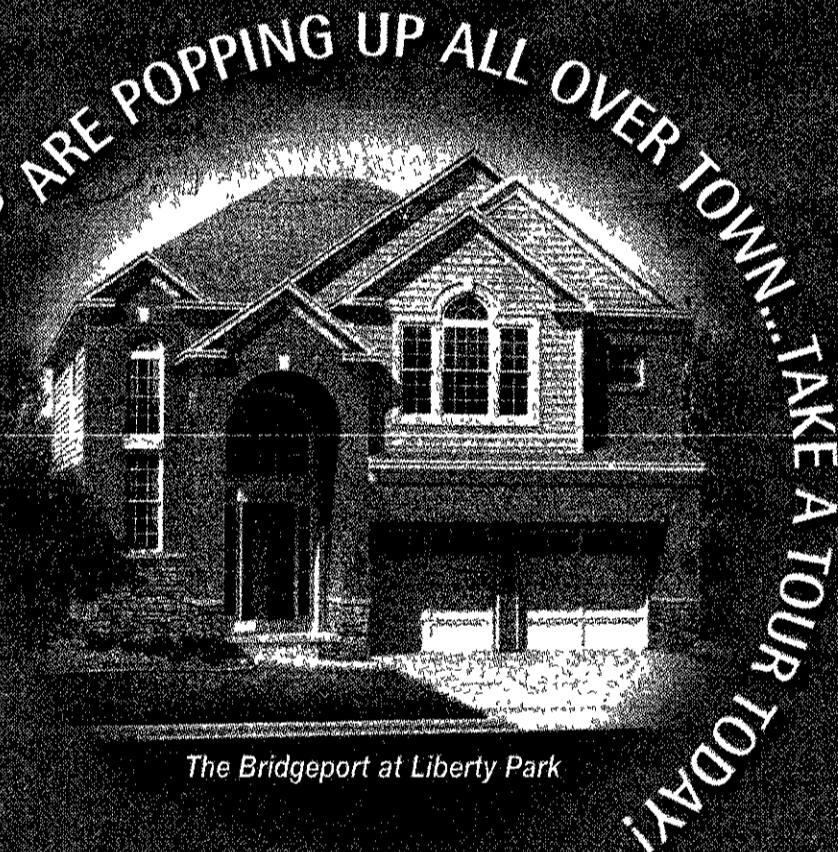
### A GUARANTEED RESTFUL VACATION

Whether with a good book or a cool drink, a vacation is sure to happen every time you escape outside your door on your magical carpet — your hammock. And best of all, with vacationing back yard-style, you are assured that it is one vacation that won't require a rest upon your return.

For more information, contact [www.pawleys.com](http://www.pawleys.com); [www.nagshead-hammocks.com](http://www.nagshead-hammocks.com); or [www.thehammockcompany.com](http://www.thehammockcompany.com). FP055810

