

Making house calls with a Visiting Nurse

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almost solely before she could hope to get her patient to help himself.
She told of another case of an 80-year-old put on a diet for the first time in her life who bitterly resented that restriction.
"Often times these blocks have to be the first to be considered," she said.

THE VNA ONLY hires nurses who have baccalaureate degrees now and have held to that almost since the degree was initiated.
"That's because the job (of the Visiting Nurse) is so different from the nurse's job in a hospital," she said.
"We are still working with the patient's personal physician, but we are on the patient's turf. We're in his or her home so a good part of our job is to be able to pretty quickly assess the entire situation," she said.
Assessing the entire situation for Lawrence on one day was having a diet translated into Arabic for a patient who couldn't read English.
It was arranging for a sitter to come in four hours a week so the husband of a stroke patient could have some time for himself.
It was checking back with the office to see if the physical therapist she had

asked for had made contact with the patient who needed that therapist's call more than her own.
It was filling in a report to Meals on Wheels for a patient that didn't know such a service existed.
It was checking to see if a husband was giving his wife her insulin shot in the correct way.
"WE GET to know our patients and their families pretty well, whether we check in to see them once a day or once a week or once a month," she said.
Lawrence said that reading professional literature and especially being up to date with whatever resources are available for her to use or recommend is paramount for a Visiting Nurse who is going to do her job well.
"We are all aware of what is new, what is being cut back either with the volunteer or federal agencies these days, and we're also well versed with legalities that effect us," said Lawrence.
"It's a long way from the job done in the hospitals," said Lawrence, who worked as head nurse for a Pontiac hospital and a staff nurse in Providence Hospital's intensive-care cardiology unit before joining the VNA.



'Pop Goes the Chorus'

Eight members of Farmington Area Community Chorus don their top hats for a specialty number in "Pop Goes the Chorus." Showtime for the singers' spring concert is 8 p.m. Friday, April 30 in Harrison High School's Center for the Performing Arts. Members who make up the octet are (from left, standing) Dr. William Rull, Karen Derby, Maria Kodiaz and Larry Brock. Seated (from left) are Erin McFall, Dick Holmes, Mike Fau and Christine Klatch. Tickets at \$2, or \$1 for seniors and students, will be sold at the door.

17 from Mercy named in BBAA competition

Seventeen students from Our Lady of Mercy High School have been named finalists in the competition sponsored this spring by Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA) for all area high-school art students.
The finalists will have their work displayed in the association's show that opens Sunday, May 9 and are eligible for several awards, which will be announced during the opening.
Seniors whose work will be shown are Tracey Flanigan, Diane Ache, Sherry Tinskey, Mary Nelson and Lisa Kluk.

Juniors who made the finals are Kerry Hall, Audrey Self, Colleen Brady, Kristine Hoeller, Angela Moody, Janet Fee and Carolyn Malorana.
Jennifer Ross was the only sophomore in the school whose work was picked for the final judging.
Freshmen who are finalists are Anne Murdock, Lisa Meininger, Laura Dumas and Jackie Winey.
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

Chair rushing is new class

A new class on chair rushing will begin in Farmington Community Center at 1 p.m. April 25.
For those with a chair in need of a new rush seat, Marcia Waters will direct in preparing and working with rush, the common name for the grass-like plant used in weaving baskets and mats as well as chair seats.
Participants must bring their own chair to class.

Honey Tree takes fall enrollments

Honey Tree Nursery School, located on 10 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads, is accepting enrollments for the fall term.
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