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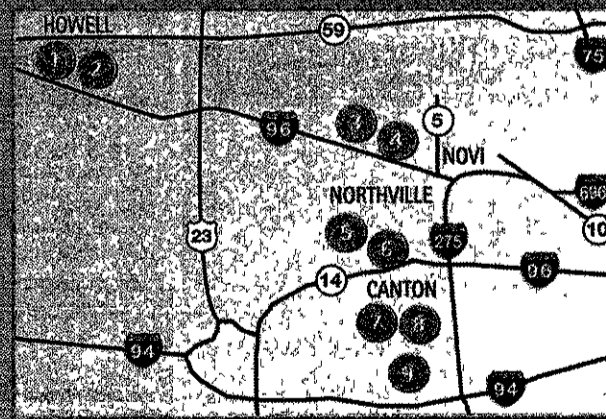
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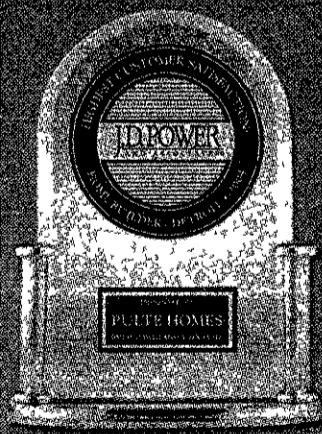
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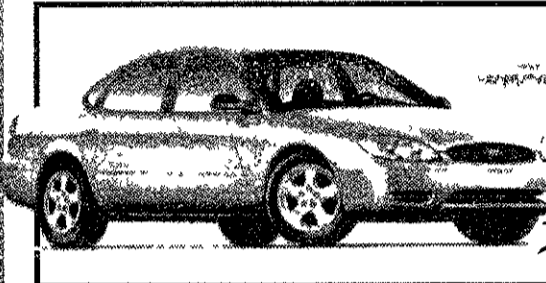
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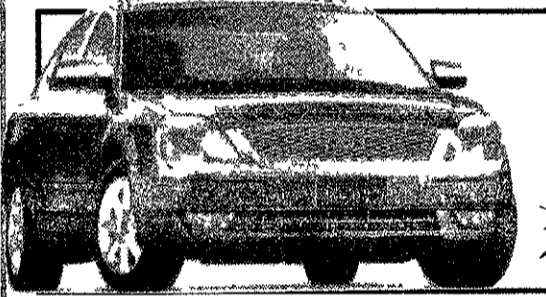
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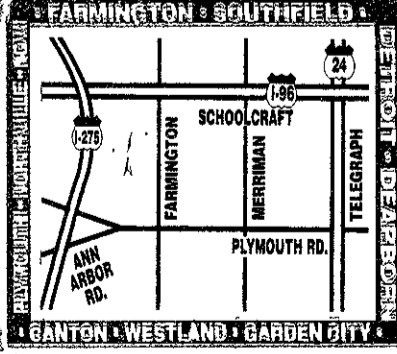
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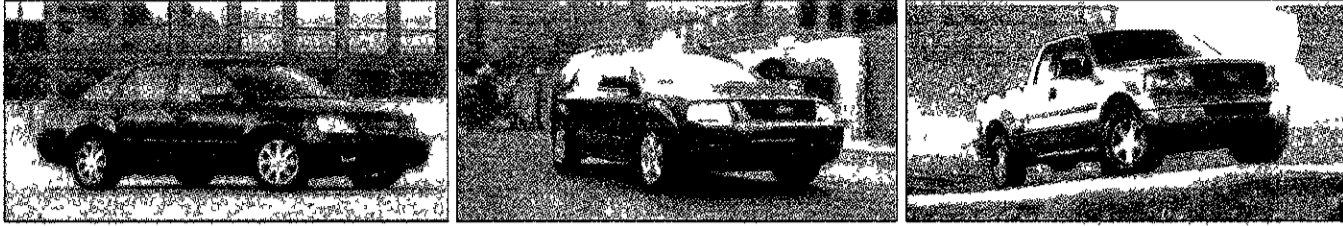


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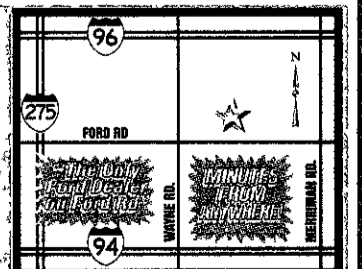
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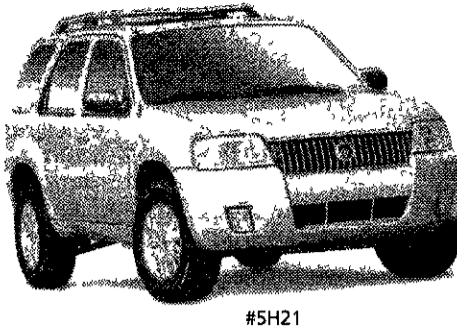
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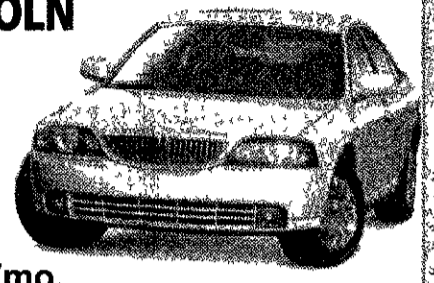
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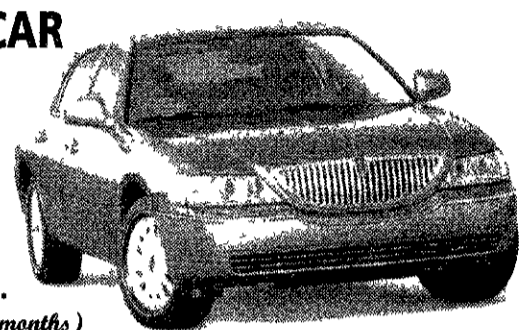
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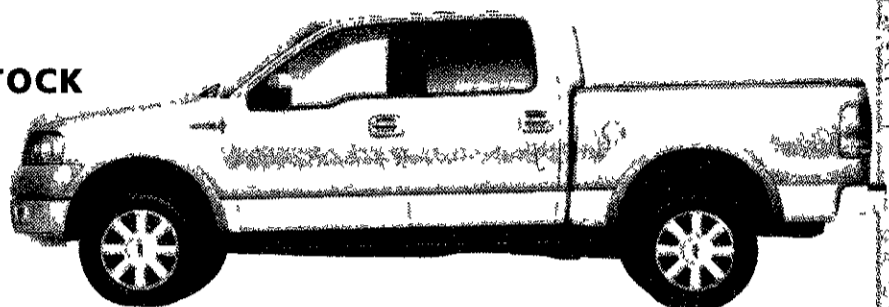
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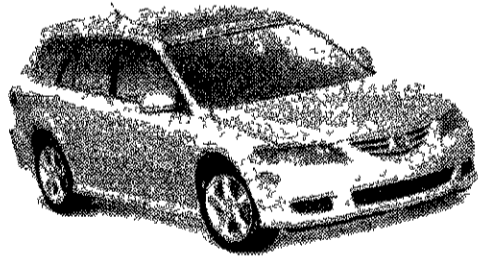
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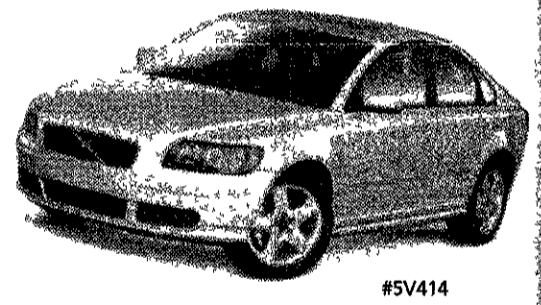
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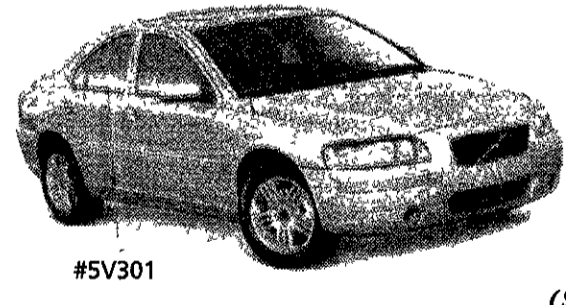
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**MONTE CARLO 2002** SS, Dale Earnhardt Edition, 4000 miles Loaded Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500

**Chrysler-Plymouth (8420)**  
**SEBRING 2002** Convertible LXi, 60K, one owner, burgundy, \$11,995 Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500

**SEBRING 2004** Convertible Touring Edition, 14K, \$17,995 Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

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**DYNASTY 1989**, one owner 54,000 original, loaded, \$2,733 Livonia Chrysler Jeep (734) 525-5000

**INTREPID 2000** RT, black moon, low miles, \$7,795 Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

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**MUSTANG 1999** LX extra clean, auto T.Y.M.E. DIRECT PRICE \$4150 (734) 455-5566

**STRATUS 2002** RT, leather power moon, only \$8,995 Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

**STRATUS 2002** RT, leather sharp \$11,733 Livonia Chrysler Jeep (734) 525-5000

**STRATUS, 2002, SILVER** \$3,800 Call 248-763-3460

**Eagle (8400)**  
**TALON-1996** \$3195 734-306-0356

**Ford (9480)**  
**ESCORT 1999** SE Wagon, a/c newer tires, power steering/windows/locks, tilt, cruise, reliable good cond., 121K \$2900 (248) 535-7972

**ESCORT 2000**, Excellent cond \$3695 734-306-0356

**ESCORT 2002** ZX2, pw/pl, cruise cassette air, 5 speed, 32K, 46,495 Saturn of Plymouth Toll Free 866-798-7124

**FOCUS 2000** 4 dr SE, 57K, sharp, \$5,888 Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

**FOCUS 2000** 205 21K, auto, best buy \$9,995 Tamaroff Buick Used Cars Telegraph South of 12 Mile 248-353-1300

**FOCUS, 2000, ZX3** 48K miles Auto Air CD player Excellent condition \$5500/best offer 248-529-8095

**MUSTANG 1989** Convertible, 2.3 L engine, loaded, 50K, detailed every year, stored in the winter, red w/black top, good cond., one owner, \$8,500 (248) 647-1823

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**MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE-1993** 4 Cyl., 98k miles, great condition Southern car \$4000 (313) 598-1860

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**TAURUS 1998** auto, air, extra clean T.Y.M.E. DIRECT PRICE \$3850 (734) 455-5566

**TAURUS 1999** leather loaded, low miles, \$6,950 JOHN ROGIN BUICK 734-525-0900

**TAURUS 2001** SEL, 40K, nice, \$9,995 LAFONTAINE TOYOTA (313) 561-6600

**TAURUS 2002** SES- Green, gray cloth, sunroof, V-6, air, CD, Pwr driver seat, windows 33K \$8995 248-879-1401

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**HONDA PASSPORT 1999** 4 Dr. air, alarm, Auto, pl, cruise, anti-lock brakes, pw, 1 owner, ps, am-fm stereo, sunroof 108K, taken care of, no rust or dents, clean, must sell, tires, brakes, battery \$8,600 - 734-453-3445

**INSIGHT 2001** - red, 2 seat, Hybrid, all options, automatic, loaded, 59 mpg, like new, \$10,900/best 734-730-5883

**PRELUDE 1997**, vtech-dohc, black, clean, exc cond, upgraded stereo, one owner \$7300 248-355-5353

**S2000 2002** Convertible, Certified, immaculate, \$21,500 Tamaroff Buick Used Cars Telegraph South of 12 Mile 248-353-1300

**Hyundai (8524)**  
**ELANTRA 2003** 4 dr., auto, \$10,995 LAFONTAINE TOYOTA (313) 561-6600

**ELANTRA 2003** GLS - 4 door, 31 mpg, auto, pewter, power options, tilt, air, cruise, 25,500 mi Exc \$9000 248-855-2876

**ELANTRA 2003**, auto, air, loaded, \$8,344 Livonia Chrysler Jeep (734) 525-5000

**ACCORD 2002** LX, blue, 32K auto, air, \$12,995 Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500

**ACCORD SE 2002** 4 Dr., air, alarm, Auto, cruise, CD, Full service history, 1 owner, sunroof 52,000 miles \$11,900 248-417-0653

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24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
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Take a look at these features... CFC-free air conditioning OE power restraint sys-pass a bag dual pwr mirror, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng auto O/D trans P215/60R16 all season tire SE pref equip pkg 5-spk painted alum wheels rear spoiler pwr driver seat w/lumbar 60/40 splitfold rear seat, AM/FM stereo, cass [Stk #53048] WAS \$22,775

**A-PLAN \$13,119<sup>25\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$197.89** per mo.	\$135.24** per mo.
	\$562.76 AMOUNT DUE	\$2086.35 AMOUNT DUE

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Take a look at these features... Cloth captains, preferred equipment pkg 507A 5.4L EFI V8 electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive, 3.73 ratio limited slip axle, 6950# GVWR package tow and go, sliding rear window premium 6-CD w/MP3, keyless entry key pad, outside mirrors heated mirrors, elec rear view mirror [Stk #50885] WAS \$30,385

**A-PLAN \$19,913<sup>25\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
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**A-PLAN \$20,556<sup>25\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$285.95** per mo.	\$222.53** per mo.
	\$386.09 AMOUNT DUE	\$1908.88 AMOUNT DUE

**2005 Freestyle FWD SEL**

Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio anti-lock brakes mess center 17x7 5-spk bright alum wheel string whl audio controls fog lamps Optional Equipment 3.0L 4V Duratec engine contin variable trans, P215/65R17 BSW tires 5.19 ratio regular axle, 50/50 split seat trac control 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row [Stk #52648] WAS \$27,185

**A-PLAN \$22,449<sup>65\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$264.33** per mo.	\$201.68** per mo.
	\$363.19 AMOUNT DUE	\$1886.78 AMOUNT DUE

**2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD**

Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group power driver's seat speed control air conditioning Duratec 30-3 CL V6 engine four speed automatic transmission and more [Stock #51873] WAS \$25,395

**A-PLAN \$18,658<sup>58\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$243.68** per mo.	\$177.06** per mo.
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**2005 Explorer XLT Sport**

Take a look at these features... Advance trac w/ RSC convenience group P245/65R17 A/T OWL tires, 17" bright alum wheels, tire press monitoring system, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine, 5-spd auto O/D trans 3.73 ratio reg axle, regl sport sun sound pkg, XLT sport sun sound pkg, power moonroof, audiophile AM/FM 6-CD in-dash, trailer tow pkg cargo area cover, black roof rail w/cross bars [Stock #53142] WAS \$35,525

**A-PLAN \$24,441<sup>65\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$262.51** per mo.	\$198.05** per mo.
	\$571.26 AMOUNT DUE	\$2092.93 AMOUNT DUE

**2005 Focus Z4 SES 4 Door**

Take a look at these features... Integrated fog lamps leather wrapped steering wheel, speed control air conditioning 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC eng, automatic transaxle, P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stk #51242] WAS \$17,790

**A-PLAN \$12,754<sup>58\*</sup>**

24 MONTH LEASE	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$226.92** per mo.	\$204.97** per mo.
	\$432.44 AMOUNT DUE	\$939.17 AMOUNT DUE

**2005 F-250 Super Duty SC 4x4**

Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM CD/clock, Pref eqp pkg 607A, pass airbag, air 5.4L EFI V8 eng, 5-spd auto, LT265/70R17E OWL A/T, 3.73 ratio lim slip axle, XLT sport pkg, sliding rear windows, fog lamps, privacy glass, body-side moldings, 9200 GVWR pkg trail hitch rec 12.5K, forged alum whls, elec shift-on-the-fly, FX4 pkg, prem elec AM/FM stereo 6-disc CD, & too much to list [Stock #50485] WAS \$37,530

**A-PLAN \$26,922<sup>84\*</sup>**

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1500 DOWN</b>
	\$271.23** per mo.	\$204.15** per mo.
	\$550.50 AMOUNT DUE	\$2069.40 AMOUNT DUE

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